

FIFTH WARD TRIALS GO TO WEST CHESTER

Supreme Court Grants Plea of Defendants for Venue Change

TRIBUNAL WILL SIT IN CHESTER COUNTY

Appeal of Bennett and Deutsch Not Opposed by District Attorney

PREJUDICE HERE URGED Transfer to Neighboring County Based on Alleged Popular Opposition of Feeling

The Supreme Court this afternoon granted a change of venue in the Fifth Ward murder case, selecting Chester County for the trial. The date has not been set. West Chester is the county seat.

The defendants asked the change of venue on the ground that they could not get a fair trial in Philadelphia County.

Police Lieutenant David Bennett, Isaac Deutch, vice leader in the Fifth Ward, and Wirtzhafer, Murphy, Feldman, Uram and Hayden, policemen, are the defendants.

They are charged with complicity in the murder of George Eppley, a policeman, who was killed by gunmen on primary election day last September.

District Attorney Rotan, when argument was held on the petition for a change of venue a few days ago, did not oppose the change.

The order for the change of venue was handed down this afternoon. It follows:

"And now, May 9, 1918, the rule for a certiorari in each of the above cases is made absolute. A change of venue is granted and the records are ordered to be certified to the Court of Oyer and Terminer and Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Chester County, with instruction to proceed as if the indictments had been originally found in said county, and.

It is further ordered that the proceedings and trials are to be at the expense of the County of Philadelphia." District Attorney Rotan is not in the city today, and his assistant, Joseph H. Tullane, could not say anything regarding the fixing of a date for the trial of the case.

A few days ago, however, Mr. Rotan stated that when the Court decided the case he would move for immediate trial. The Judges of Chester County are William Butler, Jr., and J. Frank E. Haase.

SIX-CENT FARES SOUGHT

Suggestion Made in Petition to P. R. T. Employees

Six-cent trolley fares are suggested in a petition submitted today to employees of the P. R. T. Company for signature.

The document, which was placed in all of the company's barns, is addressed to T. E. Mitten, the president, and asks him to appeal to Councils to sanction a six-cent fare that all employees of the company may be given an increase of five cents an hour.

The petition was placed in the barns at noon following a conference between officials of the company and the city Councils of Philadelphia for the purpose of a committee of the employees.

Members of the newly formed Car-men's Union are not signing the petition.

At the Forty-ninth street and Woodland avenue barn, about one-third of the men who read the petition signed it.

The petition follows: "Mr. T. E. Mitten, president of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company: We, the undersigned employees of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, hereby request that you petition City Councils of Philadelphia for an increased fare as may be necessary to enable the company to grant a flat increase of five cents per hour.

"We wish to express to you at this time our satisfaction with the general treatment accorded us, and desire that the present plan of adjusting conditions be continued. We realize that the increase in wages is material, but on the other hand the high cost of living has gone up to such an extent as to make it almost impossible for us to meet the needs of our families.

"It is our understanding that if the fare is increased from five cents, as at present, the amount realized by the 22 per cent fund will be sufficient to enable you to make increases of five cents per hour for conductors and motormen. We then join with the company in a petition to City Councils that the company be given the right to charge six cents per passenger in order that a five-cent increase may be made above the present rate to be made to the employees of all departments."

HITCHCOCK IN STONE'S PLACE

Made Chairman of Senate Foreign Relations Committee

Washington, May 9.—Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, was elected chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today by the Democratic steering committee to succeed the late Senator Stone, of Missouri.

Hitchcock was ranking member of the committee. Considerable opposition developed against his elevation to the important post on account of his stand on the war before America entered.

The steering committee also named Senator Lewis, of Illinois, to the Finance Committee, to fill the vacancy caused by Senator Stone's death.

LYDGE GEORGE IS VINDICATED BY COMMONS VOTE; ASQUITH MOTION DEFEATED, 293 TO 106

Liquor Dealers Given Ten Days to Curb 'Tigers'

Obey Law or Close Up at End of Time Limit, Federal Ultimatum Here

Liquor dealers will have to obey the law concerning the sale of drink to soldiers, sailors and chiefly 'bootleggers' or a dry zone will be declared in Philadelphia within ten days.

This is the ultimatum of Lieutenant Colonel Charles B. Hatch, of United States Marine Corps, to the liquor dealers of this city.

There was no mincing of words in the warning delivered to all branches of the liquor trade this afternoon at a mass-meeting in the Forrest Theatre by Neil Bonner, president of the Retail Liquor Dealers' Association, who addressed the gathering.

Mr. Bonner said the meeting was called at the suggestion of Colonel Hatch, and that the Colonel would attend later this afternoon and address the liquor dealers.

Bonner praised the Colonel for his views on the liquor problem here.

"Colonel Hatch told me to tell you," said Bonner, "that he will not stand for any camouflage in this crusade."

TWO MORE MOTOR VICTIMS

Coroner Calls for Action to Check Fatalities

Street cleaners claimed two more child victims in this city today and named Coroner Knight to call on the police for action and to prepare for drastic anti-speeding legislation.

The victims were: PRAXIS DENNY, four years old, 2444 Walton avenue, killed by a Keystone Telephone Company truck at Catharine and Fifty-ninth streets.

MILTON LEVY, twenty months old, 2501 South Tenth street, run over by a contractor's wagon owned by Senator Van Dyke in front of his home and was decapitated.

Death of the Downey child brought the number of West Philadelphia auto fatalities to seven in the last two weeks. The little victim, even shortly before his death, insisted that he was not hurt. Nicholas Harris, 1806 Mervine street, driver of the truck, was arrested and held without bail for action by the coroner.

New legislation, providing severe penalties for speeders and reckless drivers, will be drawn up and presented at the next session of the Legislature, said Coroner Knight, who added that in the meantime the policemen must take some action toward curbing the evil.

Eight men, arrested last night as the result of the crusade against speeders and reckless drivers, started today by Acting Police Superintendent Mills, were fined \$10 and costs each by Magistrate Pennock in Central Police Court today.

232 AMIENS CIVILIANS KILLED

Thirty Women and 50 Children Among Victims of Bombardment

With the French Armies in the Field, May 8.—Two hundred and thirty-two civilians have been killed so far in the German bombardment of Amiens, including thirty women and fifty children. In addition, 245 civilians have been wounded, including forty-eight women and nineteen children. None of these include British military casualties.

Twelve hundred houses in Amiens have been hit. The Cathedral is still intact, despite nine shells which have crashed into it. The damage done to this famous structure was principally in the interior. The high statue of Christ has been knocked to fragments. At these first stages of the bombardment, firemen from Paris who attempted to extinguish the flames were not allowed by German airplanes and thwarted. Great portions of the city have been swept by fire.

FOUR HURT IN COLLISION

Philadelphia Woman Among Victims of Crash at Pottstown

Four persons, one of them Mrs. Catherine Sherry, this city, were injured today afternoon when an automobile crashed into a trolley at Pottstown, Pa. Mrs. Sherry sustained cuts and bruises of the head and was probably internally injured. She is in serious condition at the Pottstown hospital.

Lewis Huth, Pottstown, owner and driver of the car, is also in the hospital in a serious condition. Huth has three fractured ribs, a broken nose and concussion of the brain. His wife and Mrs. Ada Ruff, of Pottstown, were cut and bruised.

Pottstown dispatches gave Mrs. Sherry's address as 229 South Eleventh street, but she is not known there.

SALUS CONTESTS APPRAISAL

Will Take Appeal on Thirty Tax Bills for Clients

State Senator Samuel Salus today sent thirty mercantile tax bills, which had been served on his clients, to the Board of Mercantile Appraisers, with a view to appealing them to Common Pleas Court.

The attorney, who engaged in a wordy war with James A. Carey, an appraiser, early in the week, asked that the bills be marked as approved so he could at once start legal test cases. His request was refused by Fred A. Van Valkenburg, president of the board, and each of the persons interested will be required to appear in person and appeal. They will probably be done in the next appeal day, Thursday, May 14.

Salus in his first protest accused Carey, Pennrose leader of the Fifth Ward, of having raised assessments on certain merchants for political purposes. This Carey denied.

U. S. DENIES SOVIET CHARGES

No Foundation for Allegations Against American Consul

Washington, May 9.—Ambassador Francis has been informed by the State Department that there is no foundation for the Soviet charge that the American in Vladivostok consul was overfriendly to Siberian counter-revolutionists. This statement will be communicated informally to the Soviet Government as the American answer to the Soviet objection against the consul, John Caldwell.

The informal nature of the answer means that the Soviet Government is not officially recognized by the United States.

ON THE BATTLE FRONTS TODAY

The Germans are again striving desperately to reach Ypres from the southwest. Fighting, which began early yesterday, is proceeding. The British and French were carried back slightly under the impetus of the initial enemy rush, but re-established their lines by a counter-attack. Today the British again retired slightly near La Clytte. The Australians continue to improve their positions between the Somme and the Ancre.

Near Montdidier the American artillery is still pounding at German positions and, seemingly, is outshooting the enemy gunners. Artillery fighting north and south of the Avre continued all night. The French War Office announced today. Artillery actions are intense on both the Italian and Balkan fronts.

CANNON RUMBLE FORECASTS FRAY

Great Guns Roar All Night. Seeming Prelude to Great Battle

WONDERFUL MAY DAYS TO PUSH PRODUCTION

By PHILIP GIBBS Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1918, by the New York Times Co. War Correspondent's Headquarters on the Western Front, May 8.

In spite of the great gunfire last night and early this morning there seems to have been no infantry action on any large scale along the British front, though I hear of a small enterprise by the Australians, who again pushed forward their line near Montcaumont, and also of a hostile attack on about a two-mile front south of Diekebusch Lake, where, according to early reports, the enemy gained a footing in the forward defenses.

The continual rumbling of great guns, the loud, persistent, thundering beating of the air from various sectors of the front, was last night so oppressive that it was impossible to avoid the thought that it was the prelude to another immense battle. And again this morning after dawn those awful guns were at work, as they had been murmuring for hours through one's sleep, and one awakened with the belief that this day was to be one of terrible conflict.

Yet no news came over the wires. Questions were asked along all sectors: "Anything doing with you? Any attack in your parts?" And from these centers of information came back the answer: "Not guilty; quite quiet about here today."

Quite quiet, but with the loud noise of the fire from many British heavy guns doing their usual routine work of strafing the German roads and assembly places, and ammunition dumps and batteries.

Meanwhile there are wonderful May days after the heavy rain, and the fields of France this side of Craterland are a song of color, with the greenery of all the flowers work of sard put into his ovens in the May days of French history before high explosives had been invented.

STOLEN CAR HURTS TWO

Negroes Smash Seyffert's Auto, Evade Shots and Flee

Two men were injured this afternoon when two negroes, after taking the motor of Leopold Seyffert, the agent in charge of the German work of strafing the streets, drove wildly through the streets and smashed the touring car. Policeman Metzger fired his revolver, but the negroes, who abandoned the wrecked automobile and escaped.

Those injured by the car were Jacob Pauline, 219 Lombard street and Thomas Jones, 478 North Fifth street. They are only slightly hurt.

GIANTS TIE SCORE ON PHILLIES IN SIXTH

Moran's Men Score in First. Mayer Starts Against Jeff Tesreau

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL Polo Grounds, New York, May 9.

After the Phillies had scored a run in the first inning, the Giants came back and tied the count in the sixth on Kauff's double and Burns's single.

The Phillies' run in the first resulted from a two-base error by Burns of Philadelphia. Burns sacrificed a base to McGaffigan and an attempted double steal, on which McGaffigan was nailed at second.

FIRST INNING Fitzgerald opened with a long drive to Burns and went to second when George made a horrible misplay. Bancroft sacrificed, Tesreau to Holke. McGaffigan walked. On a double steal, McGaffigan was out. McCarthy to Fletcher, Fitzgerald scoring. Stock walked. Cravath forced Stock, Fletcher unassisted. One run, no hits, no errors.

Young singled to right. Kauff singled to left, advancing Young to second. Burns sacrificed, Mayer to Luderus, Zimmerman out, Mayer to Luderus. Mayer also threw out Rodriguez. No runs, two hits, no errors.

SECOND INNING Luderus fouled to McCarthy. Meusel fouled to Kauff. Burns grounded to Rodriguez. No runs, no hits, no errors.

Fletcher rapped a clean single into left. Holke fouled to Cravath. Fletcher died stealing. Burns to McGaffigan. McCarthy fled to Cravath. No runs, one hit, no errors.

THIRD INNING Mayer struck out. Fitzgerald fled to Burns. Bancroft singled to center. He died stealing. McCarthy to Fletcher. Luderus fled to Rodriguez. No runs, one hit, no errors.

Tesreau lifted a high fly to Bancroft. Young grounded to McGaffigan. Kauff walked. Kaffid died stealing. Burns to Bancroft. No runs, no hits, no errors.

FOURTH INNING McGaffigan thrown out by Tesreau. Stock fled to Fletcher. Cravath walked. Luderus fled to Rodriguez. No runs, no hits, no errors.

Burns grounded, Bancroft to Luderus. Luderus made a great running catch on Zimmerman's pop. No runs, no hits, no errors.

SARACIN TO MAYER. No runs, no hits, no errors.

FIFTH INNING Pipp fouled to Burns. Bodie walked. Pipp was out. Davidson to Burns.

BRITISH REWIN FIRST LINE GROUND TAKEN BY GERMAN ASSAULT

Haig Re-establishes Front Penetrated by Teuton

ENEMY THRUSTING AGAIN AT KEMMEL

Allies Strengthen New-Ground Positions Between Somme and Ancre

FOE HEAVILY MASHED

Two Great Teuton Concessions Reported in Field Dispatches

FIFTIETH DAY OF GERMAN SPRING OFFENSIVE

London, May 9.—British troops by a counter-attack last night drove the German portions of the Allied front back between La Clytte and Voormezele. Field Marshal Haig reported to the strong counter-attack against the Germans on the Clytte-Voormezele sector of Flanders fighting zone, where Germans, at heavy cost, had gained a footing at certain points on the British front line.

The British have again advanced their line on the Picardy battle east of Amiens.

Ground won in Picardy by Franco-British has been consolidated and the new line tightened.

A new German attack in the Amel sector this morning pressed British line back slightly at point. (From two to four southwest of Ypres.)

Haig's Report Field Marshal Haig reports follows: "We improved our new positions between the Somme and the Ancre and took prisoners."

We drove the enemy last night from the positions he gained yesterday morning in the Voormezele sector and re-established the positions we originally held.

A new German attack north of Kemmel this morning pressed our line slightly at one point.

Yesterday's attack in Flanders was carried out by two German divisions (24,000 men). They suffered heavy casualties.

Hostile raids were repulsed last night in the neighborhood of Meris. We took prisoners yesterday in local fighting Buquoy (midway between Amiens and Albert).

The enemy's artillery developed considerable activity last night in the Albert sector.

Details of Action Counter-attacking stubbornly last night, the British recaptured original line southwest of Diekebusch Lake, wires a correspondent. Haig's forces, giving details of actions summed up in the above official report.

Today at the extreme right of small battle front they were compelled to retire owing to heavy chine-gun fire, he continues. Fighting continues about a small front which the Germans occupy strong point east of Mills (a mile northeast of La Clytte).

The French withstood a German attack, almost completely at the storm troops on the east of the Yverbeek (which flows eastward into Diekebusch) which the enemy was unable owing to field gun fire. Reports show the French line the Germans failing to reach struggle.

At 3 o'clock this morning the Germans laid down a barrage east of Amiens. At 4:15 they apparently had quieted with attack.

On the rest of the front the Germans are ceaselessly pounding. Boequey the British were forced back from positions they won yesterday.

Artillery fighting north of the Avre continued in the French War Office announced today. A German raid was reported at La Chappelle-Saignes.

Germany's Consulate One of the huge numbers of troops over the English fielded lies today bulging in the past. Arrived in England.

Recent rumors had Colyn, suspected of pro-Germanism, in England.

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YANKEES WIN ODD GAME FROM A'S ATHLETICS a b r h o e NEW YORK a b r h o e

PHILLYS BOW AGAIN TO THE GIANTS PHILLIES a b r h o e NEW YORK a b r h o e

NATIONAL LEAGUE BROOKLYN 1 0 1 0 1 0 0 0-3 8 2 BOSTON 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-1 6 4

AMERICAN LEAGUE BOSTON 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1-1 WASHINGTON 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 1

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS Sixth Pimlico race, 6 furlongs—Kirsites Cub, 95. Callahan, \$68.70, \$25.50, \$13.80, won; Langdon, 102, McAtee, \$5.30, \$4, second; King John, 100, Kummer, \$7.80, third. Time, 1.14.

NO CREDITS FOR VOLUNTEERS COLYN DENIES PEACE MISSION

House Reverses Attitude and Makes Class I Draft Basis

Former Dutch War Minister Replies to Rumors of English Visit

Washington, May 9.—Credit on draft quotas for volunteers will not be given, the House determined late this afternoon. By a vote of 234 to 90, the House reversed its former position, approving the credit plan, and thus removed the only point of contention on the bill.

Former Dutch War Minister Replies to Rumors of English Visit Amsterdam, May 9.—Jonkheer Colyn, former Dutch War Minister, in an interview today denied that he went to England on a peace mission.

Recent rumors had Colyn, suspected of pro-Germanism, in England.