

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY HAS FIRST TALK WITH POLICE HEADS



Director of Public Safety Wilson made an address to police captains and lieutenants on the subject of their duties in his office today. From right to left are Director Wilson, Assistant Director Harry C. Davis, Superintendent of Police James Robinson, Lieutenant of Detectives James Tate, Lieutenant of Detectives Theodore F. Wood, Lieutenant of Detectives Andrew J. Emmanuel, Captain William P. Brown, Secretary to Superintendent Robinson, Captain George S. Tempest, Lieutenant Harry L. Myers, of the 15th and Locust streets station and Captain Nicholas J. Kenny.

SMITH, ON FIRST DAY IN OFFICE, TAKES UP MAMMOTH LOAN PLAN

Mayor Thomas R. Smith, on his first day in office, took up the mammoth task of reviewing the loan plan...

TALKS TO BUREAU HEADS

Numerous messages expected to be sent to Councils' meetings on Thursday...

MAYOR SMITH'S FIRST DAY

Joseph C. Smith, brother and private secretary of the Mayor, arrived at the office and started work of sorting mail...

Director Joseph S. McLaughlin, of the Department of Supplies, first visitor at Mayor's office.

Director George E. Datsman, of the Department of Public Works, Chief...

Director Harry C. Davis, Superintendent of Police, arrived at the Mayor's office...

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MAYOR MAY DELAY TRANSIT APPOINTMENT; TAYLOR QUILTS POST

Smith May Not Name New Director for Several Days. W. S. Twining Only One Mentioned for Office.

EXECUTIVE WIELDS AXE

Director Taylor Resigns; Ax Swings for Others.

Director of City Transit A. Merritt Taylor has resigned. It is expected that William S. Twining will be appointed to succeed him.

James F. McLaughlin was given his former post as Chief of the Electrical Bureau when Clayton W. Pike resigned at the request of Director of Public Safety Wilson.

The resignation of William H. Ball as Chief of the Bureau of City Property, which was handed to Director of Public Works Datsman, has been accepted.

Mayor Smith has requested the resignations of the three Civil Service Commissioners. They have not yet been received.

The successor to A. Merritt Taylor as Director of the Department of City Transit may not be appointed for several days. It is intimated by Mayor Smith today, William S. Twining, formerly chief engineer of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company, at present consulting engineer with the firm of Ford, Bacon & Davis, is the only man who has been mentioned for appointment as the new chief.

Director Taylor's resignation was handed to Mayor Smith early last night, after the ax had been wielded several times during the first half day of the new administration. Mayor Smith said that Mr. Taylor is the only one for which Mayor Smith has not announced a new head.

Previous to the resignation of Director Taylor, Mayor Smith asked for the resignations of the three Civil Service Commissioners appointed by Mayor Blankenburg, but they were not in his hands this morning.

The commission is composed of Frank M. Riter, chairman; Peter Bolger and Lewis H. Van Dusen. Riter's term does not expire until 1917 and Bolger's term does not expire until 1915. In asking for their resignations, Mayor Smith said that ex-Mayor Blankenburg had done the same thing when he went into office.

HAS OWN IDEAS. "I have my own ideas regarding the administration of civil service," he said. "I have in mind the new board which I shall appoint, but will announce it later."

The resignation of William H. Ball as Chief of the Bureau of City Property, which was handed to Director of Public Works Datsman a few minutes after the new administration went into office, was accepted by Director Datsman late yesterday. His successor has not been named.

Director of Public Safety Wilson, after he had administered the oath of office to Harry C. Davis, the Assistant Director, immediately ousted Clayton W. Pike, as Chief of the Electrical Bureau, and appointed James F. McLaughlin, who held the post under Mayor Reyer, to succeed him.

"KNOW THIS WAS COMING." In announcing the resignation of Director Taylor, Mayor Smith paid a high tribute to the retiring director.

"I knew that this was coming, since I talked with Director Taylor several days ago," said the Mayor. "He and I have been friends for some time, and I have a high regard for his capabilities. He is a man of high character and of an excellent official. I am not yet prepared to name his successor."

Mr. Taylor, in his letter to the Mayor, said that he was resigning "in compliance with your desire expressed to me." His letter of resignation follows:

"I herewith tender my resignation as Director of the Department of City Transit, to take effect January 3, 1916, in order to facilitate the appointment of another incumbent to that office in compliance with your desire expressed to me.

"Should you or my successor desire any individual co-operation upon my part in aid of transit development or in the solution of problems incident thereto I shall be ever ready to help.

"With every good wish that you may have a brilliantly successful administration and secure to the people of Philadelphia the beautiful advantages which will result from the completion and proper operation of the entire system of high-speed lines as recommended, I am yours very truly, A. M. TAYLOR."

Falls 50 Feet to Death on Deck. A 50-foot fall from the "crow's nest" to the deck of the collier Brutus, lying in the back channel at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, caused the death today of Peter H. Larsen, 23 years old, of 600 Lombard street. Larsen, who was a boss rigger at the yard, was working on the "crow's nest" from a boss's chair. In pushing himself out from the support, the rope gave way and he fell headlong to the deck, fracturing his neck. Larsen had been in the service for nearly 25 years.

FIREMEN STAND IDLE AS FOUNDRY BURNS

"It Didn't Say So in the Book," So Tacony Iron Works Are Levelled.

A terrific fire raged for hours this afternoon in which the Tacony Iron Works, on Tacony and Mazon streets, were leveled while firemen stood idle and refused to do anything but run around and spit water in the air.

More than an acre of property was destroyed, including many buildings and a quantity of machinery. The Tacony, Frankford and other fire companies were present at the catastrophe, but aside from making several amateur rescues not a hand was moved to put out the fire.

Mr. Wilson told the men pointedly that they were to serve him as superior, the Director of Public Safety, and that any shirking of duty, or misconduct, would not save them from dismissal no matter what excuses might be brought to bear upon the department to have them retained.

The men were introduced to the Director by Superintendent of Police Robinson. Following the reception, Assistant Director Harry C. Davis was presented with a diamond ring as a token of esteem from his associates.

In his address to the captains and lieutenants, Director Wilson said: "I want to avail myself of this opportunity to meet the chiefs of the Police Department. I want this to be a fore-runner of the cordiality which I hope will exist between you and myself.

"I will hold myself responsible for every act in this department under me and as a result each man in the districts will be responsible to me. Orders issued by me are to be interpreted by me and alone. There must be no interpretation of these orders by outside influence, irrespective of the source. Each man is responsible for the conditions in his district.

"One thing is expected of you and that is efficient police service. If you give inefficient police service, you need fear nothing. You will be judged by police service alone.

"I will not stand for drunkenness on duty. If any member of the police department is found guilty of drunkenness on duty there can be no rehearing or reinstatement, irrespective of any influence.

"I expect to have no place in this department. All I expect is only faithful police duty.

"It is needless for me to take up the conditions in each district, they should be known to you. If there exists a condition in your district which is a menace to the morals of the community, or gambling or any other vice, from this day on it must cease.

"If at any time you feel that you would like to discuss the police situation with me I will be glad to have you get in touch with me and you will find me attentive and willing to do for me in my power to make the work a success.

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LOBSTER GETS MANY 'JOHNNIES' INTO MIX-UP

Johnny Collins Sentences Johnny Johns, Arrested by Johnny Gilligan.

Johnny Johns "pinched" a lobster, which, in turn, pinched him. Johnny got "pinched" again by Johnny Gilligan, a policeman, who took Johnny Johns before Judge Collins, a Magistrate.

But before the time that Johnny lifted the lobster and appeared before the "Judge" there was some quick trouble. It appears that pure sympathy inspired Johnny Johns to lift the lobster from a tank of ice on which it was wintering in front of Moelbert's cafe at 11th and Vine streets.

"It's cold enough walking around with your clothes on," thought Johnny, "without having to sleep on a bed of ice."

He looked at the lobster and he construed its wincing as an appeal for help. And its soulful extended eye seemed to shed real tears. Johnny made a quick move and thrust the shivering crustacean under his overcoat. Then he ambled out Vine street. But a waiter witnessed the kidnapping of the lobster and shouted "stop thief!" This is always a serious thing to yell in the neighborhood of 8th and Vine streets.

It appeared that half the neighborhood was running with Johnny Johns in the lead. At 9th street Johnny turned with the lobster hanging on a tentacle. The waiter rushed to the aid of Johnny. Johnny finally reached Race street and was about to dart into one of the mysterious hallways in that neighborhood when he collided head-on with Policeman Johnny Gilligan. They both sat down suddenly and looked at each other.

The lobster escaped annihilation by jumping at right angles as Johnny Johns descended. Incidentally it was grateful. It refused to part with its rescuer from the icy regions and clung to him when the waiter tried to pull it away. Then the "cop" tried to release it. But the lobster was so much attached to Johnny that it refused to grant an inch.

Johnny, with the lobster still clinging to him, was taken up to the cafe. It was made plain that he had to leave the lobster or his trousers. Argument with the crustacean was useless. It was finally pried away from Johnny with a file.

NEW SAFETY DIRECTOR ORDERS POLICE TO KILL VICE AND GAMBLING

William H. Wilson Meets Chiefs of Department and Enjoins Them to Shun Politics and Misconduct.

Director of Public Safety William H. Wilson today received the police captains and lieutenants in his office, and in a frank statement to them declared that the police were to be kept out of politics, and that gambling and vice in any form were not to be tolerated by the present administration.

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POLICEMAN A HERO AT BATHHOUSE FIRE

Rescues Two Woman and Naked Manager From Carpenter Street Blaze.

Policeman Wilson, of the 7th and Carpenter streets police station, is a hero today in the neighborhood of 3d and Catherine streets. During a fire which damaged the Rutland bath establishment and dwelling of Louis Rubenstein, 218-1/2 Carpenter street, last night, Wilson single-handedly carried two women and one man, who had been overcome by smoke, from the burning building.

The policeman saw smoke pouring from the windows of the building. He broke open the door, and groped his way to the third floor, where he found Mrs. Anna Rubenstein overcome. After carrying her out he came back for May Rubenstein. He took her from the fresh air, and for the third time Wilson came back into the house and found Antonia Belesky the manager of the bathhouse. The flames had gained such headway by this time that although Belesky was severely injured the policeman did not risk taking time to aid his charges.

Belesky was clothed in a nearby drug store and taken to Mt. Sinai Hospital. The two women were cared for by a neighbor.

Matches Send Boy to Hospital. Little Robert Touse was playing with matches in his home, on Forrester avenue above Bridge street, today, and as a result he is now in the Frankford Hospital severely burned on the legs. John Muir, a driver of Engine Company 33, which responded to the alarm of fire, was temporarily blinded when a chemical hose exploded, throwing acid in his eyes. He was treated by fellow firemen. The blaze did \$200 worth of damage.

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ONE VISIT TO CITY HALL ENOUGH FOR SAM BURKE

Port Richmond Huckster Saw Naught but High Hats and Speakers.

"Once was enough." That's the way Sam Burke, the fish huckster of Port Richmond, expressed it today when asked how he enjoyed his trip yesterday to City Hall.

Although he has lived here nearly 40 years, Sam has never been inside the big, gray building in the center of the city. He encased himself in his new brown suit and brown derby and wandered there yesterday, unaware of the fact that it was a general inauguration day.

Sam is impulsive. He opened the door of the Recorder of Deeds' office, expecting to find a lot of men working at desks. Instead he beheld a number of frock-coated men surrounded by bouquets. One man was making a speech; another was holding a high hat.

Sam yawned and went upstairs to the second floor. He looked in the ante-room of the office of the Director of Public Safety. There was another man making a speech and several serious-looking men in speckled suits listening to him. He went out again. The corridor was crowded with high hats. Sam worked his way into the Mayor's reception room. There were more high hats, frock coats, flowers and, above them, he heard in short snatches "for the people," "a square deal," "more money."

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One man in City Hall was working. He was the elevator man.

He noticed that this room was also jammed with frock-coated men, flowers and well-dressed women. Many of the men were bald-headed.

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Inspector Faurot said he had information which indicated that the bombs manufactured by Attanasio were similar to some that have been exploded on ships leaving this port. Although he was not ready to say they had been designed for this purpose primarily, he thought it possible that some of the bombs might have been procured by persons for explosion aboard ships at sea.

The arrest of Attanasio came as the result of a bomb explosion on New York Avenue in the apartment of Giuseppe Carmeli at 246 West 65th street. The police were told this bomb was made by Attanasio and his associates. It is believed that the bombmaker was found at work on the new subway in the Bronx. Detectives, accompanied by Inspector Eagan, found Carmeli in a nearby drug store, where he was taken to Mt. Sinai Hospital. The two women were cared for by a neighbor.

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The Rev. H. C. Stone Establishes Employment Bureau as Part of Club and Members Get Jobs.

Members of the Stonemen Fellowship have moved their headquarters from 2218 Spruce street to St. James' Hall, 128 South 23d street. Two significant developments appeared in the change—the moving of the office of the order from the parish of Holy Trinity to the parish of St. James and the evolution of the Rev. H. C. Stone's activities in the direction of providing an employment bureau.

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ACCUSED OF FLEECING MAN

Man Held on Charge of Defrauding Baltimorean Here.

Albert Hayman, who said he lived on Walnut street, near 11th street, was held under \$500 bail for a further hearing on January 25 by Magistrate Penneck at the central station today, accused of having conspired with two other men to fleece Arthur D. Traybord, of 125 Columbia avenue, Baltimore, out of \$18 in cash and a diamond ring valued at \$10.

Traybord said he came to this city several days ago and accidentally met two men for whom the detectives have been searching. They induced him to let them have all the money he had in his possession in order that they might show him a trick. He said they gave him a 5-cent piece to old and later told him to get \$100 in order that they might complete the operation. Traybord said he did not take the money but let the men have his ring as security. He identified Hayman as one of the members of the party.

According to the police, McStravick entered the cigar store of Samuel Maxwell, at 1829 Junata street, last night, and asked for an apple pie. Maxwell said he did not sell them, whereupon McStravick became abusive. It is said, and insisted that one be obtained for him. Meanwhile a 10-man Tomlinson had been called and when McStravick resisted arrest, a struggle ensued, during which the policeman fell and struck his head on a stone step.

FIFTY STY COSTS FIG OWNERS \$10

Charles Madelski and Joseph Doshkoff, Jankowski were each fined \$10 and cost this afternoon by Magistrate Dietz at city office. Front street and Sissanabanna avenue on a charge of bringing up their pigs "like pigs." Their sty was adjudged entirely too filthy.

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GOLD STEAMSTRESS wishes work by the day.

CAMPAIGN STARTS TONIGHT FOR FREE TROLLEY TRANSFERS

Mayor Smith Is Invited to Attend Meeting of United Business Men, Who Want His Support.

WOULD KILL EXCHANGES. North Philadelphia Association Joins in Movement With Most Sectional Organizations.

Free transfers and the abolition of rent exchanges on all lines of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company will be the issue of a vigorous campaign to be opened tonight on the roof of the Hotel Adelphi. The campaign will be under the auspices of the United Business Men's Association. It is hoped that delegates from more than 100 local business men's associations will attend the meeting.

Mayor Thomas R. Smith has been invited, and it is hoped that he will attend and take a definite stand on the subject of transit in order that Philadelphia business men can know his attitude toward local rapid transit. Several members of Councils have promised to speak at the meeting. Every effort is being made by the committee in charge to work up a spirit of enthusiasm among the owners and neighborhood groups for the immediate accomplishment of the object.

The mass-meeting tonight has been organized by the Transportation Committee of the United Business Men's Association, which has long been active in its efforts to obtain better transit facilities for this city. Edward B. Martin is chairman of the committee, and he is making the start this evening by inviting all local citizens to join in the battle and light for the abolition of the 1-cent exchanges at the beginning of the new administration. In a statement issued by the association, it is said: "The United Business Men's Association of Philadelphia loyally supported the program of May 27, 1915, not only because it meant new rapid high speed lines to sections of the city not yet supplied with rapid transit, but essentially because it thus providing for the construction of new high-speed lines, it was also provided that all sections of the city were to enjoy the benefits thereof upon equal and equitable terms and the 1-cent exchange tickets were to be replaced with free transfers on a 2-cent fare basis preliminary to the completion of the new lines."

"In other words, it seems and still seems to us that the essential part of the program is the abolition of the 1-cent exchange tickets for their operation in conjunction with the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company's present plan of operation. This plan of free transfers between virtually all lines of the city on a 2-cent fare basis. There is yet no legally ratified agreement to this effect whatsoever, and the only way to secure the abolition of the 1-cent exchange tickets and the assurance of a general system of free transfers between the surface and the underground system and in the provision of the situation should be laid before the incoming administration at the earliest possible moment."

The North Philadelphia Business Men's Association, considerably strengthened by the movement last night, has decided to take up the cudgils for free transfers along with the rest. A committee of three was appointed to make arrangements for joining in the plan of free transfers. The business men have forwarded a petition to Councils requesting that Germantown avenue, from Allegheny avenue to Wayne Junction, be included in the plan of free transfers. The annual election of officers resulted as follows: President, Edward E. Hecker; vice president, Howard E. Hecker; secretary, George M. Smith; financial secretary, Newton E. Freed; treasurer, George W. Kimball.

SISTER OF MAN ACCIDENTALLY SHOT FAINTS AT INQUEST

Mother of Victim Asks Accused Be Exonerated.

A sister of a man who accidentally shot his life-long friend through the heart two minutes after the whistles ushered in the new year, caused a commotion at the inquest in the plan of free transfers. The business men have forwarded a petition to Councils requesting that Germantown avenue, from Allegheny avenue to Wayne Junction, be included in the plan of free transfers. The annual election of officers resulted as follows: President, Edward E. Hecker; vice president, Howard E. Hecker; secretary, George M. Smith; financial secretary, Newton E. Freed; treasurer, George W. Kimball.

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