# EVENING LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA. FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 1915:

# **COMMITTEE OF 100 OPENS CAMPAIGN FOR** INDEPENDENT MAYOR

Kolb, Porter, William and Sheldon Potter and Norris Are Suggested as Desirable Candidates

### FUSION TO BE DISCUSSED

The campaign for the election of an interendent Mayor and Councils started with a rush today, following the call is-end last night by the Public Service Com-mittee of 100 to the clitzens of Philadel-phies to see to it that all parties nomi-sted only high-grads men as candidates for Mayor, and the announcement of a top of Nevor desired Mayor, and the announcement of a of five candidates representing the of Mayor desired by the members of the committee.

The committee's suggestions for Mayor

George D. Porter, Director of the De william Potter, ex-United States Min-

later to Italy. Louis J. Kolb, colonel on the staff of

Generator Brumbhugh and close personal friend of the Governor. Saddon Potter, Select Councilman from the 20 Ward and ex-Director of the De-the 20 Ward and ex-Director of the De-

partment of Fublic Safety. Beorge W. Norris, ex-Director of the

Desartment of Wharves, Docks and

A campaign committee was selected at A campaign committee was selected at the meeting held by the committee ysterday, and this committee will di-rest the fight of the independents. It constants of T. Henry Walhut, chairman; George Wentworth Carr, Walter F. Dai-linger, Herbert D. Aliman, Haseltine Smith, Francis B. Reeves, Jr., and Ed-mith, Francis B. Reeves, Jr., and Edand L. D. Roach, secretary.

Of the candidates suggested by the committee the names of four were in the list of 14 suggested by the business the list of it suggested by the Director parter, William Potter, Norris and Kolb, None of the five names on the commit-tes's list was included in the Organiza-tion leaders' list of eight "availables."

Of the man suggested by the committee Mesars. Norris and William Potter have The committee as a whole did not in-orse the above candidates, and has not need any one man as its own candi-

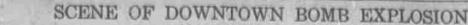
mpanying the suggestions was statement that announced the decision of the committee to fight the battle for independence of contractor bosses in pollmerendence of contractor bosses in poli-ties more vigorously than ever before. Particular attention was called to the messaity for electing not only an in-dependent Mayor, who will conserve the wyfk of the Blankenburg administration, but also for electing independents to remarks

#### THE STATEMENT.

The statement was everywhere dis-cussed in independent political circles to-day, particularly a part of it which inti-mated that a new political party may be ed if the Republican leaders do not put the right kind of candidates in the field.

The Executive Committee of the Public Service Committee of One Hundred has communicated with each of the members of the general committee for the purpose of the general committee for the purpose of ascertaining the views as to the part the committee should take in the com-ing municipal examples. It finds a prac-tically unalimous response in favor of a larger campaign activity than ever before, in order that the excellent results of the present administration may be con-served and proper direction be given to the city's advance, and that the city shall we fully established on a business busin. We note also that this attitude, which his been expressed by the members of est own committee, has been felt in the butters world at large, as is evidenced by its letter signed by Thomas Martin-dule and others, which has already ap-

"A vote of the general membership of Hundred has resulted in a very definite surretion of the following for the office of Mayor. (Here follows the list aforeoned.)





House at 627 Catharine street, where 33 persons were badly shaken up in early morning explosion. The picture shows damage done to front step.

### **10,000 SORE THROATS** IN THIS CITY RESULT **OF DAMP WEATHER**

Many Victims in Hospitals and All Walks of Life Affected by the Malady

present member of Common Council

Democratic Committee.

PHYSICIANS KEPT BUSY

SORE THROAT STATISTICS 10,000 Philadelphians affected. Continued damp weather advanced as reason for epidemic.

No relief in sight until atmospheric onditions become normal. Clinics and hospitals kept busy treating patients.

Many cures brought about through mussage of nerves. Washington and St. Louis have similar

Ten thousand Philadelphians, members of the medical profession declared today. are suffering from sore throats, as a result of the continued damp weather. Many of the patients are confined in different hospitals. According to physiclans, this is the first epidemic of sore throats that Philadelphia has had in years. St. Louis and Washington at the present time have similar epidemics. Prominent practitioners who have been treating some of the cases stated today

treating some of the cases stated today that a majority of the patients were not suffering with the regular old-fashioned sore throat. Ninety-five per cent of the patients, according to physiclans, are suffering from a new malady in the

See America First! Great murky gobs of goom today pervade The atmosphere and make the world afraid, Of some catastrophe; no one knows what,

Today all evil spirits scheme and plot. This is the thirteenth day, and Friday, too; A combination all have learned to rue; ing money. Finding that it inseparably links Itself with countless multitudes of jinx. Eschew the ladder, avoid the smashing of mirrors, regardless of the provocation. It is Friday, the 13th. the great day of the happenings that shouldn't be. Panics and bad luck thrive today.

STOP! LOOK! WATCH! AND LISTEN!

Knife! Don't Wear a Chest Protector!

"FRIDAY, 13TH," JINX ON THE JOB

the lith." Instead of rushing as usual up the gangplank, the commuters walked in sin-gle file and with extreme caution. Ac-cordingly, no one was injured. The whole city papitated with supersti-tious fear. The closest of friends became suspicious of each other. "Beware," was the watchword everywhere.

Even the temperature, against which there has been little objection lately, went up. Starch ran out of shirts and collars

up, Starch ran out of snirts and out of the campaign in New Jersey. The careful man avoids everything to-day that might lead to anything. He walks under no ladders. He uses the utmost care at street crossings, stair-utmost care at street crossings, stairsollide violently with something heavier than himself or fall and get hurt. Some men did not eat, fearing ptomaine pelsoning. No one should lend money chance. Friday, the 13th. Beware!

today. He who does probably never will get it back. Borrowing is different. Every one should borrow, provided some one can be found to lend. It is like find-

Frank Polivnik, 25 years old, a tailor, of 422 McClellan street, was so terrorized by the fear of Friday the 13th that he obtained a marriage license yesterday to wed Minnie Stone, of 1901 Patton street. Then he tore it up inadvertently with a lot of old letters. Today he returned to the Marriage License Bureau for a Commuters surging from a Pennsyl-vania ferryboat at Market street wharf suddenly came to a halt today when some one yelled, "Look out, it's Friday Instead of motion

Many, many years ago Lucy Stone was born on the 13th day of August. She declined to be taxed without being rep-resented, and the minions of the law took away her household furniture to soil for the taxes. Today a hardy band of her followers, no others than the suffragists of New York, led by the intrepid Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, who per-mitted the sale of an automobile rather than pay taxes, unvelled a monument to Lucy Stone as the formal opening of

## PHILA. ELECTRIC FILES ENORMOUS INVENTORY

72,560 Sheets in 368 Volumes Given Service Board in Compliance With Director Cooke's Demands

The lengthy inventory of the Philadelphia Electric Company properties, which the company was ordered to file with the State Public Service Commission, fol lowing the long fight conducted by Di rector Cooke, has been summarized for the benefit of the publi by those interested in the case. The inventory is in-tended to be only a liss of properties, the appraisan, which is the value of each

property, is to come later. The electric company has asked until November 15 to file this valuation. The resume of the inventory follows:

The resume of the inventory follows: Preliminary surveys of the property of the Philadelphia Electric Company, in preparation for making the inventory of the property, were made in July, 1814, and in August the inventory was started with 15 men. It has been continued steadily to date with such number of employee as could be economically and successfully used, being a maximum of 56.

The results of the inventory, in all detalls, comprise 368 volumes of field abeets and notebooks, having an aggregate esti-mated number of 73,560 sheets. These field sheets have been digested and sum-marized, and the summaries prepared for presentation to the commission. KINDS OF PROPERTY.

KINDS OF PROPERTY. The total quantities of all kinds of property of the company are set forth in one summary volume of 97 pages. The kinds of property were divided into 11 different items, as follows: 1-Overhead lines. 2-Lamps and iamp suspensions (being more particularly municipal lamps). 3-Underground lines. Land 5- Buildings 6. Station engine

municipal lampa). 3-Underground lines. 4-Land. 5-Buildings. 6-Station equip-ment. 7-Equipment on customera' prem-lses (which includes meters, service wire, transformers, etc.). S-Horses and ve-hicles used in company's business. 3-Furniture, fixtures and office equipment, tools and implements and materials and supplies on hand. 10-The commercial terms heating suctors. 11 Work to procesteam heating system. II-Work in prog-ress (which consists particularly of the new power station not yet in operation, but being for the company's business). Associated with the summary volume of 57 pages, are three general maps of Phila-delphia, which show the working districts

by which the inventory was made, the lo-cation of each piece of real estate owned or leased by the company, and the gen-eral locations of the company's electric lines in t hecity. 110 VOLUMES IN SUMMARY

Also associated with the summary vol-ums are 102 other volumes, which give the locations and specifications of the

The locations and specifications of the property. These volumes, in other words, are volumes of supporting data, showing the character of the various items of property enumerated by quantities. One volume contains specifications and blue prints of detail devices. Sixteen volumes of many the heatings of volumes of maps show the locations of poles and of underground conduits and tubes. One volume shows survey maps and the deed descriptions of each portion of land belonging to the company. Twen-ty-six volumes show general plans of the various buildings owned by the company including the building for the Station A-3 which is in process of construction. Four volumes show photographs of buildings, equipment and details of construction. One volume shows the details of the com-mercial steam-heating system. Fortyeight volumes show details of equipment in the various stations of the company and eight volumes show details of com-

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tomera. Four volumes onumerate formis-ture, office equipment, machine shap-equipment, gouersi tools and implements, and materials and expolies on hand. The above life volumes contain in the agregate 16,422 sheets, besides the de-ectiputions and survey mays of the 39 parcels of land. In addition there is in analytical index of the volumes by groups of property. Twelve additional volumes are also included for exhibit to the commission, which are assimple vol-umes of field sheets exhibiting the data as a shered by the field inventory. These yournes illustrate the comprehending wanner in which the original field in-wanner in which the original field in-

### CRIPPLE FALLS AND DIES

Tobin, Old Rag Picker, Neighborhood Character, Slips on Step

Injuries sustained when a crutch slipped on a marble step and caused him to fall resulted in the death of "Old John" To-bin, a one-legged raspicker, in the North-western General Hospital. For many years Tobin had been a fa-millar character in the neighborhood of Zd street and Ridge avenue. He was 14 years old and said he "never had no home."

His death was due to a hemorrhage caused by a wound in his head.

A four-minute run to the University Hospital by the police pairol of the Self and Pine streets station and first-aid treatment by Sergeant John Cusick saved the life of Mrs. Albert Marquette, of J68 South Yewdall street, who attempted to fake her life with gas late last night. "Nohody knows my treatles" acid Messi "Nobody knows my troubles." said Mrs. Marquette, who is the mother of five chil-dren. She was revived by a pulmotor.

#### SEEK BODY IN RIVER

Wilmington Police Baffled by Report of Woman's Action

The Wilmington police are dragging the river for the body of a woman who was seen to plunge from the upper deck of the steamboat City of Chester from Philadeiphia as it passed through the Penn-sylvania Raliroad drawbridge, near the mouth of the Christiana River at Wil-mington, last night.

mington, last night. Herbert Reeder, a signalman on the draw, who says he is positive he saw a woman either jump or fall into the river, put out in a small boat and recovered a handbag. It contained a door key, a wedding ring, some change and other ar-ticles, but no clue to the identity of the owner.

Wilson Line officials said they had re-ceived no report relative to a missing ansbenger.

#### President Rea Slightly Better

The condition of Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, is slightly improved today, according to physicians in the Polyclinic Hospital, where he has been under treatment since August 7. The nature of Mr. Rea's illness has not been disclosed. Though his condition is critical, the physicians say there is no ca



# Last Go! \$3.25 for striped Flan-

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nel and Serge outing

Scrutinize Your Step! Don't Eat Pie With a Sharp Explosion Wrecks Marble Steps

> flying glass. He was the only one injured. James Goreigei, 22 years old, of 627 Catharine street, one of six boarders in the house, was arrested after an investigation by District Detectives Wirtschaf-

Station and held in \$1000 ball. The Catharine street house is operated by Michael Massero, who runs an Italian employment agency. His wife and six children live in the rear of the first floor and his mother, Mrs. Anna Massero, 82

is hysterical from the shock and under the care of a physician. Three other families live in the house in addition to the boarders. They are Joseph Darchna, his wife and three chilaren, third floor rear; Tony Douccini, wife and four children, second floor, and

**33 PERSONS THROWN** FROM BED BY BOMB

### of House, Injures Boy and **Rouses** Neighborhood

A bomb exploded at the door of 627 Catharine street threw the top block of the marble steps into the middle of the street early today, smashed windows for a distance of two blocks in dwellings and gave 33 persons living in the house a bad shaking up. A boy whose home is across the street was cut on the leg by

ter, Fields and McGinn, of the 2d and Christian streets station, as a suspicious character. He was arraigned at Central

years old, lives in the third floor. She

"However, this committee has not and mould not as yet indorse any particular man as its candidate.

INDEPENDENCE REQUIRED. INDEPENDENCE REQUIRED. In considering candidates the test to le spiled will embrace the elements of maracter, efficiency and independence. We take it for granted that none except a man of character and efficiency will be regreted by any of the parties for the blics, and, therefore, we lay stress upon its quality of independence so that who-ever the next Mayor of Philadelphia may be to shall be known as his own 'boss.' is he shall be known as his own 'boss,' recentling no authority except that of the voters who have placed him in office.

We urge the voters of all national par-ties to place upon the primary ballot of the party of their choice the names of rech candidate as fulfill this ideal. While R may become necessary to fuse the Exeptedent forces of the city into one element movement outside of the lines of the national methes as heat accomif the national parties, as has been accom-blanded successfully in the past, yet it would be unquestionably a great achieve-ment, for the citizenship of Philadelphia at the respective national party pri-mates a candidate of the qualifications there described should be nominated by well, thereby insuring the selection of a Berthy Mayor.

withy Mayor. WIST NOT FORGET COUNCILMEN. The importance of the mayoralty elec-in should no. detract public attention muchimen and Select Councilmen from wards will be elected in November. In the so obtain consideration for names is to obtain consideration for names is to obtain consideration for names is numbered by August 31. The multiple of the following: Marman, T. Henry Walnut; George wingorth Carr, Walter F. Dallinger, minet B. Reives, Jr., and Edward L. Bach, secretary. sille

math, secretary. The committee asks that citizens in envy ward shall give immediate atten-te to the question of ward representa-tion in Councils and that the suggestions proper nominees be sent to the office ins Public Service Committee of One Indred, 315 Builetin Butlding, without say? No that steps may be taken immo-tally to obtain the circulation of nomi-

Interestate Action / IMPERATIVE ATTENDATE ACTION IMPERATIVE. Unliet the schedule of registration days the homhation requirements made many by recent tasts of Assembly, it the homhation requirements made many devices that all preliminarites alling to the November election should taken hold of vigorously and at once, has nominations and elections may to by detault. This three registra-says Thuraday, September 3; Tues-september 7, and Saturday, Sep-ber 11, are earlier than usual; and one is first duties with which the Cam-m Committee will concern their will a secure the largest possible registra-to that all those, who desire to vote the property qualified. The bays the good of their munich-mention at heart. The ball of the Fublic Service Com-man of One Hundrad! Wains parts the fusion to Allings

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throat brought on directly through the constant change in atmospheric conditions

Sore throats, physicians said today, car Sore throats, physicians said today, can be found in different parts of the city. The epidemic isn't confined among a cer-flicted are merchants, brokers, lawyers, teachers, salesmen, women, messenger boys, railway conductors, children and others. others.

Medical statistics kept by physicians Medical statistics kept by physicians show that sore throat during the months of July and August is scarce. These statistics are confirmed by official records on file in the Department of Health. In one large mercantile establishment in the upper part of the city, it was learned today, 11 men detailed in one de-

partment bave been absent for more than a week. Some of them are in hospitals, while the others are at their homes. while the others are at their They are all nursing sore throats.

They are all nursing sore threats. Dr. Walter L. Stolp. a prominent neu-rologist, with offices in the De Long Building, at the southeast corner of 13th and Chestnut streets, has had a large number of sore-throat cases. Doctor Stolp declared that the epidemic which now exists in Philadelphia is chiefly due to the recent continued change in at-mospheric conditions. "The damp weather which he have had

to the recent continued change in at-mospheric conditions. "The damp weather which he have had for asveral days," said Doctor Stolp, "is responsible for all the sore throats. I have been kept busy every day in treat-ing patients. Some of my patients are of splendid physique and have never been sick in their lives until a week ago. Among my patients are athletes and men who spend most of their time in the open and also live in tents. These men tell me that they have never known what it was to have a hesdache. Soon after the damp weather set in their throats be-came sore. The spidemic of sore throats is not composed of the old-fusifiend sore throats. The sore throats of today are entirely different. The neck becomes stiff-ened and the nerves, it seems, becomes tired. Later inflammation sets in. J look for no relief until the present weather throats " for no relief until the present weather

changes.



State Commission May Reach Decision on Taylor Plan Today or Tomorrow

The State Public Service Commission met today at Harrisburg to consider the application of the city of Philadelphia for a "certificate of public convenience"

to permit the construction of the Broad street subway and the Frankford elevated lines. The Commission received on the first mail today the protest briefs forwarded to it, late yesterday afternoon, by Ruby R. Vale, attorney in the Dallam taxpayer suit, and Charles L. Fluck. The transit matter was taken under consideration as soon as the meeting was called to

order. "The commission will make every effort to arrive at an early decision in the transit case," said Secretary Arch B. to arrive at an early definition of the arrive at an early early arch B. transit case," said Becretary Arch B. Miller today, "and will make public its conclusions just as soon as a settlement is reached. This may be today, possibly not until tomorrow, or even Monday, depending entirely upon the ability of the Commissioners to get to the bottom of the vast amount of testimony and argu-ment submitted."

Director Taylor is laying all plans to begin work at the carliest possible date. Yesterday he made formal application to the Board of Highway Supervisors for the approval of a permit for construction of the column foundations for the Frank-

men who plan to start something or somewhere oday will put it off until tomorrow, in respect for the great god

ford line along Front street between Arch and Callowhill atreets and between Frankford avenue and Unity street.

The briefs submitted to the Public Serv-ice Commission by Mr. Vale and Mr. Fluck both urge that the "certificate of public convenience" be denied. Mr. Fluck asks that the certificate be denied only until assurance of universal free trans-fers and the complete abolition of the 8-cent exchange tickets is given. The brief of Mr. Vale, however, argues that the whole program urged by Director Taylor is an unnecessary extravagance. Mr. Vale advances four propositions which he contends should constrain the commission to deny permission to build the lines. These are:

VALE'S PETITION. "First. Public utilities are in the nature of public monopolies, and since competition between public utilities leads to economic waste, the burden of showng affirmatively the necessity for a proposed competing utility rests upon the applicant. "Second. Inadequacy of service ren-

"Second. Inadequacy of service ren-dered by an existing utility must be dem-onstrated by the petitioner as a condi-tion precedent to the granting of a certificate of convenience to a competing utility, and the record of the instant ap-plication is barren of facts or tending to show competing inadequacy of present model consist. SecOnter a constant of the second of the secon apld 'transit facilities in the city of

"Third of the instant application is de-fective and inndequate in that (a) it is duplicate, (b) contradictory and uncer-tain, (c) fails to comply with the rules of the Commission, and (d) prays for the of the Commission, and (d) prays for the construction of portions only of two sepa-rate public utilities without regard to the completion of sither utility or (e) the equipment or the operation of either initial portion or the completed whole of either utility. "Fourth. The proposed utilities are neither necessary nor proper, and the record affirmatively shows their burden-some extravagence."



Tony Cilanio, wife and five children, third loor front.

The injured boy is Peter Uccifiro, 13 years old, of 638 Catharine street. He was treated at the Pennsylvania Hospital for a severe gash in his leg and then sent back to his home.

sent back to his home. The explosion occurred at 3:30 o'clock. Most of the occupants of 627 Catharine sirect and houses on either side were thrown out of bed by the shock. The front door was blown open, but not torn from the hinges. The top slab of the steps was found in two pieces in the middle of the street. Hundreds of men, women and children crowded into the street in their night clothing following the concussion. They stood around in excited groups for nearly an hour before the police could induce

an hour before the police could induce them to return to their homes. Massero says he has no idea who placed the bomb.

Civil War Veteran Hit by Jitney John M. Patterson, %, a veteran of the Civil War, is in the Hahnemann Hospital with severe cuts and bruises caused by being knocked down by a jitney betweef Broad Street Station and the City Hall Mr. Patterson, who is an lumate of the Soldiers' Home, at Hampton Roads, Va. was on his way to visit his son, R. M. Patterson, superintendent of construction of the Bell Telephone Company, at Bridgeton, N. J., last night, when the ac-cident happened.

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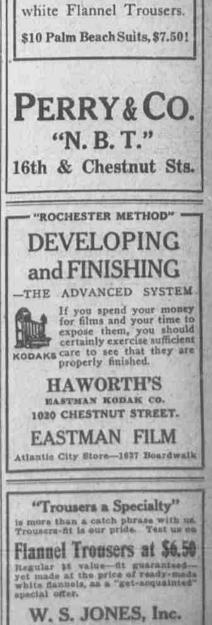
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