



URGE CITY'S CHURCHES TO HELP RELIEVE INTENSE WANT IN HUNDREDS OF NEEDY HOMES

TOMORROW every church and Sunday School in Harrisburg is asked by the Harrisburg Home and War Relief Committee to help in the work of relieving the city's hundreds of needy people.

If money is not raised at once the work of the Relief Committee must cease March 19. As hundreds of men will be out of employment until the beginning of the Spring improvement operations, this means that hundreds of women and children will be without the necessities of life for weeks.

Feeling that the Church in Harrisburg will open wide its purse in this exigency, the Ways and Means Committee has addressed the following letter to the pastor of every church:

"Dear Sir: The Home and War Relief Committee, through contributions amounting to over \$9,000, has been able to partially relieve the distress of the unemployed in this city throughout the past winter. All of this money has been or will be spent in Harrisburg. Already more than four hundred families, of which the men have been out of employment, have been assisted by giving work to the women. Notwithstanding what has thus been done, appeals for help continue to come in great numbers as at any time in the past. This urgent need will continue, at least, until April 1st, but funds on hand and in sight will not permit the work to be carried on beyond March 15th, if so long.

"Will you not, therefore, read this letter to each department of your Sunday School, at the services on Sunday, February 28th, and earnestly appeal to it, and to its class organizations, to appropriate on that day, from their treasuries, such amounts as they may, in their generosity, feel able to give to relieve the intense want still so prevalent in our city.

"Please send your contribution promptly to John F. Sweeney, treasurer, care of Mechanics' Company, Harrisburg, Pa.

"With deep appreciation, I am, on behalf of the Committee,

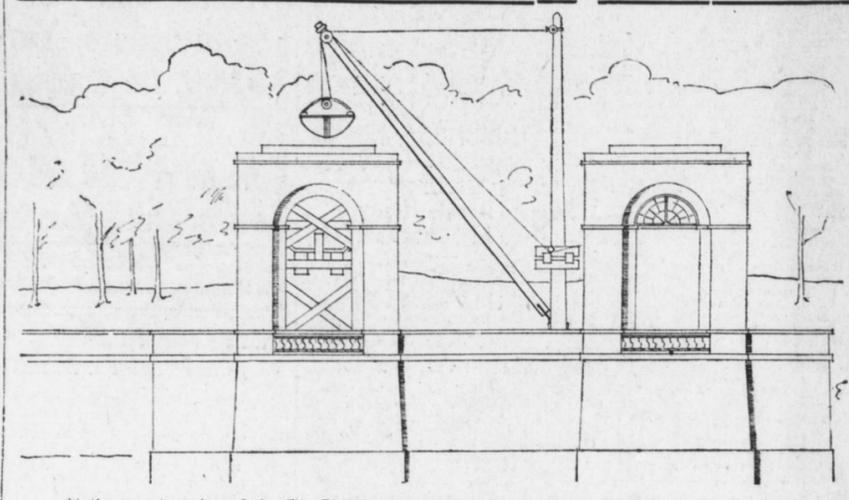
"Yours very truly,

"W. M. DONALDSON, Chairman

"Ways and Means Committee."

ANGLO-FRENCH SHIPS REPORTED TO HAVE PENETRATED DARDANELLES

HERE'S AN ETCHING OF THE ISLAND COAL WHARF AS PLANNED BY EXPERT MANNING FOR THE CITY PARK DEPARTMENT



At the recent session of the City Planning Commission at which the ordinance to lease a plot on the island to the Harrisburg Light and Power Company for a coal wharf was under consideration, Warren H. Manning, landscape architect and park expert and consultant for the Planning Commission, submitted a tentative sketch for the proposed wharf and hopper, which will be generally followed out the electric company officials declare, in the construction of the island dock. The accompanying etching is a reproduction of Mr. Manning's plan. The scheme will include the construction of a coal hopper and a little room for the hoisting machinery. Between these structures there will be the derrick and boom for hoisting the coal from the flats. The hopper and machinery buildings will not be more than twenty-five or thirty feet high and the tallest point in the group will be the outswinging derrick boom. When raised to the highest point this will be a little more than forty feet high. The buildings will be constructed so as to give what Mr. Manning calls a "monolithic effect," as an ending to Pine street. The buildings will be painted green so as to follow the natural color scheme of the clinging vines, shrubbery and young trees which will be planted around the buildings. It is likely to be started by March 10 it is expected and it is hoped to have the whole structure completed by the middle of April.

ALLIES' WARSHIPS KEEP HAMMERING AT DARDANELLES FORTS

Necessity of Releasing Wheat Supply Causes French and British to Make Fierce Attack

ONE SHIP THROUGH PASSAGE?

Mine Sweepers at Work in Straits Under Protection of Fleet's Guns

London, Feb. 27, 12:15 P. M.—A fleet of British and French warships continues to hammer away to-day at the door of the Dardanelles, the straits which close Russia's rich granary; and the very real necessity of releasing the huge supply of wheat on the shores of the Black Sea causes the general belief that the present attack on the Dardanelles is a serious undertaking and not merely a demonstration.

Another British Merchantman Reported Torpedoed by Submarine in British Channel; French Warship Rushes to Its Assistance

FRENCH PRESS AGAINST PROPOSAL OF THE U. S.

Sultan of Turkey Makes Plans For Hasty Departure From Constantinople; Great Battle in Poland is Still Undecided

Paris, Feb. 27, 11:15 a. m.—The Athens correspondent of the Matin has forwarded the following: "After the complete destruction of the forts at the entrance to the Dardanelles, the allied fleet penetrated the straits and shelled the interior forts. It proceeded down the Dardanelles 14 miles from the entrance."

Another British merchantman is reported to have been torpedoed by a submarine in the English Channel. A French warship has gone to the assistance of the vessel, the identity of which has not been established. A Paris dispatch says that the French press is unanimous in its opposition to the informal proposals of the United States to Great Britain and Germany concerning the admission of food supplies to belligerent nations for the civil populations and the cessation of submarine attacks on merchantmen. Great Britain's allies also are said to have advised her that they favor the policy of cutting off supplies from Germany.

SCHMIDT TAKES OVER H.B.G. BAKING CO.; TO ORGANIZE BIG FIRM

New Concern Will Be Capitalized at Half Million; Will Probably Control Both Plants

A new baking company with a capitalization of \$500,000 to be called the Capital City Baking Company, with Bernard Schmidt as the controlling head will be organized as soon as possible. The new company will take over the Harrisburg Baking Company property.

Submarine U9 Believed to Have Been Destroyed

Christiana, via London, Feb. 27, 2:50 A. M.—Wreckage picked up near Christiania appears to indicate a disaster to the German submarine U-9.

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The German submarine U-9 has played an important part in the naval activities of the war. It sank the British cruisers Hogue, Aboukir and Cressy in the North Sea on September 23 and eluded pursuit. On October 25 it sank the British cruiser Hawk.

RUSSIANS FIGHTING FIERCELY

London, Feb. 27, 7:17 A. M.—A dispatch to the Times from Petrograd says that information has been received in the Russian capital that several units belonging to the Two Hundredth Corps, which was surrounded by the Germans in the retreat from East Prussia, still are fighting stubbornly and probably will be able to rejoin the Russian army.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night; Sunday partly cloudy, continued cold.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night; Sunday partly cloudy, continued cold; fresh northwesterly winds.

The main river, with all its tributaries, report falling conditions this morning. They will continue to fall during the next twenty-four hours.

A range of about 12.2 feet is indicated by Sunday morning for Harrisburg.

General Conditions The effect of the northeastern disturbance is slightly felt on its western border, having caused snow surges at several stations. It has held in check the progressive movement of an area of high pressure to the west of it, which has, as a consequence, built up in strength.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 26; Sun: 31; 6 p. m., 26; 8 p. m., 25; 10 p. m., 24; Full moon, March 1, 1:33 p. m. River Stage: 74.3 feet above low water mark.

W. U. HENSEL, FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL, DIES IN SAVANNAH

Carried on Law Practice in Lancaster With Chief Justice J. Hay Brown



Savannah, Ga., Feb. 27.—William U. Hensel, of Lancaster, Pa., for years a prominent Democratic leader in Pennsylvania and formerly president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and Attorney General of Pennsylvania, died here last night. He was 82 years old. The body will be sent to Lancaster.

Keep Train at Full Steam to Convey the Sultan of Turkey From His Capitol

Paris, Feb. 27, 5:15 a. m.—The "Matin" this morning prints a dispatch from its correspondent at Athens, who repeats the story published several times recently that the sultan of Turkey is preparing to leave Constantinople and that to this end imperial trains are kept with steam up in the railroad station. The inhabitants of the Prinkipo islands in the sea of Marmora not far from Constantinople have been instructed to hold themselves in readiness to leave.

Second Elliott-Fisher Class Will Start Soon

The second salesmen's class of the Elliott-Fisher Company will start a month's study Monday with about twenty-five men, a few of whom are Harrisburgers.

Mongolian Sailing Under Own Power to Halifax

New York, Feb. 27.—The Allan Steamship Mongolian, which sent out a wireless call yesterday for help because she was leaking badly 400 miles off the coast of Nova Scotia, is heading for Halifax under her own power and should reach there to-morrow.

THIEVES TAKE CHOICE MEATS

Thieves entered the home of A. F. Bartolet, a conductor, 17 South Fifteenth street, last night, and cleaned out the refrigerator. They also visited the cellar and carried off potatoes and other vegetables. From the refrigerator they took butter, eggs, meats, two pies and other eatables.

SULTAN'S ELDEST SISTER DEAD

Amsterdam, via London, Feb. 27, 10:15 A. M.—A dispatch received here from Constantinople relates the death of the eldest sister of the present sultan of Turkey, Djemile Sultana. She was born in 1843.

ASK SEITZ OPINION ON CLOSING WHARF

Board of Public Works Decides to Obtain Solicitor's Views Pending Recommendation

At its meeting yesterday afternoon the Board of Public Works decided to obtain an opinion from City Solicitor D. S. Seitz relative to closing entirely the unsightly gap in the river wall at Market street and thus eliminate the coal wharf. Upon the solicitor's reply will depend the character of the legislation on the subject which the board will recommend to Council.

In the meantime James Shope, a former employe of the board and now in the park department, and Elbridge W. Cowden, one of the assistant engineers of the board, will prepare necessary etchings for the treatment of the point. This will include the closing of the gap in the wall by the terms of the recent agreement between the city and Stucker Brothers Construction Company, the wall contractors, provision is made for the building of five more sections of steps at Market street so that the opening will be narrowed to eighty feet.

Commissioners Bowman, Lynch and Taylor and City Engineer Cowden yesterday visited both Paxton and Berkeley street landing with a view to determining just what should be done by way of treatment for the accommodation of the coal fleets, which, with the exception of the Harrisburg Light and Power Company, will land at Market street. The high water, however, prevents a thorough inspection of conditions.

The board decided to suspend the bulk of the improvement operations until the weather opens up again and the entire staff of the field and office men, with the exception of Principal Engineer J. D. Justin and Assistant E. W. Cowden and Lewis Shoaf, were temporarily suspended for several weeks.

DECORATION FOR HINDENBURG

Berlin, Feb. 27 (by wireless to London, 9:35 A. M.).—Emperor William has conferred the decoration of the Pour le Merit Order upon Field Marshal von Hindenburg, the German commander on the eastern front.

M. E. CHURCHES ASK MINISTERS TO STAY

Address Resolutions to Annual Conference to Be Held at Shammokin in March

Methodist churches are preparing for the Central Pennsylvania Methodist conference to be held March 17 to 24 at Shammokin.

ENGLAND WANTS 116 HEAVY MORTON CARS

Order For Commercial Trucks Totals \$400,000; Must Be Delivered Within 60 Days

An order for 116 commercial trucks of three and five ton capacity, aggregating a total price of about \$400,000, was received this morning by the Morton Truck and Tractor Company from the British government.

SICK WOMAN TAKEN FROM BURNING HOME

Fire which started in the cellar of the home of the Rev. Harvey B. Klier, pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, 521 Peffer street, shortly before noon to-day, caused damage estimated at \$200. Mrs. Lee, mother of Mrs. Klier, who has been ill for some time, was in bed on the second floor, and was carried to a place of safety by neighbors.

PLAGUE OF WAR DUE TO KEEPING WOMEN OUT OF STATE COUNCILS?

So Declares Rabbi Wise in Address Before National Peace Conference at Chicago; Working For Early Cessation of War

Chicago, Feb. 27.—A national peace conference was opened here to-day for the purpose of adopting a plan by which the sympathy, influence and aid of the American people may be tendered nations involved in the European war and the cause of early peace promoted.

The conference which was attended by peace advocates from all parts of the nation was held under the auspices of the Emergency Federation of Peace Forces. Miss Jane Addams, of Chicago, was the chairman. The conference will close to-morrow night.

'OLD GLORY' WAVES THROUGHOUT BELGIUM

Peasants Revere Stars and Stripes as the Symbol of Their Salvation

Brussels, Feb. 16.—The American flag now has the right of way on Belgian roads and flying from the warehouses and stations of the commission for relief in Belgium as well as from its automobiles it forms about the only bit of color in this desolate land.

MISS CRAMP BLAMES SCHOOL TRUSTEE NOW

Says He Told Her Wife Was to Be at That Dinner, and Decides to Stay at School

Miss Helen Irene Cramp, the Guttenberg, N. J., schoolteacher, well known here, who resigned Thursday because of the notorious received after she and Charles W. Blackmore, trustee, had dined together in a New York restaurant, and after he was accused of having written her a letter beginning "Hello, Girlie," withdrew the resignation yesterday.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

William I. Neagley and Grace Snyder, Upper Paxton. John H. Crowl, Elysburg, and Laura Sober, city. James W. Brenner, Hershey, and Elizabeth Vansnacht, Union Deposit.

ALCOHOL SUPPLY SMALL

Berlin, via London, Feb. 27, 11:35 A. M.—Germany's supply of alcohol is so far below the demand that the so-called "spirits central" organization which primarily supplies the army's needs has announced that it will be compelled to limit sharply deliveries of brandy and spirits for other purposes, especially for drinking. About 40 per cent of the former amount will be allowed the larger industries for use in March and slightly more to smaller concerns.

STEGLER MAY PLEAD GUILTY

New York, Feb. 27.—Charles R. Griffith, attorney for Richard P. Stegler, the German naval reservist, now in the Tombs on the charge of fraudulently obtaining an American passport, indicated to-day that if his client should be indicted for conspiracy he would instruct him to plead guilty and throw himself on the mercy of the court.

BRITISH SHIP TORPEDOED

Dieppe, France, Feb. 27, via Paris, 5 A. M.—It is reported here that British merchant ship has been torpedoed in the English Channel off Saint Valery-Sur-Somme. A French torpedo boat destroyer has gone out from Dieppe to the assistance of the British ship.

CONFLICTING REPORTS

Washington, Feb. 27.—Minister Van Dyke at The Hague cabled to-day an unofficial report that eight of the crew of the American steamer Evelyn sunk by a mine in the North Sea had been lost. Yesterday he sent an official report that the missing boatload was safe.

FLEET PENETRATES STRAITS

Athens, Feb. 27, via London.—An allied fleet aggregating forty warships to-day penetrated the Dardanelles straits as far as Hortari and within range of Fort Intepe on the Asiatic side, according to reliable information reaching here to-day. Fort Intepe was destroyed.

GERMAN AEROPLANE RAID

London, Feb. 27.—German aeroplanes made a raid on positions of the allies near Nieupoort, and a French aeronaut dropped bombs on Metz.