

MINE OWNERS SEEK TO HAVE TAX BILL DECLARED ILLEGAL

Measure Adding Millions to State's Revenue Not Properly Advertised, They Declare in Court.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 10.—The case to test the constitutionality of the anthracite coal tax of 5 1/2 per cent. on coal prepared for the market was begun today in the Dauphin County Court.

Of the 60 cases that have appealed from the tax settlement of Auditor General Powell, three companies, the Aldan and the Plymouth, of Luzerne County, and the St. Clair, of Schuylkill County, were selected as typical of the others.

Judges Kunkel and McCarroll were on the bench and Auditor General Powell, who was present, was represented by Attorney General Hall and Deputy Attorney General Haffest.

The Aldan case was the first taken up, and it was claimed by Attorney Snyder, representing Olmsted & Stamm, that the company should not pay the \$792.88, the amount of the tax settlement, because the act was local and special legislation.

It was claimed that in the nine counties in which anthracite is mined the newspapers contained no notice of the intention that the tax bill would be introduced in the Legislature. The company was prepared to present affidavits from 10 newspaper publishers to the effect that they had no notice of the bill.

Attorney Snyder said the Constitution and the act of 1874 required such publication of intention. The Attorney General said the court had no power to go behind the signature of the Governor on the act.

A point raised by the company was that the State was not entitled to tax coal shipped outside the State and was outside the taxing jurisdiction of the State at the time when the tax was supposed to be imposed, last January.

It was contended there was a considerable area in Luzerne County, where the Aldan Company is located, where no coal is mined and that in some townships the tax returned by the State to the municipalities in other counties would equal municipal expenditures.

"COKE" VENDER SAYS POLICE NEVER GET LEADERS IN TRADE

Prisoner Declares They Sell Thousands of Dollars' Worth Each Week

The real leaders back of the cocaine traffic of this city, who sell thousands of dollars' worth of the drug each week, are never caught by the police, according to Frank Gruber, 1211 Summer street, who was held in \$1000 bail for court on two charges this morning by Magistrate MacFarland at the 2d and Christian streets station.

Gruber was charged with having cocaine in his possession and with selling the drug in the southern part of the city. He was trapped by policemen in the area in Luzerne County, where the Aldan Company is located, where no coal is mined and that in some townships the tax returned by the State to the municipalities in other counties would equal municipal expenditures.

UNION LEAGUE TO HONOR GOVERNOR-ELECT TONIGHT

Senator Penrose and Frank B. McClain Will Also Be Guests.

The Union League tonight will be decorated with palms, flowers and Pennsylvania State flags, in celebration of the overwhelming Republican victory at the polls on November 3 last.

DANCE FOR SANATORIUM

Affair Will Be Given Tonight for Convalescing Hospital.

A bridge-dance will be held this evening in the Mercantile Hall for the benefit of the Jewish Sanatorium for Convalescing, a nonsectarian institution at Eaglesville, Pa.

The affair has been promoted by Louis Berman, president of the institution, and Dr. A. J. Cohen, secretary and medical director. The special committee in charge includes Messieurs Philip Arnold, Samuel J. Feldenshimer, Alfred W. Fleisher, Louis Gershteyn, Benedict Gluski, Ellis A. Gimbel, Andrew Kutz, S. C. Kravis, Isaac Leopold, Julius C. Levi, Samuel D. Litt, Samuel K. Louchheim, Adolph B. Mayer, William S. Rosenbaum, Samuel Backe, R. Y. N. Salig, J. N. Sussman, Francis E. Lesser, Morris Fishman and Miss Janette Mitzan Goldberg.

SALE FOR CATHOLIC GUILD

Interesting Exhibits Form Pan-American Christmas Bazaar.

A New England country store will be opened to the public this afternoon at 114 Green street, where the Catholic Guild will hold a Pan-American Christmas sale. The proceeds are for the benefit of the working girls who make their home in the Guild.

For "HER"

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Llewellyn's

Philadelphia's Standard Drug Store, 1518 Chestnut Street

Conveniences for School Pupils Urged

A report issued by the Board of School Directors of the 20th Ward urges the Board to subsidize the purchase of transport wagons for the children of that section to take them to and from the schools.

REVOLVER DUEL WITH MEN HELD AS FREIGHT THIEVES

Lively Fight Starts When Detectives Trap Suspects on Cars.

Two men, believed to have been guilty of freight car robberies on the Philadelphia and Reading Railway's subway during the past week, were caught early today after a revolver duel along the tracks at 20th and Hamilton streets.

"WIPE OUT THE PLAGUE SPOTS," ARCHBISHOP TELLS CITY

Prelate Warns of Dangers to Morality From Insanitary Homes in Discussing Housing Needs.

The Most Rev. Edmond F. Prendergast, Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia, discussing the campaign in behalf of better housing conditions for the tenement poor, said: "I have very little actual knowledge of the conditions of the housing problems in this city. No doubt there are many insanitary, overcrowded houses in which the people are exposed to danger of disease. There are also some plague spots which should be utterly wiped out."

Owners of houses should be compelled to make such improvements as are necessary and there should be a law limiting the number of families in these houses. Perhaps the present Board of Health has power to make these changes, but if it can be accomplished better by an additional body it would be of great advantage.

ELIEN ROUSED FROM SLEEP BY FIRE AND RESCUED

Flames Sweep Store and Dwelling at Third and Reed Streets.

Eleven persons, among them several small children, were rescued with difficulty this morning when fire swept the grocery store and dwelling of David Baron, at the corner of 3d and Reed streets, and trapped the sleepers in their apartments. The store and part of the second floor of the building were wrecked and the garage of Thomas Flaherty, 306 to 312 Reed street, was threatened.

The blaze started in the rear of the store among some rubbish. Before it was discovered it had eaten its way to the second floor, where Baron, his wife and five small children were sleeping. The third floor is occupied by Morris Sternberg, his wife and two small children. Smoke rapidly filled the sleeping apartments. The sleepers were awakened by Thomas Flaherty and Michael Lombardy after they had fought their way through smoke and flames. They led the children down the back stairs, the front stairs having been destroyed by the fire. The loss will amount to more than \$1000.

TAKE TONNAGE FOR CANAL

Customs Officials Measure Craft to Determine Tolls.

Custom officials have completed the tonnage measurements of the convict ship Success for her Panama Canal trip to the Pacific coast. The tolls on the vessel will cost her owners \$40.42. The cost of towing the craft from here to San Francisco is approximately \$10,000.

It is expected the steamship Cricket, contracted for the tow, will arrive here in a few days. There have been only a few tows of such long distances in the history of shipping. One of these was the perilous job of Captain Joe Hutchinson, who took the floating chicken coops from San Francisco to Manila.

Twenty-seven vessels, including the Hamburg-American steamship Prinz Oskar, have been measured for the Panama Canal by local custom officials.

STRUGGLE WITH A BURGLAR

Young Man Overpowers Intruder After Hard Fight.

Lloyd Patterson, of Glenside, battled for nearly half an hour with a burglar before he got the intruder out of his home, before he overpowered the man and had him arrested, early this morning.

Young Patterson heard a noise beneath the window of his room and upon looking out saw a man crawl through the cellar window. He aroused his father and the two went to the cellar. While young Patterson held the intruder his father took to the Ogontz station for help.

The man gave his name as John Murphy when taken before Magistrate Comly this morning and was held without bail. He refused to give his address or tell of his past life.

HAD PERMIT TO KISS, BY HECK

But Magistrate Revoked Man's License Badge.

Magistrate Carson confiscated a "policeman's" badge today and reprimanded the owner.

It bore the inscription: "Sheriff by Heck, Permit 2 Kiss." The man is Alex Lextrane, 611 Wilder street. He was arrested last night upon the complaint of several young women who said he was attempting to exercise the authority vested in the badge.

AUSTRIAN HANGS HIMSELF

Despondent Over Inability to See Family and Find Work.

Joseph Seldenkewski, an Austrian, was found hanging in his room today at a lodging house, 121 E. 17th street, Camden, by the Coroner. He had been dead for several hours.

The man had bruises about the head and his clothing was covered with blood. An Austrian in the rooming house said there had been no quarrel. But Seldenkewski was despondent and wished to return to Austria, where his wife and children are living. He had been in this country five months and could not find employment.

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DIPHThERIA AT LLANERCH

Three Cases Reported—Four Trolley Men in Quarantined House.

Diphtheria has broken out at Llanerch, Delaware County, where there are three cases, the first having resulted fatally.

The last new case is that of Mrs. Charles Burns, wife of a conductor on the line of the Philadelphia and West Chester Traction Company. Four conductors of that company, who were boarders in the Burns home, are in trouble over the matter. They were not exposed in any way to the disease, but, as the house is under quarantine, their clothing and money cannot be obtained.

U. S. Collier Damaged by Storm

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—In a wireless dispatch to the Navy Department last night, Lieutenant Commander Kompff, commanding the big electric collier Jupiter, announced that his ship had been damaged by the storm off the coast and was proceeding to New York. The vessel left Philadelphia for Boston December 4.



ARCHBISHOP EDMOND F. PRENDERGAST

WOMEN, ADEPT IN ART, KNOW JUST HOW TO REACH COUNTERS THROUGH CROWDS MAKING CHIVALRY AT THIS TIME IMPOSSIBLE.

Chivalry and Christmas shopping do not go hand in hand. Or, if they do, the chivalry is bound to lose out in the long run.

A man stepped up to the jewelry counter of a popular shop and waited his turn while several women were being served. In the meantime a few more of the fair sex gathered round and Sir Knight stepped gallantly aside with a "You first, Alphonse," manner. The women never heeded, but came on in an endless chain. The last seen of the mere man, he was still stepping aside.

If you see a dainty shopper wandering hopelessly up and down the aisles murmuring vaguely to herself, do not jump at the conclusion that she has suddenly gone insane. The chances are that she is merely repeating her shopping litaney, which runs something like this:

"A leather bag for Mary, cuff buttons for Sara Ann, pink palmars for father and boudoir cap for Aunt Josy. My gracious, how am I going to do it all before Christmas?"

"England may have her millitants," said a brave man, extirpating himself from a table of femininity at a bargain counter, "but we have our wild women, also—the Christmas shopper."

If war is barbarous, what little barbarians the kiddies are. See them crowd round the counters where the forts and soldiers and the submarines and airships are. And though an air rifle may be hidden under a whole mountain of other toys, they will pick it out instinctively.

Boy Scout suits are, according to one dealer, taking first place among the popular toys.

SOUTH JERSEY GETS TROUT

Thousands of Fish Released in Streams There in Last Few Weeks.

South Jersey streams have been stocked with thousands of rainbow trout the last few weeks. Some of the fish placed were 12 inches long.

The last consignments of the fish were placed in streams near Clementon, Lumberton, Blackwood, Westmont and Turnersville yesterday, under the supervision of Charles W. Folker, fish warden of Camden County. The fish were taken from the new hatchery at Hackettstown, where the State has accumulated an immense store of young fish by trading with other hatcheries and the United States Government.

Beginning January 1 anglers must have licenses to fish in New Jersey. Resident licenses will cost \$1 and non-resident \$2.50. The trout season opens April 1.

LOCAL HORSEMEN HONORED

Charles E. Cox, Philadelphia horseman, and Frederick Pabst, of Occonowoc, Wis., were chosen vice presidents of the American Hackney Horse Society, at the annual meeting held in Madison Square Garden, New York, yesterday afternoon. Reginald Vanderbilt was re-elected president. William Zaigler, Jr., of this city, was elected a director in the place of Edward B. McLean.

MUSIC ROLLS

NEW 16-NOTE—\$ FOR \$1.00 Old Rolls Exchanged for New. "Smiling the Jack," "Humoresque," "The Funny Fox Trot," "It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary," "I Want to Go Back to Michigan," and others. Send stamp for Catalogue. PENN MUSIC ROLL CO., 1215 Market St.

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Silver Novelties: Vanity Boxes \$2.25 to \$32.00, Salt Bottles 1.00 to 9.00, Cigarette Cases 5.25 to 26.00, Pocket Knives 1.00 to 8.00

Silver Table Ware: Tea Spoons \$7.00 to \$21.50, Dessert Spoons 16.50 to 31.00, Dessert Forks 16.50 to 31.00, Dessert Knives 19.00 to 31.00

Silver Toilet Ware: Hair Brushes \$2.50 to \$12.00, Combs 1.00 to 5.25, Mirrors 5.25 to 19.00, Puff Boxes 1.50 to 11.50

Silver Jewelry: Bar Pins .50 to \$3.00, La Vallieres 1.50 to 5.00, Link Buttons .50 to 2.25, Men's Belts 1.25 to 6.00

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"EXPECTATION OF LIFE" NEW REPORT OF CENSUS BUREAU

Director Harris Outlines Plans of Department to Secretary Redfield.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—In the annual report of Director William J. Harris, of the Bureau of the Census, covering the fiscal year of 1913-14, submitted to Secretary of Commerce Redfield, the following points are brought out:

An important inquiry conducted during the fiscal year was that relating to wealth, debt and taxation. This canvass covers public and private wealth and national, State, county and municipal indebtedness and taxation.

An important piece of work now in progress is the preparation, under the charge of Prof. James W. Glover, of the University of Michigan, of a series of life or mortality tables showing "expectation of life" for various elements of the population, such as male and female, white, Negro, urban, rural, etc. This is the first time that life tables of such extensive nature have been published by any Federal or State bureau.

The inclusion in the 1914 report of data for deaths of nonresidents, so as to avoid the injustice which is now done certain cities for high death rates, due in considerable degree to deaths of nonresidents, are shown.

GIRARD COLLEGE SUBLEVEL STREET PLAN NOT DROPPED

Northwest Business Men Reply to Board's Veto.

"Our efforts to have a sublevel street put through the Girard College grounds will not end with the refusal of the Board of City Trusts to permit the building of such a thoroughfare. The project will be carried forward despite it," Charles L. Fluck, secretary of the Northwest Business Men's Association, said today.

For 10 years business men and associations have been working for the city's support of a plan to continue 23d street through the college grounds from Girard avenue to Thompson street. In 1907 the Survey Bureau investigated with a view to cutting a tunnel beneath the grounds, but the bureau report was never made public. Since then the Northwest Business Men's Association has been advocating the plan. It was this plan that the Board of City Trusts declined to support at its meeting yesterday.

PASTORS REORGANIZING BODY

Lemon Hill Association Will Be Directed by Advisory Board.

The Lemon Hill Association has been reorganized by selection of an advisory board, which will direct the work. Almost all the Protestant denominations of the city are represented in the new board, and the plan is to incorporate the association as a nonsectarian religious organization.

The summer outings for poor children will be continued with the co-operation of the Philadelphia County Sabbath School Association. The Rev. Dr. James B. Ely hopes he will be able to have 100 missionaries at work in all parts of the city.

Doctor Ely has been named chairman of the advisory board, and the Rev. George Luna, of the First Brethren Church, secretary.

MEN CHISELED FROM CELL

Lock Falls to Work, Delaying Their Trial on Vagrancy Charge.

Four men had to be chiseled out of their cell in the Manayunk police station today before they could be brought before Magistrate Grella on a vagrancy charge. The big lock on the cell had stuck and the trial was delayed for half an hour.

The men were arrested on complaint made by C. O. Strouse, 403 Ridge avenue. According to Strouse, they had been sleeping in the hay loft of his stable. They were so dirty, he said, that he was afraid they would infect his horses.

Magistrate Grella sentenced them to three months in the House of Correction.

WOMAN ACCUSES TURK

Declares Shopkeeper Attacked Her in His Store.

Abraham Haffif, a Turkish shopkeeper, 236 South 23d street, was held in \$1500 bail by Magistrate Pennock in the Night Court after charges of a serious nature had been preferred against him by Mrs. Sadie B. Free, wife of a druggist, 701 South 56th street.

The woman declared she went into the store last night to make some purchases. While Haffif was showing her lace at the rear of the store, she said, he seized her and attempted to drag her into a rear room. Her screams attracted pedestrians.

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NOTED SUFFRAGIST HERE Mrs. Petrick Lawrence, of London, who lectured at Witherspoon Hall this afternoon in her campaign against war.

ENGLISH SUFFRAGIST SAYS WOMEN WOULD GIVE LASTING PEACE

Mrs. Petrick Lawrence Points to Present Strife as Outcome of Male Statecraft.

If women had been allowed a voice in governing the nations now involved in war the conflict would never have been waged, according to Mrs. Petrick Lawrence, well-known London suffragist.

Mrs. Lawrence, who is in this country to start a world-wide movement for constructive and permanent peace, delivered a lecture on "Women and War" at Witherspoon Hall this afternoon. She declared emphatically that the present conflict is positive proof of the complete failure of male statecraft and demon strates clearly the need of the feminine element in government. She spoke under the auspices of the Women's Suffrage party of Philadelphia and the Pennsylvania Limited Suffrage League.

"Men have often passed deprecatory verdicts upon women as a sex," she said. "They have defended their monopoly of government by assertions that women have no knowledge of business, that they are lacking in practical efficiency. They have drawn absurd imaginary pictures of women in official positions and have tried to portray the middle that their entrance into administrative life of the nations would bring."

"Today it is for the men to step down and for the women whom they have belittled to take the seat of judgment. No picture, however overdrawn, of women's ignorance, could exceed in fantastic horror the spectacle with which male governments are furnishing the world today. The foundations of the structure of civilization which they have erected in Europe have proved rotten. The edifice, seemingly secure, has suddenly collapsed."

Mrs. Lawrence said public opinion should be so stimulated and organized as to bring effective pressure to bear upon the governments of the world to include the mothers in the ranks of articulate citizenship, one of the best assurances of lasting peace that could be given.

Women, she declared, as well as men should be seen to The Hague conferences as representatives of their nations.

In conclusion, she suggested that a senate be formed of representatives of every European nation, and that international questions be discussed by this body and bargain and exchange substituted for the present secret treachery, open slaughter and loot.