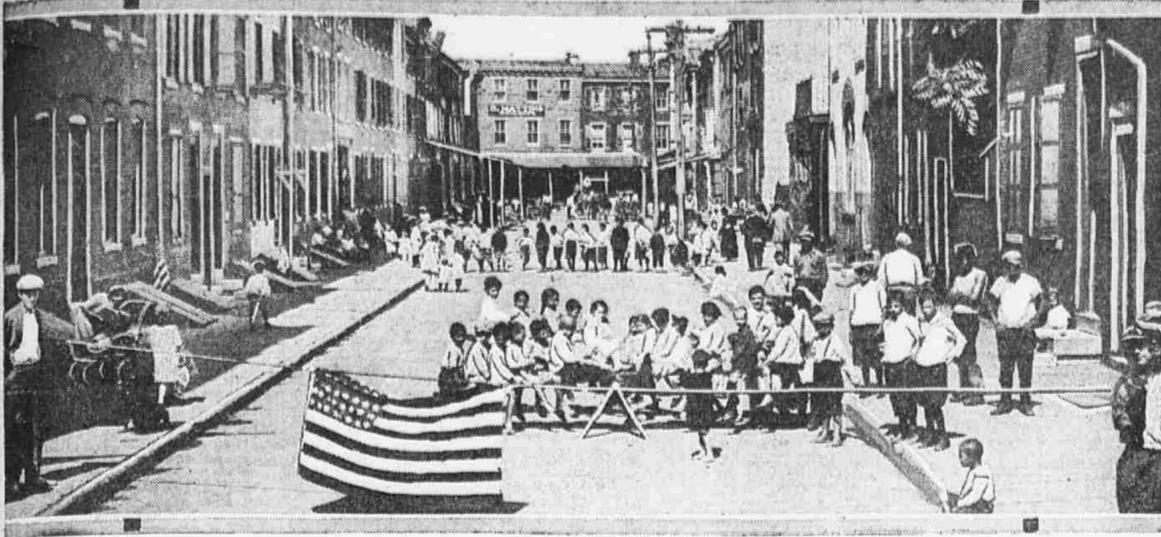


FIRST PHILADELPHIA STREET IS ROPED OFF FOR CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND



This is Montrose street, looking west from Eighth, which was closed to traffic today and set aside for the children under direction of the Board of Education. The youngsters of the neighborhood lost no time in taking advantage of the provisions made for them, as the picture shows.

QUICK NEWS

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Benton and Kocher; Alexander and Killefer.

MURDERER'S DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 14.—The death sentence of McFadyen Horne, of Wilmington, who was scheduled to die in the electric chair on Friday for the murder of his brother-in-law was today commuted to life imprisonment.

ALEX WINS 22D GAME, BEATING GIANTS IN FIRST

Table with 2 columns: PHILLIES and NEW YORK. Rows list players and their statistics (r, h, o, a, e). Totals: PHILLIES 8 11 27 10 2; NEW YORK 0 4 24 13 4.

SARATOGA RACING RESULTS

First race, 2-year-olds, \$500 added, 5 1-2 furlongs—Ultimatum, 110, Troxler, 3 to 5, out, out, won; Bally, 110, Shelding, 9 to 2, 9 to 10, 1 to 3, second; Sedan, 110, Murphy, 7 to 2, 4 to 5, 1 to 5, third, Time, 1.08.

CHARLES J. PAINE, YACHT OWNER, DIES IN BOSTON

BOSTON, Aug. 14.—Charles J. Paine, Civil War veteran and owner of three yachts that have defended the America's cup, died at Weston today. He was 63 years old.

NEW COURT DISTRICT PLANNED FOR TEXAS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—Creation of a fifth Federal district court in western Texas is provided in a bill reported favorably today by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

PENROSE ASKS PAY FOR U. S. WORKERS ON BORDER

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—Resolutions looking to the payment of 10,000 Federal employees, who are now away from their regular places performing military duty on the Mexican border, were introduced today by Senator Penrose. He proposes that they shall get the full salary they receive as civil service employees and that their places shall be held for them.

TEN TONS OF BRICK FALL AS WALL TUMBLES

Ten tons of brick fell today in the collapse of a 35-foot wall at 128-140 North Broad street, where the one-time Nichols Horse Bazaar is being torn down to make way for the new Hudson automobile building. Three negroes—Thomas Williams, 1116 Helmer street; Charles Osborne, Fifth and Water streets, and Norman Brinkley, 1356 Bainbridge street—were slightly hurt, and were treated at Hahnemann Hospital. Thirty-eight men were working there at the time. The contractors said pressure from an adjoining wall was responsible.

ACTIVITY IN NORTH SEA, STEAMSHIP REPORTS

BERGEN, Norway, Aug. 14.—Steamship captains arriving here today report activity in the North Sea. German warships singly and in squadrons are patrolling near the Norwegian coast, while submarines and Zeppelins were also observed.

BRITAIN NOW BLACKLISTS SOUTH AMERICAN FIRMS

LONDON, Aug. 14.—Lord Robert Cecil, of the Foreign Office, announced in Commons today that the Department of Foreign Trade had issued another blacklist containing the names of 443 South American firms having German connections.

H. C. COOPER TAKEN OFF BRITISH BLACKLIST

LONDON, Aug. 14.—The name of Herrman C. Cooper, of New York city, has been removed from the British blacklist. It was announced today by the Foreign Trade Department. At the same time it was said that the Government is considering the removal of other names. American business men in London are considering the advisability of forming an American Chamber of Commerce for self-protection.

TEUTONS TO DECLARE POLAND INDEPENDENT

LONDON, Aug. 14.—The independence of Poland, with her own constitution under certain guarantees, is expected to be proclaimed by the Central Powers within a few days, as a result of the conferences between the German Chancellor, Doctor von Bethmann-Hollweg, and Foreign Minister von Jagow and the Emperor Francis Joseph at Vienna. The proclamation of the independence of Poland will call upon the Poles to form an army of their own for national defense. Poland will also be granted the choice of her own constitution and home rule under certain guarantees, they say. The dispatches give the impression that Germany and Austria decided to take this action to forestall similar action on the part of Russia.

FURTHER REDUCTION IN PRICE OF OIL

INDEPENDENCE, Kan., Aug. 14.—Market quotation for mid-Continent crude oil has been reduced 10 cents a barrel to \$1.05 by Prairie Oil and Gas Company.

FINDLAY, O., Aug. 14.—The Ohio Oil Company reduced North and South Lima, Indiana, Wooster, Illinois and Princeton oils each 5 cents a barrel and Plymouth 20 cents this morning.

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—The Standard Oil Company of New York this morning reduced the price of refined oil for export 10 points.

100 CHICKENS ROASTED AS BARN BURNS

About 100 chickens were roasted early today when a barn in the rear of the home of Mrs. J. F. Junkerman, 4822 North Sixth street, was burned. Twenty chickens were saved by Mrs. Junkerman, who heard the cackling of the others soon after the fire started. Sergeant Hill, of the Branchtown police station, helped rescue a few. The loss was \$300. The origin of the fire is undetermined.

STRIKE PARLEY NOW AGREED ON, CAPITAL HEARS

Railroad Arbitration Accepted Even Before President Took Hand

CAUSE OF BROTHERHOOD

Employes in Conference at White House on Mediation Plan

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—The representatives of the Railway Managers' Association went into conference with President Wilson at 2:51 this afternoon.

By a Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—The EVENING LEADER correspondent is informed upon the highest authority that an agreement has been reached to settle the difficulties between the men and the railroads by arbitration. This information is to the effect that the employes and railroad companies had reached a point where the agreement for mediation and arbitration was about concluded when President Wilson intervened.

Those who have followed the course of the Board of Conciliation are convinced that the conference the employes and employers had with the President will lead to arbitration, and that the same result would have been achieved without the pressure exerted in a public way by President Wilson. The entry of the President in a public way into the dispute is looked upon by those familiar with the negotiations as spectacular.

Before the railroad men entered the conference with the President at 3 o'clock the information was given out that the situation looked entirely favorable to arbitration.

PRESIDENT'S PLAN

At the conference with the employers the President, it was said, would propose a concrete arbitration proposition which, in their opinion, would prove acceptable to both sides.

The nature of this proposal is known so far only to the President and the representatives of the "big four" unions with whom he conferred earlier in the day. But Cabinet officials insist that it carries a real arbitration proposal, which will permit the great issue between both sides—the eight-hour workday and what it involves—to be settled by arbitrators.

President Wilson, it was reported, made it plain to the brotherhood representatives that he could not be the single arbitrator or the "odd man" in a board of arbitration. However, he suggested certain names of men who could be brought into the plan and the brotherhood representatives "listened kindly" to this suggestion.

"The negotiations are entirely in the President's hands," said A. B. Garretson, spokesman for the employes. He declined to discuss the situation beyond that, but Warren S. Stone, representative of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, said: "I am optimistic," and W. P. Lee, of the brakemen, said: "It looks very good."

BROTHERHOOD'S CAUSE

It is understood that the brotherhood representatives told the President they had been compelled to refuse arbitration under the terms suggested by the Federal Board of Conciliation, because they did not believe that the board realized the importance of their demands. The President, it was definitely learned, insisted that in no circumstances would the public sanction a strike. He is understood to have made it plain that in his opinion, if a strike should be precipitated through the refusal of the labor leaders to treat with the roads, the unions would be blamed and the labor cause would suffer.

In reply the union leaders insisted that they received scant courtesy at the hands of the railway managers, who had insisted on mediation without making any proposition of what concessions they would be willing to make to bring mediation about. The President, it is understood, insisted in reply that he had no opinion regarding the merits of the controversy; that he intended making it plain to the railway managers that their responsibility before the public was equally grave with that of the employes, but he was determined to prevent a strike at any cost.

RAILROAD MEN MEET

The White House was extremely reticent regarding the details of the conference. Secretary Tumulty said nothing could be said until after the conference was completed.

Before going to the White House to confer with the President at 3 o'clock the railway managers had a long conference in their hotel. A statement on the side of the railroads was prepared, and it was agreed that it should be read to the Chief Executive by Elisha Lee, chairman of the board of managers. Like the labor leaders the managers seemed hopeful that a strike would be prevented.

Report that the men had asked the President to act as arbitrator in person were widely circulated. No official statement on this report or on another that three members of the Cabinet might be asked to serve could be obtained from any of the interested parties.

Judge Chambers, of the Mediation Board, who was the spokesman of the President in arranging the conference, believed an agreement would be reached.

NO POWER TO TAKE LINES

It has been reported at various points that the Hay-Chamberlain army will give the Federal Government power to take over the railroads and operate them.

GERMANS FAIL ON SOMME; AIM VERDUN BLOW

Crown Prince Attacks French Master Fortress Thrice in Vain

HALICZ REPORTED TAKEN

War Moves on All Fronts Summarized for Readers

First. West front—Resumed activity at Verdun. Allies' pressure continues on Somme. Germans retake few British posts at Pozieres. Second. East front—Slavs pressing von Bothmer's army hard. Unofficially reported Halicz has been occupied. Third. Italian front—Cadorna driving foe from northeast part of Carso Plateau. Fourth. Balkan front—Push still in formative stages.

The significant feature of today's French communique is the statement of resumed action on the Verdun front, where the Germans under the Crown Prince forced attacks and were repulsed along both banks of the Meuse.

French troops are following their successes north of the Somme yesterday with an advance south of the river in sharp fighting. On the front north of the Somme there is brisk cannonading around the newly won French positions at Maurepas, Paris reports.

The Russians are now vigorously attacking the southern flank of von Bothmer's army and are closing in on Halicz. Fighting is in progress in the vicinity of this very important railroad center and there is an unconfirmed report from Petrograd that the town has been already captured by a heavy force of Cossacks.

General Cadorna is steadily driving the Austrians from the northwestern section of the Carso Plateau. The Austrians have stiffened their resistance on the hills east of Gorizia, but have not succeeded in checking the advance of the Italians, who have won fresh

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST FOR PENNSYLVANIA

Based on a New Discovery in Solar Physics. By WILLIS A. MOORE and W. F. CAROTHERS. Sunday, August 13, and Monday, August 14.—The week will open with showers and moderately cool temperatures. It will fair up Monday.

Tuesday, August 15, to Thursday, August 17.—It will grow warmer, beginning Tuesday, with maximum temperatures reaching middle 80s and minima around 70 degrees, with fair weather.

Friday, August 18, and Saturday, August 19.—Showers Friday or Saturday will introduce cool movement, which will clear the weather and again lower temperatures into the 60s.

General weather movements due: A cool movement, due to develop in northwest United States August 21, will be a moderate movement, probably united with another movement due August 24.

This will be an average movement, introduced in all sections by showers (heavier in middle and southern States) and bringing clear and 20-degree colder weather generally, with frosts in Montana, Wyoming and North Dakota.

GOVERNMENT FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair and continued cool tonight and Tuesday; gentle winds, mostly northwest.

LENGTH OF DAY

Table with 2 columns: Sun rises and Moon rises. Rows show times for Philadelphia and Delaware River tide gauges.

TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

Table with 2 columns: 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Rows show temperature readings.

LOST AND FOUND

WATCH—Lost August 12, hunting case watch, please return and no questions asked if returned to W. Smith, 24 N. 11th st.

PRIEST, DEFYING ORDER, EXPLAINS FIGHT ON A. O. H.

Father McDermott Gives Out Letter Despite Warning of Archbishop

"MOLLY MAGUIRE" EXPOSE

The Rev. Daniel I. McDermott, rector of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Fourth street near Spruce, has made public his letter to the archbishop of the diocese which accompanied his resignation. Father McDermott took the action because the Ancient Order of Hibernians are to open their convention in Pottsville with a mass.

In giving out the letter the priest disobeyed the injunction of Archbishop Prendergast and gave to the public in the letter his reasons for opposing recognition by the Church of the Hibernian order.

Father McDermott reviews in the letter the crimes of the "Molly Maguires" and lays responsibility for the murder of Doctor Cronin, a prominent Irishman in Chicago, some years ago, to a former national president of the A. O. H., who, his letter states, "plotted and compassed the murder." It was because, he said, Doctor Cronin had asked for an accounting of Irish funds lost in speculating in the wheat pit that he was "foully done to death."

"Why should the A. O. H. make such a shameful exhibition of itself in the place where so many of its dupes were hanged?" the priest wrote. "Why should it desire a mass in St. Patrick's Church, when a few feet from its altar lie the remains of the youth it summoned from Camden, N. J., to commit murder, and who accused it on the scaffold as responsible for the crime he was about to expiate; and who with his last breath said if he had listened to the counsel of his bishop and priests to abandon the A. O. H. he would not be condemned to suffer such a disgraceful death?"

CALLS REQUEST INDECENT

"An A. O. H. convention opened with mass in St. Patrick's Church is not a whit less indecent than would be the holding of an A. O. H. convention in the courthouse where its members were convicted, than an A. O. H. jollification in the jail where they were imprisoned, than an A. O. H. dance around the scaffold on which they were executed. "Since the electric chair has been substituted for the hangman's halter it would be in keeping with the proposed convention for the A. O. H. to purchase the gibbet and to have crosses made of it for the decoration of their division, county, State and national chaplains."

"Your blessing given the A. O. H. was either a blunder, or a crime, or both," he wrote to the Archbishop.

ARCHBISHOP REGRETFUL

Archbishop Prendergast was asked yesterday if he would comment upon the resignation of Father McDermott as rector of St. Mary's Church. He hesitated, and finally said, "I have nothing to say."

The Archbishop added, "I regret it. I regret it exceedingly."

"Have you taken Father McDermott's resignation under advisement?" he was asked. "I have nothing to say," repeated the Archbishop after another pause. "These are church matters, and they cannot be discussed."

The priest in his letter to the Archbishop quotes the Rev. J. L. J. Kerlin, of Frankford, as saying that the headquarters of the A. O. H. of Frankford "is a scene of drunken orgy from Saturday afternoon until Monday morning." He adds, "It goes without saying that this description fits nearly all, if not all, their halls."

Father McDermott's letter, which was delivered July 31, criticizes the Archbishop for sending his best wishes and blessings to officials of the A. O. H. in November, 1915, in recognition of the "gifts and congratulations" they offered on the occasion of the Archbishop's jubilee. The priest told the Archbishop these gifts and congratulations were "bribes to purchase your approval of the order."

SEES SOUL MENACE

His opposition to the A. O. H., Father McDermott wrote, concerned "the state of

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CITY WILL ISSUE PLAGUE PERMITS ON DOUBLE SHIFT

Two Offices Open in City Hall for Prospective Travelers

COLD HALTS EPIDEMIC

Permits authorizing parents to take their children from the city during the away of the infantile paralysis plague will be issued in the future from Common Pleas Court No. 3, room E No. 275, City Hall, in addition to room 712, according to an announcement made today at the office of the chief medical inspector. Permission to do so was obtained from Judge McMichael.

The court room will be used only between 8 o'clock in the morning and 4 o'clock in the afternoon. At other times certificates will be issued only in the seventh floor room.

"The room previously occupied for this purpose was too small," said Doctor Cairns. "Men and women were congested in the room and it was inconvenient for the public as well as for the clerks. In applying for permits it is unnecessary for parents to bring their children to City Hall. Only a certificate is necessary from the family physician stating that the child is not possessed with a contagious disease, but it must be presented to this office within 12 hours after its issuance."

COLD HALTS PLAGUE SPREAD

Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State Commissioner of Health, said today that without doubt the grip of the infantile paralysis epidemic had been broken by the cold wave which set in yesterday. He pointed out that in Philadelphia today only one new case had developed and that throughout the State, with a population of 6,500,000, only a total of

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PHILLIES PILE UP BIG LEAD IN FIRST INNING

Benton Is Hit Hard in First Game—Alex Hurls Against Giants

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

NATIONAL LEAGUE PARK, Aug. 14.—Gavvy Cravath and Bill Killefer, the two hospital inmates of the Phillies, started in the first game of today's double-header against the New York Giants. While Killefer's arm is not in the best shape, he stated that he did not expect to be greatly troubled.

Grover Alexander went into the box against Rube Benton and got off to a flying start as usual.

FIRST INNING

G. Burns struck out. Doyle grounded to Niehoff. Herzog singled to right. Herzog was caught napping off first. Alexander to Luderus. No runs, one hit, no errors. Faskert was thrown out by Doyle. Niehoff singled to center. Byrne doubled against the left-center wall, scoring Niehoff. Cravath sent a grounder to Fletcher, who threw wild to first. Byrne scoring and Cravath going to second. Whitted's grounder went through Doyle's legs for a three-base error and Cravath scored. Luderus fanned. Bancroft fled to Burns. Three runs, two hits, two errors.

SECOND INNING

Bancroft threw out Robertson. Luderus struck out his glove and robbed Kauff of a sure hit. Merkle grounded out to Byrne. No runs, no hits, no errors. Killefer's grounder rolled through Doyle's legs for another error. Alexander forced Killefer, Benton to Fletcher. Faskert walked. Niehoff hit into a double play, Doyle to Fletcher to Merkle. No runs, no hits, one error.

THIRD INNING

Fletcher struck out. Kocher fanned. Benton also fanned. No runs, no hits, no errors. Byrne grounded to Herzog. Cravath bounced a single against the right-field fence, but was thrown out at second. Robertson to Doyle. Whitted walked. Whitted stole second. Luderus walked. Bancroft out.

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MAYOR HOME; MIND MADE UP, BUT RETICENT

Wants to Look Over Vice Epidemic Before Announcing Plans

OUSTED POLICE RESTORED

Developments of the Day In City's Vice Situation

MAYOR SMITH, arriving home from Atlantic City this afternoon, announced that he had decided upon his course of action following the Grand Jury recommendations, but would not make it public for "some time."

The Mayor declared that he would consult no politicians about his decision that the police must resign from political clubs and added that he did not care what any one thought of it.

Director Wilson reinstated the four suspended police officials pending their trial later this month. Magistrate Call, recommended for indictment by the July Grand Jury, declared that he "didn't give a hang" if the August jury did indict him.

August jury, sworn in by Judge McMichael today, will probably begin action in a day or two on recommendations of preceding jury. Gambling leaders and Tenderloin habitués return to city following dissolution of investigating jury.

"I have made up my mind as to what I am going to do, but I will not make it known to the public at the present."

Mayor Smith made this announcement this afternoon in answer to questions regarding what course he intends to pursue in following out the recommendations contained in the present returned last week by the Grand Jury that investigated vice conditions in this city.

The Mayor returned to the city at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon from Atlantic City, where he has been spending a week's vacation. He came here alone, and went directly from the ferries to City Hall, where he conferred later in the afternoon with Director Wilson about the Grand Jury's report.

Whether Superintendent Robinson is brought up for trial before the Police Trial Board or not will not be known until he finally decides to announce his decision, the Mayor said.

"I have made up my mind as to what I want," he said, "but I want to look over the evidence submitted to the Grand Jury before I make my position and plans known."

"The public is interested only in the results I obtain, and not in the methods employed to obtain those results. I feel confident that I can obtain the results I have promised."

"The walls of politicians are 'up in the air' as the result of the Mayor's order that policemen resign from political clubs and similar organizations will not be heeded by him, continued the Mayor.

"I do not intend to confer with any politicians about that order," he said. "What they think about it does not concern me in the least."

"To all other questions he answered, "I positively will not say anything more about it now."

Director Wilson was closeted with the Mayor for more than half an hour after the latter arrived at his office in City Hall. When he left the conference Mr. Wilson said:

"I called on the Mayor to get his O. K. to an order that will go far toward taking the police out of politics. With the Mayor's approval I will issue orders this evening that every man connected with the police department must resign from any and all political clubs in which they may be members. This order will be final."

Director Wilson, of the Department of Public Safety, this afternoon reinstated the four police officials who were suspended

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