

PORTER THREATENS COP IN UNIFORM AT GAMING DEN DOORS

Director Would Quarantine Houses to Force Closing. Says Lack of Funds Prevent Prosecution

ACCUSES ORGANIZATION

"Members," said Director Porter, "may think themselves secure because we have no money to prosecute investigations against them, but I will say now that if our efforts fail we will put a man in uniform outside each gambling house to warn people away, and brand as a gambler every one who enters the door."

The Director commented today on reports given wide publicity that several gambling houses were running within a short distance of City Hall. It is charged that the publicity given to the gambling houses is the result of combining the influence of the Organization and of gamblers.

It is declared to be the interest of the Organization to discredit the present Administration by reporting the presence of gambling houses, and the gamblers are said to be anxious to have public acknowledgment of their operations in order to be able to appeal to the administration with the plea that they were allowed to operate under the old order.

It is against the Organization that the existence of gambling may be charged, according to reports made for the recovery of sums spent by special officers in their investigations of gambling houses. Special policemen have been employed for four months for money spent for carfare and other necessities during investigations. There is no fund to meet this demand. One special policeman went so far as to resign because he could not afford to hold his job. He asked to be transferred back to the house detail in uniform.

Director Porter asserted that, although the department's hands appeared to be tied, he was not helpless, and that patrons of gambling houses would be made to feel that the comfortable and profitable world as they know it was about to close. This baiting was effectively applied to a house on Walnut street between 13th and 14th streets.

A policeman in uniform stood outside during the daylight hours and publicly given to the matter by newspapermen informed the hundreds of persons who passed that any one who climbed the stairs to the second floor there was a gambler or dealt with gamblers. The house closed and the proprietors moved to Atlantic City at the end of six weeks' confinement.

Director Porter and Superintendent of Police Robinson discussed the matter today in Director Porter's private office. "There is no use denying that there are gambling houses in Philadelphia, but because their existence is well known," Director Porter said, "no one disputes it more than I do, but the special policemen have refused to go down in their pockets for money to investigate the gambling houses when they know they have only a slight chance of ever getting the money again."

"There are hundreds of dollars due special policemen in Philadelphia, but because Congress has given us no money they cannot be repaid."

Director Porter exploded the story that the gambling houses were running "wide open." He had hardly begun before Superintendent Robinson supplemented: "That is it; it is nearly impossible to get into the places. If we break in we find they have taken all their equipment away, and the new patrons are watched so carefully that only the people they are permitted to go in are allowed to enter. On Tuesday night we had the satisfaction of breaking up a crap game table on Columbia avenue between 9th and 10th streets."

Director Porter explained the law relating to the prosecution of gamblers. "The courts have taken the attitude," he said, "that unless the officer has been in the gambling house and placed the names of the gamblers in the case, no case is brought. This renders the forcible interdiction of gambling useless. We are, however, allowed to smash any gambling establishment in sight."

"That gambling usually has trap doors ready to receive all devices the moment there is an alarm."

AUTO FALLS OVER BANK

Four Injured—Car Rolled Backward Down Hill

Four Philadelphians are in a hospital at Pottsville, Pa. today as the result of their automobile overturning near that town. One man is seriously injured, but is expected to recover. They are C. H. Trencard, a real estate dealer of 238 Arch street; Charles Barke and Harry Barke, both of 1142 West 87th avenue, and J. G. Fetinger, of 4135 Frankford street.

Trencard was running the car. He tried to change gears on a steep hill and the clutch slipped, permitting the machine to start backwards. At a sharp turn it shot off the roadway and down a 4-foot embankment, where it turned over.

Two Homes Robbed

Thieves Steal Jewelry From Dwellings in Different Sections of City

THREE WARSHIPS BOUND HERE

Missouri, Wisconsin and Ohio Expected at Navy Yard Today

Three United States battleships are expected to return to the navy yard at League Island late today after a voyage lasting more than two months, which included two passages through the Panama Canal and a visit to the exposition at San Francisco. They are the Missouri, Wisconsin and Ohio, commanded respectively by Captains Preston, Prout and Thompson.

STEEL TRUST DECREE FILED IN U. S. COURT

Decision Denied Government the Right to Dissolve Corporation

TRENTON, Sept. 10.—The decree denying the Government's suit to dissolve the United States Steel Corporation, rendered here in June, was filed today in the United States District Court by Judge Buffington. The four judges of the United States District Court for New Jersey signed the decree.

The United States brought suit to dissolve the steel trust on the ground that it was in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. At the time that the court here denied the Government's petition, Attorney General Gregory announced that the Department of Justice would appeal the case to the United States Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—It was stated at the Department of Justice today that the Government's appeal in the United States Steel Corporation case will be filed within the next 60 days, the time limit for this action.

ACCUSED OF ROBBING TRUNKS

Baggage Agent at Overbrook Station Found With Stolen Goods in His Possession

The culprit in a long series of trunk robberies in baggage rooms of the Pennsylvania Railroad between this city and Harrisburg is believed to have been captured. Walter Root, 23 years old, 143 North 5th street, assistant baggage agent at the Overbrook station, has been arrested and charged with the thefts.

Root was arrested by Thomas Colligan, a private watchman, and Policeman Jacobo, of the 51st and Thompson streets station, near the station today. He had a bundle under his arm that he first said contained candy and then declared to be a bottle of whiskey.

The bluecoat finally opened the package. He found a large quantity of jewelry and some valuable clothing. Investigation at the Overbrook station showed that the trunks of three noted Main Line residents had been opened. They were those of Frederick T. Chandler, a broker; Mrs. Francis Ogden and W. S. Furst, an attorney.

SNOWBALL HITS WOMAN

Boy Accused of Throwing Unseasonable Missile

Mrs. Annie Bingham, 277 Cabot street, who says she was struck in the face by a snowball yesterday, swore out a warrant today for Mrs. Margaret Meyers, 270 Cabot street, whose young son is said to have hurled the unseasonable missile.

According to Mrs. Bingham, Clarence Meyers whose accuracy of aim, she said, blackened her eye, appeared on the scene with one of the flavored snowballs well known to children of the neighborhood soon after she had remonstrated with him for beating her son.

COAL MINERS ASSAIL U. OF P.

Want State Funds Shut Off Because of Nearing Case

Representatives of 100,000 coal miners today urged that the State refuse further appropriations to the University of Pennsylvania because of the dismissal of Professor Scott Nearing for holding "socialistic" views.

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General Benjamin Franklin Fisher as he appeared in bed, to which he had been confined for two years.

CHILD SWEEP BENEATH BOARDWALK IS SAVED

Men Leap Into Ocean at Atlantic City and Grope Way to Drowning Youngster

ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 10.—Little Belle Wessler, 3 years old, was saved from drowning last evening by the heroism of two young men, assisted by a policeman. The child's mother was seated in a pavilion on the outer edge of the Boardwalk, below Georgia avenue, watching the waves which were breaking with terrific force under the walk. The child was in a go-cart and climbed out on the walk, slipped and fell into the water and was swept under the walk.

The frantic screams of Mrs. Wessler as she caught a glimpse of her child on the crest of a huge wave brought a crowd in a few seconds. Peter Dawson, a horseholder, 235 Arctic avenue, leaped over the rail and into the water after the child. He was dressed in street clothing. He was followed by Frank Cole, of Philadelphia, a singer employed by the Joe Morris Company. Cole wore a bathing suit.

The young men fought their way through the breakers under the Boardwalk with no light to guide them except that which filtered through the cracks in the planking. Policeman Jack Ahern ran to the nearest beach steps and waded through the waves.

Dawson and Cole grasped the child just as a strong undercurrent was dragging her out to sea. They handed her to Ahern.

FATHER FORGIVES WOMAN

Relents When Penniless Daughter Who Married Against His Wishes Attempts Suicide

A reconciliation was effected today between Mrs. Ethel Billings, the woman who swallowed poison in Fairmount Park to end her troubles, and her father, Leon Bush, of Hartford, Conn., whom she had not seen for six years. He refused to forgive her when she married against his wishes six years ago, but he relented when he heard of her sad plight. She was forced to leave a hotel in Atlantic City when her money was stolen. Then she tried to die. The father hurried to her bedside at the Presbyterian Hospital. He sat there throughout the day, encouraging the woman as best he could. During the last two years she lost her husband and the three children whom she was struggling to keep. She reached Atlantic City a few days ago. On discovering that she had been robbed she sent home for money, but the request was not granted by her mother. This drove Mrs. Billings to distraction and she took poison. She will live.

Cassidy Wants to Be Magistrate

Harry P. Cassidy, a food expert whose work has brought him in close touch with Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, has announced his candidacy for magistrate on the Washington and Democratic ballots. Cassidy was appointed agent of the State Dairy and Food Department in 1903 and was dismissed in 1913 on charges which his friends assert were "framed up" by the poisoned food makers. He has lived in Philadelphia in his life, except when conducting crusades in New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts.

PANAMA CANAL AGAIN NAVIGABLE

PANAMA, Sept. 10.—The latest obstruction in the canal, due to a slide two days ago in the Cebra Cut, has been removed and traffic will be resumed today. Forty-eight ships are waiting to enter the canal.

GALVANIZED COPPER AND ZINC SHEETS

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GEN. B. F. FISHER, CIVIL WAR HERO, DIES

Chief Signal Officer of Union Army—Escaped From Libby Prison

General Benjamin Franklin Fisher, last survivor of the band of Union soldiers who escaped from Libby Prison, and chief signal officer of the Union forces during the Civil War, died yesterday at his home, Colonial Springs Farm, at Valley Forge. He was 81 years old and had been confined to his bed for two years with general debility.

The career of General Fisher was spectacular, both in military and civil life. As a soldier and as a lawyer he made his way to the top. He was appointed receiver by the Comptroller of Currency in the famous Spring Garden Bank failure of 1891, and was registered in bankruptcy in the Third Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

General Fisher enlisted in the United States Army at Doylestown, in 1861, as a lieutenant of volunteers. He served throughout the war, and was repeatedly mentioned and commended for bravery in action. As chief signal officer he served continuously in the Army of the Potomac, witnessing the resignation and appointment of every commander of that body, so distinguished was his service that he was rapidly promoted, and before the close of the war he was brevetted major general of volunteers. He resumed the practice of law after the close of hostilities.

General Fisher was captured near Adles, Va., in 1863, while carrying dispatches, and was confined in Libby Prison eight months before he and 109 other Union soldiers, under Colonel Rose, tunneled their way out. He and 15 others escaped, the others being shot or captured by the guards. For 12 days they wandered through swamps and dreary stretches of country, and, half-famished, finally made their way into the Union lines.

WOMAN 'KICKED OUT OF HOME' CHRISTMAS NIGHT DIVORCED

Husband Did Not Give Her Sufficient Food, She Declares

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Sept. 10.—The court today granted a divorce to Mary Palmer, of Lansdale, from Jackson Palmer, a lawyer of Lowell, Mass. According to the testimony before the master, he treated her cruelly, did not give her sufficient nourishing food, and as the master, Jesse Evans, observed, "virtually kicked her out on a peaceful Christmas night, 1912."

Palmer married in West Newton, Mass., in 1908, just after graduating from Harvard Law School. His wife declared in her testimony that while she was seriously ill he went away on a canoe trip without acquainting her of his destination so that he could have been reached if needed. The Christmas night he forced her to leave their home because of his commitment for a long term in the penitentiary for larceny.

GETS UP INSURANCE STOCK

President of Company in Difficulty Removes Obstacle to Adjustment

A. J. Simpson, the missing president of the American Assurance Company, has instructed his attorney, John E. Sibley, to turn back the shares of stock held by him, thereby removing the last objection to the sale of a controlling interest of the stock to a Pennsylvania insurance company to cover the \$62,000 impairment of the company's capital.

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EASY TO GET DRUGS, HE SAYS

Peddlers Sell "Dope" in Tenderloin, Prisoner Testifies

Users of drugs are having little difficulty in getting them despite the Harrison act, according to Horace Norton, 27 years old, of 7 Hutchinson court, who was held in 1909 jail for court today by United States Commissioner Long, accused of having in his possession 12 morphine tablets. Norton declared that peddlers sell various drugs to residents of the Tenderloin who are addicted to their use.

KILLS HER GRANDCHILD AS SHE INHALES GAS

Melancholy Old Woman Was Afraid to Leave Motherless Boy in Unfeeling World

Six-year-old Cyril Leach never will know the hardships borne by little boys who face the world without loved ones to care for them. It was his grandmother's fear that he would, and rather than that she preferred to take him with her in death. Now they can be together always.

Clasped in loving embrace, the boy and his grandmother, Mrs. Clara E. Leach, were found asphyxiated in their home, 222 Tacoma street. The open burner and a wet towel stuffed under the door of the room revealed that she had chosen suicide.

Mrs. Leach, who was 57 years old, had been melancholy and nervous. Cyril's mother died two years ago, and since that time the boy had been constantly in the care of his grandmother.

ALLEGED COUNTERFEITER

U. S. Commissioner Puts Gus Pappas Under \$5000 Bail

Gus Pappas, a Greek accused of counterfeiting 10 and 50-cent pieces, was held under \$5000 bail for court by Commissioner Long in the Federal Building today. Pappas was arrested at 283 South 10th street at the instance of Mrs. M. J. Murphy, with whom he boarded, who became suspicious of the man's actions.

Alexander Mack

PLAINFIELD, N. J., Sept. 10.—Alexander Mack, 47 years old, president of the Rariden Woolen Mills, fell dead today.

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YOUNG CHEMIST DIES, MARTYR FOR SCIENCE

Pennsylvania Graduate Dies of Burns Caused by Laboratory Explosion

A young chemical engineer who was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania two years ago gave his life today in the cause of science. He was Herbert Melcher, 24 years old, of 461 State road, Cynwyd.

Melcher died in the Frankford Hospital from burns received Tuesday in an explosion in the chemical laboratory of the Barrett Manufacturing Company, Frankford creek and Margaret street.

He was experimenting with several highly inflammable and explosive chemicals. The explosion set fire to the laboratory and to his clothing. He was terribly burned over the entire body. A quantity of pitch in the laboratory made the flames burn the more fiercely, and physicians at the hospital immediately realized that Melcher's burns would be fatal.

Melcher studied chemical engineering at the Towne Scientific School of the University of Pennsylvania. He was graduated in 1913, and last Friday became associated with the Barrett Manufacturing Company. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Webster A. Melcher, of Cynwyd.

High Masons to Visit Home

LANCASTER, Pa., Sept. 10.—Masonic day will be celebrated at the Masonic Home, at Elizabethtown, on Monday, September 27. I. Putnam Stevens, of Lewisburg, Mo., imperial potentate, nobles of the Mystic Shrines and the official divan will attend. Harry H. Chesney, of York, presented a beautiful fixture to the Lancaster County Shrine Club at Thursday night's meeting. Lancaster has the second club formed in North America, and the Amory, Miss., club, recently formed, is planned after it.

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