

FIREMEN'S UNION SAYS PAID DEPT IS NOT NECESSARY

Raps Chamber of Commerce and Its "Expert With Correspondence Education"

Hammer's Underwriters Declare It's Too Bad if Insurance Men Are Permitted to Dictate to City

In a statement issued to the newspapers to-day the Firemen's Union sharply raps the Chamber of Commerce and the underwriting expert who recently made a report to Council on the city's fire protection needs at the request of the Chamber.

The Firemen's Union authorized the statement at a meeting held last Tuesday evening. It was prepared later this week by Millard Tawney, member of the Royal Company, and to-day was approved and issued by Colonel H. C. Deanning, president of the Union.

The Union contends that it would be foolish, among other things, for the city to establish a paid fire department of 80 "trained" men at a cost of \$120,000 a year when the present volunteer companies have 5,000 members, can command 500 fire fighters at the request of the Chamber.

The statement also says that the Chamber of Commerce and the underwriting expert who recently made a report to Council on the city's fire protection needs at the request of the Chamber.

John P. Scott to Deliver Oration at Centennial of Negro Masons of Pa.

John P. Scott, most worshipful grand master of the order of the centennial celebration of the Grand Lodge of Negro Masons of Pennsylvania, which will be held in Philadelphia on September 23-24, the address of welcome will be given in Musical Fund Hall, in Locust street, by Mayor Rudolph Blankenburg, of that city. Grand Secretary W. H. Miller will respond.

Boroughs Will Appeal to Public Service Commission

The council of Penbrook determined last evening to test the raise of water rates by the Public Service Commission as predicted in the Telegraph Wednesday evening. Highspire and Hummelstown are willing to join forces in the protest. Borough solicitor Swartz said that if the court held that the Penbrook ten-year agreement is a definite contract in place of an indefinite one the water company can be enjoined by law from raising the water rates within the life of contract. But if upon investigation it is found that the water company is not in a position to pay interest on the bonds and is not making any money, the Public Service Commission would be justified in granting an increase rather than have the company declared insolvent. But before the raise goes into effect every effort will be made to prove the validity of the Penbrook contract. If the suit has expired in other boroughs their contention would have no bearing on those whose contract are still in effect.

Conscription Will Cause Industrial Revolution

London, Sept. 18, 1:32 P. M.—The executive committee of the Amalgamated Union of Railway Servants unanimously endorsed to-day the statement in the house of commons on Thursday of J. H. Thomas that conscription would bring on an industrial revolution and that the railway workers would stop work.

THE WEATHER

Harrisburg and vicinity: Unsettled, probably showers to-night or Sunday. Not much change in temperature. Eastern Pennsylvania: Partly cloudy, probably showers late to-night or Sunday. Moderate temperature. Light to moderate variable winds. River: The main river will remain nearly stationary tonight and fall slowly Sunday. The principal tributaries will probably continue to fall slowly. A stage of about 4 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Sunday morning. General Conditions: Showers have fallen in Florida and on the Texas coast and in the middle Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys and there were scattered showers in the New England and Middle Atlantic States and in Oklahoma and North Dakota. There has been a general fall of 2 to 4 degrees in temperature in the upper St. Lawrence valley; the Atlantic states from North Carolina northward, in the Ohio valley and in the southern States. Temperature: 8 a. m., 65. Sun: Rises, 5:49 a. m.; sets, 6:00 p. m. Moon: Full moon, Sept. 23, 4:35 p. m. River Stage: Four feet above low water mark. Yesterday's Weather: Highest temperature, 88. Lowest temperature, 60. Mean temperature, 78. Normal temperature, 65.

GOVERNOR WILL BE A SPEAKER AT BIG RECEPTION THURSDAY

Improvement Celebration Week Gets Its Start in City Churches Tomorrow

Plans for "Burning of Harris" Pageant Completed; Committees Meet Next Week

Canoeists Notice!

During the parade of the decorated floats and boats on Water Street to-night, no canoe, motorboat or other craft will be permitted within the river basin unless it carries one or more lights, either Japanese or Chinese lanterns, electrical display or similar illumination. This is to safeguard all craft from possible collisions as well as to insure a properly illuminated effect on the river. Instructions to this effect will be given to the police boats.—R. Hoffert, chairman of water carnival committee.

Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh will be one of the speakers at the great municipal improvement celebration reception on Thursday night, September 23.

This announcement was made at noon to-day by A. Carson Stamm, chairman of the committee on speakers. The big reception will be held at Chestnut street auditorium. Other speakers will be Spencer C. Gilbert, E. J. Schuppel, Vance C. McCormick, and J. V. W. Reynolds. Celebration week in Harrisburg really begins to-morrow with services in many of the local churches. On Monday the various chairmen will go over their final plans. Several of the committees are arranging for final meetings on Tuesday.

One Man Killed When Gasoline Cars Exploded

Toledo, Ohio, Sept. 18.—One man was killed and heavy property loss sustained this morning when two cars of gasoline exploded at the plant of the Hickok Producing Company, manufacturers of gasoline. The victim of the explosion is M. Markel, an employe of the plant. Fire started in the ruins of the wrecked storage house and in less than twenty minutes the debris was a mass of flames. Flying sparks also set fire to a train of box cars, which was destroyed. Several residences were damaged badly also by fire.

Fire of Undetermined Origin Destroys Barn

Fire of undetermined origin, shortly after 10 o'clock this morning, totally destroyed a large barn, corn crib and pig pen on the J. A. Dunkle Estate farm in Swatara township, half a mile east of Steelton. The loss is \$4,000. The blaze was discovered by John Arnt, the tenant on the farm. When discovered, the flames had already eaten through the roof and east corner of the big frame structure. In a few minutes the entire building was a mass of flames. With the help of the farm hands, three horses and all the farm implements were removed from the barn. The season's entire crops were burned. When it was seen that the flames could not be conquered by a bucket brigade, the Steelton firemen were called out by an alarm from box 41, Lincoln and Harrisburg streets. When the firemen responded they succeeded in getting a stream on the house which they were too late, however, to save the barn and outbuildings. The blaze was spectacular. A column of smoke rose into the sky for a hundred feet and with the licking flames could plainly be seen in Steelton and on the Hill in Harrisburg.

Will Face Firing Squad to Protect Woman's Name

Denver, Sept. 18.—Rather than blacken a woman's name, Joseph Hillstrom, convicted on circumstantial evidence of a charge of murder in Salt Lake City, has chosen death at the hands of a firing squad, as the Utah law allows. O. N. Hilton, of Denver, will leave for Salt Lake City next Saturday to plead for a commutation of Hillstrom's sentence. He says there is more than a reasonable doubt of the man's guilt. During his trial Hillstrom refused to divulge the name of a Salt Lake City woman who, he says, shot him during a quarrel. The crime for which Hillstrom was convicted was committed in October, 1913. A grocer was killed by two bullets. As they ran from the store Morgan's son fired, presumably hitting one of the men. Three hours later Hillstrom called a physician to dress a wound in his breast.

FOREIGNER HURT BY AUTO

Mt. Union, Pa., Sept. 18.—Paul Maxwell, a son of a prominent hardware merchant of town, while driving a car from the Woman Suffrage demonstration, hit an unknown foreigner and the car ran over the man. He is in a critical condition at the office of Dr. McClain.

HAND CUT IN MACHINERY

Florin, Sept. 18.—Winfield Eben-shade, of near town, while operating a circular saw this morning, had his right thumb caught and his right hand thrown into the machinery. The thumb, first and second fingers were severed. His condition is serious from loss of blood.

EXPERIENCED MEN BADLY NEEDED TO TEACH AGRICULTURE

County Superintendent Points Value of Teaching Farming Methods

WOULD RAISE STANDARDS Principals and Superintendent Gather Here For Their Annual Conference

Teaching of agriculture in co-educational schools by inexperienced instructors was condemned by principals and superintendents of Dauphin county at their annual conference to-day in Technical high school.

The need of trained teachers in this subject was brought out by the men who gathered from all parts of the county. F. E. Shambaugh, county superintendent of schools, who, under difficulties, has been striving to have farming methods taught in the rural schools, said that he is opposed to having unexamined persons in charge of a subject so important as agriculture, but that he highly favored its addition to the curriculum of the schools.

Many of the teachers who are instructing pupils in this subject in our schools are doing so without a certificate, W. R. Zimmerman, assistant county superintendent, said. "This should not be allowed. The subject ought to be taught in the schools, but experienced, examined and well-trained men should have charge of that branch of work."

Open discussions were allowed on each subject brought up by the men. The majority of the principals opposed having untrained teachers in charge of agriculture in rural schools, but favored adding the branch to the course of study. They claimed that this would prove a failure, as un-experienced instructors were obtained for the subject.

The new child labor law which was enacted at the last session of the Legislature was discussed by Millard B. King, of the State Bureau of Vocational Education, who answered numerous questions.

W. E. Seel Entertains Friends at Ferncliff

Paxtang, Pa., Sept. 18.—William E. Seel and members of his fishing party will return home this evening. Thursday Mr. Seel has entertained a score of his friends at Ferncliff, Lancaster County, near the Pennsylvania-Maryland line. The party went to Benton Thursday morning by train and in automobiles and from that time until this afternoon spent much of the time on the river. Of course, the usual amusements, too, and the party had a most delightful time.

Twice each week takes a number of his Paxtang neighbors to the club house and this week's trip was the second of the season. Among the party are: S. S. Peace, George C. Martin, Arthur C. Bailey, James Reichley, Howard C. Fry, Irvin R. Lyne, Dr. D. I. Rutherford, F. L. Wright, D. K. Kohenderfer, Ed. Davis, Howard Kuther, W. Ed. Seal, S. Miller, Ralph I. Delib, Harry Fry, Robert F. Gorman, all of Paxtang; John K. May, Henry E. Hershey, Ashton D. Peace, Dr. S. N. Traver and S. Bruce Mingo of Harrisburg.

Mrs. A. R. Furman Hit by Jitney in Third Street

Mrs. A. R. Furman, of Philadelphia, mother of Paul N. Furman, chief of the State Bureau of Statistics, was seriously injured this morning when a jitney at Third and Forster streets this morning. Mrs. Furman, who is 65, had been at market and stopped to make some purchases at Third and Forster streets. She was struck by one going in the opposite direction. Mrs. Furman's side was seriously bruised, her head and collarbone broken. She was taken to the office of Dr. J. W. Ellenberger. She resides with her son at 1001 North Seventeenth street.

ERB IS REPORTED TO BE CALMLY AWAITING CRISIS

New York, Sept. 18.—Newman Erb, wealthy railroad reorganizer, was reported to-day to be in a comfortable and satisfactory condition, no change having taken place since he recovered from the first effects of the two poison tablets he swallowed by mistake four days ago. Mr. Erb is confined to his summer home at Daal, N. J., where, surrounded by his family, he is calmly awaiting the crisis which four physicians have told him may be expected to-morrow or Monday.

SUFFRAGISTS EDIT SUN

Williamsport, Pa., Sept. 18.—Leaders of the woman's suffrage party in Lycoming county edited the Williamsport Sun to-day, issuing a thirty-page paper. Mrs. Robert Fleming Allen, county chairman, was general manager and Miss Anne Galbraith, managing editor.

CHANGES IN CONSULAR SERVICE

Washington, D. C., Sept. 18.—The following changes in the consular service were announced to-day: Charles L. Livingston, Pittsburgh, Pa., consul at Swansea, Wales, transferred to Barbados. Maxwell H. Moorhead, Pittsburgh, Pa., consul at Bangkok, India, transferred to Swansea.

RO COMES HOME



When a Frenchman returns from the front and takes a stroll down a Paris Boulevard he is beset by scores of pretty girls who insist on testifying their admiration. Some of the officers have flowers pinned all over their coats, making them look like large bouquets. The French women perhaps are more loyal to the army which at the front is saving their homes than the women of any other country at war.

HARRISBURG WOMAN IS LEAVING URUMIYAH

Mrs. Robert M. Labaree, formerly of this city, reported to be homeward bound.

TEUTONS WILL SOON TAKE CITY OF VILNA

London, Sept. 18, 11:55 a. m.—The city of Vilna is now virtually invested on three sides. The troops of Field Marshal Von Mackensen have reached a point near Vileika, 37 miles south-east of the city. The fall of Vilna would place in possession of the Germans a considerable section of the railroad to Petrograd, a portion of which, between Dvinsk and Vilna, they already hold. On the southern end of the battle line the Russians continue to gain success, their latest achievements being the capture of 1,300 men along the Stipe. Little activity is reported from the center of the line where a

KEENE, ENDERS AND STAMM FAVORITES

Unpledged Candidates for School Board Are Popular With Voters

Friends of Robert A. Enders and Dr. C. E. L. Keene, Republican candidates for the school board, were to-day indignantly denying that they were pledged to vote for school treasurer should they be elected. The newspaper report circulated to that effect to-day, was designed entirely for the purpose of putting these candidates in a false light. They repeated that they are absolutely independent of any man or group of men and will go to the school board only with the idea of giving the school district their unqualified services. The school board contest is one of the most important to be decided in November, and the nominations on Tuesday must be most carefully made. The school board expends more than a half million dollars every year, not counting money for new buildings erected, and wields an enormous in-

NEW CHARITIES SOCIETY TO BE ORGANIZED TUESDAY

Associated Charities of Harrisburg and the Children's Aid Society of Dauphin county, a special meeting of members will be held at the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Immediately afterward a meeting will be held to organize a new society to continue the work of the Associated Charities and the Children's Aid Society. A constitution and by-laws will be adopted and officers will be elected. On the joint committee in charge are Mrs. George Kunkel, Mrs. M. E. Jacobson, Mrs. Homer Black, Mrs. F. J. Hall, Mrs. William Henderson, W. B. McCaleb, George W. Rely, Donald McCormick, F. J. Brady and Vance C. McCormick.

MEALS FOR SUFFRAGE, HE TELLS WOMAN WRITER; ALSO WANTS AID OF CHURCHES

Candidate For Mayor Whacks Present Police Force and Newspapers; Talks on Platform

POUNDS TABLE TO EMPHASIZE REMARKS

He's For Parks; Hedges on Curfew; No Red Lights; Interview Hopes He Means It

BY MRS. ANNA H. WOOD Perspiring, but energetic and thoroughly in earnest, Dr. Ezra S. Meals, candidate for Mayor, sat at his office desk and discussed his platform from the woman's viewpoint.

"Above all," he said, "I promise the people if they elect me that I will run a safe, sane and clean town. One thing you can be sure about, I will catch the crooks and run to earth the wrongdoers as they are not being caught to-day. I can't believe in giving the crashpots 30 days and letting the murderer work his way through the courts to freedom."

There is that in the doctor's keen, kindly eyes which forces home the truth of his purpose. He spoke of the abolishing and wiping out of the infamous red light district. Should such conditions arise again during his administration, he says he believes the problem could be met by strict police surveillance and systematizing.

"Why, I ran this city before with a dozen less police than they have to-day and I had a better, more decent place," he boasted. "The town itself is not bad, not a bad place at all. The real people of Harrisburg never caused any trouble. It is the outside crooks and sneaks and professional thieves who come here. Look what this jitney business has become when young women are not safe who ride in them! Where are your police? No! Any department needs a head and I would see to it that the police force were controlled and managed. That's more than they are to-day! I used to tell my men to get busy and catch

the crook, not to phone to headquarters to give his name and address and have a warrant issued before they run him in. Remember the case of Senator Alexander? He was held in Capitol park one night by two negro women. One threw her arms around him while the other picked his pocket. They got away with the goods while the cops were asking the Chief what to do about it. The pocketbook was found afterward in Front street park, empty, and the women were never caught."

"Whack! Whack!" Dr. Meals is much given to emphasizing his remarks by bringing a large capable fist down upon a convenient piece of furniture.

"Do I believe in parks and playgrounds? Of course I do," he con-

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TELEGRAPH ESSAY CONTEST CLOSES NEXT FRIDAY

Have you sent in your essay to the Telegraph on "Why Is Harrisburg a Better City for the Boys and Girls as a Result of the Improvements of the Last Fifteen Years?" No, this is not for you, Mr. Grown-up. It's for the youngsters in the grades of the city schools. The contest closes next Friday morning at 10 o'clock. Be sure to have your essay in by that time. The closing date was to have been Tuesday, but the Telegraph knows how hot it's been during the last week and believes that in fairness to all the date should be advanced a bit to give the contestants a chance to write during the cooler weather promised by the weather man for next week. Prizes of \$5, \$2 and \$1 will be given to the writers of the three best essays and the prize winning articles will be published in the Telegraph. The essays must be kept within 200 words.

DENTIST IS CONVICTED

Pottsville, Pa., Sept. 17.—After a trial that lasted nearly two weeks Dr. Oscar B. Crawford, a leading dentist, was convicted to-day of two charges brought by Miss Rose Zacko, a patient, who alleged she had been drugged in Crawford's office.

BEAUTIFUL HOME BURNED

Marietta, Sept. 18.—Fire caused by a defective fuse destroyed the beautiful home of Mrs. Barbara McCord near Mount Pleasant, yesterday morning, entailing a loss of \$5,000.

RUSS ADVANCED POSITIONS TAKEN

Berlin, Sept. 18, via London, Sept. 18, 5:30 P. M.—Russian advanced positions have been taken in an attack on the Dvinsk bridgehead and the Russian front has been broken through, to the south at several points between Vilna and the Niemen river, it was officially announced by German army headquarters to-day.

CAREFUL CONSIDERATION PROMISED

Berlin, Sept. 18, 12:50, via London, 3 p. m.—The German Government will give it careful consideration to the evidence concerning the circumstances which attended the sinking of the steamship Arabic, submitted by the American Government through Ambassador Gerard. Gottlieb Von Kagow, the Foreign Minister, made a statement to this effect in an interview last night with the Associated Press.

FRENCH GET POSITION ON PENINSULA

Paris, Sept. 18, 2:40 P. M.—The capture of a Turkish position on the Gallipoli peninsula by the French forces was announced to-day by the war office.

BURMAN BREAKS WORLD'S RECORD

Providence, R. I., Sept. 18.—Bob Burman broke the world's record in the first of the automobile events on the new speedway here to-day. Burman covered the mile in 45.73 seconds, 47 of a second faster than the record made by Louis Dribow at St. Louis in August, 1914.

GENEVA, SEPT. 18, 10:45 A. M., VIA PARIS, SEPT. 18, 2:50 P. M.

The Lausanne Gazette, says it has learned that the German government has decided to issue a declaration annexing to the German empire the occupied territories in France and Belgium.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Berlin, Sept. 18, by Wireless to Tuckerton, N. J.—A message from Constantinople, as given out here to-day by the Overseas News Agency quotes Enver Pasha, Turkish minister of war, as saying that a great German army was to go to Turkey.