

CITY HAS BIG CHANCE TO OBTAIN OLYMPIAD IF STADIUM IS BUILT

Dr. R. Tait McKenzie Points Out International Situation and Philadelphia's Opportunity to Obtain Games.

How Philadelphia is to get the Olympic Games for 1916 is a problem which is attracting business, educational and athletic circles of the city. Although it has developed that the preliminary cable report from Paris stating that the International Olympic Committee had awarded the games to this country was premature, it is virtually certain that the United States can have them, providing they are not postponed or there is not a speedy termination of the European war. This presupposes that the American committee, through its members on the International Olympic Committee, shall ask for an exhibition of energy with a concentrated purpose and plan on the part of all Philadelphia interests will give the Quaker City a splendid chance to obtain the transfer of the games from Berlin to this city.

This, at least, is the opinion of Dr. R. Tait McKenzie, director of the department of physical education at the University of Pennsylvania and a member of the American Olympic Committee, and of his associates at the university. "I would like to see the games held in Philadelphia," said Dr. McKenzie, "provided they are not postponed or there is not a speedy termination of the European war. But there is a right and a wrong way to do everything, and in a matter that involves so much diplomacy it is essential only that we should proceed with the utmost tact and that there should be complete unanimity among all Philadelphia interests. In particular, we should be united on the character and location of the stadium and there should be harmony in working out all the details.

THE OLYMPIC SITUATION.

"I fear that some Philadelphians who are so zealous to get the games here do not thoroughly appreciate the Olympic situation. It should be remembered that the games have been formally awarded to Germany and a magnificent stadium has been built for the sports in Berlin. In addition, the German people have spent a great deal of money in their plans to manage the games properly. At no time has the German committee asked the International Olympic Committee to relieve them of the games, nor have the Germans even admitted that they can't hold them. On the contrary, the Germans say they are prepared to hold them, war or no war.

"There can be no definite action by the International Committee in advance of its meeting, which is scheduled for some place in Switzerland, probably in May. At this time, I presume, the procedure will be somewhat as follows: The International Committee will have the German delegates inform them of the status of their plans. Should these prove unsatisfactory, or if the war situation be such that the committee could not properly hold the games, some country might lodge a protest against holding the games in Berlin. Then, if the protest were sustained, the committee could award the games to some other country. Naturally, the United States, being the most important of the neutral countries, possessing the greatest number of athletes, and the best facilities for the management and the best facilities for the games, would be given first consideration.

"Assuming, then, that the committee decides at its spring meeting to transfer the sixth Olympiad to America, Philadelphia's chances to get the games would depend upon the perfection of its plans for the management of a meet on such a huge scale. The city would have to make the extent of the stadium facilities, the character of the management, etc. The arrangements of the program would undoubtedly be the responsibility of the committee, but the local committee would have to provide the stadium for the athletic events and a pool for the swimming events, as well as facilities for other sports.

"It seems to me that it would be worth while for Philadelphia to be prepared to stage the games, provided there is a chance for America to get them. Personally, I don't see why we can't hope to hold them, much less to make a success of them, under present conditions. Therefore, Philadelphia should organize an American Olympic committee, and be prepared to give the proper guarantee to the International Olympic Committee.

STADIUM BIGGEST PROBLEM.

"The most important problem for Philadelphia to solve is the stadium. Of course, we now have Franklin Field, which, while not the largest, is certainly the most convenient and best fitted athletic field in America. While it might be large enough for crowds on some of the days of the Olympiad, should it be held here, it would not hold the throngs on special occasions, like the opening ceremony and the marathon race. To have a stadium in this city with seating capacity of from 50,000 to 75,000. I want to see such a stadium built, and the improvement of the stadium, the prospect and possibility of getting the Olympic games here, it could be secured in ample time.

"Not because I am connected with the University of Pennsylvania, but because of my experience in athletics, I believe the best interests of the city would be served if such a stadium were built in cooperation with the University. The university of the country has acquired knowledge and experience in managing meets and buildings, supervising and maintaining athletic structures. The University of Pennsylvania was the first institution in this country to construct a stadium and athletic plant, and Franklin Field, although now too small, still stands as a model. My belief is that the new stadium, built, should be in a place where it would be available for the use of the University. That would give us two athletic fields, and one of them could always be available for municipal games and similar functions. It seems to me that we are losing valuable time in not operating in the selection of the most available site. If Philadelphia is to have the games, it should be represented when the International Olympic Committee meets in Switzerland, there is no time to lose in perfecting plans."

THIEF SHOWS INGENUITY

Steals Nickels From Telephone Receptacles by Novel Method.

A new way to get money from telephone slot machines was disclosed to the police when inspectors of the Bell Telephone Company reported that thieves are making a fairly good living by catching nickels from the refund receptacle by a very simple contrivance. In all parts of the city, shortages have been found in the nickel boxes of public phones. The scheme consists of stopping up the slot through which the nickels are refunded when the coin is not used, and then inserting a piece of soft cloth in the slot upon which the nickel falls noiselessly, and without attracting the attention of the person making the call. The thief then reaches into the slot and pulls out the nickel, along with the coin.

METHODISTS REPORT 16,000 CONVERSIONS IN LAST 12 MONTHS

Conference, in Session at Norristown, Applauds Arraignment of Liquor Traffic as "the Cancer of Christendom."

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.] NORRISTOWN, March 18.—Methodist ministers applauded a report read in today's session of the Philadelphia Conference that of every eight converts reported by churches of the Northwest District only one was a "trail-bitter" from the "Billy" Sunday tabernacle. The statement was made by the Rev. William Powick, superintendent of the district, who said that the report was made by churches in Germantown and Chestnut Hill. The number of conversions in the district during the year ending March 21 were the result of the "Billy" Sunday services. Mr. Powick said that further recruits from the tabernacle were expected.

The people of Pennsylvania were never so strong in opposition to the liquor traffic as they now are, Superintendent E. E. Burris, of the South District, said in his report. Applause followed his arraignment of it as the cancer of Christendom and his prophecy that it would be killed.

Conversions to Christianity numbered 16,000 in the churches of the conference during the last 12 months.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

Only a handful of clergymen was present when Bishop Hovey instead of welcoming the delegates to the conference, fell at 8:30 o'clock. An hour later the church was filled by the delegates from 25 churches of the conference.

Bishop McDevell made an address at the opening of the session, full of crisp and pithy phrases. He alluded to a "shotgun prescription, which hits anything that ails you."

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The illness of the Rev. Henry H. Bodine, at his home in Landale, was the subject of a resolution adopted by the conference, which he entered 71 years ago. The Rev. Henry Wheeler, retired, and living in Ocean Grove, N. J., responded to the resolution.

A resolution of condolence was sent to the family of the Rev. Dr. Morgan Reed, pastor of the Methodist Church of New Brunswick, N. J., who died yesterday.

Speculation as to how great a "shake-up" will be made by the bishop in assigning new charges to ministers became more general when he declared this morning that he had not known that Mr. Powick automatically retired from the superintendent of the Northwest District because of the national rule limiting such a term to six years.

A telegram from "Billy" Sunday read at the close of the session said that the bishop had not decided on what day he would address the conference. After the noon recess the ministers went into executive session in the Calvary Baptist Church, across the street from the Hotel Avenue Church, where the women of the conference conducted an anniversary service of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. Addresses were made by Miss Laura M. White, of Norristown, Miss Susan C. Lodge, of the Philadelphia branch, on the topic, "Our Conference Share in the Jubilee."

The Rev. Freeman D. Bovard and the Rev. Charles M. Bowtell, with music directed by J. Lincoln Hall.

PROBABLE CHANGES DISCUSSED.

Discussion as to changes which may be made in the assignment of charges for the ensuing year was the subject of conversation among scores of clergymen. The rumors as to the probable district superintendents have narrowed the field down to four men. From these it is thought two vacancies will be filled.

One of the speakers, Dr. William Powick's completion of his allotted six years at the head of the Northwest District. The other is looked for on the supposition that the Rev. George H. Bickerton, now superintendent of the City Missionary Society.

The choice of these successors is thought to have narrowed down to the Rev. Dr. George W. Lister of Grace Church, Philadelphia; the Rev. George W. Henson, Gettysburg Church, Philadelphia; the Rev. Dr. C. W. Straw, Rev. Gustave Holm, Church of the Advocate, Germantown. Mr. Henson's name figured prominently in discussion. He has held the Germantown pastorate 19 years, and his feeling is that he will not be returned.

The talk of Mr. Bickerton's appointment to head the city mission work is founded on the project of increasing the scope and importance of the field. In order to strengthen churches in the southern part of the city. His reputation in the conference has been increased by his chairmanship of the "Billy" Sunday Committee.

RUMORS AT CONFERENCE.

The Rev. J. G. Bickerton, who now in city mission head, will be given a pastorate, it is said.

The Rev. Mr. Powick, it is said by many observers, will be assigned to the Rehoboth pastorate.

The Rev. William H. Smith expects to leave St. John's, Philadelphia, where he has been stationed six years.

Cateville Methodists think the Rev. T. W. McKinney will be succeeded by another pastor.

The Rev. William G. Jones has said he does not expect to return to the Oak Lane Church. He may be sent to the Tabernacle pastorate, this city, where the Rev. Dr. Crowell now is in charge.

RAILROADS ACCUSED OF USING SHIP LINE TO RESTRAIN TRADE

Freight Said to Be Carried at Higher Rate by Rail.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The charge that the Southern and the Atlantic Coast Line Railroads are operating the Chesapeake Bay Steamship Company before the Interstate Commerce Commission by Adrian H. Boole, its special investigator. The commission is hearing the application of the two railroads to obtain control of the water line, under the Panama Canal act. Boole said that the two lines were carrying freight by rail at a rate 2 cents higher than they charged on the water line in traffic from northern points to the South. He said that the roads were purposely diverting this traffic to the rails in order to get the higher rate, and pointed out that if the water line were taken away from the railroads it could seek its own business in the open market.

ARE KNEE BREECHES COMING BACK INTO FASHION?



This illustration reveals what the eye may have to become accustomed to in the near future in a stroll up Chestnut street. Tailors think the wearing of the old-fashioned full skirts by the women may have its influence on male fashions.

MISS COPE'S TRAGIC END VIVIDLY PICTURED

Mother of Girl Killed in Struggle With Uncle Describes the Shooting.

DOYLESTOWN, Pa., March 18.—John A. Cope, who is on trial here for the murder of his niece, Florence V. Cope, at Buckingham Valley, faced very serious testimony yesterday afternoon when the mother of the slain girl, Mrs. Clinton Cope, was on the stand for more than two hours.

"I've got ammunition enough for the whole bunch of you," she testified Cope declared just before the shooting, as he called her vile names and threatened to kill her. It was just after this statement that Florence rushed forward to protect her mother and was shot.

Mrs. Cope testified that about 3:30 on the night of the shooting she was aroused by a noise downstairs, and when she heard muttering suspected it was John Cope, who had frequently come there drunk. As she got near the foot of the stairs she opened the dining room door and saw Cope on the opposite side of the room. He had been drinking, she said, and as he turned and saw her he exclaimed with an oath, "You're the cause of this," and demanded that she shake hands. He repeated this three times, and when she refused threatened to shoot her with a shotgun he held. As she rushed back into her room, he followed her and she heard him say, "You're the cause of this," and demanded that she shake hands.

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SATIN KNEE BREECHES FOR LEGS OF WELL-DRESSED MAN

First Step Toward Gratifying the Secret Yearning, Long Suppressed, Believed to Be Close at Hand.

Black satin knee breeches are at hand!

The first step toward gratifying the secret yearning so long suppressed of mere man to blossom forth as the bird of paradise that nature meant him to be, instead of an inconspicuous, conventional being with no more marks of distinction than a waiter, is being taken by the tailors. They want a change because they say the men want it, and therefore an attempt is to be made in the near future to popularize the picturesque style of our forefathers.

"For some time past," said George K. Muller, Jr., of the firm of a leading tailor here, "we have been talking of the possibility, no, the probability of introducing black satin breeches successfully for evening wear. In fact, it is a question which is constantly being discussed, and I think the time has come when it would be safe to give them a try-out."

"Of course, the only real way of getting such a mode permanently adopted is to have several society men of impeccable standing sponsor them. Every one else would then follow. Understand, the tailors do not mean this to be a fad, to be taken up by the tops of the wrist-watch and monocle variety. It is good style even for the conservatives."

The influence of the Court of St. James, where knee breeches are invariably worn even at informal affairs, is said to be responsible. On these occasions the American Ambassador usually resembles a shy school boy at his first party, and doesn't in the least relish the vulgar

gaze which seems always to be concentrated on his timid and heretofore carefully concealed lower limbs.

When Charlemagne Tower was asked if it had been his intention to have to don satin knee breeches at Berlin, he hemmed and hawed a bit, and then answered in a tone in which there was noticeable a slight time of regret.

"So," he said, "the American Ambassador at the German Court is not required to appear at court in breeches, but all of the other Ambassadors do, of course, and I think the style is not as unbecoming as it once was. Certainly, if the man had a good-looking calf there would be no objection. In fact the old pictures of the men of Revolutionary days are very attractive indeed, and any man might be proud to appear in such costume."

M. S. Eashy, one of Philadelphia's most fastidiously attired society men, agreed with Mr. Tower that satin knee breeches for evening wear would not be an unwelcome change from the conventional and monotonous dress of the present.

"I shouldn't want to be the one to introduce them, however," he said, "but I am sure that if they come into vogue there will be many who will not hesitate to adopt them."

Tailors all agree that once the first step is taken the rest will be easy and the gap between black satin breeches and the gay ones of pastel shades with flowery waistcoats and Bruges lace cravats will not be hard to bridge.

Who knows but what the American man will be wearing a saucy beauty patch and a powdered wig ere long? Who knows?

PENN STUDENTS PLEDGE \$20,000 IN INSURANCE

Class Plans to Carry \$100,000 in Endowment Policies, With University as Beneficiary.

More than \$20,000 was pledged by seniors of the University of Pennsylvania within five minutes this morning as the first part of a great fund which the class will raise by means of endowment insurance policies. At the time of maturity, 20 years from now, the principal of the policies will revert to Old Penn's endowment fund.

Further gifts will be solicited, and the expectation of the class officers is that before Commencement Day, in June, at least \$100,000 will have been promised by the 230 active members of the class.

The insurance project, which is an innovation at Pennsylvania, was explained at the class dinner in the Hotel Walton last night. The workings of the plan were explained by Dr. Solomon S. Heubner, professor of insurance in the Wharton School, who declared that the endowment insurance plan a saving of 34 cents a day by every member of the class would produce at the end of 20 years the largest sum ever raised at any college in this country as a class gift to its alma mater.

Professor Heubner was cheered and applauded for taking the plan to the class. The first 50 men who signed the subscription list today averaged \$400 each, considerably more than the average which must be maintained to equal the plan. The annual gift of Harvard graduates classes, which heretofore have held the record for generosity in adding to their alma mater's wealth. The premium on a \$500 policy will be about \$25.50 a year on a 20-year plan, and the principal will be returned to the beneficiary, in this case the University, if the insured dies before the expiration of the time.

The release of \$100,000 from the \$11,300,000 for the purchase of sites and erection of fire and police stations by the department of Public Safety was also recommended by the Finance Committee.

A bill also was approved by the committee giving the Law Department the right to enter contracts for printing its paper law books, and transferring \$1000 from the Department of Supplies for such contracts.

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA PLANS

Mayor Demands Action of Councils on Public Work.

An effort to get out of "pickle" two ordinances of extreme importance in the South Philadelphia Improvement plan was made by Mayor Blankenship today in his message to City Council, pointing out that the ordinances were referred to the Committee on Highways almost a year ago and since that time no action has been taken.

The ordinances provided for the opening of Oregon avenue, from 23d street to Delaware avenue, and the grading of the thoroughfare in those limits. It was pointed out by the Mayor that it is important to South Philadelphia that these ordinances be passed.

"Representative business and improvement associations and the entire people of South Philadelphia are urgent in their demand that the council take action without further delay," wrote the Mayor, "and the Department of Public Works is anxiously awaiting your action to enable it to proceed."

POLICE WORK CONTRACT

Mayor Asks Councils to Pay Bills of City.

Mayor Blankenship today asked Councils to pass an ordinance providing for the payment of contracts for repairs at the 51st and Thompson streets police station, patrol house, stable and firehouse out of the \$11,300,000 loan.

The Mayor, in his communication, quoted part of a letter from Director of Public Safety Porter, pointing out that contracts were awarded for the work in December of last year, but the funds then available were used on other work.

Robbed of \$1500 in Jewelry. Jewelry valued at \$1500 was taken early this morning by thieves who gained entrance to the home of Theodore J. Heath, 1235 Brown street, in the absence of Mr. Heath and his wife. The thieves over-looked some worth \$1500. They returned at 1 o'clock and found every room ransacked, with the contents of bureau and chest scattered about the floor. Special Police W. W. Weaver and T. J. of the 4th and Broadwood streets station, are investigating.

STUDENT "TAKE-OFFS" THROW NEW LIGHT

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to be seen, all called "Pneumonia." Of course, if the lady was exposed in the undress affected in the picture, she could not help getting pneumonia. Philip Hale had a "Donna Mi-Valata"—Italian for "Half-Veiled Lady." She reappears in five forms, once in "Helen's Jell," once in "Oh, My Love, Don't Put Me Down," "Oh, My Love, Don't Put Me Down," and four times more, to show Mr. Hale what he doesn't know about painting.

As some one once said, it is not harder for a painter to go through the eye of a needle in his own country than for a painter to pass under the eye of an art student.

When the original exhibit was opened a good deal of attention was given to Glacken's "Red Dog" on the beach. He was a good dog. Today he is a sausage. He is also a lobster. He is also a setting sun. He is, in fact, everything but a dog, but the artist could imagine except a dog.

"UP WITH THE SUN"

Mr. Pearson had an inoffensive picture called "Up With the Sun," meaning a rooster, of course. Art students, it seems, don't like to get up with the sun. Mr. Pearson's rooster appears in a shooting gallery. "Three shots for 5 cents." "A good cigar for a good shot." The rooster appears stuffed, in 100's, out of perspective, forehead toward the viewer. In fact, the first prize for the new exhibit went to Mrs. Mary Powell Lloyd for a burlesque of this picture.

The second prize was for Otto Gatter's "Father and Son," a "take-off" of Cecilia Beaux's portrait of the president of the Academy. In the present version, Mr. Lewis is seen holding his son under his arm, like a toy. This indicates that, in the opinion of the artist, Cecilia Beaux has a lot to learn about figure-drawing. Then again, it may indicate nothing of the sort.

The third prize went to D. Brad for a picture called "The Artist's Studio." The judges were Messrs. Eckert, Morgan and Peoples, all three experts and connoisseurs. They have been closely connected with the academy for many years. In fact, they are students there. Among the pictures they passed up were three bits at Arthur Carles' nude figure. In one she is named "Half Dead," which is exactly what she looks like in the original. In another she is named "The Artist's Studio," which is exactly what she looks like in the original. In the third she is named "The Artist's Studio," which is exactly what she looks like in the original.

"ADS" ON STUDENTS' BRAINS. Advertising seems to be on the brains of the young students. Even Kenyon Cox's allegorical figure of a lady in a wheel field was translated into "It's All Yours." The "It's All Yours" was translated into "It's All Yours." The "It's All Yours" was translated into "It's All Yours."

"Polo Player" was transformed into "I'll be here next Thursday. Watch for me. Charles Chaplin, the Movie King." Gertrude Lambert's "Carpet Race" inevitably became "Sister Hilda's race." The picture shown full length, "Patricia," the picture which won the Philadelphia prize for the most popular canvas, became a little "Patricia" in your home.

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Until the opening of the system for the public use, the city will be in a constant state of emergency, and other experimental details, so that there may not be even the slightest hitch when the regular service is commenced.

The current of 41,000 volts is supplied by the Philadelphia Electric Company to a station at the Chestnut Hill Road. From there it is transmitted to substations at West Philadelphia, Bryn Mawr and Park. At these substations the current is reduced to 11,000 volts in huge transformers. The current is then carried to the actual overhead wires of the system.

The method of electrification is known as the "single catenary," in distinction to the "double catenary," in vogue in most of the other cities. The "single catenary" is a technical term which describes the curve of a wire suspended at two points.

There is little in the appearance of the electric cars to distinguish them from the steel passenger coaches now in use. Most of them have been converted from the latter type. The single pantograph or trolley, has much the appearance of a cage with a wide arm at the top. The arm is charged with wire providing the contact.

Each of the cars is a unit and can be utilized on occasion as an engine. There is an operating "cab" at each end of every car similar to that in a subway car. When not in use they can be converted into an ordinary vestibule.

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