

CONVENTION HALL WOULD SAVE CITY \$10,000,000 A YEAR

Chamber of Commerce, in Open Letter, Points Out Annual Loss to Philadelphia and Urges Immediate Action by Councils.

Citizens Should Get in Touch With Their Councilmen and Impress Upon Them the Need of Definite Action in September.

An open letter to the citizens of Philadelphia, urging united action to induce Councils to act promptly upon the project of building a convention hall, has just been issued by the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce.

The success of the movement to get the Republican National Convention here in 1916 also depends upon action by Councils. Immediately after they convene in September, the letter also shows, the letter marks the beginning of a systematic campaign to crystallize public sentiment upon the matter between now and September. The letter follows, in part:

"The Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce calls upon the citizens of Philadelphia to give their active support to the effort that it is now putting forth to induce Councils to act promptly upon the project of building a convention hall, Philadelphia, for many years, has felt the need of such a building, but at this time it is particularly important that definite steps should be taken in this direction immediately.

"The Allied Advertising Clubs of the World, which bring together nearly 20,000 persons, are coming here next year. This city stands an excellent chance of winning the Republican National Convention for 1916. An invitation has been extended by this organization to the Republican National Campaign Committee to come to Philadelphia, and the information received at the office of the secretary seems favorable to the convention being held here next year. The most serious obstacle is the lack of a suitable building to accommodate the convention.

"These two conventions will bring hundreds of thousands of dollars to the merchants, hotels and other business interests of Philadelphia.

"Philadelphia needs a building near the business center of the city, adjacent to the tracks of the railroads having their terminals in Philadelphia; a building that is accessible from all parts of the city and which is designed to accommodate conventions attended by 100, 1000 or 20,000 persons.

"This subject has been debated for a number of years and public sentiment is unanimously in favor of the erection of such a building.

"The Chamber of Commerce therefore takes this occasion to urge each of its members, and every citizen of Philadelphia, immediately to get in touch with their respective representatives in Councils, by personal interview or by letter, and to urge that at the first meeting of Councils in September definite action shall be taken toward selecting a site and getting under way the erection of a convention hall.

"No efforts should be spared during the summer to impress upon Councils that the people of Philadelphia thoroughly appreciate the city's great need in this respect, and that members of Councils will be held to strict accountability should they neglect to act promptly in this matter."

Child Burned by Fireworks

MARYSVILLE, Pa., July 22.—Charles Warner, 6 years old, of Mechanicsburg, was probably fatally burned in a belated Fourth of July celebration yesterday. Young Warner found some left-over fireworks and set them off, and his clothing caught fire in the explosion.

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast

WASHINGTON, July 22.—For eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey—Fair weather and moderate temperature tonight and Friday; moderate northeast and north winds. Showers again occurred in nearly all Atlantic coast districts during the last 24 hours, but the skies have cleared this morning from Virginia northward. In fact, generally fair weather prevails in all parts of the country except the South Atlantic coast districts, under the influence of relative high pressure that is central this morning over the plains States. Temperatures are below normal generally from the Rocky Mountains eastward, but the deficiencies as a rule are slight.

U. S. Weather Bureau Bulletin

Table with columns for Station, S. S. M., W. S. M., Wind, and Weather. Lists various cities and their weather conditions.

Observations at Philadelphia

Table with columns for Barometer, Temperature, Wind, and other weather observations for Philadelphia.

Almanac of the Day

Table with columns for Sun sets, Moon sets, and other daily almanac information.

Lamps to Be Lighted

Table with columns for Lamps to be lighted and other information.

The Tides

Table with columns for Low water, High water, and other tide information for various locations.



RETURNS FROM SERVA Dr. Samuel W. Hodge, of Knoxville, Tenn., was one of the original American Red Cross contingent to go to Serbia. He was the roommate of Dr. James J. Donnelly, who died from typhus in Serbia, and was himself stricken with the disease and was ill for 26 days, part of the time being cared for on the yacht Erin, by Sir Thomas Lipton.

BANKS INCREASE VEHICLE GUARDS

"For Hire" Signs Also Used on Wagons to Foil Vigilant Would-be Robbers.

Broad daylight hold-ups of automobiles and wagons used by banks in New York, Chicago and Denver for the transportation of gold and other currency has prompted a number of banking institutions in this city to tack unique signs on their vehicles. The signs, which are placed at the front part of the vehicle, near the driver's seat, carry the inscription "For Hire."

Several of the signs bearing the words "For Hire" were seen today in the central part of the city. A light delivery wagon stopped today in front of the Girard Trust Company, at Broad and Chestnut streets. In the wagon were many small and large bags. They were set down to the Girard Trust Company to be deposited there by another bank. Near the driver's seat was one of the "For Hire" signs.

Detectives who are in the employ of several large trust companies in this city and who usually guard the wagons, said today that unusual precautions were being taken in guarding a wagon carrying bank funds in other cities has caused many banking institutions in this city to double the guard about the wagons.

A veteran detective in the employ of a prominent trust company said today that the bank which employs him now has four detectives and two messengers who guard the wagons which carry funds to and from the institution. Many wagons and automobiles carrying bank funds within the last year have been held up in the busiest sections of New York. In many instances the robbers escaped.

The use of the "For Hire" signs, according to a veteran detective in the employ of a prominent trust company, was decided upon recently by several of the large banks of Philadelphia. He also said that unusual precautions were being taken in guarding a wagon carrying money after it stops in front of a bank. Often four private detectives and several bank messengers surround the vehicle while clerks are unloading bags from the wagons.

WILSON KEEPS CLOSE WATCH ON ANNAPOLIS PROBE

Political Interference May Force President's Action.

WASHINGTON, July 22.—President Wilson is watching closely the development of the inquiry into the cribbing investigation at Annapolis and the political complications that have arisen in connection with the inquiry approaching a scandal and destroying the morale at that institution.

BEACON CHURCH FAIR

Annual Street Carnival in Northeast Opens Tonight.

A carnival, planned to eclipse any previous street fair held by the Beacon Presbyterian Church, Cedar and Cumberland streets, will open tonight on Cumberland between Memphis and Canal streets and continue tomorrow and Saturday evenings.

PLAN CO-OPERATIVE SEWER

Six Delaware County Boroughs to Build One Great System.

Plans are being made for a comprehensive sewer system for six Delaware County boroughs—Lansdowne, East Lansdowne, Yeadon, Clifton Heights, Aldan and Collingsdale. An expenditure of several hundred thousand dollars will be entailed. The plan, if carried through, will be one of the greatest improvements in recent years in this section.

Gerhard to Stay in Germany

WASHINGTON, July 22.—Dr. Anton Mayer-Gerhard, who went to Berlin as the personal envoy of the German Ambassador here before the last German note to the United States regarding submarine warfare was written, will remain in Europe. Great Britain has advised the provision in Doctor Gerhard's safe conduct requiring his return to America.

PHILADELPHIA GOT A LEMON

That's What "Billy" Sunday Handed This City, Neil Bonner Says.

"Billy" Sunday handed Philadelphia a lemon," Neil Bonner, president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Liquor Dealers, told more than 200 members of the Wisconsin Liquor Dealers' Association in annual convention in Milwaukee, yesterday. This remark was greeted with loud applause.

"The people of Philadelphia would greet the evangelist with a shower bath from a garden hose were he to return to that city now," Mr. Bonner told the saloonists.

"It was there 11 weeks carrying on his campaign of enticing residents to follow him on his 'sawdust trail,' and when he left took with him a certified check for \$1,000 and informed the committee that brought him there to be sure and send \$200 additional which he had coming. 'He cannot go back to any city where he carried on his 'soul-saving work.'"

ANOTHER WILMINGTON ARMS FACTORY TAKES ON MORE MEN

Still Another Will Increase Capital Stock to \$1,000,000.

WILMINGTON, Del., July 22.—Five hundred people will be employed within a short time at the plant of the Artillery Fuse Company, which has leased the old plant of the Standard Arms Company. The concern is manufacturing fuses for sharpshooters. William H. Penn heads the new company, and a number of the du Ponts are interested in it as individuals, though it is not a branch of the powder company.

In order that it may be in a position to handle a contract for several hundred thousand rifles for one of the European nations now at war, the Stergianois Arms Company, of this city, has secured permission to increase its capital stock from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. The company will erect a new plant within a short time, but the site has not been selected. Most of those interested in the company would rather locate in Wilmington, but other towns have offered a number of concessions to secure the new factory.

PROTEST AGAINST SALOON

Logan Residents Will Carry Fight Into License Court.

Residents of Logan are up in arms against the contemplated intrusion into that neighborhood of another saloon at York road and Lindley avenue. More than 200 residents attended a protest meeting of the Logan Improvement League at 493 North Broad street, last night, and voted as a body for a resolution against the introduction of additional saloons to the one already in the locality.

July 20 members of the league will attend in a body the session of the License Court to protest further before Judges Slaake and Patterson. The transfer to the new location has been asked by Thomas F. Watson, who has a saloon on Germantown avenue next to a Y. M. C. A. building. The owner of the latter has recently obtained possession of the property occupied by the saloon and requested the proprietor to move.

DATES SET FOR HEARINGS ON DIVIDED DAY OF REST

Female Employers of Hotels, Charitable and Other Institutions Concerned.

HARRISBURG, July 22.—Dates for two hearings on the proposition to divide into two periods the day of rest for female employees of hotel and charitable, educational and religious institutions, which will be held by the Industrial Board of the Department of Commerce and Industry, have been set. The first will be held in the rooms of the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, August 4, and the second at the Colonnade Hotel, Philadelphia, one week later.

These hearings will be held at the request of the Legislative Committee of the Hotel Keepers' Association of Pennsylvania and an effort will be made to arrive at some solution of the problem, which is of considerable importance to the hotelmen in every part of the State.

SCHOOL DRILLS UP TO CITY

Dr. Schaeffer Makes Ruling on Question of Military Training.

The question of whether military drills now being freely discussed by educators and military men as part of the public schools' curricula, should be incorporated by the city or State school board has been settled by Nathan C. Schaeffer, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, who has ruled that the step must be taken by the city board.

In a letter relative to the installation of military drills at the Central High School here, the superintendent says the matter is entirely up to the school board of Philadelphia and beyond the jurisdiction of the State Board of Education.

Vacation Day Precaution

It's a great annoyance to find yourself from home and unable to obtain your favorite newspaper. Before you go away on the Evening Ledger to have your paper to you. Specify the edition desired.

Large advertisement for 'find yours' cigarettes. Features the headline 'find "yours"', sub-headline 'Get all the smoke-pleasure you pay for. Find the right cigarette—a SENSIBLE one that fits your own likes and dislikes.', and main headline 'It may or may not be Fatima —but this will help you find it.' The ad includes several columns of text describing the benefits of Fatima cigarettes, such as 'Tastes differ—in fashions, foods and pretty girls. Also in cigarettes.' and 'All cigarettes are pure, but when it comes to the taste, nobody can help you choose. You simply have to decide for yourself.' It also features a section titled 'TWO TESTS FOR ANY CIGARETTE' with detailed instructions on how to test for quality. The ad is signed 'Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co.' and includes a copyright notice for 1915.