



ALL ALONG ROUTE OF GREAT TRADE EXCURSION WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY PROJECT GIVEN BOOST

BOLSTER TRADE RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBOR CITIES

Harrisburg Businessmen Are Learning All About Possibilities of Central Penna.

GOBS AND GOBS O' FUN

Big Topic of Interest Is Development of Great Highway Through City

[From Staff Correspondent]

Bellefonte, Pa., Feb. 17.—As the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce excursionists go swinging around the circle on the second day of the big annual trade trip, great interest centers about the William Penn Highway project, and towns all along the way are congratulating the visitors on what is being accomplished.

The news that the William Penn Way has been given national recognition—as announced exclusively in the Telegraph last night—came as a big surprise at Huntingdon last evening just as the fellows were about to begin the last lap of the first day's journey, when W. P. Lewis, representing the Huntingdon Chamber of Commerce read the telegram from A. W. Henderson, secretary of the Pike's Peak Ocean-to-Ocean Highway Association announcing the fact of the recognition.

That telegram was the one big feature of a day clock full of big features. The message was addressed to E. M. C. Africa, one of the big figures of Huntingdon county who is putting his heart and soul into the effort for the establishment of the William Penn Highway route. He and a dozen others will represent the county at the highway conference to be held in Harrisburg next month under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce on a date to be fixed at the convenience of Governor Pennsbrough.

Boost Route All the Way All the way from Harrisburg to Altoona the excursionists heard about the William Penn route and every community is interested in it and is boosting the plan to the extent of its ability. The climax came at Huntingdon, where, on a platform along the old turnpike that is to be a part of the new highway, speakers of Harrisburg and Huntingdon joined in pledges to cooperate for the success of the movement.

To-day most naturally, one of the big topics of conversation is the William Penn Highway and what it will mean to the Capital City of Pennsylvania.

Swing 'Round the Circle Bellefonte, Tyrone, Bellefonte were visited by the excursionists in rapid succession this morning and this afternoon the big doings will occur at Lockhaven, and Williamsport. At 10 o'clock to-night after a joint dinner

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American Lawyer Accuses Sixty of Assassination in Death of Insurgent Leader

Manila, Feb. 17.—An American lawyer of Manila named Kelly, who was a delegate to the Democratic national convention in 1912, has been sentenced by the Supreme Court to six months' imprisonment and to the payment of a fine of \$500 for the publication of a book which says General MacArthur is a political enemy, and that he is guilty of the murder of 60 innocent and 60 Supreme Court justices, were guilty of assassination in connection with the execution of Norrie and his two accomplices.

Kelly filed criminal charges against the officials, whom he accuses, and he applied for the release of two others, who were sentenced as accomplices of Norrie. His imprisonment, Kelly has now sent a cable dispatch addressed to the United States Supreme Court in Washington, asking that he be liberated pending an investigation of his case.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Friday; not much change in temperature; lowest to-night about freezing. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Probably fair to-night and Friday; not much change in temperature; light westerly winds.

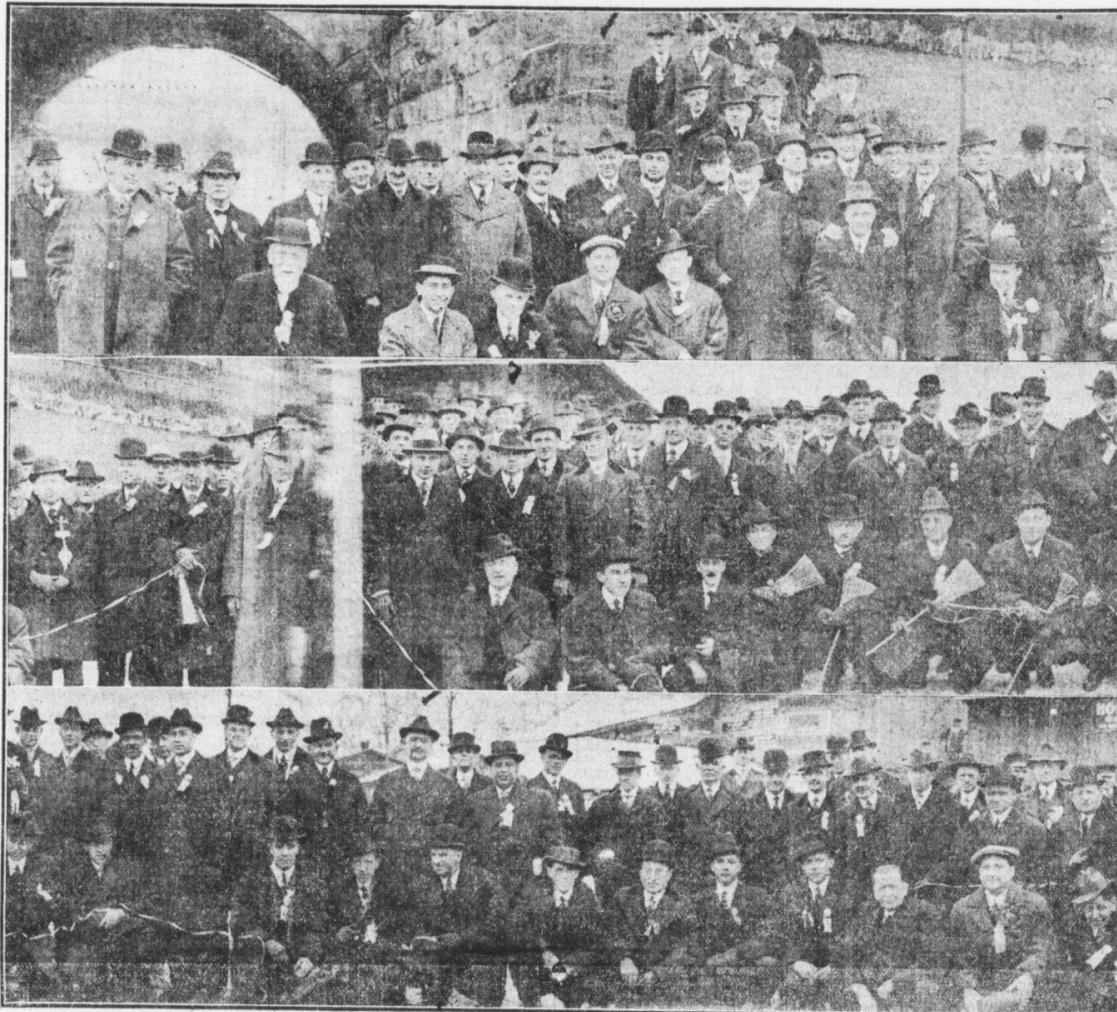
River The Susquehanna river and all its branches will rise slightly or remain nearly stationary. A stage of about 4.5 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Friday morning.

General Conditions The center of the disturbance that swept north of the Lake Region, Wednesday morning, has moved eastward to New England. It has caused light rain, sleet and snow in the last twenty-four hours over the Upper St. Lawrence Valley and along the Atlantic coast from New Jersey to Maine. Elsewhere throughout the territory represented on the map fair weather has prevailed, except in Manitoba and British Columbia.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 32. Sun: Rises, 6:56 a. m.; sets, 5:42 p. m. Full moon, to-morrow, 9:29 p. m. River Stage: 4.5 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 34. Lowest temperature, 24. Mean temperature, 28. Normal temperature, 30.

TAKE A LOOK AT 'EM GIRLS! THEY'RE HARRISBURG'S LIVEWIRES



Harrisburg's Chamber of Commerce excursionists "Had Their Picture Taken" at Mt. Union yesterday. Arent they a jimdandy lot? Eh, what?

ELIZABETHVILLE WELL TO FRONT FOR INDUSTRIES

Thriving Up-County Borough Will Celebrate Hundred Years' Growth

Special to the Telegraph Elizabethville, Pa., Feb. 17.—Of the dozens of manufacturing towns in the Central Pennsylvania territory, there is none which has a better reputation in the industrial world than Elizabethville. In this old town, which has been in existence for 99 years, there are quite a few industries and they are all as busy as can be. Labor is scarce and there are some plants which are willing to take all of the help they can get.

And the good condition of the town's industries only typifies in a way the progress of the borough.

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Nine Dead and Score Hurt in Opera House Collapse

By Associated Press Mexico, Tex., Feb. 17.—Search of the ruins of the Mexico Opera House which collapsed last night and of business buildings destroyed in the resulting fire failed to add to the list of victims and the number of dead early to-day remained at nine. Nearly a score injured were reported resting easily.

New Born Baby Burned to Death; Mother Rescued

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Feb. 17.—A new born child, about eight hours old, of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Broad was burned to death to-day in a fire which destroyed their home at Nanticoke, near here.

BUY PENNA. PLANT

Kane, Pa., Feb. 17.—The Aetna Explosive Company of New York yesterday purchased the plant of the Warren Chemical Products Company, at Russell, Warren county, for \$200,000. The plant recently completed a \$1,000,000 war order for gunpowder for the allies.

FALL OF ERZERUM WILL INFLUENCE ENTIRE CONFLICT

Capture of Turkish Stronghold by Russians Changes Whole Situation

With the capture of Erzerum by the Russians, interest in war operations has shifted its center momentarily to the fields of warfare in Armenia, Persia and Mesopotamia, where the campaigns are expected to be notably influenced in their course by the fall of the Turkish stronghold.

The current Turkish official statement gives no clue to the course of events following the capture of the fortress and indeed does not record that happening. The only mention of the operations in this war area is the declaration that the Russians, in the fighting of the three days preceding, lost 5,000 dead and sixty prisoners.

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May Transfer Houston From Agriculture to War Dept.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—Cabinet gossip to-day took a strong trend toward the possible transfer of Secretary Houston from the Department of Agriculture to the War Department. Dr. W. O. Thompson, president of the University of Ohio, and Representative Asbury F. Lever, of South Carolina, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, were being discussed as successors to Secretary Houston.

T. R. GRANDPA AGAIN

By Associated Press Richmond, Va., Feb. 17.—A cablegram from Buenos Aires announces the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Roosevelt, Mrs. Roosevelt was Miss Belle Willard, of Richmond, daughter of the American ambassador at Madrid. Mrs. Roosevelt has been in Buenos Aires two months. This is Colonel Roosevelt's fifth grandchild.

DYE WORTH \$400 JUMPS TO \$12,000

Special to the Telegraph Boston, Mass., Feb. 17.—The shortage in dyestuffs and the demand by textile manufacturers for this product was pointed out by dealers who reported that a barrel of violet dye bought fourteen months ago for \$400 had been sold here for \$12,000, an increase of 3000 per cent.

DOCTORS DISCUSS LAWS

Fifty medical men, including surgeons of railroads and industrial plants, met to-day at the Capitol to discuss industrial hygiene, occupational diseases and workmen's compensation procedure with Dr. Francis D. Patterson, of the Department of Labor and Industry. A general plan for co-operation was talked over.

SCHWAB ENDS NEGOTIATIONS FOR PA. STEEL

P. R. R. Official Confirms Story That Wizard Has Purchased Local Company

Philadelphia, Feb. 17.—Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, will become owner of the Pennsylvania Steel Company before the end of this week, probably to-day. The passing of the company to Schwab and confirmed by a Pennsylvania Railroad representative who has taken an active part in the negotiations.

The Bethlehem Steel head will pay \$100 for the preferred stock and "about" \$40 for the common shares.

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Munitions Steel Plant Is Burned by Mysterious Fire

Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 17.—The plant of the Parist Steel Company was almost completely destroyed by fire late last night with a loss estimated at upwards of \$450,000. The origin of the blaze is unknown.

Three of New York's "Big Four" Will Support Root for President

New York, Feb. 17.—Without consulting with Governor Whitman, who had aspired to be the chairman of the delegation, three members of New York's "Big Four" to the Republican National Convention last night practically decided for Elihu Root for President.

200 DESERT VILLA

By Associated Press Torreon, Coahuila, Mexico, Feb. 17.—Two hundred former Villa partisans reached Gomez Palacio and Laredo, suburbs of Torreon, and asked for amnesty to-day. They reported that Casixto Contreras, one of the principal leaders, was seeking an opportunity to cross the border into the United States so that he might join his family in St. Louis, Mo.

PENBROOK PAVING PLANS HELP SHOW PROGRESSIVENESS

Growing Borough Will Pave Main Street Next Summer

Special to the Telegraph Penbrook, Pa., Feb. 17.—As a result of the great spirit of progressiveness manifested by residents of Penbrook, Main street, the borough's main thoroughfare, will be torn up and paved with asphalt during the coming summer. The big improvement plan is now before the borough council and no person expects to see the paving ordinances fall.

Penbrook residents have heard of the paving proposition for a long time, in fact two years have elapsed since the matter was first discussed. But

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Aged Woman Runs to Street Clothing Ablaze; Dies at H'b'g Hospital

Rushing from her home last evening with the clothing almost burned from her body, Mrs. Wilhelmina Hartz, aged 77, of 213 South River street, collapsed on the sidewalk, died shortly after in the Harrisburg hospital. Edward Swartz, a neighbor, heard her cries for help, and ran to her aid, extinguishing the flames by rolling her in a snowbank. He was badly burned about the face, hands and arms. According to hospital physicians, Mrs. Hartz's body was almost burned to a crisp in a number of places.

Jury Acquits Mrs. Alma Keane of Manslaughter

Mrs. Alma Keane was acquitted by a jury in the Dauphin county court to-day of a charge of manslaughter growing out of an accident October 31, 1914, when an automobile she was driving in North Third street, near Harris street, struck and killed 5-year-old John McCormick. The jury, however, directed that she should pay the costs which amount to about \$150.

KOTUR TO GIVE LIE TO STATE'S STAR WITNESS?

Defense Will Question Story of Man Who Said He Saw Backie Stricken Down

ASK FOR A NEW TRIAL

Mike Novokovic, Who Told Tale, Not Even in House, Wickersham Contends

Was or was not Mike Novokovic, the State's star witness in the trial of Nikola Kotur, in 725 South Third street, Steelton, the night of December 22, 1915, when Josep Backie was murdered?

That is one of the questions the defense will raise, according to ex-Recorder O. G. Wickersham to-day, in appealing to the Dauphin county court for a new trial to save Kotur from paying the law's penalty in the electric chair for the murder of Backie.

Additional evidence to the effect that Novokovic was not only not in the house in which the murder is alleged to have been committed but was in another section of the foreign quarter, reached his ears by the telephone last evening, Mr. Wickersham said.

Other reasons will be filed in the petition for a new trial and in order to prepare his plea fully Mr. Wickersham said the court may be asked Monday to extend the customary four days' time limit for asking for an

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Will Operate All-Night Cars on Rutherford Line

Commencing Saturday night the Harrisburg Railway Company will run cars every hour, after 12.30 at night to and from Rutherford. This new service was announced today after a conference between Philadelphia and Reading Railway and Harrisburg Railway company officials. It is understood that the Reading company guarantees that there will be no loss to the traction company. The Reading company will eliminate its night train service to and from Rutherford.

PROVISIONALLY ACCEPT LATEST LUSITANIA NOTE

U. S. Asks For Assurances That Germany Will Not Sink Liners Without Warning

BERLIN TO REFUSE

Cannot Accept Armed Ship Suggestion; New Note Asked

The question of what constitutes defensive armament is to be determined later in a note yet agreed upon. It is suggested that the United States may propose that guns mounted on the stern of ships and capable of being swung from 15 to 20 degrees in either direction might come within that class.

Will Not Accept It was stated authoritatively that Germany, because of its unusual position, can not and will not accept the suggestion of the United States as it now stands that liners carrying arms

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Fourteen Are Hurt When Four Cars of Florida Limited Roll Over Bank

Richmond, Va., Feb. 17.—The Seaboard Air Line's Florida Limited, No. 19, north bound, was wrecked today at Kingsland bridge, ten miles south of here, while running at high speed. No one was killed, but fourteen persons were badly injured and others less seriously hurt. The engine tender jumped the tracks, tipping up rails and ties, and four coaches went down a steep embankment. The injured were brought to Richmond hospitals.

TO PRINT MEXICAN DATA; 76 KILLED

Washington, Feb. 17.—All the State Department's data on the Mexican situation asked for by Senator Fall was transmitted to the Senate to-day by President Wilson and on motion of Chairman Stone of the Foreign Relations Committee was ordered printed as a public document. It had been expected some of it would be held confidential. In a letter from Secretary Lansing accompanying the report it is said that seventy-six American citizens were killed in Mexico in the years 1913, 1914, 1915, as against forty-seven in the three years preceding it, and that twenty-six civilian Americans and sixteen soldiers were killed on American soil in the same three years as a result of Mexican troubles.

PLOTTED TO DYNAMITE PLANT

Detroit, Feb. 17.—Information regarding an alleged plot to dynamite the American Car and Foundry Company's plant here, has resulted in the detention by the police of two men who were formerly employed by that company.

FRITZ GOES TO SYRACUSE

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Infielder Harry Fritz was sold to the Syracuse club of the New York State League to-day by the Chicago Nationals. Fritz is the Philadelphia high school star, who played on Wilmington Tri-State team, and later joined the Feds.

TAKES POISON BY MISTAKE; DYING

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 17.—Swallowing a poison tablet by mistake to cure the headache, Mrs. Willie Sayre Short, formerly the wife of Dudley A. Short, of Chicago, and daughter of Will Sayre, a Lexington banker, is reported to be dying at a local hospital late to-day.

UNABLE TO AGREE ON WAGE SCALE

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 17.—The subcommittee of operators and miners of the Central competitive bituminous coal fields of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, has been unable to reach an agreement on a new wage scale and will so report to the full joint conference this afternoon.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Edgar Philip Herberster, Yeagerstown, and Helen Ferguson Sayford, city. Eugene Croll Miller and Nellie Elena Clouser, city. Jacob Glase Kinley, Hummelstown, and Grace Marie Ellenberger, Rutherford Heights.