

CITIES' HOME RULE THREATENS HEADS OF "WATER TRUST"

Men Holding Franchises Worth Millions Hear Warning at Atlantic City Convention.

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 22.—Frank admission that the Pennsylvania public utilities act has created a water power trust in that State, unassailable so long as the act remains unchanged, and a warning from C. LaTute Munson, general counsel of Williamsport, that a home rule fight is brewing, were sensational developments in the annual convention of the Pennsylvania Water Works Association today.

"Water barons" who hold franchises worth millions in all parts of the Keystone State, heard the warning from the Williamsport counsel with serious faces. Many of them are frankly alarmed over the fight at York to demand better service from the York Water Company. The passing of the Penrose regime also was a sore subject for heads of the more powerful of the larger companies represented in the convention.

An eloquent peroration on the public utilities act and the Public Service Commission preceded Mr. Munson's warning. "I think it fair to say," he declared, "that the people of Pennsylvania have not been disappointed so far in the work of the commission. Its fairness has been clearly demonstrated. It is better for the corporations themselves to be under the protection of such a body, for their rights are safeguarded where they should be safeguarded. Municipal rivalry with water companies never has been successful in Pennsylvania, but it has frequently resulted almost disastrously for vested rights."

The Williamsport attorney then pointed out that under the present act no competing company, nor even a municipality itself, can invade the territory of an existing company without the consent of the State Commission, which must be convinced that service has been inadequate. "But a movement is now being organized," he continued, "to give boroughs what is called home rule by taking control of our companies away from the Public Service Commission. This is being done in the hands of municipalities, perhaps animated by bias and prejudice. I have noted in one of the newspapers that candidates are being interrogated as to their willingness to vote for home rule, and it is evident that we must be prepared to fight at Harrisburg if one of the best features of the public utilities law is not to be destroyed."

"This act cannot be honestly criticized. I submit that if a corporation is to be controlled by the State it must also be protected in the enjoyment of its franchises. I cannot believe the people of Pennsylvania will permit an act so worthy as this to be emasculated. I am not taking political sides. I say I do not believe the people can be fooled all the time."

The convention voiced its approval when Mr. Munson said that the recent decision of the Utilities Commission in the Bethlehem discount case, that companies are justified in raising rates under exceptional conditions and cutting them to meet municipal competition was absolutely fair. He said he was convinced the attempt of York to force the installation of water meters by ordinance under power conferred by the third-class city code would be nullified by the courts because it conflicted with the utilities act.

PRINCETON IN RELIEF WORK

Aid for War Sufferers in Belgium the Immediate Object.

PRINCETON, N. J., Oct. 22.—Red Cross work is growing in popularity at Princeton. The local chapter of the national society is engaged actively in promoting entertainments to raise money, and the practical work of gathering old clothes and bandages. To relieve the Belgian war sufferers is the immediate object of Princeton's contribution.

KANSAS HEALTHFUL STATE

Large Number of Sewer and Water Systems Responsible.

TOPEKA, Kan., Oct. 22.—Kansas ranks unusually high as a sanitary State because of the large number of cities with sewer and water systems, according to a report issued by Alvah J. Smith, City Engineer of Emporia. There are but seven cities in Kansas with a population of 100 which have no water works system and not a town of 200 is without a city water supply.

CHINESE ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Mongolian in Love With Negro Girl Found in Schuykill.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Oct. 22.—Leon Wen, a Chinese, who came here a few days ago from Philadelphia, was found along the shores of Harborside Island, in the Schuykill River, last night by duck hunters. Wen's head, bobbing up and down in the shallow water, caused the hunters to take him for a duck and they came near shooting at him. He was dragged to higher ground, apparently dead, but was revived and is now in the Norristown Hospital. He refuses to talk.

U. S. NAVY 18,000 MEN SHORT OF FULL CREWS

Twelve of Thirty-three Ships Not in Service Because Sailors Are Lacking.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—How 18,000 additional men would be needed by the American navy to man all of its ships for war was explained in a statement issued last night by Acting Secretary Roosevelt, supplementing Secretary Daniels' reply to published criticisms of the navy's preparations.

"While admitting that 12 of the 33 battleships cannot be put in service on account of the shortage of men, Mr. Roosevelt declared that in regard to ships and equipment the navy is in excellent shape. Like Secretary Daniels, the acting secretary maintained that battleships still are the paramount factors "in any war in which the belligerents are separated by great distances of water." The value of submarine in their present state of development for coast defense purposes and for attacks within a short radius was conceded.

"In regard to the numbers of the officers and men of the navy," Mr. Roosevelt said, "there has never been an attempt to hide the fact although the numbers are recruited up to the limit allowed by Congress, we have only sufficient to man in an adequate manner a portion of the vessels already built."

"At the present time three second-line battleships, two armored cruisers, four first-class cruisers, one second-class cruiser, two third-class cruisers, 21 destroyers, three monitors, five submarines, one gunboat, three fuel ships and two vessels of special type are in commission in reserve; that is to say, they have on board only from 25 to 50 per cent. of the crews necessary to man them in case of war."

"There are also six second-line battleships, one armored cruiser, one cruiser, second class, and 14 torpedoboats which are in the condition technically called 'ordinary.' These vessels are manned by from 10 to 20 per cent. of their regular complements.

"Meanwhile the problem is becoming more difficult as time goes on, because of the vessels under construction which must shortly be provided with crews. For instance, during the coming year, two battleships, the Oklahoma and Nevada will take their places with the fleet. Each of these vessels will require a complement of nearly 1000 men each."

ZION CITY AGAIN INSURGENT

Dowie's Successor Threatens to Greet Vaccinators With Cannon Balls.

CHICAGO, Oct. 22.—The conflict of the Dowieites with the State, as a result of the epidemic of smallpox in Zion City, reached a crisis today. Overseer Volva, successor of the late Prophet, "Elijah" Dowie, has told his followers they must accept vaccination even if they are forced to do so with shotguns.

"If they should endeavor to vaccinate us," declared Volva, "we will take up our shotguns and blow them where they belong."

"We won't ask any favors or quarter, and we will not give any when they thrust their medicine upon us. Where Dowie gave the doctors buckshot, we will give them cannon balls."

BIG GUN CONTRACT RUMORED

Bethlehem Officials Silent About \$25,000,000 Order From France.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa., Oct. 22.—A statement, attributed to an employee of the Bethlehem Steel Company, that the corporation has obtained a \$25,000,000 contract from France to furnish the French army with 900 six-inch field guns, to be delivered in 18 months, would not be confirmed or denied by officials of the great manufacturing concern.

It is known, however, that all is hustle and bustle within the huge ordnance department at the steel works, that several departments are being reorganized and that a large quantity of new machinery is being installed for the making of projectiles.

The order from France is said to include thousands of projectiles of various size for use in a three-inch gun up to 14-inch. The employee said, would cost between \$27,500 and \$30,000 each.

MARCONI AWAITS NAVY'S ORDER TO REOPEN STATION

Wireless at Siasconset May Soon Resume Operations.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—It is reported here today that the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company of America expects it will soon be permitted by the authorities in Washington to reopen the Marconi station at Siasconset, Mass.

The plant was closed several weeks ago on orders from the Navy Department because the company had received and delivered messages from and to a British cruiser off the American coast. Naval officers are in charge of the station.

MUENSTERBERG NOT TO QUIT

Promise of \$10,000,000 Fails to Impress Harvard Officials.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Oct. 22.—Prof. Hugo Muensterberg has withdrawn his resignation from the chair of psychology at Harvard University, "at the request of the authorities," according to an announcement made last night. The resignation submitted recently by the professor was based on a communication from Major Clarence Weiner, of London, threatening to withhold a legacy of \$10,000,000 from Harvard unless the professor were dismissed.

His objection to the head of the university's psychological department was based on the latter's pro-German utterances since the opening of the European war.

HAS 19 CLAIMS ON WILSON

White House Visitor and His 18 Sons Vote Democratic Ticket.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—J. E. Duckworth, 87 years old, father of 19 children, is here to see President Wilson. Mr. Duckworth came from Transylvania, in the mountain region of North Carolina, and will be presented at the White House tomorrow by Senator Overman.

"I have come to shake hands with the best President the country has had for many years," said Mr. Duckworth. "I have 19 Democratic voters in my immediate family—myself and 18 sons. I think of the latter's pro-German utterances since the opening of the European war."

OSTEOPATH CURED MONKEYS

Treatment for Sleeping Sickness Successful, It Is Declared.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—Announcements of discoveries in osteopathy will be made at the annual convention of the New Jersey Osteopathic Society, in Newark, on October 30 and 31.

Dr. John Deason, of Chicago, director of the A. T. Still Research College, has perfected some processes for the treatment of disease by means of serum. He held that the operators received cured several monkeys of sleeping sickness by osteopathic treatment. Those that had received medical treatment died, it was stated.

STUDENT SERIOUSLY INJURED

Harvard Man, Hit by Baseball, May Die.

BOSTON, Oct. 22.—Andrew Dunn, of Chicago, a Harvard student, is in a serious condition at the Stillman Infirmary, Cambridge, as the result of being hit on the head by a batted baseball on Soldiers' Field. His recovery is doubtful.

According to the physicians, he is suffering from cerebral hemorrhage. His father is a justice of the Supreme Court of Illinois.

Young Dunn was umpiring a game between two teams of varsity players when a foul tip struck him back of the ear.

BOLIVIA SEEKS BUSINESS HERE

Government Requests Permission to Establish Tin Ore Smelter.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—Bolivia has begun informal inquiries on whether the United States would permit it to construct a huge Government smelter near New York to use the Bolivian tin ore output. The proposal was submitted by the Bolivian consul general to Richard W. Atwater, Jr., of New York, who took it up with officials here.

DELAWARE MOTHERS BEGIN AGITATION FOR PENSION LAW

State Convention of Parents Approves System of Charity Recently Inaugured in Pennsylvania.

MILFORD, Del., Oct. 22.—Delegates from the various sections of the State assembled here today to attend the annual convention of the Delaware Branch of the Mothers' Congress and Parent-Teachers' Association, which held its meetings in the New Century Club.

The visitors were welcomed by Mrs. George W. Marshall, president of the Delaware branch, and members of the local organization. All places having parent-teachers' associations or mothers' clubs were represented, and efforts will be made by delegates to increase the number of organizations in the State.

Sessions today were devoted to hearing reports from the different organizations. MILFORD, Dover, Lewes, Seaford, Laurel, Harrington, Shawnee, the Hagley Community House Mothers' Club and Central Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, reported. Every report presented was to the effect that good work had been accomplished by the various organizations.

PLEADS FOR MOTHERS' PENSIONS

Speakers included the Rev. Irene Earle, who has charge of the Hagley Community House, a house located in the midst of the DuPont settlement on the Brandywine and near the powder mills; Prof. Edward Barney, Professor Rich. Dr. C. A. Wagner, State Commissioner of Education, and Mrs. Charles Gilpin, of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Gilpin spoke on the operation of the mothers' pension law in Pennsylvania, and made a strong plea for the enactment of similar laws in other States. She held that mothers who were in need of support to raise their children should have it, so that the children might be educated and placed on a footing with more fortunate children. The convention was much interested in the remarks of Mrs. Gilpin, and delegates announced their intention of inaugurating agitation in favor of a similar law in this State.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION OPENS ITS 27TH CONVENTION

Wilmington Entertaining Delegates From New Castle County.

WILMINGTON, Del., Oct. 22.—The 27th annual convention of the New Castle County Sunday School Association opened in St. Paul's M. E. Church today, delegates from almost every evangelical Sunday school in the county attending. The session opened with devotional exercises by the Rev. Vaughn S. Collins, pastor of the church.

The work of the year was reviewed in the report of Charles W. Bush, county president. Mr. Bush was married last night and is on his honeymoon. The Rev. Lewis W. Hainer, of Norristown, Pa., spoke of "The Worth of a Boy" and Henry R. Isaac and George Simon told what the city and county Sunday school superintendents should do.

At this afternoon's session the devotional exercises will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. Crawford. The greater part of the afternoon will be spent in illustrating work in the various Sunday school grades. Miss Grace Baird, Miss Mary Taylor, Mrs. C. S. Robb, E. J. Farrar, probation officer; E. L. Cross, county school superintendent, and others will do the demonstrating.

Addresses will be made by the Rev. L. W. Hainer, the Rev. George H. Streaker, of Philadelphia, and others. At the session this evening officers will be elected and the convention will end.

ODD FELLOWS' FINAL SESSION

New Grand Encampment Officers Installed by the Patriarch.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Oct. 22.—With the approval of items for next year's expenses and the reports from the Judiciary, Legislative and other committees, the final day's session of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania Odd Fellows found a largely decreased attendance. One of the interesting features was the installation of the new Grand Encampment officers by the retiring grand patriarch, Harry F. Whiting, of Bellefonte. They are as follows:

Grand patriarch, Samuel H. Pope, Philadelphia; grand high priest, Edward W. Snyder, Shamokin; grand senior warden, George B. McDowell, Pittsburgh; grand junior warden, George H. Banes, Philadelphia.

The report of Grand Scribe Edwin L. Ritter, of Philadelphia, showed \$121,137.38 was paid for relief and working expenses in the last year; that receipts were \$150,000; total assets of the encampment, \$135,310.05, an increase of \$12,857.57.

Chile Names Ambassador to U. S. WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—Official advice have been received here from Santiago of the confirmation of Eduardo Suarez as the first Chilean Ambassador to this country.

NEW \$3,000,000 HOTEL

Boston Building to Have 700 Rooms and Be Ten Stories.

BOSTON, Oct. 22.—Further announcements are expected here shortly setting forth in detail the plans for a new hotel that will cost more than \$3,000,000 and will wound the death knell of the famous old Boston Theatre, which for years has been a landmark of downtown Boston.

The land for the enterprise will cost about \$2,000,000. The building will have 700 rooms, each with a bath. The two main parts of the building will be separated by Mason street, with a tunnel connection. Two general dining rooms will seat 1000 persons and the rathskellar will accommodate as many more. There will be banquet halls, private dining rooms, library, reading and billiard rooms.

The structure as planned will be of gray brick and glazed terra cotta. With 10 floors, the building will go up to the city limit of 12 feet, with round towers extending 35 feet higher. The architecture will be similar to that of the Hotel McAlpin, in New York.

Longest Canal Lock Now in Use

SAULT-STE. MARIE, Mich., Oct. 22.—The third new lock of the St. Mary's Falls canal system, said to be the longest lock in the world, has been formally opened to navigation. The lock is 1250 feet long, 50 feet wide, 22 feet deep and cost \$5,230,000.

MRS. FISH IN AUTO CRASH

New York Society Woman and Companion Cut by Glass.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—The limousine of Mrs. Hamilton Fish, the society woman, collided with a motor bus at Riverside Drive and 101st street late yesterday afternoon, and flying glass cut the faces of Mrs. Fish and her companion, Miss Emily B. Van Amringe.

The women were thrown back violently by the force of the impact. At St. Luke's Hospital it was found necessary to put several stitches in a cut over the eye of Miss Van Amringe. Mrs. Fish was cut on the right cheek. The car was badly damaged, and the two women were taken to the hospital in another machine.

Henry McEwan, Mrs. Fish's chauffeur, was driving south behind the bus and ran into it when the bus driver suddenly turned his machine.

BANDITS ROB HOTEL GUESTS

Auto Thieves Later Captured and Lost Loot Recovered.

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 22.—Led by a man named Spence, said to be a New York thief, five automobile bandits held up and robbed the guests at the Plaza Hotel in Terre Haute of \$1500 early today and fled in their machine toward Indianapolis.

They were captured near Plainfield, Ind., and the stolen money was recovered.

EDUCATORS AT CONVENTION

Prominent Men Address Assemblage at Albany.

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 22.—Prominent educators from all parts of the country are in this city today attending the State University convention. Exercises of an educational nature will be held here today and tomorrow in the auditorium of the new educational building.

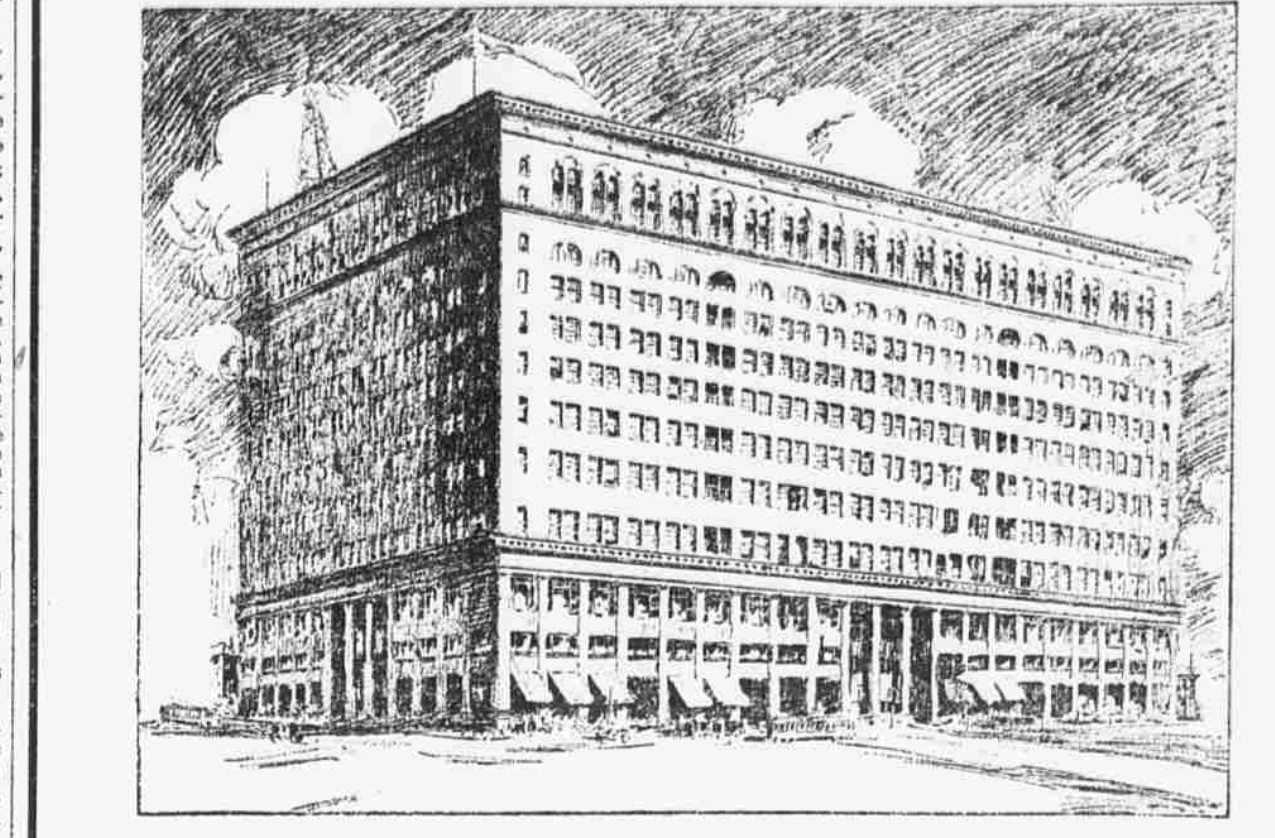
Welcome addresses will be delivered by Governor Glynn, Chancellor McKeleay and Education Commissioner Finley. Other speakers listed on the program are: Professor George R. Palmer, of Harvard, who will discuss "What is a Profession?" Herbert Quick, editor of Farm and Fireside, of Springfield, Ohio, Rural Schools; Professor Charles W. Kent, of the University of Virginia, "Educational Efficiency."

PENCIL USED 32 YEARS

Bought for a Cent and Sharpened but Six Times.

NICKELVILLE, Mo., Oct. 22.—Bought for a penny, carried in pocket for 32 years and sharpened but six times in all those years, is the career of a lead pencil owned by J. T. Adamson, a farmer-merchant of this city. The pencil was purchased when its owner was a young man. It is now about two inches long and is worn very smooth and black.

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