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Stater's Hospitals Are Overcrowded

New York state's hospitals for the insane are in the most deplorable condition in all their history, as far as overcrowding is concerned, according to the report of the State Hospital Association which was made public yesterday.

Wrecked; Five Hurt

ALFOONA, Pa., Jan. 20.—Train No. 6, the Mercantile Express, from Pittsburgh and the West on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was wrecked early today twenty miles west of Harrisburg. Four engineers and a mail clerk were seriously hurt. Beyond a escaped injury, all the passengers were unharmed.

Stealer of Phonograph Records Kills Sleuth Walks From Apartment House After Telling Woman Man Had Been Shot

BOSTON, Jan. 20.—Policeman Joseph C. Reiser, of the Back Bay station, was shot and killed in an apartment house on Jersey Street today by a thief whose specialty had been the stealing of phonograph records. After firing four times the thief stepped over the body, lying head downward on a stairway, calmly notified a woman tenant on the first floor that a man had been shot, asked her to telephone for a physician and then disappeared.

Age Limit Helps Women Oust Ossining Police Chief

OSSINING, N. Y., Jan. 20.—Women who have been trying to force Police Chief James W. Tompkins out of office were jubilant today over a decision rendered by the Attorney General that the office of police chief was vacant by reason of the fact that Mr. Tompkins has passed the age of sixty, fixed by the charter as the age of retirement.

What Is Going On Today

Meeting of the Board of Education held at the Board of Education building, 120 West 42d Street, at 10:30 a. m. Meeting of the Board of Health, 120 West 42d Street, at 10:30 a. m.

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The police believe that the burglars stole the \$5,000 automobile of William Robertson, of Port Richmond Terrace, Stapleton. The car was stolen after midnight and was found abandoned a few hours later near the waterfront. The safe was in full view from the main thoroughfare and less than two blocks from the police station.

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Governor Whitman's commission to investigate the New York Central Railroad's occupancy of West Side streets and avenues has practically completed its report, which will go to the Legislature on or before February 1.

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The creation of a huge freight classification yard back of Weehawken, to be used by all the lines reaching this city from the New Jersey side.

Tunnels under the North River connecting the classification yard with the Manhattan waterfront just north of the New York Central's Sixth Street yard.

Use of the New York Central's Sixth Street yard by all the companies.

Building a new marginal freight railway system, either elevated or underground, extending from the Sixth Street yard along Eleventh or Twelfth avenue, to a point well down on the West Side, but not with spur tracks extending out to the piers.

The covering over of the Central's tracks along the waterfront, west of Riverside Drive, according to plans to be agreed upon.

Taking all the tracks off grade. Electricity to be used entirely as motive power.

Lighterage Charges Enormous Much illuminating testimony has been adduced by the commission in its hearings. President Underwood of the Erie Railroad said that it cost nearly a dollar a ton, under existing conditions, to transport freight from the Jersey side to the Manhattan side of the river.

It is understood that Austin Nichols Company, wholesale grocers, told the commission that that company had effected a saving of \$200,000 a year in freight charges by turning their principal warehouse from Manhattan to Brooklyn.

In advance of the publication of the report in respect to the Legislature, Vice-President Ira A. Place, of the New York Central, would not say what his company was prepared to offer or accept in the way of terms.

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ALBANY, Jan. 20.—Although Governor Whitman may not have smooth sailing for all his recommendations during the present session of the Legislature, he apparently has had the far the united support of all parties on at least one point.

In his annual message he suggested that only a little legislation was necessary during war times. Whether by design or accident, this suggestion has been observed by the lawmakers.

Up to adjournment Friday only 244 bills had been introduced, 128 in the Senate and 116 in the Assembly. In the corresponding period last year the Senate received 131 bills and the Assembly 241.

The measure which is expected to precipitate the first real break between the Executive and the Legislature—a bill to abolish direct primaries and revert to the old system of nominating state officers by convention—has not yet been introduced.

Other changes in primary and election law legislation are being prepared for early introduction. One question which occasions some perplexity is whether the number of the election districts is to be doubled, or the number of voting precincts doubled, as the result of the passage of the woman's suffrage amendment.

The existing law requires one election district for each four hundred voters, and there are 5,772 districts in the state. With an anticipated increase of virtually 100 per cent in the number of electors, either the legal ratio of districts to voting population will have to be changed or the state will be obliged to maintain between 11,000 and 12,000 voting places.

In connection with election law legislation there is a probability that the town law will require amendment so that local nominations shall be filed by October 1, instead of October 25, as the present law stipulates. This change is necessary, it is pointed out by the officials in charge of the election machinery, because the New York men in military or naval service abroad may be enabled to vote for local officials.

Legislation designed to provide for the registration of women voters, probably will be pressed for passage during the week. These elections will be fixed probably for the latter part of February. Bills embodying the woman's suffrage amendment on the subject already have been introduced by Minority Leader Wagner, of the Senate. Only part of the prohibition program has been presented to the Governor's nomination.

The first bill to be acted on this year is slated for passage early this week. It is a war measure, requested by Federal authorities, to permit the creation of a munitions board in the Assembly. It was held up in the Assembly last week by Socialist Leader Shippliff.

The increase in the Socialist representation in the Assembly has caused the majority and minority leaders of that body considerable anxiety. Twice last week obstructionist tactics by the Socialists blocked the progress of bills favored by Republicans and Democrats.

Despite the Garfield fuel order specifying Monday as holidays, the Legislature will continue to meet on Monday nights.

When a Feller Needs a Friend



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Flier O'Brien Safe at Home, Potsdam Papers Please Copy

"I'm Killed!" He Said, When Enemy Aviator's Bullet Hit Him, but He Woke Up in Hospital, Escaped, and All Illinois Acclaims Him

An open invitation is extended to all German spies by Lieutenant Patrick Alva O'Brien, of the Royal Canadian Flying Corps, to drop into Momence, Ill., to-morrow and note official proceedings calculated to establish the fact that O'Brien is alive and at liberty.

Momence, with the rest of the civilized world, was under the impression that O'Brien's wake had been observed "somewhere in Germany" until a few weeks ago, when the flying Irishman was reported to have arrived in England after he had escaped incarceration in a German prison by leaping from the window of a speeding train and eluding his pursuers in a 250-mile flight to the frontier of Holland.

Nevertheless, declared Lieutenant O'Brien yesterday, loing in his room at the Knickerbocker Hotel here, all the old folk at Momence, where he attended school and first learned that what goes up must come down, still put some credence in the German report of his death. To-morrow Governor Lowden of Illinois, Lieutenant O'Brien said, is to pin a Chicago-made medal onto his tunic and proclaim him as a "favorite son" restored.

O'Brien wanted to be and O'Brien was able to gain cover before they came up, he said. Swearing at every American trait and tradition, they searched for a way out, and finally returned to the train, which continued on its way to prison. For eighty-three days O'Brien trudged through the mud of Luxembourg and Belgium before he reached the Dutch frontier. Although the actual distance from his starting point to Holland, he says, is only about seventy-two miles, he travelled at least 250 before he reached safety.

Lived on Beets and Turnips "Miles and miles of beets and turnips nothing but beets and turnips in all the country I saw," he said. "I saw enough beets and turnips to feed Germany for years. They fed me all the time I was there. I had nothing else except two pears—don't forget to mention the pears."

For more than one month Lieutenant O'Brien wore his Royal Flying Corps uniform while making his way by night through Germany. Then he managed to carry a pair of Teuton trousers from a Teuton clothier and a coat from a boche barn. When he finally reached the Dutch frontier he found it barred by a nine-foot fence of electrically charged wire.

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