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ITS ROAD PLAN PRESENT BASIS

Jefferson Calls on House to Favor Continuation of the Sproul Idea

WOULD FORCE HIGHWAY ISSUE

Jefferson County Lawmaker Asks House to Commit Itself to Definite Policy Which Is Said Not to Conform to the Administration's Wishes

The House of Representatives will go on record for or against a definite road policy when a resolution requesting that the State Highway Department proceed with the repairs of the present system of State roads and the carrying out of the present departmental plans introduced this morning by Henry I. Wilson, of Jefferson, comes up for action.

The resolution was laid over for printing. Its sponsor said he is not eager to have immediate action, merely desiring the House to go on record in a matter of a definite road policy. The resolution endorses the Sproul road bill of 1911 and asks that the Highway Department proceed with the repair of the roads.

It is understood to be against the policy of the administration in regard to State roads. Governor Brumbaugh has said the Sproul bill is a mistake and that some of the roads should be turned back to the townships for maintenance.

Mr. Wilson later introduced a bill appropriating \$5,000,000 to the Highway Department for the improvement and repairing of State roads.

So far during this session of the General Assembly no administration legislation on State roads has been advanced. The Wilson resolution is the first effort of any kind in this session to get definite action on State highways, a subject that was one of the most discussed in the session of 1913 when the \$50,000,000 road loan was passed for the second time, only to be killed at the general election in 1913.

It was explained in connection with the Wilson resolution that approximately 8,500 miles of State highways were provided for as the beginning of the State highway system and that plans for approximately 1,500 miles were added subsequently and that the failure of the people to pass the constitutional amendment whereby \$50,000,000 was to be made available to complete this program left the State Highway Department without sufficient funds for the work. Much money already spent will have been wasted and agricultural and other interests of the State retarded, the resolution says, if something is not done.

NEW MOVIE BILL INTRODUCED

It Materially Modifies the Present Censorship Measure

A second bill for the regulation of the State Board of Moving Picture Censors, destined to become a substitute for the repealer, was introduced in the House this morning by Representative Isadore Stern, of Philadelphia.

It is an amendment to the act which created the Board of Censors and reduces the charge for censorship to 50 cents a picture, irrespective of the number of films or reels. The law now for fine allows the censors to charge \$2.50 for each reel, no matter how many reels are used to carry the same picture.

The Stern bill will likely have the preference in the committee, as the Administration is against the repealer which was introduced in the State-wide campaign on the part of the movie exhibitors against the censors.

The Stern equal rights bill, which was negatived in committee, was placed on the calendar of the House by a decisive vote this morning. It prohibits, under severe penalty, the exclusion of persons from places of accommodation and amusement for reasons of race, creed or color.

WOULD BRIDGE SUSQUEHANNA

Martin Introduces Bill in Senate for \$175,000 Structure at Dalmatia

Senator Martin, of Cumberland county, introduced in the Senate to-day a bill authorizing and regulating the construction of a bridge over the Susquehanna river between Dalmatia, Northumberland county, and McKees Half Falls, Snyder county, and McKeesport, Allegheny county.

The bill provides that the bridge shall connect with State highways on both sides of the river. The State Highway Department is to construct the bridge and all contracts shall be subject to such conditions as shall be imposed by the Auditor General. No part of the appropriation shall be available until it is shown to the satisfaction of the Auditor General that sites for piers, abutments and approaches to said bridge have been provided without expense to the State.

The bill was sent to the Committee on Appropriations.

GETS FEES AFTER 18 YEARS

Witness To-day Collects From the County Money He Earned in 1897

Eighteen years ago yesterday J. H. Smith, of Wayne Junction, Philadelphia, testified in the Dauphin county courts in a suit brought against Dr. Silas C. Swelsh, but only this morning did Smith obtain his witness fees and mileage allowance, totaling \$11.60, from the county treasury.

Smith mentioned no reason for not having collected the money before this, but he did say he thought the amount should have been larger. He was allowed five days' witness fees, or \$5—\$1 a day only was paid at that time—and three cents a mile for 220 miles. In 1897 he tried to collect \$25, but his claim was rejected as being for more than he earned.

\$200 FOR EACH FIRE COMPANY

That Is Asked of the State in Bill Introduced by Wildman

Representative Wildman introduced in the House last night an appropriation bill carrying \$6,500, or so much thereof as is necessary, for the fire companies in Harrisburg. This is the usual measure to aid the Capital City firemen, and is sent into the House in a special bill because of objection made last session to its being made a part of the general appropriation bill.

Each fire company in the city usually gets \$200 for two years, it requiring but \$5,500 to pay them this amount. Nine hundred dollars will be lopped off the bill by the committee, it is said.

COLD WATER ARMY WILL INVADE CITY ON APRIL 6

Law and Order Committee Selects That Date for Open Hearing on Option Bill—Reported Plan to Kill Measure on Second Reading

Tuesday, April 6, will witness a gathering of the cold water cohorts in Harrisburg, that being the date agreed upon this morning by the Law and Order Committee of the House on which to hold the public hearing on the local option bill.

The hearing will take place in the hall of the House, and besides the members of the committee is expected there will be present many prominent advocates of local option from all parts of the State.

Governor Brumbaugh has signified his intention of being present, and it is probable that he will take occasion to make an address and reiterate his intention to make the passage of the bill "a fight to the finish."

The committee took up other action on local option and will not report the bill out until the Governor gives the word. This may be next week, so that the bill will be before the House when the big meeting is held, but it is more likely to be deferred until after the cold water convulse.

Philadelphia will send a special train for the open hearing and more than a thousand Philadelphians are expected to be present to impress the members of the House from that city. Allegheny county also will send a big delegation, and from other parts of the State will come friends of the local option measure, all to impress the legislators.

The anti-local option people will be represented by speakers, but it is not known yet who they will be. The State Labor League and the State Brewers' Association which has had representatives here for some time may ask to be heard and will keep watch on the bill during its successive readings in the House.

It is said that an attempt will be made to kill the bill in the House on second reading in order to get it out of the way of other legislation, and this can easily be done if the opponents of local option can muster the 140 votes they claim.

Meanwhile Governor Brumbaugh is continuing his local option crusade among those members of the House reported to be opposing the bill.

71 RESCUED FROM SINKING STEAMER

Crew of Mallory Line Denver Taken Off and Ship Abandoned In Mid-ocean

SUMMONED AID BY WIRELESS

Ten Vessels Hurried to Scene of Disaster and 24 Hours Elapsed After First Call for Assistance Before Rescue Was Accomplished

New York, March 24.—The Mallory Line, owners of the American steamer Denver, received information to-day of the wireless message sent last night from the steamer St. Louis announcing that the Denver's crew had been taken off and the Denver had been abandoned, 1,300 miles east of New York.

This information came in a wireless message from Captain Avery of the Denver. The message said that the Denver had been abandoned in a sinking condition and Captain Avery and his crew were aboard the steamer Megantic which was received by wireless to-day from G. E. Metcalf, the Megantic's captain, by the White Star Line. The message read as follows:

"This afternoon rescued captain and wife and 13 members of crew of steamship Denver, also Captain Smith, of American steamer Avland; M. I. attan has remainder, fifty-six."

There is no mention in maritime records available here of the steamer Avland. White Star Line officials believed that the Megantic's captain referred to Captain Smith, of the American steamer Evelyn, which was sunk by a mine in the North Sea. They believed that Captain Smith was returning home on the Denver, although the Denver usually carried no passengers.

The total number of persons rescued, according to the message from the Megantic's commander, is 71.

The Denver sailed for New York from Bremerhaven on March 16, having

GOVERNOR QUASHES PLAN TO ENLARGE THE CAPITOL

Says State Cabinet Now Afford to Build the Proposed Two Wings—Thinks Consolidation of Four Departments Will Save Needed Space

The project to obtain an appropriation from the present Legislature for an enlargement of the Capitol by building two rear wings for office purposes and thus make room for the offices that at present are scattered throughout the city, has been abandoned, it was learned to-day, chiefly for the reason that in the last meeting of the Board of Public Buildings and Grounds the proposal was not favorably received by the Governor. He is afraid the State finances will not admit of constructing the addition at present. The Governor thinks, also, that by a consolidation of four departments, as is proposed in the plan to establish a Department of Conservation, more room will be obtained. Under this plan the Game, Fish, Forestry and Water Departments would be thrown into one department.

It has not been explained how four departments can be thrown into one, with the same number of employees to do the work, and room made for offices that are now on the outside.

However, the plan to enlarge the Capitol has been abandoned for the present, and it may not be heard of again until the next legislative session.

LEBANON HAS FIRE SCARE

Heart of Business Section Is Menaced When Flames Destroy Old Woomer Property

(Special to the Star-Independent.)
Lebanon, Pa., March 24.—Lebanon barely escaped a disastrous fire this afternoon, when an old barn filled with grain and other stuff at the rear of the property formerly owned by the late Congressman E. M. Woomer, at Strawberry avenue and Seventh street, in the main business section of the city, was found to be on fire. Most of the frame building was destroyed, causing loss of more than \$1,000.

Fortunately the fire occurred in day time instead of night. Otherwise much of the city's most valued real estate would have been in great danger of destruction.

The fire occurred in this city's oldest section, near the new Federal building. The volunteer firemen did fine work and saved thousands of dollars worth of property.

CLEAN-UP STARTS MAY 3

Unemployed Men Who Have Received Help From the Directors of Poor Will Be Asked to Assist

The Directors of the Poor this morning pledged to the City Bureau of Health their support in trying to make the annual spring cleanup, which will probably be held during the week beginning May 3, the most successful in the history of the city. To that end the Poor Board, which has aided more than 700 families during the winter, will ask the male heads of those families, who are out of employment, to devote at least one day to cleaning up back yards, vacant lots and dumping grounds.

Dr. John M. J. Rannick, the city health officer, said this morning he will go before the Health Board at its meeting to-night and have the week of May 3 fixed as the time for the cleanup. The Pennsylvania Reduction Company, contractors for collecting garbage and ashes, will have an extra force of men on the job.

The work that the unemployed will do is intended as a means of reciprocating for what the county and city have done for them. The county officials will feel disposed to grant further relief to those who join in the cleanup campaign, provided it be necessary.

THEY WIN PANAMA MEDALS

Pennsylvanians Honored by Goethals Include a Lancaster Man

(Special to the Star-Independent.)
New York, March 23.—In an official order just promulgated in his monthly report, Colonel George W. Goethals names the following Pennsylvanians as having been among the one hundred employees entitled to the Panama canal service medals of honor awarded by act of Congress for two years' honorable, faithful and continuous work on the Panama canal or Panama railway.

Harris C. Smith, Philadelphia; Charles W. Stine, Auburn; Harry Butley, Washington Boro, Lancaster county; Clifton Deforce, Lincoln Place; Amos W. Fox, Corsica; Frank L. Reese, Dubois; Thomas W. Histon, William P. Rankin, Pittsburgh, and Waldo A. Reiszner, Philadelphia.

BOYD MEMORIAL PLANNED

Work on Structure For Use of Men and Boys to Begin in Few Weeks

Thomas T. Wierman, chairman of the John Y. Boyd memorial building committee of Pine Street Presbyterian church, announced to-day that work on the building on South street, adjoining the church will be started in several weeks.

The structure was provided for in the will of John Y. Boyd. The sum of fifty thousand dollars was given for the purpose. The building will be equipped with a library, reading room, gymnasium and bowling alleys, for the use of men and boys.

PACIFIED INDIANS DINE WITH SCOTT

U. S. Brigadier General Tells How He Induced Bad Red Men to Surrender

HOLDS POWWOW WITH THE PIUTES

General Scott Has Indians Tell Him Their Troubles and He in Turn Explains His—Calls Him Their "Good White Father"

(By Associated Press.)
Thompsons, Utah, March 24.—Seated at the head of the table, Brigadier General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, at the little hotel at Thompsons, served four delectable and apparently happy Indians at dinner last night. The Indians, who had been pursued by a posse headed by U. S. Marshal Nebeker for two weeks, surrendered to General Scott near Bluff last week. The Indians were Old Polk, chief of one of the divisions of the renegade Piutes; Tse-Ne-Gat, son of Old Polk, who is charged with murder; Old Posey, chief of the other division of renegades, and a son of Posey. All of the Indians referred to General Scott in their Piute tongue as their Good White Father.

Story of the Pacification
General Scott's story of the pacification of the Indians follows: "We left Washington on March 3 to come here to attempt to settle a misunderstanding. With me were Lieutenant Colonel Robert E. L. Michie, my aide-de-camp, and Trooper P. R. Randolph of the Fifth Cavalry, my orderly. We reached Thompsons on March 8, and went to Bluff, going by automobile, wagon, sleigh, horseback and on foot. At Bluff we learned that Polk and Posey and their Indians had gone to the Navajo mountains, some 125 miles west of Bluff. We stayed a day in Bluff and then went to Mexican Hat on the San Juan river, twenty-eight miles west of Bluff.

"We sent a friendly Piute, called Jim's Boy, out to tell the Piutes that I wanted to see them. Some of them came in near where we were camped, but it was not until the third day any dared to come to the camp.

"Posey and four other Indians then came into camp. We talked a little

CHILD PERISHES IN FIRE

Others of Ebersole Family Are Burned When Flames Attack Farm House Near Lebanon

(Special to the Star-Independent.)
Lebanon, Pa., March 24.—Fire at noon to-day destroyed the farm house of Tobias Bomberger on the old Horse Show Turnpike, near Fontana, this county, and one of the little children of Henry Ebersole, tenant, was burned to death.

Several others of the family of Mr. Ebersole were either bodily burned or had close calls for death. At the time of the fire the father of the child that perished was in this city attending to business. The fire is said to have been caused by the children playing with kerosene. It was the second blaze within a few months on the Bomberger farm.

CAN'T FIGHT LIQUOR MAN

Cold Water Forces Cannot Go Into Court to Oppose the Perry County Appeal

The appeal of Howard A. Keim, proprietor of a New Germantown Perry county, hotel, who in a test case taken to the State Superior Court attacks the ruling of Judge W. N. Seibert in which the court refused to grant the Perry county liquor licenses, involves a case which, Harrisburg attorneys said to-day, is a proceeding that cannot be opposed when argued before the appellate court, which will probably be during the week of April 19, next.

This unusual situation arises out of the fact that the Keim license was one of two that had not been opposed by remonstrants in the Perry county license court. Consequently there now is no attorney on record to oppose it when taken before the higher court.

Further, it was learned in the office of William Pearson, Superior Court Prothonotary, the nine other Perry county hotel men who are directly interested in the Keim appeal—even though the Keim case be decided favorably to the hotel man—cannot benefit by the decision unless they, too, take appeals.

DRINKS POISON IN MISTAKE

Bichloride of Mercury Victim May Die, Say Physicians

Suffering from the effects of bichloride of mercury poison, which she claims she took in mistake for medicine, Elsie Dinsmore, 664 Calder street, was admitted to the Harrisburg Hospital in a serious condition early this morning. Late this afternoon she appeared to be in good condition but physicians fear that later on the poison may prove fatal.

It is believed by physicians that she took the poison with suicidal intent as this is the second time she has recently been admitted. On the former occasion she drank iodine.

LIEUT. C. P. MECK RETIRED

At Own Request Quits National Guard With Rank of Captain

Lieutenant Charles P. Meck, adjutant of the Second Squadron of Fifth Regiment of Cavalry, has been retired from active service in the National Guard with the rank of captain at his own request, according to an announcement from the Adjutant General's office made this morning.

Captain Meck has served in either the cavalry or infantry branches of the guard for the last thirty-two years. He served in the Governor's Troop as first lieutenant for fifteen years and is retired as captain because he was commissioned in that grade as commander of the Second Governor's Troop in 1898.

"HIS LOVE STORY"

"His Love Story," by Marie Van Vorst, will begin in the Star-Independent to-morrow. It is a tale of love and adventure, centering around a young captain in the French army and an American girl; he, of course, courageous and the beautiful. The part played in the story by a little Irish terror with almost human intelligence adds to the thrilling interest of the unfolding tale.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

The expected landed attack on the Dardanelles fortifications in conjunction with the operations of the allied fleet, probably will be inaugurated soon. It is reported from Athens that troops conveyed to the Dardanelles on transports were landed yesterday on the Gallipoli peninsula and that the general attack by land and sea will be made on the arrival of the French and warships now on the way to reinforce the fleet. Bombardment of the Turkish forts is said to have resumed yesterday.

It is announced officially at Petrograd that the Germans in Northern Poland have virtually abandoned their attempt to capture Ossowetz, the fortress on which the invaders centered their efforts to break through the Russian chain of defenses. It is said that all but four heavy German batteries have been withdrawn from Ossowetz after having failed in their efforts to reduce the Russian forts.

Dispatches from Austrian sources state that war with Italy is now regarded by Austria-Hungary as probable. According to these advices large numbers of Austrian troops are being sent to the Italian border, where elaborate preparations for defensive operations are under way.

A Rome newspaper says that every member of the Chamber of Deputies is convinced Italy must act energetically even to the point of facing "a supreme struggle" to realize the nation's aspirations.

What is described in Berlin as one of the greatest battles of the eastern campaign has developed in the Carpathians. For months the opposing armies have been contending for the mountain passes, definite possession of which by the Russians would expose Hungary to the danger of invasion. The Berlin reports say the present battle has not yet reached a stage where success for either side is indicated.

The French war office announced that the Yser. Aside from this movement the only change of note was in the Vosges, where the French claim to have obtained a considerable section of the German front.

The British admiralty announced that five aeroplanes had made a successful raid on the German submarine plant at Hoboken, near Antwerp. Two submarines in course of construction as well as the works, are believed to have been damaged considerably.

GREAT AND BLOODY BATTLE ON IN THE CARPATHIANS

Berlin, March 24.—Wireless to Sayville—Reports from the Carpathian mountains indicate that one of the greatest and most sanguinary battles of the campaign is now raging. A special correspondent of the "Lokal Anzeiger" telegraphs:

"The great bloody battle is now in full swing in the Carpathians. It has not yet reached a point where a definite judgment can be passed on the events at any point. The conflict is likely to be waged some days yet with equal fierceness by both sides. The next few days probably will see the released Przemysl investment army engaged in this struggle."

"Conditions to the north of the Vistula river and along the Bug and Narew line appear to have changed not at all recently."

U. S. MISSIONARIES IN DANGER IN UPRISING AGAINST MISSION

Washington, March 24.—American Consul F. W. Smith stationed at Batum, Russia, and who now is at Tiflis, informed the State Department to-day that American missionaries and refugees were in danger at Urumiah, Persia, where the Turkish consul, Raghib Bey, at the head of 700 Askaris, was recently reported to have led an uprising against the American mission.

U. S. TO PROTEST TO GERMANY ABOUT DROPPING OF BOMBS

Washington, March 24.—Acting on advice from The Hague that the steamer Elfland, flying the flag of the Belgian relief commission, had been endangered by a bomb from a German aeroplane off the Dutch coast, Secretary Bryan said to-day the State Department was considering making representations to Berlin.

PROBABLY DOPE VICTIMS

Man Arrested in Wormleysburg and Woman Here For Queer Actions

Burgess J. Fred Hummel, of Wormleysburg, this morning took into custody, Richard Lawson, of Harrisburg, whose peculiar actions frightened persons on the street. He was seeking a "little bit," and was asking everybody he met for it. The Burgess came to the conclusion that he was suffering from lack of some dope he had been accustomed to and brought him to Harrisburg. He was committed to jail for safe keeping.

At 1.45 o'clock Emma Houser, hatless and coatless, got off a Third street car in Market square, in a dazed condition demanding to be hurried to the hospital. Policeman Shoemaker, on duty in the square, took her to the police station, where it was learned that she had taken dope and was crazed by it, the police say. She was committed to jail for safe keeping. The police are at a loss to account for the fact that she apparently had taken dope of some kind, unless she had access to a supply laid in before the anti-drug law went into effect.

ALLIES ON GALLIOLI PENINSULA

Troops Landed From Transports in the Gulf of Saros, Says Athens Dispatch

ATTACK ON FORTS AGAIN RESUMED

Bombardment of the Turkish Fortifica- tions in the Dardanelles Renewed Yesterday Morning at 10 O'clock— Mine Sweepers Accompany Warships

London, March 24, 3.20 A. M.—A force of allied troops was landed on the peninsula of Gallipoli yesterday from transports in the Gulf of Saros, according to a dispatch from Athens to the "Daily Express."

A general attack upon the fortifications of the Dardanelles is to be undertaken immediately on the arrival of further French and British warships now on their way to join the attacking squadron.

The last concerted effort against the Dardanelles positions occurred six days ago on March 18. This day's action resulted in the loss of three battleships. Reviewing the situation, military experts in London and elsewhere have expressed freely their belief that to open the straits the marine forces must be well supported on land. It has been said lately that a strong detachment of French troops was on its way to the Dardanelles.

The Gallipoli peninsula is the northern or European side of the Dardanelles. At its head it is not more than three or four miles wide. If this neck of land were effectively held by the allies, Turkish communication with the strong positions on the peninsula would be impossible.

A dispatch from Athens received by way of Paris says an allied fleet resumed the bombardment of the Dardanelles yesterday morning.

Paris, March 24, 5 A. M.—Bombardment of the Turkish fortifications in the Dardanelles was resumed at 10 o'clock yesterday morning by an allied fleet, according to an Athens dispatch to the Havas Agency. The warships were accompanied in the straits by a number of mine sweepers.

GERMAN ARMY THANKS THE DEFENDERS OF PRZEMYSL

Berlin, March 24, By Wireless to Sayville.—At army headquarters the following statement was given out:

"In Champagne there were only artillery duels. In the forest of Lepretre, northwest of Pont-a-Mousson, the enemy attempted to win back ground gained by the Germans, but were repulsed. Fighting is in progress at Hartmanns-Weierkopf."

"German troops are pursuing the retreating Russians northward of Memele, East Prussia. They captured near Polangen 500 Russians and took three guns and three rapid-firers. Quantities of cattle, horses and goods were stolen by the Russians. Near Laugargen, southwest of Taurroggen and northeast of Mariampol, Russian attacks were repulsed. Fighting is in progress at Northwest of Ostrolenka several Russian attacks failed. Here we captured 20 officers, more than 2,500 men and five machine guns. Eastward of Plock several charges of the enemy failed."

"The German army expresses cordial thanks to the gallant garrison at Przemysl which, after four months of defense full of sacrifices, could be overpowered only by hunger."

WALL STREET CLOSING

(By Associated Press.)
New York, March 24.—Profit taking and renewal of short selling caused some substantial recessions in the late trading. The closing was steady. Stocks to-day rose to their best average prices since last December on a continuance of active and broad operations