

WAR ON ELECTION FRAUDS IS BEGUN ALL OVER CITY

Canvass to Purge Registration Lists of "Phantoms" Pushed

M A N Y PROSECUTIONS

The police canvass to purge the registration lists of the names of thousands of "phantom" voters was extended to all wards of the city today, following the receipt by Director of Public Safety Robert D. Dripps of a letter from Clinton Rogers Woodruff, chairman of the Board of Registration Commissioners, in which the commissioners sanctioned the canvass.

Police in uniform are starting to canvass thoroughly every division in the city for "phantoms," and prosecutions will be brought in every case where they are found.

The evidence of registration frauds that is being unearthed by the police is being turned over to the Committee of Seventy. The committee will make application to have the fraudulent names stricken from the lists.

Whole-sale cases of registration frauds have been found in the 30 divisions in which the canvass was first undertaken, and evidence that will probably lead to striking off the names of many "phantoms" has been turned over to the committee by the police.

The police are paying special attention to the downtown and McNichol wards. Most of the complaints of fraud have been received from these wards. Some complaints have been received, however, from every ward in the city. They all will be investigated, said Director Dripps today.

The canvass is the first undertaken by the police on a city-wide scale since 1913, when the names of more than 500 "phantoms" were stricken from the lists. Members of the Committee of Seventy have estimated that the lists have been padded to the extent of 25,000 names this year, and that the committee expects to strike off a majority of them.

The headquarters for the canvass have been removed from the offices of the Director and Superintendent of Police in City Hall to the 9th district police station, 37th and Buttonwood streets. Lieutenant Van Horn has been placed in charge.

The prosecution of the frauds is an unexpected blow to the Republican Organization. Organization followers have been found to be identified with most of the cases that have been investigated during the last session of the Legislature. The Organization has opposed a bill through the General Assembly requiring that the persons bringing the charges in election crimes cases must pay the witness fees and other costs. This amounts to \$1.50 per day, at the least for each witness.

The cost is apparently exorbitant, and in the opinion of the Organization sponsors of the new law would tend to block any plan for a wholesale prosecution of registration frauds or other election crimes.

CROP RECORDS SHATTERED BY WEST'S BUMPER CROPS

More Than a Billion Bushels of Wheat Estimated

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—For the first time in its history the United States this year will yield more than a billion-bushel wheat crop, according to estimates of the Agriculture Department today. Bumper crops of the cereal "big" wheat, corn and oats—were predicted. The corn crop will greatly exceed 2,000,000,000 bushels and a billion and a half bushels of oats is estimated.

Iowa leads in oats with more than 200,000,000 bushels; North Dakota in spring wheat, nearly 145,000,000 bushels; Illinois in corn, 272,000,000 bushels; Minnesota in potatoes, 30,000,000 bushels; Kentucky in tobacco, more than 378,000,000 pounds.

The department announces a great improvement in corn prospects as well as a larger production of minor cereals, but the potato crop showed a material drop. The corn crop exceeds the previous five-year average by 200,000,000.

The spring wheat estimate shows a gain of nearly 140,000,000 bushels over estimates this time last year, and the total wheat production in 1915 is expected to exceed last year's crop by 100,000,000 bushels.

STARVED INTO SURRENDER

After Three Days Accused Slayer Gives Himself Up

The ordeal of three days without food was "too much" for Patrick Patton, accused of shooting "Old Dutch," a wandering umbrella mender. He gave himself up after hiding in the grounds of the Herten Cricket Club, at Haverford, since Monday. He is now locked up in the jail at Ardmore. He admitted having killed the man, the police say, but declares he is in self-defense.

Patton went to a store at Llanerch yesterday and bought a pie. He started the keeper by announcing that he was the man who had shot "Old Dutch," and that he wanted to give himself up to the police.

LEAVES STOCK FOR EDUCATION

Ten Shares of P. R. R. Bequeathed to Friends' Yearly Meeting

Ten shares of stock of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company are left in trust to the Friends' Yearly Meeting, for the education of worthy boys at the Westtown Boarding School, by the will of George P. Maloney, late of 4800 Springfield avenue, admitted to probate today.

The will was executed in 1911, and according to the petition of the executor, Mary Maloney, the decedent left an estate valued at but \$700. The residue of the estate is left to the widow and a daughter.

Other wills probated were those of David Muir, late of 1845 Franklin street, which disposes, in private bequests, of assets valued at \$2500; Charles Fox, 918 Lewick street, \$25,000; Annie W. Lloyd, 6200 Greene street, Germantown, \$25,000, and Benjamin W. Garrett, 4050 Powelton avenue, \$15,000.

The personality of the estate of Thomas J. Dunn has been appraised at \$7046.82; Sherburne W. Dougherty, \$4885.40; Clara Gordon, \$4480; Elias A. McCullough, \$4048.70, and Lavinia Keely, \$325.51.

BOY KILLED IN ROOM AS GIRL LOOKS ON

Lad Shot Accidentally While Playing With Weapon in Friend's Presence

The accidental explosion of a revolver caused the death of 16-year-old Earl Elliott, of 3325 Elliott street, while visiting at the home of Miss Mildred Riley, 1228 Conestoga street. Miss Riley is also 15 years old. The two were sitting in the parlor. Ten minutes after his arrival the boy flashed a revolver.

"I am going to shoot at the clock," he said, pointing the weapon at the face of the timepiece. The girl let out a low scream and forbade him to do it. He smiled as if he had only been teasing her and lowered the revolver. He was about to return it to his pocket when there was an explosion. Elliott dropped to the floor.

In the next room at Mildred's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Riley, Mr. Riley carried the boy, who already was dead, to the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital.

Members of the families of both the boy and the girl are almost prostrated today as a result of the accident. Mrs. Elliott, Earl's mother, is an invalid, and it was said at her home today that she was in an extremely serious condition. Earl and Mildred had been friends for several years. Once they were neighbors, and it had been the boy's custom to visit the Riley home frequently.

Miss Riley was taken to the 51st and Thompson streets police station. There district detectives examined her, and after satisfying themselves that no shooting was accidental they permitted her to go. The boy's father also visited the station house, and collapsed while there. He said that he had taken a revolver from his son's possession two weeks before, and didn't know how he managed to get hold of it again.

AGED WOMAN SAVED FROM FIRE

Explosions Attend Blaze in Grocery and Mrs. Rowe, 72 Years Old, Is Carried From House Next Door

The rescue of an aged woman, a series of small explosions and revolver shots in quick succession were features of a fire which damaged the store of Robinson & Crawford, 23 North 24th street, to the extent of \$3000 early today.

The blaze was discovered by Policeman Middleton, of the 61st and Thompson streets station, who fired his revolver to awaken the neighbors and attract his brother officers. The fire assumed somewhat serious proportions, and Mrs. Rachel Rowe, 72 years old, was carried from her smoke-filled home next door. The miniature explosions came from bottles of liquid insect killer, which popped with battery-like regularity.

Two firemen, Lieutenant Wirth and Hoseman Joseph Blackburne, of Engine Company No. 41, were slightly overcome by smoke and had to be led from the building.

Boy Hurt When Truck Hits Bicycle

John W. Baker, of 5022 Marston street, driver of a motortruck which collided with a bicycle ridden by Barney Gross, 14 years old, of 2119 South 9th street, seriously injuring the lad, was held under \$500 bail for a further hearing by Magistrate Morris, in the 19th and Oxford streets police station, pending the outcome of the boy's injuries. Gross is at St. Joseph's Hospital in a serious condition with probable internal injuries.

According to the police, Gross was riding his bicycle south on Broad street last night and was struck by the truck driven by Baker as he attempted to turn east at Oxford street.

PEOPLE'S MOTOR CLUB DENOUNCED IN COURT

Assistant City Solicitor Lowengrund Declares It "a Sham and a Fraud"

"A sham and a fraud" was the way Assistant City Solicitor Lowengrund characterized the People's Motor Club, which has headquarters at 1403 Filbert street, and a book containing the names of 300 Philadelphians, who, it is claimed, are members of the club, at a hearing in Court of Common Pleas No. 4 today on the bill in equity for a preliminary injunction to restrain Director Dripps from interfering with the operation of the club's automobiles in carrying its members about the city.

According to the testimony of Paul Randolph, its president, the club was organized by 13 business men in the Parkway Building on September 21. Its purpose, he said, is to provide a safe and convenient means of transportation to members of the club over the city streets. To become a member it is only necessary to apply at the club headquarters or to one of the 16 or 12 branch offices located in drug and cigar stores along Broad street.

The applicant's name is taken and upon payment of 25 cents a membership card and strip of five tickets are handed to the applicant, the latter good for as many rides in any one of the 37 automobiles of the club upon presentation of the membership card.

It was explained that the drivers of the cars receive 45 cents in exchange for every ticket received from the members. The club retains the other half cent, which "goes into the treasury."

Active members of the club averred that their intention was not to evade the license ordinance, but to accommodate the members of the club. Among those who testified were Dr. C. S. Schwank, 204 North Broad street; Harry J. Cleiman, Paul Randolph and several drivers, who were arrested and fined last week.

Judge Audenried said that the whole question was whether or not the club is operating under false pretenses and is a cloak to evade the ordinance. He reserved his decision.

The case was represented by Mr. Lowengrund and Attorney M. Berkowitz represented the club.

Woman Dies of Lockjaw

Lockjaw, which developed two weeks after Florence Parker, 28 years old, of 402 Wallace street, had been discharged from the University Hospital, caused her death early today at the same institution. The woman was injured during an alley fight on September 7 when struck by a brick. Garfield Wright, of the same address, surrendered himself today at the 4th and Fairmount avenue police station. He told detectives he had thrown the brick in self-defense. Wright will have a hearing tomorrow morning.

ARRESTS IN BASEBALL POOL

Men Accused of Selling Tickets Held in \$500 Bail

Two men, accused of selling baseball lottery tickets, were held in \$500 bail each by Magistrate Beaton in the Central Police Station today. They are Alfred Metz, 1401 North 28th street, and Augustine Mappert, 228 North 28th street.

Following the receipt at the 28th and Oxford streets police station of many complaints that baseball "pool" tickets were being sold in the vicinity, Detective Palmer, of the Vice Squad, bought one from Metz for 25 cents, he testified.

BERGDOLL, SHACKLED, REFUSED HIS FREEDOM

Must Spend Rest of Today and Tonight in Jail at Norristown—Bail Refused

Greaser Cleveland Bergdoll, wealthy Philadelphian and motor-speed fiend, will spend the rest of the day and tonight in the Montgomery County jail, because of the refusal of Judge Swartz to admit him to bail, when Bergdoll was brought before him, at the Norristown Courthouse today, on the charge of speeding.

Bergdoll's lawyer at first tried to get a postponement, but when he learned that his client would be held without bail until the trial this afternoon, this, the District Attorney said, was impossible.

Bergdoll wore shackles and heavy handcuffs when he appeared in court this morning. He still wore them when he disappeared in the direction of the jail. He accused many times from the jurisdiction of the Montgomery County authorities. Last night detectives caught him in the city after a hard tussle and brought him to Norristown.

Judge Swartz issued a bench warrant when young Bergdoll, who is an amateur aviator as well as a lover of fast automobile, failed repeatedly to appear to answer the charge of violating the speed laws in Montgomery County. Bergdoll, who recently came into possession of more than \$500,000 left him by his father, served a term in jail at Norristown several years ago. When he failed to appear for a hearing in June this year his mother promised his appearance on September 23, but this time he again failed to come to court.

When the detectives arrested him last night they also served on him a summons to appear in the local courts on October 18 to contest an action by his brother, Charles Bergdoll, who has petitioned for the appointment of a commissioner to examine Grover's sanity.

Mrs. Emma Bergdoll, the young man's mother, went to Norristown with her son.

MR. AND MRS. RICE ON WAY TO WIDENER HOME

May Travel All the Way From Boston to This City by Motor

Preparations were made at Lynnwood Hall, Ogontz, today for the reception of Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Hamilton Rice, who were married yesterday at Emmanuel Church, Boston. Mrs. Rice, who was Mrs. George D. Widener, has been prominent in Philadelphia and Newport social circles.

The ceremony was performed by the Rt. Rev. William Lawrence, Bishop of Massachusetts. Every effort was made to keep the wedding as private as possible and reporters were not admitted to the church.

Scarcely more than a dozen persons were in the wedding party. These included Mrs. Widener's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Dixon, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Saffern, of Newport, and their children, and John C. Rice, a prominent attorney of Boston, who was best man.

The bride wore a string of pearls which she saved from the Titanic disaster, in which George D. Widener met his death.

The bride and bridegroom entered the church through a side door, preceded by the Bishop and the Rev. Dr. Ellwood Worcester, rector of St. Stephen's Church, this city. After the ceremony the couple were ushered into Doctor Worcester's study, where an informal reception was held.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice then left the church through a rear door and took an auto. It was reported that they would spend their honeymoon on the yacht Josephine belonging to Joseph E. Widener, but as it had sailed for this city on Tuesday this was impossible. It is highly probable that the bride and bridegroom will reach Lynnwood Hall late today. Many believe that they will motor here all the way from the scene of the wedding.

MILLION DOLLAR FASHION SHOW LURES BIG THROGHS

Fifty Stageland Beauties Attract Large Crowds in New York

NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—Fifty of stageland's prettiest women, made radiant by nearly \$300,000 in jewels, \$100,000 in gowns and \$50,000 in furs, trooped on the stage at Carnegie Hall this afternoon in Broadway's "million-dollar fashion show."

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Surgeons at the West Philadelphia Hospital were about to probe for a bullet in the head of a young man who had attempted to commit suicide by firing a bullet through his mouth when his wife entered carrying the bullet in her hand. It had struck his teeth and was deflected. This was the fourth attempt at suicide made by William Breer, 24 years old, of 5600 Appleton street, a meat inspector for Swift & Co.

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