

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 sixteen since the plans of McNichol-Penrose have been revealed.

To deserve all the hard things said of it, 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."

FENCIBLES MUST SURRENDER ARMORY TO THE CITY

Dilatory Tactics of Councils Forces Vacation of Broad Street Site.

Owing to the dilatoriness of city Councils to act on an ordinance providing for an extension of the lease of the State Fencible Armory building at Broad and Arch streets, built only six years ago, it was to be abandoned persons who owned for property in the path of the grab have been asked to tell what they would sell for. Sometimes the "agents" have said in 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."

REFUGEES 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. The liner arrived after an uneventful voyage, on which no obstacles were encountered.

REFORM MEMBER OF COUNCILS RESIGNS TO BALK MACHINE

Simington Retires in Order to Permit Election of Successor in November Who Will Uphold Mayor's Hands.

James Simington, Common Councilman from the 24th Ward, and candidate for the Legislature from the 18th District on the Democratic and Washington tickets, resigned from Councils at noon today.

DOMINION REFUGEES HERE WITH WAR TALES



Passengers who arrived in port on the American liner Dominion today. Nearly all had some war experience to tell, eager to make it known and glad to be home again. Reading from left to right are Miss Elizabeth Doerr, of this city, who left Brussels a day after the German occupation of the city; John Vrooman, an American Boy Scout, who lived in England for three years and had a chance to see what war activity is like; Captain Frank V. Avery, U. S. A. retired, who spoke highly of the German army and mobilization; De Forrest Hart, of Chicago, who arrived from South Africa and spoke of the sentiment among England's erstwhile enemies and present loyal subjects, the Boers and Mrs. K. Gabel and her son, Milton, who were in Berlin at the height of the warlike enthusiasm.

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POLICE SEEK BODY OF MAN WHOSE WIFE SCOUTS SUICIDE IDEA

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NEWS-POST QUILTS; RADICAL PAPER HAD EXCITING CAREER

The News-Post has suspended. The last issue appeared Saturday, but the announcement that the newspaper had ceased publication was withheld until this morning. The News-Post, a member of the Scripps-McRae League of newspapers, was published at Tenth and Hamilton streets, in the heart of the old Tenderloin, with two afternoon editions. The first issue appeared April 10, 1912. Since then it appeared without interruption until this morning. For a time during the outbreak of the European war a Sunday edition was published.

Mr. Simington at this time gives an opportunity for his successor to be elected on November 4, this year. Mr. Simington intends to cooperate with the reform leaders in his ward to have elected a man who will stand by the Mayor in order that the numerical ratio of administration and organization Councilmen will remain as it now is.

ROTTEN HOSE BALKS FIREMEN IN FIGHT AT \$50,000 BLAZE

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., 1277 to 1289 North Howard street. A girl who discovered the blaze faintly after rousing neighbors, and a policeman, whose home is across the street from the burned building, ran eight blocks in his bare feet to turn in two alarms.

The bursting hose this morning is the second experience of that kind firemen have had in less than 48 hours. Late Saturday afternoon three separate lines of hose burst while firemen were fighting a big blaze at the Roebuck packing plant, Second and Brown streets, and in one instance spectators were drenched.

The time policemen and firemen arrived the three floors of the plant were ablaze and the flames were threatening adjoining dwellings. The family of James Schreiner, 1235 Howard street, had persistently refused to heed the calls of neighbors to flee to the street. Policemen Cooper and Casper finally ran into the house and carried out three children, after which the parents followed.

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. No one was injured.

HAD TO TURN WATER OFF. The hose that burst had been run up a small alley from a high-pressure plug near Howard and Thompson streets. Firemen had been using it to direct a strong stream of water on the rear of the burning building. They had to turn off the water and run a line of new hose.

This is the second time the Spangler plant has been burned down. The first was about three years ago and an equal amount of damage was done at that time. All the homes in the neighborhood, which would range from \$5,000 to \$75,000, so far the origin of the blaze has not been determined.

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Great credit is due Brand Whitlock, the American Minister to Belgium. I don't know what the Americans in Brussels would have done without his valuable aid. But that is not all. The fact that Brussels was saved from the fate of Louvain is due directly to the efforts of Mr. Whitlock. On the eve of the arrival of the German army a meeting, at which the city authorities and Mr. Whitlock were present, was held in the City Hall. It was at first suggested that the help of the lower Lake region, New York, New England and northern and central Pennsylvania. A disturbance of slight intensity covers the Rocky Mountain slope but it has caused but little precipitation in this city is defective. He went further and said most of it is rotten, intimating that to test it would be to invite a repetition of the Baltimore fire in this city.

THE WEATHER Official Forecast WASHINGTON, Sept. 28. For eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey: Fair tonight and Tuesday, with frost in exposed places tonight; moderate northwest wind.

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