

URGES ENFORCING OF HOUSING LAWS

State Conference Plans to Show Conditions in Cities.

PUBLIC APPROPRIATIONS.

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(Harrisburg Correspondence.)
Harrisburg. — Pennsylvania's first housing conference ended after taking action to further a propaganda to educate the public to the conditions prevailing in many of the cities and expressing the hope that State and municipal laws governing housing would be enforced. It is probable that as a result of the conference the Bureau of Housing in the Department of Health will be put into operation for a limited period in order to demonstrate what could be done if sufficient funds were voted by the Legislature. This Bureau would have been organized long ago had an adequate sum been available in the appropriation to the State Health Department. One of the practical talks given attracted much attention from the delegates. It was by August Hiller, statistician of the Pittsburgh Board of Education who pointed out that many persons who desired to improve housing conditions were unable to do so because of lack of funds and suggested that the subject of public appropriations to inaugurate better conditions be seriously considered.

House Candidates File Petitions.

Three members of the last House of Representatives filed petitions to be candidates for renomination as follows:

Richard J. Baldwin, Republican, Chadd's Ford, Second Delaware; A. C. Stein, Republican and Washington, Pittsburgh, First Allegheny, and Peter McDermott, Democrat, Hawk's Run, Clearfield.

Other petitions filed for the House included:

W. J. Rabb, Republican, Williamsport, Lycoming; G. B. Jefferies, Democrat, Uniontown, Second Fayette; D. Calvin Rudisill, Democrat, Littlestown, Adams; Chester H. Ashton, Democrat, Knoxville, Tioga; James M. Rowles, Glen Ritchey, and S. J. Hoover, Hyde, Democrats, Clearfield; George Fabel, Democrat, Stroudsburg, Monroe; Chas. E. Starr, Llewellyn, Republican, Fourth Schuylkill; James E. Jones, Edwardsville, Republican and Democratic, Fifth Luzerne; Frank L. Young, Ashland, Socialist, Second Schuylkill, and Edward L. Rowe, Lykens, Socialist, Second Dauphin.

Board Approves Tuberculosis Hospital

Plans for the construction of a tuberculosis hospital for Allegheny county, at a cost of from \$50,000 to \$100,000 were approved by the State Board of Health and Charities in this city. The Board also approved tentative plans for the establishment of a psychopathic ward for the examination and treatment of persons diagnosed as insane at the Philadelphia General Hospital. The plans for the latter were presented by Acting Director of Health and Charities Wilson. The object of the ward will be to conduct a thorough and careful examination lasting thirty days of all people committed for insanity. Only after the examination will prove a disordered condition will the patient be sent to the State Hospital for the Insane, at Norristown.

Commission Approves Charters.

The Public Service Commission has approved the incorporation of the following utility companies:
Macungie Gas Company, Macungie Gas & Fuel Co., Farmers' Telephone Company, to engage in business between Belleville, Allentown and Wissaquillas; Central Taxicab & Transfer Co., Reading; Motor Transit Company, to operate automobiles, bus or stage line between Hazleton, Tamaqua, Shepton, Beaver Meadow, Harwood and Humboldt; Tarentum Auto Transit Company, West Easton Water Company, Palmer Township Water Company.

State Economy Work Begun.

The State Economy and Efficiency Commission sent a letter to the head of each department of the State Government, asking for a detailed statement of each employee's duties and the salary paid, together with information regarding expenses of operation. This is to be used as the ground work of the inquiry of the Commission.

Hospital Trustee Named.

T. D. Shay, Nanticoke, was appointed a trustee of the State Hospital at Nanticoke.

The one hundred and twentieth anniversary of Lodge, 62, F. and A. M., was celebrated by a meeting and banquet in Masonic Temple, Reading. Addresses were made by J. Henry Williams, of Philadelphia, right worshipful grand master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and George B. Wells, of Philadelphia, grand senior deacon, of the Grand Lodge.

AN INSULT TO THE U. S. NAVY

Gunboat Dolphin's Men Arrested at Tampico.

RELEASED ON MAYO'S DEMAND

Apology Acknowledged By Mexico City Is Apprehensive About Admiral's Insistence Upon Salutation Of The Flag.

Mexico City.—The paymaster and a detachment of marine from the United States gunboat Dolphin were arrested by a Mexican officer at Tampico, marched through the streets and, after being held for a time, were released on the demand of Rear-Admiral Mayo. A launch from the Dolphin, carrying the paymaster and a small detachment of marines, put in at Atarvide bridge, at Tampico. The Americans were after a supply of gasoline. They were in uniform, but unarmed. The launch flew the American flag.

Colonel Hinojosa, commanding a detachment of Mexican Federals, placed the paymaster and his men under arrest, and paraded them through the streets.

Release followed on vigorous representations to the authorities by Admiral Mayo. Gen. Ignacio Zaragoza expressed his regret to the Admiral.

Although President Huerta, in an official statement to Nelson O'Shaughnessy, the American Charge d'Affaires, has apologized for the unusual zeal of the Mexican commander at Tampico, there exists here great uneasiness because Admiral Mayo is reported to have demanded that the Government authorities at Tampico salute the American colors.

President Huerta's statement was as follows:

"In view of the fact that the Charge d'Affaires of the United States hears that the whaleboat carrying the American sailors was flying the flag of his country, an investigation will be made to establish the responsibility of Colonel Hinojosa. In accord with the line of conduct which the Government of Mexico always has followed in fulfillment of its duties of an international character regarding all nations, it deprecates what has occurred.

Called Mistake Of Subordinates.

"This case has grown out of nothing more than a mistake of subordinate officials, since the superior in rank of this same official, General Zaragoza, at once proceeded to point out that what had happened was unintentional, and imposed upon Colonel Hinojosa disciplinary punishment, within the faculty of said General Zaragoza.

"If the investigation which is to be made should develop greater responsibility on the part of Colonel Hinojosa, a corresponding penalty will be imposed upon him by the authorities legally competent in the case."

Rear-Admiral Frank F. Fletcher, the ranking admiral of the Gulf, who is now at Vera Cruz, has forwarded to Charge O'Shaughnessy Admiral Mayo's report to him, in which the Admiral says the paymaster and marines "were marched through the streets two blocks, then back to their boat and released."

Asked Disavowal and Apology.

In view of the publicity, Rear-Admiral Mayo asked for a disavowal and apology, and also that the officer in charge of the Mexican squad should be punished, and that the American flag should be saluted immediately.

RECEIVER FOR J. G. A. LEISHMAN.

Judgment Against Former Ambassador Amounts To \$75,000.

New York.—A receiver in supplementary proceedings was appointed for John G. A. Leishman, former Ambassador to Germany, in the matter of the judgment for \$75,158 obtained against him in Allegheny county, Pa. This judgment is in favor of Raymond Pynchon & Co., bankers and brokers, on a claim growing out of stock transactions. Leishman is said to be traveling abroad. His home address is Pittsburgh.

ASPHYXIATED IN MOVING VAN.

Boys Stop Up Cracks and Kindle Fire in Bucket.

New York.—Three small boys crawled into a deserted moving van in Harlem, stopped up the cracks to keep out the chill and then squatted around a fire they kindled in a bucket. Patrick Kenny, father of one of the little fellows, searching for him, chanced to look in the van. He found his son Frank unconscious. John Scanlan, a 15-year-old companion, was dead, and the third boy was apparently dying. Gas from the bucket fire had asphyxiated them.

SALVATION ARMY LEADER DEAD.

Wife Of Organization's Secretary Dies in New York.

New York.—Mrs. William Peart, wife of the secretary of the Salvation Army in the United States, and second to Miss Booth in command of the army in this country, died at her home in Mount Vernon, N. Y. Mrs. Peart was born in Australia 55 years ago and was one of the first women to exercise the franchise in Australia. She was active in the movement for woman suffrage.



AUTO PLUNGES INTO ELIZABETH RIVER

Two Men Drowned and Five Are Rescued.

SAILORS FORM HUMAN CHAIN

Car was On Way From Portsmouth Jail When It Leaped Through An Open Draw—Chauffeur Goes Down With Car.

Norfolk, Va.—Two men were drowned, and four others had a narrow escape here when an automobile, bearing five of the Jamestown bookmakers who were released from the Portsmouth jail, plunged through an open draw into the Elizabeth River. The four who were rescued from the icy waters are at St. Vincent's Hospital here.

So sudden was the accident that none of the occupants had an opportunity to leap for their lives, and they sank into the river before the eyes of a score of witnesses. Only quick action on the part of a number of sailors who were standing nearby, the first to regain their presence of mind, saved the four, who were struggling against a strong tide.

Four of those in the machine were bookmakers, who were among the 13 arrested at Jamestown several days ago, charged with bookmaking. They had been in the Portsmouth jail, which is not far distant from Norfolk, and an automobile had been employed to take them from the jail to this city after the necessary papers for their release had been procured.

Six in Machine.

Six persons were in the machine, counting the chauffeur. The trip to this city was made without a mishap until the Elizabeth River draw bridge was reached, which leads directly into the city. A ferry had already blown for the draw to open, but those in the machine apparently did not hear it in time to stop. With the draw wide open they continued across the bridge, while a score of terrified persons looked on.

Too late to stop, the chauffeur saw the open space with the icy waters below. He made a frantic effort to stop, but the machine shot clear across the open space, and to those looking on, seemed to plunge straight down into the water. With a sickening hiss, caused by the hot engine coming in contact with the water, it sank beneath the surface, carrying with it its human burden.

AGED COUPLE USE NOOSE.

Poverty-Stricken, They Hang Themselves From Hook in Apartment.

New York.—Despondent through poverty Jacob Theis, 79 years old, and his wife, Elizabeth, 78 years old, hanged themselves here from the hook in their apartment at 199 First avenue. The aged pair evidently climbed on a chair, put their heads through the twin nooses, kicked the chair away and went together to another land.

HAD 16 WIVES; GETS 10 YEARS.

Man Convicted On Charge Of Violating White Slave Law.

Fort Worth, Texas.—Tudie Arnold, of Blytheville, Ark., accused of having 16 wives, was sentenced in the Federal Court here to 10 years' imprisonment on a technical charge of violating the Mann White Slave act. Seven of Arnold's alleged wives testified against him.

KILLS HIS FATHER'S ASSAILANT.

Virginia Youth Strikes Man, Who Dies From Wound.

Luray, Va.—Arthur Turner, of Rockingham county, was fatally wounded Saturday by George Orve, of Shenandoah, and died Monday. The difficulty started between George Orve, Sr., and young Turner at Orve's livery stable in Shenandoah. The elder Orve called for help and his son came to his assistance. Young Orve, it is said, struck Turner with a pick handle.

TO PAY COLOMBIA FOR CANAL ZONE

Treaty Signed at Bogota Agreeing on \$25,000,000.

CLAIM IS OF LONG STANDING

Colombian Congress Will Be Called Into Special Session To Ratify It—Contains No Rights For a New Canal.

Washington, D. C.—Undisguised gratification is felt by administration officials here at the prospect of finally healing the breach between the United States and Colombia through the treaty just signed at Bogota. If this convention is ratified by the Senates of the two countries, as the officials are confident it will be, it will close amicably a bitter controversy, brought on by the secession of Panama, in 1903 and the granting to the United States the Canal Zone and which has cast a blight upon the relations between the United States and all Latin America.

The principal article of the treaty provides for the payment to Colombia of \$25,000,000 six months after ratifications have been exchanged between the two countries, as indemnity for the losses she has sustained. This is granted in a lump sum, and the treaty does not attempt to specify how much of this amount is in reparation for the loss of Panama or how much for the loss of the Panama Railway rights.

Colombia is granted the right to ship coal, salt and petroleum from her Atlantic to her Pacific ports, either through the canal or across the Panama Railway, without any charge other than the cost of freight, no duty being assessed. These articles are not produced along the Pacific side of the country and there is no easy communication over land through Colombia on account of the high Andes Mountains.

Fixes Boundary Line.

A third article fixes the boundary line between Colombia and Panama and restores to the latter a strip of territory which has been claimed by Panama. This line is the same as that which was provided in the Cortes-Arosemena treaty between Colombia and Panama, one of the tripartite treaties never ratified by Colombia, except that it fixes definitely the point on the Pacific Coast where the boundary terminates, which is to be mid-way between Points Cocalita and Arditia. The former treaty left this point to be settled by a tribunal of arbitration to be appointed. Even after the approval of the present treaty by the Colombian and American Senates, a treaty between Colombia and Panama will be necessary before this boundary settlement is final. The United States agrees to use its good offices with Panama in the matter.

Another article expresses the hope that friendly relations between the United States and Colombia may continue from this time forward.

No rights for a new inter-oceanic canal across Colombia by the Atrato River route, and no coaling privileges on San Andreas and Providencia islands, off the Colombian coast, it was added, were contained in the treaty.

While the Colombian minister, Senor Betancourt, received a cable from his foreign office, informing him of the signing of the agreement, the State Department was still awaiting word from Mr. Thompson.

The Colombian Congress will be called in special session to pass on the treaty before it is submitted to the Senate here.

WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH.

Mrs. Brinton Prominent in Music Life Of Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Mrs. Ida F. Brinton, for many years prominent in the social and musical life of this city, was burned to death when her clothing became ignited from an alcohol lamp with which she was heating coffee in her apartment. She was 67 years old, and was the widow of Dr. William Bowen Brinton, of West Chester, who died 25 years ago.

PROTEST MADE TO GEN. CARRANZA

Washington Views With Grave Concern New Crisis.

EXPULSION ORDER THE CAUSE

Determined Representations To Be Made—Spanish Interests In Torreon Districts Large.

Washington, D. C.—Vigorous representation went from the American Government to General Carranza, the Constitutionalist chief, urging that he modify the order of General Villa expelling Spaniards from Torreon.

This situation is giving grave concern to authorities here. The United States has undertaken to extend to Spaniards in Mexico the same protection it affords American residents there, and Ambassador Riano has been assured that nothing will be left undone to secure for the unfortunates at Torreon every right to which they are entitled under international law and usage.

That Spain proposes to exhaust every resource to protect her people in the revolution-torn republic was made plain, when Rear-Admiral Mayo, at Tampico, cabled the Navy Department that the commanding officer of the British cruiser Hermione had been instructed to care for Spaniards at this besieged Federal port. Officials here did not comment on this development.

Lack Of Data Embarrassing.

The State Department, as well as the Spanish Embassy here, is embarrassed in dealing with the situation at Torreon by a lack of exact information as to the extent of the decree of expulsion and how far it has been executed. It is understood that Villa in a public speech has told the Spaniards of Torreon that they were to be deported en masse; that a commission would be appointed to examine into each individual case, and that such of them as could establish the fact that they have rendered no aid to the Huerta cause would be permitted to return to Torreon.

The gravity of the problem has been increased by unofficial but credible information that this policy of expulsion of the Spaniards is to be of general application; that as rapidly as the Constitutionalists by force of arms extend their control over such cities as Saltillo and Monterey and other places now within the Federal line they intend to drive out the Spaniards and seize their property.

Violates Treaty Rights.

An attempt to carry out such a plan would meet with determined opposition from the United States Government. Officials say the Spaniards are in Mexico under the provisions of a treaty conferring the right of residence, trade and travel, and that anything like a sweeping deportation under these circumstances would be in violation of the principles of international law and would form a proper subject of resentment by the Spanish Government even to extent of hostile measures if need be.

PENSION FOR FANNY CROSBY.

Hymn Writer and Missions In Will Of Mrs. E. A. Henry.

Warren, Pa.—Home and foreign mission activities will profit by the will of the late Mrs. Eliza A. Henry, probated here and disposing of an estate valued at \$500,000. The Home Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church, the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, and the Women's Board of Home Missions of the United States each receive \$10,000, and \$25,000 is given to the Presbyterian Board of Ministerial Relief, Park College, at Parkville, Mo., is given \$10,000, and a pension of \$500 a year provided for Fanny Crosby, the hymn composer. The Warren library will profit to the extent of \$5,000.

DOWAGER EMPRESS IS DEAD.

Member Of Royal Family Of Japan Succumbs After Long Illness.

Tokio.—Dowager Empress Haruka died of angina pectoris at the imperial villa at Numazu, near Yokohama. She was 64 years old. The Dowager Empress had been ill for several weeks. Emperor Mutsuhito, husband of the Dowager Empress, died on July 30, 1912.

FORD GIVES LIFE IN VAIN.

Francic Man Burns With His Wife and Babies.

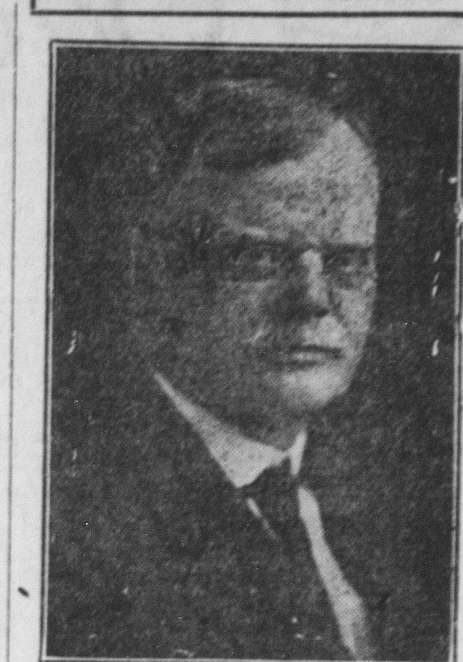
Paducah, Ky.—After saving four of his children, Malcolm Ford dashed into his blazing home at Rossington, near here, to save his wife and two babies, but perished with them in the flames.

HAWAIIAN FRUIT IS BARRED.

Feared That Melon Fly Will Be Brought To This Country.

Washington, D. C.—The importer of Hawaiian fruits and nuts into the United States after May 1 will face a \$500 fine, or a year's imprisonment, by an order issued by the Department of Agriculture under the plant quarantine act of 1912. The object of the ban is to prevent the introduction into this country of the melon fly and the Mediterranean fruit fly.

JUDGE OLIVER B. DICKINSON



President Wilson has appointed Oliver B. Dickinson, of Chester, to be United States judge for the Eastern district of Pennsylvania.

THE NEWS TOLD IN PARAGRAPHS

Latest Happenings Gleaned From All Over the State.

LIVE NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Lytie Coal Company Breaker Destroyed at Primrose—Young Woman's Christian Association Organized at Bethlehem.

The Nazareth School Board re-elected H. H. Hacker principal of the school.

Michael Salva, a boy whose home was at Mt. Pleasant, died of burns received while playing with matches.

Plans have been formed for conducting a Chautauqua at Chester from April 22 to 28.

Work on improving the old post road at Marcus Hook was started by contractors for the State.

The Pine Grove Vitified Brick Company has started its plant here, giving employment to about forty persons.

A troop of Boy Scouts has been organized at Wrightsville with fifty-two members. Scout Master W. W. Drenning presided at the meeting.

Mrs. J. Reese, an aged woman, who lived on a farm near Corry, walked out of her bedroom window at night and was killed.

Miss Kate Crowl, of Elysburg, was married at the home of Mrs. Kate Vastine, there to Frank C. Slayman, of Shamokin.

Dared to climb a pole carrying a high tension electric wire, at Milton, Joseph Shay, of Howard, did so, touched a wire and fell dead.

The Daughters of the First Defenders will tender a banquet to Civil War veterans at Pottsville, on the fifty-third anniversary of their march through Baltimore to Washington.

The Thomas Iron Company announces that its furnace at Alburts will be blown out and that only the Hokendauqua furnace will be in operation after that time.

Determined to rid Tamaqua of all gambling devices, Chief of Police Ehrig and Chief Burgess Harris raided three cigar stores and a barber shop and confiscated five slot machines.

Three-year-old Catherine Aldet, of Bath, fell into the town reservoir and was drowned before help could reach her. The reservoir had to be dragged to recover the body.

One of the two breakers, of the Lytie Coal Company, at Primrose, was destroyed by fire supposed to have been of incendiary origin, but its loss will not handicap the operation.

The confession of John Rudner, of Millersville, serving six years in the county prison, for robbery, will save his "buddy," John Sincos, from a similar sentence. The latter had been convicted with Rudner.

A pulmotor was presented to the Homeopathic Hospital, Reading, by R. Milton Brenesler. The gift was inspired by the use of a pulmotor in saving the life of one of Mr. Brenesler's employes.

Because City Council refused to allow them to operate wheels of chance at their proposed carnival in June, the officials of the Good Will Fire Company have cancelled their contract with a carnival company.

While presiding over Columbia Borough Council, Col. John L. Wright, president, was stricken by paralysis, which affected his entire left side and his speech. It is believed he will recover.