# $140,000 DAMAGE IN MORNING FIRES

## High Winds Fan Flames in Manayunk and Port Richmond Industries

## HURT RESCUING HORSES

### Man Kicked by Animal During Blaze in Cambridge Street Stable

Three fires, one in Manayunk, another in Port Richmond, the third in the central part of the city, caused damage estimated at more than $140,000 early today.

The Manayunk fire badly damaged the three-story stone building at 4258-60-62-64 Main street, and the Port Richmond fire occurred in the drying building of Berg & Co., fertilizer manufacturers, Ontario and Richmond streets. The third fire destroyed $250 worth of hay in the stables of Freeman & Foreman, 713 Cambridge street.

Thirteen horses were rescued in the latter fire by Martin Schwartz, 711 Cambridge street, and "Bill" Stewart, a stableman. As he led the last animal out, the horse reared and kicked Stewart in the head, knocking him unconscious and cutting a gash in his head. He was taken to the Children's Homeopathic Hospital.

**Two Alarms Sounded**

Two alarms were turned in from the fire on Main street. It was discovered in the ceiling of the butcher shop of Paul A. Rinck, which occupies the first floor at 4262. Before the engines arrived the fire had extended to the lunch cafe of Harry Mestgen, 4264 Main street.

The second floor of the building is occupied by the Woodchoppers, a fraternal organization. The meeting room and its contents were destroyed. The third floor, occupied by Biber Brothers, shirtwaist manufacturers, is also a complete loss. The fire began before the hundred girls employed at the factory were at work.

The frontages at 4258 and 4260 are to be opened as a dry goods establishment by William Milgrim. The stock was saved by the prompt action of the firemen in covering it with tarpaulins.

The loss to the building and contents is estimated at $40,000.

Fire destroyed the drying building of Berg & Co. and caused damage estimated at $100,000.

**Entire Plant Threatened**

For a time the entire plant, covering seven acres, and the adjoining paper mill of the Dill & Collins Company were threatened with destruction. The fire is believed to be under control.

The fire was discovered shortly after 5 o'clock. The fire department of the company was the first to respond, the city apparatus arriving a few minutes later. The building in which the fire began was beyond saving, so the firemen confined their efforts to the salvage of whatever machinery and merchandise they could and protecting the nearby buildings.

Fumes and smoke from burning fats and oils made their work hazardous, and several of the men were forced to leave the plant until they recovered from the effects of the gases.

The high wind threw showers of sparks on buildings as far as 200 yards to the northeast, and volunteers were stationed on the roofs of all nearby structures to extinguish the sparks as soon as they alighted.

Trolley traffic along Richmond street was tied up for a time.

## *Allied Mission Sent to Laibach*

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Premier Lloyd George to Paris. It now appears probable that, instead of the German craft being sunk, Great Britain will be willing to permit France and Italy to keep some of the ships, but will consent to sink her own allotment.

In this way, it is said Great Britain would relieve the United States of the necessity of carrying out her projected great naval building program. The addition of a limited number of the German warships to the French and Italian navies would not disturb the present balance of naval power.

**To Resume Sessions Thursday**

The plans adopted by the supreme war council under which the negotiations with the German authorities regarding the turning over of the German merchant ships will be resumed after their recent interruption at Spa, provide for the holding of the sessions of the negotiations at Brussels. The Allied delegates will leave Paris next Wednesday for the Belgian capital and the first session in the resumption of the negotiations will probably be held on Thursday in one of the government palaces there.

The plans determined upon by the council, as already stated, provide for the taking over of the German merchant ships in return for a food supply for Germany until the next harvest. The chief difficulty thus far has been over the manner of payment for the food supplies, but the new proposals are expected to meet the former objections.

**British Soldiers Protest**

One of the main influences in bringing about the decision of the supreme council was said to be a letter read by Premier Lloyd George from a British general setting forth the extreme seriousness of the food conditions in Germany.

It was also stated that British soldiers in German territory were protesting against seeing women and children about them dying of starvation.

It is understood that the payments for the food will come from three sources—first, in the form of products, such as coal and potash; second, from credits which Germany has in neutral countries, which have thus far been unavailable because of the financial blockade; and, third, from foreign securities held by Germany.

It is estimated that these sources will readily yield about $500,000,000, which is the sum required to pay for food relief to an extent considered adequate to carry the Germans until the time of their harvest.

From the nature of the exchanges during the negotiations at Spa, the Allied delegates have reason to expect that the new proposals will be acceptable to the Germans, and the belief generally prevails that an adjustment will be reached under which German ships will soon become available for the moving homeward of American troops.

Marshal Foch, the Allied commander-in-chief, may not attend the Brussels sessions, but all the other delegates of the allied and associated powers, appointed to conduct the negotiations, will be present.

Progress of the Czecho-Slovak commission of the Peace Conference is reported in an official statement by the commission today. It states that on Saturday the commission completed the study of the position of Slovakia and examined certain details of the position of Bohemia.

Stephen Pichon, the French Foreign Minister, in his talk with the correspondents, discussed the bearing of the food situation in Germany on the speedy conclusion of peace. He said that the urgent need of supplying Germany was recognized by all the governments represented at Paris. The hunger with which Germany was confronted, he added, was a bad counselor. No one could be dead to the inhumanity of continuing present conditions there, and the supreme council had resolved to send to Germany all the food that country required.

The council has adopted Premier Lloyd George's plan for regulating the future military strength of Germany, according to the Minister, who confirmed the fact that this involves the abandonment of conscription in favor of a small professional army.

As soon as the terms of the German peace have been concluded, M. Pichon said, the council would take up the Austrian peace, which would involve the future boundaries between Italy and former Austro-Hungarian territory. The subject had already been discussed recently, but had not yet come before the council.

## *Evening Public Ledger in Records of Congress*

The EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER is breaking into the Congressional Record!

The daily chronicle of the words and works of the United States Congress, not long before the closing the session, reported the remarks of Congressman Thomas S. Butler, of West Chester, in praise of the men and women who made rifles for the United States at Eddystone, Pa.

Mr. Butler asked and obtained leave to print in the Congressional Record a "newspaper account of the work done by the riflemakers at Eddystone."

This "newspaper account" was a feature article of several columns printed in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER December 26.

It appears in full in the Congressional Record of February 19.

## *City Has Paid Vare $14,661,109 in 20 Years*

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Smith Company, Philadelphia agents of the National Surety Company, a bonding concern of New York. The Mayor frequently has admitted that he owns a majority of the stock of the Thomas B. Smith Company. The charter-revision committee says it is reported he owns about 80 per cent of the stock. The committee publishes the following table showing the amount of business transacted by the Thomas B. Smith Company with the city of Philadelphia from the year 1903 to the year 1914:

| | Total for city | Amt. for E. B. Vare |
|---|---|---|
| *1903 | $563,048 | None |
| 1904 | 2,245,976 | None |
| 1905 | 1,151,138 | None |
| 1906 | 3,198,844 | None |
| †1907 | 1,835,844 | $115,334 |
| 1908 | 3,384,752 | 205,700 |
| ‡1909 | 1,127,216 | 112,877 |
| 1910 | 2,819,420 | 832,420 |
| 1911 | 2,878,260 | 282,680 |
| 1912 | 2,437,275 | 138,650 |
| 1913 | 2,964,281 | 222,660 |
| 1914 | 1,529,082 | 294,000 |

**Mayor's Bond Business**

The following table shows the amount of bonding business transacted by the company with the city and sureties furnished for Mr. Vare during the years of the election and administration of Thomas B. Smith as Mayor:

| | Total for city | Amt. for E. B. Vare |
|---|---|---|
| 1915 | $3,493,455 | $368,935 |
| 1916 | 3,479,215 | 858,200 |
| 1917 | 3,852,824 | 1,086,450 |
| §1918 | 3,966,329 | 479,400 |

* Figures are for July to December only.
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§ Restrictions imposed by Federal Capital Issues Committee and the War Industries Board caused reductions in funds and materials and a consequent reduction in contracts and surety bonds therefor.

Explanations of the various sections of the charter-revision bill are printed in the pamphlet in much simpler and more direct fashion than can be found in the charter-revision bill itself, because of the stilted legal and technical verbiage used in drafting that instrument. In reference to the proposal of a single-chamber Council of twenty-one members, the pamphlet says the senatorial districts were selected as a basis of representation because they are relatively small in number and because under the constitution they are limited to eight in number and must be made up of contiguous parts of the city. The people in any senatorial district will in a measure feel and think alike about public questions and public matters. The district is also small enough to provide local representation, so that our citizens can feel they have representatives to whom they can go touching matters local to their district or community.

In reference to the manner in which the present City Councils operate the committee says:

"If the present system of Councils here were working responsively to the public interest and reasonably well it might be tolerated, but it functions along the lowest level of performance. It is too large to work as a whole, and hence works through committees, of which the most important is the joint Finance Committee of Councils. The record of Councils shows that it follows its committees, and these follow the above Finance Committee and its few leaders. Councils are now in no sense representative or deliberative.

**Gudebus Case Cited**

"It shows little comprehension of the weakness of human nature," continues the committee, "to expect a board of civil service commissioners, who owe their positions to the Mayor and hold office at his pleasure, to serve as an effectual check upon him or to thwart him in his zeal for his political followers. The recent Gudebus case clearly exposed this present abuse.

"The citizens," says the committee, "must finally decide how they are going to be governed—both as to laws and men. As to laws you have our case. We are working for you and ask your prompt and active help."

## ALLENTOWN CHURCHES BUSY

### "Go-to-Church" Sunday, Opening Movement, Is Big Success

**Allentown, Pa.,** March 10.—The Federated Churches of Allentown, comprising thirty-eight of the largest congregations in the city, started a six weeks' campaign of evangelization with a "Go-to-Church" Sunday. During the week a house-to-house canvass of the city had been made in which every family was listed as to the religious and church-going views and affiliations of its members. In the face of a driving rain yesterday there was a large attendance.

Men prominent in the movement are Dr. J. A. W. Haas, president of Muhlenberg College; Superior Court Justice Frank M. Trexler and Captain H. W. Elvidge, who is president of the federation, together with all the clergymen of the city.

### To Launch Three Destroyers

Three torpedoboat destroyers are scheduled to be launched at the New York shipyard, Camden, during the next two weeks. The first will be Wednesday at noon, the second on St. Patrick's Day, while the third will go over three days later. They are part of the fleet being constructed at the plant. Six have already been launched and ten are still on the ways.

# TRANSPORT SAFE AFTER WILD DRIFT

## Buford, Carrying 1027 Men, Towed to Port Ending Troublous Trip

## DISCHARGE WANAMAKER

### Many Philadelphians Included in Consignment Landed at Newport News

Front-line experiences were tame compared to the trip back to the United States aboard the transport Buford, according to Philadelphians who landed at Newport News after a stormy, twenty-one day trip. During the voyage the steering gear of the Buford was broken and several appeals for help were sent out.

Fuel was almost exhausted and several members of the crew collapsed after they reached port because of the terrific strain. The ship was towed into Newport News by tugs which went to its assistance yesterday after S O S calls had appraised them of the position of the transport.

The Buford left Bordeaux with 1027 fighters, distributed among the membership of ten casual companies, virtually every state in the union being represented. Trouble was encountered a few days out from Bordeaux. Heavy storms resulted in the navigators losing their bearing and a wireless call was sent to other ships to determine the position of the Buford.

The heavy weather continued during the entire trip. The crew was on duty almost constantly, and the casuals aboard suffered from lack of sleep and exhaustion. The strain was terrific, and when the steering gear broke in mid-ocean many of the men gave themselves up as lost.

**Steered by Hand for Ten Days**

For the last ten days the Buford was steered by hand, an almost impossible task. Time and again the ship swung around in the heavy seas and offered its broadside to the strength of the waves, only to be swung back in line by the combined efforts of sailors and soldiers who jumped to the wheel to add their might to that of those already on duty.

For the last four days the navigators aboard the ship could not determine its location, other than to ascertain they were nearing the coast. The Buford will be laid up for repairs as a result of the trip. Among the Philadelphians aboard the Buford were:

Max Dinger, 2657 Orthodox street, 321st Machine Gun Battalion; George C. Cohn, 4411 Chestnut street, Fifty-sixth Pioneer Infantry; Robert J. Latch, 5528 Summer street, 314th Infantry; James L. McGinley, 1409 South Nineteenth street, Seventh Field Artillery; Harry E. Bergdoll, Ontario street, 320th Machine Gun Battalion; Elmer A. Diehl, 628 Spring Garden street, 112th Infantry; Andrea Piazza, 1302 Federal street, Fifty-sixth Pioneer Infantry; Fred Springer, 5722 Market street, 302d M. T. C.; John J. Grace, 2811 Chatham street, Sixty-first Infantry; Lattimer Gallaghan, 5908 Baltimore avenue, 307th Engineers; Haig Baronian, 214 South Fifty-sixth street, Twenty-sixth Infantry; Louis Rubin, 518 Sigel street, 318th Infantry; Harry Tapper, 1312 Spruce street, Sixty-first Infantry, and George L. MacElroy, 136 East Fisher street, 109th Infantry.

**Nurses Also Return**

Several Philadelphians have arrived in New York aboard the transport New Amsterdam. Among them were Mary T. Markan, 2744 Park avenue, and Ada F. Page, Germantown, nurses; Raymond Van H. Schuyler, Broad and Diamond streets, and Angelo Minicozzi, 1123 South Clifford street.

Captain John Wanamaker, Jr., son of Rodman Wanamaker, has received his discharge from the army. Captain Wanamaker went abroad with the Seventy-eighth Division, trained at Camp Dix, but was transferred to a staff school before getting a chance to go into action.

# MINISTERS INDORSE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

## "Duty of Church to Back Plan for Universal Peace," Baptists Here Decide

Baptist ministers indorsed the league of nations at their weekly conference today at the First Baptist Church, Seventeenth and Sansom streets.

"It seems the duty of the church to black this plan for universal peace," reads the report of the committee on the subject, "and therefore it has been decided that the Baptist Conference of Philadelphia shall support a league of nations. Not necessarily the league as it is constituted at present, but the best plan which the statesmen working on the idea can produce."

Dr. A. J. Rowland, formerly publicity secretary for the conference, read a paper in which he advocated the rejection of a plan to form an organic church union, a movement which has become prominent in England and Canada. He declared against "entangling alliances" and decried the attempt as an effort to take away independence of worship.

Much discussion on the paper followed its reading, the Rev. F. M. Goodrich, of New York; the Rev. O. P. Eaches, of Haddonfield, and the Rev. H. J. Vosburgh, of Camden, being the principal speakers.

## *Berlin Suburb Seized by Reds*

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although order has been maintained by troops, the situation there is said to be tense.

**Copenhagen,** March 10.—(By A. P.)—On Saturday night Spartacans hoisted the imperial standard over the palace at Berlin, according to advices received here from the German capital. The flag was immediately removed by government troops.

Martial law has not yet been revoked in Berlin and has been proclaimed at Duesseldorf.

**Berlin,** March 9 (delayed).—(By A. P.)—The number of individuals who suffered property losses in the course of the four days' fighting in Berlin last week is estimated at 6000. The losses of the last week added to those of the week of the first Spartacan outbreak are likely to involve the city of Berlin or the state or national government in damage suits totaling more than 150,000,000 marks.

### Mace Assumed Viewers' Board Office

Harry W. Mace, newly appointed member of the board of road viewers, was sworn in today by President Judge Martin, of Court of Common Pleas No. 5. A large number of Mr. Mace's friends were present, and after receiving their congratulations he went to the offices of the board of view, room 696 City Hall, where he was made acquainted with the attaches of the office.

Gutekunst.

REV. DR. SAMUEL M. VERNON
Pastor of the Central Methodist Episcopal Church, Roxborough, who will resign his pastorate at the Methodist conference, which opens here Wednesday

# DR. VERNON RESIGNS CENTRAL M. E. CHURCH

## Aged Pastor Expects Conference This Week to Allow Him to Retire

The Rev. Dr. Samuel M. Vernon, one of the most widely known Methodist clergymen in the Philadelphia Conference, writer, teacher and preacher, has resigned his pastorate of the Central Methodist Episcopal Church, Green lane below Ridge avenue.

Doctor Vernon, who decided to give up the active ministry because of advanced age, expects that his resignation will be acted upon at the annual conference which begins on Wednesday at the Spring Garden Church. He is nearly eighty years of age.

Many important charges have been held by Doctor Vernon during his long career in the ministry. He once was president of Simpson College, Iowa, and held professorships in Biblical theology and ethics. He was professor of Christian ethics in the theological school of Temple University.

Doctor Vernon has served in the ministry in this city for twenty-five years. He long has been a conspicuous figure at Methodist conferences and frequently addressed the annual meetings on questions of the greatest importance.

Before coming to this city he preached in Pittsburgh and New York city.

A union farewell service was held in the Central Church last night. Besides Doctor Vernon's own congregation there were clergymen and congregations from three other Roxborough churches, the Leverington Presbyterian Church, the Roxborough Baptist Church and the Talmage Memorial Reformed Church.

Tribute was paid at the union service to Doctor Vernon's years of faithful service in the ministry.

Doctor Vernon sent his resignation to Bishop Berry two months ago. The Bishop has not acted on it, other than to urge the retiring minister to continue his pastorate. Doctor Vernon says he is going to attend the sessions of the conference.

## *Girl Knocks Out Thug With Fist*

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the Tenth and Buttonwood streets station, arrested Day. The watch had been thrown from the cab window and was found on the street.

The Plumley hold-up occurred at Twenty-fourth and Walnut streets last night while Miss Plumley was waiting for a car. She testified that the negro approached her from behind and threw his arm around her neck, at the same time trying to snatch her handbag. Miss Plumley, instead of fainting, screamed for help and fought off her assailant. Her cries attracted the attention of Detective Anniston, of the American Express Company, who chased the man across the bridge to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad station, where he was captured.

**Youth Identifies Negro**

Louis Colbert, a sixteen-year-old youth, of 3265 Chancellor street, identified Short as the same negro who held him up at the same spot on Saturday night.

"The fellow drew a gun and demanded my ring," he said, "but I threw up my fists and started at him and he ran."

James McCloskey, of 1510 Bailey street, reported to the police today that he was held up at the point of a revolver shortly after 1 o'clock this morning and robbed of $4. The hold-up occurred at Thirtieth and Wharton streets.

Benjamin Brown reported to the police of the Eleventh and Winter streets station that thieves entered his saloon at 21 North Thirteenth street, shortly after 1:30 o'clock this morning and obtained $35 from the cash register.

## DOUBLY HONORED

### City Soldier Gets Croix de Guerre and U. S. Medal Recommended

H. Lloyd Haupt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Haupt, of Eckart avenue, Abington, has been awarded the Croix de Guerre and has been cited for especial "courage and devotion" in an order from Marshal Petain's headquarters, made under date of January 22. Advices concerning the citation have just reached the parents at their home in Abington.

The official citation reads:

"Driver H. Lloyd Haupt, No. 8118, of the S. S. U., 523, having proved himself under all circumstances of great courage and devotion, is awarded the Croix de Guerre. During the operations between the Oise and the Serre Rivers he assured the transportation of the wounded of the 114th Regiment at all times with the highest contempt for danger and under circumstances particularly difficult."

## MRS. VAN LOAN RETURNS WEST

### Widow of Short-Story Writer to Resume California Residence

Mrs. Charles E. Van Loan, widow of the noted short story writer and assistant editor of the Saturday Evening Post, is on her way to her home in San Jose, Calif. Mrs. Van Loan with her two children left Wyncote last night on a train for the West.

Charles E. Van Loan came East last November to take up his duties with the Saturday Evening Post. He died recently in the Abington Hospital from nephritis.

Mrs. Van Loan has broken up her household at Wyncote, where the family had planned to live permanently, and will reside at her old home in San Jose.

# GAY DECORATIONS AT MOTOR SHOW

## Commercial Museum Event Presents Appearance of Grand Frolic

## SPEEDY CARS A FEATURE

### Complete and Attractive Displays Emphasize Passenger Comfort

Complete presentation of all that is good in the automobile line in Philadelphia and the Eastern Pennsylvania district is on display at the Commercial Museum. The exhibition is under the auspices of the Philadelphia Automobile Trade Association.

Today's showing at the museum, somewhat more complete than the opening exhibition on Saturday night, drew a good crowd. The optimism of the salesmen and accessory men was reflected in the attitude of visitors, many of whom showed by their intense interest that they came with the idea of doing business, and several sales were recorded.

Most of the sales consummated so far have been by dealers in moderate-price cars, but representatives of sales organizations of higher-priced machines say the annual show always opens quietly for them and ends by being a great success.

The museum has been handsomely decorated. In some cases the decorations seem somewhat futuristic, and in others the pictures and plaques evidently have not been viewed by the censor, but the effect, taken as a whole, is entirely pleasing.

Management of the show has taken from the exhibitors the privilege of decorating their booths to suit their individual fancies. The myriads of ferns and other decorations used so lavishly by exhibitors in former years are missing, but the general result is a more simple and inviting scene.

The entrance to the showroom commands a vista of the entire hall. The center aisle begins at the doorway and runs straight back to the end of the building, flanked on either side by displays of cars. Each of the many pillars is decorated and in the center of the main aisle, which is also the center of the showroom, a court of honor has been erected. The columns of the court are each surmounted by the statue of a woman carrying a basket of flowers.

The two side aisles have been decorated to accord with the main walk and the appearance of the showroom is much more pleasing than any obtained by local automobile shows in former years.

The automobiles on display show no radical changes in basic construction, but many refinements and beautifiers have been added. The "streamline" seems to be abandoned in favor of a compromise between it and the old design of square construction. Most of the new models are set lower on the chassis also.

Salesmen are laying great stress on the comfortable riding qualities of their respective cars in selling arguments. This and the always popular attribute of speed are emphasized to prospective purchasers.

Many roadsters are on display with speed as their biggest selling point. Eighty-five miles an hour machines are common, and ninety-mile speed kings are nothing out of the ordinary to hear the salesmen discourse of the quick ground-covering powers of their respective machines.

The crowd is big and merry. High spirits of those present are added to by frequent numbers by the band in attendance. Taken in all, the show presents the appearance of a grand frolic, rather than a sober business investment, made by the representatives of one of the biggest industries in the country.

A. F. Maltby is president of the association; J. F. Gomery, secretary and treasurer, and Louis C. Block, vice president.

The showing of passenger cars will end on Saturday night, to be succeeded by the truck show next week.

## *Diplomatic Foch Needed by Allies*

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buffer states and using "balance-of-power" methods.

**Walk in Fear of Bolshevism**

In addition, this conference is struggling blindly to safeguard itself against Bolshevism by creating a sort of territorial quarantine against infected areas.

The situation will be a test for President Wilson when he returns. Will he think the thing out straight and make a fight for a consistent solution of all the problems? Or will he be driven by the need for a hasty peace, and sense that only through compromises can a hasty peace be got?

Behind all lies the danger that all this work will not end in a prompt peace, for Germany is dangerously near Bolshevism and no one has a remedy for the situation if Germany goes the way of Russia.

## MRS. MARTIN LADY MAYOR

### Philadelphia Woman Will Rule New York Village

**Poughkeepsie, N. Y.,** March 10.—Madalin will have, on March 18, the distinction of being the first village in Dutchess County to have a woman as president. Mrs. Justin Martin, daughter of the late Colonel J. Watts De Peyster, of Civil War fame, is the candidate. She has no opponent.

Mrs. Martin has winter homes in New York and Philadelphia, but she always spends her summers at the old De Peyster mansion in Madalin, where she was born.

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Every Evening Except Sunday—8 to 12

## DENIES PARTS STOLEN

### Nothing Taken From Sunken City Dredge, Says Webster

Director George S. Webster, of the Department of Wharves, Docks and Ferries, has completed his investigation of the report made to the Finance Committee of Councils at its last session that stop-cocks and valves and other valuable parts of the dredge Philadelphia were stolen during the ten days the Merritt-Chapman Wrecking Company was raising the vessel, which sank off the House of Correction wharf in the Delaware.

"There is not a word of truth in it," said Director Webster. "The superintendent of ice boats, James S. Jefferson, has thoroughly sifted the matter and made his report to Joseph P. Gaffney, chairman of the Finance Committee, today. On account of this baseless report the just claim of the Merritt-Chapman Wrecking Company, $9740, for raising the dredge, was held up."

# CLERGY AND LABOR FIGHT "OPEN SUNDAY"

## Public Hearing at City Hall on Rorke Bill Amending "Blue Laws'

Representatives of various churches, labor organizations and numerous men of prominence will air their views this afternoon at a public hearing on the Rorke bill, which is being held in Councils' Finance Chamber, City Hall. The bill would permit many classes of Sunday entertainment. The measure was introduced in the Legislature several weeks ago. The Presbytery of Philadelphia was represented at the meeting by the Rev. Dr. William Barnes Lower, the Rev. Dr. Horace Stratton, the Rev. Dr. Matthew J. Hyndman, the Rev. Dr. Aquilla Webb and the Rev. Richard F. Jones. The ministers will voice the protest of the Church against the Rorke bill. Representatives of other denominations will make similar protest.

Dr. Charles Harte, Edward Bok, Alexander Van Rensselaer and others are scheduled to lend their backing in the interest of a broader construction of Sunday regulations.

The board of directors of the Philadelphia Orchestra has announced its approval of a clause in the bill permitting orchestral concerts on Sunday. Other organizations have also taken up the fight for more liberal laws relative to public forms of Sunday entertainment.

Opposition to the repealer is expected to be headed by representatives of a number of Sabbath Observance Associations. Local organized labor will also oppose the passage of the bill. The opposition will be for widely varying reasons, the Sabbath Observance protest being based on the old time preservation of a quiet Sunday and the labor opposition on the grounds that it would interfere with the forty-eight hour work week movement which is at present the chief concern of unionized labor.

Mainly the opposition comes from operators in the scores of Philadelphia moving picture houses, members of the theatrical orchestras and the taxicab drivers. A resolution against the bill will be presented by union labor to the legislative committee this afternoon.

For some weeks past proprietors of motion picture houses have thrown on their screens a notice that a bill permitting Sunday "movies" is now before the Legislature. Beneath the notice appears the question "Are you for Sunday movies?" These notices frequently have been applauded by audiences and the motion picture industry leaders believe there is a popular demand for Sunday exhibitions.

## ASK PROBE OF DEATH AT DIX

### Family of Philadelphian Will Appeal to Secretary Baker

Secretary of War Baker will be asked to look into the circumstances surrounding the death at Camp Dix of a Philadelphia soldier.

After eighteen months' service in France, Private Hugh S. Kane, 2329 North Thirteenth street, died at Camp Dix Saturday, only forty miles from home. None of his family was at his death-bed because army authorities had failed to notify relatives of the soldier's critical condition.

Twenty-five minutes after the young man had died a telegram was received at his home. It stated officially that Kane was "critically ill." An hour later a second message was received, telling of the young man's death.

But even before the first telegram arrived Mrs. Kane, another son and three daughters had started in an automobile for Camp Dix. They had received an urgent telephone call from Father Britt, a chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, who said the soldier had requested the family to come before he died.

The family did not arrive at Camp Dix in time, however. Private Kane was dead when his mother, brother and sisters reached the camp hospital.

## KOREA DEFIES JAPAN

### Declares Independence and Will Ask Recognition at Paris

**San Francisco, Calif.,** March 10.—The Korean National Association of San Francisco received cable advices Saturday from Shanghai that Korea declared independence of Japan at 1 o'clock in the afternoon of Saturday, March 1. The cablegram was signed by Hyun Soon, special representative of the Korean National Independence Union.

It also was announced here that recognition of the independence of Korea will be urged at the Paris Peace Conference. Two delegates are now in Washington it was said making efforts to obtain passports in order to reach Paris.

**DEATHS**

EVANS.—March 10, at Philadelphia, Captain SHELDON G. EVANS, M. C., U. S. N. Funeral service Tuesday, 3:30 p. m., at St. Mark's Church, 18th and Locust sts. Int. private at Chatham, N. J.

GUILLIUM.—March 9, CHARLES H., husband of Marie S. Guillium (nee Helwig), aged 61. Relatives and friends, also Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 159, F. and A. M., and Pacific Lodge, No. 209, I. O. O. F., invited to funeral services, Wed., 1 p. m., at 156 N. 52d st. Int. private, Westminster Cem.

BENNER.—March 10, LAURA V. BENNER, daughter of the late Enos D. and Margaret B. Benner. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, Wed., 2 p. m., at 1535 W. Norris st. Int. private.

**LOST AND FOUND**

DOG.—Lost, white Pekinese dog with light brown spots. Reward is returned 4918 N. Camac st.

**HELP WANTED—FEMALE**

ALTO wanted for church quartet in North Phila.; state experience, present position and salary desired. B 801, Ledger Office.

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# STRANGE MALADY APPEARS IN WEST

## Form of 'Sleeping Sickness' Develops in Illinois and Missouri

## INFLUENZA AFTERMATH

### Many Cases Are Fatal—Patients Lose Consciousness for Week or More

**Chicago,** March 10.—A mysterious malady, taking the form of what some call "sleeping sickness," but is believed to have no relation to that dreaded disease, has appeared in Marseilles, Evanston, this city and surrounding towns. It has been fatal in its results, and the cause of the illness has not been determined officially. The health authorities have been aroused, and Dr. John Dill Robertson, health commissioner of this city, has been investigating.

The first report of death attributed to the malady to come to the personal attention of Doctor Robertson was announced last night. The victim was forty years old. Doctor Robertson has instructed all physicians treating the disease to report their observations. He said emphatically the malady is not the "sleeping sickness" of Africa.

On Saturday information came from Kansas City, Mo., to the effect that the malady had appeared in that section with several cases of long sleeping and death.

**Aftermath of Influenza**

The general opinion among doctors who have not investigated the matter closely is to the effect that the victims may have become prostrated as the result of an acute attack of influenza last fall, and that this is an aftermath of the disease. The patient lapses into unconsciousness, there is complete prostration and the functions seem to resist all efforts to be aroused. Sometimes death is speedy and frequently it comes after six or eight days.

In Marseilles, a short distance from Chicago, Beman Osgood, fifteen years old, died last Monday morning. He had influenza in October, was soon better, but weak. He returned to school and became sick again. Five weeks ago he complained of stomach troubles and double vision. The doctors could not understand the case. The boy fell asleep fifteen days ago and never awakened. He could not eat or swallow. The doctors believed the cause of death to be spinal meningitis or brain lesion, as there was an apparent painless sleep which every science or test failed to penetrate.

Doctor Charles A. Elliott, Chicago, was summoned and pronounced the case one of "sleeping sickness." He told of the malady causing a sensation in England. This was the fourth case in Doctor Elliott's experience.

The death of Wilfred Wakey, residing near Marseilles, which occurrred in January, was diagnosed as spinal meningitis, but the symptoms were about the same.

In Evanston the Health Commissioner found that several cases were reported, but that the victims recovered, with one exception. That was in the case of Lydia Grey. She suffered from a mysterious ailment, sleeping for two weeks in the hospital.

**In England and France**

While the Chicago doctors have been mystified by the discoveries, the Journal of the American Medical Association, the official organ of the physicians of the country, also published here, added additional interest to the subject by publishing in the issue of February 8 an editorial showing that a mysterious disease had appeared in England and France resembling the "sleeping sickness" of this section.

The editorial said in part:

Last spring considerable alarm was awakened in Great Britain at the outbreak, notably in London and Sheffield, of cases of illness presenting a group of unusual cerebral or cerebrospinal symptoms. The distinctive features appeared to be those of an acute general disease associated with a condition of increasing languor, apathy and drowsiness, passing into lethargy; progressive muscular weakness, passing into complete disablement, and a combination of various cranial nerve palsies, of which ptosis, squint and nystagmus were characteristic signs. The cases were provisionally diagnosed botulism, toxic opthalmoplegia, epidemic stupor, epidemic lethargic encephalitis, acute pollencephalitis, pollencephalomyelitis, bulbar paralysis and Heine-Medin disease. There is some evidence that a comparable illness has appeared in France and in Austria.

The English investigators were unable to determine the real cause of the sickness. Of course, it was not the "sleeping sickness" of Africa. But the idea was strong in the medical mind of Great Britain that the disease was associated in some manner with after effects of influenza.

### City Suffragists Join Protest

A delegation of Philadelphia suffragists will attend a mass-meeting in New York today when the members of the Prison Special," which has just completed a nation-wide tour to protest against the imprisonment of members of the Woman's party, will relate their experiences.

# JERSEY G. O. P. SEES HARMONY

## Edge Dinner Is Expected to Unite Two Senators From State

## OUT OF TOUCH AWHILE

### Hands-Off Policy Is Thought Probable in Gubernatorial Race

**Trenton,** March 10.—Out of a dinner to Senator-elect Edge in his home city next Saturday night will come, it is asserted, a new Edge-Frelinghuysen coalition for the domination of President Wilson's home commonwealth.

Senator Frelinghuysen, all members of the Jersey Legislature and practically the entire personnel of the State House machinery, are to be summoned to the shore to join in a tribute to the one-time newsboy who became a Governor and now is to take a seat in the highest legislative body in the world.

History is to repeat itself again in the signing and sealing of a joint leadership pact between the two Senators. Edge and Frelinghuysen swept the state together three years ago this fall, only to lose touch for a time when the latter's removal to Washington and the Governor's multifarious tasks here directed their attention to widely separate subjects. Senator Frelinghuysen was lost sight of when the Governor set up his own machine at home, and it is now no secret, in view of what transpired just prior to the organization of the present Legislature that the Senator resented it.

All differences between them have lately been smoothed out, however, and harmony now prevails with respect both to Jersey's part in national affairs and in the future management of the party at home. Neither has evinced a personal choice in the gubernatorial free-for-all, and the prospect is that both will adhere to a hands-off policy and let the best man win in the primaries.

South Jersey has evinced little interest in the fact that ex-Mayor Raymond, of Newark, is actively in the race, through the filing of his papers, as a candidate against State Chairman Bugbee for the Republican nomination. If Mr. Bugbee were as certain of the upper tier counties as of those south of the line he could count upon a walkover in the primaries.

Assemblyman Underwood Cochran is looming up strongly as a candidate for the Atlantic County senatorship in the fall. Cochran's initial bid for public support is a fight directed against a gas corporation at home, whose only offense is to avail itself of very special privileges granted by the State Public Utility Commission. The plans of ex-Senator Richards who was forced out of the Senate because he sought and obtained an army commission still are a subject of speculation solely. If he decides to seek vindication at the hands of the folks at home Atlantic will be one of the big battle grounds of the state next fall. The Democrats there already are split wide paart over the prospective candidacies of Senator Edwards of Hudson, and Representative Thomas J. Scully, of the Third District.

## CALL CLARK LEAGUE FOE

### Democrats Fight Him as Minority Whip of House

**Washington,** March 10.—The fight of administration followers among the Democrats in the incoming House of Representatives to defeat Champ Clark for the position of minority floor leader, has been directed against the one-time Speaker's opposition to President Wilson's plan for the league of nations.

Representative James H. Mays, of Utah, a member of the Democratic reorganization committee, which was formed by administration Democrats in the new House for the purpose of defeating Champ Clark for floor leader, issued a statement in which he charged Mr. Clark with having said:

"Wilson's league of nations has as much change of being ratified as you have of being Pope of Rome."

The reorganization committee is carrying on a campaign at the direction of the White House to select a Democratic steering committee and a minority leader for the new Congress, who will be in sympathy with the President.

## URGES CLOSER ASSESSMENT

### Conservation Director Gaskill of N. J. Shows Large Untaxed Area

**Trenton,** March 10.—Director Gaskill, of the Department of Conservation and Development, has directed the attention of the board of taxes and assessments to the very great area of unassessed lands in the state, and recommended that steps be taken to remedy the conditions by which this situation has been brought about. He also suggested that the board consider whether it is not advisable to revise the laws respecting the reversion of title when taxes are not paid, with a view to having title to such lands eventually vest in the state.

The conditions upon which this presentation was based were disclosed in the report on undeveloped lands submitted by the Department of Conservation and Development to the Governor more than a year ago. In that report it was shown that a total of approximately 639,000 acres, or about one-eighth of all the land in the state, is not returned by the assessors.

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