

FIRE DESTROYS TWO HOTELS

Merchants' Hotel and Tush House Are Consumed by Flames; Loss \$40,000.

INSURANCE IS SMALL

SOUTH FORK—The Merchants' Hotel and the Tush House, both on Railroad street, opposite the Pennsylvania Railroad passenger station, were destroyed by fire which started about 2 o'clock Tuesday morning. The fire, which started in the Merchants' Hotel, spread to the Tush House, which was a frame structure, and for a time all the buildings in the neighborhood were threatened. The loss is estimated at about \$40,000 which is covered by very little insurance.

The Merchants' Hotel, which was a two-story structure, was conducted by Thomas Tomasko, who it is said carried no insurance. The building was owned by Mrs. Margaret (Diamond) Rockwell, of Johnston, who carried some insurance. It is said that only the family of Mr. Tomasko occupied the building and they were not in getting out.

Robert Tush conducted the Tush House, which was a three-story building. Mr. Tush, it is said, had no insurance. There were only a few persons in the Tush House and they got out of the building before it was destroyed.

The Tush House, a large frame structure, adjoining the Merchants' Hotel, was threatened for some time and it was saved from serious damage as the result of the splendid work of the firemen. Charles M. Cronse, who is one of the oldest in town, Mr. Cronse having started in business in 1882. Mr. Cronse's building was only slightly damaged.

Despite the severe cold weather the temperature being about 10 degrees above zero, the firemen bravely fought the flames and prevented the fire from spreading to other buildings nearby. The firemen had a good supply of water which enabled them to check the flames from spreading.

AWARDS VERDICT OF \$500 FOR PLAINTIFF

Nick Vine Wins Case Against Theodore Cavros; Paul Hager Case Continued.

Ebensburg—A verdict in the sum of \$400 was awarded by the jury to the plaintiff in the case of Nick Vine vs. Theodore Cavros, regular Times.

In the case of Paul Hager vs. Carol Leakey, defendant, the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff.

In the case of Paul Hager vs. Harry V. L. Hager, an appeal, the plaintiff asked leave of Court to amend its statement and being accorded that privilege, the defendant entered a plea of surprise. A jury was withdrawn and the case was continued.

A verdict in the sum of \$45 for the plaintiff was awarded in the case of Cleo McDonald et al. vs. Edward Nippa, a suit in trespass.

In the case of George B. Buckley vs. A. E. Houghton, a suit in assumpsit, the plaintiff took a voluntary nonsuit.

STATE HAD 555 STRIKES IN 1920

Bureau of Mediation and Arbitration Adjusts 436. Report Shows.

HARRISBURG—Strikes in Pennsylvania during 1920 reported to the Bureau of Mediation and Arbitration totalled 555. Commissioner of Labor and industry, commences announced Saturday.

The bureau was active in adjusting 436 of these strikes. It is shown in the report for last year, settlement of the remaining 119 disputes was accomplished without the aid of the bureau, it was stated.

Eighty strikes were not officially called off by the unions and 50 were pending settlement the first of this year, according to figures in the report.

Dissatisfaction over wages was the cause of 259 strikes last year. It is shown. Combined grievances and working conditions constituted the other strike causes.

The largest number of strikes was in the textile industry, with the metal trades second and the building trades third.

Election of a \$150,000 building to serve as a permanent home for the soldiers and sailors who served in the world war and a memorial to those who were killed was decided upon at a meeting of the Shamokin post of the American Legion.

PORTAGE SCHOOL IS DAMAGED BY FIRE

Two Rooms of Schoolhouse Burned; Overheated Furnace Believed Cause.

Portage—Two rooms of the local parochial school building, which is situated on Caldwell avenue, were badly damaged by fire at an early hour last Thursday morning. It is believed that the blaze was caused by an overheated furnace. The loss is estimated at about \$500.

The school structure, which is a two-story brick edifice, was built in 1911. One of the upper and one of the lower rooms were damaged. The local fire department extinguished the blaze and through their efforts the fire was prevented from spreading to other nearby buildings.

State Brieflets

Fourteen small merchants in Pittsburg were fined \$100 each for liquor sales.

Caught under a fall of coal at Primrose colliery, Anthony Belkus was killed.

Ignition Water Company has increased hydrant rentals from \$20 to \$50 a year.

Twenty miles of the McKeesport Traction Company have resumed operations.

Only County treasurers may issue dog licenses but justices may accept applications.

The Brownsville Water Company has asked the Public Service Commission for an advance in rates.

Fire county has agreed to the State plan for the East state road and will secure \$16,000 from the State.

Early discovery of fire on the second floor of Marietta's school building by Rex Caracher saved the building.

Membership of Captain James Taggart post, Grand Army, Northumberland, has dwindled until there are only enough to fill the various offices.

One divorce was granted to every four marriage licenses issued in Bradford county in 1920.

By a vote of more than two to one Susquehanna electors adopted an \$80,000 paving bond issue.

Sunday bank deposits total \$4,000,000, an average of \$280 for every man, woman and child in the city.

Two thousand dog licenses for 1921 were sold by County Treasurer, Hearer at Lewistown up to midnight Saturday.

William H. Shafer, now commander of Post No. 468, G. A. R., of Altoona, is one of the oldest members of the post. He has been a member since 1887, and previous to that was on the rolls of Post No. 20 at Hazleton.

In 1887 the Altoona post had 150 members. The roll has dwindled to 17 men having died in 1920. Commander Shafer enlisted in the army when 17 and served until the close of the war. He was in the battles of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg and was with Sherman in the March to the Sea.

Lieut. Colonel E. H. Goss, a Cleveland member of the American Legion, has suggested the use of toxic gas grenades as a police weapon in Cleveland's fight against banditry and crime. Circular letters urging all of the 7,000 Legion members in the county to join the police auxiliary have been issued from headquarters following the acceptance by Mayor W. S. Fitzgerald of the Legion's offer of assistance.

"I thought I had a rather unusual name," said F. W. Galbraith, Jr., National commander of the American Legion, "until I received a letter from another F. W. Galbraith, Jr., a member of Morristown Post No. 2 of the Legion at Atlanta, Ga." As far as is known, the two Legionnaires are not related.

Through the efforts of the American Legion, United Spanish War Veterans, Grand Army of the Republic and citizens of Houshon, Wash., a large three-story American Veterans Building, a memorial to fighting men of all wars, has just been completed in that city. The building includes a large lodge and ball room, library, ladies' rest room, lounge room and space on the ground floor for a bank.

In accordance with the national era of good feeling between the American Legion and Organized Labor, the Central Trades and Labor Union of East St. Louis, Ill., one of the strongest labor bodies in the country, has passed a resolution placing entirely in harmony with the Legion's national policies and recommending that all its members, who are eligible affiliate with the Legion. The Central Trades Council of Oklahoma voted to cooperate with the Legion in meeting the problem of unemployment for union men who are veterans will be given by the secretaries of various affiliated unions by direction of the Council.

As wild as we are for disarmament, we hope nobody thinks we are foolish enough to believe that the world has fought its last war. If the treaty of Versailles hasn't left a burden of unfinished business behind, we are as blind as a brickbat.—Houston Post.

Big Clearance Sale

Our entire stock of men's and young men's Hart, Shaffner & Marx Suits

For less than it costs to make them

Anybody can have a clearance sale. That's nothing in itself. Anybody can quote prices. Prices mean nothing when taken alone. But not everybody can give you Hart Shaffner & Marx quality and no one can give you greater values than ours. Wool Cassimeres, also blue serges, single and double breasted.

\$35.00 to \$40.00 values,	sale price	\$24.50
42.50 to 47.50 values,	sale price	32.50
49.50 to 55.00 values,	sale price	39.50
60.00 to 75.00 values,	sale price	49.50



Cloth and Plush Coats

Will be cleared out at almost half price. Made of the best materials that enter into coats at the price. Materials are velour, broadcloth, plush, silvertone, etc. Made in the newest styles of the season.

\$25.00 Coats, now at \$13.75	42.50 Coats, now at 29.50
27.50 Coats, now at 19.50	45.00 Coats, now at 32.50
37.50 Coats, now at 27.50	65.00 Coats, now at 49.50

BOYS' CLOTHING

At prices that will move them out very quickly. Made of fine wool cassimeres in brown, green and grey mixtures. Also corduroys.

\$12.50 values,	sale price	\$ 6.50
15.00 values,	sale price	9.50
17.50 values,	sale price	11.50
20.00 values,	sale price	12.50

ALL LADIES SUITS REDUCED

\$25.00 Suits, sale price	\$16.50
\$32.50 Suits, sale price	22.50
\$35.00 Suits, sale price	22.50
\$45.00 Suits, sale price	\$28.50
\$52.50 Suits, sale price	\$32.50
\$59.50 Suits, sale price	\$39.50

SHOES AT CLEARANCE PRICES

Boys' up to 4.75 shoes on sale at	\$2.65
Men's " 7.50 " " "	3.95
Men's " 10.50 " " "	7.95
12.50 ladies' Queen Quality Shoes	4.95
15.00 " " " "	9.75

Overcoats, Men's-Boys'

At Clearance Prices made in the latest styles, single and double breasted. Belted and plain backs. Boys Overcoats, 8.50 to 11.00 values. 6.75. 12.50 to 15.00. at \$9.50. Mens overcoats, 42.50 values at 27.50. 55.00 values now at 35.00

15c Val Laces sale price	Embroidery, sale prices	Ladies' Muslin Underwear at Reduced Prices
7c per yard	10c 15c 19c per yard	

Comforts and Blankets	
12.50 value wool blanket	8.40
5.98 value cotton blanket	2.75
6.50 value Comforts	3.95

Outing Flannels, 50c values, dark and light heavy weight, in checks and stripes, yard 19c.

Fleisher's yarn, \$1.25 value, in 4-oz skeins, navy, black, brown, white, in checks and stripes, sale price a yard 19c



75c value Fleisher's yarn in 2 oz. balls all colors, special sale price 49c
30c value unbleached muslin, full 36 in. wide, good weight, sale price a yd. 14c
29c Lancaster apron gingham in checks, blue green and brown, sale price a yd. 121-2c
45c value Percales in light and dark colors, full 36 in. wide, sale price a yb. 19c

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