

TRADE BODIES OPPOSE NATIONAL OWNERSHIP OF MERCHANT MARINE

Philadelphia Organizations and Those in Middle States Strongly Against Scheme in Referendum Vote.

Predominant Sentiment in Favor of Government Subsidies. National Chamber of Commerce Recommendations Sustained by Great Majorities.

WASHINGTON, June 23.—Philadelphia and most of the trade organizations in the Middle States voted against Government ownership of a merchant marine in the referendum submitted by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

Do you favor the Government undertaking the purchase, construction or charter of vessels for mercantile purposes, together with the operation of such vessels? Fifty-four in favor, 711 opposed.

Do you favor subsidies from the Government sufficient to offset the difference in cost between operation of vessels under the American flag and operation in the same deep-sea trades under foreign flags? Five hundred and fifty-eight in favor, 116 opposed.

Do you favor subventions from the Government to establish regular mail and freight lines under the American flag to countries in which the commercial interests of the United States are important and to American dependencies? Seven hundred and eighteen in favor, 41 opposed.

In the second ballot are set forth recommendations by the National Chamber of Commerce on Merchant Marine. The committee recommends the creation of a Federal shipping board to investigate and report to Congress regarding the navigation laws and to have full jurisdiction, under the law, in all matters pertaining to overseas transportation.

New Clerk in Municipal Court Harry Apel, 655 Wolf street, was today appointed assistant clerk in the Criminal Branch of the Municipal Court to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of William J. Crowley, the former assistant.

Agree to Divide Cost of Bridge NORRISTOWN, Pa., June 23.—The Reading Railway Company has agreed to share equally with Montgomery County the \$2,000,000 cost of the "Switchville" bridge near Jenkintown.

THE WEATHER Official Forecast WASHINGTON, June 23. For eastern Pennsylvania—Fair tonight Thursday; moderate northwest winds.

U. S. Weather Bureau Bulletin Observations taken at 8 a. m., Eastern time.

Observation at Philadelphia S. A. M. Barometer 30.75, Wind 15, Clouds 10, Rain 0.

AMATEUR PLAYERS TO MEET Newly Formed Stage Society Leases Little Theatre.

The Stage Society of Philadelphia, a newly formed amateur theatrical organization, will hold its first general meeting today at the Little Theatre at 4 o'clock.

The Stage Society was formed about six weeks ago by a number of persons desirous of giving in this city play not often presented by commercial managers.

One-act and three-act plays are to be presented, chosen from all languages. Maurice Speiser, president, will conduct today's meeting and address will be made by Dr. Cornelius Weyandt.

DETECTIVES QUIZ RIPPER SUSPECT

New York and Philadelphia Authorities Probe Case of Suspicious Man.

Efforts to connect the "ripper" murder of two children in New York with the rambling story of a man detained at the Philadelphia General Hospital are being made today by the police of two cities.

The man, who is believed to be demented, was arrested in City Hall last yesterday, and the New York police were notified after the Philadelphia authorities had questioned him.

George Blumlein is the name the man gave to Lieutenant Wood last night. Lieutenant Wood was in charge of detective headquarters when the man came up to him and asked him for a warrant for the arrest of some one who, he said, was threatening "to cut out his liver."

Faurot and Glidca said that Blumlein left New York 10 days ago under circumstances that are suspicious, and that he has an intimate knowledge of the neighborhood in which the children were slain.

SONS OF VETERANS HEAR DEFENSE PLEA

National Commander-in-Chief Tells Delegates U. S. Needs Larger Army and Navy.

A plea for a larger navy and army was made today by Charles F. Sherman, of New York, commander-in-chief of the National Order of the Sons of Veterans, who are holding their annual convention at the Hotel Walton.

Clarence Holmes, aide to Commander Sherman, also made an address, and the response was delivered by John E. Sautter, of Pittsburgh, past commander.

Relatives of the Sons of Veterans held a business session, called to order by the division president, Miss Marie Selph.

Theatrical Baedeker

WOODSIDE PARK—"A Knight for a Day" with the "The Blue Bird" and "The Merry Widow" comedy in which May Yokes and John Davis starred.

PHILADELPHIANS AT CHICAGO "AD" CONVENTION



Some of the delegates from the Poor Richard Club and others who are attending the convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World. They are working hard to get the next convention for Philadelphia.

PHOTOPLAY NIGHT AT FRISCO FAIR

During Movie Convention Week 20,000 Visitors Will See Photoplay Produced in Fair Grounds.

The Panama-Pacific Exposition will extend an unusual and highly complimentary privilege to Marguerite Snow and Francis X. Bushman, the well-known Metro stars, on Thursday, July 15.

SHRINERS TO OBSERVE ANCIENT ORIENTAL RITE

"Muezzin," or Call of Faithful to Prayer, Will Be Chanted by Nobles.

The Muezzin—the call of the faithful for prayer—will be chanted today in an Oriental monotone by a dozen white-robed priests while the sun is sending its last rays glinting along the minarets of Lu Lu Temple.

AUTO TANGLE CLEARED UP

Physician Bought Car Stolen From Another Physician.

The tangle caused by a doctor buying in his possession an automobile stolen from another doctor was unraveled today before Magistrate Burris in Central Police Station.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

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WOMAN'S FONDNESS FOR EGGS ENDS IN SALOON FIGHT

Negro Held for Court After Cutting Up Three Men.

A woman's fondness for hard-boiled eggs caused considerable inconvenience to Alexander Bullock, who was one of the principal guests at the annual flower ball of the Southwark Neighborhood Fraternal and Beneficial Association.

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Montenegrins March on Scutari

ROME, June 23.—Three columns of Montenegrin troops are marching on Scutari, province of Albania, according to the Giornale d'Italia, and are meeting with little resistance.

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The man who picked big Willard takes a flyer to the other end of the scales.

Next Sunday Wm. H. Rocap nominates the bantamweight who may defeat Kid Williams. In the Public Ledger

SPORTS MAGAZINE

Philadelphia Lager Beer Brewers' Association (The next article will appear Saturday, June 26th)

CLINGING GOWNS, RUINED BENNY'S, ADD TO ZEST OF DANCE IN STREET

Rain Fails to Dampen Ardor of Hundred Couples in West Philadelphia Who Make Merry on Slippery Asphalt.

There's just one kind of floor that beats the regulation slippery waxy kind for dancing and that's a nice patch of asphalt pavement kept in good condition by an occasional shower of rain.

West Philadelphians, and some others, discovered this last night. A hundred couples, their ardor undampened by a real downpour, took to the asphalt last night at Baltimore avenue and 8th street, when the Municipal Band struck up, and inaugurated the first of a series of dances to be held in various parts of the city during the summer.

Straw bonnets were ruined beyond recognition; newly laundered frocks became quickly unstarched and hung like desperate things to the fair wearers who heeded them not. This was a real dance on a real floor to the tune of real music.

Long before the band arrived the park square at the intersection of the streets showed signs of festivities to come. The residents had illuminated in honor of the occasion, myriads of Japanese lanterns strung from tree to tree in the four blocks surrounding the square.

Old Jupe Pluvius did his very best to break up the party. He wet the natty uniform of the Municipal Band. He took the curl out of the hair of damsels who had dolled up especially for the occasion.

Don't put it off. Start now to use FELS-NAPHTHA soap—the Soap that does most of your work for you.

It's a time-saver, a money-saver, a health-saver. Use it in cool or lukewarm water—it's a fuel-saver too.

Something new. Something good. Fels-Soap Powder. Something sweet. Something needed.

Facts Versus Fallacies

FACT is a real state of things. FALLACY is an apparently genuine but really illogical statement or argument.

HERE IS a letter from Judge D. E. Bryant, of the U. S. Court, on the subject of local option. It is candid, thoughtful and well worth the reading:

"DEAR SIR—Your favor relative to the prohibition election which takes place in Grayson county, and asking my views relative to the same, has been received.

"THIS IS a business question of moment to our people, and being a citizen to be affected by said election, I feel that I have the right to express my ideas on it. I will not attempt in this letter to discuss the wisdom or folly of sumptuary laws. I grant freely that those advocating prohibition think it best for the people.

"NOTWITHSTANDING the rigid prosecution of the traffic it is unabated; in fact, if any difference increases. Feuds exist in each neighborhood, growing out of prosecutions for violations of the prohibitory law. Perjury becomes common and the other offenses heretofore mentioned are only incidents connected with this question.

"MY EXPERIENCE is that prohibitory laws do not prohibit; that they do no good, but to the contrary they are extremely hurtful. There is but one answer to this, and it is that you cannot legislate successfully upon what men regard as a matter of taste. When legislation trenches upon taste the citizen will violate the law with impunity, and in so doing he does not regard himself as a criminal.

"WHEREVER local option exists you will find lawless persons who will sell to any and every body wherever they can, not respecting minority or other conditions. The courts will be flooded with prosecutions, and there will be but few convictions and the expense will be very large.

"I HAVE the greatest respect for the opinion of all people on this question, whether they think as I do or otherwise, but this is a matter of moment to our people, and I simply state the above fact: as my opinion, based upon my observation of this question, even when backed by the United States, which every one knows is more favored by the law-breaker than the local law.

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