

RIGHT OF SIX MEN TO SIT IN DELAWARE ASSEMBLY DISPUTED

Speaker Holcomb, Secretary to Senator Saulsbury, Among Those Whose Eligibility Is Challenged. Five Democrats.

DOVER, Del., Sept. 28.—The eligibility of six members of the General Assembly, including the Speaker of the House, Chauncey P. Holcomb, to sit during the special session called to act upon a revised code and executive appointments, was questioned today when the legislators assembled at noon.

The members who may be ousted in addition to Speaker Holcomb, who is secretary to United States Senator Saulsbury, are Dr. T. O. Cooper, of Wilmington, Albert L. Swan, Delaware City; Charles J. Stoekel, of Sussex County, and Zachary T. Harris, of New Castle County. They are Democrats. Charles H. McDonald, of New Castle County, is another. He is a Republican.

CARNIVAL OF SAFETY AGAIN DELIGHTS LARGE AUDIENCE

Convention Hall the Scene of a Series of Practical Demonstrations.

The Carnival of Safety, for the third time at Convention Hall, Broad street and Allegheny avenue, this afternoon, presented to an interested public a series of practical demonstrations designed to point the way to the prevention of accidents.

Through the untiring efforts of Mrs. Joseph R. Wilson, chairman of the Home and School League Arrangement Committee, and Mrs. Edwin C. Price, the league's president, the carnival is receiving wide-spread publicity, and the sanction and support of the city officials. Safety devices and the use of them in the event of immediate danger are exhibited by municipal departments, private corporations and civic associations, in booths that line both sides of the hall.

The afternoon program, which was seen and heard by a large audience, began with the unfurling of the American flag and the singing of "America" by the Boy Scouts in conjunction with the audience. Under the careful direction of Scout Master Rosenthal, Hitchcock and Patton, the boys went through a lightning semaphore drill. This was followed with an exhibition drill by the Fire and Police department, and a demonstration by public school children.

Dr. William C. Jacobs, Acting Superintendent of Schools, issued instructions to all public schools in the city that classes should be desired to attend the sessions of the Carnival of Safety during school hours would have permission to do so. The superintendent said that the lessons taught by the various exhibits and the fire drills were important to every child, and that each teacher had been instructed to talk to the pupils on safety and to urge them to have their parents take them to at least one session of the carnival.

CITY WILL WAR ON RATS UNTIL PESTS ARE GONE

Conference This Morning Planned to Rush the Pursuit Vigorously.

That Philadelphia's threat to exterminate the rats here is not an idle one was quite evident in a meeting held this morning under the supervision of Director Harie and Thomas Martin, in the Chamber of Commerce, where the rat problem was thoroughly discussed from every angle. The rat must not be that it is all there to it, and a permanent committee was formed this morning to see that his departure is as speedy as possible.

Of course some will miss the little vermin when they are no more and many doubtless will spend sleepless nights vainly hunting for the scampers of tiny feet about the walls and the ecstatic squeals of delight that accompany the recent revel, but the powers have decided that the expense is not too great, or rather, the little flea that follows him so devotedly are Philadelphia is taking no chances on the bubonic plague. It will be much cheaper and more satisfactory to act now and to kill until later, when there might be disease as well as rats and fleas to exterminate.

No new ideas for the carrying on of this war have been advanced, but all of the old tactics will be pursued and with a hitherto unknown vigor. In the meantime those who have any particularly fine rats they would do well to leave them alone, as they are not to be used as bait to trap other rats, or the "rat catcher" will get 'em, if they don't watch out.

FAMILY IN SCANT ATTIRE FLEE FROM BURNING HOUSE

Frankford Avenue Morning Blaze Sends Occupants to Street.

Seven persons were driven to the street in their nightgowns early this morning when fire was discovered in the cigar store of M. Kezin, 4619 Frankford avenue, by Policeman McKee of the Frankford station. Kezin had three children, a son and a nephew were asleep at the time.

The blaze started in a bulk window and it is thought to have been caused by mice gnawing matches. Firemen extinguished it before much damage had been done. McKee pounded on the door to arouse the occupants and no one was injured.

SHELL SENT AS SURPRISE

Hotel Proprietor Receives Box Containing Austrian Missile.

Nestling in a box of cordials which arrived last week from Zwack, Austria-Hungary, was a five-pound shell, quite reminiscent of scenes in Europe. The shell had been exploded. The box was delivered to Stern's Hotel, Arch street near Ninth. Frank Weinert, the porter, broke into the case with an ax, and a few minutes later he came about and cast the shell in Mr. Stern's direction. The hotel man asked gently what was the meaning, and when informed that the object was a shell he leaped from his armchair. Investigation showed the shell to be harmless.

It is stated that Mr. Stern has been paying too much attention to the janitor at the hotel and his work lately. The shell has taken Stern's attention from Weinert to the time being, which is a good thing for any janitor. Even the most hardened graders of lunch, which Weinert grabbed in spare hours, will declare that the shell is merely a scheme of the janitor to give his boss something more cheerful than janitors and their work to think about.

FIREMAN FALLS DOWN HOLE RUSHING FOR SLIDE POLE

Knocked Unconscious as He Answers Call of a Morning Alarm.

That the life of a fireman is beset with hardship and danger is a fact to which William Walton, of 1607 North 21st street, can testify heartily. All of the danger does not come fighting fires, either. The mere sliding down a slide-pole in response to an alarm may be as hazardous as climbing into a burning building, a fact proved by injuries sustained by Walton when he fell down a slide-pole at an early hour this morning as an alarm was sounded from a fire box at Second street and Girard avenue.

Walton, who is a veteran fireman and hero, of Engine Company No. 22, at Sixth and Locust streets, was awakened at 1:30 this morning when the alarm was rung. He rushed for the slide-pole, but he was only half awake and missed the pole completely, falling to the floor below.

In the rush the mishap was not noticed by the other firemen, and they started to descend from the engine house. The injured man was rushed to the Jefferson Hospital, where it was found that he had sustained numerous severe cuts and bruises and was suffering from the shock and possible internal injuries.

CHURCH HAS NO NEED OF ENDOWMENT FUND

St. Luke's Asks Court to Terminate a Deed of Trust.

Owen J. Roberts and Malcolm Lloyd, Jr., representing the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, today appeared before Judge Ralston and asked the court to terminate a deed of trust, for an endowment fund, created with the Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities, by St. Luke's church prior to its consolidation with the Epiphany.

In April, 1885, St. Luke's Church was in need of an endowment fund, and under the deed of trust then created the Pennsylvania Company agreed to invest all the trust funds in securities, and to pay the income in accordance with the directions of the vestry. At the time of the execution of the deed the church paid over to its trustee a United States bond for \$1000, \$253.35 in cash and later \$200 in cash. In 1898 St. Luke's was merged with the Church of the Epiphany, March 3, of this year, these two were in the hands of the trustee securities amounting at par to \$1500 and cash amounting to \$174.50 in reinvestments.

By virtue of the consolidation the Pennsylvania company possessed of a large endowment, amounting to almost \$4,000, and vested with the church building, real estate and other physical property, the latter formerly belonging to the corporation known as St. Luke's Church.

The court was informed by Attorney Roberts that the endowment fund is amply sufficient to maintain the maintenance of the church and parish buildings on Thirteenth street, below Spruce. James Wilson Bayard, who appeared for the trustees, submitted an answer, admitting the validity of the petitioning church, and Judge Ralston directed counsel to formulate a decree in accordance with the petitioners' requests for the court's approval.

ADMIRAL M'LEAN FINDS BATTLESHIP COMMAND

Sent Here to Join the Minnesota, Which Docked Yesterday.

Rear Admiral Walter McLean has found his ship, the Minnesota, which he was sent here from Washington to join, docked yesterday at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, and early this morning the rear admiral's flag was raised at her masthead. After minor repairs are made the battleship will sail Saturday morning for Mexican waters, where Rear Admiral McLean is to be in command of Division No. 4 of the Atlantic fleet.

Officials at the navy yard today declared that the sale of the battleship Omaha at San Francisco was of no special significance. The warship has been sold for junk and not to any other nation, as had been supposed. The report that the battleship South Carolina is to be overhauled from Haiti was denied at the navy yard today. It was said that the ship did not leave Haiti until September 15, and is expected to dock today at Hampton Roads.

BERL SEGAL ADMITS HIS FATHER NOW IS IN ASYLUM

Answers Promptly When Asked at Meeting of Creditors.

YIP, or Two Berl Segal admitted today at a meeting of creditors of his father, Adolph Segal, in the office of Joseph Mellor, trustee in bankruptcy, Drexel Building, that Adolph Segal had been committed to the State Hospital for the insane at Norristown.

Several questions put to young Segal, and his answers relate to the condition of his father's mind, were ruled out of the record by the referee. Segal declared that he has in his possession complete records of his father's mental condition, but that he had not seen his father in the asylum.

CHILD'S BURNS CRITICAL

Five-year-old Scalded at Turkish Bath House.

Benjamin Noshay, 5 years old, 4416 Lancaster avenue, is at the Sinai Hospital today in a critical condition as the result of being scalded, with hot water at a Turkish bath house on Monroe street near Third. Abraham Holylander, 44 Wharton street, who also was scalded, was very enough this morning to answer this question.

WILL PRODUCE COLLEGE PLAY

"The Senior," a college play, will be produced tonight for the benefit of Shamokin Council No. 221, Daughters of Peshonant. The play, followed by a dance, will be given at the Grand Opera House, 1625 Germantown avenue.



LADY MACBETH

BENJAMIN J. HARKER'S NEXT OF KIN LEGAL HEIR TO \$50

Money Is His if He Proves Identity, Otherwise It Goes to the State.

If the nearest kin of Benjamin J. Harker makes himself known he can collect \$50. The money is in the custody of John J. Robinson, who was appointed executor of the estate by the Common Pleas Court. The money will revert to the State of Pennsylvania if no relative of the dead man is found. The executor is now advertising for relatives.

Harker for years was a waiter in the restaurant at the Bourne. He served broilers and he served them so well that finally he possessed enough money received through tips to start a restaurant of his own. He opened his business place on Fifth street below Arch.

Brokers patronized him, but the place was cramped and only a few persons could be served at a time. Harker was a fine fellow, agreed the brokers, but his place was a little unhandy to reach, and then it was a little stuffy, and being perched on a stool at a lunch bar was not the most comfortable position in which to enjoy one's meals.

Harker sold out and went to a hospital to die. He died September 7, 1913. He told his friends that he had no relatives and did not remember of ever having any, except a father and mother, who were dead. He did not care what became of his money if he had any left. After all the bills were paid there was left about \$50 to the credit of the name of Harker. It is the sum Mr. Robinson will distribute to the Harker heirs if there are any.

STREET FIGHT STARTS: THREE HURT IN FRACAS

Wild Scene Last Night With Bricks and Knives as Weapons.

Fighting at Nineteenth and Wood streets, during which revolvers were discharged, bricks thrown and knives wielded, resulted in injury to three persons, one of whom was held in \$1000 bail by Magistrate Beaton in the Twentieth and Buttonwood streets police station today.

The man held is William Bagnell, 1032 Russell street. It is alleged Bagnell started the fight by shouting "Give Larkin, 329 Edgemont street, when the latter refused to accede to his demand for money and a cigarette.

According to the scene, Bagnell was walking east on Wood street last night, accompanied by his wife, Katherine, and two friends, Andrew Lankner and Joseph Andryoni, 329 Edgemont street. They were unable to get a street car for Port Richmond and stopped at Nineteenth street to ask assistance. Bagnell was the first person spoken to.

The police say instead of answering the question he demanded money and cigarettes from Larkin and his companions. This was refused and Bagnell, with several companions, attacked the party.

The fighting became general. Several in the crowd at Nineteenth and Wood streets, who at first had not participated, joined in the fray. Bricke began flying and the light from an arc lamp glittered on long knives that were quickly drawn. Attracted by screams of Mrs. Lankner, who stood on the corner calling for the police, Patrolman Carlan, of the Twentieth and Buttonwood streets police station, rushed to the scene. Unable to separate the belligerents, and not knowing friend from foe, he whistled a signal to Patrolman Fox, who came running.

EVENING SCHOOLS OPEN TONIGHT WITH NEW COURSES

Enlarged Curriculum Includes Book-selling and Dancing.

Evening schools with added courses will open tonight in Philadelphia, and hundreds of pupils have enrolled to avail themselves of an opportunity whereby they can acquire a technical knowledge and domestic occupation may be increased.

Featuring some of the new courses are book selling and dancing. For the former it is argued that book selling as well as book writing is now rapidly becoming a learned profession and for this reason those engaged in it need to be equipped with a technical knowledge and domestic subject at hand in order to increase their usefulness. In other words, a salesman should be perfectly intimate with the goods offered to the customer.

The new courses are included in the curriculum for evening students at the William Penn High School, so that in addition to dressmaking and English, the latest dance steps, providing their taste for earning a living lay in the latter direction.

The Northeast Manual there will be special courses for men and women in German, French, Spanish and English. Debating will feature the evening class study at the Central High School. Mathematics and English grammar will be two important courses for women at the Southern High, while the men will specialize in mechanics, steam engineering and electricity.

The School of Design for Women opened today with every member of the faculty in charge of the instruction. The school has experienced considerable difficulty in reaching the United States from Europe.

MINOR CHILDREN LEFT OUT

Will of John Holz Contested by the Guardian.

Because John Holz ignored his two minor children in a will made on his bed, and bequeathed his \$1000 estate to his widow, Bertha Holz, a caveat has been filed with the Register of Wills alleging fraud and undue influence and protesting against the admission of the document to probate.

The contest is instituted by Louis Dornbach, guardian of Holz's youngest son, 7 years old, and George, 3 years old. Holz's death occurred in the medical-chirurgical hospital May 21. Two days prior the will was written.

The guardian of the children alleges in the caveat that "John Holz was not at the time of the execution of said papers in the least in charge of his mind, and that the said document had been procured by fraud and undue influence."

A hearing of the case has been set for next Friday by Register of Wills Sheehan.

Advertisement for Haworth's Kodaks, featuring a camera and the text: 'We do the rest!—BEST! DEVELOPING and FINISHING (Rochester Method) HAWORTH'S Eastman Kodak Co. 1020 Chestnut St. KODAKS Atlantic City Store—1457 Boardwalk'

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, 6025 Market street. The loss was \$1000.

The injured man is William MacNeal, fireman, of Engine Company No. 41, 61st street and Haverford avenue. He was taken to the Presbyterian Hospital, treated and sent home.

Crackling flames awakened Mrs. Bonahan early today. She aroused her husband, who found the lower part of their home ablaze. Mr. Bonahan and his wife made their escape to the street. The husband then turned in an alarm.

The fire proved stubborn. Houseman MacNeal was overcome in the hallway. His comrades saw him fall, and dragged him out into the open.

Dense clouds of smoke which penetrated every portion of the house made several firemen ill. They retreated from the building and were treated by ambulance surgeons.

NEWSPAPERS BACK IN PARIS

Press Reassures Public of Ultimate Victory of Allies.

PARIS, Sept. 28.—The Figaro says that in view of the reassuring news from the front its Bordeaux edition—the paper continued to publish a full-size edition in Paris—appears to day for the last time. Georges Clemenceau's l'Homme Libre is almost the only important newspaper which has not resumed publication in Paris.

The Hotel Ritz will reopen tomorrow, with the exception of its new annex facing the Rue Cambon, which has become a Red Cross hospital. One guest has already arrived.

In an editorial headed "The Diplomatic Situation," the Temps vouchsafes an explanation of the numerous gaps which have recently digged its most important columns, saying: "Let our readers be reassured; we have committed no indiscretion."

Advertisement for Demountable Rims for Fords, featuring a tire and the text: 'Eliminate that nasty job of changing on the road GIBNEY'S RUBBER RIMS ON WHEELS improve the car's appearance and stability. Size fits all around. Quickly applied. 22.50 GIBNEY MOTOR SUPPLIES 217 North Broad Street'

Advertisement for Hotel Dennis, Atlantic City, N.J., in Autumn, featuring a building and the text: 'Provides a charm of comfort and ease and a most ideal environment that has established it as an ideal seashore home. Directly on the ocean front. Capacity 600. WALTER J. BEZBY.'

COURT ASKED TO STAY ALLIES FROM SEIZING VESSELS

Owners of Fram and Sommerstad, Through Counsel, Move to Save Boats From Hands of Warring Powers.

A demand to order the unloading of the Norwegian tramp steamships Fram and Sommerstad, now lying in the Delaware River, has been filed with the United States District Court today by Ralph M. Bullowa, a New York attorney, representing the owners of the vessels, who do not propose to have them seized by warring powers by carrying supplies to German men of war off the American coast. The court has reserved an opinion.

The diagraph exposure of the destinations of the Norwegian steamships Fram and Sommerstad, now at anchor in the Delaware River, has disclosed the system which made the violation of neutrality possible. Owners, agents and others are now rushing to cover. The expose was due to the efforts of Christian Moe, Norwegian Consul at this port, and Ralph M. Bullowa, a New York attorney.

It was in Mr. Bullowa's office the diagraph was installed, prior to a conference between the masters of the vessels, representatives of the Hamburg-American Line and officials of the Inter-American Company. Mr. Bullowa declares that the Inter-American Company had chartered the vessels and then rechartered them to the Hamburg-American Company. This is denied by Julius P. Meyer, director of the latter company, who asserts that his company has chartered vessels at various times to supply ships of the line, but never German cruisers.

CONSUL GETS SUSPICIOUS. Consul Moe's suspicion was first aroused by Captain Axelsson and Captain Grinheim. They told him they were to sail under sealed orders and "things didn't look just right." They said that they were in duty bound to the steamship owners to carry the cargoes to their destinations, but they did not believe the owners knew anything about the shipment of supplies to German warships.

A few days later the captains told Mr. Moe that agents of the Hamburg-American Line had sent them offers of big bonuses for immediate sailings. This was during the time the masters of the steamships were awaiting advice from home. The advice came and told them to consult an attorney. Then the conference with the diagraph as a witness was arranged.

Nothing could be learned of the transaction at the office of William J. Grandfield and Company, 308 Walnut street, today. They are the local agents for the

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Advertisement for Perry & Co., "N.B.T.", featuring a pocket watch and the text: 'Perry & Co., "N.B.T." 16th & Chestnut Sts. Fall Suits and Fall Overcoats made and priced on the fifty-one-year-old Perry policy of "Many sales and small profits" At Perry's'

Advertisement for Dominic fashions, featuring a woman in a dress and the text: 'DOMINIC 1302 WALNUT ST. Distinctiveness is Realized in "Dominic" Modes Clever individuality predominates our exclusive conceptions from beginning to finish. And the most advanced thoughts are embodied in the matter of style and fabric. "Dominic" productions are representative of ultra-fashionable ideals of dress. That's why style followers rely upon "Dominic" modes. Only Three Days More for These Special Prices \$55 and \$60 Woolen Suitings \$45 \$55 and \$60 Sport Suits (Dominic Creation) \$45 \$50 and \$55 Top-Coats \$40'

steamships. They declined to give the name or names of the persons for whom they were acting and further refused to affirm or deny that they knew the cargoes were meant for German cruisers. "We will not discuss the transaction in any way," was all that was said.

The Sommerstad and Fram are two of six vessels with similar cargoes on board cleared from this port by Grandfield & Co. The first one was the Helms, which left on August 6 ostensibly for La Guayra. It was reported that she had been captured in the act of delivering her cargo to a German warship. The Helms was captured on August 22, the John Ludwig Nowinekel on September 2 and the Units on September 5. On their clearance papers their destinations were given as Spanish or Brazilian ports.

Like "carrying coals to Newcastle" was the carrying of coffee to Brazil by these steamships. Another suspicious incident was the large supply of fresh water taken on board. These aroused the Norwegian skippers' fears. They did not care to risk imprisonment in English or French prisons, but both emphatically declared they feared most for the property of their employers. Difficulty was experienced in getting crews for these vessels, despite the fact that hundreds of sailors are out of employment.

Arrangements are now being made for the discharge of the cargoes of the Fram and Sommerstad, and in a few days \$20,000 worth of coal and ship supplies which were scheduled for German warships will be dumped back on one of the piers and later delivered to the consignors.

FRENCH NULLIFY CONTRACTS BORDEAUX, Sept. 28.—In its decree continuing the French moratorium until November 1, the Cabinet nullifies contracts drawn between Frenchmen and subjects of the enemy since the beginning of the war. Contracts drawn previous to that date may be carried out. The amount of current bank accounts that may be withdrawn by depositors is increased to one-fourth.

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