

BRIEF CITY-WIDE NEWS

HAIR AND TROUSERS GO IN THIS FIRE
Disaster followed the placing of a can of benzine near a burning gas jet when Samuel Potash and Abe Steinman were repairing watches in a store on 1307 South street today. Both men were painfully burned. Abe Steinman, who has one of the finest heads of hair on South street, lost most of the crop and went regretfully to the Pennsylvania Hospital with Potash, whose trousers were burned off. The loss was estimated at \$3000. Mrs. Potash, who lives with her three children on the third floor, took them to the stairs and escaped.

SECOND ATTEMPT TO BURN LUMBER YARD
Fire, believed to have been caused by an incendiary, slightly damaged the lumber yard of Charles White & Sons, 19th and Cambria streets, today. The flames were discovered in a pile of green birch by Edward Reese, a watchman in the Lubin motion picture concern, opposite the lumber yard. A time ago the employees of the yard found a bladder filled with gasoline and with an extinguished candle attached lying under a pile of lumber. It was believed that an attempt had been made to set the yard on fire, but that the wind had extinguished the candle. Mr. White stated that he had no labor troubles and had no suspicion of the culprit.

CONDUCTOR CRUSHED COUPLING CARS
James Campbell, of 5425 Boyer street, a freight conductor on the Philadelphia and Reading Railway, was seriously injured today when he was crushed between two freight cars at Wingohocking station. The train was being coupled preparatory to leaving the station. Campbell stood between the cars to attend to the coupling operation. His ribs are broken and he has other internal injuries. At the Germantown Hospital, where he was taken, it was said he might not survive.

FIREMAN BADLY INJURED IN KENSINGTON BLAZE
William Knight, a fireman attached to Engine Company No. 7, at Franklin and Ruan street, had a narrow escape from death early today while fighting a fire in the mill of W. V. Smalley, Trenton avenue and Tioga street. While at work in the building a heavy piece of machinery fell upon him. He was carried to the street unconscious and rushed to the Episcopal Hospital, where he was found to have sustained concussion of the brain and possible internal injuries. The fire started shortly after midnight and burned for three hours, causing damage to the extent of \$6000. The fire is supposed to have started by spontaneous combustion.

FINGER PRINTS LEAD TO MAN'S ARREST
Finger prints and the stamp of a rubber heel in fresh paint at the George Whelan Oil Cloth Works, Nicetown, resulted in the arrest today of Patrick L. McCullough, 2261 Ruffner street, accused of stealing money from the clothing of another man that had been left in a dressing room. He was held in \$400 bail for court by Magistrate Grellis at the Nicetown station. Special Policeman Whitworth did the Sherlock Holmes work.

FIREHOUSE ABLAZE; COMPANY OUT ON FALSE ALARM
Firemen of Engine Company No. 31 are making a rigid investigation today to find the person who sent in a false alarm and then set their own firehouse ablaze while they were away. They were called out on a false alarm at American and Dauphin streets, and while searching for the blaze learned that their own house had been set on fire. A passerby discovered the blaze in the engine house at 2712 North 2d street and sent in an alarm for Engine Company No. 26, some distance away. Before No. 25 arrived, however, No. 31 had learned of the blaze and rushed back with all speed. The fire was confined to the hayloft.

FATALLY STRICKEN ON THE STREET
Seized with acute indigestion as he was walking home early today William E. Fritz, 35 years old, of 1821 North Camac street, died half an hour later in St. Joseph's Hospital, where he was taken in the patrol of the 10th and Thompson streets police station.

ANOTHER HARSHIP FOR COMMUTERS
Pennsylvania Railroad policemen have been ordered by the company to stop the practice by Main Line commuters of parking their automobiles near the various stations on railroad property. Men living in the suburbs and working in Philadelphia have been in the habit of leaving their cars standing at the stations the entire day.

POOR PARISH GIVES MOST FREELY
With hunger and threatened eviction staring them in the face, the people of St. Casimir's Parish, made up largely of families whose breadwinners are now fighting in Europe, has made the largest parish contribution toward the \$200,000 fund being raised for the Sisters of Mercy Hospital in West Philadelphia. Father Kaulak took to headquarters a bag of hard-earned pennies, nickels and dimes, with a few soiled bank notes, which totaled \$150. The fund is more than \$180,000.

RADNOR DEMANDS BETTER LIGHTING
Property owners of Radnor township have begun efforts to induce the commissioners to furnish better lighting for the roadways, and the Wayne Public Safety Association is prepared to take the matter into court if necessary. Charles F. Da Costa, township solicitor, has advised against paying for the lighting of undedicated highways. Fred H. Treat, one of the commissioners, favors meeting the demands of the citizens, who have postponed further action until the legal status of the case is decided.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD TO SPEND \$5,000,000 FOR RAILS
The Pennsylvania Railroad has awarded orders for 155,500 tons of steel rails at a cost of about \$5,000,000. The contracts bring the total rail orders of the company for 1915 up to 167,500 tons. Five companies will share in the order, the largest shares going to the United States Steel Corporation and the Cambria Steel Company. The other three companies are the Pennsylvania Steel Company, the Bethlehem Steel Company and the Lackawanna Steel Company.

TRIES TO DIE ON HOSPITAL STEP
Cleveland Hummel, of 1042 West Orleans street, picked out the sidewalk of St. Joseph's Hospital, at 17th street and Girard avenue, to swallow poison because he had been killed by a girl. He is in a serious condition. The man was not found until the poison had had a chance to work. He would not give the name of the girl.

AMERICAN FLAG INSULTED IN NEIGHBORHOOD QUARREL
A neighborhood quarrel terminating in an insult to an American flag was settled today by Magistrate Beaton when he released the accused, Mrs. Elizabeth Henski, of 2825 North 7th street, under \$400 bail to keep the peace. Elizabeth Henski, of 2825 North 7th street, of 3327 North 7th street, also lectured the prosecutor, Mrs. Elizabeth Kant, of 3327 North 7th street, for allowing the trouble to involve the Stars and Stripes, which hung on the wall of the latter's home. Mrs. Kant's daughter, who was accused of tearing down and damaging the flag, which hung on the wall of the latter's home, was released. She stoutly denied the accusation, saying she loves the flag. As no one saw the flag torn down, the Magistrate released her.

APPLY TORCH TO REMAINING PIGGERIES
The final step in the campaign against piggeries within certain limits of South Philadelphia was taken today when the torch was applied to pens situated recently by order of the city. Assistant Fire Marshal J. N. Caldwell and Battalion Chief William Barrett, of the Bureau of Fire, supervised the work, with a chemical apparatus on hand to prevent the spread of the flames. Most of the sheds burned were near 32d street and Maiden lane.

88 TO GET CERTIFICATES

Commencement Tonight at Evening School of Accounts and Finance. Wharton Barker will be the principal speaker at the commencement exercises of the Evening School of Accounts and Finance, University of Pennsylvania, in Wharton Hall tonight. Sixty-eight young men will be awarded certificates. The presentation will be made by Provost Edgar F. Smith.

The Rev. Robert Johnson will make the invocation and give the benediction. The graduates will be presented by the dean of the school, Roswell C. McCrea. The names of the class are awarded to Emlyn Jones, Paul Gwyn McCullough, William Henry MacDade and Harry Martin. William Henry Brown has been awarded junior honors.

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Fred Heller, of 246 Montana street, was arrested today, accused of embezzling \$45 belonging to John Bilhardt, a milk dealer, of 5208 Germantown avenue. The prisoner, it is said, admitted deducting the money from accounts. He was held in \$400 bail for court by Magistrate Pennock.

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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCILS

MAYOR WILL NOT ATTEND NATIONAL "4TH" CEREMONIES

Plans to Rest This Summer, Probably to Prepare for Campaign.
Mayor Blankenburg declined today to take part in the national Fourth of July celebration. When Common Councilman John Balzley, chairman of Council's Fourth of July Committee, and Common Councilman Joseph P. Gaffney, chairman of the committee on speakers, personally invited the Mayor, he said that previous arrangements made to spend the Fourth at Pocomo Pines would prevent his participation in the Independence Day ceremonies. He suggested that Director Porter be selected to represent the city at the celebration.

It is believed in political circles that Mayor Blankenburg will rest as much as possible during the summer to conserve his strength, so that he can take a vigorous part in the coming Mayoralty campaign and away sentiment for the man whom he believes should be his successor.

PLAN TO ROUTE JITNEYS

Resolution in Councils Regulates Lines of Travel.

A regulation which would require jitney drivers to run on a definitely specified route, the same as trolley cars, is provided in a resolution introduced in Common Councils today by Common Councilman Fred Schwartz, Jr., of the 4th Ward, as an amendment to the Jitney ordinance now under consideration by the Law Committee.

MAYOR WANTS P. R. T. PAID

Asks Councils to Appropriate \$5500.50 for Road Sprinkling.

Councils today were requested by Mayor Blankenburg to make an appropriation of \$5500.50 to reimburse the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company for sprinkling country roads along the line of their tracks during August, September and October, 1915.

Not many months ago an appropriation was available for this purpose, but the City Controller refused to countersign the warrants for payment, contending that a special ordinance passed by Councils should order the payment.

Councils' Briefs

Councils today took action to meet the provisions of the pension act, recently signed by the Governor by electing one member from each Chamber of Councils as required by the act to serve on the pension board, together with the Mayor, the City Treasurer and the City Controller. Common Council elected John P. Connelly, chairman of the Finance Committee, and Select Council, John F. Flaherty, of the 13th Ward. The act provides for the pensioning of city employees who are above 65 years of age and who have been in the employ of the city for 20 years or more.

An ordinance to permit the Volunteer Firemen's Association to erect a "old-fashioned firehouse" on the Parkway was introduced in Select Council this afternoon by Edward Buckholz, of the 19th Ward. The ordinance would set apart a plot of ground at 23d and Callowhill streets for the erection of what would virtually be a museum of old fire fighting apparatus. The association agrees to furnish the building and supply the relics if the city will donate the ground.

Chairman John P. Connelly, of the Finance Committee, at the request of Director Cooke today introduced an ordinance into Common Council appropriating \$5000 to the Bureau of City Property for the purchase of new museum cases for Independence Hall.

An ordinance condemning for use as a public playground a plot of ground in the 34th Ward bounded by Reed, Dickinson, 31st and 32d streets, was introduced in Common Council today by Frank J. Ryan, Common Councilman from the 34th Ward. An ordinance providing for the same thing recently passed Councils and was vetoed by the Mayor. No attempt was made at that time to pass it over his veto.

An ordinance authorizing the construction of branch sewers under Delaware avenue and providing for paving Delaware avenue, between Milford street and Snyder avenue, was introduced into Councils today by Common Councilman George H. Kelley, of the 24th Ward.

John P. Flaherty, member of Select Council from the 13th Ward, was unanimously elected to represent that body in the new Municipal Pension Board, which was created by the Legislature at the last session. The board will govern all city employees except police and firemen.

COUNCILS BEGIN TODAY

CLEARING THEIR CALENDARS

Important Measures Will Be Passed On in Next Three Weeks.
Councils, in special session today, will begin the task of clearing the calendars of pending legislation before the summer recess. Sessions of both branches will be held weekly until July 1, when it is anticipated the last meeting will be held.

During the next three weeks the \$2,000,000 loan for transit will be passed finally by Councils; the taxicab regulation bill that has been smothered in the Law Committee for almost a year will be reported out with an ordinance to regulate "jitneys"; the Finance Committee will indicate definitely whether it will allow the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the \$1,500,000 loan to be applied to the reconstruction and reorganization of Blockley, and at least 70 other pending measures of comparatively minor importance will be passed or rejected.

The 30-day period of advertising for the \$5,000,000 transit loan, which must expire before Councils may finally pass the bill, will not be up until June 20. A bill to permit transfer of \$100,000 excess from the \$300,000 appropriated for relocation of sewers in the central section of the city to the relocation of sewers in the course of the Broad street subway, is in committee and probably will be reported out today.

MAYOR ASKS DIVISION OF CHILD HYGIENE

His Request for Appropriation Strongly Supported by Director Ziegler.

The necessity for the prompt organization of a Division of Child Hygiene in this city under the Department of Public Health and Charities was brought to the attention of Councils today in a communication from Mayor Blankenburg. The Mayor also sent a lengthy statement from Director Ziegler, urging the inauguration of such a division and setting forth the minimum schedule for the requirements of such an organization for the remainder of the year 1915.

Under the plan of Director Ziegler the total cost of the bureau between July 1 and December 31, 1915, including salaries and services other than personal, would amount to \$15,946.58. Thirty-five positions would be created, most of which would be filled by women, 22 of them being nurses. The chief of the division would receive a salary of \$2500.

The high mortality rate among children in Philadelphia, Director Ziegler contends, is sufficient reason for the establishment of a Division of Child Hygiene. The work of the division would be largely to aid the children of the poorer classes, providing medical treatment and instructing the mothers how to care for the children. The division would also supervise the work on the recreation plans. The nurses now employed for summer work among the poor children could be kept in service after September 1, according to the program outlined by Director Ziegler.

FIREHOUSE WORK DELAYED

Mayor and Porter Asks Councils to Permit Building.

Much-needed improvements to police and fire stations throughout the city are being delayed indefinitely, according to a communication to Councils from Mayor Blankenburg today, because in the ordinances appropriating money to the Department of Public Safety a clause was inserted making the appropriations "subject to future legislation by Councils." The removal of this hampering proviso was requested by the Mayor that the money may be expended during the summer months, when Councils are not in session. Accompanying the Mayor's letter was one from Director Porter to John P. Connelly, chairman of Councils' Finance Committee, also requesting that the restricting clause be stricken out so that the loan money will be immediately available.

The clause referred to in the letter affects the disposition of five separate loans.

Recreation Board Men Reappointed

Mayor Blankenburg today reappointed Otto T. Mallory and Dr. William A. Stecher as members of the Board of Recreation, for terms of three years from the first Monday of June, 1915. In a letter to Councils the Mayor requested the confirmation of the appointments.

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COUNCILMEN CONDEMN VARES' COMPETITOR

Boston Contracting Company Declared to Have Done Poor Work on Southern Boulevard

A committee of councilmen, all of whom are supporters of the Vares, condemned the work done on the Southern Boulevard by the Hason Company, of Boston, the concern which underbid the Vares on the work last year.
The condemnation of the work was brought out this afternoon through a resolution introduced by Common Councilman George Kelly, of the 24th Ward, chairman of the Highway Committee. The resolution requested the City Controller to withhold his signature from the year-end report drawn to the order of the Hason Company for the work until it has been properly done.

It was contended that the South Philadelphia Business Men's Association had complained to the chairman of the Highway Committee about the poor character of the work. The resolution also set forth that a committee of councilmen, together with a competent engineer, inspected the work and found it improperly done. The Hason Company obtained the contract on a bid of \$20,000. Until the outside company completed the work, the Vares had the boulevard contract practically to themselves. The resolution was finally passed by both chambers.

\$31,350 FOR BLOCKLEY ASKED

Director Ziegler Requests Appropriation by Councils.

An additional appropriation of \$31,350 for the Philadelphia Hospital and the transfer of two items of \$5000 from this year's schedule were requested from Councils today by Director Ziegler. Mayor Blankenburg forwarded the request of the Director to Councils, together with a communication from himself, in which he urged Councils to take prompt action in the matter.

WANTS 40TH WARD DRAINED

Inadequate System on Low Lands Causes Nuisance, Mayor Says.

Prompt Council action to provide an adequate drainage system for the depressed area in the 40th Ward was requested by Mayor Blankenburg today in a communication to Councils. The present inadequate drainage system there, the Mayor stated, has resulted in a condition that is a nuisance and is prejudicial to the public health.

Accompanying the Mayor's letter were resolutions recently adopted by the Board of Health calling attention to the conditions in this section and urging action by Councils.

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SEEKS INQUIRY INTO STORY OF PRISON CRUELTY

Detective Captain Sends Letter to Governor of Florida.

Captain Cameron, head of the Philadelphia detective force, sent a letter to the Governor of Florida asking him to make an investigation of a story of ill-treatment in a prison camp at Ocala, Florida, told by a young Philadelphia man, whose father obtained his release by paying part of a heavy fine a Judge imposed upon him for riding on freight trains of the Seaboard Air Line without permission.

The young man, Frank McMahon, 21 years old, of 1538 Emily street, Frankford, left Philadelphia last January for Jacksonville, Fla., in search of work. He could obtain none there, and remained in an institution until a job was offered him at Sanford, Fla. With several other young men McMahon said he started for Sanford aboard a freight train, but in some way missed connections, and had to freight about 100 miles more to get to the town. When they arrived there they found the jobs filled, and again used the "hide-door-pullman" for the return trip to Jacksonville.

On this journey they were arrested, and McMahon declares that while in the prison camp he was beaten and refused medical attention when he was ill. Since coming back to Philadelphia he spent two weeks in St. Agnes Hospital.

Captain Cameron had asked the authorities to release the young man, but in some manner letters to and from him were intercepted. It is thought, and the Judge told McMahon, according to his story, that Northerners make a practice of living off the Southerners in the winter, and he'd make an example of him and his friends.

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