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VARE ADMITS BAD WORK AT ISLAND PARK

Walls' Demolition to Make Way for Park Practically a Confession to Faulty Construction.

"Safe Bet No Dynamite Will Be Needed to Tear Them Apart," Veteran Building Wrecker Declares.

Senator Edwin H. Vare, who constructed the "near concrete" walls at League Island Park at a cost of more than \$250,000 to the taxpayers, which three noted engineers condemned as at least confessed his work was faulty.

Only small parts of the cracked wall are still visible. Expenditures for the park thus far have been about \$1,000,000. Laborers in the park frankly admitted today that demolishing the wall wasn't a difficult job.

Less than four months ago, after a board of experts appointed by Director Cooke, of the Department of Public Works, had submitted a report which stated that the walls were worthless because of many cracks, fissures and holes in them, Senator Vare made this confession:

"The wall is a handsome structure and there is nothing wrong."

In face of conclusive proof furnished by the experts composed of such men as Frederick W. Taylor, of this city, formerly consulting engineer of the Midvale Steel Company; Richard L. Humphrey, president of the American Concrete Institute; and Alton H. Hines, of the firm of Hazen, Whipple, consulting engineers of New York, Vare issued emphatic denials of their grave charges.

Later the Senator employed a corps of engineers whose identity he refused to make public. The engineers were detailed to make an inspection of the "near concrete" walls. The report of the Senator's private investigators was never made public.

The Senator has made nasty tricks in his automobile down to League Island since the work of raising the walls was begun. The demolition, which many residents in South Philadelphia regard as a disgrace to the city, was begun last July.

From his automobile, workmen declared today, Senator Vare no doubt had an excellent chance to view the cracked walls made of impurities. He also could see the worthless walls from that vantage point.

DYNAMITE NOT NEEDED. In the group of workmen detailed in the park this morning was a veteran building wrecker and all-around laborer. This man, who has worked on many municipal construction jobs, frankly declared that, owing to the poor material used, it was a safe bet that dynamite wouldn't be needed.

"The fellow who had the contract for putting those things up must have been blind or he was a fool," said the man who has eyes and knows a thing or two about concrete will say that there is something wrong with his job. Only a blind man could tell the difference.

Senator Vare has the contract for proceeding with the work in the park. He was given the contract last June, because his bid of \$250,000 was the lowest. It was learned today that one of the first discoveries by inspectors and others detailed to tear down the wall was that the structure around the lagoons was defective. This fact was also pointed out by the experts in the report.

The three investigators, who condemned the structure as a piece of patchwork, also brought forth proof to show that for concrete the contractor used an unapproved gravel fairly well known to all of the purveyors, which tended to impair the ability of the concrete made from it. Another interesting feature of the investigation disclosed was that the gravel contained large lumps of iron ore and some very fine material part of which was uncrushed.

The walls also show signs of poor workmanship. The Senator will have to be satisfied because they are defective.

VARE CONFESSES ERROR BY DESTROYING CITY WORK HE DEFENDED

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BROKEN ASPHALT PAVEMENT

POLICEMAN FINDS HUNGRY RUNAWAY LAD ON DOORSTEP

Girard College Orphan, Seeking Adventure, Slept Under the Stars—Little Pal Yet Missing.

Forlorn and shivering, hungry and tired, a little boy who ran away from Girard College on Monday to seek adventure was found early today huddled in the shadow of the doorsteps at 25th street and Montgomery avenue. Policeman Humphreys, who saw the child, wrapped his coat about him and took the boy to the 25th and Oxford streets station.

There the little runaway said he was John Hand and admitted with a touch of pride the weight of 11 years resting on his shoulders. He had scaled the wall surrounding the college grounds with Francis Cross, 13 years old, another inmate of the institution, and the two determined to see "life." The other lad is now being sought by the police. Hand said he left his companion asleep in a vacant lot near the place he had been found.

The two boys had 40 cents between them when they climbed over the wall. One-fourth of this was spent before they were out of the college grounds a half hour, when a lurid motion picture advertisement which told of heroic deeds on Western plains attracted the young adventurers.

Realizing that 30 cents would not keep them in food very long, they satisfied their future cravings for excitement by merely looking at bill boards instead of going in vacant lots.

When their small capital dwindled to the point where strictest economy was necessary, the children dropped pennies in slot machines and munched peanuts in slot machines and munched peanuts in slot machines.

Last night, Hand said, he and Cross decided to sleep in a vacant lot near 25th street and Montgomery avenue. They had walked miles during the day, he said, and were tired. Accordingly, with coats pulled over their shoulders, the two slept beneath the stars. Later Hand awoke feeling cold. He crept to the shadow of the doorsteps to finish his sleep where the policeman found him.

Negro Burglars Sentenced. Samuel Worthington, alias Jones, a Negro, 132 Smedley street, arraigned for a further hearing, was sentenced to six months in the House of Correction today by Magistrate Morris. The police believe he is responsible for numerous robberies which have occurred in the northwestern section of the city. A complete set of burglar's tools was found in his house.

Funeral services for the murdered girl will be held Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock, the day she was to have graduated from the Philadelphia Business College. The services will be at the home of her father, The Rev. J. B. Krawson, of Forest Grove, will officiate. Burial will be at Mechanicville.

WAR'S HORRORS INEVITABLE WHEN MEN TURN TIGERS

George Wharton Pepper Thinks Atrocities Bound to Occur in Strife.

George Wharton Pepper, prominent Episcopal layman, an authority on church law and an attorney, expressed his opinion today that atrocities in warfare were things to be expected. Mr. Pepper has followed the present war in Europe with a great deal of interest and has considered the numerous tales and reports of the alleged atrocities perpetrated.

In speaking of these alleged outrages, he said: "Atrocities are considered by many as unnecessary incidents of war. In my estimation the commission of frightful atrocities is inevitable whenever masses of men are for the time being turned into tigers by the war spirit."

War is hell, and whenever hell is turned loose there will always be found plenty of devils to tend the fire. We should be less busy fixing the blame for these devils than in doing all in our power to relieve the victims."

New York to Have Series. NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—Despite rumors to the contrary, it was announced yesterday that the post-season series between the New York National and American League clubs would take place this fall. The first game is scheduled for October 5, one day before the opening of the world's series.

BROTHERS. This sick to me another. Have you heard the story that is on the rounds—about Jenkins of somewhere, one old time?

Henry Jenkins, a newly wedded suburbanite, his wife goodly, telling her he would be at home at 6 o'clock that evening. Then he got in his auto and started for town.

Midnight arrived and no hubby. She could bear the suspense no longer, so, arousing her father, she sent him to the telephone office with six telegrams to see many brother Elka living in the city, asking each if her husband was stopping there over night.

At dawn a farm wagon carrying a farmer and friend husband drove up to the house. The broken down auto was in tow. Almost simultaneously came a messenger boy with a telegram, followed at intervals by five others. All of them read: "Yes, Henry is spending the night with me."—Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle.

AROUSING FARMERS SEARCH THE WOODS FOR GIRL'S SLAYER

All-night Man Hunt Resumed Today by Residents of Buckingham Valley and State Troopers.

Bloodhounds from the Eastern Penitentiary were taken to Buckingham Valley today in an attempt to run down John Cope, who shot and killed his niece, Florence Cope, 12 years old, last Monday night. District Attorney Calvin S. Boyer also went to the scene of the tragedy today, and now is in personal charge of the man hunt.

Impeded by the failure of their 25-hour search, authorities of Bucks County and armed farmers today are systematically leaving the woods of Buckingham Mountain and dragging the creeks and streams of the valley.

The bloodhounds were brought to the scene early this morning and from the scent from a piece of the clothing left behind by Cope when he plunged into the woods, hunters, cautions and without stops. The beasts, tugging at their leashes, led the detectives to the last place where Cope had small opportunity presented to continue his flight.

State Troopers at Work. The men who have been participating in the search say that they do not believe Cope has gone far from the scene of the shooting. They believe he is still in the woods, and will be captured soon. State troopers, who took on the chase yesterday, are still at work on the case.

Another search party of 250 men was organized in 1899. A contract with Senator Vare was entered into for \$40,000. A supplemental contract was made in August, 1910, for \$20,000 and a second supplemental contract for \$20,000 was made in 1911. Later, supplemental contracts were declared illegal by the Supreme Court, following an attack by a taxpayer's committee. Outstanding contracts were annulled and work was suspended until February, 1912.

When the Heyburn administration came into power \$250,000 was paid out, of which \$27,737 went for construction work, mostly for concrete, and the remainder of more than \$200,000 for grading.

THE WEATHER. For Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey—Fair tonight and probably Thursday; not much change in temperature; moderate west winds.

U. S. Weather Bureau Bulletin. Observations made at 8 a. m. Eastern time.

HUNT CLUB HAS FIRST SPORT OF THE SEASON

Members Start Across Country Today, But Reynard Gets Away.

Huntmen and huntswomen, members of the Whitehurst Hunt Club, had their first sport of the season early this morning. With James G. Leiper as master of hounds, about 15 other members started across country after the hounds shortly after the break of day. The return was made before breakfast. While the sport was thoroughly enjoyed, the members had little luck. Master Reynard managed to keep himself well under cover.

The regular season of the Whitehurst Valley Hunt Club begins after the races next Saturday, and hunts will continue until December. According to the schedule they will run each Wednesday and Saturday and on holidays, including Columbus Day, Election Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas.

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GRAB INCLUDES PLAN TO SEIZE CITY HALL SUITE

Rooms Occupied by Police Coveted by Municipal Court Pending \$2,000,000 Land Purchase.

Project Germinated Last April When Ouster of State Fencibles From Armory Appeared Imminent.

Not content with their land-grabbing plans for \$2,000,000 court buildings at 21st and Race streets, officials of the Municipal Court, through the Penrose-McNichol-controlled Councils, will attempt the seizure of the east corridor on the sixth floor of City Hall to accommodate them while the grabbing plans are being jammed through.

If the State Fencibles are ousted from their armory on Broad street below Race and the Central police station takes that place, the Municipal Court will get the east corridor, according to those with their eyes on the court's plans.

President Judge Charles L. Brown admitted the truth of this to Emanuel Furth, attorney for the Fencibles, when Furth, who had heard the rumor, taxed him with it two weeks ago. Those familiar with the situation say City Hall's east corridor is coveted by the Municipal Court as a shelter until the fate of the land grab is decided.

PLAN AND ITS ORIGIN. The court's plans to seize the sixth floor corridor have a double significance, however. It developed today that the Municipal Court and the Penrose-McNichol Councilmanic leaders had their eyes on a site for the Municipal Court as long ago as last April, more than a month before Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Jurist thought of the Magdalen Home property and passed on the idea to Judge Brown.

That the bacilli of a plan the size of the land scheme appeared first in the minds of Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Jurist has surprised those who know the long-headed politician and his habit of searching the horizon for the main chance. Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Jurist, it is generally thought, had the thought of the land scheme was not original with them.

But there was a plan to care for the Municipal Court before Mrs. Jurist and Mrs. Richardson set it in motion. Councilman Emanuel Furth last April that he would do well not to press his fight against dislodging the Fencibles. They said he ought to wait until the fall.

Only last Saturday, when he read that the Municipal Court planned a grab at 21st and Race streets, did he see who would do it. He believed, the Municipal Court may want the sixth floor corridor at City Hall until there is a better outlook for the land-grabbing scheme.

KENNEY'S NIGHT CONCERT STIRRED FAMILY'S IRE

2 A. M. Recital Brings the Police and Peace Follows Discord.

Discord has given way to harmony in the Kenney family. Although there will be no more early morning concerts at the Kenney home, 323 Rockland street, Germantown, the neighbors are happy. The discord was due to the musical ambitions of Walter Kenney. Other members of his family did not agree with Walter regarding his musical capacities. They contended that he struck what musicians call "blue" notes. The neighbors agreed with them and the whole region seemed to feel the same color.

PENROSE AT DESK IN SENATE; IF YOU DOUBT, SEE MOVIES

Pictures Entertain Show Patrons, Films Costing Him \$100 a Week Being Furnished Free by Candidate.

Senator Penrose is entertaining the "movie fans" of Pennsylvania. He is paying the cost of keeping on the screens of motion picture houses in all parts of the State 30 prints of a 700-foot film, which are now in their second week of showing the senior Senator in various activities.

The films show him actually in Washington, seated at his desk in his office there, riding to the Capitol in a carriage, and entering the Senate wing of the Capitol, and they show him campaigning at the National Guard encampment at Mt. Gretna, and on the stump in the western part of the State.

FENCIBLES' PLEA IGNORED

The State Fencibles' lease on the armory expired March 1. Furth appealed to the Joint Councilmanic Committee on City Property at a meeting April 2 and secured a recommendation for a renewal of the lease for two years. Then he looked to Councils to act upon the recommendation. But the recommendation remained buried in committee.

THE LAWYER AND THE JUDGE

The conversation was heated at first. Judge Brown, with an air of exasperation, "I'm not interested in what the court does except as a citizen," Furth replied, "but the building owned by the armory, which is being used now as a junk shop, would be very much better for the police than the Fencibles' armory. Then he explained that the police could throw a bridge across from the rear of the building on Race street, which would be a fire headquarters, which would then be available as a gymnasium for the department."

NICELY PUT

Caton Woodville, the famous artist, tells an amusing story connected with the Duke of Wellington. One night he was dining with the Duke and Christopher Sykes, and in the smoking room after dinner his royal highness, sitting in a comfortable arm chair, dropped placidly off to sleep. The other two continued their conversation for some time in a low tone, punctuated by loud snores from the Duke. Then Mr. Woodville laughed at something the other said, and the Duke awoke with a start.

"Christophe," he asked, "have I snored?" Sykes replied suavely: "I have had the honor to hear your royal highness sleep well!"—Pearson's Weekly.