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CITY AND COUNTY JOIN IN PLANNING OFFICE BUILDING

First Step Taken to Clear Way For a Municipal Hall

LEGAL STEPS TO BE TAKEN

Comfort Station Is Not Favored in Market Square

City and county commissioners, at a joint meeting this morning, passed a resolution directing City Solicitor John E. Fox and County Solicitor Philip S. Moyer to report whether any legal questions must be settled through legislation before the city and county can join in the erection of a modern building on the site of the present courthouse.

The conference of the commissioners this morning in the City Council chamber was held to discuss the advisability of constructing a public comfort station just west of the present Courthouse. When it was brought out in the discussion that a new Courthouse and City Hall should be built on the same site, it was decided to abandon any further plans for the comfort station until it is determined how the city and county can proceed with planning for the new building to replace the present structure.

Move Is Approved All of the city and county officials at the conference heartily approved the move and said that if the county title on which the Courthouse stands must be changed by state legislation so that the city can join in paying for a new structure, the solicitors should investigate at once and make a report, after which necessary legislation will be prepared to be introduced at the coming session.

Mayor to Name Committee A resolution was unanimously passed authorizing Mayor Keister to appoint a committee to receive the report and decide what action should be taken to start the plans for the new courthouse and City Hall building. Mayor Keister said he would appoint all the members of City Council and the Board of County Commissioners as they would be the ones directly concerned in providing for the big improvement.

Everyone present urged immediate action so that within a year at the most the necessary funds would be available and definite plans complete. The two solicitors will confer in a day or two and prepare their report. Should it be necessary to have legislation prepared for passage at the coming session, it will be drawn up in the near future the officials declared.

To Settle Legal Point When the conference opened County Commissioner H. C. Wellen said he would not favor the construction of a comfort station in the vacant space west of the courthouse, if the structure would in any way interfere with the erection of a new courthouse. City officials who were present prior to the session had been discussing the need of a city hall, immediately asked the County Commissioners for their opinion on making plans for a joint city and county office building and courthouse. The county officials approved the suggestion at once but called attention to probable legal obstacles as the county at present holds the title to the site on which the courthouse stands.

City officials said these questions would be settled through legislation and then County Commissioner Henry M. Stine made a motion that the two solicitors meet and prepare their report reviewing the legal status of the property title and what rights the city and county would have for improvements on property.

German Cabinet Warns Russians of Hun Dangers Berlin, Dec. 11.—The German cabinet has sent a wireless message to the Russian government asking it not to send a delegation to Berlin for a conference planned for December 16. The reason given was the "present situation in Germany."

The Russian Bolshevik delegates were invited by the executive committee of the Soldiers' and Workmen's Council against the wishes of the cabinet. The opposition of the cabinet has been strengthened, beyond doubt, by accusations made by Adolph Joffe, the Bolshevik ambassador to Germany, who has made a statement saying Ministers Haase, Barth and others were friendly toward him and actively seconded his plan to introduce Russian methods into Germany.

In spite of their denials, Joffe's accusations have created a painful impression in many quarters.

Knights of Malta Here to Let Contracts For New Fraternal Home John G. Miles, supreme commander of the Knights of Malta, a member of the board of governors of the proposed fraternal home to be erected at Granville, Mifflin county, met with the other members of the board in conference at the Bolton House to-day and further plans for the erection of the structure were made. Among the important business being transacted is the letting of various contracts.

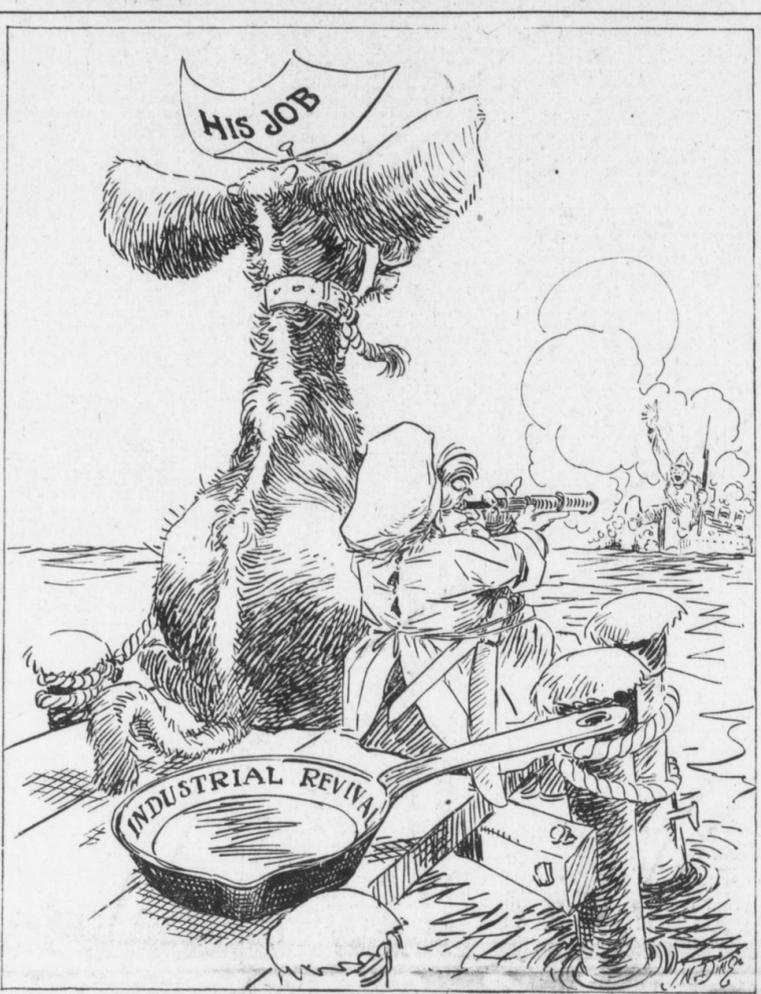
The new home will be the nucleus for a larger institution. It is planned to build the first structure at an estimated cost of \$75,000, to accommodate 75 guests. This first structure will be used for aged members.

Members of the board of governors which is meeting this afternoon include: A. W. Samuel, Mt. Carmel, president; John F. Longenecker, vice-president; Lebanon: Charles S. Messinger, treasurer; Tatamy, John G. Miller, Wilkensburg; Charles H. Binigaman, Reading; Harry M. Askin, Carlisle; Thomas H. Greer, Butler; J. H. Hoffman, secretary, Philadelphia.

THE WEATHER For Harrisburg and vicinity: Rain this afternoon—partly clear and warmer to-night; Thursday fair and colder.

River The Susquehanna river and all its branches will rise slightly. A stage of about 4.2 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Thursday morning.

Meeting Him at the Dock With the Fatted Calf



HARDSCRABBLE MAY COME DOWN IN EARLY FALL

Papers Now Being Prepared For Supreme Court Hearing Next May

EXPECT QUICK ACTION

City Solicitor Fox Preparing Papers For Trial of Appeals

Preparation of the legal documents to be presented when the Hardscrabble case is heard by the Supreme Court at its session in this city next May, has been started by City Solicitor John E. Fox.

City officials said that an opinion may be given in these cases by the higher court within several weeks after they are heard, and that the legal proceedings to open Front street to the river line, from Herr to Calder streets, will probably end if the Supreme Court holds them valid. Some of the buildings in that section could be razed late next year it was said.

The Supreme Court will be asked to pass on the Dauphin county court ruling. The local court held that the city had the right to open Front street on the west side, from Herr to Calder streets, and was liable for damages for all improvements which had been erected there. The second point is contested by the city. Solicitor Fox holding that under an act of 1871, the property

will come to Harrisburg this year. Seventy-five cents to five dollars will be the cost of the trees. The same causes that contributed to their security, account for the increase in prices.

Another factor making for the increase and the scarcity is that there will be no trees from Maine, a heretofore unfailing source of ready supply. The Maine trees, however, will not be forthcoming, due to a communicable disease said to be carried in their branches.

"Do your Christmas tree shopping early" is the advice of Mr. Holmes, who predicts that his carload will be the last as well as the first to arrive in the lot, and they may be all that

The Sign in the Window

Join

—all you need is a heart and a dollar

WET WEATHER NO CHECK ON THE RED CROSS

Everything Ready For Volunteer Drive to Open Tomorrow

On 403 city blocks to-morrow and Friday there will be a home or place of business in a window of which will be displayed this poster.

It is the sign which tells dwellers on these blocks that at this particular place they can volunteer their membership.

WHOLE CARLOAD OF TREES ARE HERE FOR CHRISTMAS

Evergreens Arrive in Carload Lot to Please Hearts of the Youngsters; Prices Will Be High This Year

They're here! Christmas trees! To Harrisburg youngsters this comes as the most welcome bit of news since the signing of the armistice, for the word had gone out that the evergreens which annually delight the heart of Young America were not to be a part of this year's Christmas celebration.

The influenza epidemic, labor shortage and increased freight charges have contributed to their scarcity, and the first supposition that there would be none at all.

SCHOOL TEACHERS TO FIGHT FOR A WAGE INCREASE

Plans Made to Ask Legislature For Twenty-five Per Cent. More

LIVING COSTS HIGHER

Only Professional People Not to Get More Money, Is Claim

State-wide plans are being laid by school teachers of Pennsylvania to bring before the State Legislature in its coming session, a bill providing for a 25 per cent. increase in their salaries. The movement which was urged by prominent educational leaders of the city and state, has received endorsement of hundreds of school teachers and it is probable that before the Legislature convenes a solid organization of school teachers will be organized with full power to wage a fight in the state legislative body.

Teachers in the schools of the city have given their hearty endorsement of the plan. It is contended that, despite the fact that the cost of living has been constantly rising and the salaries of other professional workers have been boosted in accordance with this living increase, there has been no increase in school teachers' salaries. To remedy this condition of affairs, the organization is being effected. Men and women high in the educational circles of the state are confident that the increase will be carried through by the Legislature without much discussion.

A local organization of members of the school board and school teachers of Harrisburg was recently effected to discuss the local situation in line with the state-wide movement. No definite action has been taken by this committee, but the matter has been under advisement and it is probable there will be a link in the chain forged here to co-operate with the teachers in Pennsylvania in putting the proposition before the lawmakers.

Members of the local committee include Harry A. Boyer, Dr. C. E. L. Keen, Miss Elizabeth Baker, Miss Maude Gamble and Miss Margaret Sullivan. Prominent among the workers is Miss Margaret Sullivan, high in the state educational circles and one of the most popular school teachers in Pennsylvania.

Seek Right of Relatives to Cable to Soldiers

Washington, Dec. 11.—The Senate yesterday adopted a resolution by Senator Spencer, of Missouri, requesting the Postmaster General to inform the Senate whether information can be asked by relatives and received by cable as to the welfare of officers and enlisted men overseas from whom no word has been received in six months.

CHURCHMEN HAVE A WIDENED VISION BECAUSE OF WAR

Presbyterian Synod Down to Business; Reports Occupy Commissioners' Time

NOTED PASTORS HERE

The Rev. Dr. Smith to Speak Tonight; Dr. Marquis Unable to Be Present

The thirty-seventh annual session of the Synod of Pennsylvania of the Presbyterian Church, which opened last night with more than 200 commissioners present, continued its meetings to-day in the Pine Street Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Dr. George Montgomery, of Pittsburgh, elected moderator at last night's session, presided at the meetings to-day. He succeeds the Rev. Dr. W. Frank Reber, of Findly, Ohio. The Rev. Craig N. Liggett, of Philadelphia, was appointed vice-moderator. The Rev. Dr. Robert Hunter is stated clerk at the sessions.

Mission Leader Not Coming It was announced this morning that the Rev. Dr. John A. Marquis, of New York City, general secretary of the Board of Missions, who was to make an address this evening, will not be able to be present. The speaker at the popular meeting to-night is the Rev. Dr. J. Frank Smith, of Dallas, Texas, moderator of the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

To-morrow night the speakers will be the Rev. R. H. Guild, of New York City, executive secretary of church federation, Federal Council, and the Rev. Dr. G. S. McCune, of Korea, representing the Board of Foreign Missions. Friday morning an address will be made by the Rev. Dr. L. L. Bolby, representing the Committee of the General Assembly on Sabbath Observance.

Reports Occupy Attention To-day's morning and afternoon sessions were taken up principally with reports of committees. Reports at this morning's meeting included those of the stated clerk, permanent committee on Synodical Home Missions and Executive Commission. The Synod this afternoon gave the best part of its session to the consideration of its work for men and for men.

The work of men this year was featured this afternoon by two strong addresses by the new chairman, the Rev. Dr. Money, of Beaver Falls, and by the Rev. Dr. William F. Weir, the general secretary.

Young Harrisburg Officer Describes Final Scene in Great War Drama

Lieutenant Albert H. Stackpole, of the 113th Field Artillery, writing from the fighting front to the home folks in Harrisburg, the day after the armistice in a paragraph or two.

"Well, it's all over—at least the guns have stopped," he says, "and the last twenty-four hours have been the quietest I have ever known. Thank God for the end of it!"

"It was really a most dramatic ending. To-day, Monday morning, after we got the news we waited, the guns still pounding away. As 11 o'clock approached they seemed to increase their rate of fire—a few minutes before eleven they almost sounded like a barrage—then the hands came to the hour—there was a moment of suspense—was it really true about the armistice?—and then silence—as loud as the noise had been a few seconds before—no one said a word for fully five minutes—then far off back of the lines we heard the bell of a church in a little French town going like mad—joyously shouting out the news that it had waited over four long years to hear—and then the shouting—everyone talking and yelling. I never saw such excited people—the French especially."

"Last night the plain in front of us looked like a Christmas tree—victors and vanquished both seemed to be setting off all the rockets they had left—reds and greens and strings of white, flashing up one after another, and in bunches. They say the 'doughboys' have already made a few calls over the lines."

Firemen's Union Claims Losses in City Are Less Than Underwriters State

At the Hope enginehouse last evening Fire Chief Kinder announced to the Firemen's Union that our fire department is one hundred per cent. motorized, and that every company now has a smoke protecting helmet.

Fire Commissioner Gross was urged to prepare and have posted rules for drivers of apparatus.

A resolution was passed unanimously urging the Mayor to have the ordinances of the city more strictly enforced, particularly with reference to obstructing firemen on their way to fires by trolley cars and drivers of motor apparatus, also the standing of automobiles close to fireplugs.

President Denning and Fire Chief Kinder were named as a committee to make arrangements for the participation of firemen in the inaugural parade next month.

Statistics carefully compiled by the union showed that the fire losses in Harrisburg are less than one dollar per capita of the population, and not five dollars, as stated by some of the fire insurance agents; that there is less fire loss in Harrisburg than any northern city in the United States. Further, that the responses to fire alarms now average less than one-half a minute each, day or night.

WILHELM TO KEEP MUM UNTIL PUT ON TRIAL BY ALLIES

KRUPP WORKS TO MOULD FOR PEACE

Amsterdam, Dec. 11.—The directors of the Krupp Munitions Works have announced their intention to transform the plant into a factory devoted to the arts of peace and have requested the workers there to make proposals for the manufacture of peace materials, according to the Cologne Gazette.

Ex-Kaiser Will Say Nothing on How War Started

EXPECTS TO DEFEND SELF

Won't Talk For Fear of Incriminating Accomplices

LONDON, Dec. 11.—WILLIAM HOHENZOLLERN will not make any statement as to his efforts to prevent the outbreak of war in 1914, according to the Amerongen correspondent of the Express.

The correspondent finally has succeeded in having submitted to Herr Hohenzollern questions as to his pacific attitude before the war and his steps to prevent hostilities.

Count Von Bontinck, the host of the former emperor received the correspondent after the questions had been laid before Herr Hohenzollern and is reported to have said: "The Kaiser much appreciates your message and thanks you. He says: 'Tell him, if there is any possibility of my becoming a defendant, I prefer postponing anything I have to say until that time. In addition, do not desire in any way to compromise any member of the government as it existed at the time of the outbreak of the war.'"

Paris, Dec. 11.—Legal action against the former German emperor has been commenced by an organization of "Little Mothers."

The demand for prosecution states that the commanders of the German army in April, 1916, directed that minor girls be carried away from their families, that they were submitted to odious treatment and forced

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Washington.—Final estimates of production of the country's principal crops, announced to-day by the Department of Agriculture place the corn crop at 2,582,814,000 bushels and the wheat crop at 917,100,000 bushels.

The total value of the nation's principal crops this year is estimated at \$12,272,412,000, compared with \$11,658,032,000 last year, basing their value on the prices paid to producers December 1.

SMILES AT CABINET SUGGESTION Harrisburg.—Lewis S. Sadler, Executive Secretary of the State Committee of National Defense, was in the city yesterday. He only smiled when it was suggested to him that he would be the new State Highway Commissioner of Pennsylvania. It is generally believed there is substantial foundation for the report.

THE REV. DR. H. H. SANGREE DIES Harrisburg.—Word of the sudden death of the Rev. Dr. H. H. Sangree, who was a city pastor, a number of years ago, was received to-day from Haddonfield, N. J.

PRIVATE BROWN WOUNDED IN WAR Harrisburg.—Private Charles W. Brown, 1315 Curran avenue, was this afternoon reported severely wounded in action on November 10, the day before the signing of the armistice. He is a son of W. H. Brown, an employe of the Graupner Brewery.

Harrisburg.—Roy Thomas, 305 Pine street, Steelton, is named in an additional list of casualties made public by the War Department to-day, as having been killed in action. He previously had been reported missing in action.

INVITES BASEBALL RIVALS TO TABLE New York.—The National Baseball League went on record here to-day favoring a joint conference with the American League to discuss problems which confront the game with the return to peace conditions.

COTTON YIELD 5,595,529,000 POUNDS Washington.—The total production of cotton in the United States for the season of 1918-19 will amount to 5,595,529,000 pounds.

MARRIAGE LICENSES Samuel H. Miller, Mount Joy, and Margaret T. O'Conner, Columbia; George E. Smith and Hazel M. Sheffer, Harrisburg; Raffaele Tombrillo, Harrisburg; and Rose E. Mann, Hummelstown.