

NO PASSENGERS KILLED ON ROAD FOR TWO YEARS

The entire Pennsylvania Railroad system, whose 2,600 miles of track serve more than half the people of the United States, today completed two years without a single one of the 861,572,114 passengers carried in that period being killed in train accident. Figures for November and December were necessarily estimated. This record of the two years means the safe operation by day and night, through fog and snow stormy and clear weather of no less than 2,400,000 passenger trains, while, at the same time, approximately as many more freight trains were being carried.

The lines east of Pittsburgh today completed their third successive year without a single train accident fatality to one of the 320,000,000 people carried in the three years period.

In five of the past eight years, 1908, 1910, 1912, 1914 and 1915, more than 820,000,000 passengers were carried by the Pennsylvania lines east of Pittsburgh on 4,000,000 trains without a single one being killed in a train accident.

A New Year's greeting to employees of the Pennsylvania railroad from General Manager S. C. Long, posted on bulletin boards all over the railroad congratulates them on the road's freedom from accidents. The greeting says:

"You are to be congratulated upon the fact that at the Pennsylvania railroad we closed another year, the third in succession, without a single fatality to a passenger as a result of a train accident."

We have made a record for safe driving, which, I believe has never been equalled, and in this great honor we employ shares."

The Pennsylvania management regards every accident of any kind as a misfortune as one too many. Every effort is being continually directed to end that the number of accidents of all kinds may be steadily reduced, if possible, prevented.

Sermon Topics in City Churches

St. Paul's Episcopal—North Eighth and A streets. Rev. Lightbourn, rector. Sunday, holy communion at 7:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; morning prayer and sermon, 10:30 a.m.; Evening.

South Eighth Street Friends—Francis C. Ancombe, pastor. Bible school, 9:10 a.m.; John H. Johnson, superintendent. Missionary Day. Special stereopticon pictures of Jamaica, explained by Mr. H. S. Hadley. Meeting for worship, 10:30 a.m.; "A New Year's Message" solo by Mrs. F. J. Bartel. Christian Endeavor Society, 6:30; Ladies Aid Society, Tuesday, 1:30; Vesper meeting Thursday 7:30.

AUTO HACKS TO OFF THE HIGH ROADS

In compliance with the request of County Road Superintendent Jones, the auto hacks were not run over the country roads today on account of the bad weather. The fact that there was very little business today also made it unnecessary for the trucks to run through the mud and slush.

I intend to do all in my power to have a bill introduced into the legislature revising the present vehicle laws, said Mr. Jones. "The law was not designed for heavy automobile trucks and the minimum weight should be increased as well as the compulsory width of tire. This would not only protect the roads but it would also protect the hack driver."

DODDRIDGE IS NAMED

Mordecai Dodridge, western district, who is senior county commissioner, was elected chairman of the board this morning at the first meeting of the new board. On a motion made by Mr. Dodridge, the commissioners decided to elect a vice-chairman. William Cheeseman, middle district, was elected.

A telephone for the use of the commissioners will be installed on their desk and the court furniture will be re-arranged. Outside of the election of officers this was the only business transacted this morning.

CHANGES TAKE EFFECT.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 1. Changes effective tomorrow among officials of the Big Four in Indiana have been announced. H. F. Houghton, who has been general superintendent with headquarters here, becomes general agent at Cincinnati. E. M. Costin, who has been assistant general superintendent becomes general superintendent; C. S. Millard, superintendent St. Louis division; T. J. Hayes, superintendent Peoria division; P. T. White, superintendent Michigan division.

It has been estimated that 84,000,000 cubic miles of the average igneous rock would yield, on decomposition, all the sodium of the ocean and the sedimentary rocks.

AUSTRIANS LOSING IN GALICIA FIGHTS

GENEVA, Jan. 1.—A violent battle is in progress in eastern Galicia, where the Russians have taken the offensive. East of Boukhanof the army of General von Bothmer has suffered a serious check. Dispatches from Vienna say the Russian offensive is no longer confined to Bessarabia, but is rapidly growing in extent and violence and is spreading east of the Stripa.

FIFTEEN APPLICANTS FOR HOWARTH'S JOB

Fifteen applications have been received by County Auditor Bowman for appointment as township assessor to succeed James Howarth, who died suddenly Thursday afternoon. Mr. Bowman said today that he had given the matter no thought and would not make the appointment until he had thoroughly investigated the qualifications of the applicants.

John Deets, who was a Progressive at the last election, and James Reid, Republican, who served as assistant township trustee under Mr. Howarth, are among the applicants for the job. These two probably make the strongest bid, although the entire matter of appointment rests with Mr. Bowman who may select whomever he pleases.

Mr. Howarth took charge of the township assessors office Jan. 1, 1915, and it is a four year office. The appointee will be enabled to serve three years. The salary is \$1,100.

BOWMAN SUCCEEDS HIMSELF IN OFFICE

L. S. Bowman took the oath of office to succeed himself as county auditor this morning. This is Mr. Bowman's second term as county auditor, but office he will hold until Dec. 31, 1921.

His bond of \$10,000 was the first paper signed by William C. Seaney, the new county commissioner who also took his oath of office this morning. Mr. Bowman's bond had as securities John Teeter of Hagerstown and H. J. Jones, of Richmond.

Mr. Seaney and Mr. Bowman were the only county officials to assume the duties of a new term of office this morning. Cigars were passed around freely by Mr. Seaney this morning who also furnished two cases of apples for his friends and visitors at the court house. Mr. Seaney represents the eastern district of the county and will hold office for three years. He succeeds Albert Anderson, Progressive who retires after three years of service.

JAPS TO EXPAND POWER PLANTS

TOKIO, Jan. 1.—The Japanese government is considering steps for enlarging the munition producing capacity of the country, and a proposal is being discussed by which three of the principal financial and manufacturing concerns in Japan will combine to erect an armament plant of large capacity.

Until now the manufacture of arms and ammunition has been reserved for the government arsenals in Tokio and Osaka. The European War has shown that the present plant is inadequate to furnish the enormous amount of guns and shells required in modern warfare, and it is believed that the deficiency can be made good by giving encouragement to a private enterprise which in normal times would make munitions to sell to other powers and in the time of war would be available for the government.

No figures are, of course, public as to the capacity of the arsenals at present. The Allies have placed with Japan the largest orders which she can undertake but these do not amount to anything like fifty per cent of the requirements of Russia alone. Much larger orders would have been given if Japan could have guaranteed delivery within eighteen months.

These war orders are a source of great financial strength to Japan at present and they will probably turn her adverse trade balance into a favorable one. The discovery that more orders would have been received if they could have been carried out has opened the eyes of the business classes to the opportunities which war provides, and the military authorities have been alarmed by the discovery that their resources for producing guns and material of war are not sufficient for the requirements of a war with a first class power.

The matter has not been decided and is partly hung up by the fact that the plant could not be got into working order in time to supply the present belligerents, partly because the demand for machinery is as great as the demand for shells. But there is little doubt that it will be carried through with the encouragement of the government.

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1915 AT STOCK MARKET AS RELATED IN FIGURES

The report of business done at the Glen Miller stock yards last year follows:					
	Hogs.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.	Cost.
January	2449	77	103	34	\$ 41,335.44
February	2235	56	124	34	41,151.29
March	1119	92	155	11	29,538.62
April	640	124	218	40	15,052.34
May	1218	154	399	183	29,673.46
June	809	157	283	137	25,535.07
Totals	8570	660	1282	412	105,816.24
July	1141	180	143	240	\$ 24,564.04
August	1976	97	237	178	39,912.30
September	1656	135	123	96	34,187.86
October	2265	111	112	174	40,749.71
November	2416	94	124	58	32,311.59
Totals	18014	1077	2031	1161	\$ 327,684.54
December	1410	65	91	18	22,481.75
Totals for year	18424	1142	2122	1170	\$ 349,966.25

NOISE OF REVELRY GREETS NEW YEAR

Little reverence was shown the Year 1915 as it writhed in its death bed at 11:59:59 o'clock last night. The bush which ordinarily accompanies the passing into eternity was missing. Whistles shrieked, gongs clangled, shot guns and revolvers roared, horns tooted and liquid cheer dispensed at an earlier hour moved many to incoherent shouts.

Baby 1916 spent several restless hours on his arrival. The noise made him just a bit fretful, while the tintinnabulation of pianos and the unmuffled voices of dancers at many halls further prevented him from enjoying his first hours in quiet repose. Revelry and noise unusual for the self-styled staid Quaker City marked the passing of 1915 and the entrance of its successor.

GENERAL OF GERMAN DESCENT HATED BY PEOPLE OF RUSSIA

BERLIN, Jan. 1.—The Russians have turned against the many generals of German descent in the army of the Czar. All military leaders bearing German names are distrusted and hated not only by the public, but also by the soldiers. This fact is disclosed by a secret order of the commander-in-chief of the Russian North West Army. The order found in the possession of a captured Russian general reads:

To the Commander of the Tenth Army:

The chief of staff of the commander in chief states that many of our people are becoming very pessimistic, because we do not gain the expected success in our terrible combat with a strong enemy. This pessimism is hurtful to our cause, because it breeds all kinds of rumors and unjust charges.

The commander-in-chief has learned that generals and other high officials who do not bear Russian names are accused of treason by the public. The prosecution of all persons responsible for the spreading of these groundless rumors has been ordered, but this is not sufficient to stamp out the distrust among our commanders of German ancestry.

It is necessary that the generals who have German names convince the public and the soldiers of their absolute loyalty. Such commanders must avoid everything that might be taken as a sign of pro-German sentiment and they should be surrounded only by real Russian officers.

The commander-in-chief therefore has decided that all adjutants and staff officers with German names who are now attached to the different headquarters shall be sent to their regiment at the front at once.

The cotton waste of Lancashire, England, has an annual value of \$75,000,000.

How to Prevent Croup. Every effort should be made to prevent the attack by giving the child a light supper and plenty of fresh air at all times. The child should be warmly clad when out of doors. Especially the feet should be well protected and under no circumstances should the child be allowed to remain with wet or cold feet. Then watch for the first symptom, hoarseness, and give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy at once and the attack may be ward off. This remedy is a favorite with the mothers of croupy children and can always be depended upon. It is pleasant and safe to take. Obtainable everywhere—Adv.

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EAGLES ENJOY FEAST

The Eagle's frolic was held today, and it was some frolic. Over five hundred members graced the tables and they did ample justice to the big feast that had been prepared. Roast Turkey, young pig, celery and all the other things that go with it disappeared as if by magic. Five cabaret singers from Cincinnati furnished a high-class entertainment.

MRS. EGELMAN, 86 DIES AT CINCINNATI

Remembered by many friends in Cincinnati, Mrs. Caroline Egelman, 86, of Cincinnati, mother of Mrs. John M. Eggeman, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. George Sudhoff, Norwood, at noon Friday. Local relatives were informed of her death through telegram yesterday afternoon. Pneumonia, of which she suffered an acute attack, was the cause of her death.

The last of her frequent visits here was three months ago. Mrs. Egelman had never lived in Cincinnati, although she had been known here for thirty-five years. She had been making her home with her sister, Mrs. George Sudhoff, who is a sister-in-law to William, Gustave and Charles Sudhoff of Richmond. Mr. and Mrs. John Eggeman and Mrs. Fred Bartel went to Cincinnati this morning. They will be joined tomorrow by Elmer, Walter and Carl Eggeman, grandchildren of the deceased. The funeral will be held Monday morning at Cincinnati.

MAN BORN LEGLESS DIES.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Jan. 1.—William C. Printy, who died yesterday, was born without feet. His legs were only stumps and reached to the knees. But he was employed regularly for twenty-five years at the cement mill and also was an expert harness maker.

British Explanation

An English servant thoroughly skilled in all household work said to her mistress, "Hits my idea Mum, that horax puts the 'ope' in soap." And there is no 'ope' for soap without horax."

It is true that horax is to soap what electricity is to street cars. It makes it go farther and do more work. It is very much cheaper, too! 25c worth of "90 Mule Team Borax Soap Chips" will do more washing of clothes and general household cleaning than 50c worth of good bar soap or soap powder.

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CHANGE IN OFFICES

M. F. Quaintance has been appointed district passenger agent for the G. R. & I. railroad with offices at Grand Rapids. The offices at Petoskey and Fort Wayne have been discontinued.

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