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SMITH UNDISTURBED BY

CIVIL SERVICE BOARD'S

Mayor Declines to Indicate

Course He Will Pursue to

Oust Commission Appoint-

ed by Predecessor

Mayor Smith said today that he would

"In all probability reply to the letter," which the members of the Civil Service Commission sent him, declining to realgn

"Why, there are no vacancies yet." he

The Mayor said he had received letters from a number of persons and societies asking him to retain the present com-mission, but he had had no opportunity

mission, out he had had had no opportunity to go over this correspondence carefully. More important things, he said, had to receive his attention. "Do you intend to dismiss them, Mr. Mayor?"

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The Mayor on Monday requested the resignations of Chairman Frank M. Riter, Secretary Peter Bolger and Lewis H. Van Dusen, the members of the commission, Yesterday the commissioners acknowl-edged receipt of the Mayor's letter, and asked the Mayor to state his reasons for requesting their resignation.

Their answer was lengthy, and to the effect that to resign would be an admis-sion that they had failed to perform their

duty in autabuling the merit system of nualifying persons for public service. They requested that the demand for their removal be justified by any charges of derelictions or favoritism, or any other

auses that might suggest a basis for

The Civil Service Association has lined up behind the commissioners in the con-test. It became known today that before

Mayor Smith went into office the asso-ciation sent him a letter asking him to

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REFUSAL TO RESIGN

DOCK HANDS WALK OUT, MISTAKING INTENT OF **COMPENSATION LAWS**

Longshoremen Tie Up Traffic of Southern Steamship Co., Which Shifts Liability , to Subcontractors

MAY SETTLE DIFFERENCE

confusion brought about by failure to inderstand the workman's compensaon law, which went into effect January today caused a strike on the docks the Southern Steamship Company, Pier , Delaware River, and a temporary tieup in freight handling. Men employed by the subcontractor stevedores to move the company freight believed, after reading a notice posted by the company. that some one was attempting to beat them out of their right to compensation. Consequently they quit work,

In reality, the company proclamation phrased in terms a little too technical for the understanding of the negro and foreign workmen employed on the docks, notified them that they must look to the subcontractor who employs them for compensation under the act. In .aking this stand the company places itself open to civil suit under the law, in case the subcontractor's adjustment is not satisfaccontractor's injustituation is not satisfy tory to the injured workman, and robs itself of the defense of "contributory medigence" and "fellow servants" culitself of the defense of "contributory negligence" and "fellow servants" cul-pability which was possible to advance be-fore the operation of the new act. The Southern Steamship Company, however, is not attempting to evade the law, ac-cording to Harry A. Mackey, chairman of the Workman's Compensation Board, and is acting within its right in proclaiming its refusal to accept the automatic com-pensation provision of the law.

COULD SUE COMPANY.

Mr. Mackey said that the company was jumping out of the frying pan into the

fre." Workmen unfamiliar with the law im-mediately came to the conclusion that they were being notified that they could not look to the company for compensa-tion when they were paid Friday after-noon and a copy of the notice was handed to each man. The dissatisfaction with the company's stand reached a crisis to-day and 59 of the men struck. Workmen say they will not return to the

day and 59 of the men struck. Workmen say they will not return to the docks and that they will get out as many other men as possible. It is believed that when the law is explained to them they will return. Their chances for collecting damages from the company, should they be dissatisfied with the payment made by their immediate employers, the subcon-tractors, are about 100 to 1, according to Mr. Mackey, for the company would be virtually defenseless, should it be sued under article 2 of the act.

. NOTICE TO WORKMEN.

The notice which caused the trouble, and was duplicated on posters placed about the company's property, reads as follows:

You are hereby notified that this company does not accept the provisions of article 3 of the workmen's compensation act of 1915, and will not pay the schedules of compensation thereby established. Said article 3 will not apply to any contract or agreement of hiring or otherwise beor agreement of ming or otherwise be-tween employes and others and this com-pany, now in operation or hereafter made, implied, renewed or extended, or to in-juries to or deaths of employes or other persons in the course of their employment or on premises or vessels occupied or or on premises of cessels of controlled of controlled by this company. This notice given pursuant to sections 302 (a), 502 (b) and other provision of said-act." The notice is signed by George W. De Lanoy, vice president of the Southern Steamship Company.

CLASH IN PENNSYLVANIA DELEGATION IN HOUSE

Continued from Page One

Here Is the Genuine Grip Germ Chaser

Take a cathartic. Then take a brief hot bath to warm up the body and start the blood running freely. Drink a bowl of hot lemonade and go to bed early. Cover yourself thoroughly and warmly; even to an extra pillow to protect the head and ears. Sleep nine hours.

Sleep nine hours. Dress warmly so as to avoid catching cold in the morning.

If the trouble seems to be chiefly in the throat, wrap the neck in a wet woolen cloth covered by a dry woolen cloth.

GRIP TAKES FOUR LIVES IN A SINGLE FAMILY

Terrible Toll of Malady Includes James F. Meloney and Three of Relatives

Four deaths in three weeks was the terrible toll of grip on the family and relatives of James F. Meloney, who is now living in this city. His aunt, the latest victim, will be buried tomorrow. Grip was the first cause of all the deaths. In every case it developed into pneu-

The first victim was William H Meloney, Si years old, and a treat grand-father. He died on December 14 after an attack of grip that left him lifelesa inside of five days. He died at his home, 3635 North Sydenham street, where all four of the deaths in the family occurred. The aged victim was a superincendent of the Fairhill Cemetery for Friends. He contracted the disease while on the rounds of his daily tasks. He was burled to the New Garden Cemetery. On that day his daughter, Mrs. Mary Maharg, 54 years old, while attending the services, was taken down with the grip and one week later she died. She had helped to nurse her father and it is thought she may have contracted the disease at this time. She lived at 3619 North Sydenham street, but died in the home of her father, on December 21. She was buried in the Fairhill Cemetery. Her husband, Walter, is connected with the Aetna Life Insur-

ance Company The company. Five days after these two deaths, Mrs. Ellen C. Meloney, 81 years old, a great-grandmother and the wife of William H. Meloney, the first victim, died in the same house where her husband had passed away before her. She had helped to nurse him and her daughter, but only had a slight ettack of the scient A comp had a slight attack of the grip. A com-bination of this and a broken heart is said by physicians in attendance to have caused her to gradually pine away and finally die. Her son, James F. Meloney, who has a restaurant in Portland, Ore, hurried East as soon as he heard of the series of fatalities in the family, and arrived New Year's Day to find his father, mother and sister all dead and buried.

buried. Today his aunt, a sister of Mrs. Meloney, also died of pneumonia follow-ing an attack of the grip. She, too, helped to nurse William H. Meloney, the

to save her life.

therefrom

first victim, and contracted the disease, it is thought from him. Her funeral will be held tomorrow from Barrett's Chapel, Kent County, Delaware A niece of William H. Meloney, is now in a serious condition at the home of

S. H. BENDIG SUICIDE IN BALTIMORE CHURCH

Man, Who Hangd Himself Near Altar, Believed to Be Philadelphian

A man thought by the Baltimore police to be S. H. Bendig, of Philadelphia, was found dend this norning hanging by a window cord from a transom in the Mikro Kollah Synagogue, 19 South High street, Baltimore Because of the similarity in initials, in

Because of the similarity in initials, in-nulry was made in the family of F. H. Bendig, Sr., of 4500 Regent street, a mem-ber of the Union League. He said that no member of his family knows any one mamed S. H. Bendig. The body was discovered by Louis Rium, 1016 East Lombard street, Balti-more, who notified the Rev. Jacob Silber-man, rabbi of the synagogue. The hit-ter summoned the police who cut down the body and took it to St. Joseph's Hospital.

Hospital. Hospital. Blum entered the synagogue about 4.30 o'clock this morning for early prayer. The edifice was almost dark and stand-ing by the altar he discerned the figure of a man. The man's feet were only an inch or so from the floor and in the dark-ness he appeared to be standing. Rabbi Silberman said the stranger spent match or so early down the stranger spent

nearly the entire day in the synagogue in prayer. It is often the custom in winter for worshipers to sit by the fire in the synagogue, which is left open all night, and the man's long stay was not regarded as strange. The sulcide was about 40 years old. He wore a green-striped hrown suit, a black overcoat and low shoes. About 5 feet 6 inches tall, he weighed 130 pounds.

1.478 BEGIN SUIT TO RECOVER DIAMONDS HELD BY BANK

Jewelers Allege That Ex-Police Cap tain Obtained Them on "Memoranda"

A replevin suit was begun by A. Simon & Sons today against John W. Emery, a contractor, and the Guarantee Trust and contractor, and the Guarantee Frust and Safe Deposit Company to recover jew-elry valued at \$10,000. The plaintiff also asks \$1000 for the detention of their prop-erty. The case is being tried before Pres-ident Judge Martin, of Common Pleas Court, No. 5.

It is contended by the plaintiff that Mr. Emery, who was formerly a police captain, obtained the jewelry, which in-cluded 15 diamond rings and a pair of cluded 15 diamond rings and a pair of earrings, on what was known as "mem-oranda," and that later he needed ready cash to fulfil certain building agreement obligations. Subsequently, it is contend-ed, he obtained a loan from the Guar-antee Trust and Safe Deposit Company and gave the jewelry as collateral. Later, it is alleged, Emery defaulted in his pay-ments to the lowelry defaulted in his payments to the jewelry firm for the dia

The Mayor made no reply. He re-marked that he thought he had done right in asking for the resignations. monds and the concern issued a writ of replevin against the trust company last February for the jewelry, claiming that it was their property, as Emery had not mission ready to announce, but that he was withholding the names of his ap-pointees until after he had disposed of the problem of removing the Blankenpurchased the leweiry, but merely ob-tained it on "a ballment lense." The legal question involved is whether

he defendant obtained the jewelry on a lease or made an absolute purchase on long-time credit. The trust company maintains that it was an innocent party when it took the jewelry as collateral for loans to Emery, as it had no reason to believe that Em-

was not the bona fide owner of the Geographers to Hear of Mexico

The regular meeting of the Geographical the regular meeting of the Geographica other relatives in Darby. She came here society of Philadelphia will be held to night in Witherspoon Hall. The lecturer will be Frederick Monsen, F. R. G. S. and the subject of his talk will be "Tur-bulart Maxies". night in Witherspoon Hall. The lecturer will be Frederick Monsen, F. R. G. S., bulent Mexico.



Left to right are Peter Bolger, Chairman Frank M. Riter and Lewis H. Van Dusen, composing the present Civil Service Commission, which Mayor Smith is trying to oust.

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letter follows: "In the first place, under the civil serv-ice act, it is expressly provided that the commissioners shall be appointed to serve for tive years. The terms of the commisfor two years, the terms of the commis-sioners, moreover, expire two years apart. It is the manifest purpose of the law in making the terms of the commissioners five years, and the expiration of their several terms at different periods, to as-

nve years, and the expiration of their several terms at different periods, to as-sure some permanency to the commle-sion, and to protect, if possible, the ad-ministration of this branch of the public service from complete change at the end of the term of office of any Mayor. We are advancing these provisions of the law, not as indicative of restrictions upon your right of dismissal, but merely as reasons found in the law itself for the continuance of the present commissioners, at least throughout the remainder of their respective terms of office." It was signed by R. Francis Wood, Francis H. Reeves, Frank P. Prichard, Russell Duane, Alexander Simpson, Jr., Owen J. Roberts, G. C. Turves, Percy H. have done," said the Mayor Ioday. "Each appointed a commission of his own, asking

at his request. He spoke mildly of the commission and its attitude, but seemed undistressed about the problem. "With whom will you fill the vacancies on the board?" he was asked. inted a commission of his own, asking the others to resign. If I am not mis-taken, I followed the form of their letreplied, with a smile. "The scattemen won't resign." commitation and inputtion letter to

the Mayor yesterday afternoon, asking him to send his nominations for bureau him to send his hommittons for pureau chiefs to that body. The commission to-day announced that a public hearing would be held next Monday to decide whether to suspend the regulations and confirm the appointment of Chester E. Albright as chief of the Bureau of Sur-veys without holding any competitive ex-amination for the position. amination for the position.

Main Line Physicians Organize

Fifty prominent physicians of Main Line towns have organized the Main Line branch of the Montgomery Medical Society, with headquarters at the Merion Cricket Club, at Haverford. Meetings will be held twice monthly. Dr. Walter Chrystie, of Bryn Mawr, has been elected president; Dr. H. F. Smythe, of Wayne, is corresponding secretary, and Dr. John Harvey, of Bryn Mawr, is recording sec-



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BABY RALLIES AFTER BLOODLESS OPERATION

Little Aaron Grossman in Fine Condition, but Puzzled by Inability to Move Leg

Little 15-months-old Aaron Grossman, the subject of the bloodless operation for dislocated hip at the Jefferson Medical College Hospital yesterday, is in splendid condition today.

Ever since he came out of the anesthetic in the children's ward late yesterday afternoon he has been rallying. When he did come to and opened thos. large brown baby eyes, his mother, Mrs. Joseph Grossman, 3149 Wilt street, was beside him.

man, 310 Wilt street, was beside him. Mother hands were there to smooth the troubled childlish brow. Although there are six other children in the little Gross-man home, Aaron is the baby, and his mother wanted to be with him when he regained consciousness. She left the rest of the family and came to the hospital. With husky voice she tells of the struggle she has had with herself deciding whether it would be best to have little Aaron operated on, and then have him in a cast for eight whole months r eight whole months

"It seemed so dreadful to have him in a plaster cast for nearly a year," said the mother, with brimming eyes, "and that is what this means. But my husthat is what this means. For my hus-band, who is a cabinet maker, employed down on Second and Market, and i talked it all over, and we decided that if there was a chance of having our little boy saved from the life of a cripple we ought to take the chance. So we brought him." She says the baby never had a fail, and that she has no drea how the bin became that she har no idea how the hip became

slocated. Baby Grossman is perhaps more sur-prised than he is hurt today. Now that Now that the stupor of the anesthetic has worn off he finds that he cannot move his right leg above the knee on account of some-thing cold and hard-the cast. He tried wiggling. He tried wriggling-but all to avall

With his soft baby "paddles" he is mak-ing a tour of investigation of this strange thing which envelops his little hip. It was not there when he went to sleep yesterday morning in that big white room, with many young men, all senfors at the Jefferson Medical College, looking from or why it is there. With luminous eyes, eyes that look like those of a frightened fawn, under his soft

brown hair, he looks questioningly at the nurse when she comes to his tiny hedside.



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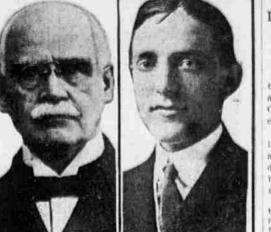
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ablishment, was saved from severe burns when Harold Graves, a barber, walked into his establishment and discovered that Scott's clothes and his place of bust ness were on fire. Scott, who had lighted a cigarette, was holding the match in his hand and falled to notice that his clothing and some waste nearby had become ignited until Graves rushed in. A bucket brigade was soon formed and the flamms extinguished, Scott receiving several slight burns.

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should repudiate the invasion of the coun-try districts in an attempt to thwart such recognition.

Other speakers, may of them Penrose men, deprecated a fight, and advised that the candidates should withdraw. Rep-resentalives Griest and Graham were suggested as compromises.

Representative Butler, who favored postponement, declared:

'I recognize Senator Penrose as the "I recognize Senator Penrese as the leader in Pennsylvania; I have followed him in season and out of season, but if necessary I shall follow one man of the delegation even against the wishes of Senator Jenrose. This is the most un-fortunate situation I have ever seen in the Pennsylvania delegation. I think we had better not act now. We will do better when we are cool than when we are hot. You are right, Graham, it's a light if we go in. There is nothing in this selection of a committeeman any-way. What does it amount to? The committee never did anything in my dis-trict, except when Hampton Moore sent light in the one time." it one time

Oh, it was more than that," shouled Representative Moor

MILLER ATTACKS PENROSE.

Representative Samuel H. Miller, Mercer, showed considerable feeling in his remarks, declaring that "the less Penrose has to say about naming the next Repub-lian presidential candidate the better off

has its say about naming the next Repub-lian presidential candidate the better off will be the Republican party." "What has Penrose got to do with this delegation, anyway?" he asked. "Why should be say you must support this man or that? If Penrose has any-thing to say about the selection of the Republican presidential candidate in 1916 he will be defeated. You know it and Senator Penrose knows it. I won't vote the way he wants us to." Representative Farr declared that it war the duty of the Congressmen to wark out harmony and do it today. He said that unless harmony was restored this fight would be heralded all over the country as indicative that Pennsylvania Republicans are divided. He said that the candidates should get together and

the candidates should get together and stop this break.

J. HAMPTON MOORE "UNHAPPY." Representative J. Hampton Moore said that no man of the delegation felt more unhappy about this than he did. He said that every important leader in his dis-trict had brought the matter up to him within the last 24 hours, and attempted to parsuade his voe.

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going to recognize Senator Penrose as the An appointment, regarded as significant rewarded with the plum, it was pointed Republican leader in Pennsylvania. We by politicians, was made today, after a out, he would be a dual officeholder, a two-days' hot political fight, when Frank Garardino was reappointed official boot-

Garardino was reappointed efficial boot-black by Mayor Smith. The appointment is only temporary, it was said, but it served to bring lines of disappointment on the coal-black face of Henry Johnson, janitor in Comptroller Walton's office, who was a strong com-petitor for the office. With the appoint-ment goes the right of admission to the offices of the various city departments and the income and revenue accruing therefrom. ment," Mr. Smith 1s quoted as having said at the time.

FRANK GARADINO, "HALL'S" VETERAN

Official Shoe-Shiner "Reappointed" to Post by Mayor

Smith Against Plea of Henry Johnson, Who

"Sho Did Want Dat" Job

BOOTBLACK, WINS COVETED PLUM

therefrom. "I am glada da Mayor appoint me," stated the successful candidate. "I shine da shoes of Mayor Ashbridge. Mayor Weaver, Mayor Reyburn, Mayor Blank-enburg. Now I shine da shoes of Mayor Smith. I shine well." "Ah sho did want dat plum," said Hen-ry sorrowfuly, as he picked up his kit and went back to the Controller's office. The Mayor declined to comment on the

The Mayor declined to comment on the The Mayor declined to comment on the temporary nature of the appointment. He acted through his messenger, Daniel Webb, who at the stroke of 12 ousted Henry from the anteroom, where he and Frank have been hovering for the last two days, lining up their friends and brunkling absolutors with other nervous brushing shoulders with other nervous

brushing shoulders with other nervous candidates for municipal offices. Senator McNichol and Senator Vare also declined to comment on the appointment. Senator Penrose was out of the city. Frank has been the official mayorality bootblack during the last four admin-istrations. Previous to holding this office he shined shoes on the Piazza del Popolo. He shines shoes dark as well as light and adds a touch of "dressing." Friends of Henry, who sought the office on a "progressive" platform, stated today that the reappointment of his rival is not to be taken as a reflection on his efficiency as a bootblack. If he had been



condition inconsistent with a business like administration. In addition to janitorial duties he shines shoes "on side." Henry became a candidate before elec-tion when he shined Mayor Smith's shoes. He then asked Mr. Smith for the office "I will take the matter under advise-

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