

PREPARES FOR BIG COAL PROBE AND ADJOURNS

Commission Ready For Beginning of Public Hearings on Situation

By Associated Press

Washington, Dec. 31.—After preparing the way for beginning the investigation into the bituminous coal industry, the President's commission today adjourned its sessions. Rembrandt Peale, representing the operators and John P. White, representing the miners, left for their homes to spend the holidays, but Henry M. Robinson, representing the public, remained to guide the preliminary work.

The staff of assistants already had begun assembling statistical data for use in the industry, but public hearings will not begin until January 12.

Tentatively the commission has decided not to assemble its facts by the process of calling coal miners and coal operators in person to testify at hearings in open hearings. The commission will send out formal inquiries to representative coal mining concerns in all the districts of the United States asking for cost sheets covering operations in 1919. These will be analyzed with the assistance of the Federal Trade Commission and other governmental bodies and mining engineers.

When this data has all been assembled, the representatives of the miners and of the operators in each field will be called in to present their arguments in open hearings. The central competitive district will be the first field to be dealt with, but the other fields over the country will be dealt with in like manner, so that the commission's decision will be made in the light of a national, rather than a sectional study of the facts.

Commissioners Peale and White will return immediately after New Year's to continue their handling of the details with Mr. Robinson.

Children at Home Thank Their Friends

The boys and girls of the Children's Industrial Home today asked Harrisburg Telegraph to send their greetings and best wishes for a happy New Year to the Kiwanis, Rotary and Motor Clubs; to the Chamber of Commerce, the Elks, the Knights of Columbus and the Fraternal Order of Police; to the Mayor, the Penn-Harris Hotel and employees, the Moorhead Knitting Mill and employees, the Dandy Line Shoe Store, the Harrisburg Apparel Company, the churches which have contributed so freely, the Bible and Sunday School classes, the Girl Scouts, the Boy Scouts, and all individuals who have helped in any way to make the Christmas just past a season to be so long and joyously remembered.

CONTINUOUS SERVICE

The Rev. Dr. F. Watson Hannan, of Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J., will continue his lectures of this week at the Bible Conference in Stevens Memorial Church, when he will speak at 7:45 o'clock on "The Biblical Doctrine of God." The Rev. William Moses will open the conference which will be presided over by John Appleby. John W. Pyles will be in charge of the special music. To-morrow evening Dr. Edwin A. Pyles will be in charge of the devotional exercises to be held in connection with the Bible conference.

S. S. BARNEY DIES

By Associated Press
Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 31.—Samuel S. Barney, 53, former congressman and recently judge of the court of claims at Washington, died today at his home in this city.

DR. J. H. KREIDER

Dr. J. H. Kreider, 1419 Derry street, has resumed practice, having returned from service in the United States Army.—Adv.

SCHOTT TRIAL ON MURDER CHARGE STARTED TODAY

Ten Witnesses and Attorneys For Both Sides Ready For Examinations

By Associated Press

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 31.—About 10 witnesses and attorneys for both the state and defense announced themselves ready for the examining trial today of Dr. Christopher G. Schott, local physician, charged with the murder of Miss Elizabeth Ford Griffith, his 17-year-old office assistant and former fiancée.

Dr. Schott has asserted his belief that Miss Griffith committed suicide. Laurie Gardner, a girl of 13, and main witness for the defendant, has not wavered in the face of questioning by police from her statement that she and Dr. Schott were delivering Christmas presents between 1 and 3 o'clock on the afternoon of December 24, when the coroner held the inquest into the death of Miss Griffith. She heard the pistol shot and led the coroner to believe she did not commit suicide.

William J. Ryan, a local baseball umpire who said he met and spoke to Dr. Schott about 2:30 p. m. on the day of the murder as he was emerging from his office which the physician has denied, is said to be the main witness for the state. Another witness said Miss Griffith on that day had told her that she had "nothing to say for."

Attorneys for the state last night were endeavoring to find a person who is said to have told a druggist that he heard the pistol shot and a few minutes later Dr. Schott came out of his office and drove away. All efforts made during the day to locate this person were unavailing.

State Commerce Chamber to Aid Ohio Organize

Calling on Pennsylvania to help them form a State Chamber of Commerce, Ohio has started plans looking to the establishment of a state body in their commonwealth. George E. Foss, general secretary of the Pennsylvania State Chamber of Commerce, will be the principal speaker at a meeting of the chamber of commerce secretaries of Ohio, which will be held in Columbus on January 9.

Many states are now beginning the formation of State Chambers of Commerce. Pennsylvania was the first to start this movement and has a strong organization which is considered the best in the country. Kansas recently started one and used the Ohio plan as a model. The Pennsylvania State Chamber of Commerce sent on here for definite suggestions as to procedure and Illinois also asked for assistance.

The Pennsylvania State Chamber of Commerce has several bureaus, each performing a definite function, and it is pursuing in a constructive manner much the same sort of activity for the state that a local chamber accomplishes for its own community.

Rotary Club Will Be Guests at Edison School

Members of the Harrisburg Rotary Club and their wives will be entertained by members of the club who are school directors or school officials at the Edison Junior High school building next Tuesday afternoon and evening.

The guests will spend the latter half of the afternoon inspecting the building, which is pronounced by the club as one of the finest examples of its kind in the country, and at 6 o'clock will have supper in the school cafeteria, the same kind and quality of food being prepared for them as the pupils eat daily at noon lunch. Some of the pupils will assist in the preparation. After supper the regular meeting of the club will be held in the auditorium of the school.

Use McNeill's Cold Tablets.—Adv.

News of Interest to All Military Men

CAVALRY TROOP IS REORGANIZED

Organization to Enroll 72 Men For Peace Basis Strength

Captain George J. Shoemaker presided last night when first steps were taken toward the reorganization of the Governor's Troop. Captain Shoemaker served overseas with the Twenty-eighth Division and was recently named to be captain of the new cavalry troop. Lieutenants Horace G. Geisel and Samuel Fitting assisted him. Both of these men were in service, the former in France, and the latter at the Mexican border.

Captain Shoemaker announced that a limited number of men will be enlisted in the troop for one year, provided they have a previous service record. One of every four men enlisting will be enrolled for a one-year term, while the other three will enlist for three years.

The troop will be composed of thirty-two men, the peace strength number, and as soon as forty-two men have been enlisted the organization will receive a State appropriation. The Federal government pays each enlisted man in the new guard one-fourth of the pay of his rank in the Regular Army. Each guardsman with the rank of private will receive \$80 annually.

Compulsory drill will be held one night each week with a summer encampment of fifteen days. The new troop will be equipped with thirty-two horses. Membership applications can be received from a number of former members and from new recruits. A membership committee will be named soon and will decide on the qualifications of the applicants.

ORGANIZE NEW UNIT

Colonel Stackpole, commanding the Eighth Infantry, spent yesterday in Hanover and inaugurated the movement to organize an infantry company, the National Guard in that town. Hanover is a progressive community and leading citizens and ex-soldiers have taken the preliminary steps toward the formation of a company.

TO HOLD DANCE

Plans are under way for a dance to be held by the Eighth Infantry some time late in January. This will be known as the first annual reception and military ball. The date has not yet been decided. A committee tentatively set for January 27. The affair will be held in the armory. Further particulars will be known in a few days.

NEW YEAR TO GET GLAD WELCOME

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artists from New York will make their appearance.

Dancing Planned

A half dozen girls from the big city have been engaged to keep a tired businessman of Harrisburg from becoming rested, or restive, or something, and will sing from the platform and among the tables in the ballroom of the hotel.

The usual noisemakers of rattles, whistles and horns will figure in the departure of Old Man 1919, and the welcome to the infant year. The stroke of 12, the lights will all be turned off for a few minutes. "Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgot" sung and Assistant Manager Worthington will ring the big church bell which is strung up somewhere about the dining room.

Dancing will then be resumed in the ballroom and continue indefinitely.

Trolley cars will run every twelve minutes in North Second street, Riverside and Reservoir lines. Every fifteen minutes in Third street, Fourth and Sixth streets, Hill, Steel, Progress, Berryhill and Race and Vine streets.

Last car leaving Market Square on the above lines at 1 a. m. The Lingiestown, Hummelstown, Middletown, Oberlin and Rockville cars will make their last trip at the usual time.

Y. M. C. A. Open House
Everything is in readiness for the big New Year's Open House at the Central Y. M. C. A. Second and Locust streets to-morrow. From 9 o'clock in the morning until 1 o'clock at night the house will be open for the reception of members and their guests.

In the afternoon at 2:30 the social committee of the "Y" has planned a big entertainment for the youngsters of Harrisburg who are not very often entertained in this way. Promptly at the hour designated the poor children of Harrisburg, all of whom have been invited to the party, will surge into the basketball hall and have into five hundred seats which are provided.

A dozen acts have been secured for the afternoon performance of amateur and professional talent, and John P. O'Neill, chairman of the committee, said to-day that everything that can be done for the youngsters will be done. Candy will be handed out to them as they go into the hall and they will be taken care of in every way possible.

Big Program
In the evening at 8 o'clock the program will include Colta and Colta, the well known magicians, in their latest presentation, the Mystical Room, which is said to be one of the cleverest bits of conjuring ever put on in Harrisburg. The P. R. Concert Company will sing a few selections, the younger boys B class will give a grand drill under the direction of C. W. Miller, and C. R. Kirk will give some impersonations. Prof. W. D. Keikel will present a skit with his newly formed Spanish class, and there will be a burlesque wrestling match between two of the city's most famous wrestlers.

The committee in charge of the celebration includes: John F. O'Neill, chairman; Ramsay Black, Frank Covart, Frank Davenport, Walter Wright, Frank Foster, Grant Porter, Dr. M. V. Hazen, Harry Leonard, C. W. Miller, Robert B. Reed, Sholl Bates, C. L. Linford, Scott, A. H. Stackpole, Ross Swope and A. K. Thomas.

Harrisburg Lodge Loyal Order of Moose have made great preparations to entertain their members and friends likewise. The trustees of this organization have secured a bear weighing 300 pounds as well as a deer weighing 200 pounds, and guarantee those who call a royal welcome as a feast of venison and bear meat.

The Elks will entertain more or less informally as is their custom on the first of the year. Supper will be served and there will be dancing and games.

A Quinine That Does Not Affect Head

Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets) can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. There is only one—Bromo Quinine. E. W. GROVE'S alternative at the best.—Adv.

OLD GUARDSMAN IS COMMANDER

Captain Painter



CAPTAIN PAINTER

Captain Jackson M. Painter, commander of Company E, Eighth Infantry, is an old guardsman. He started as a private early in 1911 and was promoted to second lieutenant on July 5, 1915. He was assigned to Company D, Eighth Infantry, and a short time after was transferred to Company G, Thirteenth Infantry, Pennsylvania National Guard. On September 22, 1917, he was promoted to first lieutenant and in command of his old company, Captain Painter was in the heaviest fighting that the Twenty-eighth Division took part in, namely, Marne defensive, Vesle defensive, Marne offensive, Boisse, Aisne offensive, St. Mihiel offensive and Meuse-Argonne offensive. He was wounded with high explosive on September 30, 1918, and was gassed twice, the first time on September 6, 1918, and later on October 4, 1918. Captain Painter is post commander of Garret Cochran Post No. 1, American Legion, Williamsport.

Musicians Slow in Organizing New Band

The matter of the organization of an Eighth Regiment band in this city is not receiving enthusiastic support from the musicians of Harrisburg, according to Regimental Headquarters, Eighth Infantry. Efforts have been made to get former members of the band and other musicians in the organization, but for some reason the activities of men interested in forming the new band have not been given much encouragement. The matter is now in the hands of the higher officers of the Guard and in the event that a desire for the local band exists in this city is not made within the next few days, the offer of the city of Reading that its band, already organized and functioning, be taken into the service intact as representing the regiment, will be accepted, according to information received from an official source.

C. of C. Supports State Guard Organization

Supporting the reorganization of the Pennsylvania National Guard, chambers of commerce throughout the State are getting busy. The local officers and lending their energies in the building of a new force.

Recently the State Chamber of Commerce sent out a request to the 124 cities of the Commonwealth which have commercial organizations, asking them to go on record as favoring the reorganization of the guard and to assist in its formation. This request has been very generally responded to and some strong resolutions adopted as the initial action.

The good business and solid patriotism in supporting the movement appealed to the good sense of the business men of the State and the ready response of the commercial organizations evidences their interest in it.

H. A. VAN GILDER DIES

Morrisstown, N. J., Dec. 31.—Harry A. Van Gilder, vice-president of the Morrisstown Trust Company, died here to-day, aged 55, of pneumonia. He had been connected with the bank a quarter of a century and was one of the well-known figures in New Jersey banking. Mr. Van Gilder was born in Williamsport, Pa., August 29, 1865. He was a widower and two children survive him.

CONTINUE PASSES

Orders are posted to-day in all shops, enginehouses and railroad offices, notifying employees holding annual passes that they would be continued until February 29. All annual passes expire to-day, and it has been the custom to issue passes for the new year before this date. Due to the change of date for returning the railroad to private ownership no new passes will be issued until March 1.

TO SPEAK AT Y. M. C. A.

"When the Friend of God Prayed" is the subject of an address to be delivered next Sunday afternoon in Fahnstock Hall, under the auspices of the Central Y. M. C. A. The Rev. J. E. Skillingham, pastor of the Carlisle Methodist Church, will make the address. The meeting will be held at 3:30 o'clock. Special music will be rendered by the Pennsylvania Railroad quartet.

FUNGUS DESTROYS POTATOES

St. Louis, Dec. 31.—Eighty per cent. of the country's sweet potato crops are destroyed annually by fungus diseases, according to delegates to the 20-day convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, in session here. The National Research Council is trying to eradicate these diseases.

TAKE OATH OF OFFICE

County Recorder James E. Lentz yesterday afternoon administered the oath of office to Ed. H. Fisher, register of wills-elect, and M. Harvey Taylor, who will succeed Mr. Lentz as recorder next Monday.

UNCLE SAM AFTER RIVERTON WATER

Complaints Filed Against the Charges Made For Fire Service

The War Department to-day brought formal complaint before the Public Service Commission against the rates of the Riverton Consolidated Water Company, operating on the West Shore of Cumberland county, for private fire service, including the ready-to-serve charge. It is claimed by the War Department, which had engaged in previous litigation with the company, that the measurement of water, that through a revision of rates the United States must pay \$125 a month for fire service. The borough of New Cumberland also attacked the rates of the company, claiming that they violated a franchise ordinance and J. R. Elchinger filed a must not hearing of the rates of the company.

The boroughs of Milton, Lewisburg, Watsonstown and West Milton filed complaints against the new rates of the Spring Brook Water Company, while complaint was filed by C. A. McDade against rates of the Spring Brook Water company, operating in Luzerne county.

Under a ruling made to-day by Robert S. Gawthrop, first deputy attorney general, the "general" department, "There is no reason why a notary public may not remit his fees for services in whole or in part, but he must account for the fees to which he is entitled for the purpose of making payment into the State Treasury of fifty per cent. of the fees in excess of \$1,500. The question arose because some notaries were reported not to be charging the fifty cents to which they are entitled under the act of 1919. Mr. Gawthrop says: "generosity may not operate to prejudice the right of the Commonwealth to receive what may be due under the law."

Ephraim T. Oswald, of Oxford, Chester county, State Capitol carpenter for many years, died to-day of heart trouble. He had been suffering from heart trouble for nine months but apparently was recovering when death came with scarcely a moment of warning. Dr. Gravatt had a wide reputation for his eloquence. He was known as strictly a gospel preacher. He had been pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in this city for fourteen years. Previous to coming here he was pastor of the First Church, Atlantic City. He was fifty-four years of age.

TO SETTLE WITH WRIGHTS

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ATTORNEYS ARGUE ON CHURCH SPLIT

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COOLIDGE REFUSES SECOND CHOICE

Pierre, S. D., Dec. 31.—Governor Calvin Coolidge, of Massachusetts, who was nominated for Vice-President of the United States at the Republican state proposal meeting recently, has wired the Secretary of State that he does not desire to be considered for endorsement at the March primaries in South Dakota.

Deaths and Funerals

MRS. SARAH A. LYTHER

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah A. Lyther, aged 81, will be conducted at the home, 1151 Market street, the Rev. Robert Bagnell, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, and the Rev. Dr. E. N. Kremer, pastor of the Reformed Salem Church, officiating. Mrs. Lyther was a member of Grace Church and to Keystone Grove, No. 15, A. F. L. order. She is survived by her son, Harvey F. Lyther, one sister, Mrs. Mary Brown, two brothers, William Hoover and Jacob Hoover; the following grandchildren, Mrs. Martin L. Foutz, Harvey W. Lyther, Nestor Lyther, George Lyther, Sarah Lyther, Mrs. Raymond Einzel, and six great-grandchildren.

WILLIAM BERNHEISEL

William Bernheisel, aged 53 years, died Saturday in Pittsburgh. Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of the son, 1222 Market street. Burial will be made in East Harrisburg Cemetery.

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Two Orchestras to Play For Event of Tomorrow Afternoon

The announcement that two orchestras will furnish continuous music for dancing at the Tea Dance in the Penn-Harris ballroom to-morrow afternoon, is greatly favored, as this novel arrangement has been tried but once before in Harrisburg. Dancing will go merrily on from 2:30 to 5:30 o'clock, with the orchestras playing alternate numbers. Both the Sourber-Myers and the Banjo-Saxo orchestras secured are arranging fine programs to assume their popularity.

The dance is given in response to requests from many attending the The Damsit, Christmas afternoon in the same ballroom. This was one of the most attractive of the holiday social season, and to-morrow's event will retain all the features making that enjoyable.

New Year's afternoon is usually a time when there is nothing special to do, so the Tea Dance will provide a pleasant diversion for the young folks home for the holidays, who desire to meet once again before returning to school and business, the old acquaintances.

The committee in charge includes: Miss Mary Hutman, Miss Dorothy Bothwell, George Shreiner, Jr., and Reed McCarty.

New Year's Night Dance at Colonial Country Club

Among the numerous New Year's dances will be the one at the Colonial Country Club to-morrow evening, with Alma Louise Payne giving a program of solo dances. Little Miss Payne, whose home is in Wichita, Kan., has appeared in the city on several former occasions winning much favorable comment. Her dancing talent is well known and undoubtedly be most delightful at the club. The Updegrave Orchestra will play for the general dancing.

GUESTS OVER HOLIDAYS

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Wolf, 228 Hummel street, entertained the following guests over Christmas and New Year's Day: Mr. and Mrs. E. Dunn, of Philadelphia; Arthur Burke, of Mason City, Iowa; John Kelley, of Scranton; Miss Helen Campbell, of Scranton; and Emmett C. Wolf, of Philadelphia.

W. C. T. U. TO MEET

The regular monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the usual time in the Fourth Street Church of God. Mrs. Carroll Winter will preside and the topic will be "Thoughts for the New Year."

OPPOSES MILK COMMISSION

New York, Dec. 31.—Opposition to the creation of a milk commission to regulate the dairy industry of the State, as urged by the Fair Price Milk Committee was expressed to-day by Albert Manning, secretary of the Dairyman's League.

LEG BROKEN IN FALL

A. D. Rebeck, 704 Regina street, sustained a broken leg yesterday when he fell from a ladder.

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