

CAR STRIKE PROBE ALMOST CERTAIN

Senate Refuses to Shelve Resolution of New Jersey Member.

(Continued from First Page.) yond its jurisdiction in suggesting what should be done with the measure. It is the function of the committee on Contingent Expenses to pass upon the question whether the expenditure is advisable. I ask unanimous consent for the consideration of the resolution.

This precipitated debate, and Senator Smoot took the floor to argue that the action that the committee took was entirely regular.

"It has been done time and time again since I have been a member of the Senate," he said.

"The committee goes beyond its province when it recommends to what committee the resolution should be referred," said Senator Hughes.

Senator Smoot contended that the subject-matter involved in the resolution came under the jurisdiction of the District Committee, and should be considered.

Senator Jones of New Mexico took the position that the District Committee or some appropriate committee should have passed on the resolution before it was sent to the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

Drew "Benefit" Today. Distribution of the third "strike benefit" of \$5 a week to the strikers continued today, the trainmen and shopmen reporting at the National Hotel, where they got the money. Officials of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees said the allowance would be paid the men as long as the strike lasts.

The Washington Railway and Electric Company today called upon all the striking motormen and conductors to turn in their numbered badges, transfer punches and other equipment. The strikers handed them over, saying "we put up a deposit on these badges and punches, and will keep them as long as we want the company to hold our deposits."

MAY WARN PUBLIC

But Striking Car Men Must Not Address Workers as "Scabs."

Striking car men are at liberty to warn the riding public that the cars of the Washington Railway and Electric Company are operated by non-union crews and that the company is opposed to organized labor, so long as they do not do so in loud tones or do not address the term "scab" directly to the motorman or conductor of any car. This decision was announced by Judge Muldowney, in the District branch of the Police Court, after hearing charges of disorderly conduct against Thomas B. Garrison and Albert T. Johnson, striking car men, this morning.

On the complaint of Detective Walsh and Policeman O'Day, of the Sixth precinct, the men were brought into court this morning charged with violating public order by shouting "warnings" to prospective riders on the street cars in front of the Union Station yesterday afternoon.

The personal bonds of the two men were taken, and the court warned them that they must be careful if they insist on picketing not to shout in such a manner that their action could be construed as disorderly conduct.

Attorney Michael Managan appeared for the defendants.

FOOD TO BE DISCUSSED

Possibility of Shortage Will Be Considered by Senators.

The Senate Committee on Agriculture will take up the problem of the prevention of a food shortage at a meeting tomorrow.

Chairman Lever, of the House Committee on Agriculture, is conferring with the President on this problem.

All over the country there is keen interest in increasing production, preventing waste, solving the distribution difficulty, and controlling prices.

The Senate Committee on Agriculture has before it the plan of Senator Frelinghuysen of New Jersey to control prices and to draft an agricultural army.

TWO DIVORCES ISSUED.

Two divorce decrees were signed today in the District Supreme Court by Justices Hitz and Stafford.

The union of Elizabeth A. Tolson and James M. Tolson was dissolved in the order of Justice Hitz, and the wife was given the custody of two minor children. Attorney E. O. Schreiber, Jr., was her counsel.

Fred M. Wightman procured an absolute divorce from Ida A. Wightman in a decree signed by Justice Stafford. He was represented by Attorney William Hinton Holloway.

SCOLDED, TRIES SUICIDE.

MAHANAOY CITY, April 12.—Scolded by his wife because he spent money for drink that was given him to buy food, George Brown drank a solution of carbide used for mining lamps. He has a chance for recovery.

DENTAL PREPAREDNESS AIDED

PHILADELPHIA, April 12.—Philadelphia dentists have offered to give free dental treatment to volunteers rejected because of bad teeth.

WEATHER REPORT.

Forecast for the District of Columbia and Virginia—Partly overcast and cooler weather tonight and Friday, probably followed by rain Friday; moderate variable winds.

PULPIT HELP FOR TILLING CRUSADE

All Pastors Asked to Speak on Subject at Next Sunday's Services.

Sunday will be Garden Sunday in the churches of Washington. A letter was sent out to all the clergy of the city by the General Garden Committee today asking them to address their congregations on Sunday on the patriotic duty of helping to feed themselves and the country through the raising of garden crops.

A mass meeting of all civic, commercial, and social organizations under the auspices of the Central Garden Committee will be held at the Public Library on Monday night.

The heads of all Government departments are to be asked by prominent citizens interested in the home garden movement to try to arouse an interest among the clerks in their departments, and if possible organize their clerks into an army for tilling the soil of the city.

The board of managers of the Associated Charities of the District has voted to co-operate with the central garden committee in helping the poor of the city to help themselves to offset the severe strain of the rising price of food by growing vegetables.

YOUNG GERMAN HELD

Youth Believed to Know Something of Eddystone Blast.

NEW YORK, April 12.—Hans Ehret, a German boy, twenty years old, arrested in Mt. Vernon Tuesday night, and held here today without explanation by Federal authorities, is believed to know something of the Eddystone munitions disaster, according to Mt. Vernon police who made the arrest.

The man was spirited into the Federal building last night, and was grilled for hours by Captain Otley, Department of Justice investigator, and Assistant District Attorney Knox. It is said he had made remarks which led to the belief that he was connected with the explosion.

He was caught as he sped through Mt. Vernon on a motorcycle, bound, it is believed, for Boston. When officials, after he had been stubbornly silent under cross-examination, told him the death penalty might await him as a spy, he is said to have confessed to robbery of the Greenwell Bank, New York, of \$240, but denied any connection with the Eddystone plot.

CALL BLAST ACCIDENT

Official Denies Plot in Explosion Which Killed Scores.

PHILADELPHIA, April 12.—"There is no evidence of a plot," is the statement today by G. Chal. Fort, State fire marshal, who with a corps of special aides, is making an exhaustive study of the Eddystone ammunition plant, which was blown up Tuesday.

An accidental "flare up" of black powder in the "shaking chamber" in the east end of the main building, the street organ, started the explosion, said the marshal.

Despite the statement of the State official Federal officers are working today on the various clues that have been offered from many sources. The fire marshal said today that while he is open minded regarding the plot theory, he would demand most conclusive proof before relinquishing his theory that it was accidental.

Nearly a sixth of the unidentified dead, still at the Chester morgue, will receive public burial today.

CUPID BEATS OUT MARS

Guardsman Plans to Shift His Allegiance From Army.

Cupid won a distinct triumph over Mars today when Howard A. Hayden, a member of the Third Regiment, D. C., enlisted in the army of benefactors after telling Colonel Kroll, the license clerk, that he would finish his second enlistment in the District guard in twelve days and transfer his full allegiance to his new commander.

Mr. Hayden, whose age was given as twenty-three, procured a license to wed Miss Josephine J. O'Brien, also twenty-three years old.

The marriage, he said, would take place tonight at St. Dominic's Church, with the Rev. Father J. A. Cowan officiating.

W. C. FITTS PROMOTED

Nominated by President to Be Assistant Attorney General.

William C. Fitts, who for three years has been a special assistant attorney general, today was nominated by President Wilson to be an Assistant Attorney General. His duties will be much the same, but the new office is a statutory one, while the other was maintained out of a lump sum.

Mr. Fitts is from Birmingham, Ala., and since his original appointment has been of Government counsel in several important anti-trust cases, the Arkansas distillery case, and the Higgin Bank case. He long has been an intimate friend of Attorney General Gregory.

TWO BITTEN BY DOGS.

Mary Van Meter, thirty-two years old, of 1229 Fifteenth street northwest, told the police last night that she was bitten on the right hand by a stray dog in front of her home.

Five-year-old Barbara Tuttle, of 918 Spring road northwest, while in Park road between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets northwest, was bitten on one hand by a dog.

HISTORIC CHURCH OFFERED.

PHILADELPHIA, April 12.—Old Christ Church, where Washington and Franklin worshiped, has been offered to the Government during the war by vestrymen and wardens.

SHOULDR STRAPS BANNED

Firemen No Longer Wear Bars Indicative of Rank.

Members of the Fire Department recently have lost that military appearance which has distinguished them for the last year. Shoulder straps with bars indicative of rank are no longer worn.

The change was made on the suggestion of Chief Frank J. Wagner, and is in line with the policy of the War Department that military uniforms or insignia be not worn by other organizations.

Shoulder straps in the center of which is a cluster of firemen's horns probably will replace the bars.

BOYS TRAIN FOR ARMY OF FUTURE

Fifteen Drill Nightly in Hope of Being Army Officers.

Just at twilight each evening fifteen boys ranging in age from nine to fifteen years, living in the vicinity of North Capitol street and Florida avenue, assemble at the corner and prepare for a long, strenuous drill.

The crying need of the United States army for officers is the reason for the formation of the company, it is stated. Three members of the Business High School cadet corps command the tiny army and endeavor to instill elements of military discipline.

The officers are: Captain, Vincent Calahan; first lieutenant, John White; second lieutenant, Robert Cover.

For several evenings the boys have drilled, although having no guns or uniforms, starting after dinner in the evening and drilling for several hours. They have made rapid progress, their officers report, being able to perform the "races," "column movements" and side steps. It is strongly impressed upon the boys by their officers that the only side-step to be done is by command.

Made a "Break." The work of Lieut. Norman E. Briscoe, army instructor of the cadets, is seen in the small group.

One of the fast forming army, for which plans to recruit to its full strength are being considered, forgetting that he was an enlisted man, during the progress of the drill, announced to his captain: "Say Vincent, let's go get a drink of water."

Although there was no guardhouse to put the miscreant in, Captain Vincent impressed upon the youth the enormity of his offense. All now salute when they speak to their officers.

Two boys have been dishonorably discharged from the organization for breaches of the military code.

Want Flag Display.

Already promotions have been in order, Rayfield Weisberg being promoted to corporal for industry and adaptation. Others declare they will soon oust him from his exalted position by superior merit.

Others in the company are Alfred Lutch, Samuel Weisberg, Frank Littleton, Walter Baker, Fred Van Fleet, Phillip Littleton, Robert Moore, Thomas Cover, Howard Collins, Coleman Hannan, Vernon Van Fleet, and Cecile Carl.

After the organization earns a name for itself in the neighborhood the members plan a house-to-house canvass to request each person not already doing so to hang out the American flag.

NEW YORK ELECTION ON

Democratic Candidate Practically Assured of Victory.

NEW YORK, April 12.—The election for the vacancy in the House of Representatives from the Fifteenth New York district, is on today, with Thomas F. Smith, the Democratic candidate, practically assured of election.

The polls opened at 6 a. m. John Neville Boyle, Republican nominee, who has made a hard fight in an overwhelmingly Democratic district, refused to admit that Mr. Smith was elected. He is basing his hopes on a tight vote. There are about 28,000 registered voters in the district and the Democratic plurality is about 6,000.

Mr. Boyle believes that if there is a tight vote he has a good chance of winning.

The Republican candidate assured a delegation of the Woman's Suffrage party that if elected he would support the proposed amendment to the national Constitution, giving women the right to vote.

Mr. Boyle asserted that the Democratic voters in the district would not support Mr. Smith wholeheartedly because he does not belong in the district.

Joseph D. Cannon, the Socialist candidate, denied the report that he had withdrawn. He is still a candidate, he asserted, and expects to poll a large vote on a platform opposed to war.

COURT JOBS KEPT OPEN

Men Who Go to War Can Return to D. C. Tribunal.

Employees under jurisdiction of Clerk John Young, District Supreme Court, who enter the military or naval service shall be restored to their positions at the termination of the war, the court decreed today.

Marshal Maurice Spain announced that a similar policy would be followed in his department.

RED CROSS MAY GET INAUGURAL FUND

Proposal Made to Divert Money to Aid of Army Relief.

Suggestions that money subscribed to the inaugural committee fund, 40 per cent of which was not used, be turned over to the Red Cross fund, were made at a meeting of the finance committee of the latter organization today.

The executive committee of the inaugural committee today received its first dividend of the refund and an effort will be made to convert it to the use of the American fighting men.

Particular comment was made today on the action of the faculty and pupils of Central High School, led by Principal Emory Wilson, who subscribed \$1,000 to the patriotic fund of \$100,000. Chairman H. B. F. Macfarland expressed gratification at the amount of the subscriptions, but said a greater number was desired, as only a small part of the total population of the District had been represented to date.

New Unit Organized.

A new Red Cross unit was organized yesterday under the auspices of the sisterhood of the Washington Hebrew Congregation at a meeting in the vestry of the Eighth Street Temple. Two first aid classes will be organized, and a sewing guild will be formed.

Mrs. Abram Simon, president of the local sisterhood, also is president of the national sisterhood, and she expects to commend the action taken yesterday to all other local units of that organization.

New Subscriptions Today.

Subscriptions announced today by Chairman Macfarland follow: Mrs. W. H. Brownson, \$200 a year for each of five grandchildren; \$1,000; Central High School, \$1,000; Mr. and Mrs. W. McC. Ritter, \$500; Thomas E. Hutchinson, \$100; Mrs. Z. R. Babbitt, \$50; Terminal Taxicab Company, \$250; John J. Duff, \$100; William C. Dennis, \$10; Lester L. Goldheim, \$25; Pulaaki Legion Chapter of Chevy Chase Seminary, \$30; Mrs. Perry Stokes Gaither, \$100; Mrs. Silas Casey, \$50; Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Clapham, \$25; Miss Janet Richards, \$25; H. Campbell Graef, \$100; Dr. L. B. Swormstedt, \$10; Miss Nettie G. Bradley, \$50; Miss Beattie J. Kibbey, \$500; Miss Leslie Jackson, \$25; Lansburgh & Bro., Inc., \$500; King's Palace, \$150; Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Sheppard, \$100; Mrs. Ebbina Moses, \$50; Emily B. Mitchell, \$10; Martha Washington Seminary, \$50, and John S. Martin, \$10.

ST. JOHN'S TO TRAIN MEN

Free Course Offered All Seeking Army Commissions.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., April 12.—This town has been designated by the War Department as one of the places where men may be examined for the officers' reserve corps.

As St. John's College has been classified by the War Department as a "distinguished institution," and also has had an officer of the United States army detailed as military instructor since 1884, the authorities of the college, desiring to render all possible assistance at this critical period, offer a course in military training and tactics to young men and boys of Annapolis, or elsewhere, who manifest a desire to avail themselves of such instruction.

No charge will be made for tuition, nor will it be necessary to provide uniforms at present. Application should be made to Lieut. John Millikin, U. S. A., commandant at St. John's College.

HELD FOR KILLING

Wife Testifies Peter Allen Had Threatened Her Son.

A coroner's jury yesterday held Peter W. Allen, fifty-three years old, a shoemaker, for the action of the grand jury for the killing of his stepson and nephew, Ernest N. Allen, at the former's home in Good Hope, yesterday.

Mrs. Susie Allen, wife of the accused man and mother of the victim, told the coroner's jury that she had heard her husband threaten her son and that she was in the dining room of their home at 6 o'clock yesterday morning, when, according to the testimony, the accused man picked up a shotgun and fired into the face of the younger man.

According to the testimony, a brief quarrel preceded the shooting. Ada Talbert, a niece of Mrs. Allen, who was at the house, also testified. The accused did not take the stand.

MAJOR BURKE DEAD, PNEUMONIA VICTIM

Associate of "Buffalo Bill" for Forty Years Taken Ill Monday Night.

Major John M. Burke, hero of Indian wars and known to thousands of children throughout the United States through his long association with Col. W. F. Cody ("Buffalo Bill") in the Wild West show, died early today at Providence Hospital.

The major was taken sick with a cold Monday night, after having paid a visit to May Irwin, the vaudeville star. He developed pneumonia, and was taken to the hospital yesterday.

The story of Major Burke's life is an adventure from beginning to end. Left an orphan before he was two months old in the city of New York, seventy-five years ago, he was brought to Washington and raised by an uncle.

When a young man he enlisted in the service of his country to suppress Indian uprisings, and after taking part in many battles against them, Major Burke became a staunch friend of the Redmen.

The Indians called him Scar Face, because of a long mark across one side of his face.

In the battle of Wounded Knee, in 1888, Major Burke saved two little papooses from being frozen to death in the arms of their dead mothers.

After the Indian war he met Colonel Cody and for forty years they traveled around the world, thrilling thousands of children and grown-ups with their presentations of life with the Indians on the Western plains.

Six months ago the major came back to Washington and has been stopping at the home of Mrs. Allison Naylor, 1315 Fifteenth street northwest.

He returned home from the theater Monday night in an automobile and it is believed he caught cold.

Funeral services, which probably will be under direction of the Elks, have not been arranged.

FATHER PENN IN GLOOM.

PHILADELPHIA, April 12.—As a measure of precaution the tower of city hall was not illuminated last night. This is the first time in its recent history that the tower has been unlighted after sunset.



Girls! Use Lemons!

Make a Bleaching, Beautifying Cream

The juice of two fresh lemons strained into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white makes a whole quart of the most remarkable lemon skin beautifier that about the cost one must pay for a small jar of the ordinary cold cream.

Care should be taken to strain the lemon juice through a fine cloth so no lemon pulp gets in, then this lotion will keep fresh for months. Every woman knows that lemon juice is used to bleach and remove such blemishes as freckles, sallowness, and tan, and is the ideal skin softener, smoothen, and beautifier.

Just try it! Get three ounces of orchard white at any pharmacy and two lemons from the grocer and make up a quart pint of this sweetly fragrant lemon lotion and massage it daily into the face, neck, arms and hands. It naturally should help to soften, freshen, bleach, and bring out the roses and beauty of any skin. It is simply marvelous to smoothen rough, red hands.—Adv.

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WASHINGTON RAILWAY AND ELECTRIC SYSTEM. NOTICE Conductors and Motormen who have absented themselves from the service of this company since March 12, 1917, and who failed to apply for reinstatement by midnight, April 10, 1917, thereby terminating their employment with this company, are hereby notified to return immediately to C. E. Brown, Treasurer, Fourteenth and C streets northwest, the badges, punches, rule books, regulation books, switch keys, and other property of this company in their possession.

Barber & Ross 11th and G Streets Lawn Rollers, \$10 up Garden Trowels... 5c up Garden Rakes... 25c up Pruning Shears... 50c up Spading Forks... \$1.25 Garden Hoes... 35c up Garden Spades... 90c up 1-lb. Package of Lawn Seed... 25c up

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Temperatures. 8 a. m. 59 9 a. m. 61 10 a. m. 65 11 a. m. 70 12 noon 71 1 p. m. 71 Average temperature for this date for the last 35 years—65. Tide Table. High tide... 11:20 a. m., height 2.9 11:40 a. m., height 2.3 Low tide... 5:25 a. m., height 0.0 8:21 p. m., height 0.1 Sun and Moon Table. Sun rose... 5:36 a. m. Sun set... 6:43 p. m. Moon set... 8:45 a. m. Light automobile lamps 7:15 p. m.