

J. PRESSES CASE AGAINST MOTION PICTURE COMBINE

Special Assistant Attorney General Argues Suit to Dissolve Alleged Film Trust in Court Here.

With stacks of testimony taken during the last two years, Edwin P. Grosvenor, special assistant to Attorney General Gregory, began his argument on behalf of the Government in its suit, filed August 15, 1912, to dissolve the so-called "movie picture trust."

It is alleged the "trust" has gained control of the manufacture and distribution of motion picture films and apparatus of the art that independent manufacturers, jobbers and theatres have been forced out of business.

SUNDAY COMMITTEE BUSY

Members Spend Day Planning for Revival by Evangelist.

This has been a busy day for the "Billy" Sunday campaign workers. Shortly after noon the Executive Committee met in the City Club; at 2 o'clock Alva B. Johnson, chairman of the committee on Transportation and Safety, and his committee met with Director of Public Safety Porter, Superintendent of Police Robinson and Chief Engineer Murphy.

The city officials have promised they will cooperate in every way with the officials of the organization, and assurance was given by Mr. Porter that he would always be willing to listen to whatever the committee desires him to consider.

At 3 o'clock the Nursery Committee, of which Mrs. Adolph Wolf is chairman, met in the headquarters to consider the important matter of assuring comfort for the children whom parents take to the meetings. It has always been the custom at the Sunday tabernacles to have a nursery where the babies are amused and protected by nurses while the mothers attend the services.

MUST EDUCATE TO GET TRADE

Fresca Brown Snyder Declares South America Is Not Prepared.

A campaign of education in South America is necessary before United States business men will be in a position to use their equipment to establish a credit system there, according to Fresca Brown Snyder, of the First National Bank, who addressed the Philadelphia Association of Credit Men today at their luncheon in the St. James.

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast. WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. For Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey: cloudy tonight and Wednesday; not much change in temperature; moderate north winds.

Table with columns for location, temperature, and weather conditions. Includes entries for Philadelphia, New York, and other nearby cities.

MISS IDA TARBELL PRESCRIBES WORK AS REMEDY FOR WAR

Noted Writer Deprecates Calamity Howling and Kindred Ills in Address Before Poor Richard Club

Miss Ida M. Tarbell, noted writer and social philosopher, has a remedy for war. She outlined her remedy to the Poor Richard Club this afternoon in one short sentence: "The best way to prevent war is to put at its idle gentlemen engaged in the work of calamity howling and grave forebodings to work."

Miss Tarbell was received with great enthusiasm by the Poor Richards, an organization of advertising men. In clear, short and illuminating phrases she told them how to take full advantage of the opportunities now before them in the way of increasing business and elevating the industrial life of the United States.

Miss Tarbell branded those persons who allowed themselves to be thrown into a state of fear and confusion by the European war as "cowards." "These people are engaged in the occupation of figuring out how a hostile fleet would come up New York Bay, destroy all the forts along the Hudson and capture the city," she said.

"We cannot get rid of war if we are trying to talk war," she said. "The most important thing now is to talk industry, to talk peace and progress. The easiest way to bring on war is to wish it on. The war in Europe was wished on Europe. I have known French mothers to say, 'We bear children in order that they may grow up and kill the Germans.' The same was true in the other countries."

BOY-HERO REPORTER SAVES A GIRL FROM SURE DEATH

Forgets to Get Her Name, But Comes in With the Story.

The Boy-Hero Reporter walked into the Evening Ledger office and handed the city editor a red-hot "story."

BOY SAVES GIRL FROM GETTING RUN OVER

Boy while walking on second and Bainbridge saw a girl with a basket fall over the tracks. He ran into and picked up the girl as quick as possible.

Charles Schmidt, 12 years old, 135 Christian street, is the Boy-Hero Reporter. "I don't know who the girl is," he said. "She is a little bigger than me. She had a basketful of things to eat. When I picked her up she said 'Thank you, little boy,' and when she rode away on a car she waved her handkerchief at me."

GIRL WINS \$1000 ART PRIZE

Awarded for Mural Decoration at West Philadelphia High School.

A \$1000 award for the best mural decorations at the West Philadelphia High School was won by Miss Alice I. Riddle, 115 Herman street, Germantown. The decorations, with "The Canterbury Tales," as a theme, will adorn the walls of the library.

SHIP CHANGES FLAGS HERE

Gargoyls First Vessel Admitted to U. S. Registry at Philadelphia.

The American flag was hoisted by Joseph C. Gabriel, an agent of the Atlantic Steaming Company, on the Gargoyls, which will sail tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock for Alexandria, Egypt, with a cargo of 1,000,000 gallons of oil. Golden S. Jeffrey is the skipper.

JOAN OF ARC FIRST MILITANT, FIRE PREVENTION GREATLY AIDED BY CITY INSPECTORS

Work in Last Year Has Eliminated Many Possible Causes and Improved Conditions.



JOAN OF ARC

The main drive in Fairmount Park was deserted. The more or less pellucid Schuylkill flowed down below. All good persons were asleep and only newspapermen and burglars were at large.

Joan of Arc, high up on her horse, carrying aloft her lance, stretched herself while her steed put down the fore leg held up in theatrical posture. Joan dismounted, her armor creaking dully. She threw down her lance, disjoined her helmet and twisted her head about to get the kinks out of her neck.

"Mon ami," she said, "zis statute business ees, not for what you call hem? Oh, out, a perfect lady? Yes? It ee very hard to set on ze cheval and hold your 'and up so high, for in ze wintaire your fingairs zey get cold and zen the lance ees in danger of falling and hitting ze gendarme on ze nut--zat eez ze right word for bean, ees it not?"

"I was ze original militant," continued Joan, scraping some of the rust from her dainty nose. "Ze lady-what you call Missus Pankhurst, she ees only an imitationist--what ees-a copy? Yes? J. fight, wiz ze men; she fights wiz ze government, jus' like Don Quixote he fight ze mills of ze wind. I slam ze gentlemen on the head wiz my axe; she slams ze gentlemen's pictures on ze frame. I fight for ma belle France; she fights perfidious Albion."

Joan was interrupted long enough to be told that Britain was no longer "perfidious" and that France and England were fighting shoulder to shoulder.

"What!" she exclaimed, "cet ees impossi--merci on moi! What can I think about when I sit on my cheval--no more ze ze wards I fought--no more about my King? It ee a sacre shame--what ze gendarme on zis beat call a gishondred, jiggered old fellow. Poof! Vor I call for war now? I am a lady of ze peaces. I loaf ze bird what ees in peaces--ze doaf, you call hem, yes? An' no more will I fight."

In the distance resounded the stirring call of the bugle--the call to battle and dering-do. "I cope!" she cried. "La belle France!" she shouted Joan, and she swung herself on her bronze horse and setting her lance to her hip, rode off madly into the dusk.

ARMY IN READINESS NATION'S NEED, SAYS G. WHARTON PEPPER

Switzerland's Force of Trained Soldiers Puts Ours to Shame, Lawyer Declares in Address.

The unpreparedness of the United States to face a foreign army of invasion was severely criticized by George Wharton Pepper at the annual supper of the Men's Club of Wynote, in the parish house of All Hallows' Protestant Episcopal Church, Wynote, last night. Mr. Pepper declared that the only way to preserve peace was to have adequate means of demanding the respect of every nation in the world.

MUTUALIZATION FAVORED

Nearly 1,000,000 Prudential Policyholders Vote for Plan.

The plan for the mutualization of the Prudential Insurance Company was approved by nearly a million policyholders who voted by mail or in person on the plan yesterday.

The company officials will now file with Chancellor Walker in Newark a certificate of the results. The plan must be approved before December 15. The Chancellor's ruling may be appealed within 30 days.

Philadelphia was strongly represented in the voting. More than 3,000,000 policies, it is estimated, were held by the voters, many of whom owned two or more. A policyholder, however, was allowed to cast but one vote, regardless of the number of policies he held.

The mutualization plan met with determined opposition. Over the protests of minority stockholders the company obtained legislation permitting the scheme. The stock was appraised by a commission at \$45 a share.

SUBMARINES BEING BUILT FOR BOAT COMPANY IN U. S.

Final Disposition of War Craft, However, Not Named.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8. Eight submarines in course of construction at the Union Iron Works here, of which Charles M. Schwab is a large stockholder, are destined for the Electric Boat Company, according to a report received here.

SISTER-AGAINST-BROTHER SUIT

Miss Conway's Action Again Brought Up in Common Pleas.

The sister-against-brother suit of Miss Bridget Conway, 35 years old, 413 South 24th street, appeared again today in Common Pleas Court No. 5 before Judge Staake.

Miss Conway alleges that her brother, James F. Conway, 3204 Chestnut street, obtained several properties from her through a deed which had been altered by a witness fixing his signature after she had signed it. In a former suit she charged that the deed had been forged, but Judge Staake dismissed the suit.

GERMS CAUSE "RHEUMATISM"

Irritation Often Wrongly Diagnosed, Physician Declares.

Dr. Judson Deane, speaking on "Infectious Cause of So-called Rheumatism" before the Philadelphia Clinical Association at 133 North 18th street, last night, said germs, finding haven in a crevice of a gold-capped tooth or at the root, often spread a poison through the body, which sets up inflammatory conditions, which are frequently diagnosed as rheumatism.

11 MERCHANTS IN COURT

Charged with Violating the Blue Law of 1794.

The dealers were: Morris, 515 N. 2nd street; Hyman, 242 N. 2nd street; Tilla, 242 N. 2nd street; Abner, 242 N. 2nd street; Hyman, 242 N. 2nd street; Tilla, 242 N. 2nd street; Abner, 242 N. 2nd street; Hyman, 242 N. 2nd street; Tilla, 242 N. 2nd street; Abner, 242 N. 2nd street.

YEAR FOR POCKETBOOK THEIF

Prisoner Sentenced for Robbing Woman on Street.

A jury before Judge Davis in Quarter Sessions Court today convicted Harrison George of the theft of a pocketbook, containing the purse of Mrs. W. J. McDonald, 242 North 18th street. He was sentenced to one year in the county prison.

DEATH AND DAMAGE TOLL NEARING END

Continued from Page One. The rain will permit the reopening of the railroads and mills forced to close because of lack of water. It will mean millions of dollars saved on crops that would have suffered severely without moisture. Many of these crops the planters were prepared to abandon.

The big music hall on the Steel Pier at Atlantic City, which survived the storm, but appears to have suffered less damage than was supposed. Engineers have started a thorough inspection of the battered structure, and there is a probability that the big hall may be saved.

Practically all of Ventnor's boardwalk will have to be rebuilt. No accurate estimate of the loss is yet possible, but there is no doubt it will exceed a million dollars. Coney Island alone, according to reports, has lost \$200,000 in damage to amusements and cottages.

PHILADELPHIA ESCAPES FURY. Philadelphia escaped with little damage save in the suburbs. The Main Line towns suffered heaviest. Many of the main automobile roads are blocked by fallen trees and wires. At some points all current has been cut off by the electric light and power companies to prevent injury to pedestrians.

NEAR TRAGEDY AT BREAKWATER. Two shipwrecked oystermen were taken off the Point Judith breakwater, at Point Judith, R. I., and their rescuers were saved by the United States torpedo boat destroyer Morris. A crew from the Point Judith lifesaving station went to help the oystermen, whose craft was smashed against the breakwater and who were in momentary danger of being swept from their perch.

Alarmed by Noise of One and Not Impressed by the Other. Bob Corbett, best detective of Nashville, Tenn.; started home this afternoon much impressed with Philadelphia. He is coming back as soon as he gets a leave of absence and some more expensive money.

TENNESSEE DETECTIVE SEES SUBWAY AND PRIZE FIGHT

Corbett had business in town. He came here to escort Harry Quick, back to Nashville, where it is said Quick failed to pay his board bill and passed several worthless checks. Quick was arrested in a Philadelphia hotel last week.

Among the things Corbett saw yesterday for the first time was a subway and a prize fight. He was on his way to the prize fight with Detectives Lowrey and Knox and was crossing the City Hall plaza as a train rumbled beneath his feet. He clung giddily to a trolley pole. He admitted that he thought there was an earthquake. He once felt an earthquake in Tennessee, he said and the sensation was the same.

He made several round trips on the subway before going to the fight. Detective Corbett, who is said to have a keen eye, was not impressed with the occasion. He wore evening clothes and tan shoes that he brought along with him in the event he was entertained.

These sad little--ragged little--forlorn little stockings must be filled--MUST! THEY MUST!

Who'll fill a stocking for Santa Claus? What will you do for Santa Claus and the little children at home?

Have you heard of the Public Ledger Santa Claus Club? The club of a thousand children--to help the children?

Who'll fill a stocking--WHO? WHO? FILL A STOCKING FOR SANTA CLAUS AND THE LITTLE CHILDREN AT HOME.

Come to the Santa Claus Storehouse, 608 Chestnut street, Philadelphia. Come and see. Come and help!

If you want to find the true Christmas spirit--the blithe little, gay little of himself, COME!

We need money, toys, clothing. Bring or send them, or the Ledger automobile will call for your contribution if you'll write us when and where.

Public Ledger Santa Claus Station 608 CHESTNUT STREET

MODERN SANTA MUST WORK HARD FOR \$1.25 A DAY

Corpulent and Jovial Old Gentleman of Former Times Now Has Anything but a "Cinch."

Fourteen more shopping days remain before Christmas, exclusive of today. Don't wait until the last frenzied week to buy your gifts.

If you aren't altruistic enough to think of the shopper and the bundle boy, think of yourself and the fagged nerves you'll have if you procrastinate.

Shop now. And dress sensibly to it. Don't wear a hat pin a foot long into a crowded elevator and wonder why those in the rear mutter dark and frown some things at you.

Expect to be fatigued at the end of a long shopping day. And don't neglect to break the purchasing expedition with a wholesome nourishing lunch taken at some quiet place.

Finally a comprehensive list of all the articles to be bought together with the price to be paid for them in a wonderful aid in facilitating the ordeal.

Being a Santa Claus in these days is no sinecure! Once upon a time the jolly, corpulent, gentleman known variously as Kris Kringle, St. Nicholas and Santa Claus, was pictured as leading a jovial if somewhat industrious life up in his sky-high workshop, where the fire always burned brightly and the wind never penetrated.

Nowadays he stands on the cold street, corners from morning until night and tinkles his little bell and taps his tambourine for the sake of drumming up trade enough to provide Christmas dinners for his fellow man. And Jack Frost gets after his toes and his nose and Mr. North Wind gets under his red flannel suit and flings it scornfully to the breeze, and Santa, instead of looking the prosperous, well-fed personage of the nursery jingles, takes on a pinched and blue appearance, which does not match his costume.

"No, indeed, this Santa Claus business ain't no cinch," said a Market street Kris Kringle, pulling his long white beard discreetly aside, so as to be the better understood. "Every day from the 1st of December until Christmas day they're here from 8 in the morning until 4 in the evening, with only 20 minutes off in the middle of the day for our dinner. Sometimes we're chased for a day they're here from 8 in the morning until 4 in the evening, with only 20 minutes off in the middle of the day for our dinner. Sometimes we're chased for a day they're here from 8 in the morning until 4 in the evening, with only 20 minutes off in the middle of the day for our dinner."

"But times are hard and they pay us well. A dollar and a quarter a day they give us. Yes, indeed, a dollar and a quarter, and where can a man who's been thrown out of work go and get a job that'll pay him that much?"

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