

MAN WITH SILENT RIFLE WOULD KILL CITY HALL PIGEONS

Alonzo B. Fox, Self-asserted Expert Exterminator, Offers to Wipe Out Birds. Praise, But No Job.

Alonzo B. Fox, of Burlington, N. J., wants to bring his "silent rifle" and belt of "adamantine cartridges" over to Philadelphia and open sanguinary warfare on the pigeons that flutter about City Hall.

He has written Director Porter pleading his skill as a rifleman at the disposal of the city. Fox stands ready to "aim up" with Director Porter in a contract to shoot every last pigeon that ever dropped a feather in City Hall courtyard.

This is what Fox told the Director in the letter: "A short time ago I read an account of a suggestion to get rid of the pigeons around the Public Buildings. While it is no small matter to get rid of them, I would like to offer my services along this line, and if it meets with your approval please let me hear from you."

"When I was a boy of 18 years I was engaged to rid the cathedral at 15th and Race streets of this same nuisance, which cost hundreds of dollars every spring. Thomas Burns, the janitor at that time, secured me for this service. My grandfather, who was supervisor of the Water Department of the 15th District, under Frederick Graf, and who was a well-known citizen of the 15th Ward, lived on the northwest corner of 20th and Summer streets; his name was Samuel M. Fox. He secured for me the privilege of using my silent rifle on the street about the church from the lieutenant of police at 15th and Filbert streets.

"My agreement with them was that they furnish the ammunition, give me free access to their building, pay me \$1 for each pigeon killed, but I had to get the last pigeon, which I did. I killed 11 birds in three weeks and received \$22."

"The ball I use is an Adamantine cartridge, and will not destroy the stone on the buildings, and I will be responsible for any loss or accident that may occur."

"If you are considering entering into any agreement, I would be glad to sign up with you."

THE OFFICIALS ACT After reading the letter, Director Porter recalled what the Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Animals and a few thousand citizens said when the suggestion to exterminate the pigeons was made a few weeks ago.

Then he hurried over to Director Cooke's office and the two cabinet members read in unison Fox's description of his prowess with the rifle.

"Some shooter," said Director Cooke. "I think the pigeons come under the head of City Property," said Director Porter to Director Cooke, "and in that case it is up to you to exterminate the pigeons at the City Hall. Your committee and I will make it necessary for them to get to the bottom of the building, we have recently placed some comfortable ones on the roof."

"If your silent rifle-shooting Adamantine cartridges could be used on certain real nuisances which we have in Philadelphia, with any success at all, I would predict a big use for it."

RUM PUT O. K. ON PENROSE SLATE

Continued from Page One. received a large paper containing the names of the liquor candidates. This was headed "Candidates for a Square Deal." The names of Martin G. Brumbaugh or Michael J. Ryan did not appear on the notice. The list to the liquor Democrats was given, however, in the name of "Henry Budd," Senatorial candidate, which followed that of Helen Penrose. Following the names of Arthur J. Roney, of Cumberland County, and Anderson H. Walters, of Somerset County, Congressmen-at-large, were the words, "See that Roney and Walters are defeated." They were the addresses of candidates who have always fought Alvin Karpis.

LEADERS IN NORTH PHILADELPHIA BUSINESS MEN'S CARNIVAL



Youngsters Compete at North Philadelphia Carnival Today.

A baby parade in which 20 youngsters will take part will be the feature of the North Philadelphia Business Men's Association carnival, home week and Mardi Gras today. The children will assemble at Wayne Junction and Germantown avenue and begin the march promptly at 4 o'clock.

BABIES IN PARADE

The election of the King and Queen of the carnival will be completed tonight and the winners will be crowned tomorrow night. At present Nora Lappan is leading in the election for Queen and George Ziegler in that for King.

J. DENNY O'NEIL COMES OUT AGAINST PENROSE CANDIDACY

Pittsburgh County Commissioner Says Rum Will Not Rule State. PITTSBURGH, Oct. 28.—J. Denny O'Neil, County Commissioner of Allegheny County, elected on the Republican ticket, has come out against Senator Penrose, declaring his belief that the Senator cannot carry more than three counties west of the Schuylkill River. A statement given to the EVENING LEADER today follows:

"The sentiment against Penrose in the western part of the State is growing; by election day it will have assumed the proportions of a tidal wave. I do not believe that he will carry more than three counties west of the Susquehanna River.

"In the western part of the State Penrose is not a political issue, but rather a moral issue. Many Organization Republicans will not support him since they have come to understand that his Personal Liberty ticket was placed in the field for the purpose of defeating all dry candidates upon the Republican ticket. I have been informed that the Personal Liberty ticket was placed in the field to secure the votes of the liquor dealers for Penrose, as the liquor dealers declared that if they could not have any local wet candidates to vote for they would not vote at all.

"The attempt on the part of a few corporations to force their employees to vote for Penrose has reacted and will have the opposite effect. It is an insult to the intelligence of the voters to say that the future prosperity of this great State can be influenced by any single individual and the voters all know that Penrose's cry of soup houses and parks is raised to intimidate the voters.

"Senator Penrose has done more toward making Pennsylvania dry than all other causes combined. In order to further his interests he has induced the saloons and brewers to organize and go into politics as a body. By doing so he has made the saloons a State issue and the people of this State will not stand for rum rule.

REPUUDIATES BOND SIGNATURE

Man Who Obtained Immigrants Entry Arrested as Forger. Alleged of forging a signature on a bond submitted with the United States Immigration authorities at Gloucester, N. J., Justice R. Egan, 32 Catharine street, was held under \$500 bail on Tuesday by United States Commissioner C. W. Edwards.

M'AFEE'S HOME IN FLAMES

Fire Causes \$5500 Loss in Residence of Secretary of Commonwealth. PITTSBURGH, Oct. 28.—Fire started by a heater's torch caused \$5500 loss in the beautiful home of Edward McKean, Secretary of the Commonwealth. The flames from Mr. McKean's residence is on the North side.

J. Hay Brown Gets Lafayette Degree

PASTON, Pa., Oct. 28.—Lafayette College yesterday conferred the degree of doctor of laws on J. Hay Brown, Justice of the Supreme Court at Pennsylvania, at the Founder's Day exercises held at the college.

SHELLS HIS OWN CHATEAU

French Officer, Longworth's Kin, Directs Fire on Germans. PARIS, Oct. 28.—An interesting letter, showing the martial spirit pervading the French, has been received by Countess DeChambur, sister of former Congressman Nicholas Longworth, of Cincinnati, O., from her husband, who was formerly French military attaché at Washington.

ROOSEVELT ATTACKS PENROSE'S RECORD

Continued from Page One. for Pinchot. I wrote to him in substance: "The endorsement of McCormick was a surprise to me; that the last time I had seen Lewis and Van Valkenburg they told me Longworth, of Cincinnati, O., from her husband, who was formerly French military attaché at Washington.

PATTERSON MAKES PLEA OF RAILROADS FOR RATE INCREASE

General Solicitor of P. R. R. Tells Commission Advance Is Necessary to Transportation System. WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—Pleading that upon the welfare of the railroads depended the entire prosperity and well-being of the economic structure of the United States, George Stuart Patterson, general solicitor for the Pennsylvania Railroad, opened his argument today before the Interstate Commerce Commission on the application of Eastern railroads for a 1 per cent. increase in freight rates.

PURPOSELY WRECKS AUTO

Chauffeur Buns Car Into Fire Plug to Avoid Collision. An automobile, the property of Assistant City Solicitor Michael J. McNery, 206 East Pine street, crashed into a fire plug at Greene and Coulter streets and burst into flames. The chauffeur, James J. Murphy, turned the car into the fire plug and crashed into it.

PORT OF PHILADELPHIA

Table with columns for Sun and Tides, High water, Low water, Vessels Arriving Today, and Steamships to Arrive.

STEAMSHIPS TO ARRIVE

Table listing steamship arrivals with columns for Name, From, and Date.

STEAMSHIPS TO LEAVE

Table listing steamship departures with columns for Name, To, and Date.

FRIGHTS AND CHARTERS

Freight offers of tonnage to supply the steady inquiry keep rates in the steam market dull and weak.

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Financier of That City Tells Hardware Men Branch Banks in South America Will Be Opening Wedge. ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 28.—Transferring the money capital of the world from London to New York is contemplated in the movement back of the opening of American branch banks in South America, W. T. Kies, of the National City Bank of New York, declared before the American Hardware Manufacturers' Association here today. In discussing plans of his institution to open in Buenos Aires during the coming month the first American branch bank outside the country, the New Yorker said:

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