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# TAXPAYERS ORGANIZE TO FIGHT BOOST IN VALUATIONS To Call Women For Perth Amboy Court Jury Duty PAINCARE CALLED TO ACT FOR FRANCE

## DECREASE IN SAYREVILLE RAVABLES; EXPECT BIG BOOST FOR THIS CITY

County Taxpayers Association Will Support County Tax Board in Fight

Report \$1,000,000 Boost Will Be Made in Perth Amboy Assessments

NEW BRUNSWICK, Jan. 13.—The Taxpayers Association of Middlesex County was organized here last night at a meeting of between fifty and seventy-five prominent residents of the county. The meeting was held in City Hall and was called for the purpose of perfecting an organization to support the Middlesex County Board of Taxation in its work and to oppose the efforts of the county and the State Board of Taxation to force the Middlesex county board to increase its valuations.

A majority of those present last night were representatives of various Middlesex county industries, New Brunswick and Perth Amboy men being on hand in large numbers. The need of an association to protect the rights of the taxpayers in this county was emphasized by several speakers, one of whom described the condition as being so acute that the "taxpayers now had their backs to the wall and are forced to fight." The move should be of vital importance to every taxpayer in the county, the speaker declared, and each one of these should join the association.

Elmer E. Connelly, chairman of the manufacturers committee of the New Brunswick Board of Trade, was made temporary chairman of the new association and C. S. Atkinson, secretary of the local Board of Trade, was named temporary secretary. A nominating committee consisting of Robert Carson, Henry G. Parker, Robert W. Johnson and Ernest H. Webb, all of this city, John Pfeiffer, of Perth Amboy; Oliver R. Hatfield, of Sewaren; and Mayor H. B. Meyers, of Milltown, was appointed to make up the slate of officers and act as an executive committee. It was decided to engage a counsel to represent the association and support the county tax board in its fight.

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NEW BRUNSWICK, Jan. 13.—Tax duplicates from the borough of Sayreville were the first inspected by the county board of taxation when it met yesterday for the purpose of going over the books submitted by the various local tax boards through the county. The work will probably continue steadily until the returns of all municipalities in the county have been inspected.

While the board seems to be reluctant about making definite statements regarding the situation at Sayreville, it is understood that a decrease in ratable, amounting to approximately \$219,000 will be shown. Instead of a decrease an increase of at least \$600,000 had been anticipated, and dissatisfaction with the returns has been expressed by members of the board. Assessor Abraham Fehly was present while the Sayreville books were being examined yesterday, and he probably will be called again today, it was said.

### Lowest in County

The steepest decrease at Sayreville is interesting in view of the fact that the state board claims that municipalities to be the lowest taxing district in the county and only assessed to 12 per cent. of its total valuation. Assessor Fehly explained that a large decrease was caused by conditions at the powder plants at Sayreville. The du Pont Company at Paris, according to the assessor, showed a reduction of \$99,000 in its valuation while the decrease of the Hercules Company was \$135,000.

Mr. Fehly pointed out that the marked decrease was caused by the large number of practically useless buildings at the plants at present and also by the considerable reduction in stock, personal property, pipe lines, and similar things which were used during the war period.

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## PAVING ACTION BY FREEHOLDERS

Metuchen and Woodbridge Improvements Come up Before County Board

PETITION IS RECEIVED

Action on Big Job Requested by Metuchen Delegation Before Freeholders

NEW BRUNSWICK, Jan. 13.—Differences between the freeholders and the borough council of Metuchen in reference to the paving of North Main street in Metuchen, which are retarding progress on the preliminary improvement work were discussed at the weekly session of the county board yesterday afternoon. Councilman Fred Ayres appeared for Metuchen and requested that some action be taken by the county board so that the borough council could proceed in passing an ordinance covering the work. The freeholders contended that the county has made preparations for financing the work out that nothing further can be done until Metuchen passes the ordinance so that the work can go on.

### What the People Want

It was originally planned to have this road paved with warrentite and concrete, and bids were received last fall covering this class of pavement. Around election time, however, the freeholders declared they would give the people what they wanted, made it known that re-inforced concrete was wanted and the freeholders planned to reject the original bids. Plans were revised to pave the road from curb to curb with concrete, including construction of the curbs. It was originally planned that the county would do this work and later be reimbursed by the borough. No agreement was reached at the meeting yesterday, but the county engineer and solicitor were ordered to take the matter up with the borough and report back.

A petition signed by seventy-five residents of Woodbridge township was before the freeholders at yesterday's meeting. This petition asked for the construction of a concrete road along Rahway avenue to connect the asphalt block pavement on Rahway avenue near the Carteret road with the concrete road in the vicinity of the state reformatory at Rahway. The petitioners requested a permanent improvement but would consider repairs for the present. The county engineer declared that the matter was referred to the road committee and it probably will be considered in preparing the 1922 road program.

### Action on Bridge

The county engineer was assigned to investigate conditions at the bridge near Hoffman's station on the road from Prospect Plains to Englishtown. Freeholder Robert R. Vandenberg reports this bridge is in bad shape.

Freeholder Belfort resented as unjust the criticism of the Perth Amboy Evening News in a recent issue, regarding the action of the county board in sending two children to Bonnie Burn, instead of Farmingdale. The county officer declared that only children under fourteen are admitted at Farmingdale and no active cases of tuberculosis are taken. Freeholder Belfort asserted the News pointed out that the two children would be cared for at Farmingdale for 1.25 a day while the fee at the Bonnie Burn sanitarium is \$18 per week.

Mr. Belfort declared further that a county hospital for tuberculosis patients will be discussed with Dr. Price of the State Board of Health during the next week and the site on which the institution may be built will also be talked over.

### Sinking Fund Report

A report was received from the Middlesex County Sinking Fund Commission and approved by the board at yesterday's meeting. The report showed the receipts \$475,925.52, and expenditures \$125,428.50, also that the commission held securities amounting to \$305,328.52. A. J. Jones, New Brunswick, is president of the commission and John M. O'Toole, Perth Amboy, is treasurer. County Treasurer F. William Hildebrand had his report for December before the board, same was approved by the finance committee and ordered filed. This report showed deposits in the banks of the county on December 1 amounting to \$171,124.07; receipts during the month, \$1,560,103.16; disbursements, \$1,362,967.11, and a balance of \$367,424.05.

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## Death Calls Jean DuBois Industrial Expert and Deep Waterway Advocate

Jean Jules Philippe DuBois, business manager of the Roessler and Hasselacher Chemical Company, and a well known figure in the business and industrial life of the city, particularly in the development of the waterways, died suddenly at his home in 105 High street, yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock following an illness of almost a year. Although he had been ailing for some months, his death was entirely unexpected as recently he had attended a meeting in Newark and had been to specialists in New York city for treatment.

Mr. DuBois was a native of Switzerland, being born on November 21, 1869 at Le Locle. He was the son of Philippe Henri and Louise (Andree) DuBois, who still reside in Neuchâtel, Switzerland.

Mr. DuBois spent his childhood in Le Locle, Switzerland, attending the public schools at that place, later entering the University of Neuchâtel, where he took a course in law, graduating in 1890. He then moved to South Africa where he remained for a period of eight years, being interested in mining operations there. While in Africa he made a complaint against the natives of the Blaauwburg region because of their depredations and later joined the Boer army and was with their forces in the South African campaign.

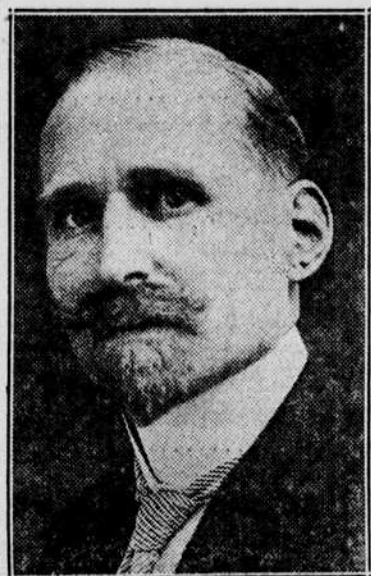
It was in 1900 that Mr. DuBois came to the United States, where he located in Florida and engaged in the phosphate business, being associated with a French company. After remaining in this country for a period of four years he returned to France where he was occupied in building a large chemical plant. In the year 1911 he again came to the United States and became associated with the Roessler and Hasselacher Chemical Company of this city, where he was appointed business manager of this large concern.

Since coming to this city, Mr. DuBois had been prominent in the development of the city, his main endeavor being to develop the water front and water ways in this locality.

He took an active part in the work so far accomplished for the proposed cross state ship canal from Morgan to Bordentown and was deeply interested in the port plan recently outlined by the Port of New York Authority.

He was a member of the Atlantic Deep Waterway Association, President of the Raritan Terminal & Waterways Association, vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, a member of the New York Drug Club and a former president of the East Jersey Club. It was in November that Mr. DuBois attended the convention of the Atlantic Deep Waterway Association, that was held in the city of Savannah, Ga.

In 1915 Mr. DuBois married Miss Mattie Schreiber, of New York City, who survives him. He is also survived by two children, a daughter, Cora Alice, and son, Jean Claude.



Jean DuBois

Miss DuBois is now in Europe and has been cabled of her father's death.

Besides his parents in Switzerland, Mr. DuBois is survived by two sisters, Alice and Cecile, and brothers, George, Philippe and Albert, who also reside in Europe.

The funeral services will be tomorrow night at 8 o'clock at his late home, Rev. P. D. Niedermeyer, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiating. Interment will be private on Sunday morning in Linden.

## DRAW JURY FOR MURDER TRIAL OF EDWARD SZELER

NEW BRUNSWICK, Jan. 13.—Sheriff Elmer S. Wyckoff is this morning drawing a jury to try Alex Szeler, of Perth Amboy, who is charged with the murder of his wife. This is a precautionary measure in case Szeler fails to plead nolo contendere.

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## CLAIM DAMAGE DUE TO SIDING

Real Estate Men Questioned by Lawyers for and Against Project

OF THE CABLE WORKS

This Afternoon Taken Up by Witnesses Called by Former Senator Brown

For the purpose of taking depositions of witnesses in an effort to determine to what extent, if any, John Seaman's property will depreciate in value if the Standard Underground Cable Works be allowed to install an additional railroad siding on High street, a hearing is being held today before Adrian Lyon, special master in chancery. This morning was occupied with hearing real estate men testify in behalf of Seaman, while witnesses for the cable work were questioned this afternoon. Prosecutor Joseph E. Stricker represents Seaman in the fight, and Thomas Brown is counsel for the cable work. Leo Goldberger was present in the city of Perth Amboy.

Lloyd Johnson, Joseph Massopust, Max Goldberger, Hans Nielsen and Charles Schenckel, all real estate men, were some of the witnesses called by Mr. Stricker in an attempt to establish the fact that depreciation would result from the projected siding. All the aforementioned witnesses united in stating that, in their opinions, the property in question would depreciate in value and rentals that might be obtained.

Mr. Massopust maintained that the Seaman property would lose in value because of the smoke and general unpleasantness which he said would result from passing locomotives and street cars back and forth. Asked by Brown if his opinion would be altered if informed that the value of Seaman's land had grown in value since the establishment of the cable works, Mr. Massopust replied that the increase in value was general all over the city and that it was not caused by the mere fact of the cable works having been located here.

The witnesses gave from 25 to 35 per cent. as their estimate of the depreciation that would come from the new siding. The estimates seemed to be based upon the supposition that Seaman's property is on the edge of a residential section as well as near an industrial section, and that additional railroads would make the locality 25 to 35 per cent. less desirable for residential purposes. Interference with traffic and general inconvenience were also reasons advanced to support the depreciation theory.

Several of the real estate men thought the depreciation would be peculiar to Seaman's property rather than general loss in value to all property in that vicinity. From 150 to 200 feet was given as the zone of depreciation.

**Text of Proposed Treaty**  
PARIS, Jan. 12 (By The Associated Press).—The text of the proposed Anglo-French treaty brought to Paris by M. Briand from Cannes was made public today. It provides that Great Britain shall come immediately to the aid of France in case of direct and unprovoked aggression by Germany against French territory.

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## Delay Granted Germany On Paying Reparations Account; Action To Stand

PARIS, Jan. 13.—Former President Poincare is engaged today in conferences with a view to forming a new Ministry to succeed the one headed by Briand.

Before Poincare was summoned to the Elysee Palace President Millerand had asked Mr. Peret to constitute the new Ministry, but the head of the Chamber of Deputies declined.

**Delay for Germany**  
CANNES, France Jan. 13.—(By the Associated Press).—The allied reparations commission at a conference held here today decided to grant a provisional delay to Germany on her reparations account. The decision stated that the reparations commission had decided to grant the German government a provisional delay for payment of the sums due January 15 and February 16, so far as these payments were not covered by payments in cash or in kind on certain conditions as follows:

First, during the period of provisional delay Germany must pay in approved foreign securities 31,000,000 gold marks every ten days, the first payment to be January 16.

The supreme council at a meeting here today examined the situation created by the departure of the French delegation and ruled that decisions on which a complete agreement had been reached shall become operative, especially that regarding the Genoa conference, for which the date of the opening of the Genoa conference was picked as March 8.

The council met at 11 o'clock and continued in session until 1 p. m. Premier Lloyd George read to the members a telegram from M. Briand giving notice of his resignation from the French premiership and the council charged Mr. Lloyd George with the duty of telegraphing M. Briand expressions of regret at his resignation and the interruption of negotiations.

The date for the opening of the Genoa conference was picked as March 8. Second, Germany within a fortnight must submit to the commission a plan for reform of its currency, and also a program for reparation payment in cash and in kind for 1922.

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## Women To Serve On Juries In Local District Court

When the next list of jurors called for service in the district court here is filed it will contain the names of a large number of women, according to John J. Quinn, clerk of the court, who said this morning that the list was being prepared now and would be filed early next month. One thousand names will be placed upon the list and at least half of these will be women. Mr. Quinn said the list was being prepared now and would be filed early next month.

While grand jury duty and service on petit juries have included women members since last summer, this is the first time local women have been called upon to serve in the district court here. Many women have served on county juries since the inauguration of the new system and without the district court will have the services of a goodly number of experienced jurymen at the next session.

Jury cases are of fairly frequent recurrence here and the women will know what it is to discard aprons or ridge scores and go up to the city hall to decide the merits of a law suit occasionally. The attitude of husbands compelled to eat at restaurants during these trials is problematical.

During the talk, about a year ago, concerning the fact that women might do jury duty, Judge C. C. Hommann of the local district court when asked for an interview on the subject said that he was not in favor of women serving on juries and that he did not expect they would be called for jury duty in the local district court, unless it became a practice in the other district courts of this vicinity.

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Don't forget the dance at Kish's Auditorium, Ford's Saturday evening, January 14th, O'Brien's Orchestra.

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