

GREAT MEDICAL CENTRE PLAN OF PHYSICIANS HERE

Merger of Medico-Chi and University's Schools Contemplated

FIRST STEP OF PROGRAM

A merger of all the medical colleges in this city into one great institution of instruction and the consequent making of Philadelphia the greatest medical centre in the country is the hope held by prominent physicians and educators here.

The first step toward this goal will be taken within a short time, it is expected, with the merger of the Medico-Chirurgical College and the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania.

BUILDINGS MUST GO

The buildings of Medico-Chi are in the path of the Parkway and must soon be razed. It is believed that the student and members of the faculty will be transferred to the University of Pennsylvania and the medical school will receive from the condemnation of the property will be turned over to the University.

Rumors of a merger between the two medical schools have been heard for several years, but now it is stated positively that the consideration will be brought about. One of the plans for the new institution that will grow out of this merger and of others expected to follow calls for the establishment of a faculty of the most learned physicians to be found in any institution of the kind in the country.

A special committee, agreed upon yesterday at the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, will investigate the University's part in the new plan and will report shortly to the trustees.

If all of the medical schools could be brought into the plan it would mean that the money now appropriated by the State and divided among the Jefferson Medical College, Medico-Chi, the Women's Medical College and the University Medical School would be combined into one large sum and devoted to carrying out the aim of establishing one great centre of medical instruction in this city.

JEFFERSON IN DOUBT

Dean Patterson, of Jefferson Medical College, said today he had heard nothing to indicate Jefferson will participate in the proposed merger.

"We are satisfied with Jefferson as it is," he said. "We have a university charter, the same as the University of Pennsylvania, and conditions here are not in any way similar to the University of Chi, which is being dispossessed by the Parkway and to which the merger is an advantage."

"Of course, this talk of merging all the medical schools into one great institution has been in the air for some time, and it may be possible that a union of all the medical schools will be brought about."

"Any action taken by Jefferson would be up to the trustees, who probably would come to a decision. There has been nothing official done so far that I have heard of."

Many physicians connected with Penn and with Medico-Chi, who are on the inside of the scheme, are confident that their plans will be realized, and are pleased to reflect on the advantages, from many points of view, of such a combined institution.

It is believed that the student body, both undergraduate and graduate, would exceed 1000. Buildings, splendid both architecturally and in equipment, would be erected. There is no question in the minds of medical men of the carrying out of the plan would make this city the home of the best-equipped medical school in the Western Hemisphere.

Already tentative plans have been made for the erection of a building for post-graduate work, and it is said that \$1,000,000 will be spent on the structure. It is said that the Medico-Chirurgical College now holds an option on a site along the Parkway, and it is thought that this would be an ideal spot for the erection of the school.

The backers of the plan have sounded the administration of Jefferson College on the matter and hope to entertain that this institution will be included in the merger.

It is believed, say those who favor the plan, that the authorities will look with favor upon having a large medical school here instead of three or four smaller ones, and it is thought that legislation during the last five years has indicated a tendency toward the establishment of the State great medical institutions in the State, one in the eastern part and the other in the western part. Pittsburgh and Philadelphia are the two logical centres for such institutions, and, it is argued, in this city such a college should and undoubtedly would come under the supervision of the University of Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia already holds an important place as a centre of medical learning, but the establishment of the proposed new college would give it a prestige so great as to be almost unimaginable at this time.

PARTY HEADS IN N. J. INDOSE THE VOTES FOR WOMEN CAUSE

Declare Unqualifiedly for Suffrage as Election Nears

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 12.—Judge John J. White, of the Court of Errors and Appeals; State Labor Commissioner Lewis T. Bryant, Mayor Ralph Hartcourt, former Judge John J. Crandall, former Assemblyman Joseph W. Salus, City Solicitor Theodore Schimpf, Mayor William Riddle and former Sheriff Smith E. Johnson declared unqualifiedly for suffrage today in a morning paper edited by suffragists.

Every male teacher in the city schools signed an indorsement of the cause following similar action on the part of the woman instructors. Boardwalk hotelmen, leading merchants and bankers are among the men of affairs quoted as favoring votes for women.

'OPINION NOT WEIGHTY,' SUFFRAGISTS REPLY TO RUM INTERESTS' HEAD

Neil Bonner's Declared Opposition to Votes for Women Fails to Perturb Workers for the Cause

AVOID STAND ON LIQUOR

If Neil Bonner, president of the National Retail Liquor Dealers' Association, hoped to ruffie the placid, pre-election calm of the suffragists by his announcement that the woman's enfranchisement amendment would go down to defeat not only in Pennsylvania, but in New Jersey as well, his aspirations have been blighted.

They are laughing at him. Coming after President Wilson's stand, they don't believe his declaration will have any appreciable weight and furthermore, in the intervals between pasting up placards, sending out literature, planning parades and making speeches, they are wondering what the liquor interests have got to do with woman suffrage, and why, if the liquor men are so dead set against the amendments are going to be beaten, they go to so much trouble to make frequent announcements against the suffragists.

"Mr. Bonner's statement," said Miss Mary H. Hutchins, vice president of the Equal Franchise Society, "that he disapproves of our voting because the great mass of women do not wish to be enfranchised, is ridiculous. Organized women have declared unanimously for suffrage—State federations of clubs, labor unions, the Ladies of the Macca-bees, the W. C. T. U., working women and rich women have come out for the cause."

NO DECLARATION ON LIQUOR

"While suffragists as a body have not declared themselves on the subject of the liquor question, because we feel it is a matter for the individual to solve, public opinion always credits women, and rightly so, with the desire to want such reforms as will benefit the home, the children and the general condition of working women. This might mean the abolition of liquor, but we cannot tell until we have a certain certainty that it exists. In view of the ever-increasing number of persons who are coming over to suffrage, I do not think Mr. Bonner's opinion will have much weight."

According to Dr. Eleanor M. Hiestand-Moore, chairman of the publicity bureau of the Woman Suffrage party, the president of the Retail Liquor Dealers' Association is assuming an opposition where there is no certainty that it exists.

"These arguments against suffrage amuse me," she said this morning. "Presumably the liquor men are against us because they think our having the vote will hurt their pocketbooks. Then along comes Senator Martine, who has launched perhaps the most powerful argument of the anti's have ever had—if an anti argument can be said to be powerful. The chief reason that he gives for not wanting women to vote is that they have not proven themselves to be opposed to the liquor interests. So there you are. They talk against each other."

KEEPING CLEAR OF ISSUES

"Moreover, in view of the fact that prohibition is most rampant in the South, where woman suffrage has not gained the foothold that it has in the West and North, Mr. Bonner's attitude is particularly illogical. The liquor question, like the gold standard, democracy, socialism, republicanism or free trade, has nothing whatever to do with woman suffrage. We are not linked up with anything and we are keeping clear of all issues. We are simply going to vote according to our individual convictions, and in the long run it will take more than Mr. Bonner and the interest he represents to stop us."

Nine Flew to Street From Fire

Nine persons were driven to the street in their night clothing early today when a small fire started in the cigar and candy store of Frank Winapol, on the northwest corner of 11th and Wolf streets. Winapol led his wife and three children from the second floor, while four adult boarders on the third floor also made their escape. The loss was trifling.

MOURN VETERAN'S DEATH

"Tip Your Beaver" Allmendinger, Old Retired Sleuth, Dies

Veteran city detectives at City Hall are mourning today over the death of their comrade, William Allmendinger, 76 years old, who died last night in his home at 21 North 14th street.

Allmendinger was appointed patrolman by Mayor Smith on May 19, 1884, and was later assigned as a vagrancy detective for the central station. He continued at this post until 1911, when he resigned. "Tip your beaver" was one of the man's quaint expressions which frequently fell from his tongue, and he was frequently referred to as "Tip-your-beaver William."

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KILLS HERSELF AND CHILDREN



Mrs. Rosa Hagar is shown here with her husband, Harvey, whose recent death left her destitute, and two children, Katherine, aged 5, and Harvey, aged 4.

MOTHER KILLS FAMILY SHE CANNOT SUPPORT

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worked far into the night, when others were going to the "movies" or sitting down to read the evening paper.

In an effort to augment her income, she boarded two children. They were found this morning unharmed, sleeping on the first floor and were taken away after the tragedy became known.

One of them was an 8-month-old little girl, Anna Stone, a protegee of the Children's Aid Society, who employed Mrs. Hagar to act as nurse, and the other was William Coleman, 2 years old, placed in the woman's care by Miss Budd, of the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital.

With five children now to look after, Mrs. Hagar began a fight that would have been nothing short of miraculous had it ended in anything but defeat.

"She worked like a galley slave," said Mrs. Anna Craig, a next-door neighbor, who lives at 328 Cleveland avenue, "and here of late she has been so tuckered out she could hardly hold on any longer. She never did get over the death of her husband. He was a good man."

"But at first she tried hard to do all the work without giving up. Lately, though, I've heard her say she couldn't stand it much longer and if something didn't happen soon to make things better she'd have to end it all. She'd just about gone the limit."

At 8:30 this morning Mrs. Craig detected the odor of gas emanating from the Hagar house. Fearing to enter alone she called Mrs. James Bright, 3209 Cleveland avenue, and Mrs. Gillespie, of 3222. Together they tried the front door, but found it locked. The crevices were stuffed with rags.

They then tried the front window and forced it open. In this room the two children whom the woman was boarding were asleep. Not enough of the gas to harm them had penetrated here, and there they were sleeping naturally. Quickly taking them out, the neighbors went up stairs, where they found the little girl, Katherine, first of all, and in the next room Mrs. Hagar, with the two younger children. In this room a tube was hanging from the only gas jet and the gas was on. Rags and papers in the windows and doors showed the act to be premeditated.

Falling to arouse either the mother or the children, Mrs. Craig and her companions called a neighborhood physician, who pronounced them all dead. The police were then notified. Relatives of the woman or her husband cannot be located.

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WON'T GIVE UP SECRET OF COMING NUPTIALS

Mrs. Edith Galt Sweetly but Firmly Refuses to Tell When She'll Be Bride

NOT TO RUSH MARRIAGE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—That a woman effectively can keep a secret when she so desires is being exceedingly well demonstrated by Mrs. Edith Galt, President Wilson's beautiful fiancée. Her closest friends in Washington are Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, the niece of the President, and Miss Gertrude Gordon, her ward. Both are exceedingly anxious to know the date settled upon for the wedding, but they have informed their intimates that they "know no more about it than any one else."

And Mrs. Galt preserves a smiling air of indifference when pressed to name the day. However, it is now accepted that the wedding will not be rushed, because some of the President's political advisers believe it would "be a good thing to have it over with and get the gush out of it." The President and Mrs. Galt intend to enjoy their days of courtship to the utmost.

Today's only intimation on the subject was a direct one from the White House that the customary announcement would be made in due time. Whether this will be soon cannot be said. But to put an end to wild rumors—one that Mrs. Galt and the President already had actually been married—the announcement was made.

Seldom before have lovers so much in the public eye as the President and his fiancée taken so little precaution to disguise their happiness. The President has freed himself from the irritated air with which he has greeted newspaper men and women and photographers to such an extent that it is a lively topic of conversation, and he is willing at all times to pose with the beautiful woman who soon is to become the first lady of the land. It is the chivalrous lover-like attitude with which he greets her at all times has greatly endeared him to the women who have witnessed it.

Although Mrs. Galt has taken the position that she cannot be interviewed under present conditions, the winsome manner in which she refuses makes her many friends instead of enemies.

FIGHTING FOR LIFE OF ANTHRAX VICTIM

Aged Lawyer Afflicted With Disease Shows Improvement Under Serum Treatment

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—All the resources of the medical world were marshaled today to help George F. Stackpole, the aged lawyer, in his fight for life against anthrax, the dread disease which seldom attacks a human being. The injection last night of a serum sent here from the Government laboratory at Washington, seemed to afford the lawyer relief, and his physicians hoped today that a cure might be effected.

The following bulletin on the patient's condition was issued: "Mr. Stackpole's condition is virtually unchanged. He spent a fairly comfortable night and was resting comfortably this morning."

The patient's family remained at the bedside during the night, while a number of physicians kept up a sleepless vigil, watching for any change that would indicate either the success or failure of the serum treatment.

Another dose of 25 cubic centimetres was ready when the patient awoke this morning, but its injection was postponed after a conference between the physicians. An ultra-violet ray machine was also in readiness for use.

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SMOKE IMPERILS SLEEPERS

Family of Manufacturer Saved From Suffocation by Son Who Is Awakened by Fumes

The family of Charles Rabb, junior partner of the manufacturing firm of Roney, Kitzner & Rabb, narrowly escaped suffocation early today, when a fire in the cellar of his home, 1915 West Erie avenue, filled the house with dense smoke. The fire began in a trunk of old clothes in the cellar and it is believed to have smoldered several hours before any of the family awakened.

Henry Rabb, 18 years old, was the first to awaken. He groped his way through the smoke and aroused the other members of the family, who were almost overcome by the smoke. The actual damage caused by the fire was very slight.

Seek False Alarm Fiend

The city is out another \$100 and detectives are searching for a false alarm fiend who pulled a box at 23d and Wolf streets early today. Several companies responded to the alarm. Statisticians

FIRE DESTROYS POSTOFFICE

Blaze of Unknown Origin Destroys Building at Lawnside, N. J.

Scores of automobile parties bound here from Atlantic City, along the White Horse pike, stopped to witness a spectacular blaze last night which destroyed the postoffice at Lawnside, N. J., and threatened the entire town.

Volunteer fire companies from Magnolia, Barrington, Haddon Heights and Audubon battled with the flames for nearly two hours, which spread to the yards of adjoining properties.

The cause of the fire is unknown. Samuel Ditton, the postmaster, had come to this city early last night and no one was in the building when the fire started. A safe containing the postoffice funds and stamps was saved. The loss was \$3000.

The Original Columbus Story

You've probably heard it or read it dozens of times. The learned men of Spain could not swallow the great Navigator's theory that the earth was round.

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