



ALTOONA SUP'T MADE HEAD OF EDUCATORS

Association Chooses Scranton as 1915 Meeting Place in Closing Session

Would Improve Rural School; Want Inspectors and \$20,000,000 Appropriation

The sixty-fifth annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Educational Association closed here to-day after selecting Scranton for the place of meeting in 1915 and electing H. H. Balsh, superintendent of the schools of Altoona, as president.

The closing session was addressed by Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, on the "Peace Movement," and Dr. W. Grant Chambers, of the University of Pittsburgh, on "Co-operation in Education," these being followed by reports and the election.

The election resulted as follows, in addition to the election of Mr. Balsh: Vice-president, Miss Margaret McGuire, Philadelphia; secretary, J. P. McCloskey, Lancaster; treasurer, David S. Keck, Kutztown; member of executive council, Clifford B. Connelly, Pittsburg; representative of association in council, C. D. Koch, Harrisburg.

The statistical reports showed 9,125 members and a cash balance of \$7,078. An appropriation of \$1,000 was made for the use of the legislative committee for printing and other purposes.

Recommendations The proposed bill for a State teachers' pension fund and retirement system was recommended to the Legislature. Other recommendations were: Twenty millions biennial appropriation.

Teachers to receive increase in minimum salary of \$5 per month. Extension of vocational schools. General increase in aid to all school districts. Revision of laws relative to rural education.

Revision of present child labor laws, particularly in order that educational and health tests may be less flexible and that labor certificates when not in use may be returned to issuing authority.

Resolutions were adopted congratulating Dr. Brumbaugh, a former president of the association, on his election as Governor; thanking Robert C. Shaw, the retiring president, and the people, teachers and press of Harrisburg and the Harrisburg School Board for use of the Technical high school.

The increased appropriation is to be for an increase in the high schools, for tuition of nonresident pupils and for extension of agricultural education activities.

Austrian Drednaught Reported Torpedoed by French Submarine London, Dec. 31.—3:22 A. M.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Copenhagen contains a report that a French submarine boat has torpedoed the Austrian dreadnaught Viribus, which was on a mission to the Adriatic, but that she escaped her pursuers.

The Viribus units is of 20,000 tons displacement and has a complement of 1,000 men. She is one of the four ships constituting the largest type of the Austrian navy.

A London dispatch from Venice in September said one side of the Viribus had been badly damaged in a fight in the Adriatic, but that she escaped her pursuers.

GAS OVERCOMES THIRTEEN Pottstown, Pa., Dec. 31.—Gas that escaped from a street main during the night seriously affected thirteen members of the families of Clayton Bechtel, Calvin Bell and Harry Adams.

All were found in a semi-conscious condition. Mrs. Bechtel, who was the first in her household to awaken, saved the life of her husband, whom she aroused after considerable effort.

THE WEATHER For Harrisburg and vicinity: Generally fair to-night and Friday, not much change in temperature; lowest temperature to-night about 22 degrees.

For Eastern Pennsylvania Generally fair to-night and Friday, not much change in temperature; light to moderate variable winds.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 32. Sun: Rises, 7:27 a. m.; sets, 4:40 p. m. Moon: Rises, 12:01 a. m. River Stage: 2.7 feet above low-water mark.

NOISY WELCOME TO '15 ROUND CITY TREE

Mummers' Association Will Have Charge of Greeting to New Year

BIG PARADE TOMORROW Thousands Will Sing and Pray at Watch Night Services in Churches

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Weather: Generally fair to-night and to-morrow with little change in temperature.

Noise—get it—noise will be the feature of Harrisburg's welcome to 1915. Most of it will be heard round the municipal Christmas tree at Front and Market streets, where the Harrisburg Mummers' Association has made arrangements for a New Year's greeting that will be cheerful of pep, confetti and good nature.

So, if you want to see a "regular" New Year's Eve celebration, don't forget the time, the place, and the whirl: Front and Market, any time after 11.

Some to Sing and Pray While thousands will welcome the New Year in noisy fashion, there will be many others who will observe the passing of the year 1914, and the arrival of the year 1915, in a more solemn manner. Churches of all denominations throughout the city will hold prayer meetings and watch night services.

Tomorrow the Big Day After the year 1915 has been duly ushered in, everybody will retire for a big day to-morrow, and a big day it will be.

The Salvation Army has planned to [Continued on Page 10]

PHOTOGRAPH OF BRITISH TROOPS FIRING BIG GUN IN TRENCHES



This photograph vividly illustrates the activities of war in the winter time in the east of France. Here are shown British gunners in the act of firing from breastworks on the German trenches miles away. These large guns are hidden as well as possible behind brush or in forests where the enemy cannot see them through glasses nor make them out from the smoke which arises after a shot.

ALLIES ADVANCING ON ENTIRE BATTLE FRONT; GERMAN LINE BROKEN

Turks Lose Half Their Number When Dispersed by Russian Artillery; Serbia Is Planning an Invasion of Hungary; Germans Find It Extremely Difficult to Advance in Poland

From the fragmentary and conflicting official reports of the war to-day two main tendencies are observed. In the west, along the entire front from Alsace to the North Sea the allies are exerting steady pressure and according to their claims, some of which have not been disputed by Germany, they have made a slow progress almost everywhere.

The Japanese foreign office states that no nation has requested that a Japanese army be sent to Europe. It is understood in Tokio that France and Russia favor the project but that Great Britain hesitates on account of economic and political difficulties.

The views of Great Britain concerning the detention of American vessels by British warships were made known to Ambassador Page by Foreign Secretary Grey in London to-day.

The French army of invasion in Alsace has made a further advance, and today's official report from Paris says that the town of Steinbach has been entered and half of it captured.

A report from Russian sources indi-

cates that the defenders of the Gallian fortress of Przemysl, which has been under siege by the Russians for several weeks, have been reduced to desperate straits. It is said that an Austrian aeroplane brought down while attempting to enter Przemysl was found to be loaded with food. German reports some time ago, however, said that Przemysl was stocked with provisions sufficient for one year.

Six French Bluejackets Made Capture of Town of St. Georges Possible

Paris, Dec. 31, 6:20 a. m.—How the heroic self-sacrifice of six French bluejackets made possible the capture of St. Georges, a town less than two miles from Neuport, is described by the Matin's war correspondent in Flanders. He says: "The attackers had driven the Germans from the advance trenches, but taking refuge in the houses in the village, the Germans soon placed their assailants in a difficult position. The situation of a force of Belgians isolated on a strip of land surrounded by a flood became critical and the artillery alone was able to effect anything against the enemy. The British batteries at Ramsappelle tried but their shells burst over the French."

"Six bluejackets then hoisted a three-inch gun on a large punt anchored along the canal behind the village, running the gauntlet of the German rifles. As one was hit another took the role and continued until he in turn fell stricken. The sixth man was mortally wounded as with a last push he sent the punt to the bank where the French advance guard was waiting."

"Meanwhile the French column triumphantly took possession of the heap of ruins which was formerly St. Georges, and before night the engineers had established bridge heads enabling the allies' artillery to debouch on the right bank of the Yser."

ORTH LAUNDRY IS PURCHASED BY STATE

State Street Property Added to Capitol Extension Area at Cost of \$71,000

The Capitol Park Extension Commission to-day closed its work for 1914 by acquiring the big manufacturing plant owned by W. E. Orth at State and West streets. The price was \$71,000 and the State secures a property with 100 feet in State street and a depth of 150 feet along West street to North alley. The property was taken over at a special meeting of the commission this morning.

The Orth property contains the City-Star Steam Laundry, one of the largest in the city, the Jennings Manufacturing Company and other establishments in three and four story buildings. It is close to the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, recently bought by the State.

Man Imprisoned as Girl Is Exposed by His Beard

New York, Dec. 31.—Wearing a brown chinchilla coat, a black skirt, with his long black hair combed back under an attractive hat draped with a veil and carrying a brown muff, Charles Miller entered special sessions to-day and was sentenced to three months in the workhouse for having drugs in his possession.

Miller was sentenced yesterday as a girl, but his request for a razor disclosed his stubble beard. Investigation revealed that Miller was a man who had been posing as a girl for years.

"For twelve years I was on the stage out West and recently I've been in the movies here. "I am 28 years old. My home is in the State of Washington and my relatives there are well-to-do. My mother always had wanted a girl, and when I was a little fellow she dressed me up in girls' clothes. Once in a while I'd slip on trousers, but I was known as a girl and as a girl I grew up."

"After the death of my mother I decided to go to work. I ran away from home and, being able to sing and dance, got a place as a songstress. In Colorado a big stockman wanted me to marry him. I said I would after he had bought a big dinner for me; then I left town with the show the next day."

"I wore a gold bracelet to help give me a feminine appearance. It's a hard job to keep your face shaved and the paint and powder on. I've had enough of this life."

IMMIGRATION BILL DEBATED

Washington, Dec. 31.—Debate on the immigration bill continued in the Senate to-day with the leaders, expecting a vote on the literacy provisions before the close of the day. Amendments to extend exemptions from the test to immigrants fleeing from political persecution were pending, but the debate centered upon the contentions of opponents of the bill that the proposed test was wholly objectionable, and an improper means of restricting immigration.

COMMONWEALTH IS WORTH \$62,000,000

First Schedule of the State's Assets Shows Tremendous Amount of Property Owned

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is worth over \$62,000,000 in real, personal and mixed property and money in banks and in the State Treasury, and to-morrow it will open books showing its assets. It has no liabilities except bonds of \$651,110.02, for which more than enough has accumulated in the sinking fund to pay. In fact, the sinking fund is \$151,000 more than these old debts.

The vast extent of the assets of the Commonwealth was made known here to-day for the first time when the Property Commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania made its report to Governor John K. Tener. This commission was appointed by the Governor on his own initiative. He wanted to find out what the State had in the way of worldly wealth so that it could have a basis to work on. The commission had no appropriation and secured its information from each department and each institution. In many cases the estimates are low and it is stated that \$1,592,075.14 of liens taken under

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MERCHANTS TO HEAR EUROPE TRADE TRUTHS

Expert to Tell Real Facts of Economic Conditions in Germany

George S. Atwood, secretary of the American Association of Commerce and Trade in Berlin, Germany, will address the members of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce and other Eastern and Southern Pennsylvania manufacturers and business men in this city upon "Economic Conditions in Germany at the Present Time and the Future of American Trade with Germany" on January 15.

Mr. Atwood recently arrived from Germany and the information he brings is said to be not only unusually interesting, but accurate. The American Association of Commerce and

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PENNSYLVANIA SECOND IN APPLE CROP PRODUCTION

Washington, Dec. 31.—This year's apple crop was the largest ever produced in the United States. Estimates announced to-day by the Department of Agriculture placed the 1914 yield at 259,000,000 bushels or 114,900,000 more than was produced last year. The States leading in production of apples this year were: New York, 48,600,000 bushels; Pennsylvania, 23,100,000; Michigan, 17,200,000; Virginia, 15,300,000.

1914 BRINGS MANY GOOD THINGS TO CITY

Improvement Program Is Pushed Toward Completion; Auto Fire Equipment

Despite business depression and the slump in railroad earnings, as old Father Harris sits back and takes a look at the 1914 record he cannot help but realize that many a blessing came to the city during the last twelve months.

Municipal improvements kept hundreds of men busy when the mills in this vicinity were laying off their men, and the city government accomplished things of a lasting nature for the good of Harrisburg. Among other things, the river wall and dam were pushed toward completion, the Paxton creek improvement job was about finished, plans were made for the elimination of "Hardscrabble," auto fire apparatus was placed in service, and work on the Penny freight station and subways was gotten under way. A

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FIRE ON BOARD STEAMER London, Dec. 31, 10:25 a. m.—A Lloyd's dispatch from Funchal, Azores, states that the steamer Perugia, bound from Leghorn to New York, was ashore yesterday but is now proceeding on her voyage after the crew had reached the seat of the flames.

SUGGEST BUREAU OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

League Adopts City Clerk Miller's Suggestion For New Department

Creation of a State Department of Municipal Affairs to be headed by a commissioner or superintendent who shall be a member of the gubernatorial cabinet, similar to the heads of other State departments, will be suggested to the Legislature in accordance with a resolution adopted yesterday afternoon by the League of Third Class Cities of Pennsylvania.

The plan was offered by President Ira W. Stratton, Mayor of Reading, [Continued on Page 7]

Dan Cupid's Either Asleep or He's Let Eugenics Frighten Him

Whether or not Pennsylvania's new eugenics marriage law frightened Dan Cupid or whether the youth of traditional smile and archery equipment just loafed on the job during the present year hasn't been determined by the attaches of the Dauphin county marriage license bureau; the figures for the year show a considerable decrease in the number of licenses issued, however. During 1913 there were 1,407 marriage licenses granted. In 1914 to date there were only 1,278.

CAN'T DRAW COLOR LINE IN THEATERS

Dauphin Court Refuses Athens George New Trial in Negro Patron Case

No race or color lines may be drawn by moving picture or other theater managers in providing seating arrangements for patrons, according to an opinion handed down to-day by Additional Law Judge S. J. M. McCarroll of the Dauphin county court.

The decision settles so far as the lower courts are concerned the appeal of Athens George, proprietor of a Market street amusement place and other "movies" from the verdict of a Dauphin county criminal jury which convicted George of discriminating against Frank Robinson, a negro, by refusing him a seat in any other place but the "balcony."

George asked for an arrest of judgment and a new trial, alleging that the act of assembly which he was charged with violating, should be construed to give him the right to say where and how his patrons should be seated.

In deciding against George and refusing the new trial Judge McCarroll said that the act in question, May 19, 1887, providing for the "civil rights for all people regardless of race or color," had been violated. The higher courts will be appealed to now, it is understood.

According to the testimony submitted at the time Robinson applied at the theater and was directed to the balcony by a notice posted conspicuously, in effect it stated that seats on the balcony were provided for negroes and that those who didn't desire to sit there need not purchase tickets.

DICKENS BLAMED FOR I. W. W. Minnesota Professor Says Author Roused Sympathy For "Underdog"

Special to The Telegraph Denver, Col., Dec. 31.—"Charles Dickens started the I. W. W. movement," declared Dr. Richard Burton, professor of English in the University of Minnesota and president of the Drama League of America, in an interview here yesterday. "Is the primary cause of the present industrial unrest. He was the first English author to awaken sympathy for the 'underdog,' to tell his story, to expound his cause. Of course, there were other authors, contemporaneous with Dickens, who did the same thing. But Dickens to-day stands head and shoulders above the rest and he was their real leader."

LALANCE-GROSJEAN TO RESUME

Notice has been posted at the plant of the Lalance and Grosjean Manufacturing Company of a resumption of operations on the hot mills on Monday morning, January 11, after a holiday season shutdown from December 19 for the purpose of making necessary repairs and alterations about the works.

LATE CAR SERVICE TONIGHT The Harrisburg Railways Company to-night will run a 15-minute service between midnight and 1 a. m. on the following lines: North Second street, Third street, Fourth and Sixth streets, Allison Hill, Race and Vine streets, Reservoir Park, Station. The last car will leave Market Square at 1.

THIRTY WARSHIPS BOMBARD POLA

Copenhagen, Dec. 31, via London, 11:45 A. M.—A private dispatch received here from Berlin says that over thirty French and British warships are at present engaged in bombarding Pola, the Austrian naval base on the Adriatic, and also the seaport of Rouigno about fifteen miles away.

REPLY FROM LONDON SOON

London, Dec. 31, 5:10 P. M.—The official information bureau this afternoon gave out the following statement: "An answer to the American note will be drawn up as soon as possible. It will be in the same friendly spirit in which the American note is written."

FEAR OF WAR WITH U. S. LESSENER

London, Dec. 31, 3:51 P. M.—The premium at Lloyds to insure against the outbreak of war between the United States and Great Britain was cut in half to-day. Seven guineas per cent is now asked, as against the fifteen guineas per cent. quoted when the contents of the American note of protest regarding American shipping first became known in England.

STOCK YARDS AS TRUST

Belleville, Ill., Dec. 31.—A suit charging the National Stock Yards of East St. Louis with being a trust in restraint of trade was filed in the Circuit Court here to-day by the attorney general of Illinois.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The Senate to-day defeated 34 to 26 an amendment to the literacy test in the immigration bill which would have enlarged the classes excepted by adding those subject to "political and racial" persecutions to those subject to "religious" persecutions.

Melbourne, Australia, Dec. 31, via London 4:40 P. M.—British forces have occupied Bougainville, the largest of the Solomon Islands. It was announced here today that the British flag had been hoisted over the island on December 9.

Charged with performing a criminal operation upon a Royalton woman, Mrs. Bertha Winfield was held under \$1500 bail for court by Alderman Hoverter, late this afternoon. Mrs. Winfield was prosecuted by the city nearly a year ago for failing to report an infected eye case while acting as a midwifery.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

James Leonard Brownhill and Emma Elizabeth Dice, Marysville. Anna Mann, Leesburg, and Morris Vander, York. Irwin Hughes Gelger and Mary Sara Rank, city.