



TRENTON EVENING TIMES

Tuesday, December 31, 1918

WHAT HAPPENED HERE IN 1918 CHRONOLOGY AND NECROLOGY

JANUARY

- 1---Harry Hartman, 37 Conrad Street, sustained injury to eye in avoiding auto collision.
- 2---Willard Conover appointed superintendent of county road patrol system.
- 3---George Cranmer, Commonwealth Building fireman, found in hallway, beaten and robbed.
- 4---Members of First Presbyterian Church accepted resignation of the Rev. Dr. Henry Collin Minton.
- 5---The Rev. Alexander Berg preached his first sermon as pastor of Christ Lutheran Church.
- 9---Edgar G. Weart elected county collector and Walter C. Fowler clerk to Board of Freeholders. John A. Campbell re-elected president of Public Library trustees.
- 10---Salvatore Rizzo sentenced to 20 to 30 years imprisonment for killing Joseph De Marco.
- 12---Thomas B. Holmes, editor of the State Gazette, died.
- 13---Combs & Reed, furniture dealers, filed bankruptcy petition.
- 16---Peter Witt, trolley expert, reported defects of local system to City Commission.
- 17---S. F. Kaufman re-elected president of Trenton Business Men's Association.
- 18---Business houses directed to suspend business evenings to save electric power.

- 19---K of C started campaign to raise \$20,000.
- 20---Commissioner La Barre ordered amusement places and barrooms closed each Monday for ten weeks.
- 21---Nicholas Ranz Jr., struck by automobile and fatally injured.
- 22---William Solaini, former city missionary, died suddenly.
- 23---Agricultural Week opened with meeting of farm demonstrators.
- 24---Mrs. Annie Powers stricken with apoplexy and found unconscious in snow drift.
- 25---George W. Page Association changed its name to Union Republican League.
- 26---Chamber of Commerce celebrated fiftieth anniversary.
- 27---Clarence Taylor, 1008 Lamberton Street, killed at Bristol shipyard.
- 28---Mayor Donnelly opposed the city manager plan. City Commissioners petitioned Utility Commissioners to carry out recommendations of Peter Witt.
- 29---Bernard F. Schroeder and John Compton, burned to death in fire that gutted Sanas Building, Market and Mercer Streets.
- 30---Mechanics Bank purchased Wilson Building for future enlargement of its business.

FEBRUARY

- 1---Postmaster E. Furman Hooper appointed Chief Alien Enemy Registrar of New Jersey.
- 2---William D'Arcy named Assistant Overseer of the Poor.
- 3---local optionists started drive to eliminate sale of intoxicants here.
- 6---Commissioner LaBarre introduced ordinance restricting smoke from smelting and other plants.
- 7---James Kerney appointed Director of American Committee on Public Information for France.
- 8---A. Dayton Oliphant assumed duties as Prosecutor.
- 12---Newton A. K. Bugbee purchased Sadler Building, State and Broad Streets.
- 13---Charles H. Mulford and Charles Leigh injured by falling wall at Roebling plant.
- 14---Commissioner Fell reported water pipes in 1,000 homes frozen.

- 16---Joseph H. Naar, Democrat, named Mercer County Jury Commissioner.
- 17---Lutheran Churches started campaign to raise \$5,000.
- 18---Salvation Army began drive to raise \$1,500.
- 19---Governor Edge made member of Crescent Temple, Mystic Shrine. Giovanni Fraca electrocuted at State Prison for murder of Henry D. Rider.
- 20---Gertrude Wiesnack, 11 years old, drowned in Delaware River.
- 22---William Libbey re-elected president of the New Jersey Society, Sons of the Revolution. Funeral for Mrs. B. C. Kuser.
- 24---Police raid Central House as disorderly resort.
- 25---Harry J. Martin resigned as secretary of Y. M. C. A.
- 26---Mayor Donnelly shot seltzer at Assemblyman Vreeland in hotel dispute.
- 27---William Howard Taft and Dr. Henry Van Dyke delivered addresses here on League of Nations.

MARCH

- 1---City Commission discussed municipal ownership of local trolley line.
- 3---Y. W. C. A. decided to start drive for \$14,000.
- 4---City Commission rejected proposal of Chamber of Commerce to arbitrate trolley trouble.
- 5---Public Utility Commission started hearing complaints of city about trolley service.
- 6---Kiwanis Club organized, with John T. Powers as president.
- 7---Joseph H. McCormack elected exalted ruler, Trenton Lodge Elks.
- 8---John E. Thropp's Sons Company announce it would build \$100,000 foundry here.
- 9---Miss Sarah Y. Ely named to manage Y. W. C. A. campaign.
- 11---Workingmen organized to help right trolley company.
- 13---Sheriff Rees issued warning that all men under 50 must work or go to jail.
- 14---Henry T. Caultet won suit involving patent rights to Gasofoam.

16---New Jersey & Pennsylvania Traction Corporation petitioned Utility Commission to fix six cent fare zones.

18---The Rt. Rev. Monsignor Thaddeus Hogan, rector of Sacred Heart Church, died.

19---Three children of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dank burned to death when house was destroyed by fire.

20---Fire caused \$150,000 damage at plant of William R. Thropp.

22---Leo Hasbruck, chauffeur, killed, and two other Trentonians injured in automobile accident.

23---Mrs. Helen Schmalkin found guilty of keeping disorderly place at Central House.

24---Joseph A. Mulheron stricken on street and died.

25---Joseph B. Moorehouse, 178 Pennington Avenue, died suddenly.

26---Dry forces formulated plan to circulate petition for referendum under local option law.

27---Richard C. Pilger appointed captain of Second District Police.

28---Squire Abram D. A. Naar died.

30---City garbage collectors strike.

31---Miss Estelle Consolloy, a teacher of the Joseph Wood School, charged her principal, Miss Ella Macpherson with assault and battery.

APRIL

1---Miss Cornelia Consolloy, trained nurse, murdered her sister, Miss Estelle Consolloy, when she showed signs of retracting her charges against Miss Macpherson. General James Fowler Rusling died.

4---Two hundred and seventy-eight draftees sent to Camp Dix.

6---Third Liberty Loan Drive launched here.

7--- Mrs. Carrie Copeland fatally injured in fall from window.

8---Charley Glum, 403 Klagg Avenue, killed while trying to stop runaway.

10---Jacob Meyers arrested as the first offender of the compulsory work law.

11---Samuel Haverstick appointed a member of State Highway Commission.

- 14---Thomas Niski, 182 Jefferson Street, drank sixteen glasses of rum and died.
- 15---John Solan, appointed Assistant Attorney General, to succeed Joseph Stryker, resigned.
- 20---Chamber of Commerce announced that vote of its members favored trolley fare increase.
- 22---William R. Phillips, Civil War veteran and inventor, died.
- 24---City Commission decided to build new tuberculosis hospital at a cost of \$176,424.
- 25---George Ward, 129 South Stockton Street, killed by trolley car. George C. Hendrickson, 59 Ewing Street, killed at American Bridge Company plant.
- 29---Cornelius Lannigan died.

MAY

- 2---Miss Julia Wastlach, 18 years old, censured by her father, attempted suicide by drinking poison.
- 3---Great Council of New Jersey, Improved Order of Red Men, named officers and decided to raise \$15,000 for war work.
- 4---Trenton went over top for Third Liberty Loan.
- 5---Local German-American Alliance disbanded and invested treasury account in Liberty Bonds.
- 6---Announcement made that 25,000 persons in Trenton had subscribed for Liberty Bonds of the Third issue.
- 7---Mayors of New Jersey cities decided to start a drive to acquire a Camp Fire Fund for soldiers of the state at Camp McClellan.
- 8---Salaries of grade teachers in public schools increased \$50 a year under bonus plan.
- 9---Fire destroyed a garage and motor trucks of the Globe Tire Company.
- 11---Joseph W. MacKenzie, iron founder, died.
- 13---Miss Margaret Mettler found dead and gas jets turned on at her home, 313 South Clinton Avenue.
- 15---Eighty farmers agreed to take space in Municipal Market.
- 16---Salvatore Sergi sent to Ellis Island for advocating the overthrow of the government.

17---Central Labor Union endorsed public ownership of trolley lines and other public utilities in Trenton.

20---John Musaki, 1711 Redfern Street, arrested, charged with attempting to swindle army service.

22---William Stackhouse, assistant fire chief, retired.

23--- Jr. O. U. A. M. requested Board of Education to eliminate teaching of German in public schools.

24---1,500 Italians paraded in honor of the anniversary of Italy's entrance into the war.

26---\$1,000 collected in Trenton churches for the Red Cross war fund.

28---Announcement made that \$159,257.26 had been collected in the second Red Cross drive.

30---Thomas E. Boyd, chief of the old volunteer fire department, died.

31---Bridge over Delaware River at Bridge Street thrown open for the free use of the public.

JUNE

1---Harry C. Large died as a result of auto injuries.

3---The Rev. James C. Hughes, of Charlotte N. C., accepted call of Pilgrim Presbyterian Church.

5---Names of 734 Trenton boys who reached the age 21 since last June added to the draft lists.

6---Howard S. Trumpore, of Wilkinson Place, died.

9---Charles R. Beatty, 69 years old, committed suicide at the Montgomery Street Mission.

11---Annie Baker, 10 years old, drowned in canal.

12---Five hundred women in First Presbyterian Church prayed for victory of Allies.

13---Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals launch drive for Red Star Animal Relief Society.

14---City Commissioners rejected statue offered by Herman C. Mueller, of the Board of Education.

16---Disappointed in love, Eva Danser, 904 South Broad Street, attempted suicide.

17---Local trolley men rejected company's offer to increase pay to 35 cents an hour.

- 18---Majuma Nobe, Japanese, arrested for alleged pro-German utterance in State Street Theatre.
- 19---Harry W. Snooks convicted of involuntary manslaughter in connection with deaths of Nellie Voss and Albert Deardon Jr.
- 20---John H. Scudder, former surrogate and bank president, died.
- 21---More than \$26,000 pledged at opening of War Stamp drive.
- 24---Edward H. Weier, musician, died.
- 26---Peter E. Hurley, general manager of the Trenton and Mercer County Traction Corporation, died.
- 28---W. Ferdinand Dettmar Sr., died.
- 29---Two hundred and twenty-five German female aliens registered.

JULY

- 1---The Rev. Charles H. Elder resigned as pastor of Trinity M. E. Church after 19 years to become Protestant chaplain at New Jersey State Prison.
- 4---Trenton celebrated Independence Day with monster parade and impressive exercises.
- 5---Mrs. Emily A. A. Briggs, widow of former Senator Frank O. Briggs, died.
- 6---Mrs. Blanche J. Pittinger named Trenton's second policewoman. Herman C. Mueller, president of School Commission, resigned.
- 8---Miss Hannah Longmore named member of School Commission.
- 9---Florence May Stillwell, four years old, 18 Grant Avenue, and Bertha Bouyack, 6 years old, 1055 Lexington Street, died from burns received July 4.
- 10---Mrs. Fannie Fallut, Union Street, sustained fractured skull, and four others were injured, when an automobile overturned in Nottingham Way.
- 13---George Boyd dangerously injured in fall from scaffold at American Steel and Wire plant.
- 14---Trenton observed French National Holiday.
- 15--- John R. Formcrook, Stuyvesant Avenue, stricken with apoplexy while working in garden, died.
- 19---Trenton's poor fund enriched \$18,000 by money from estate of Mrs. Elmira Bellerjeau.

20---Fire, surrounded by mysterious circumstances, gutted home of Edwin Schenck, 208 West State Street.

23---Two hundred and thirteen more Trentonians leave this city for Camp Dix.

25---Thelma Bowie, 14 years old, missing from home two months, found in Bellevue Hospital, New York.

26---James West Sr., 68 years old, died.

28---Robert King, potter, died.

29---Miss Margaret McDaid, former inmate of State Hospital, died after drinking poison.

31---The Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Walsh formally installed as Bishop of the Catholic diocese of Trenton in St. Mary's Cathedral.

AUGUST

2---Lyndon P. Smith of Princeton instituted \$10,000 damage suit against Dr. Henry A. Cotton of the State Hospital, charging brutal and inhuman treatment.

3---Nine hundred rounded up and 19 held as a result of slacker raid.

4---John J. Peto, lodgeman and potter, died.

6---John Weston, 16 years old, of Hermitage Avenue, crushed to death under trolley.

7---Angelina Selvini, 11 years old, Roebling Avenue, killed when trolley hit truck in which she was riding. Zephania Ayers, old trapper, died.

8---Body of Mrs. Peter Duffy recovered from canal feeder, where she disappeared the night previous while bathing.

12---William F. Duncan, 63, well known carpet man, died.

13---Thomas S Morris, Bayard Street, one of the founders of Bethany Presbyterian Church, died.

14---Thomas Conklin, 62, Brunswick Avenue, attempted suicide by slashing wrist and chest with knife.

15---Body of William C. Pegg, former Public Service employee, found floating in canal feeder.

17---Anna Gutta, 5 years old, George Street, died of burns.

19---September 3 set for date of hearing Mayor's charges against Dr. Wetzel.

27---John T. Cooper, former potter and well known soccer player, died.

30---Word received that Thomas Ellis, 717 Mulberry Street, was shot and killed by United States coast guard at Ocean City.

SEPTEMBER

2---Six airplanes and 2,500 marchers participated in Labor Day parade.

5---Prof. J. Milnor Dorey dismissed from High School faculty.

6---Case against Dr. Wetzel ended in fizzle.

9---Seventy percent of Trenton plants reported making war munitions.

10---Mayor Donnelly opened fight on rent profiteers.

15---Edwin Fitzgeorge, secretary of Elks, died.

16---William Kafer, retired business man, found dead.

17---Melvin A. Fogg, realty broker, started suit for \$10,000 against Mrs. Mary Winn.

18---Sidney N. Oliphant, died.

25---Trenton and Mercer County Traction allowed straight six cent fare.

27---Judge Davis sentenced sixty-six bootleggers to jail.

28---Influenza epidemic struck Trenton.

OCTOBER

1---Democratic and Republican State Conventions held here. Miss Mary Hatfield, postmistress at State Hospital, killed on railroad.

4---Harold Holden died.

6---Charles G. Roebling died. Trenton put under influenza quarantine.

9---The Rev. Dr. Charles B. Roach, influenza victim.

10---City employees dug graves for city dead from epidemic.

15---Preachers warned to stop holding services during quarantine.

18---Former Deputy Captain Matheson died.

19---Harold Blanchard died.

19---O. D. Wilkinson took Hotel Sterling from Charles Fury.

NOVEMBER

4---Johnson _ne asked 28-cent fare to Princeton.

5---Wets carried Trenton election.

9---Frank Mega and Frank Bala_ka killed on motorcycle.

11---Guido Gaulfetti killed in auto collision.

18---Errors Court sustained trolley fare boost 7 to 3.

20---Mrs. Mary Winn retracted her libel statement against Melvin A. Fogg and \$10,000 suit ended.

22---Trolley men asked for increase in wages.

22---City Commission barred Scott Nearing meeting in Trenton.

23---Trolley men accepted 42 cents an hour and avert strike.

28---Pottery saggermakers quit.

29---Michael Kosack burned to death.

DECEMBER

2---Michael Horvath committed suicide by hanging.

4---Republicans halted recount in Assembly fight.

6---Ex Judge Alfred Reed died.

7---William Clancy killed by fall.

14---Former Governor Franklin Murphy resigned as national committeeman.

15---Former Prosecutor Martin Devlin demanded school board probe Miss Snyder's letter in Wetzell case.

16---State Comptroller Newton A. K. Bugbee's campaign for Governor started.

19---Miss Arietta Snyder sent resignation to school board.

21---Mrs. Robert Field Stockton died.

24---Board of Parsons granted parole to 96 prisoners.

28---John Wargo Jr., shot and killed by Alfred Grover while playing with gun.