

JUDGES HAMPER WORK OF POLICE. PORTER CHARGES

Crime Epidemic in City Fostered by Court's Refusal to Believe Police Witnesses, Director Says.

BY GEORGE D. PORTER Director of the Department of Public Safety. Every community, whether large or small, seems at this time to be passing through an epidemic of robbery and petty thieving which is beyond the proportions which usually obtain.

Philadelphia is not an exception. With a police force much too small for our needs I feel that we can congratulate ourselves on the achievements of the officers.

What the Philadelphia police officer needs today more than all else is the co-operation of the citizens and of the courts, especially the latter.

Some of the Judges seem to have an idea that a police officer is well grounded in all the technicalities of the law, of evidence and court procedure.

From three years close contact and association with the Philadelphia police, I am firmly of the opinion that nearly all are seeking to perform their duties faithfully and conscientiously, notwithstanding the fact that one of our Judges stated from the bench that the testimony of a police officer would not be considered unless corroborated by a citizen.

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It is any wonder that police officers become befuddled? In the matter of suspended sentences there is no one who believes in this procedure more strongly than I, especially for first offenders and perhaps for second offenders.

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6-CENT BREAD SOLD BY BAKERS IN CITY Continued from Page One terms this morning that he had been forced to raise his prices and that he would sell his bread at 6 cents.

BAKES PIES INSTEAD OF BREAD. Miss A. Thornton, who keeps a bakery at 450 Baltimore avenue, announced today that she had been forced to discontinue the baking of rolls because of the price of flour.

FISH STRANDED IN FIELDS Residents of Sellersville Profit by Recession of High Water. That it is an ill wind that blows no one any good can be testified to by the residents of Sellersville.

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INDUSTRIAL BOOM STARTS BIG MILLS AT STEELTON PLANT

Open Hearth Furnace Put in Operation, Employing 1000 Men—Other Shops Resume and Increase Force

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 15.—The Pennsylvania Steel Company placed another open hearth furnace in operation this morning at its Steelton plant and put its rolling mill and several other departments on double turn, giving work to about 1000 more men.

P. R. R. BEGINS WORK ON \$750,000 BRIDGE Project Means Renewal of Good Times, Experts Say. The end of hard times is presaged today, in the opinion of experts, by the commencement of the first construction work of large magnitude to be undertaken in this State.

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SAME OLD CROWD WILL DOMINATE STATE SENATE

Big Chairmanships Parceled Out by "Slate Committee" to Stalwarts, Including Crow, McNichol and Vare

HARRISBURG, Jan. 15.—The same "old stalwarts" will again head most of the important committees of the State Senate, as shown by the following list of selections which will be reported tonight by the "Slate" Committee.

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VARE DISSATISFIED WITH PARADE PLACE

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