

ALBA JOHNSON CALLS COMPENSATION ACTS 'CONFISCATORY' MOVE

"Boomerang," Too, for Many Workingmen, He Says, in That Rigid Physical Examinations Will Menace Job Seeker.

Both Labor and Capital Will Accept Governor's Invitation and Aid in Molding Final Measure—First Draft Decided Step in Advance.

Criticism of the workmen's compensation act proposed by Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh was made this afternoon in a formal statement by Alba B. Johnson, president of the Baldwin Locomotive Works.

Mr. Johnson calls the act in its present form confiscatory. He said it would force employers to make rigorous physical examinations of all workmen and thus would keep from employment thousands of men who now find no difficulty in obtaining work.

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WINTER? NOT ON YOUR LIFE!

"Turtle in Hay Loft," Says Dispatch, and That Means Spring.

When snowflakes flicker through the dull gray of the early morn and shrieking car wheels complain on frosty tracks, there are many who may be led to believe that it is winter.

They proved it by the discovery of robins, butterflies, frog, song sparrows, bluebirds, snakes and last, or today at least, by a special dispatch from Draw-bridge, Del., announcing that William Pusey discovered a large turtle in his hayloft.

FIRE SWEEPS MOULIN ROUGE

Bohemians' Amusement Centre in Paris Destroyed by Flames.

PARIS, Feb. 27.—The famous Moulin Rouge, long a centre of Bohemian life in Paris and a Mecca for amusement-seeking American tourists in Montmartre, was destroyed by fire early today.

The old building was an easy prey for the flames, which spread quickly. Firemen were soon on the scene in response to the fire alarm, but their efforts were vain.

SEAMEN'S BILL PASSED

Senate Adopts Measure for Safety at Sea and Aid to Sailors.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The seamen's bill, providing a higher standard of safety at sea and better working conditions for the sailors, was passed by the Senate this afternoon without a rollcall.

The bill has already been adopted by the House and now needs only the President's signature to make it law.

BOWERY MINSTREL DIES

Succumbs in Salon During Applause Following Song.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The Minstrel of the Bowery is dead. John Sullivan, a mysterious character, who, for 14 years has been a habitue of Bowery saloons and lodging houses, died today in a saloon at 29 Bowery while the applause that followed one of his songs was still ringing in his ears.

SUNDAY ADDRESSES THRONG OF SALESMEN

"Have Great Opportunity to Do Good," He Tells Them. Family of Seven Hit Trail.

"Billy" Sunday tore off his collar and tie this afternoon before a great audience, largely made up of traveling salesmen, and then plunged into one of the strongest sermons he has given in Philadelphia.

When he had finished the periphrastic discourse, 184 persons "hit the sawdust trails." Among them were at least a score of the salesmen. Some of them wore blue ribbons, insignia of the Travelers' Protective Association, in their lapel, while others displayed the emblems of the Gideons.

A number of young persons in the crowd came forward. One entire family of seven persons took seats in the glory rows together.

It was disappointing that there were not more traveling men among the "trail followers." Through the evangelist's sermon the salesmen appeared loudly whenever he administered stinging blows to sin.

Hitting out straight from the shoulder, "Billy" talked directly to the thousands of men who had a short time before had marched to the structure, singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

SALESMAN'S OPPORTUNITY. In the beginning he told them that no class has a better chance to do good than the man on the road.

A further warning a traveling man drunk for eight years," he said. "It used to be."

SENATORS BALK AT RUBLEE

Committee Has Not Yet Indorsed Him for Trade Commission.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Favorable reports on all of the Trade Commission nominees except George Rublee, of New Hampshire, were made by the special subcommittee appointed to investigate them this afternoon.

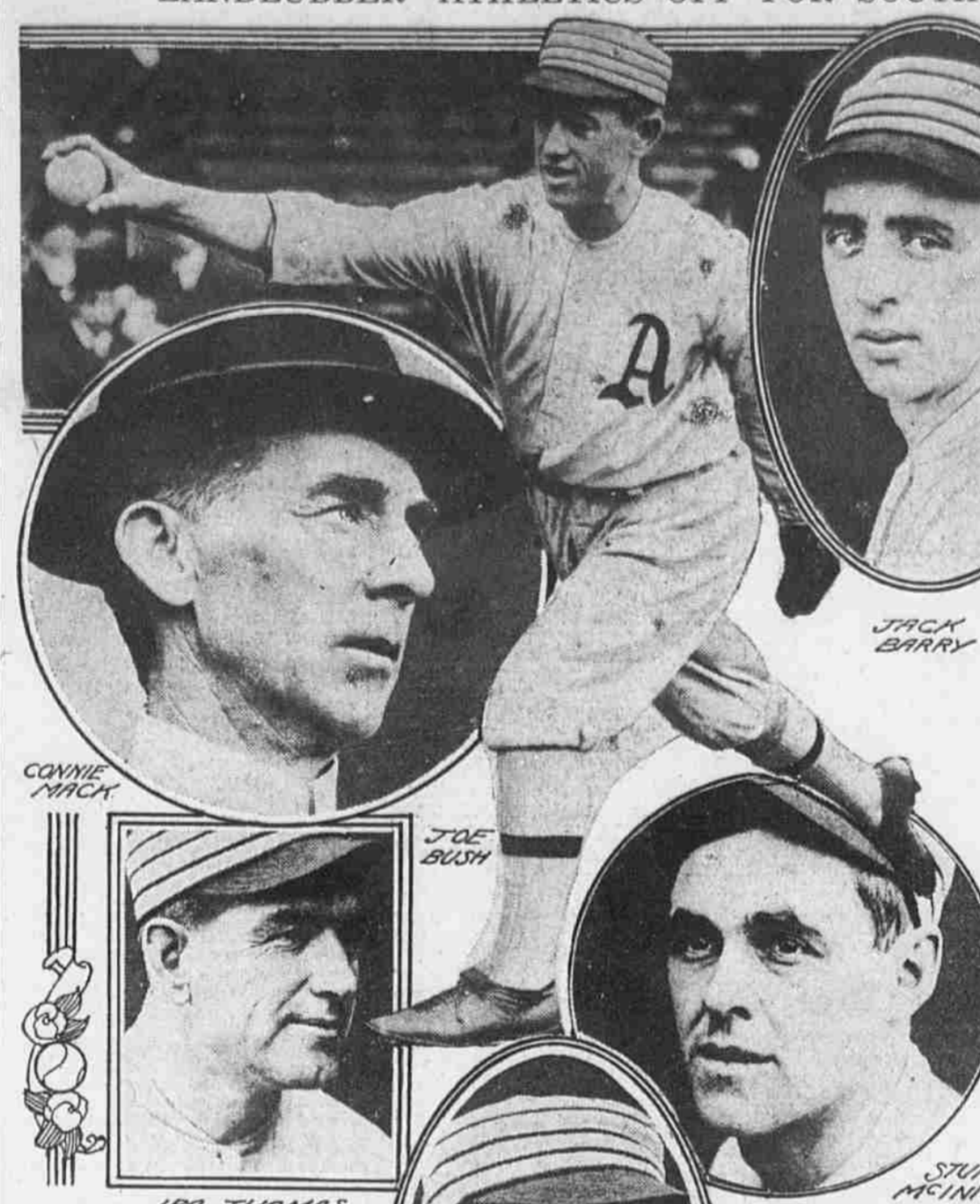
A further hearing on the qualifications of Rublee will be held on Monday.

NO EXTRA SESSION

Administration Confidential One Will Not Be Necessary.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—There will be no extra session of the Senate. This was the word passed around in official circles today.

LANDLUBBER ATHLETICS OFF FOR SOUTH



H. A. PENROSE, KIN OF SENATOR, ARRESTED

Gave Notes in Excess of \$14,000, Which Realize Only \$849.15.

Hallock A. Penrose, a relative of United States Senator Penrose and President of the Penrose Motor Company, Incorporated, and a business associate of "Tim" O'Leary, former assistant director of Public Safety, was arrested yesterday.

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In the course of the testimony attorneys for Haus declared that Penrose had placed most of his property in his wife's name, and although their client had advanced the loans of money without security he substantially told him to "go and whistle" for a return of the loans. It was also brought out at the hearing that Haus had been promised stock in the Engineering and Development Company of Philadelphia, a concern which has since been merged into the Penrose company.

MAYOR RIDDLE FAVORS HORSE RACING AT SHORE

Atlantic City Executive Delighted With Sunday Experience in Cuba.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Feb. 27.—William Riddle, Atlantic City's liberal Sunday Mayor, just returned from Cuba, was in the city today.

"I went to the track just outside Havana on a bright Sunday and found the President of Cuba in his box and nearly everybody of official and social significance in Cuba assembled there, placing wagers on the races, I bet on a heat and won. I never spent a more enjoyable Sunday in my life. If we could have racing here Atlantic City would be the greatest place in the country."

Reform leaders held up their hands in horror when told of the Mayor's pronouncement. Every last one of them said it would not do. New Jersey law makes it a misdemeanor to even look at a horserace on a weekday.

To Impeach Terre Haute Mayor TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Feb. 27.—Impeachment proceedings against Mayor Roberts will be begun Monday night. It was announced today by President Skeen, of the City Council. The Mayor is accused of attempting to bribe five City Councilmen.

Newspaperman Found Dead ALTOONA, Pa., Feb. 27.—Henry M. Kimmich, of Pittsburgh, one of the best-known German newspaper men in the country, was found dead in a hotel here today.

\$100,000 Fire at Rochester ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 27.—The six-story manufacturing building at 3-5 Elm street, was damaged \$100,000 by fire early today.

BROOKE AND GOULD WIN RACQUET TITLE

Defeat Wear and Potter for Championship of Racquet Club by 6 Games to 2.

A very close and exciting match had been anticipated between George H. Brooke and Jay Gould and Joseph W. Wear and Wilson Potter for the doubles racquets championship of the Racquet Club at the Racquet Club today.

Brooke and Gould began auspiciously by scoring four aces on winning the toss for choice of service.

Neither pair did much in the way of scoring in the first few hands of the second game, the score being called six to two in favor of Brooke and Gould, as a result of six hands.

Summary: G. H. Brooke and Jay Gould—15 13 15 15 10 15; J. W. Wear and Wilson Potter—9 16 9 7 15 0.

PENN HAS CHANCE TO TIE YALE IN AQUATIC MEET

Minor Sports Teams of University Have Full Bills Tonight.

University of Pennsylvania's minor sports teams will be busy in several places tonight. The swimming and water polo teams meet Yale in the University gymnasium in what promises to be the most important meet of the season.

The one-mile relay team, composed of Lippincott, Meredith, Lockwood and Kaufman, will meet New York and Boston in an intercity match at Newark.

At 10:30 the last of the cars had been sent away and were pounding around the course at terrific speed.

At the end of the fourth lap Buckstett had jumped into the lead. Barney Oldfield, driving a Maxwell, was wildly cheered as he set off after the flying Harter. Cooper was forced to stop at the pit on the second lap because of motor trouble.

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Knocks Down Woman and Gets \$20 Mildred Monte, a negro domestic employed by Mrs. A. Crawford Allison, of 215 Felham road, Germantown, was knocked down by a man last night and robbed of her purse containing \$20.

The man associated her as she was about to turn in to enter the house and asked if she wanted anybody to see her home.

When she refused to answer he struck her in the face, knocking her down, and grabbed her handbag. Nobody answered the woman's screams. She finally got to her feet and made her way into the house.

LAN-LUBBER "A'S" OFF TO SPRING CAMP

Connie Mack and Five Athletic Players Take Railroad Trip to Florida Metropolis.

Connie Mack and a squad of five Athletics left Philadelphia late this afternoon by rail for the southern training grounds at Jacksonville, Fla. They preferred to run the risk of overland travel to that by water, especially with so many German submarines bobbing about. Connie Mack prefers to go by rail, as he is not the seaman to enjoy a rough trip on the Atlantic.

Connie, before boarding the train, remarked that he had high hopes of winning the pennant this year. With the material on hand he has every reason to feel confident. In the party with Mack were Barry, McInnis, Thomas, Shawkey and Bush.

When the boat trip by way of New York was announced, this quintet of players requested permission to go by land to the training place. Then it was also discovered that Connie would rather enjoy the rail ride than face the inevitable mal-de-mer.

The story of a desperate fight with heavy box ice will be related tomorrow, when the British steamship Manchester Port arrives here from Glasgow, via St. John, N. B. According to wireless advices from Captain Stott, the vessel entered the icefield during a dense fog at 2 o'clock February 19. The steamship was off Cape Race. The ice jammed against the ship's side and threatened to carry her far out of the usual course.

After much patient maneuvering, Captain Stott extricated his vessel from her dangerous position at 6 o'clock in the evening.

HAVANA WANTS BULL FIGHTS HAVANA, Feb. 27.—A bill has been introduced in the Cuban Senate to amend the decree of that same body, acting under instructions from Governor Magoon, abolishing bull fights.

This decree was issued during the first American intervention under the Platt amendment.

Two Alleged Pickpockets Caught Two alleged pickpockets, caught acting in a suspicious manner around 7th and Market streets at 2:30 o'clock, were arrested by Detectives McCarthy and Bunting.

Complaints about pickpockets have come into City Hall lately and the detectives were detailed to watch for them.

The prisoners, who gave their names as Charles Van Dusen, of Mahanoy City, Pa., and George Kelley, 5721 Pilbert street, will have a hearing tonight before Magistrate Carron.

Drowned Man Found in River An unidentified man, about 4 years old, 140 pounds in weight and 5 feet 10 inches in height, was found in the Delaware River this morning, off Pier 23 south, by John McDevitt, watchman of the pier. The body was in an advanced state of decomposition.

The police of the Germantown station were notified and are making an investigation.

Next Week's Week For Tips to Athletes What is the inside of track and field athletics? The science as well as the art? What should the young man know to become a star in this field?

The EVENING LEDGER will answer these questions in a series of articles by a recognized expert, beginning next week. The course of training required, the art of the "get-off," the "inside stuff" of the sport—everything will be treated in these articles.

ONE DEAD, \$250,000 LOSS IN BIG SALEM FIRE

Glass Works Destroyed, Residences Damaged in All-Night Blaze.

SALEM, N. J., Feb. 27.—Fire here early today caused the death of one man, destroyed the entire plant of the Craven Glass Works, damaged a number of adjacent residences and caused damage estimated at \$250,000.

The one victim of the blaze is Samuel Crest. His death was caused by heart failure, due to excitement, while endeavoring to save his property from destruction.

The fire, which is of a mysterious origin, was discovered shortly before 11 o'clock last night. Despite the efforts of the local firemen, who were aided by a volunteer company, the flames raged all night, and were not under control until 8 o'clock this morning.

Three warehouses, three packing buildings, a tinmith's shop, the boiler and engine rooms and four smaller buildings, comprising the Craven plant, are in ruins. In addition a large amount of unfinished and finished material was consumed.

As a result of the fire, 250 employees of the glass works will be thrown out of employment.

TRANSIT'S FOES DEFY PUBLIC AND EXPERT OPINION; 'STAND PAT'

Connelly Determined to Support "Joker" Ordinance Despite Johnson's Statement That It Is Illegally Framed.

With open defiance of public opinion, organization obstructionists, through John P. Connelly, Chairman of Councils' Finance Committee, have given their answer to the city-wide demand that a "joker" transit ordinance be substituted for the "fake" ordinance reported to Councils on Thursday of last week.

Their answer is: "We will stand by our ordinance." Disregarding the opinion of John G. Johnson, that the ordinance is legally and fatally defective, and ignoring the declaration of Director Taylor that if the ordinance passed it would mean the defeat of the entire transit program, Connelly declared that he was unshaken in his determination to stand by the ordinance.

He willingly relieved the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company officials of any share of the odium for having drafted the ordinance, and characterized the "joker" substitute as "the Finance Committee ordinance" and "our ordinance."

"I have not seen or talked to any officer, director or owner of the Transit Company concerning this matter in any way, shape or form. I am not influenced by the slightest by the company," declared Mr. Connelly last night.

Mr. Connelly said today that he had not been correctly quoted by morning newspapers in regard to his attitude toward the ordinance.

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GRAND PRIX RACE ON; AUTOS SKID IN RAIN

Large List of Entries in Great Contest on at Exposition Grounds in Frisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—By the time 30 miles of the race had been run, rain began to fall with no promise of a let-up and the calling of the race at any time was a strong probability.

All the cars began to skid and their drivers were forced to take the curves with such care that it looked like a continental tour rather than a cup race.

Gandy, in an Edwards Special, attempted to take "Purgatory Bend" at high speed, but the effort ended disastrously. His car was driven into the bank. Both Gandy and his mechanic escaped uninjured.

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TURKISH CAPITAL MENACED AT TWO GATES, IS REPORT

Russia's Black Sea Fleet Rumored Trying to Batter Way into Bosphorus.

Allies' Fleet Fourteen Miles Within Dardanelles, Dispatch to Paris Announces. Moslems' Camp Under Heavy Bombardment.

Wealthy Families of Constantinople Advised to Leave Capital—Approach of Russian Army From North Feared—Ottoman Losses Believed to Be Heavy.

PARIS, Feb. 27.—The Anglo-French fleet has penetrated the Dardanelles to a point opposite the ruins of Dardanelles, 14 miles from the entrance, according to a dispatch to the Matin.

The forts made a feeble effort to drive off the ships, but failed. Three trains are being held under steam in Constantinople to convey the Sultan and members of the Government into Asia Minor.

The French ships which took part in the reduction of the Turkish forts on the Dardanelles were not damaged, it was officially announced by the Ministry of Marine today.

ATHENS, Feb. 27.—The Black Sea Russian fleet is reported in advices received here to be trying to force the Bosphorus and approach Constantinople from the east. A bombardment of the forts of the Asiatic side is said to have opened at noon yesterday.

The Bosphorus is only 18 miles long; the Russian warships which took part in Constantinople before the Anglo-French fleet.

A wireless dispatch states that the Anglo-French fleet advanced up the Dardanelles today to the entrance of the Dardanelles, the ships bombarded the camp of the Turkish army.

Several vessels in the Allied fleet have suffered slight damage. The Turkish shells, however, are badly aimed, and despite the short range at which the engagement is occurring, the forts have been unable to force the warships to retire.

The British dispatches received here said that the cannonading continued and was growing more violent. The two forts under fire are the first Turkish defenses inside the strait, the outer forts having been demolished.

The Turks have assembled a fleet of about 25 warships in the Nagara Roads to face the Allies, if the Anglo-French fleet succeeds in forcing its way through the narrowest stretch of the Dardanelles.

Against these Admiral Carden will send the British battle cruiser Inflexible, carrying 12-inch guns, and the battleships Cornwall and Venetia, Triumph and Agamemnon. The French battleships Suffren, Gaulois and Bouvet, with auxiliaries, will give the Allies a combined strength of at least 23 vessels in the fighting line.

The international fleet is equipped with aeroplanes, which have done valuable work in reconnoitering and range finding. The Turks have few, if any, high-angle guns with which to attack these sky craft.

It is impossible to give any estimate of the Turkish losses, but they must have been heavy, owing to the accuracy of the fleet's fire.

FEAR FOR LINER'S SAFETY Mongolian, Leaking, Still Struggling for Port in Heavy Gale.

HALIFAX, Feb. 27.—The wind is blowing a gale along the Nova Scotia coast and grave fears are entertained for the safety of the crippled Allen liner Mongolian, of the French line, which is making port under her own steam, though leaking badly.

A wireless dispatch received here early today said that the steamship, which has been disabled by the assistance of the Mongolian, which is being conveyed by the United States coast guard cutter Seneca.

TWO SAFES AND CASH REGISTER ROBBED

Cracksmen believed to be members of a gang from New York wrecked three safes in different parts of the city and got \$120 for their work.

The robbers were discovered today and detectives who saw the wreckage suspect that the burglars were yegmen who have been responsible for numerous postoffice robberies.

A double-armed safe in the office of Sulzberger & Son, 77 Callowhill street, was blown open and stamps and money amounting to \$60 taken. More than \$300 in an inner compartment was overlooked.

The robbers used an extra heavy charge of nitroglycerin in their work and the police are at loss to understand why the explosion was not heard by residents in the neighborhood.

Automobile tools were used by burglars who broke open the safe of "Hester, the Treasurer," at 1335 Mount Vernon street. They evidently spent considerable time in hammering off the combination, and stole \$25.

Thieves who rifled the cash register in the drug store of Charles Scarborough at 253 street and Columbia avenue obtained \$45. They gained entrance to the store through a photographic studio on the second floor. An attempt to open the safe was frustrated by neighbors, who heard the burglars working and summoned the police. The thieves fled before their arrival.

The Kensingtonian Says: Richard Webb, the popular spokesman of Kensington, won a medal in a shooting contest. It proved to be made of lead.

LOST AND FOUND \$5 REWARD and an automobile used in the search for small white motor with license No. 12345. Found on Friday, between 10th and 15th streets, Philadelphia. Call the Kensingtonian at 1234 5th street.

THE WEATHER

Are you conscious of the moon these nights? Probably not particularly. But it is decidedly worthy of attention. Of course, we have been having moons regularly once a month for some time. There is nothing new about it. But at this time of year it has a peculiar appeal.

Most of our associations, derived from the inspiration of magazine illustrations, have to do with harvest fields in autumn or silvery pathways across the rippling surface of the water, seen from a sailboat or hotel verandah in the good old summer time. Which is all right in its way. But sometime when you are feeling a bit blue or at "outs" with the world in general, wander out across one of the Schuylkill River bridges and see the prosaic matter-of-fact, businesslike, sky line in the east under the spell of this same old moon made a thing of wonder and witchery and enchantment. See this "Made-in-Philadelphia" masterpiece and then try not to cheer up.

It can't be done!

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair tonight followed by increasing cloudiness Sunday and probably snow by Sunday night; not much change in temperature; fresh northerly winds. For details, see page 2.

Observations at Philadelphia S. A. M. Barometer 30.94 Temperature 27 Wind 27 Direction Northwest 16 Wind velocity (hourly) 15 Humidity 68 Precipitation last 24 hours 0.00 Trade Winds 0

On the Pacific Coast San Francisco—Weather, cloudy; temperature, 52. Diego—Weather, clear; temperature, 52.

Almanac of the Day Sun sets 5:50 p. m. High water (today) 6:37 a. m. Moon sets (tomorrow) 6:20 a. m.

Lamps to Be Lighted Automobiles and other vehicles 6:00 p. m.

The Tides PORT RICHMOND. High water (today) 7:20 p. m. Low water (tomorrow) 12:41 a. m. CHEWINKT SPYR WALK. High water (today) 7:21 a. m. Low water (tomorrow) 12:42 a. m.

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