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BRUMBAUGH PLEADS FOR STATE'S HONOR ON HISTORIC SOIL

Pays Glowing and Eloquent Tribute to Pennsylvania in Address at Paoli Memorial Celebration.

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DON'T DARE TRY HOSE FOR FEAR OF A FIRE, PORTER MAINTAINS

Forty Per Cent. Would Burst Under Test and City May Need All Its Apparatus in Emergency.

Fear of a fire in Philadelphia like that which devastated Baltimore some years ago has decided Director of Public Safety George D. Porter not to order a test of all fire hose, as suggested by the National Board of Fire Underwriters, according to a statement he gave to the EVENING LEDGER this afternoon.

MAYOR CRITICISES COUNCILS FOR GRANT TO NEW CITY COURT

Allotment of \$400,000 for Buildings for Juvenile and Domestic Relations Branches as Extravagant.

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FIFTY-TWO LIVES LOST WHEN SHIP FOUNDERS

Auxiliary Schooner Francis H. Leggett Sunk in Gale. PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 19.—A wireless report was received here today, supposedly from a Japanese cruiser, saying that the steam auxiliary schooner Francis H. Leggett, with her crew of 15 men and 37 passengers, foundered in a gale 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon 60 miles south of the Columbia River. All on board are reported to have perished.

THE WAR TODAY

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KING ALBERT AGAIN HEADS BELGIAN TROOPS IN BATTLE

Succeeds in Driving German Troops From Termonde. ANTWERP, Sept. 19.—The Belgian army today, fighting there continued until last night, but finally the last Germans were driven out. According to reports received here today by wounded Belgian soldiers, the eastern part of Termonde was burned by the Germans before they withdrew.

BEST CITIZENS NEED FEWEST LAWS

"We are always in danger of thinking our laws are cured by legislative enactments. The best citizens need fewest laws. They know how to apply the golden rule in their daily conduct, and care only of the laws that concern the public interest. If any are in doubt, they should be sure that they are in doubt before they enter thereon. It is better to be sure than to be sorry."

PENNSYLVANIA'S GREAT HISTORY.

"There is another matter that I wish to present for a minute. When I taught school in Pennsylvania years ago I began to learn the lesson that there was a great deal of New England and Virginia history in our schools, and very little Pennsylvania history, because those who had written the text books of our public schools—the books you studied and I studied—were men who knew the New England history and the Virginia history, but they did not know the story of Pennsylvania. We have not taught it to our children as we should."

CARNEGIE SAILS FOR NEW YORK

Six Steamships With 6000 Americans Leave British Isles in Day. LONDON, Sept. 19.—Andrew Carnegie sailed for New York today. Six steamships with 6000 Americans left the British Isles today for the United States. This makes the total of American departures during the week 15,000, and since August 4, 1914, more than 100,000.

BLACK SEA FLEET REPORTED OFF THE DARDANELLES

Said to Be Ready to Attack Turks, But Ships May Be British. NAPLES, Sept. 19.—Officers of the steamship Favignana reported today that the Russian Black Sea fleet of twenty units is cruising off the entrance to the Dardanelles, ready to attack the Turkish squadron if it leaves its harbor. It is improbable that the Russian fleet has succeeded in passing through the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles, but the Favignana may have sighted a British fleet, which is reported to have secured a station on the island of Lemnos.

NEED LESS EXTRAVAGANCE

"Now, what is the use of imposing an extravagance of this kind upon the city? This must have been a sudden inspiration. All of a sudden we find the present quarters are inadequate. Some inspiration must have come to the Mayor and Council. They have a comprehensive plan about this whole project. The Juvenile and Domestic Relations divisions want a \$400,000 courthouse for themselves, but we want to know what they will do."

CLERK A POOR READER

The ordinance calling for the condemnation of the property at 21st and Race streets was passed by Common Council over his veto, said the Mayor and Clerk of the Council read his veto message so indistinctly that one of the Mayor's relations could not understand the reading.

2500 FRENCH CAPTURED IN SEIZURE OF BEAUMONT

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WEATHER FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Generally fair tonight and Sunday; not much change in temperature; moderate winds, mostly northeast. TEMPERATURE Highest yesterday—88; time, 3 p. m. Lowest last night—67; time 6 a. m. For details, see last page.

Encluded on Page 8 \$7,000.