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MYSTERY SHROUDS METHODS OF MEN IN LAND GRAB DEAL

Visits to Property Owners in Vicinity of 21st and Race Streets and Vague Offers to Buy Assume New Significance in Light of Municipal Court Project.

Proposed Purchase of the Magdalen Home Admitted by Those in the Secret to Be Only the "Entering Wedge" in \$2,000,000 Building Fund.

Mysterious calls by mysterious men on property owners in the vicinity of 21st and Race streets, the site for the proposed \$2,000,000 "marble hall" grab of the Municipal Court, have taken a new meaning to those who entertained the men since the plans of McNichol-Penrose forces have been revealed.

It is by those who want to build a new one on court days, she said, "the halls are crowded so that it is almost impossible to pass. And the Judge has only one small room to himself. If people come to see him he has only that small room to entertain them in."

For months before it was even whispered that the Detention House at 23d and Arch streets, built only six years ago, was to be abandoned persons who owned property in the path of the grab have been asked to tell what they would sell for. Sometimes the "agents" have said they represented the city, but more often they have come from "persons who did not want to figure in the transaction until it was closed."

Meanwhile Municipal Court officials and other organization men are considerably upset by the publicity given their plans. There is an impression that the plans for buying the rest of the property may be submerged for a time in the hope that the size of the grab and the methods chosen to make it may be forgotten.

No one knows who these men are. But they have been unsuccessful in most cases, as the neighborhood is made up of thrifty people who acted until they had enough to buy a home and who intend sticking to it despite alluring offers to sell.

FENCIBLES MUST SURRENDER ARMORY TO THE CITY Dilatory Tactics of Councils Force Vacation of Broad Street Site.

VAGUE METHODS OF AGENTS. Most of the property owners along Winter street tell the same story. They have been approached very warily and questioned vaguely as to what they thought about selling and how much they would want for their lots.

The lease of the armory building expired on March 1 last, and the city declined to renew it, for the reason, according to Edmund Purth, who represents the Fencibles, that the establishment of the Municipal Court made it necessary for the city to find quarters outside of the City Hall for some of its departments in order to make room for the new court.

It is known that one of the properties owned by Mrs. J. J. McNichol, a four-story brick house at 222 Race street, directly across the street from the "Marble Hall" property site, would be enhanced in value by the grab.

SQUIREL PLAYS PART OF "BULL IN CHINA SHOP" Ruined Family Preserves, Sergeant Mallon Finds After a Search.

ONLY THE "ENTERING WEDGE" Executive Clerk Fred H. Simon, of the Municipal Court, admitted that the \$200,000 item in the loan bill and the ordinance passed over the Mayor's veto to acquire a small plot at 2d and Race streets were only the "entering wedges" in the scheme to tear the Detention House in magnificent buildings on an expensive tract.

Whether Harry Carr, 310 North Tenth street, Camden, is a suicide or not is expected to be determined by a crew from the police boat Reburn today.

Spanish Course to Aid Business Prompted by the suggestion of exporting firms engaged in the South American trade a course in Spanish and Spanish-American business laws and customs opens tonight in the West Branch Y. M. C. A.

Carr's Coat Found on Bridge, But Mrs. Carr Says He Didn't Have Enough "Nerve" to End His Life.

PRESENT QUARTERS AMPLE. A trip through the house fails to show any signs of crowding or serious defects in the plan of construction.

GENUINE RELICS A Chattanooga man recently hit on the highway an aged marker of his acquaintance with his arm in a sling.

REFORM MEMBER OF COUNCILS RESIGNS TO BALK MACHINE Simmington Retires in Order to Permit Election of Successor in November Who Will Uphold Mayor's Hands.

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REFUGEEES ABOARD LINER DOMINION TELL TROUBLES Steamship Docks at Washington Avenue Wharf After Uneventful Voyage From Liverpool.

With hundreds of passengers from all parts of the European war zone on board the American Line steamship Dominion landed at the Washington avenue wharf from Liverpool, this morning.

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Could Not Carry High Pressure Streams to Burning Plant of E. J. Spangler & Co. — Prediction Upheld.

Rotten hose, which burst when attached to the high-pressure fire main, a "thing" predicted recently by Director of Public Safety Porter, held up firemen early this morning at a \$50,000 fire in the envelope and paper plant of E. J. Spangler & Co., 1257 to 1259 North Howard street.

The fire this morning was discovered a few minutes after 4 o'clock by Miss Irene Yale, 1233 Howard street, two doors from the burning building.

Several firemen were partially overcome by the thick smoke, but after being treated by ambulance surgeons from three hospitals who came to the scene they returned to work.

FIREMAN OVERCOME Dense Smoke at Blaze Causes Him to Faint.

One fireman was overcome early today and several made ill by smoke at a fire which partially destroyed the home of P. J. Bonahan, 605 Market street.

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THE WEATHER Official Forecast WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.

Table with weather forecasts for various cities including Philadelphia, New York, and others.

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NEWS-POST QUILTS; RADICAL PAPER HAD EXCITING CAREER

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James Simmington, Common Councilman from the 25th Ward, and candidate for the Legislature from the 12th District on the Democratic and Washington tickets, resigned from Councils at noon today.

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