NEGRO SEGREGATION GOES INTO EFFECT IN BOROUGH OF COLWYN

Residents of Progressive Little Town Believe New Ordinance Will Stand Test and Prove Effective

HEAVY FINES POSSIBLE

All negroes of Colwyn, a small town just east of Darby and near Sharon Hill, will be segregated, according to the provisions of an ordinance passed by the Council of that borough. The document, introduced by Burgess S. W. Waterman, was passed by a vote of 6 to 1, and is now being enforced.

In order that the ordinance might not violate the provisions of the Constitution of the United States prohibiting discrimination against negroes, the Council carefully framed the law to segregate white persons as well. Those who drew up the document hold that, by prohibiting white families from inhabiting the negro district and the negroes from the sections occupied by the whites, no discrimination is shown and the document is legal.

Although Colwyn comprises about 500 houses there has been a strong race feeling there for several years. The borough boasts that it has no millionaires, but is still one of the most progressive communities of the country.

NEW STEP IN NORTH

The Borough Council contends that the new ordinance is the first of the kind passed in the North. It is as follows:

An ordinance to prevent conflict and illfeeling between the white and colored races in the Borough of Colwyn, and to preserve the public peace and promote the general welfare by making reasonable provisions requiring the use of separate blocks for residences by white and colored people, respectively.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Chief Burgess and Borough Council of Colwyn that from and after the passage of this ordinance it shall be unlawful for any white person to use as a residence or place of abode any house, building or structure, or any part thereof, located in any colored block, as the same is hereinafter defined; and it shall also be unlawful for any colored person to use as a residence or place of abode any house, building or structure, or any part thereof, located in any white block, as the same is hereinafter defined.

The ordinance goes into a detailed description of what shall be considered "colored" and "white" blocks. Each block comprises houses on both sides of the street between intersecting streets. A resident of any block is determined as "any person occupying any room therein as a sleeping place, whether as owner, tenant, dependent, boarder or otherwise, unless it appear that such occupation is merely transitory."

CHURCHES OR SCHOOLS.

An exception to this rule is made in the case of negro or white servants. The ordinance continues:

"Section 3. Be it further ordained by the Chief Burgess and Borough Council of Colwyn, That after the passage of this ordinance, no building or portion of a building in the borough of Colwyn shall be used as a church or for the purpose of conducting religious services, or for a school, a dance hall or an assemblage hall, by white persons in a colored block, as the same is defined in this ordinance, and after the passage of this ordinance no building or portion of a building in the borough of Colwyn shall be used as a church or for the purpose of conducting religious services, or for a school, a dance hall or an assemblage hall, by colored persons in a white block, as the same is defined in this ordinance.

PERMITS GUARDED.

The ordinance further provides that in all future building operations in Colwyn a permit is not to be issued by the building inspector until he is satisfied that the house is intended for persons entitled to live in the section in which the house is to be built. On all streets upon which no house is occupied or built the color of residents, schools and places of assembly are to be governed by the adjacent streets.

In conclusion, the ordinance provides that violations of the provisions of the document shall be punished by a fine of not less than $5 nor more than $50 for each day the violation continues. In default of the payment of the fines, the ordinance stipulates that a prison sentence shall be imposed. The document became effective when passed on Monday night.

Third Fire on Farm in Few Months

SEAFORD, Del., Dec. 22.—For the third time in a few months fire destroyed a barn on the Webster W. Kinder farm, near here, late last night. One colt, a large quantity of feed, farming implements, carriages and wagons were burned. The loss of several hundred dollars is partially covered by insurance.

WILLIAM A. S. LAPETINA
He has been re-elected president of the Madonna Catholic Club.

MADONNA CLUB PROSPERS

Italian Organization Re-elects W. A. S. Lapetina President, After Year of Successful Work

The Madonna Catholic Club, a social organization of young Italian-Americans, with headquarters at the Madonna House, 814 South 10th street, has held its annual election of officers. William A. S. Lapetina, a member of the bar and an instructor at the Catholic High School, was re-elected president.

Mr. Lapetina, in his inaugural address, expressed himself as more than satisfied with the progress made by the club during the year, and outlined as his policy for the coming year, besides the providing of more extensive club quarters, the creation of a social prestige which will make the club the representative organization of the Italian colony.

The other officers elected were: John Nocitra, first vice president; Frank Massey, second vice president; Anthony Maglietta, recording secretary; Joseph A. Lombardi, corresponding secretary; James De Marco, treasurer; Victor J. Feola, editor; George H. Bonner, director; the Rev. Daniel Daly, spiritual director; the Rev. John C. Fleming, O. S. A., spiritual adviser.

CHRISTMAS SHIP LATE

Gales Responsible for Disappointment of Many Kiddies

A boisterous sea and counter gales will disappoint many of the little folk this Christmas season. The Dutch steamship Kelbergen, from Rotterdam, put into this port last evening two weeks late, and carried a cargo of 183 cases of Christmas toys intended for the present shopping season.

The crew of the vessel reports other boats late and battling with the gales on the high seas. The British steamships Rosebank and Coniston Water, the former from Valencia, Spain, and the latter from Civita Vecchia, Italy, also arrived last night and both were overdue.

Jane Addams' Health Improved

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Miss Jane Addams is at Hull House today, following her removal from Presbyterian Hospital, where she had been a patient for several weeks. She is greatly improved.

WALNUT STREET URGED TO IMPROVE PROPERTIES

Get Busy and Brighten Up, Real Estate Board President Tells Owners

The newly-elected president of the Philadelphia Real Estate Board, Edgar G. Cross, has called on the owners of property along Walnut street to improve their places if they are interested in the development of that thoroughfare. Mr. Cross said the street will not reach the development it should have until owners start cleaning up.

"Heretofore," he said, "owners have merely tinkered in improvemnts, thinking that a new bulk window and minor improvements would be sufficient to attract business men as tenants. They are now awaking to the possibilities of attracting modern business by substantial improvements. The Walnut Street Business Men's Association is making a commendable effort to bring this about.

"The future of Walnut street's development is assured, and even now there are signs which presage an enhancement in values west of 9th street as that which characterizes Walnut street east of 9th street at the present time.

"The Rittenhouse square section, lying west of Broad street, is having an interesting growth. Whereas in former years there was a demand for residences, now apartment houses seem all the go. Corner properties in that section are becoming valuable sites for apartment houses. The demand for modern apartments is shown by the thriving business of those erected within the last few years.

"Not only Walnut street realty values but Chestnut street from 16th to 19th streets is destined to undergo marked changes in a few years. This is due to the fact that realty values on Chestnut street east of 16th street have reached their high point, and the section west of 16th street is favorable for growth.

"Market street, from Broad street to the Schuylkill River, has shown an active building market. The tendency of business men and manufacturers has been to locate near the centre of the city. For this reason they have seized upon all available sites in close proximity to City Hall. So that loft buildings, office and business structures, particularly for automobile needs, have gone up at a rapid pace all along west Market street."

Wins Race to Dying Mother's Bedside

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 22.—George A. Bourgeois, former president of the New Jersey Bar Association, won by 10 minutes yesterday in a race with death from North Carolina to the bedside of his dying mother, at her home in Estelville. She received him with a smile and expired almost immediately.

RECALLED FROM FRANCE
Lieut. Gen. Sir William R. Robertson, chief of the General Staff of the British Army, will quit the front to become chief of the Imperial Staff at army headquarters in London.

PARENTS BURN INCENSE FOR RETURN OF BOY

Father and Mother of Lad Scour Two Cities for Missing Son

Tony Diarenzo began burning incense on an oil stove in his little bootblack shop, at 702 Filbert street, today, while his wife set out on a final search for John, their 14-year-old son, who has been missing since December 6. The couple pray that their boy may be found in time to have him at home on Christmas Day. For 16 days, since the morning the boy told them he had found a job on 3d street below Market, and disappeared, the couple have tried every means in their power to get some word or trace of him.

GERMANY'S FAMINE REVEALED BY PAPER PRINTED FOR BLIND

Raised Letters Escape Pen of Censor—Show Dire Straits of Men, Women and Children

TOLD BY HELEN KELLER

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Through the medium of a journal in the Braille system of raised letters for the blind, which escaped the vilgant eye of the censor, what is probably the most authoritative article on Germany's lack of food has reached this country. It reveals that every man, woman and child in Germany is living on slender rations, doled out by weight, determined on after a conference of chemists, scientists and physicians in Berlin.

The journal which brings the information is Die Neue Zeit, or The New Time, a socialist publication for the blind, issued in Berlin. It was received a week ago by Miss Helen Keller. Miss Keller, who is a socialist, made an address recently against preparedness. Much of the information on which she based her objections to preparedness, she said, came from the journals for the blind which she receives from Paris, London, Berlin and Vienna.

According to Die Neue Zeit, experiments were conducted to discover how much food was necessary to keep a person alive when not active and how much more was needed to enable a worker to perform his duties without suffering from malnutrition.

An inventory of the food on hand and the food possibilities was taken, and an imperial edict was issued instructing the people what diet they were to maintain, threatening imprisonment for violation of any of the regulations of the edict.

Committees have been appointed in the provinces and the cities and they have taken over all food supplies, which are being doled out according to the necessities of the people. All are supplied with tickets which entitle them to a certain ratio daily, the ratio being determined on by the size of the family.

The chief foods in Germany, according to Die Neue Zeit, consist of potatoes and oatmeal and the people are permitted two meals daily. Fruit soup is also distributed, and occasionally meat. Meat, however, is scarce, and is entirely under government control. When meat is given out it must be boiled. No other way of preparing it is permitted, under threat of punishment. No fats are allowed to stay on the meats. They are carefully removed at the municipal stations and are used in the preparation of suets and soups.

Police Court Chronicles

In some indefinite manner that he found it impossible to explain, John McCormick, of Hope and York streets, became entangled with a Christmas tree. He didn't remember buying it, nor would he admit that he stole it. At any rate, he clung to the tree and lugged it along Kensington avenue.

Every time McCormick turned he poked the end of the tree in some one's eye or knocked off a hat or two. Those who complained were knocked down. By the merest accident, McCormick collided

with Policeman McAnally. The cop seized him by the neck and demanded an explanation. But McCormick was beyond the stage of explanations and wanted to "lick" the entire police force. But McAnally soon convinced him that it would be better to be peaceful than combative and the man with the tree was finally landed before Magistrate Dietz at the Trenton avenue and Dauphin street station.

"I wuz gittin' dat tree fer little Jimmy Ryan, a poor kid whose old man's out o' work," said McCormick. Unfortunately, the prisoner did not seem to know where little Jimmy lived.

"In view of the fact that we can't find Jimmy," said the Judge, "we'll return the tree to the owner." On promising to keep sober McCormick was allowed to stay out of jail for Christmas.

GIRARD STUDENTS GIVE PLAY

Senior Class Will Present "Kenilworth" at College Chapel Tonight

As a part of the regular Christmas exercises at Girard College tonight the senior class will present in the college chapel Sir Walter Scott's "Kenilworth," which has been dramatized by Henry Hanby Hay.

Among those to take part will be: Thomas Marple, George Afferbach, Herman Thiel, John White, William Landherr, Thomas Walton, Carl Schwarizer, Free Thalacker, Beach Nicks, Philip Nason, J. Crawford, Clarence Laird, George Houck, Harry Ruley, Robert Chandler, Ellis Etcliff, Jerry Savage, John Bolton, Clarence Bradley, George Histand, Alonzo Stone, John Vare, Ralph Smith and George Close. The stage manager of the play is Thomas W. Ferguson, who will be assisted by Jacob Martin and Daniel Fink.

Garrisons to Leave for Atlantic City

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