THE WEATHER
Cloudy tonight and Tuesday, probable light rain; slowly rising temperature; gentle easterly winds.

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BERGDOLL SOLD $100,000 LAND HERE 8 DAYS AGO

Mother and Erwin, Also Fugitive, Have Transferred Property Recently, Records Show

ARMY OFFICIALS START PROBE INTO ESCAPE

Rumors of Proposed Flight of Family to Germany Revived by Realty Deals

WOMAN ALSO IS MISSING

Wife of Chauffeur Who Is Said to Be With Grover Is Absent From Her Home

Latest Developments in Bergdoll Scandal

Brigadier General Donaldson will begin investigation in city today for Secretary of War Baker.

Bergdoll lawyers offer $2500 reward for apprehension of slacker.

Federal officers in this city have received no instructions to probe the case.

No trace has been found of Bergdoll since he fled from two army guards at his residence, Fifty-second street and Wynnefield avenue, Thursday or Friday afternoon.

The wife of the automobile machinist who accompanied Bergdoll left her home on the day of the flight and has not returned since.

Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, escaped draft dodger and federal convict, sold more than $100,000 worth of property in this city, prior to his flight.

Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll, mother of the man who has eluded a nation-wide search after being released from an army prison on the romantic plea that he wished to hunt for a pot of gold he had hidden in the hills, also has sold considerable property since last December.

Ervin, the second son, a draft dodger and sought by the authorities, has made many transfers of real estate while agents of the Department of Justice have been seeking him.

A scrutiny of the records in the office of the recorder of deeds, shows that Grover made two large transactions during the present month. The first was May 10 and the second May 16. He escaped from two soldiers at his mother's home, Fiftysecond street and Wynnefield avenue last Friday.

Ports Being Watched

The transfers of property seem to strengthen rumors that the family intend "selling out" their interests in this country and going to Germany, and are a further indication of careful planning of Grover's flight.

Officials at Washington have notified all government officials at seaports to keep close watch for Grover and Ervin. Government agents believe that the Bergdoll boys will use the money raised from their properties to leave the country.

The following is a list of the Bergdoll property transfers:

November 11, 1919—Erwin Bergdoll to Giocondo Carstillo, 2851 North Twenty-first street, $1200.

December 5, 1919—Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll to H. D. Joffe, ground rent, 2047 Indiana avenue, $1500.

Between December 26 and 31.—Mrs. Bergdoll sold three houses in West Philadelphia, value of which is not given.

January 9, 1920—Emma G. Bergdoll to V. Fontanella; store, Allegheny avenue and B street, $5000.

March 26—Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll to F. Simon, 5204 Addison street; house, $2300.

March 26—Ervin Bergdoll to F. Simon, 5218 Addison street; house, $2300.

March 15—Ervin Bergdoll to H. W. Reed; house, 5807 Walton avenue, $2500.

May 10—Grover Bergdoll to S. Levin, nineteen houses on east side of Sixty-second street, north of Market street, $62,8zz.

May 16—Grover Bergdoll to J. Gross, property on Wharton street near Eleventh, $22,000.

The values given are those made by assessors and do not show the sale price. At present high prices many thousands of dollars above the assesed valuation were obtained.

The investigation into the disappearance of the draft dodger centered in this city today. An inspector from the United States army inspector general's office in Washington came here.

It is understood that he will question closely D. Clarence Gibboney, Bergdoll's lawyer, who induced the aWr Department to permit the slacker to leave Fort Jay to find his supposed hidden wealth near Hagerstown, and former Magistrate James Romig, friend of the Bergdoll family. Romig was in the Bergdoll house when Grover escaped.

The inspector is expected to go beneath surface developments in connection with the escape, in a search for evidence of collusion in bringing it about.

Adjutant General P. C. Harris, the man responsible for Bergdoll's release

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Ernest Poole

Here is a man who knows how to tell a story.

"His Second Wife"

Here is an excellent story well told.

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Here is where will be found the first installment of a serial that will please you.

Begin It at Once!

PAUL DESCHANEL
President of France, who was bruised and cut by a fall from a moving train

THINKS HE SAW BERGDOLL

Writer Believes He Shared Train Seat to New York With Slacker

F. W. Specht, of 3857 Lancaster avenue, believes he rode from Philadelphia to New York last Friday evening seated beside Grover Cleveland Bergdoll in the day coach of a Pennsylvania Railroad train.

He wrote a letter received today by the commandant of the disciplinary barracks at Governor's Island, giving details of the incident.

Although he did not then know that Bergdoll was again at large, Mr. Specht was struck by the similarity between the features of the man with whom he shared his seat and pictures he had seen of the wealthy deserter.

He described the man as having "a full face and very dark mustache, rather dark hair, 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighed 165 pounds and wore a blue suit."

The story that he continued to New York and may have gone to Hartford, Conn., where he was believed to have been seen, will be investigated.

PENROSE HAS SLIGHT COLD

Senator Is Angry Over Reports of "Serious Illness"

Senator Penrose today was very angry when he read reports in the New York newspapers to the effect that he was critically ill.

The senator received a number of visitors and expressed his indignation regarding the rumors and made it clear that he was only suffering from a slight cold.

Friends of Senator Penrose said today that he took cold last Thursday when he rode through Fairmount Park. On Friday he entertained a number of friends at dinner and on the following morning the cold was worse. On Saturday and yesterday, however, he held repeated conferences with W. Harry Baker, secretary of the state Republican committee.

The senator's physicians say that he will attend the national convention.

AUTO STRIKES CHILD

11-Year-Old Girl Suffers Fractured Shoulder as Result of Accident

While attempting to cross Passyunk avenue near Greenwich street shortly before noon today, Margaret Proposo, eleven yares old, 1018 Greenwich street, was struck by an automobile driven by Nicholas Volpe, Tenth street near Catharine.

Volpe placed the child in the machine and took her to St. Agnes' Hospital, where it was found Margaret was suffering from a fractured left shoulder. He afterwards gave himself up to the police of the Fifteenth street and Snyder avenue station house and was released by Magistrate Dougherty under $400 bail for a further hearing.

FIND WOMAN'S BODY IN LAKE

Missing Since Last Monday—Death Believed Accidental

Newton, N. J., May 24.—(By A. P.)—The body of Miss Ida Carpenter, thirty-five years old, who lived with two sisters on a farm between Pallettown and Hopkins Corners and who had been missing since last Monday, was found in four feet of water in Culver Lake late last night.

It is believed she lost her way and accidentally fell into the lake while returning at night from a nearby town. Merchandise she had bought was found floating near the body.

Deschanel in Pajamas Falls Off Moving Train

Bruised and Cut, President of France Walks More Than Mile in Bare Feet Before Finding Assistance

By the Associated Press

Montargis, France, May 24.—Paul Deschanel, president of the French republic, fell from the window of his train when it was a short distance from here last night. The train was moving at the time. M. Deschanel walked a mile and a quarter in the darkness until he met a track walker, who accompanied the president to a nearby signal station and telephoned to this city for an automobile, which arrived in a half hour.

When he approached the track walker, the injured man said:

"I was on the presidential train and fell out of it while it was moving. That which will surprise you more, however, is the fact I am Monsieur Deschanel, president of the republic."

Bruised and Lacerated

M. Deschanel, upon his arrival here, received first medical attention some two or three hours after the accident. Physicians found he had suffered no injuries sufficient to cause anxiety, although he was bruised and lacerated. As a precautionary measure anti-tetanus serum was injected by a surgeon.

President Deschanel explained that he had been unable to sleep in his compartment of the private car in which he was traveling because of the heat and that about 11 o'clock last night, shortly after the train had pulled out of Montargis, he tried to open a window to secure more ventilation.

The window stuck, and M. Deschanel said he applied all his strength to open it. Then suddenly the window gave way and he pitched out of the car onto the track in the darkness, the train going on.

Suffered From the Grip

The president had suffered a severe attack of the grip Saturday night, and it had been questioned for a time if the journey to Monbrisson, where he was to dedicate a monument to Senator Reymond, a French aviator who was killed during the war, should not be canceled. The president, however, had insisted upon making the journey.

It was because of his illness that all the windows of the presidential compartment had been tightly closed.

At noon today it was announced here that the president's condition was as satisfactory as possibly could be. The doctors had found scratches upon his face, hands and legs and some bruises

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BODIES OF 6 PHILA. SOLDIERS RETURNED

Lieut. Charles T. Evans, Jr., of Germantown, Among Those Brought From England

TO HAVE MILITARY ESCORT

The bodies of six Philadelphians, one of them an officer, are included among the 428 which arrived in New York yesterday on the army transport Princess Matoika, from Southampton.

The bodies, which are those of soldiers who were either killed in accidents or died of disease while billeted in England, were taken off the transport this morning at Pier 3, Hoboken, and were placed in state with a guard of honor on the army docks.

Later in the day they will be forwarded to their destinations, an escort being sent with each soldier to his last resting place.

The Philadelphia men are: Lieutenant Charles T. Evans, Jr., 203 West Walnut lane, Germantown, who was killed in the airplane accident, November 23, 1918, while attached to the ninth aviation instruction center.

Private Harry Fuller, 2322 North Lawrence street, first air service detachment, died of pneumonia, November 1, 1918. Corporal Ernest J. Kinzler, 1812 East Margaret street, 141st aero section, died of fever in England, February 27, 1918.

Sergeant Archibald S. Paul, Jr., 1337 South Seventeenth stret, who died November 11, 1918, in a British hospital of pneumonia, was attached to the headquarters company of the 421st Aero Squadron when he died.

Private Harry Schwartzman, 1404 South Fifth stret, Tenth Company Engineers, died of pneumonia, and Private James W. Willoc, of the Army Service Corps, of 5928 Wayne avenue, Germantown, was another pneumonia victim.

The body of Ensign Frederick G. Wilmsen, who died at Marseilles, France, November 24, 1918, has been brought to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Wilmsen, Elkins Park. Funeral services will be held at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon at St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, Ashbourne street and Old York road, Ogontz.

FOUR ABANDON UPSET CAR

Two Girls and Two Men Who Fled After Accident Cannot Be Found

Two men and two girls, riding in an automobile which upset on Wissahickon avenue at Allen's lane at 2 o'clock this morning, disappeared following the accident and apparently have abandoned the car.

Following the accident, a man, who gave his name as Charles Marcus, telephoned for a taxicab, saying he wished to be taken to the Samaritan Hospital.

An investigation showed that none of the party had been admitted to the Samaritan or other hospitals in the northern section of the city. The abandoned automobile bears the New Jersey license number, 104,172.

SCHMIDT WILL TALK ONLY IN CHICAGO

Council Probers Told They Must Visit His Home to Get More Testimony

HORN ON STAND TODAY

A. B. Schmidt says that if Council's self-investigating committee wishes to question him further in the $25,000 bribe scandal, it will have to trot itself out to Chicago.

Mr. Schmidt, according to Thomas E. Mitten, president of the Rapid Transit Co., named Councilman Alexis J. Limeburner as the man who advised him to pay $25,000 to obtain a car line on the Roosevelt Boulevard.

Mr. Schmidt represents Sears, Roebuck & Co. who are building a plant on the boulevard.

As there were discrepancies in statements made by Mr. Mitten and Mr. Schmidt on the subject, Council's committee last week requested Sears, Roebuck & Co.'s representative to come before it a second time, and give his version of the matter in more detail.

According to a dispatch from Chicago, Mr. Schmidt has advised Council's committee that he cannot come here, because his wife is seriously ill at their home in Chicago, and stated that if the committee would go to Chicago he would be glad to give his testimony on the subject.

Trip May Be Made

In view of the fact that the committee is desirous of getting at the bottom of the matter, it is possible that it will decide to go to Chicago. In such an event an appropriation would have to be made for the trip.

Edwin R. Cox, chairman of Council's committee, received a telegram from Mr. Schmidt which will be read at a hearing to be held by the committee in Council's chamber this afternoon.

Mr. Cox and Councilman Roper conferred with District Attorney Rotan this morning and asked his aid in investigating the numerous charges in connection with the bribe scandal.

William R. Horn, councilman from Frankford, will take the stand this afternoon to tell what he has learned about the allegation that Councilman Limeburner intervened in the laying of water pipes for the Philadelphia Felt Co. The charge has been made that Limeburner sought to delay the laying of the pipes, and at the same time was soliciting payment of bills for advertising in Limeburner's publication, "Patriotic Philadelphia," from F. L. Putney, manager of the felt concern.

Mr. Cox stated that he expected to call everybody who knew anything about the alleged hold-up by the councilman, and that he would seek to uncover all of the facts relating to that charge against Mr. Limeburner.

MRS. FISKE IN TRAIN WRECK

Members of Company Escape Injury, but Scenery Is Damaged

New York, May 24.—A train carrying Mrs. Minnie Maddern Fiske and her company from Salt Lake City to San Bernardino, Calif., was wrecked yesterday morning in the Latimer desert, 200 miles from Salt Lake City, according to a telegram received here last night. The message stated that no one suffered any injury. The stage scenery was badly damaged, however.

BOUND, GAGGED AND ROBBED

Man Posing as Prospective Buyer of Property Attacks Owner

Morris Goldstein, of 6307 Woodland avenue, was blackjacked and robbed of $500 late Saturday night and left bound and gagged by the robber.

Shortly before the hour Goldstein was accustomed to close his store, a well dressed man entered and asked the shopkeeper if he wished to sell his property.

Goldstein told the man he would sell and took him upstairs to inspect the rooms. The man suddenly attacked Goldstein, and after binding and gagging him, escaped with $500 in bank notes, which he found in a safe on the second floor.

Houseman Estate $388,500

A personal estate of $3500 and real estate valued at $385,000 were left to relatives by the will of Samuel F. Houseman, 426 South Broad street, admitted to probate today. Mr. Houseman died April 30. Other wills probated were: Charles Krause, 2055 East York street, $9000; Mary Dougherty, 2214 North Camac stret, $4600. Inventories filed were: Ann Robinson, $6297; William H. Oliver, $37,149; Ida H. Bowers, $12,020; Matthias Ruoss, $18,591; Charles H. Eimerman, $30,129.

HUNT BERGDOLL'S GOLD AS NEW KIDD TREASURE

Western Maryland Residents Rove Mountainsides in Search of Cache of Philadelphia Draft Dodger—Some Scout Wealth-Pot Report

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger

Hagerstown, Md., May 24. — The "buried Bergdoll treasure" may become to the people of western Maryland what the Captain Kidd treasure was for years to people along the New Jersey coast—a lure for credulous gold-hunters, old and young, a legend, romantic and intriguing.

While searching for a pot of gold in the wilderness region of Sideling Hill is like searching for a needle in a haystack, the mountainside thereabouts now bids fair to have an attraction that it never had before, and the talk is today more of people poking and nosing around the mountains in order to beat Bergdoll to his supposed cache than of the possible capture of Bergdoll himself in this vicinty.

That the draft dodger, who spent several weeks, off and on, at a Hagerstown hotel when he was eluding detectives before, would dare to show himself again in this city is incredible, in the opinion of experienced officers, and the belief prevails here that Bergdoll will find his way to Germany as soon as he can.

Hagerstown was an excellent refuge for the young Philadelphian when no Hagerstowners knew him as Bergdoll. Strangers coming and going at local hotels, even if they are free spenders, and travel in extra fine touring cars, are too common to elicit more than passing notice here. Hence Bergdoll was comparatively safe here under an alias on his previous truancy. Now it is different.

The treasure story finds its firm believers, although discredited by the majority of people.

Hiding treasure in the lonely Sideling Hill region is not a difficult job, if one has the treasure to hide, and Bergdoll had many opportunities for imitating the Captain Kidd stunt.

The treasure hunters are already numerous, but they will not crowd each other in the reaches of Sideling Hill. Smooth roads lead sufficiently near the "treasure mountains" to attract motorists.

On the whole, the Bergdoll treasure legend appears a decided asset to hotel men and the taxi tribe in this region.

PACT DELAY FATAL, SPEED PEACE, PLEA TO PRESBYTERIANS

Dr. Arthur J. Brown, of N. Y., Tells Assembly U. S. Must Aid, Not Criticize, Europeans

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR., MAY REPLY TO ATTACKS

Proposed $1,000,000 Underwriting of Joint Project to Bear Brunt of Battle

Says Microbe Couldn't Live on Minister's Pay

"No microbe could live on a minister's salary," the Rev. Henry B. Masters, secretary of the committee on ministerial relief and sustenance, retorted today after another speaker at the session of the Presbyterian General Assembly raised the question of the danger of "dirty money."

"Income tax figures," continued Mr. Masters, "show that of the 170,000 Protestant ministers in the country, less than 1 per cent last year had an annual salary of $3000."

The Rev. Arthur J. Brown, of New York, called on all Christian people to protest against further delay in the ratification of the peace treaty, speaking at today's session of the 132d General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, at the Academy of Music.

Doctor Brown sharply attacked Congress for its postponement of ratification. "It is a crying shame," said the speaker, "that this matter should be allowed to drag on, and it is up to the Christian people of the country to make indignant protest to Congress.

"We say, 'Why don't Europe go to work? Why don't Europe speed up production to meet its own needs?'

"I had occasion to visit Europe since the last assembly. I saw how the European countries are without raw materials and money. I saw how in many of them their money issues are almost without value.

"How can we ask dying men and women to go to work, to speed up production?

"Did the Samaritan, when he found the man who had been set upon by robbers, ask: 'Why don't you bind up your wounds yourself and get to work?'

Europe in Terrible State

"Europe is in a terrible state. Poland lost most of her children. All the survivors are afflicted with rickets. Eight hundred people are dying every day in Syria. Hoover says that 200,000 people are dying in Russia. Europe faces pestilence and economic ruin.

"Our attitude of telling Europe to solve her own problems is a shame. It was Cain, not Abel, who said: 'Am I my brother's keeper?'

"Almost everybody says the world should be as one except a few United States senators. It may be said that a united world is a utopian idea, but if choice must be made between Utopia and hell, I'll take Utopia."

The speaker pointed out that many so-called "impossible" things had been brought to pass, such as the abolition of slavery, the passage of prohibition and the defeat of Germany.

"To the Christian man nothing that is right is impossible. We simply need some strong influence to bring us together."

Doctor Brown is secretary of the commission on co-operation with the World Alliance for International Friendship through the Churches, and spoke in its behalf.

Discuss Unity Plan

A plan of union between the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches was discussed at the morning session. The plan contemplates "spiritual unity" and "more effectual administrative co-operation" between the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., the Presbyterian Church in the U. S., the Reformed Church in the U. S. and the United Presbyterian Church.

If recommendations made by the committee which has been considering the matter of closer union are adopted, it is planned to ask the Council of Presbyterian and Reformed Churches to appoint a committee to confer with committees representing the individual churches.

The committee, which reported at today's session, indicated that the time had not yet arrived for complete organic union among the Presbyterian denominations.

The interchurch world movement, which was to have come up for debate today, probably will be gone into in de-

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"UNCLE DAVE" IMPROVING

Vare Leader Recovering From Post-Campaign Illness

David H. Lane is steadily improving in condition, according to his physician, Dr. E. R. Kirby.

The Vare leader of the Twentieth ward and "sage" of the Republican organization in this city had a breakdown following the strain of the recent election. He was hurried to the Hotel Strand, his summer headquarters at Atlantic City under Doctor Kirby's care. With him was Mrs. Lane and a nurse.

According to Doctor Kirby "Mr. Lane is very much improved. I do not think there is any cause for alarm now. You see, he is advanced in years and during the primary and just preceding it he was on his feet a good part of the time. The breakdown was the result. His ailment, while giving him considerable discomfort, has passed the stage where there may be felt any anxiety and he is well on the road to recovery."

THREE HURT IN AUTO CRASH

Hammonton, N. J., May 24.—One man is believed to be dying and two others were injured last night in a motorcar crash near here. A car driven by Jack A. Brodie, of 609 South Fourth street, Philadelphia, collided with one driven by Antonio Zoni and containing Alfred Tomasello and Antonio Roo, all of Hammonton. Zoni was catapulted thirty feet across the road, being seriously injured by hitting a sidewalk. The other victims were Rono and Tomasello.

GENERAL DONALDSON ARRIVES TO PROBE BERGDOLL ESCAPE

Brigadier General Donaldson, appointed by the inspector general's office at Washington to investigate the escape of Grovercleveland Bergdoll, accompanied by two aides, arrived in the city at 1 o'clock. They proceeded to the office of the military intelligence in the Commercial Trust Company and went into conference.

CORTELYOU AND ROTAN ASKED TO AID BRIBE PROBE

Chairman Cox and Councilman Roper, of council's self-investigating committee, called on District Attorney Rotan and Director of Public Safety Cortelyou this afternoon and formally asked their aid in the probe of the $25,000 transit bribe scandal. Mr. Rotan will confere this afternoon with Major Wynne, chief county detective.

PRICE OF SUGAR BOOSTED 1 CENT

Third Advance Within Week Announced by Refiners at New York

STOCKS SHOW WEAKNESS

New York, May 24.—The American Sugar Refining Co. today advanced the price of sugar one cent to twenty-two and one-half cents, marking the third advance of its kind within a week.

"The necessity for this advance arises by reason of the increasing cost to the company of raw sugar," read a statement issued.

Perishable foodstuffs underwent a fall in price here today, when more than 300 carloads of edibles, which have been accumulating on river wharves because of traffic congestion, were sold at cut prices. They included cucumbers, cabbages, onions, parsley and oranges. New potatoes alone maintained last week's price scale.

After a show of steadiness at the opening the stock market suffered another sinking spell. While the volume of trading was comparatively small, there was a general marking down of stock values. In the speculative specialties declines extended from two to more than five points, but in the general list recessions ranged from one to two points. There were no new adverse developments, but considerable nervousness was manifested over the credit situation. While stocks ran off Liberty Bonds were much stronger and made further substantial recoveries from last week's low levels.

Marlboro, Mass., May 24.—(By A. P.)—The three shoe factories here of Rice & Hutchins, Inc., will be shut down for a week beginning Wednesday, it was announced today. "General business conditions" were given as the reason. The plants here employ 2500 persons.

Minneapolis, May 24.—(By A. P.)—Flour made a further decline in price at the largest Minneapolis mills today, family patent being quoted at $14.75 to $15 a barrel in ninety-eight-pound cotton sacks in carload lots.

MACHINE GUN KILLS BOY

Another Lad Seriously Wounded by 'Empty' N. G. P. Weapon in Armory

Harrisburg, May 24.—(By A. P.)—While watching members of the newly organized machine-gun company of the Pennsylvania National Guard cleaning a gun in their armory at Columbia, John Fry, thirteen years old, was killed and Robert Detz, twelve, seriously injured by bullets from the supposedly empty gun.

The boys had entered the armory unobserved, on the return of the guardsmen from the range where they had been trying out the gun.

BANK ROBBED OF $115,000

Cashier at Finleyville, Pa., Locked in Vault by Six Thugs

Pittsburgh, May 24.—(By A. P.)—The First National Bank at Finleyville, Pa., near here, was held up and robbed shortly after noon today by six men, who escaped, according to word received here by the police.

The bandits are said to have taken $100,000 in bonds and securities and $15,000 in cash. The cashier, the only man in the bank at the time, was knocked unconscious and locked in the vault while the institution was rifled. A sheriff's posse has gone in pursuit.

FIRE RAZES WAGON SHOPS

Garage and House in Farmington, Del., Also Are Destroyed

Dover, Del., May 24.—Fire of unknown origin early this morning destroyed the garage and wagon shops of Murphey & Hayes, at Farmington, and threatened the entire town. Fire companies from Milford and Harrington quenched the ames, but not until a total loss of nearly $10,000 had been done.

The dwelling of W. E. De Joy, near the wagon shops, three automobiles and seven new wagons ready for delivery today also were destroyed.

SOUTH FOR CHURCH UNION

Presbyterian Assembly at Charlotte Adopts Proposed Plan

Charlotte, N. C., May 24.—(By A. P.)—The plan of union proposed by the joint committee on close relations of the assemblies of the Southern and Northern Presbyterian churches was adopted without a dissenting voice at the session of the southern assembly here today.

The question was presented as unfinished business as soon as the assembly convened today and was adopted without debate.

Man, 65, Dies in Coal Yard Office

Samuel Bond, sixty-five years old, 922 Arch street, died suddenly today in the office of a coal yard, Callowhill street near Twelfth, where he was employed. Physicians at the Hahnemann Hospital said death was due to heart disease.

'HI' JOHNSON WINS OPENING ROUND

Combination With Penrose Gives Him Whip Hand in 'Barrel' Probe

BOTH GUNNING FOR WOOD

By CLINTON W. GILBERT
Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger

Washington, May 24.—The first flourish of the Republican national convention began today when the Kenyon committee of the Senate started in to investigate campaign expenditures with Frank H. Hitchcock, General Wood's manager, on the stand. The investigation may eliminate one Republican candidate. It may make one.

The committee which is doing the investigating is an Old Guard-Johnson committee. Probably it is the first fruits of Senator Penrose's active leadership of the Wood opposition and his co-operation with Senator Johnson. At any rate, Senator Penrose became active. Senators began running up to Philadelphia. Johnson came back to Washington after an absence campaigning. He began demanding this and that, including the investigation of campaign expenditures.

Up till that moment the Borah proposal had hung fire. There was hesitation about handing over to Johnson the inquisitory powers of the Senate to use in digging into his rivals' use of money. The Johnson people wanted Kenyon as chief investigator or no investigation. The Old Guard inclined to keep the lid in its own hands by naming a trusted member of the organization, Senator Watson, as chairman.

Johnson-Penrose Rapprochment Did It

Suddenly the Senate organization became all acquiescence, after the Johnson-Penrose rapprochement was established. Johnson got everything he wanted, Kenyon for chairman, Edge, of New Jersey, who hates Wood because of the arrogant treatment of himself by the Wood managers in New Jersey; Spencer, of Missouri, who comes from an anti-Wood state, and for the Democrats, Reed, of Missouri, who will probably do most of the cross-examining, and Pomerene, of Ohio—a strong committee especially on the Democratic side and one likely to go to the bottom of the campaign expenditures and the southern delegate situation.

The appointment of this committee indicates the intention of the Johnson-Penrose combination, which is strong in the Senate, stronger probably than it will be in the Chicago convention, to dispose of Wood. Had there been any disposition to smooth things over, play safe or to pussyfoot, Watson would have been put in charge of the investigation or at least a Wood senator would have been placed on the committee.

But the committee is straight out and anti-Wood.

Hi Has G. O. P. by Tail

Johnson has the Republican party by the tail here in Washington again very much as he had it during the treaty fight. To be sure in this instance Johnson had a powerful argument to use, even if the inclinations of the organization had to be forced, namely, that there had been so much talk of the excessive use of money that the Republican party must clear itself of scandal before beginning to elect a President.

But the motto of the organization appears to be "give Johnson everything he wants, except the nomination." That appears to be the Penrose policy, which is similar to the policy of the Pennsylvania leader toward Roosevelt in 1916, when he assured Roosevelt of the Pennsylvania delegates, if the accession would be sufficient to nominate him.

The theory apparently is that after

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CATTLE SAVED FROM FIRE

Neighbors Rescue Cows at $150,000 Wawa Dairy Blaze

Several hundred head of cattle were rescued from a fire entailing a loss of $150,000 in one of the large buildings of the Wawa Dairy Farms, Wawa, yesterday afternoon. Machinery, feed and buildings are included in the loss. No one was injured.

The cattle were rescued by employes and neighbors who were soon upon the scene. Their facilities, however, were inadequate to stop the quickly spreading blaze, so fire companies from five adjoining towns were summoned.

The cause of the fire is unknown. One of the large structures destroyed was a recently build bull pen. Autoists along the Baltimore pike stopped by hundreds to view the people's heroic efforts to save the valuable cattle.

The loss is covered by insurance, officials say.

BLAST INJURES SCORE

Two Buildings Blown Up at Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, May 24.—(By A. P.)—More than a score of persons were injured and several are reported missing as the result of an explosion which blew up two buildings at 2025 Penn avenue here this morning and damaged several buildings nearby.

When you think of writing, think of WRITING.—Adv.

GIFTS TO JOHNSON CAMPAIGN $68,130, PROBERS ARE TOLD

R. B. Strassburger, of Norristown, Contributed $27,000, Angus McSween Testifies

WOOD EXPENDED $15,000 IN N. J., SAYS HITCHCOCK

General's "Advisory" Director Unable to Give Details of Finances

By the Associated Press

Washington, May 24.—Campaign managers for Senator Hiram Johnson and Major General Leonard Wood testified today before a Senate committee investigating campaign contributions and expenditures.

Angus McSween, eastern manager for Senator Johnson, told the committee that the total of contributions received for the senator's campaign was $68,130. The largest, he said, was $27,000, from R. B. Strassburger, of Norristown, Pa. William Flynn, of Pittsburgh, furnished $7500, the witness declared.

Other contributions listed by Mr. McSween included $5000 by Mayor Couzens, of Detroit; $5000 by J. L. Calvary, of Pittsburgh; $2000 by Ralph J. Bullowa "and friends," of New York, and $1000 by J. S. Wilhoit, of New York.

Johnson Spent $13,207 in Jersey

The Johnson organization spent $13,207 in New Jersey, $4100 of which was sent to Representative John I. Nolan and the committee on arrangements, Mr. McSween testified. In Indiana, he continued, "our figures show $8790 spent, $5000 going in the last week while the senator was campaigning there."

Mr. McSween said Senator Johnson's California headquarters had furnished $8500. The witness described Mr. Straussburger as an "admirer of Senator Johnson" and said he had been a steady contributor and had been closely associated with the management of the senator's campaign.

"I have prepared a general statement of our finances," Mr. McSween said in opening his testimony, "but can't give you all the details until we assemble all our papers."

There were three men, a woman stenographer, and "a woman's bureau with one woman employed" in Johnson headquarters at New York. The western headquarters at San Francisco, he said, he did not know about.

"I can report, however, on all contributions received, with the exception of about $1,000," he said, and then placed the total at $68,138.

In Financial Straits

"We have been in constant financial straits," he continued, "and unable to undertake the work that seemed possible.

"Mr. Flynn in Pittsburgh is a supporter of General Wood, but he helped out because of friendship. We have a balance unpaid of $3108, having disbursed $72,230.

"In New York we spent $13,000 putting delegates in the primary, and in circulating literature."

Frank H. Hitchcock, one of General Wood's campaign managers, told the committee that so far as he knew the largest sum spent in any state by the Wood organization was $15,000 in New Jersey. He added that the next largest was $12,500 in Maryland.

Mr. Hitchcock said that in New York, "as in a number of other states," the Wood supporters "financed their own campaign in their own way" without asking assistance from the Wood organization.

Hamilton Kane, Republican national committeeman in New Jersey, took charge of the Wood expenditures in that state, the witness testified, adding that all of the money used in the state was accounted for under the direct primary law.

Mr. Hitchcock said he could not give details as to campaign contributions as it had been understood when he joined the Wood organization that he was not to assist in the finacing work. Some individuals, he added, had sent money to him direct, but this, he said, would not exceed $25,000.

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Mr. Hitchcock said that in Michigan the Wood campaign was financed "by local people" without any call on the national organization. Colonel Fred Alger, of Detroit, he said, was the state chairman.

Senator Reed wanted to know if Colonel Alger was not a wealthy man and whether any other wealthy men were on the Wood organization roll in Michigan.

"He was the only one who would answer that description, I think," Mr. Hitchcock replied.

Asked how much the Michigan organization raised, Mr. Hitchcock said: "I don't know; that was their own affair."

In Delaware, Mr. Hitchcock said, "Nothing was given by the New York office."

Senator Reed asked how much the New York state organization spent.

"I don't know replied the witness. "That campaign was begun long before I entered. I was informed that less than $10,000 was spent by the local organization."

"All of the campaign contributions have been made through finance committees in each states," said Mr. Hitchcock. "After their receipt they have been turned over to two treasurers, Horace C. Stebins, in New York, and Elbert A. Sprague, of Chicago. All the expenditures have been made by checks and a full record is available.

"Then in addition the Leonard Wood

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