



CITY'S BUSINESS MEN OFF ON TRIP TO BOOST CAPITAL AND BIG HIGHWAY

Chamber of Commerce Annual Trade Excursion Begins With Stops at Marysville, Duncannon, Newport, Mifflin, Lewistown, Mt. Union and Huntingdon

GREAT RECEPTION AT ALTOONA IS PLANNED

Meet Leading Commercial and Manufacturing Men Throughout Western Central Pennsylvania; Developing Closer Relations Between Neighboring Communities

OBTAIN NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR WILLIAM PENN WAY

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 15.—E. M. C. Arfen, chairman of William Penn Highway Committee...

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lewistown, Pa., Feb. 16.—Safely, happily and enthusiastically—not to say musically, strenuously and oratorically—the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce trade excursion which sailed from Harrisburg early this morning via the main line of A. E. Buchanan's Pennsylvania railroad for Altoona, Williamsport and sundry intervening points...

Sir Rider Haggard to Investigate Chances For Empire Building After War

London, Feb. 16.—Sir Rider Haggard has left England on a trip around the world, with a mission from the Royal Colonial Institute to investigate the chances for empire building after the war.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Thursday; slightly warmer to-night, with lowest temperature about 25 degrees. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and Thursday; slightly warmer to-night; light to moderate southwest winds.

YOUNGSTERS ATTENDING CITY'S CONTINUATION SCHOOL



Here are just a few of the youngsters attending the city continuation school at 424 Forster street. The little fellows—workmen, all of them—go to school one day each week and plug after the elusive dollar; the other five and sometimes six. Messenger boys, lads from the textile mills and little codgers from stores and other busy marts are included in the group above.

LATEST DRAFT OF LUSITANIA NOTE IS ACCEPTABLE

Von Bernstorff Presents Agreement to Lansing; Believed Satisfactory

Washington, Feb. 16.—Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador to-day presented to Secretary Lansing the latest draft of the Lusitania agreement embodying the changes suggested by the American government and also one change suggested by Berlin.

NINE FORTS OF TURK STRONGHOLD TAKEN BY RUSS

80,000 Men Are Locked Up in Erzerum, Chief City of Armenia

While France and Flanders are the fields of military activity that just now command chief attention, the operations of the Russians in their Caucasian campaign are developing notable points of interest.

Schooner Strikes Steamer in Fog, Falls Off, Then Disappears; Boy Missing

New York, Feb. 16.—The steamer Yumuri arrived here to-day from Mascoris, San Domingo, and reported having been in collision with an unknown schooner at 4.10 a. m. yesterday morning.

REVERSES LAW OF 2185 B. C. Kansas Court Rejects Babylon Act and Gives Child \$2,000,000

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 16.—The Supreme court declared void a Babylonian law of 2185 B. C., which provided that the child of an adopted person had no rights as an heir after the death of the parents.

WILSON POLICIES ARE MERCILESSLY ASSAILED BY ROOT

Weakness and Irresolution Leading Country Along Road to War, He Says

New York, Feb. 16.—In a speech bristling with withering reference to the diplomacy of the Wilson administration and branding the government as brave in words and irresolute in action, Elihu Root last night declared that "America has been blindly stumbling along the road that, continued, will lead to war."

KOTUR'S FATE IS NOW IN HANDS OF DAUPHIN JURORS

Trial of Stelton Foreigner For Murder of Fellow Countryman Ends

The question of whether or not Nikolai Kotur shall pay on the electric chair the law penalty for stamping out the life of Joseph Backie, a fellow countryman, is in the hands of a Dauphin county jury to determine.

Torpedo Co. Manager Is Blown to Bits When Nitroglycerine Goes Up

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 16.—Charles Baker, local manager for the Washington Torpedo Company, of Washington, Pa., was blown to bits to-day when he entered the company's store house in Olmstead Falls, a suburb, to get a load of nitroglycerin.

Chased From House by Wife; Hit With Brick by Loving Stepson

After his mother had chased his stepfather from the house at 3 o'clock this morning, Arthur Brown, colored, aged 17, followed his stepfather, W. C. Schildt, to work, and hurled a brick at him.

PREPARATION FOR DEFENSE KEYNOTE OF REPUBLICANS

New York State Convention Endorses Whitman's Administration

New York, Feb. 16.—The Republican State convention to-day unanimously adopted a platform intended as a keynote for the Republican national campaign, endorsed the Whitman State administration and named United States Senator James W. Wadsworth, Jr., Governor Charles S. Whitman, Frederick Tanner, chairman of the State committee, and State Senator Elton R. Brown, Republican leader

ANCIENT BAGDAD HAD NOTHING ON TOWN OF HERSHEY

Magic Wand of Chocolate King Causes City of Wonders to Spring Up

Hershey, Pa., Feb. 16.—Within the next year or two, probably a little longer, building operations which will have a total valuation of several millions of dollars will be started here.

National Preparedness to Be Theme of Meeting

Congressman A. S. Kreider, F. A. Godcharles, of Milton, E. J. Poole, of Reading, and William P. Messinger, of Philadelphia, will be the principal speakers at the patriotic mass meeting to be held in the Technical High school auditorium, February 24, Plans are being made for the event by the Patriotic Observance Association, composed of patriotic societies in the city.

Youth Forges Checks on His Sister's Name

Ray Stephens, aged 17, 303 South Seventeenth street, charged with forging his sister's name on checks from \$2 to \$10, was arrested yesterday by city detectives. Stephens admitted that he had forged the checks and told the officers that if they had come for him fifteen minutes later he would have been on a train for the West.

PUZZLING FIRES FROM SERIES OF EXPLOSIONS CAUSE \$6,000,000 LOSS

THINK PLOTTERS STARTED FIRE IN AMERICAN CLUB

Series of Explosions Precede Toronto Blaze Which Kills One and Hurts Two

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 16.—One man was killed and two others were injured in a fire which early to-day wrecked the six-story structure which was the home of the American Club.

Big Barn and 15 Cars Burned at Waynesboro

Waynesboro, Pa., Feb. 16.—Fifteen cars were destroyed last night when the big barn of the Chambersburg, Greencastle and Waynesboro Street Railway Company was burned about 3.30 o'clock.

Miners Are Deadlocked Over Wage Demands

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 16.—Another effort was made to-day by the operators and miners of the central competitive bituminous coal fields to reach an agreement on the demand of the United Mine Workers asking pay on the mine run basis.

PITTSBURGH BANK TO PAY

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 16.—The Pittsburgh Bank for Savings which was closed by the State Department of Banking last December will pay the first dividend to depositors next month, according to an announcement by G. H. Getty, the receiver.

CIVIL ENGINEER KILLS SELF

Philadelphia, Feb. 16.—Charles Mills, 51, who has been one of the most capable civil engineers in the country, committed suicide on a lonely road last night.

500 LEPERS AT LARGE MAY CAUSE EPIDEMIC

Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—More than 500 lepers at large in the United States constitute a serious menace and proper steps for segregation are imperative, in the opinion of physicians, nurses and others who testified before the Senate health committee yesterday in support of a bill to establish a national leprosy hospital.

PUZZLING FIRE SWEEPS HEART OF FALL RIVER

Fall River, Mass., Feb. 16.—Estimates made by owners of property and proprietors of stores in the section of the business district swept by fire early to-day indicated that the total loss would be approximately \$2,000,000.

Believed to Have Lost Life in Fatal Attempt to Save Milliner From Flames

Midland, Mich., Feb. 16.—One person was burned to death and another is said to be missing and damage estimated at \$150,000 was caused by a fire which destroyed a block of Midland's business district early to-day.

CREW OF BARGE WASHED OVERBOARD

Philadelphia, Feb. 16.—The tug Eastern arrived at Norfolk, Va., to-day and reported that it had been compelled during a heavy storm to abandon the Philadelphia-owned barge, Maurice R. Shaw, with a cargo of lumber from Jacksonville for New York.

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RUSS CLAIM CAPTURE OF ERZERUM

London, Feb. 16.—Reuter's Petrograd correspondent telegraphs that Erzerum has been captured by the Russians.

THRESHERMEN ELECT

Harrisburg.—These officers were this afternoon elected by the Pennsylvania Threshermen and Farmers' Protective Association: President, H. H. Brubaker, Rohrerstown; vice-president, W. B. Crawford, Indiana county; secretary-treasurer, J. A. Rose, Harrisburg; executive committee, George A. DeChant, Harrisburg, chairman; J. W. Cori, State College; S. U. Keppel, Westmoreland; E. J. Moore, Elwyn, Chester county; C. C. Morrow, Pittsburgh; H. W. Hartley, Northeast Erie; George F. Sellers, Gap, Lancaster county; Ira M. Hart, Mechanicsburg; E. F. Straubach, Ortonia, Adams county; W. F. Hovetter, Harrisburg; L. B. Sexton, Rome, Bradford county; J. H. Bixel, Lycoming county.

POSTPONE WILLARD-MORAN BOUT

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Jess Willard declared to-day that the proposed bout with Frank Moran, of Pittsburgh, must be postponed for at least two weeks from the date originally set, March 8.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

John Solomon Graham, city, and Sylvia Elizabeth Pipes, Penbrook. Howard David Macnamer and M. Beale Hooper, city. Henry Fetterhoff, Tower City, and Edna May Hess, Williamstown.

TWO BIG LINERS WITH MUNITIONS BURNED AT N. Y.

Gasoline For Russia Spreads \$3,000,000 Conflagration; Starts on Dock

Investigating Fire Which Destroys Cargo of Sugar on British Ship at Phila.

Philadelphia, Feb. 16.—Investigation is being made to-day by city authorities, officials of the Earn Line Steamship Company and the British consulate to determine whether the fire which damaged the sugar cargo of the British steamship Dalton at a wharf here last night was of incendiary origin.