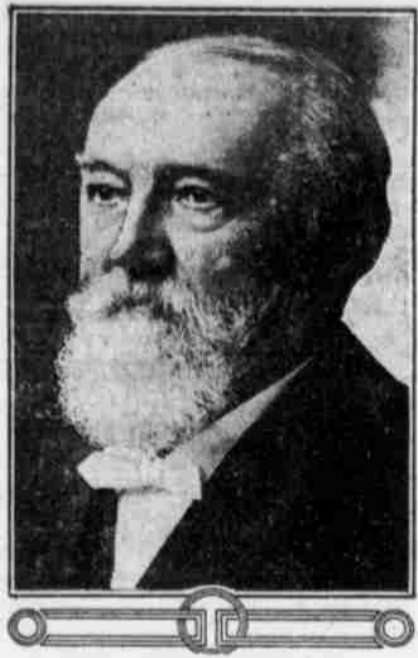


\$240,000,000 OF REVENUE AT STAKE IN FIGHT FOR GOOD CITY GOVERNMENT

Voters of Philadelphia Called Upon to Decide How Great Funds Should Be Administered—for People or Contractors

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What is the sum of true happiness? Swift says, "A true friend, a good marriage and a perfect form of government."



MAYOR BLANKENBURG

But, when a long-drawn struggle for attainment of the perfect in government is suggested, the thought somewhat weighs the average citizen; for government is a collective proposition, a contrivance of human wisdom for protection of human wants bulked.

Unfortunately, realization of the individual concern in Jackpots comes only when one sits back and drops out of the game to count up personal losses after other hands have raked in the whole.

This fall Philadelphia has a \$240,000,000 "jackpot" at stake in the municipal election. On a population basis, each white chip played represents \$123.33-1-3.

Available for Expenditure in Next Four Years

Table with 2 columns: Description of expenditure (e.g., Current receipts, sinking fund demands, legislative act making personal property a basis for borrowing) and Amount (\$).

Do the people of Philadelphia want this \$200,000,000 honestly and efficiently expended? Two roads are open before voters. One insures the election to office of a Mayor who symbolizes honest government and guarantees an administration at least on a parity with the better government Philadelphia has enjoyed during the last four years.

Philadelphia Stands at the Cross-roads

The alternative offered the people of Philadelphia is a return to the Beaten Path of gang politics in municipal affairs, suggesting an almost certain reversion to former conditions, contractor bosses looting the City Treasury, deterioration, retrogression, degeneration and debasement of the public weal.

The chief purpose of this review is to make wise in some few pertinent paragraphs those readers who have had no time to follow in detail the difficult day-to-day struggles of the members of the Blankenburg Administration during the past four years.

Accomplishments Under Blankenburg

A city man, upon buying a farm, when twitted with having commonplace tendencies by a friend owning a collection of rare masterpieces, for putting his surplus wealth into the gray, grim earth, replied: "There is this difference between us: You only look at your pictures; I walk over mine."

If government could be sliced into individual portions, then, perhaps, the proverbial "man in the street" might realize the importance of holding fast to all that is good in our present municipal management.

from the dollar, the people get but a fraction of it, and the surplus is diverted into capacious private pockets. The keeping of greedy fingers away from the city property is "protection" in the fullest sense—protection of home industries.

Always keep in mind that Senator James F. McNichol and the Vares want to spend the city's \$240,000,000, your money, your neighbor's money, our money. Their sole reason for engaging in politics is to come near to such public funds and parcel our money out among their friends and themselves.

Plan of McNichol and the Vares

Here is what McNichol and the Vares plan to do in the term of the next Mayor of Philadelphia:

- First. Handle the contracts for subway construction, amounting to \$40,000,000.
Second. Restrict subway construction to (a) the Frankford elevated, and (b) the Broad street subway.
Third. Handle the contracts for a sewage disposal plant, amounting to probably \$20,000,000.

How City Contracts Were Divided

It has been shown again and again that in a single decade more than \$20,000,000 of city contracts were awarded to Senator McNichol and his allied contracting companies.

Think of the great public improvements which the city really needs and the sort of men who should be in office to give an honest and proper stewardship of the expenditures. There is the building of the new high-speed traction lines, the extension of the Parkway, the South Philadelphia improvements, various harbor improvements, the sewage disposal plant, the erection of a Convention Hall and Art Museum.

Our Mayor and His Cabinet Members

Our Mayor is elected by the people every four years. He is not eligible to a succeeding term. His personal responsibility lodges in the appointment of the heads of six city departments.

CHARLTON TELLS WHY HE MURDERED WIFE

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His reason—the constant intensity of his wife's passions.
Next he described their trip to Italy together, of his wife's intemperance, her persistent carousing and her savage abuse of himself.

N. J. RATE FIGHT REOPENED BEFORE UTILITIES BOARD

Atty. Discusses "Hidden Elements of Cost in R. R. Building"
TRENTON, Oct. 15.—"Hidden elements of cost which disappear in the construction of a railroad" were discussed today by Charles Hansell at the reopening of the rate fight between the South Jersey Commuters' Association and the West Jersey and Seashore Railroad Company before the Public Utilities Commission.

MAYOR BLANKENBURG WILL SOUND CALL FOR CIVIC DECENCY TONIGHT

Executive Will Address Big Germantown Rally in Behalf of Franklin Party Ticket

TWO OTHER MEETINGS

Mayor Blankenburg will assume the leadership of the independent campaign tonight, when he will take the stump for the first time during the campaign in behalf of the candidacy of George D. Porter, Franklin party candidate for Mayor.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE PREPARED TO INSTALL ITS NEW PRESIDENT

Dr. John Henry McCracken's Inauguration Will Be Occasion of Distinguished Assembly

AN ELABORATE PROGRAM

EASTON, Pa., Oct. 18.—Lafayette College is prepared to greet tomorrow afternoon the largest and most distinguished gathering of guests that has ever visited the college since its founding in 1822.

The event is notable in educational circles not only because Lafayette is installing a new administrative head, but because that head is Doctor MacCracken, whose family is the most distinguished in America from the point of view of the number of college presidents in it.

Divorces Granted

Court of Common Pleas No. 3 granted the following divorces today:
Georgia E. Hecksler from Samuel Lundquist.
Mary Keller from Edward A. Keller.

LITTLE BOY'S MITE TO \$1,000,000 CHARITY

He Gives 15 Cents Toward Fund for Erection of Children's Hospital

With a dinner tonight at the Hotel Adelphi, which will be attended by the full team membership of 100 women and 200 men, and at which E. T. Stotesbury, general chairman, will preside, the 10-day campaign for half a million dollars in aid of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia will be under full swing.

Everybody connected with campaign headquarters was busily engaged this morning in perfecting plans for the work. A ragged little urchin about 10 years old entered Parlor A of the Adelphi. He was dressed in a faded tweed suit that had evidently come down by an older youth, and had his right hand tightly clenched in his coat pocket.

Ignoring the suggestion, the little chap said, hurrying out his words in a hurry: "Mister, I have a little slater what was runned over in the street one time, and the guys up at the Children's Hospital made her well again, so you'd never know she'd been hurt."

THE LITTLE BOY'S MITE.

"I've only got 15 cents, but I'd sure like to have youse take it." Before a reply could be made the boy had slipped a dime and a nickel upon the table and disappeared out of the door.

That is why an anonymous contribution for 15 cents will be duly credited with several checks running into four figures, and several pledges for greater amounts when contributions are announced at a stated beginning with noon tomorrow.

The campaign will officially open with a dinner tonight at the Adelphi, which will be attended by the full team membership of 100 women and 200 men, and at which E. T. Stotesbury will preside.

A DESERVING CHARITY.

The fun is necessary for the completion of the new hospital in course of erection at 18th and Bainbridge streets, one wing of which is practically ready for occupancy. There is no more worthy charity in Philadelphia than the Children's Hospital, which has been in existence 30 years, devoted exclusively to the care, surgically and medically, of sick poor children.

MAKE PROTEST TO WILSON

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—Nearly 50 representatives of transatlantic steamship companies protested to Secretary of Labor Wilson here today against the enforcement of the order requiring all second-class passengers to undergo inspection at the Ellis Island immigration station.

Besides pointing out the added discomfort to the passengers by such an order, the steamship men alleged that the enforcement of the order would mean the shifting of transatlantic passenger traffic to Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and other ports where there is no such order.

Mistakes Acid for Whiskey

John Orth, 80 years old, of 331 South 10th street, took a hot drink in the dark at his home this morning. He is now in the Jefferson Hospital with his mouth and throat so badly burned that the physicians had grave fears for his recovery when he was admitted. He told the doctors he was very thirsty about 3 o'clock and getting up he reached for a bottle which he thought contained whiskey. He proved to be carbolic acid. He recovered.

TEUTONS PRESS NEW OFFENSIVE ON BALTIC BASE

Throw Russians Back From Positions Fifteen Miles East of Czar's Port

SEEK WINTER QUARTERS

BERLIN, Oct. 15.—The General Staff reports Teuton successes in the Eastern theatre. The Marshal von Hindenburg, continuing his offensive against Riga, designed to cover operations at Dvinsk, captured 2000 men and two officers south of the Baltic base, took Russian positions on a front of three kilometers (1.8 miles) west of Iluxt, and made prisoner 2000 officers and 175 men at Smorgonia.

By assaults on positions east of Iluxt, which it holds, the army of General von Hindenburg has begun a fresh drive at the Baltic naval base at Riga, possession of which is desirable as a disembarkation centre for troops and supplies during the winter.

TEUTONS SEEK TO MASK BIG PLUNGE AT DVINSK

PETROGRAD, Oct. 13.—The German have materially strengthened their fortifications in the Jacobstadt district, southeast of Riga, giving them a character of permanency. This leads Russian military observers to conclude that a renewal of operations in the Riga district is desirable, which is desirable as a counter to the Dvinsk district, and from the southern war theatre, which latter is assumed to have greater importance because of the Balkan situation.

FOUR HURT, 1500 HELD UP IN FOG

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arrested, accused of reckless driving, and were discharged by Magistrate Macleary, at the Trenton avenue and Dauphin street station.
All along the Atlantic coast and inland over Pennsylvania and New Jersey the fog made navigation on sea and land hazardous. Early risers were confronted by a curtain of mist that was so thick that the eyes could penetrate it for but a short distance.

Ben Franklin—The man who started things in Philadelphia

When Benjamin Franklin, rain-soaked and hungry, landed at High Street wharf, way back in 1723, and made his way up the street with that famous loaf of bread under his arm, the real history of Philadelphia began to unfold itself.

Franklin wasted no time in injecting his great personality into the civic, social and political life of the then small hamlet of Philadelphia. He realized that somebody had to shoulder the responsibility of boosting the town out of the commonplace, so he began. After giving to this community its first real newspaper, in which he promptly roasted all unfair dealing and supported every honest endeavor, he turned his attention to the improvement of civic methods, where he delivered his most telling blows.

In those days the police force consisted of a decrepit, bowlegged watchman, with a lantern in one hand, a cudgel in the other and a capacity for rum that would shame an ordinary hoghead. The old watchman, when he was able, would shout, "All's well!" but Franklin knew differently. He realized that this sort of protection was worse than none, so he slipped Mr. Watchman his walking papers the following week and installed Philadelphia's first cops (three of 'em).

Such were the conditions which invited Franklin's earliest activities, and thus opening the first chapter of Philadelphia's progress and prosperity with which the name Franklin early became associated and will always be identified.

Some more Wednesday.

