

LABOR AND CAPITAL EACH MAY ORGANIZE, SAYS ROCKEFELLER

One Has Same Right as Other, He Tells U. S. Commission - Favors "Good Unions."

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., espoused the cause of "good unions" today before the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations, but limited his approval strictly to those unions which labor and the public...

"I believe it to be just as proper and advantageous for labor to associate itself into organized groups for the advancement of its legitimate interests as for capital to combine for the same object," said Rockefeller.

"Combinations of capital some times are conducted in an unworthy manner, contrary to law and in disregard for the interests both of labor and the public," he said.

Referring to the Colorado strike, Rockefeller asserted that the hiring and discharging of men and the framing of agreements are deserving of public attention.

"I had no knowledge of the managers' decision until after the strike had been declared," he said.

HELD LITTLE COLORADO STOCK. Rockefeller asserted his company, the Colorado Fuel and Iron, controlled only a small percentage of the mines involved in the strike, and could not have dictated their policies.

His company's earnings, including bonds held by the Rockefellers, never exceeded 3 1/2 per cent. per annum, he said.

"Doubtless mistakes have been made and conditions are still imperfect," Rockefeller declared, "but I think it is fair to defend any conditions that are justly subject to criticism; I only ask that the responsibility for them be apportioned fairly."

His efforts are being devoted, he testified, to develop increasing good will and to improve existing conditions as far as possible.

"Frankly," he said, "I confess I felt there was something wrong in a condition of the public mind, engendered hatred and bitterness and brought suffering and privation upon hundreds of human beings."

"I believe further," he said, "that in matters of industrial relations, the public is entitled to confidence and consideration. My appreciation of conditions surrounding wage-earners and my sympathies with every endeavor to better these conditions are as strong as those of any man."

He said the opportunity given me, I am able to contribute toward promoting the well-being of my fellowman, through the lessening of injustice and the alleviation of human suffering, I shall feel that it has been possible to realize the highest purpose of my life."

In a statement submitted to the commission Rockefeller gave a report of the foundation's funds. On December 1, 1914, the total on hand was \$2,000,000, of which \$2,327,528 was unexpended income.

Plain-clothes men and central office detectives were much in evidence when Rockefeller took the stand. They were scattered through the corridors of the Municipal Building, where the hearing is being held, throughout the audience in the room and particularly in the first rows of seats near the witness stand.

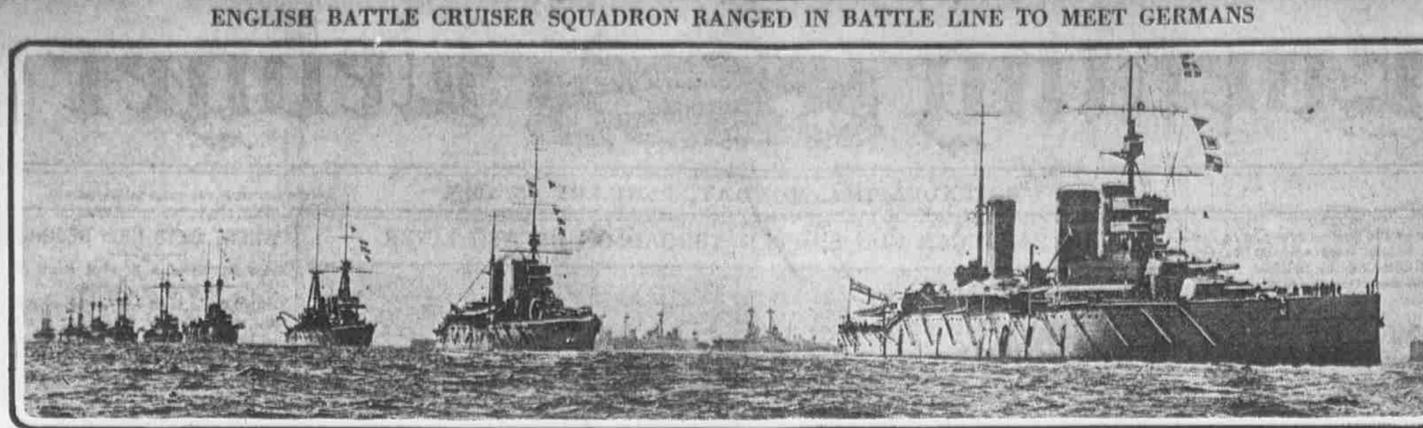
FINED FOR POISONING DOG

Director of Kensington Kennel Club Arraigned Before Magistrate.

A. C. Quail, 1230 North Warnock street, was arraigned before Magistrate Campbell on a charge of poisoning Black Boy, a valuable Pomeranian belonging to Joseph Kayser, 715 East Girard avenue. The prosecution was brought at the instance of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENCES

Ivan Baran, 2039 Blavia st., and Marya Kovay, 2817 Blavia st.; Raymond Miller, 2417 S. Lambert st., and Edith Miller, 2417 S. Lambert st.; Raymond Miller, 2417 S. Lambert st., and Edith Miller, 2417 S. Lambert st.



Right to left the five leading ships are the Indomitable, New Zealand, Princess Royal, Lion and Tiger. This picture was taken last summer in the course of the great British naval review, held at Spithead, shortly before the declaration of war. It has been hinted since that these ships were assembled at the time because it was foreseen that war was coming.

MAYOR SIGNS BILL TO 'MAKE DIRT FLY'; FOR ELECTION SOON

Appropriation of \$500,000 Now Can Be Used for Sewer Relocation to Facilitate Subway Work.

Mayor Blankenburg today signed the general appropriation bill, carrying with it \$500,000 for the relocation of sewers in the proposed transit loop. Work on sewer relocation will start March 20. This bill was passed by Council on Thursday.

The Mayor signed the bill in the presence of Director Taylor and the newspaper men before opening his mail and his action placed at the Director's disposal the money to start the work.

After affixing his signature, the Mayor said, "We want to see the dirt fly on March 20." Handing Director Taylor the pen with which he wrote his name, Mr. Blankenburg said, "I give this to you as a souvenir. I wish it were a gold pen, but the city is not rich enough to afford those."

In jovial vein, the Mayor said: "On March 20 Director Taylor will give me a silver shovel to turn out the first shovel of earth and I will give him a gold pick."

The Mayor appeared greatly improved by his brief vacation at Asheville, N. C., where he had been since January 8.

"I gained five pounds," he said, "and my sore throat is entirely cured. In fact I don't feel so toward any one. I have the blindest feeling for all mankind. We had bed fever at Asheville, but I went for a rest and got it."

FOR ELECTION IN MARCH

Mr. Blankenburg declared himself emphatically in favor of a special election in March that the people might vote to retain the present development. In this connection he said:

"I am very much in favor of an election early in March, as I have said in my message to the town-meeting held in the city a few days ago. I have no doubt but that the vote will be overwhelmingly in favor of borrowing the money to be used for the work."

In commenting upon the selection of Francis Shunk Brown as Attorney General by Governor Brumbaugh, the Mayor said:

"The appointment of Mr. Brown came to me as a distinct surprise. I have known him a number of years and personally I am sure that he has always been true to his clients and always given to them the best that is in him."

HOPES FOR CONVENTION

The Mayor expressed the hope that the present Legislature would approve a Constitutional Convention. He said that he had advocated such action for a long time and that he had the assurance of Governor Brumbaugh that his list of suggestions for changes in legislation for the benefit of the city would be carefully considered.

Regarding the quick sale of \$5,000,000 in city bonds over the counter last week, the Mayor said: "The news of the unprecedented success of the sale was one of the most gratifying pieces of information I have received in a long time. It would be no trouble in disposing of the issue in a single day. The success of the sale shows that the credit of the city is not only well maintained, but is better today than ever before."

BUTLER THIEF AND "PAL" HELD UNDER HEAVY BAIL

Colored Assault and Companion Must Face Trial.

Joseph A. Davis, until a short time ago a butler in the employ of Mrs. John Turner, wife of the president of the Hires Turner Glass Company, and a companion, Charles Christopher, were arraigned for breaking into the Turner home at St. David's and held in \$1500 bail today for court.

Davis was captured after Mrs. Turner had come to the assistance of her husband, who was being overpowered by the butler who had turned housebreaker. It was brought out in court today that Davis, who like his companion, is colored, had been in the employ of the Turners for some time and that he had assisted in the burglary.

On December 23 he disappeared with a pocketbook, a valuable ring and a suit case, and early yesterday returned and gained entrance at the front door. A maid whom he knocked down screamed for help, but when Mr. Turner tried to catch the intruder, Christopher having come in from the rear, leaped on the business man's back. The latter was getting the worst of it until his wife came to his assistance, when they managed to capture both men.

G. A. R. MAN APPOINTED

James F. Morrison, chief clerk in the office of the Receiver of Taxes and prominent in Grand Army circles, has been appointed to the State Commission on Soldiers' Orphan Schools by Governor Brumbaugh on recommendation of John A. Fairman, department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic.

DECISION COSTLY TO U. S.

Decree of Supreme Court Affects \$2,000,000 in Claims.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The sum of approximately \$2,000,000 will have to be refunded by the United States Treasury Department as a result of a decision of the United States Supreme Court today in an appeal from the Court of Claims brought by the United States against Benjamin F. Jones, Jr., as sole administrator of the estate of Adelaide P. Dalsell, deceased, a former resident of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mrs. Dalsell died intestate possessed of personal property valued at \$226,115, and on October 24, 1905, the Collector of Internal Revenue at Pittsburgh collected the sum of \$4330 as an inheritance tax. The Court of Claims ordered the refunding of this tax. Similar claims amounting approximately to the sum of \$2,000,000 hinge upon this case.

Representative Williams is an employee of the Peoples Railway Company in Wilmington.

BILL FOR PROTECTION OF EMPLOYERS INTRODUCED

Legislator Would Absolve Companies From Prosecution in Accidents.

DOVER, Del., Jan. 25.—A proposed law, which would protect employers from prosecution for accidents caused by neglect, caused a sensation when introduced in the House today by Representative Williams. Under its provision a trolley car motorman whose negligence resulted in a fatality, could be fined from \$10 to \$25 in a municipal court. The bill removes him from any criminal responsibility. It also applies to operators of motor vehicles.

The Democratic members of the House held a caucus this morning and delayed the opening of the session until noon. The Democrats conferred over their attitude toward the Republican legislative program and it was announced they would not block any measure except partisan legislation.

Senator Gormley and Representative Downard received bills drafted by the Wilmington High School Alumni Association, providing for the re-organization of the Board of Education by reducing its membership from 13 to 7, the latter to be elected at large and not from each representative district, as at present.

The Democrats appointed Senators Hart and Furness and Representatives Hall, Elliott and Allen as a committee to watch Republican legislation. The Democrats also announced that they would direct activities in behalf of railroad men's interests.

They will make a vigorous effort to prevent the repeal of the so-called severance act, passed by the Legislature in 1912, and will urge the enactment of several measures which they will have introduced later in the session.

According to the railroad men, an effort will be made by the railroads to bring about the repeal of the full-crew act, and the railroad men's lobby is making a canvas of the House and Senate in an effort to prevent the repeal of this law.

The full-crew act was bitterly opposed in 1913 by the railroads, as it required the railroad companies to keep a certain number of men on each train. The railroads, in their fight to repeal the act, are contending that on trains of a certain size a full crew is unnecessary.

A bill providing for the electric headlight on passenger trains, which will soon be introduced by the locomotive engineers. The trainmen also have a measure requiring that obstructions located near railroad tracks be removed.

The bill requiring that a man must serve a certain term of service with a railroad before he can be promoted to the position of engineer, which was defeated after a bitter contest in the last session, will again be introduced, and another bitter contest is anticipated when the measure comes before the present Legislature. The trainmen contend that it is an effort to prevent the repeal of this law.

SMITH EXONERATES FRIENDS

Removes Blame From Club Members For Brother's Death.

Charles Smith, of 231 Ashmead street, whose brother, George Smith, 22 years old, fell to his death from an ice-coated window ledge at the 22d Ward Democratic Club in Germantown, exonerated six other members of the organization from blame today, at a hearing in Central Station. George Smith fractured his skull while attempting to go to his brother's rescue by climbing from one window sill to another on the outside of the club headquarters, yesterday.

According to the dead man's brother, he and George Feasey had gotten into an altercation on an upper floor of the club. The window of the apartment where the fight occurred is divided in half by a partition and George Smith attempted to go to aid his brother by climbing around the dividing wall. He lost his footing owing to the frozen sleet and pitched to the ground on his head.

Charles Smith, the brother Feasey and Harry Connors, all members of the club, were held on their own recognizance to await the action of the Coroner.

LIGHT AND SHADOW OF DAY IN THE CITY POLICE COURTS

Culprits Arraigned for Varied Offenses Meet Rewards and Punishments According to Deserts.

Four Negroes saw a man throw knives around a girl at a vaudeville show. Then they went to the home of John Miller, 407 South 12th street, and tried the trick on Miller's picture, which hung on the wall. In a few minutes his portrait looked like a sieve. Miller procured a revolver and shot up the house. His friends used his furniture for trenches. Miller was still shooting when Sergeant McGowan and Policeman Lyford arrived. Magistrate Haggerty, at the 13th and Pine streets station, made Miller declare an armistice for 30 days, which period he will rest in jail.

Harry Emely, of Reading, appeared before Magistrate Emely at the Park and Lehigh avenue station hungry and broke. "It's the first time I ever had an Emely before me," said the Judge. "What were you arrested for?"

"I just came in because I was hungry," said the prisoner, leaning on the business man's back. The latter was getting the worst of it until his wife came to his assistance, when they managed to capture both men.

When Joseph Duffy isn't whitewashing he does a little paperhanging or helps undertakers to lay out the dead. Occasionally he plays the piano for cabarets, and it business is slow at this he acts as chauffeur for a brewery wagon or works in a cut-price grocery. All of these trades were slack, as he sought to cross the river. He was found asleep near the car track on Front street by a policeman, and taken to the Front and Westmoreland streets station.

"That's my business," replied Duffy. "Better get another," said the Magistrate. The prisoner was thinking so deeply he didn't hear the Judge say "discharged."

"Brighten the Corner Where You Are." This refrain, which is popular in the "Billy" Sunday meetings, echoed the half of the 12th and Pine streets police station this morning. Sergeant Clarke found a poorly dressed man playing shut in on a nearby house. There was a trace of tears in the eyes of the musician, although he tried to smile.

"I'd like to stay here for the night," he said, "even if I can stand up somewhere. I want to get out of the cold." Sergeant Clarke gave him a bed and took up a collection for the stranger, who said he was Charles Bower, of Reading. Magistrate Haggerty helped the good work along with a liberal donation.

Sixty-year-old Thomas Foley was seen struggling along the street with heavy shunter on his shoulder by Sergeant Hirt. When taken to the Germantown police station, Foley admitted that he stole the shunter from a nearby house. "My son and me are out of work," he said, "and my wife is taking in washing to help things along. We had no money for firewood, so I took the shunter."

LOBBIES ARE READY AS FLOODS OF BILLS RISE AT HARRISBURG

Liquor Men's Representatives at Capital and Railroad Employes' Agents Also Open Headquarters.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

HARRISBURG, Jan. 25.—The Legislature will settle down to the actual work of the session when it reconvenes at 9 o'clock tonight. Both houses are now completely organized, and "ready for business." This is the first week for the consideration of legislation, and a flood of bills will begin to pour into the Senate and House during the three days the two branches will be in session this week.

Governor Brumbaugh's plea for less legislation will have some effect on the number of measures passed by the Legislature, but it is not expected to greatly reduce in number the hundreds of bills that members have planned to introduce. By far the majority of these proposed measures are for sectional legislation. Local option, child labor, employers' liability, workmen's compensation, good roads, agriculture, education and the other measures urged by the Governor are being drafted by Attorney General Brown, so that the former inconvenience of dozens of bills being introduced for each of the State-wide problems will probably be avoided.

The first of the Brumbaugh Administration measures are expected to be introduced tomorrow. These include child labor, which will come up in the Senate first, and agricultural legislation. Local option, "slated" to be disposed of early in the session, may also be introduced in the House this week.

With the Legislature settling down to actual work, two powerful lobbies are already at work here. Neil Bonner, secretary of the Pennsylvania Retail Dealers Association, is here with a corps of assistants, fighting for the liquor interests. The railroad employes of the State have organized a "snake" to destroy the object of the bill to protect the purity of the ballot.

Some of the striking increases which have been reported to the department by American business men and shippers, are:

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RESULT OF INCREASES

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BUSINESS MEN PROTEST

Many of the letters from business men and exporters, on which the report is based, are attached to it, and they show clearly the difficulties under which the foreign trade is conducted at present.

A big commission house in San Francisco wrote that 600 tons of dried fruit shipped through the Panama Canal to New York for export to Holland via Scandinavian ports were held up a long time in New York because no ships were available for the export of the product in excess of 200 per cent, following the war, up to the first of the year, and 100 per cent, has been added since then.

New York manufacturers of Portland cement reported that before the war shipments of this commodity were possible to Argentina and Uruguay at \$2.45 per ton, and to Brazil at \$3.00 a ton. Early in August these rates were boosted to 50 per cent, and further raised since September, until now they are \$9 per ton to Rio Janeiro by some lines and \$3.10 a ton by others, and \$5 to Argentina.

DU PONT'S BUSINESS AFFECTED BY NEW RATES

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 25.—At the traffic department of the Du Pont Powder Company, it was stated that the increased ocean rates would affect that concern because few ship owners are anxious to carry explosives at any time. It will have the effect of increasing the price of powder to the purchaser abroad because he will be compelled to pay the freight.

Members of the firm of the Charles Bower, of Reading, who had been arrested, made similar statements.

DISCUSSION OF HOUSING

Housing conditions in Toronto, Canada, will be discussed today by D. Frank Beer, president of the Toronto Housing Company, at the annual meeting of the Octavia Hill Association, in the auditorium of the Curtis Building. A report of the year's work by the Octavia Hill Association, which has helped to change unsanitary houses into modern model dwellings, will be read. Directors for the year of 1915 will be elected.

TAX PAYMENTS BEGIN

City Receives Taxes on Realty and School Assessments.

Heavy payments on realty and school taxes were made by citizens today at the office of the Receiver of Taxes at City Hall and at the eight branch tax offices throughout the city, following the opening of the tax books this morning for 1915. Books for payment of water rents for 1915 will be opened February 1. The new duplicate tax bill that eliminates the long delay at the receiver's office was put into service today.

A discount of 1 per cent. on all taxes were payments made in January, February and March is allowed by ordinance; discounts of 1/2 per cent. are allowed for payments in April, 1/4 of 1 per cent. in May and 1/4 of 1 per cent. in June. No discount is allowed in July and August and penalties begin in September.

OCEAN FREIGHT RATES BLOW TO U. S. TRADE

Continued from Page One Steamship owners on the one hand and by what the traffic can stand on the other.

"The Government has no power to control or regulate ocean freight rates, nor can it, under existing law, protect our foreign trade against the extortionate and hurtful charges. The steamship owners can increase rates without notice and upon the instant, and our business men are helpless. The steamship companies are their own masters and do as they please with the transportation of our exports."

The report today was supplemental to the statement made on December 29 last, and was made in response to the resolution passed December 18, calling for information regarding the ocean freight rate situation.

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2 DEAD, MANY HURT AS RESULT OF ICE AND BAD WEATHER

One Victim Killed When Slipping From Top of Car—Other Dies of Exposure.

JANUARY PROMISES TO SET RAIN RECORD

A few more rainstorms in the next week will give to the first month of 1915 the distinction of breaking all records for January rains. The record to date is 6.28 inches this month. This figure has been exceeded only three times in the history of the Weather Bureau.

The greatest precipitation ever recorded in the month was in 1841, when 7.34 inches of rain fell. The next highest was in 1836, when the record was 7.62, and in 1859, when the fall was 6.88 inches.

One man is dead and scores are injured today as the result of the thin coating of ice on the streets of the city, caused by the rain and hail storm. Another victim of the weather was found dead in a vacant lot at 24th and Mifflin streets. He was reported to have been killed by E. E. Jones, 33 years old, of 1167 Oxford street. He slipped from the top of a freight car in the 52d street yard of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and was ground to death beneath the wheels. The man found dead in the lot was Jacob Mink, 48 years old, of 25th and McKean streets.

Higher temperature after midnight melted the ice, turning it into slush. Streets and sidewalks were still extremely dangerous this morning, however, and numerous accidents have been reported. The nearest eye hospital in the city has been called upon to treat one or more injuries as a result of the slippery sidewalks and some of the injured are in a critical condition.

Several persons were severely shaken up when the automobile in which they were riding skidded and collided with a crowded trolley car at 24th street and Alhambra street shortly before midnight. The auto passengers were hurled into the street and badly bruised, and the passengers of the trolley car became panic-stricken.

Miss Elizabeth Green, of 230 Carson street, Manayunk, the most seriously injured, was taken to St. Timothy's Hospital suffering from bruises and shock. She later was taken to the hospital, where she died. William H. Brown, of 448 Baker street, and Mr. and Mrs. John Cotter, of Ritchie street above Green lane, were treated at their homes. Both the trolley car and the automobile were going west when the accident occurred. The front of the motorcar was demolished.

The list of injured follows: JOSEPH LETTBIK, 1914 South West street, fractured hip; Agnes Hospital. ROBERT SPIDAR, 60 years, 1223 South 25th street, fractured hip; University Hospital. JOSEPH WIGGINS, 60th street and Lancaster street, fractured hip; West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital. LOUIS GINSBERG, 742 South street, fractured arm; St. Joseph's Hospital. AIRMAN GOLDBER, 259 Catherine street, fractured arm; St. Joseph's Hospital. FRANK DAGEL, 2525 Fruit street, dislocated arm; Episcopal Hospital. MANAYUNK, hurt when auto skidded at 34th street and Allegheny avenue; St. Timothy's Hospital. MISS ANNA WEAVER, 4075 Thompson street, fractured hip; St. Joseph's Hospital. WILLIAM W. BROWN, 811 Main street, Darby, fractured right shoulder; Women's Southern Homeopathic Hospital. WILLIAM W. BROWN, 15 years old, 1410 North Hannon street, broken left leg; University Hospital. MRS. MARY TARPPEL, 28 years old, 1411 North Broad street, fell in front of her home, fell at head and neck; St. Joseph's Hospital. HARRY MORRIS, 1017 Fairmount avenue, fell at head and neck; St. Joseph's Hospital. MRS. A. J. FLETCHER, 2224 Gray street, fractured arm; St. Joseph's Hospital. HENRY W. BROWN, 1427 North 50th street, broken arm; West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital. JAMES WILLIAMS, 50th street and Lancaster street, broken arm; West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital. Hospitals and police also reported numerous minor injuries due to falls.

A patrol car and automobile collided with a light car at 24th and Mifflin streets. The light car was driven by Michael McConnel, of Chelton avenue and Morton street, and Arthur Wiest, of 109 West Harvey street, and Michael McConnel, of 5203 Heikell street, Germantown, were thrown to the street. They escaped with minor injuries.

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