

BRIEF CITY-WIDE NEWS

ROBBED EMPLOYER; WATCHMAN IMPRISONED
Pleading guilty to stealing stamps and money valued at \$460 from the Curtis Publishing Company, by whom he was employed as night watchman, John Britton, 5563 Walton avenue, was sentenced by Judge Johnson, in Quarter Sessions Court, to six months in the county prison.

MISS CREAMER'S BODY RECOVERED ON BEACH
The body of Miss Marian Rhoades Creamer, of Jenkintown, the only woman among the seven persons drowned at Chelsea on Sunday, was recovered today on the beach at Savannah avenue, Margate City, more than a mile from where the young woman lost her life.

WAR AUTOS ON BRITISH STEAMSHIP
Twenty big war automobiles lashed to the decks of the British steamship Feliciano attracted considerable attention today when the vessel steamed down the Delaware River, bound for London.

HUGE OIL SHIPMENT TO JAPAN
One of the largest shipments of refined oil ever sent from this port to Japan left today on the Japanese steamship Tsushima Maru. It consists of 247,762 10-gallon cases and is consigned to Yokohama and Chemulpo.

TRIES TO PUT OUT FIRE WITH LIQUID CHOCOLATE
Kauffman Brodsky, 2128 South 8th street, learned by experiment today that liquid chocolate had no fire-extinguishing properties.

MAN FALLS DEAD AT WORK
Mathew Curran, 50 years old, of Atco, N. J., fell dead early today while working on a building at 19th street and Olney avenue.

MAN'S BODY FOUND FLOATING IN DELAWARE
A body, thought to be that of Perth S. Leach, 33 years old, who disappeared last Monday from his home at 3129 Hurley street, was found floating in the Delaware River off the Allegheny avenue wharf early today.

MOTORCYCLE VICTIM FOUND UNCONSCIOUS
Samuel McMullen, 48 years old, of 4411 Wayne avenue, is in a serious condition in St. Luke's Hospital as a result of a motorcycle accident which occurred early today at Mascher street and the Northeast boulevard.

PULMOTOR SAVES THE LIFE OF MAN WHO INHALES GAS
George W. Delsie, 51 years old, a German, employed as a grave digger at the Cedar Hill Cemetery, was saved from death today by the prompt use of a pulmator at the Frankford Hospital, where he was rushed after attempting to commit suicide by inhaling illuminating gas at his boarding house, 1651 Fillmore street.

BOY PROBABLY FATALLY INJURED WHEN HIT BY TRAIN
Edward Rosenberger, 14 years old, 2929 North Mascher street, probably was fatally injured today when he was struck by a northbound freight train on the Philadelphia and Reading Railway at American street above Dauphin.

EIGHT PHILADELPHIA COUPLES MARRIED AT ELKTON
Eight Philadelphia couples were married at Elkton, Md., today. They are John R. Reddington and Clara C. Wood, Charles L. Westenberg and Ellen J. Knox, William J. Peoples and Anna Sepp, George F. Cain and Anna K. Kahn, Robert R. Eckroth and Helen L. Eckert, Fred J. Andrews and Eleanor J. Remoly, Albert D. Turner and Harriet E. Fleming, and Horace L. Esham and Theresa E. Anderson.

BOY HIT BY MOTORCYCLE
A motorcycle struck Joseph Stutz, 4 years old, of 4513 North 16th street, while the child was at play at 15th and Courtland streets this afternoon.

WOMAN FATALLY STRICKEN ON STREET CAR
Mrs. Sophia Binder, 55 years old, of 4602 Brown street, became ill in a Chestnut street car at 45th street this afternoon.

DROWNED BATHER'S BODY RECOVERED
The body of Max Galik, of 79th street and Bartram avenue, was recovered from Sandy Creek this afternoon.

GIBBONEY'S OAK LANE RESIDENCE SOLD
The 16-room stone residence of D. Clarence Gibboney, at 69th avenue and 16th street, Oak Lane, has been sold to A. Paul de Sanno for an unknown consideration.

QUICK NEWS

VICTORIA CROSS FOR THREE CANADIANS
LONDON, June 23.—Three awards of Victoria Crosses were made to Canadians today. Those who received the coveted decoration were Captain Francis Scrimger, of the 14th Battalion of the Canadian Royal Army Medical Corps of the Royal Montreal Regulars; Color Sergeant Frederick William Hall, of the 8th Canadian Battalion, and Lance Corporal Frederick Fisher, of the 13th Canadian Battalion.

GERMAN WARSHIPS SEIZE FIVE SWEDISH VESSELS
COPENHAGEN, June 23.—German warships operating in the Baltic have seized five Swedish ships carrying lumber cargoes and bound for England, according to advices received here today.

CABINET MEMBERS HOLD NEUTRALITY CONFERENCE
WASHINGTON, June 23.—A "neutrality" conference today was held in the office of Secretary of State Lansing between the premier, Secretary of the Navy Daniels, Secretary of Commerce Redfield and Commissioner of Navigation Chamberlain.

SUPREME JUSTICES CALL ON PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON, June 23.—Chief Justice White and associate Justices Pitney and Lamar, of the United States Supreme Court, called at the White House today to pay their respects to President Wilson. The court has recessed for the summer.

PEACE MEN FAIL TO SEE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON, June 23.—President Wilson was too busy today preparing for his trip to Cornish to see labor union opponents of greater military preparedness, headed by Congressman Buchanan.

150 SCRUB WOMEN GO ON STRIKE IN CLEVELAND
CLEVELAND, O., June 23.—What is declared to be the most novel strike in the history of labor troubles was declared in Cleveland today when 150 scrub women walked out, after being refused a wage raise.

PENDING 'JITNEY' LAW

ORDERING LOW FARES
(LEGAL, FOW AVERS)
Tells Councils That City as Ultimate Owner of P. R. T. Business Cannot Legislate Against Competitor.

Councils have no legal right to impose a restrictive fare regulation upon "jitneys," compelling them to carry passengers six miles for 5 cents, according to John H. Fow, attorney for the Philadelphia "Jitney" Association.

He points out that the city of Philadelphia in partnership with the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company under the agreement of 1907, and that the property of the Transit Company under the agreement ultimately will revert to the city. Consequently, according to Mr. Fow, Councils have no right to restrict the rates of virtual competitors with the city.

The ordinance was formally reported to Select Council by Select Councilman Hutt, chairman of the Law Committee, this afternoon. It will have to lie over until it is printed in the Journal, so it was said that no action would be possible today.

"JITNEY" MEN PROTEST.
The "Jitney" ordinance is declared to affect "practically a confiscation of property without due compensation."

MR. FOW'S LETTER.
Mr. Fow's letter to Councils is as follows:
To the President and Members of the Select and Common Councils, Gentlemen:—I desire to call your attention to that provision in the automobile ordinance which you have before you for consideration relating to the fares to be charged within certain zones for the transportation of passengers in what are commonly known as "jitneys."

I desire to call your attention to what I consider a legal obstacle as to your right to fix a restrictive fare that would practically take away from the owners of such cars any reasonable return for the investment made. The City of Philadelphia has acquired, by agreement which it has entered into with the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, certain revenue and certain other benefits which make the City of Philadelphia the ultimate owner of the enterprise, eventually resulting in the City's ownership.

The purpose of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company and the purpose of the business of the jitneys, is the same, to wit, the transportation of passengers, and therefore they are competitors in the same line of business. In the Supreme Court of West Virginia, in the case of the National Gas Company of West Virginia against the city of Wheeling, which was also entered into by the city of Wheeling, by ordinance so directed, the Natural Gas Company was placed in a position where they could not compete with the City Gas Company, and decided that all such restrictive ordinances were illegal and beyond the powers of Councils to make, because it resulted practically in the confiscation of the property of the Natural Gas Company without due process afforded by law.

This is a very serious question, and I sincerely hope that your honorable body will take the proper action and have it passed upon by the City Solicitor. In another pamphlet, which we have sent to your honorable body, we have given our reasons why it is impossible to comply with the five-cent fare between zones mentioned in the ordinance.

Yours respectfully,
JOHN H. FOW,
Attorney for Jitney Association.
The appeal from the Jitney Association follows:
To the Members of Select and Common Councils, Gentlemen:—We desire to call your attention to a clause in the ordinance you have prepared relating to automobiles kept for hire, commonly called "jitneys," that relates to fares.

It is a well-known fact that cannot be disputed that the legal position of a person running an automobile is 2 1/2 cents a mile, increasing as to size. It is six miles from Erie avenue to Shunk street, the zone mentioned. So, therefore, it would cost 1 cent more to carry four passengers that distance than could be collected under the ordinance, practically a confiscation of property without due compensation.

We therefore respectfully request that this part of the ordinance be amended so as to allow us a reasonable return for our business.
ATTORNEY FOR ASSOCIATION.
JOHN H. FOW, President.
RICHARD CORTELLI, President.
GEORGE YOUNG, Secretary.
H. RAJIGER, Treasurer.

The Law Committee of Councils reported the ordinance to impose a license fee of \$50 on "jitneys" and a bond of \$2500. Next Wednesday it will be called up for passage in Select Council, and at that time it is expected strong objections will be made to the same provisions under which the "jitneys" would have to carry a passenger six miles for a nickel.

Two committees of "Jitney" owners waited outside the Council chamber and a demonstration held outside the Council chamber by "Jitney" men who were unable to get inside. One committee, representing the Philadelphia "Jitney" Association, with John H. Fow as spokesman, waited on the Law Committee previous to the meeting of Councils for the purpose of trying to have the proposed ordinance amended so that the "jitneys" may be permitted to charge the same rate as at present.

The other committee that waited on the Councilmen represented independent drivers, members of the Individual's Association. Some members of the individual organization are opposed to a bond and a restriction charge by the city. Representatives of all the organizations will fight against the proposal to compel the "jitney" men to charge a nickel fare for a distance of six miles, which the taxi companies charge more than \$2.

BUFFALO EXPRESS 4:40 A. M.
Buffalo Express will be changed to leave South Street Station 3:30 A. M.—A. C.

NEW VARE COMMISSION

TO INVESTIGATE PAVING
Work on South Broad Street by Boston Company Subject of Councilmanic Probe.

A Vares "Lexow," Jr., commission was created by Councils today to investigate the paving on South Broad Street, laid by the Hassan Paving Company, of Boston, the concern which underbid Senator Edwin H. Vares on the work he had considered all his own.

The commission has virtually the same powers as the political "Lexow" created by the last Legislature to give the Vares a club to hold over the heads of their opponents in the approaching majority contest.

The resolution for the creation of the commission was introduced by Common Councilman George H. Kelley, of the 26th Ward, Senator Vares's home ward. It provides for the appointment of five members of each branch to investigate and inspect the paving on the South Broad Street Boulevard.

The "Lexow," Jr., resolution authorizes the commission "to inspect the paving and see if the specifications are carried out," and it further empowers it to summon witnesses and demand the production of any books or papers during the investigation.

Councilman Kelley, of the 26th Ward, W. W. Trinkle, 20th Ward; Morris E. Conn, 8th Ward; John Baisley, 20th Ward; and Frank Schwarz, Jr., 45th Ward, were appointed members of the commission.

SWOYER'S YACHT

QUAKER SEIZED
Wealthy Wool Man's Pleasure Craft Attached at Atlantic City by Creditors.

The palatial pleasure yacht Quaker and the express cruiser J. D. S., both the property of Joseph D. Swoyer, millionaire wool manufacturer, of this city, and former commodore of the Chelsea Yacht Club, were attached at Atlantic City today to satisfy claims registered in the District Court by the Bergdoll Taxicab Company and Dr. Edward J. Porteous.

The Quaker was the craft on which Thomas M. Carroll, proprietor of the Hotel Hermitage, New York city, and his wife, formerly Miss Elizabeth Poutney, of Hudson, N. Y., had held frequent trysts with Swoyer. Upon this claim Carroll brought a suit for \$300,000 damages against the Philadelphia merchant for alienation of his wife's affections.

The second suit brought to light the fact that Swoyer left San Francisco on January 15, 1915, with Mrs. Carroll, embarking on the steamship Manchuria for the Orient, and registering, it is said, as married to this country, supposedly leaving Mrs. Carroll somewhere in Asia or Europe, where she still is, according to Hayes.

NOTED AMERICANS

COMING FOR THE "4TH"
Henry Ford, Winstone Churchill and Jacob Schiff Among Those Who Will Be Here.

Several representative Americans, who have distinguished themselves in their special lines, have accepted invitations to the national Fourth of July celebration which will be held in this city from July 3 until July 5, inclusive. Among the acceptances so far received are those of Henry Ford, the automobile manufacturer; Winstone Churchill, the novelist; and Jacob Schiff, the financier.

It is expected that many men of prominence from all parts of the country will be present to cooperate in the Everett Lippert's suggestion for a National Fourth celebration at Liberty's Shrine. The invitation to Mr. Ford was taken by him personally by Representative James A. Dunn, secretary of the Joint Committee in charge of the celebration, who went all the way to Detroit to see him.

POLICEMEN'S CLAIMS

EXCESSIVE, MAYOR SAYS
Asks Councils to Correct Ordinance Reimbursing Suspended Men.

Councils' attention was called this afternoon in a message from the Mayor to the excessive amounts appropriated in the ordinance of May 29 to pay the back salaries of suspended policemen who were recently reinstated.

Accompanying the Mayor's message was one from Director Porter calling attention to the fact that a large number of those reinstated had earned considerable money to other employment. The Director said that those who had been out of the city's service could justly claim only the amount of their salaries during that period as indemnity or petroleum less the amount they had been able to earn in other employment.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCILS

PASS COURT BILL
OVER MAYOR'S VETO
Select and Common Councils Override Opposition to Municipal Court Grab.

Councils this afternoon passed the Municipal Court "grab" bill, condemning the St. Vincent's home property for the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Branch of the Municipal Court, over the Mayor's veto. The vote in Common Council was 15 to 14, and in Select, 36 to 7.

The ordinance condemns the St. Vincent's Home site, which occupies about two-thirds of the block. The remaining portion of the block was occupied by the Magdalene Home, and was condemned last fall. The Magdalene property has already been acquired.

"This is an extravagant and unnecessary provision for a new court whose needs could be provided for with comparatively little cost in other ways," said the Mayor in his veto message.

"I have already pointed this out to you and am surprised that you should take no heed of my urgent request to husband the taxpayers' money and not to waste untold sums for the gratification of a new judicial tribunal that runs far ahead in its extravagance over all actual needs."

CHILD HYGIENE DIVISION

ASSURED BY TRANSFER BILL
Finance Committee Reports Appropriation Item.

The Division of Child Hygiene will be established in the Bureau of Health. Councils today took the first steps to establish the division for which the Bureau of Health and the Child Federation have been fighting for years.

In a transfer bill of \$125,000 reported out by the Finance Committee today there was an item providing for the establishment of the division after September 1. It provides for the appointment of a chief of the division, at a salary of \$3000 a year; 10 nurses, at \$500 a year; one stenographer, at \$900 a year; and one woman medical inspector, at \$1000 a year.

ASK CITY TO REMOVE TRACKS

Frankford, Tacony and Holmesburg Railway Replies to Councils.

Select Council this afternoon received a communication from Patrick Grant, secretary and treasurer of the Frankford, Tacony and Holmesburg Street Railway Company, declaring that the corporation was unwilling to remove a part of its tracks, in accordance with a proposition advanced by the city's lawmakers, except at the expense of the municipality.

HAILSTORMS RUIN CROPS

Tobacco, Corn and Fruit Suffer in Lancaster Section.

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COUNCILS REBUKED FOR OVERRIDING THE MAYOR
Executive in Message Scores "Steam Roller" Methods in Passing Bills Over Veto.

Councils' "steam roller" methods in passing bills over his veto were scored by Mayor Blankenburg in a message to Councils today. He rebuked Councils for not giving his communications greater consideration.

"It will be really a gratification to me if you will not treat my messages and vetoes in the cavalier fashion which has too often been your custom," the Mayor said in the course of his veto of the Municipal Court ordinance. "In all my messages I am earnest and sincere in my statements of fact and in the position I finally assume, and they deserve at least some consideration at your hands. If, after discussion, my position is deemed untenable, the overcoming of my vetoes by a vote of Councils would have real merit; but when you merely use the steam-roller it places your honorable bodies in the unpleasant light of having no facts nor arguments, but simply using brute force to overcome my objections."

OVERBROOK FREIGHT YARD BILL PASSED

Objections of Citizens of That Section Ignored by Select Council.

The Overbrook freight yard ordinance was passed in its original form by Select Council this afternoon by a vote of 23 to 12. Select Councilman Herbert L. Maris, of the 34th Ward, sustained by Select Councilman Ira D. Garman, of the 4th Ward, attempted to shelve the measure and then to amend it.

When the measure was reported out by the Railroad Committee, Councilman Maris, in a long speech, asserted that the ordinance was unpopular in Overbrook. He moved that it be sent back to committee. This was voted down. Motions made by him, and seconded by Councilman Garman, to postpone action until October 1, and then to postpone action indefinitely were also voted down.

Maris then introduced seven amendments, embodying all of the objections which the citizens of Overbrook have made to the ordinance. Each one was voted down in turn.

The objection was raised that the ordinance does not provide for the extension of the tunnels as requested by the Overbrook Association, nor for the elimination of car repairs who are not needed. It was pointed out further that the city will have to expend approximately \$100,000 in improvements for the construction of the private railroad yard.

BILLS PROPOSE SPENDING \$267,000 ON PORT HERE

Ordinances Authorizing Work on Channel and Bulkhead Introduced.

Ordinances making available \$267,000 for the development of the port of Philadelphia were introduced in Select Council today by James E. Lennon, of the 26th Ward.

JITNEYS HIT CAMDEN TROLLEY TRADE

Ten trolley cars will be taken out of service in Camden by the New Jersey Public Service Corporation because of the competition of jitneys. It was announced today. The cars ordinarily ran during rush hours of the afternoon from the ferries to various suburbs.

COUNCILMANIC BRIEFS

The Water Committee of Councils today granted the applications of three charitable institutions in the city which desired to take advantage of the reduced water rates allowed such institutions. They are the Old Men's Home, 323 North Thirty-ninth street; the Prester Home for Retired Teachers, Johnson and Jefferson streets; and the George Institute and Library, Fifty-third and Media streets. Several other applications were received and referred to Chief Davis, of the Water Bureau, for investigation.

COUNCILS TODAY TOOK ACTION TO ESTABLISH A PLAYGROUND AND PUBLIC PARK IN THE 25TH WARD

When the Finance Committee reported out an ordinance calling for an appropriation of \$75,000 for the purchase of a plot of ground bounded by Buckius, Ash, Richmond and Bath streets.

ORDINANCE FOR REGAVING 7TH STREET BETWEEN WALNUT AND LOCUST STREETS AND FROM SOUTH WASHINGTON SQUARE TO SPRUCE STREET WAS INTRODUCED IN COMMON COUNCIL TODAY BY MORRIS E. CONN, OF THE 8TH WARD. THE MEASURE CARRIES AN APPROPRIATION OF \$200 FOR THE WORK. IT WAS REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

COMMON COUNCIL THIS AFTERNOON PASSED THE ORDINANCE OPENING THE ONLY UNOPENED PORTION OF PASAYUNK AVENUE, BETWEEN 23d AND 15th STREETS. THE ORDINANCE PROVIDES FOR A 300-FOOT STREET.

COUNCILS FAIL TO ACT ON MEASURE PROMISED BY CHAIRMAN CONNELLY.
Councils today failed to take action to establish the Division of Housing and Sanitation created by the compromise housing law passed by the last Legislature and signed by Governor Brumbaugh after he had received the promise of Councils' leaders that the measure would be put into effect by July 1.

The failure of Councils to act today was taken by advocates of adequate housing laws to mean the division will not be established until fall. This is absolutely contrary to an agreement made with Governor Brumbaugh by John P. Connelly, chairman of the Finance Committee. When the measure came before the Governor for his signature, he asked Connelly for a pledge that the division would go into effect on July 1. This Connelly gave, and further, he pledged that Councils would make the necessary appropriations before summer adjournment is taken on Thursday of next week.

As the result of the failure of Councils to report out the ordinance today the measure would have to be rushed through at the two meetings next week, and if the division is established at all before Councils adjourns for the summer it will be through last-minute legislation.

The Finance Committee on Appropriations of the Finance Committee, which was reported out today the schedule of office and salaries for the proposed new division, met and at once adopted dilatory tactics. The schedule was referred to a committee of Select Council appointed last week to supervise the organization of the division. Also the Finance Committee failed to report out the ordinance establishing the division.

Members of the Subcommittee on Appropriations, after the meeting, said the committee has not received a certified copy to report out the ordinance which was reported out by the Finance Committee and asserted no action would be taken until such a copy is received.

The Select Council Committee to which the schedule was referred can report back to the subcommittee at the special meeting of Councils on Wednesday of next week. The measure could then be reported out by the Finance Committee and finally passed at the last regular meeting of Councils on Thursday of next week. This rapid-fire action, however, would give the Councils' leaders a chance to eliminate provisions for the appointment of inspectors and other employees of the Department of Health and Charities.

The ordinance which the Finance Committee was expected to report out today, but failed to do, was to establish a chief of the division at a salary of \$5000 a year and for the transfer of employees in the present division of sanitation and treatment house inspection, and by further providing for a small number of additional inspectors and clerks. Members of the Finance Committee said, after the meeting of that body today, that the ordinance is not in shape yet.

PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, June 23.—The Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company today announced that it had received a letter from the Overbrook Association, signed by William E. Lampe, secretary, urging opposition to the bill.

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"A Fight With the King" is the latest war story for fishermen on the prowess of the mighty kingfish. Incidentally, S. H. Lipschutz tells of a Florida trip that cost but \$75. In the Sunday Ledger

