

**RYAN DECLARES U. S. IS NOT UNFAIR TO THE GERMANS**

**Denies Charge That Administration Is Pro-English. Teuton Sympathizers Seek Arms Embargo.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—German sympathizers renewed today their fight for permitting the President to place an embargo on the exportation of arms. Secretary Bryan's declarations that the nation could not alter international law on this subject, they held that an embargo would be entirely proper. Mr. Bryan's views on American neutrality were the absorbing topic in private conversations in Congress today. In a letter to Senator Stone the Secretary recently denied the charge that the administration was either pro-English or anti-German or anti-Pro-English. American-Americans were not entirely satisfied with his explanations, but British sympathizers held he had established the first administration defense on the subject a clean bill of health for the United States.

In face of constant denials from the State Department, the Secretary admitted that there had been complaints concerning belligerents' treatment of the United States mail aboard neutral vessels. It is insisted that Germany's neutrality had been as strict as England's, and that there had been no evidence of actual violation of mail and that generally all mail ultimately reached its destination.

**MAKES SURPRISING ADMISION.** In some quarters, Mr. Bryan's admission that this country's record on consular matters in the past was not a "tree of criticism" was regarded as surprising, although both pro-British and pro-German contingents admitted the statement.

At the point of an arms embargo, Mr. Bryan contended that this nation could set aside international precedents. The German Government, he pointed out, admitted our right to ship arms to any nation. Moreover, Mr. Bryan insisted, Germany herself was supposed to be it that such arms did not reach the enemies. If she fails, then that is her misfortune, Mr. Bryan implies. America's past record in declaring consular contraband when she herself was a belligerent, Mr. Bryan said, made this nation's position so delicate that she should not insist on better treatment of her product than the Allies are giving.

Mr. Bryan incidentally followed the usual course of giving out some real news. He showed, in defense of his conduct, that the United States had protested against search of an American vessel for German and Austrian subjects. That this nation had refused to permit search of a vessel through Alaska. That objection was made to British and Japanese vessels lying off American ports, and that these protests were heeded.

That loans had not been made to belligerents since the Administration stated in position, although, it was admitted, establishment of credits for supplies in this country is sanctioned.

**ANSWERS TO CRITICISMS.** In answer to criticisms, Mr. Bryan said the following points: The United States has to censor wireless because wireless can directly aid a belligerent. The United States protested against British interference with American shipping.

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**SCHOOL NURSES AID PUPILS** Report Shows Record Attendance of Children Last Year.

Philadelphia's public school children attended classes with greater regularity in the past year than ever before because of the careful treatment of their illnesses by the school nurses. Through the increased activities of the nursing department of the school system inattention among the pupils was also apparently decreased.

These facts are disclosed in the annual report on the nursing service completed by Miss E. Louise Johnson and presented to Dr. Oliver P. Cornman, associate superintendent of schools.



**G. W. TOOMEY**  
Genial proprietor of the old Southwestern Market, who believes in the efficacy of poetry on his signs.

**DENTIST FILES PETITION TO OUST BOARD MEMBER**

**Dr. E. V. Rupert Alleges Conspiracy and Discrimination.**

TRENTON, Jan. 25.—A petition for the removal of Dr. Vernon D. Rood from the New Jersey Board of Registration and Examination in Dentistry was filed today with Governor Fielder by Dr. Reginald Wye Rupert, of 239 South Broad street, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Dental School. Dr. Rupert tells a startling story of the alleged efforts of Dr. Rood to prevent his practicing as a dentist in New Jersey. He has also filed a complaint with the Prosecutor of Mercer County, accusing Dr. Rood of conspiracy to keep him out of the profession.

Dr. Rupert, who was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1913, declares that Dr. Rood "faked" him twice in order to please an enemy of his. That his failure to pass the examination was due to spite was shown, Dr. Rupert declares, in the result of another examination he took later under an assumed name. In this test, unsuspected by Dr. Rood, Dr. Rupert says his papers were certified as correct. When Dr. Rood learned Dr. Rupert had passed the examination he grew angry and declared Dr. Rupert was unfit to be a dentist, it is alleged.

Dr. Rood had charge of the examinations in histology, anatomy and physiology. Twice, after being examined in these studies, Dr. Rupert's papers were marked deficient, he alleges. In the other tests he passed. Then he resolved to try to outwit Dr. Rood. In June, after making an arrangement with Miss Wilhelmina De Mercer, an employee of the State Board, he appeared for examination, holding the card of a New York dentist. Dr. Rood examined his examination papers and passed him. Since then Dr. Rupert has been practicing in Trenton. He says that he was forced to work for an automobile tire company because he was unable to get a dentist's license in New Jersey.

**U. OF P. OFFICIALS WILL NOT PROBE HAZING EPISODE**

**Name of Injured Freshman Mysteriously Erased at Hospital.**

Sophomores responsible for the injury of Roland Israel, a freshman, during a hazing bee at the University of Pennsylvania Friday, will escape punishment, as there will be no investigation. This was the statement made today by Provost Edgar F. Smith. There is no rule against hazing, Provost Smith said, and Israel's parents were not anxious to have the sophomores punished.

Israel fell two floors over the banisters in College Hall Friday night trying to escape from a band of sophomores who had just tied him with a rope. An effort was made to keep the accident a secret. Some one erased Israel's name from the accident book at the University Hospital. Investigation today showed that a scraping had been made on the page containing records for Friday night, with the result that one entry was illegible. On examination it was seen that "R." and "P." remained as the initial letters of the patient's name. Hospital authorities professed ignorance when they were questioned about the erasure. Miss Helen Hayes, the acting superintendent, insisted that the word "not be cross-examined" Dr. William Strode, the resident physician, said any erasure on the records would have to have been ordered by the University authorities. He suggested that they might know about it.

Provost Smith was then questioned. "I don't know anything about the erasure," he said. "That is up to the hospital. I didn't give any orders to take Israel's name off the book. It must have been done at the hospital."

**PRODUCE AND POESY DAILY DELIGHTS OF TUNEFUL TOOMEY**

**Purveyor to Philadelphia's Epicures Varies Business Avocation by Courting the Muse.**

Produce merchant in the morning and writing poems in the afternoon is the role played by George Washington Toomey, known as the "live wire" boss purveyor to Philadelphia's blue blood epicures.

Mr. Toomey is known to thousands of families. For years he has been a produce merchant in the old Southwestern Market at 19th and Market streets. Recently Mr. Toomey stopped writing poetry. He turned his mind to another subject. He now inscribes biblical phrases on signs which he places over crates of peaches and other fruit. A crate of vegetables arriving from Lancaster County today had the following sign:

"Praise the Lord."  
"Toomey, besides being a philosopher on matrimony, has given various grades of fruit and vegetables unique names. Mr. Toomey calls strawberries "June Brides," while Pennsylvania asparagus has been christened as "Gigantic Stalks."

Mr. Toomey is in the fifties, and lives at 184 Chestnut street. He has never married. For remaining single Mr. Toomey gives the following explanation: "To tell the public the whole truth, I never took the glorious time to court, always being fond of out-door sports in my younger days, much to my sorrow now."

"If I had the golden opportunity to go over the same course, why I certainly would take the paradise route to matrimony. I cheerfully advise my young men friends to hasten this sublime moment just as soon as they arrive at the age of manhood."  
"There is no place in the wide, wide world like the place you can call your own sweet home. The reason why I stay single at the present is because I am living with a sister, who is so good and kind and takes the place of mother; but just as soon as the Lord calls her away, then a wife for me. No more single, lonesome blessedness for mine."

During the controversy between Doctor Cook and Peary over the discovery of the North Pole, Mr. Toomey expressed himself on the subject in poetry. The poem read as follows:

Who's the discoverer of the Pole?  
Peary's question which agitates mankind.  
But Cook's modesty implies sunshine.  
Children whose mothers patronize Mr. Toomey's fruit and honey stand know "Sweet Marie" by heart. The youngsters who take delight in reciting "Sweet Marie," are lovers of honey.

"Sweet Marie" reads like this:  
On the bushes, long and deep,  
The honey bees were busy,  
They're on the job for keeps,  
To eat their hearts out on "Sweet Marie."  
The darling of the hive,  
Dearly beloved "Kate Sunshine,"  
Grows expressly for "Sweet Marie!"  
Oh! you kissing "baby Sweet Marie!"  
For years Mr. Toomey has been in the habit of going to the wharves at midnight to watch for incoming boats carrying products consigned to him. During his career as poet and produce merchant he has filled thousands of orders brought in by servants employed in the blue-blood families of Philadelphia. Many of the servants know Mr. Toomey's poem by rote.

**CHIEF HIGHWAY CLERK NAMED**

**Director Cooke's Appointee Must Pass Civil Service Test.**

M. B. De Putron, 5841 Norfolk street, has been named by Director Cooke, of the Department of Public Works, as chief clerk in the Bureau of Highways, subject to a provisional appointment examination to be held by the Civil Service Commission tomorrow morning.

De Putron succeeds Frank E. Northime, who becomes Assistant Director of Public Works, filling the vacancy caused by appointment of William C. Reeder as District Surveyor in South Philadelphia. The salary received by Northime as chief clerk of the Highway Bureau is \$2800 a year.

**\$24,000 FOR RELIEF WORK**

Warrant aggregating approximately \$24,000 for the relief work of the Emergency Aid Committee during the last three weeks will be issued by Director Ziegler of the Department of Health and Charities within the next few days.

Director Ziegler said today that all vouchers were satisfactory to him and the warrants against the \$24,000 relief appropriation of Council will be issued when the tabulation is completed.

**W. G. REEDER IN CHARGE OF SOUTH PHILADELPHIA WORK**

Northime Taken His Place as Director Cooke's Assistant.  
William G. Reeder, who has been transferred from the assistant directorship of the Department of Public Works to the position of field engineer in charge of the development plans of South Philadelphia, assumed his new duties today. Frank G. Northime, formerly chief clerk of the Highway Bureau, has been appointed Assistant Director of Public Works, to succeed Reeder.

Director Cooke, of the Department of Public Works, in announcing the shift in the official status of his subordinate, said Reeder would represent the co-ordinated interests of the Bureau of Surveys, Highways and Water in the South Philadelphia development project, which involves expenditure of almost \$5,000,000. The elimination of railroad grade crossings in the southern section will cost the city approximately \$5,500,000, with the railroad expenditure about \$12,000,000. There is \$2,000,000 now available for the city's share of the work, which comes under supervision of the Bureau of Surveys.

The League Island Park Improvement contract, for which \$500,000 is available, is now under way in the Highway Bureau, and the Water Bureau will soon begin the extension of a 48-inch water supply loop around South Philadelphia, for which \$500,000 is available in the new loan.

Reeder's official title will be Purveyor of the First District. He will have offices at Broad street and Snyder avenue. The post has been filled by Charles J. Puff, Jr., in connection with the Second District, since the discharge of John M. Nohre, who was ousted by Director Cooke at the time of the controversy with the Vares over the concrete work at League Island Park.

The salary of Reeder will remain \$4000 a year, unchanged by his transfer. Northime will receive \$1900 instead of \$2800 a year.

**NEW CRITICISM AGAINST MUNICIPAL COURT HEARD**

**First Year's Report Shows Large Expenditures, Say Critics.**

Renewed criticism of the Municipal Court's list of employees and its expenditures during the first year of operation followed today the publication of the court's first annual report. The court expended \$23,361.22 and collected \$13,562.15 in fines and fees, making the net cost \$9,799.07. To offset this, it is claimed by Judge Brown that the tribunal saved the city about \$9,000 in jurors' fees through its trials without jury.

The report shows that the court has 157 employees, including 41 stipendiaries, exactly the same number as there are in the whole five courts of common pleas. The Municipal Court disposed of 26,257 cases in the year, and out of 329 criminal and civil cases tried and decided there were 23 appeals to the higher courts. The greatest amount of work was done by the domestic relations and juvenile divisions of the court, 15,309 cases being heard in the former, over which Judge Brown resides, and 14,374 in the juvenile division. Judge James E. Gorman is in charge of this division. A total of \$436,495.84 has been collected in the domestic relations division through orders from the division and paid to wives within 24 hours after the receipt of the money.

In his summary Judge Brown declares the time may come when no divorce will be granted until the parties have submitted to the efforts of reconciliation by the courts. About \$2,000,000 will be spent by the court in carrying out its plan for new buildings, approximately \$1,000,000 for the ground at 21st and Race streets and a similar amount for buildings.

**PICKPOCKETS IN TOILS**

**Texas and New York Prison Warden Expected to Identify Suspects.**

The identification of three pickpockets by wardens of State prisons in New York and Texas is expected to take place tonight before Magistrate Carson in Central station, when John Kelly, Henry Franks and Charles Green are arraigned. Warden Thomas Limer, of the Auburn prison, who has been summoned, says Kelly has served terms in Auburn and Clinton prisons. The three men were arrested on January 17 during a concertone laying at 6th street and Erie avenue.

It was formerly the custom to discharge suspected pickpockets, but an arrangement was reached last Monday by District Attorney Rotan, Magistrate Renshaw and Detective Captain Cameron, to hold the suspects until they could be identified.

**ARGENTINE ADMIRAL DEAD**

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Onofre Betbeder, Vice Admiral of the Argentine Navy and President of the Argentine Naval Commission which has been in this country since May, 1911, died last night at his residence here from heart disease. Dr. Romulo Naon, the Argentine Ambassador in Washington, was notified of the Admiral's condition and reached here shortly before his death. The body will probably be sent to Buenos Aires.

**DEAN MATTHEWS CONSECRATED BISHOP OF NEW JERSEY**

**Impressive Service at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Burlington—Bishop Rhinelander a Presenter.**

The Rev. Paul Clement Matthews was consecrated Bishop of the diocese of New Jersey in St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Burlington, N. J., today. Prominent clergymen and churchmen from all parts of the country attended the ceremonies.

A large delegation of Philadelphia clergymen of the Episcopal Church went to Burlington. Among them were Bishop Philip M. Rhinelander and Bishop Suffragan Thomas J. Garland, of the diocese of Pennsylvania. The former was one of Bishop Matthews' presenters.

Rain brought disappointment to the crowds who gathered to witness the procession of 700 members of the clergy and laity at St. Mary's Church. Owing to the bad weather and slippery ground, the masters of ceremonies ordered the erection of a closed canopy several hundred feet long between the Guild House and west door of the edifice and the procession marched under this inclosure.

Bishop Hoyd Vincent, of southern Ohio; Bishop William Andrew Leonard and Bishop Arthur Llewellyn Williams, of Nebraska, were the consecrators. Bishop Vincent presided, while the master of ceremonies was the Rev. Charles Smith Lewis. The presenters were Bishop Rhinelander and Bishop Joseph Marshall Francis, of Indianapolis. The consecration sermon was preached by Bishop John Newton McCormick. The attending presbytery were the Rev. Dr. Irving Johnson and the Rev. Dr. F. F. Cramer.

Bishop Matthews is well known to churchmen here, though his nearest East-coast parish was in Cincinnati. He is recognized as a high churchman. He was born in Glen Dale, O., and when quite a young man was graduated from Princeton University with honors. He then entered the General Theological Seminary of New York. After graduating from there he spent some time traveling abroad. His father was the late Stanley Matthews, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. His sister married former United States Judge Gray.

Bishop Matthews was ordained a deacon in 1890 and a priest in 1891. For many years he was dean of the Cathedral in Cincinnati, but of late years has been the head of the Theological School at Fairbault, Minn.

**YOUTH CAUGHT ATTEMPTING TO BLOW SAFE, HELD**

**Two Others Escape After Struggle in Germantown.**

John Curcio, 18 years old, giving his address as 24th and Race, captured in the act of "blowing" a safe in the Selter paint shop, on Crown street, Germantown, was held in \$1500 bail for a further hearing next Sunday. The prisoner, with two other men, were surprised at work, the police say, by John Newbauer, Jr., 6721 Crown street, son of the proprietor of the place, who aroused his father and summoned the police. Before the bluecoats arrived the alleged yegmen overpowered the two Crownmen, who were only able to hold on to Curcio while the other two men escaped.

Young Crownson noticed a light in his father's place early yesterday and decided to investigate. Not suspecting robbers, he walked in upon the intruders, who had broken off the knob of the safe and drilled two holes in the door. The yegmen were so engrossed in their work they failed to hear Crownson, who called his father and attacked the criminals. During the encounter a bottle of nitroglycerine rested on the edge of the safe, sending only a slight jar to knock it over and blow up the building and struggling men.

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Consecrated Bishop of New Jersey at Burlington today.

**HELD FOR HIGHWAY ROBBERY**

**Negro Charged Also With Attacking Mrs. S. E. Boney.**

Vinie Forbes, a Negro, giving his address as 418 Market street, was arraigned before Magistrate Harris in the 32d street and Woodland avenue station today and held without bail for knocking down Mrs. S. E. Boney, of the Monterey Apartments, 41d street and Chester avenue, and stealing her pocketbook. The prisoner, who was arrested in bed at the Market street address, said he could prove an alibi.

Forbes attacked Mrs. Boney in front of 427 Walnut street at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The Negro after snatching her pocketbook threw her head foremost into the street into her umbrella. Mrs. Boney, despite her experience, said she extricated herself and obtained a good look at her assailant before he fled.

He was held on three charges, larceny, assault and battery and highway robbery. He will have a hearing next Saturday to give the police a chance to look up his record.

**INSPECT BIG STEAMSHIP**

**Several Hundred Visitors Go Aboard Great Northern.**

Several hundred persons inspected the palatial steamship Great Northern, at Washington avenue wharf, this afternoon, as guests of the Northern Pacific Steamship Company. The vessel, which was constructed with her sister ship, the Northern Pacific, at the William Cramp & Sons Ship and Engine Building Company, is the best-equipped vessel of her type afloat. She will leave here on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock for San Francisco via the Panama Canal. Five hundred passengers will be taken on the voyage.

**"TRAVEL DE LUXE" FOR LUCKY WINNERS IN PANAMA CONTEST**

**Fortunate Fifty Will Enjoy Every Comfort in Trip to Twin Expositions Celebrating Canal Opening.**

Free trips to the Panama-Pacific and San Diego expositions, with the privilege of stopping off to view the wonder spots of the intermountain country, are not offered every day, and those who wish to see the marvels of the United States should lose no time entering in the subscription contest of the EVENING LEDGER and PUBLIC LEDGER.

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It is dangerous to hold subscriptions, for the subscriber who pays out his money and then fails to get the newspaper naturally has good ground for objection, so subscriptions should be sent as soon as they are received. If at any time contestants desire information they may obtain it from the Contest Editor. If you have not joined this great contest yet, do so at once. Simply fill out the blank in the advertisement and mail it to the Contest Editor. Full instructions will be forwarded to you.

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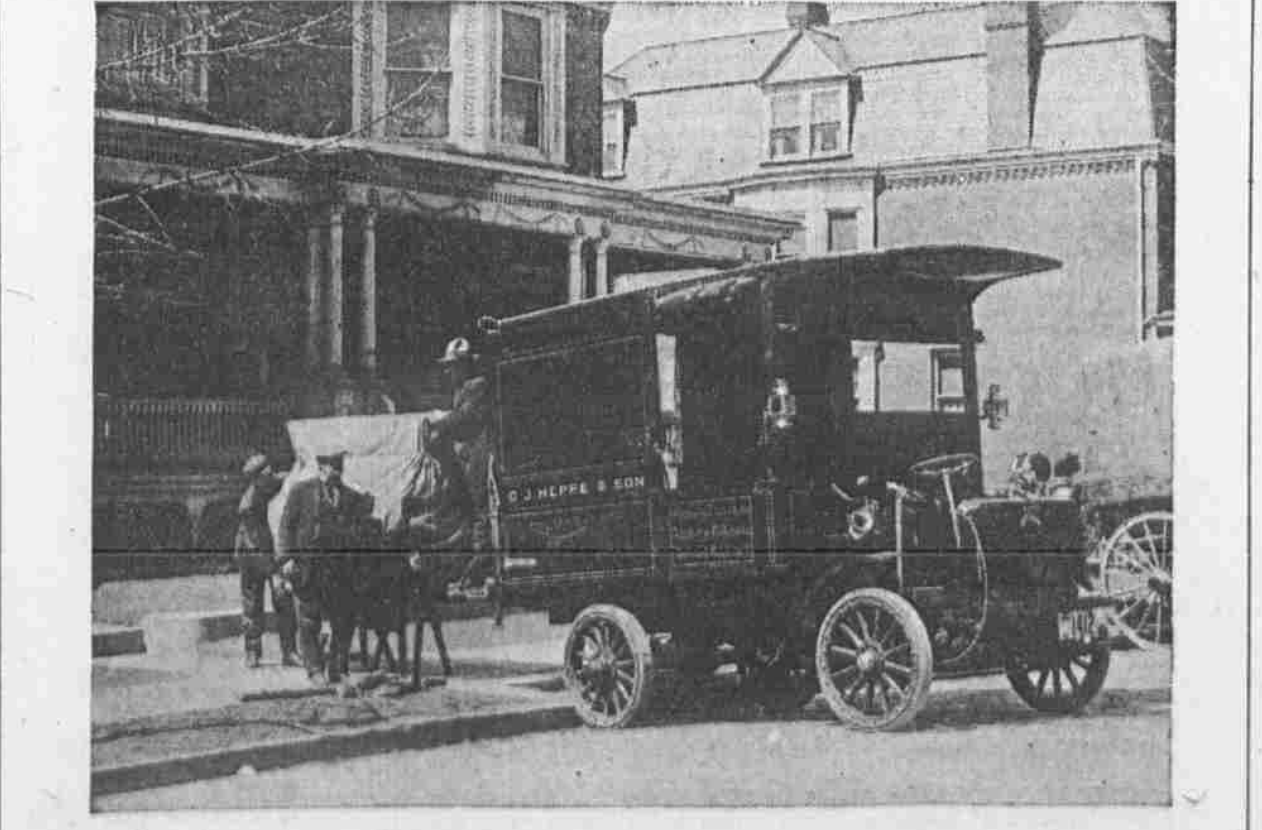
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