

KEYSTONE PARAGRAPHS

While demonstrating a shotgun to a friend in his home, John Dimick, aged sixty, of Foxburg, accidentally discharged the weapon and the contents of the shell entered the left side of E. G. Eddinger, aged thirty-six, an oil well driller of St. Petersburg, causing the latter's death in the Butler General hospital.

Hundreds of lime kilns, which had been abandoned, some of them years ago, are being started up in central and eastern Pennsylvania counties because of the demand for lime for agricultural purposes, due to the stopping of the foreign supply of potash and the exhaustion of stocks in this country.

The York Citizens' Relief committee, organized to care for the dependents of the York national guardsmen, now on duty on the Mexican border, has sent letters to 3,000 individuals and organizations asking for monthly subscriptions toward the relief fund. About \$1,000 a week will be required.

The superior court granted the superseades asked for by the convicted Pittsburgh strike rioters, providing bail is entered as follows: Fred H. Merrick, \$5,000, and \$2,500 each for Rudolph Blum, Steve Tipsek, Mike Essick, George G. Zebeer, A. Weston, H. H. Detwiler and Anna Goldberg.

Melissa Copenhaver, aged sixteen, living a mile and a half above Clearfield, was drowned while wading in the Susquehanna river with two girl chums. The three had been riding in a skiff which overturned in shallow water and they began to wade to shore. They fell into a deep hole.

Frank E. McGalley, Pittsburgh going home at 1 o'clock in the morning, heard a baby's wail from under a sewer drop. He discovered a little fellow a few hours old, wrapped in a newspaper. The babe is in a Pittsburgh hospital while police search for his parents.

Jesse Fry, a farmer of near Greensburg, is much peeved because of repeated visits of a herd of deer to his grain fields. Deer cannot be killed under penalty of a heavy fine, and the state game warden is unable to deal with the question of damages.

One of the fiercest and most destructive electrical storms, attended by a record-breaking rainfall, that has ever visited that section, passed over Reading. About five inches of rain fell in five hours, breaking all known records for the locality.

Frank Culp, aged twenty-six, of Hazleton, a Lehigh Valley railroad brakeman, was instantly killed by lightning at the Cranberry crossing near that city, where he was on duty as a flagman to warn approaching trains of a washout.

Serving fifty-two years as engine man, James Seltzinger of Shamokin who was presented by congress with a medal for bravery on the battlefield during the Civil war, has been placed of the retired list by the Reading Railway company.

John Cratchers, forty-three, of Jeanette, who was fatally injured in an automobile accident on the Lincoln highway at Stoyestown, Somerset county, died at the Westmoreland County hospital at Greensburg.

The fifth case of infantile paralysis to be reported to the Pittsburgh health authorities this month was that of George Karabina, aged two, of Forward avenue, Hazelwood, diagnosed by City Physician B. A. Booth.

Ricardo Casin, aged twenty-three, of Duquesne, was instantly killed in the Union railroad yards at Munhall. Casin was underneath a car doing repair work when the jack used to raise the car slipped, crushing him.

Robert M. Cooney, fifty-five, an engineer employed by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, was killed when he stepped from his cab in front of a light engine in the railroad yards in Connelleville.

New Castle Elks dedicated their new \$125,000 home. Hundreds of visiting Elks from Greenville, Beaver Falls, Pittsburgh, Youngstown and other cities assisted in the ceremonies.

A case of infantile paralysis was reported at Connelleville, the victim being Charles Cagle, aged five, a son of Charles N. Cagle. The victim's legs are partly paralyzed.

Rev. C. W. Fowler, aged sixty, of Indiana county, died from shock in the office of Dr. H. D. Graham in Brownsville after he had twenty-three teeth extracted.

Thomas Eugene Auth, aged twelve son of Francis T. Auth of Pittsburgh was drowned while wading in Charliers creek at Craighton with a number of companions.

Five tin mills recently constructed in the McKeesport Tinplate company's plant, McKeesport, have been blown in, affording employment to 240 persons.

William J. Shepherd, forty-three, of Homestead, died in the West Penn hospital, Pittsburgh, from burns received in a Homestead steel mill.

Mennonite church congregations of the state have opened their annual campmeeting services at Shamokin to continue several weeks.

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A GENERAL SURVEY OF THE WAR

The battle on the British front in northern France has been resumed along the whole line from Pozieres to Guillemont, the British war office report says. The British captured the German outer works near Pozieres by assault and carried the fighting into the village. Longueval also was the scene of a desperate struggle.

Driving north from Bazentin and Longueval toward Bapaume, General Sir Douglas Haig's troops have advanced as far as the Fourreaux wood. The British rush even cleared this wood, but subsequently the Germans were able to win back a part of it.

South of the Somme the French have been able to hold trenches captured in their drive along a five-mile front on Thursday, withstanding a vigorous counter attack. South of Soyecourt, on the French right, according to the French war office, the Germans were driven back in disorder, sustaining serious losses.

Lloyd reports that the British steamship Yzer has been sunk. The British steamship Grangemoor, owned by the Moor line of Newcastle, has been sunk by a submarine. Her crew was landed.

The succession of advances by the Russians in Turkish Armenia has been added to by the capture of Gumushkhar, forty miles northwest of Balbut, which recently was captured by Grand Duke Nicholas' forces.

The forward drive here has carried the Russians westward to a line even with the important city of Erznagan, fifty miles to the south, and the objective of the Russians advancing from Mamakhatun.

The capture of Gumushkhar marks a notable advance for the Russian Caucasus forces under Grand Duke Nicholas. Gumushkhar is forty miles northwest of Balbut, the capture of which was reported by the Petrograd war office on July 16. It is about fifty miles directly north of Erznagan, the objective of the Russian army, which recently took Mamakhatun, fifty miles to the west.

Repeated reports from Petrograd of a more or less obscure origin have reached London that General Kuropatkin, commanding the Russian forces in the north, in the Riga region, has launched a great offensive against the defensive line of Field Marshal von Hindenburg.

The latest of these reports is from Rome, and declares that the Russians have been bombarding the German front on the Dvina for three days without cessation and have smashed the defenders' works. It is added that General Kuropatkin is now ready for an advance with his infantry.

But neither the official reports from Petrograd nor from Berlin mention any such offensive movement as this. Russians advancing toward the Galician border have defeated the Austro-Hungarians in the region of the confluence of the Stry and Lupa rivers, and have captured more than 1,600 prisoners, says the official statement.

Before a Russian assault the Austrians in the Carpathian region of southern Bukowina, southeast of Tatrino, have withdrawn toward the main ridge of the Carpathians, the Austrian war office officially announced.

Italian troops are continuing their pressure on the Austrian lines in the Trentino, scoring new advances along the Pesina line and on the Sette Comuni plateau. They also have taken strong positions between the Treviso and Clason valleys in the Dolomites.

VIENNA PARRIES REPLY
Asks For Additional Details on Petrograd Attack.

The state department has received from Austria-Hungary, through Ambassador Penfield at Vienna, a request for additional details regarding the attack by an Austrian submarine upon the American tank steamer Petrolite. Mr. Penfield's dispatch gave no indication as to whether the Vienna government intended to comply with the American demands for an apology, punishment of the submarine commander and reparation for the damage done by the submarine's shell.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION SUBMITTED TO THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH FOR THEIR APPROVAL OR REJECTION, BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, IN PURSUANCE OF ARTICLE XVII OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Number One.
A JOINT RESOLUTION
Proposing an amendment to Article IX of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby, proposed, in accordance with the XVIII article thereof:—

Section 16. The State, or any municipality thereof, acquiring or appropriating property or rights over or in property for public use, may, in furtherance of its plans for the acquisition and public use of such property or rights, and subject to such restrictions as the Legislature may from time to time impose, appropriate an excess of property over that actually to be occupied or used for public use, and may thereafter sell or lease such excess, and impose on the property so sold or leased any restrictions appropriate to preserve or enhance the benefit to the public of the property actually occupied or used.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 1.

CYRUS E. WOODS,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Two.
A JOINT RESOLUTION
Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania so as to consolidate the courts of common pleas of Philadelphia county.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby, proposed, in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:—

That section six of article five be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 6. In the county of Philadelphia all the jurisdiction and powers now vested in the several numbered courts of common pleas of that county, shall be vested in one court of common pleas composed of all the judges in commission in said courts. Such jurisdiction and powers shall extend to all proceedings at law and in equity which shall have been instituted in the several numbered courts and shall be subject to such change as may be made by law and subject to change of venue as provided by law. The president judge of the said court shall be selected as provided by law. The number of judges in said court may be by law increased from time to time. This amendment shall take effect on the first day of January succeeding its adoption.

In the county of Allegheny all the jurisdiction and powers now vested in the several numbered courts of common pleas, shall be vested in one court of common pleas, composed of all the judges in commission in said courts. Such jurisdiction and powers shall extend to all proceedings at law and in equity which shall have been instituted in the several numbered courts and shall be subject to such change as may be made by law and subject to change of venue as provided by law. The president judge of the said court shall be selected as provided by law. The number of judges in said court may be by law increased from time to time. This amendment shall take effect on the first day of January succeeding its adoption.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 2.

CYRUS E. WOODS,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Three.
A JOINT RESOLUTION
Proposing an amendment to article nine, section four of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; authorizing the State to issue bonds to the amount of fifty millions of dollars for the improvement of the highways of the Commonwealth.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby, proposed, in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:—

That section four of article nine, which reads as follows: "Section 4. No debt shall be created by or on behalf of the State, except to supply casual deficiencies of revenue, repel invasions, suppress insurrection, defend the State in war, or to pay existing debt; and the debt created by or on behalf of the State, shall never exceed in the aggregate at any one time, one million dollars," be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 4. No debt shall be created by or on behalf of the State, except to supply casual deficiencies of revenue, repel invasions, suppress insurrection, defend the State in war, or to pay existing debt; and the debt created by or on behalf of the State, shall never exceed in the aggregate at any one time, one million dollars: Provided, however, That the General Assembly, irrespective of any debt, may authorize the State to issue bonds to the amount of fifty millions of dollars for the purpose of improving and rebuilding the highways of the Commonwealth.

Section 2. Said proposed amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the State, at the general election to be held on the Tuesday next following the first Monday of November in the year nineteen hundred and eighteen, for the purpose of deciding upon the approval and ratification or the rejection of said amendment. Said election shall be opened, held, and closed upon said election day, at the places and within the hours at and within which said election is directed to be opened, held, and closed, and in accordance with the provisions of the laws of Pennsylvania governing elections, and amendments thereto. Such amendment shall be printed upon the ballots in the form and manner prescribed by the election laws of Pennsylvania, and shall in all respects conform to the requirement of such laws.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 3.

CYRUS E. WOODS,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Four.
A JOINT RESOLUTION.
Proposing an amendment to section eight, article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth article thereof:—

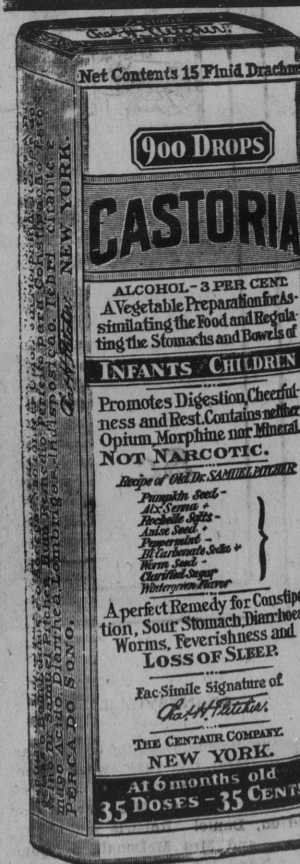
Amendment to Article Nine, Section Eight.

That section eight of article nine of the Constitution be amended by striking out the said section and inserting in place thereof the following:—

Section 8. The debt of any county city, borough, township, school district or other municipality or incorporated district, except as provided here in and in section fifteen of this article shall never exceed seven (7) per centum upon the assessed value of the taxable property therein, but the debt of the city of Philadelphia may be increased in such amount that the total city debt of said city shall not exceed ten per centum (10) upon the assessed value of the taxable property therein, nor shall any such municipality or district incur any new debt, or increase its indebtedness to an amount exceeding two (2) per centum upon such assessed valuation of property, without the consent of the electors thereof at a public election in such manner as shall be provided by law. In ascertaining the borrowing capacity of the said city of Philadelphia, at any time, there shall be excluded from the calculation and deducted from such debt so much of the debt of said city as shall have been incurred, and the proceeds thereof invested, in any public improvements of any character which shall be yielding to the said city an annual current net revenue. The amount of such deduction shall be ascertained by capitalizing the annual net revenue from such improvements during the year immediately preceding the time of such ascertaining; and such capitalization shall be estimated by ascertaining the principal amount which would yield such annual, current net revenue, at the average rate of interest, and sinking-fund charges payable upon the indebtedness incurred by said city for such purposes, up to the time of such ascertaining. The method of determining such amount, so to be deducted, may be prescribed by the General Assembly. In incurring indebtedness for any purpose the city of Philadelphia may issue its obligations maturing not later than fifty (50) years from the date thereof, with provision for a sinking-fund sufficient to retire said obligations at maturity, the payment to such sinking-fund to be in equal or graded annual or other periodical instalments. Where any indebtedness shall be or shall have been incurred by said city of Philadelphia for the purpose of the construction or improvement of public works of any character from which income or revenue is to be derived by said city, or for the reclamation of land to be

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SOMERSET COUNTY WEDDINGS
Harry Snyder of near Friedens, and Miss Mary A. Roberts, of Ebensburg, Pa., were married at the Lutheran parsonage Somerset by Dr. I. Hess Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Snyder left on the afternoon train for Washington, D. C., to spend their honeymoon. Mr. Snyder is employed by the Ebensburg Lumber company and he and his bride will make their home at the Cambria county capital.
Miss Melba Saylor, eldest daughter of former Sheriff James B. Saylor was married to F. A. Bassett of Holyoke, Mass, where her husband is engaged in business as a coal broker. The wedding occurred a week or two ago and the news has just reached the bride's friends here. Before her marriage Miss Saylor was employed as a teacher in the Pittsburgh schools.

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