

# MAJOR RECEIVES LIGHTING PLANS FOR CITY HALL

Mr. Smith Sees Much Benefit in Improvement Evening Ledger Proposed

## PLANS GREAT WHITE WAY

Plans for the illumination of City Hall and Broad street were given to Mayor Smith this afternoon by Chief McLaughlin of the Electrical Bureau.

The Mayor said he was very much pleased with them, but was not ready to definitely decide upon them. The plans will not be made public for a few days.

To the local business men last night the Mayor said he planned "a radiant city," as described the scheme for making City Hall and Broad street "a great white way" every night in the year, as proposed by the EVENING LEDGER, and said in this connection:

"There are some men, perhaps, who think the initial expense will be put to the city by the illumination of Philadelphia. In competition, the expense will be small, for the good that will accrue in carrying out the lighting plan, both in advertising Philadelphia outside its boundaries and in giving the people pleasure to its citizens within those boundaries, will far outweigh the expense of installing the lighting system or additions to the present system. For we light up City Hall people all over the country will talk about it."

Mayor Smith said he was not going to stop there with the illumination of Philadelphia. He said he was going to pay special attention to Broad street, and intended to make it the most brilliantly lighted street in the world.

"Plans are already under consideration," he said, "for the establishment of shelter lamps at every main street crossing on Broad street, from Oregon avenue to the northern end. Also we want to have particular illumination in front of all the main buildings, so that the street will be one grand pathway of light from end to end, with the wonderfully lighted City Hall as the center of it."

Mayor Smith took up some other subjects besides the lighting. He said that the Tenderloin was closed for good, and that it would not be any more a mental bother for the city. He also said that he had explained that any corrective measures that needed to be taken would be done quietly; there would be, he said, none of the spectacular raids of the past, and the vice problem would be solved as quietly as it could be thoroughly.

The convention, the art institute, the loan and kindred civic subjects were discussed in turn.

Director Wilson also spoke, and told about contemplated improvements in the fire department and proposed increase in the police department.

It was announced that the membership of the Logan Improvement League was 1254.

# GIRL BRAVELY DEFIES BAD MAN WITH PISTOL

Unafraid When Restaurant Customer Demands Contents of Cash Register

A very pretty girl, going about her duties today in a restaurant at 1501 Rancaster street, simply can't understand why a lot of fuss is being made over her refusal to become a victim of a customer's bold, "stick-up" man drew a revolver and, when she refused to "come across" with the contents of a cash register, backed her against a wall and pressed the gun in her face. He said, "I want the cash, then. But this is the story."

A swarthy man slunk into the restaurant last night, when Miss Frances Smith was in charge. She was alone. The man ordered a drink and a cup of coffee, and seemed to enjoy his meal. Then, calmly drawing a revolver, he said, "I want some money. I need it."

Miss Smith did not do the conventional thing and faint. She bravely met the man's demand for the contents of the cash register, and she calmly drew a revolver, he said, "I want some money. I need it."

"You are dressed pretty well; why do you need it?"

The man explained that he could not discuss the matter in detail, but he argued for a few minutes. Then his patience was exhausted. He sprang up from the counter and thrust the revolver in her face. She quietly told him it would not be advisable to shoot her and entertained him with a recital of a few things that would happen to him if he did. Then the customer came in, just as Miss Smith expected, and the "bad" man "beat it."

She went to the dead man's front street, and then attended a "South Front

"Scared? No. Why should I be?" she said today. "I saw the same thing on the screen and I knew it. It happens every day in a big city."

The police have not apprehended the man.

# LITTLE GIRL AND BOY SAVE THEIR HOME FROM BURNING

Youngsters Extinguish Blaze and Firemen Lose a Job

John and Anna Huldinsky, 12 and 11 years old, respectively, prevented a little man and a little woman today when they were left in charge of their home, in the rear of 66 Laurel street, and of their four little brothers and sisters.

Their father had gone to work and their mother had gone to the grocery store when a New Year calendar on the kitchen table caught fire from the stove and flared up, igniting some clothing hanging on the wall.

Anna ran upstairs and brought down her brothers and sisters, while John ran downstairs in his "nightie" and poured water on the fire.

When the firemen arrived there was nothing to be done except to congratulate the children, who were standing outside the smoking house.

# GERMAN WAITER A SUICIDE, BROODING OVER THE WAR

Continued brooding over the European war is said to have been responsible for the death of Herman Schroeder, 48 years old, of 230 North Camas street, formerly a waiter at the Philadelphia Turngemeinde.

Schroeder's body, with a gas tube near his mouth, was found late yesterday by Albert Koehn, the 6-year-old son of Theodore Koehn, with whom Schroeder made his home.

Mrs. Koehn said today that she believed Schroeder premeditated suicide for several days and that he probably had bought the gas tube for that purpose. Schroeder was a native of Hamburg, Germany. His wife left him 12 years ago and is living in Germany with their two children.

# Baby's Fall Again Store Fatal

Three-year-old Ida Facili, of 1201 Alton street, who was severely burned Wednesday when she fell against the stove in the kitchen of her home, died early today in the Hahnemann Hospital. The child, who is seriously injured, was taken to the hospital last night.

# HUERTA'S DEATH LAID TO ILL TREATMENT BY THE U. S. GOVERNMENT

Former Mexican Dictator, However, Dies Forgiving His Enemies—Had Long Military Career

## A PRISONER AND SUSPECT

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 14.—General Victoriano Huerta, former dictator and provisional President of Mexico, died at his daughter's home here last night, although virtually a prisoner of the United States. Intestinal ailment, which had necessitated four operations within the last month, was the cause of death.

General Huerta received the last rites of the church from the Rev. Carlos M. Mayer, a Catholic priest, on Wednesday, after the manner of a very weak man.

With him at the time of his death were his wife and other members of his family. General Huerta died a prisoner of the United States. He was taken to the United States on January 10 for alleged violation of neutrality in conspiring to foment in the United States an armed rebellion in a foreign country. Owing to his illness the trial was postponed. He remained nominally under \$20,000 bail.

General Huerta's will was signed last night after the administration of the last rites. He asked his lawyers to say that he had forgiven his enemies, General Alvaro Robles, private secretary to the General, issued the following statement yesterday: "I am a very weak man."

"In the actual moment of gravity in General Huerta's condition I only wish to state regarding the unjust and cruel treatment given to him by the United States Government that the treatment is responsible for his present condition."

"When he was President of Mexico he gave full guarantees to Americans regardless of the many difficulties he had met with in his administration."

"In this country he was thrown into jail like a common criminal and his health was completely broken down, causing his death."

General Victoriano Huerta, for 17 months Dictator of Mexico, incurred the hatred of most of the Mexicans. He was the author of a large number of deaths. He was equally strong in his position as he was in his private life. He was a man of great energy and initiative. He was a man of great energy and initiative.

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# ATLANTIC CITY COULD OWN CONVENTION HALL BY MAYOR'S NEW PLAN

Riddle Proposes Purchase of Old Ocean Pier Site for Beautiful Building for Big Meetings

## SEASHORE HOME FILLED

ATLANTIC CITY, Jan. 14.—An entirely new plan to realize Atlantic City's present ambition, the possession of a Convention Hall surpassing the best in the country, has just been proposed by Mayor William H. Riddle. He proposes that the city shall buy the old Ocean Pier site, an acre or more than a year, and lease the premises to a syndicate willing to build the right kind of a structure for a rental just sufficient to meet the carrying charges of the purchase bond issue.

The scheme, which is said to be virtually a done deal, is the subject of a bill introduced in the city council. The bill provides that the city shall take charge of the ocean front, will be submitted to the Chamber of Commerce for approval. The city would then have the authority to extend up to \$50,000 in furtherance of the Convention Hall enterprise, and public opinion would be overwhelmingly in favor of action. It was asserted today, if the bill is passed, the city would be able to build a beautiful building for big meetings.

Announcement was made today that the Children's Seashore Home, in Chelsea, recently received from the Philadelphia Association of the income of \$1500, the income of which is to be used for the maintenance of a small summer cottage for a mother with sick children. The children's home is in receipt of an endowment of \$1500 from Mrs. Josephine L. McCormick, the proceeds to be used for the maintenance of a bed. A bed also has been endowed recently in memory of John S. Wood.

With its 72 beds filled with bone tuberculosis "cases," the Seashore Home has one of the largest enrollments of children suffering from this dreaded affliction. The children are under the care of 2500 mothers and children every year, at a cost of \$10,000. Last year, owing to a shortage of funds, it was necessary to close one ward of 14 beds. The managers are hoping they will not have to do so again with "war" prosperity sweeping the land.

Tickets for the first of the concerts to be given here by the Philadelphia Orchestra, which comes to the Apollo Theatre on January 24, will be placed on sale tomorrow. A violin solo by Miss Vera Barstow, the concerto in B minor from Saint-Saëns, will be a feature of the initial visit.

# STONEMEN'S 'SECRET PURPOSE' IS DENOUNCED

Presbyterian Paper Says Rapid Growth of Fellowship Was Due to Mystery

The Continent, the largest Presbyterian publication in the West, in this week's issue scolds the idea that the organization of the Stonemasons' Fellowship, which has attained a membership of 100,000 members in six months if the "secret purpose" of it had been revealed from the first.

To what it terms a "confession" by the Rev. H. C. Stone, founder of the order, in which the latter stated that "this fellowship merely announced that if all men were to be united in a common profession of a recognition of the fact of God's existence, it would be a step toward the realization of the kingdom of God on earth."

The affair happened at a very inopportune time, because the company had planned to have a grand opening of the new headquarters at the corner of Broad and Walnut streets, and also the borough hall, jail and municipal building generally, tomorrow night.

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"It's just the thing for the apothecary town of Millbourne," said one fireman who likes class, and the others agreed. And so the residents of Millbourne joined the new order.

# NEW YORK LAWYERS FAVOR LIMITATION OF ARMAMENT

Committee Urges Also Establishment of International Court

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Limitation of armaments is recommended in the report of the Committee on International Arbitration of the New York State Bar Association, which was read today at the opening of the Bar Association.

In addition to limiting armaments, the Committee on International Arbitration urged that an international court be established to settle disputes between nations, and it was suggested that President Wilson be asked to use his good offices to have such a tribunal set up.

# MANY DRIVEN TO STREET WEARING NIGHTGOWNS

Firemen Overcome by Smoke in Downtown Fire That Does \$6000 Damage

Families were driven into the street in their nightclothes, firemen were overcome by smoke and a loss of \$6000 was caused by a fire last night at 1335 South 58th street. The property burned was the delicatessen store and the dwelling of Janet Eisenstein.

Eisenstein and his wife, Lettie, were sleeping on the second floor of the building when they were awakened by smoke. They warned their sons, Leo and Edward, and daughter, Mary Tabac, who were on the third floor. They fought their way through the burning structure. Edward Eisenstein was nearly overcome from the effects of the smoke. When he reached the street he was treated by a police surgeon.

Next to the Eisenstein home is the residence and tailoring establishment of Max Gittomer. Gittomer, his wife, Lettie, and daughter, Mary, were awakened when the fire threatened their apartment. They left their home by a rear window, climbing over roofs to effect their escape. A 10-month-old baby, who was toddling along with the parents until she became exhausted and had to be carried in her father's arms.

Mrs. Liz J. Browning and her daughter, Elizabeth, 7 years old, also neighbors, were obliged to flee in their nightgowns when the fire threatened their apartment. The flames spread no further than the Eisenstein establishment, however. The property burned was the delicatessen store and the dwelling of Janet Eisenstein.

Mrs. R. W. Colston, of 1222 South Ruby street, left her car to watch the fire. She had recently recovered from nervous prostration and the excitement of the fire caused her to faint. She was taken to the office of Dr. Cyrus Fridy, at 830 Thomas avenue, and revived.

Lieutenant E. B. Barr and Oscar Look, a policeman of the 58th street and Woodland avenue fire station, were made unconscious by the smoke. When they were revived they continued their work, refusing to leave the street in spite of the entreaties of their friends.

# COURT WILL CANVASS 'DRY' AND 'WET' VOTE

Several Days Will Be Required to Decide Fate of 52d Street Saloon

The official count of votes for and against granting John F. Graham a transfer of license of his saloon, the Hotel Jamison, at 52d and Rancaster streets, will probably be made on Monday morning at 10 o'clock in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions, Room 65, City Hall.

D. Clarence Gibson, head of the Law and Order Society, said today that arrangements are being made to have the official count on that date. The count, he believes, will occupy several days and will be made by six representatives of the contending factions, three from each side.

If the report of the voting made yesterday to Judge Blake and Patterson in the License Court is sustained the transfer will not be granted, for the "drys" had 241 votes, while their opponents had 239.

The report of the vote made yesterday is likely to be somewhat changed as a result of the examination and also by the admission of a number of additional "wets." The "drys" had 241 votes, while their opponents had 239.

The result will be changed, and it is believed that when a final report on the referendum is made, the "drys" will be found to have been victors by several hundred majority.

Counsel for Graham expressed the belief that many women who did not live in the immediate vicinity of the saloon had voted against the transfer without having the right to a voice under the rules laid down when the court announced that it would hear a referendum vote taken in the neighborhood.

FRAZEE NAMED BY GOVERNOR Will Represent State and City at Minneapolis Conference

John C. Frazee, Associate Superintendent of Schools, was appointed today to represent the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at the ninth annual convention of the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education, which will be held at Minneapolis, Minn., on January 20-22.

The Board of Education also appointed Mr. Frazee to represent at the same convention the city of Philadelphia and its public school system.

Associate Superintendent of Schools George Wheeler will address the Federal School Men's Club, at Washington, tomorrow, upon the six-year high school course.

# FIRE TRUCK DOES A HESITATION WHILE THE FIRE DEMON APPLAUDS

Millbourne's New Apparatus Gets Muleish and Refuses to Budge While House Burns Down and Spick and Span Firemen Fuss and Fume

When a motor fire truck is bigger than the enginehouse it's a good idea to enlarge the house to fit the truck.

The "what" the Millbourne Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 did. But even then its troubles were not over and when a fire alarm awakened the community the fire ladders could not get the truck out of the enginehouse.

The firemen, who were faultlessly attired in new rubber coats and romantic hats, offered all kinds of suggestions, while Chief G. L. Freudenberger got out the hose and tried to get the truck out of the enginehouse.

It was learned today that the new truck and the fire ladders, which reached the scene, but despite the eagerness could do nothing to prevent the ruin.

There are conflicting reports as to the fire truck's hesitation. Some say that the carboxer was stuck in the enginehouse, while others say that the truck was stuck in the enginehouse.

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# HARMONY IS KEYNOTE OF KNOX'S CANDIDACY, DUE TO MAYOR SMITH

No Fight Between Vares and Penrose—Agreed Upon at Conference Held Last Month

## DELEGATES ARE SLATED

Announcements made last night in Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Pittsburgh that Philander C. Knox, former Secretary of State, would be a candidate for the United States Senate, with the support of all factions of the Republican party in Pennsylvania, was regarded as a political landmark. It was an assurance that there will be no State-wide fight this year between the Vares-Brumbaugh coalition and the Penrose forces over the election of the State ticket.

While Mr. Knox formally was announced as his candidacy in Pittsburgh last night, following a conference held with Governor Brumbaugh at Harrisburg, a statement in Harrisburg, which he announced that his support and that of all his political friends, including the Vares, had been promised to Mr. Knox a month ago.

Coinciding with these statements, Mayor Smith, in Philadelphia, said that at a conference held early in December, at which Penrose was not present, a harmony list of 15 men had been agreed upon for the coming year by the Republican National Convention by all factions. From this list 12 are to be chosen.

The Organization's slate for delegates, as announced by the Mayor, follows: Senator Penrose, Governor Brumbaugh, Senator Oliver, Congressman Vares, Major General Charles M. O. Clement, of National Guard, Mayor Thomas B. Smith, Mayor Joseph G. Armstrong, of Pittsburgh, John Gribbel, president of the Union League, as a representative of Montgomery County, Louis A. Watres, Scranton, former Lieutenant Governor, E. J. Stackpole, Harrisburg, editor, John M. Reynolds, Bedford, former Lieutenant Governor, George E. Alter, Allegheny County, former Speaker, Colonel James Elverson, Jr., Philadelphia, Colonel Henry W. Shoemaker, Altoona, William A. Magee, Allegheny County.

That there will be no fight over delegates in the various districts was generally accepted as definite today, although the leaders of both factions of the Organization declined to discuss this phase of the situation.

The harmony, both on the senatorial and the delegates, was brought about by Mayor Smith, who assumed the role of harmonizer immediately after his election last November.

Governor Brumbaugh, in his statement last night, told of a conference held in December, which was attended by the Vares, the Governor, Mayor Smith and their political friends from all parts of the State. Senator Penrose did not attend, but he entered the service of the Penrose forces at the state of delegates, at a conference Mayor Smith held with him at Atlantic City during the holidays.

The Knox campaign was first launched after a conference held in Pittsburgh last Monday, at which E. V. Babcock, the only "potential" candidate opposing Mr. Knox, announced that he would support the former Secretary of State. Senator Penrose followed this up with an announcement on Wednesday, that his support would be given Mr. Knox.

In the formal announcement of his candidacy, Mr. Knox said that he "had been persuaded to this course by prominent men throughout the State representing all shades of opinion, and that he believed in the fundamental principles of the Republican party."

William Flinn, of Pittsburgh, was among the first to pledge his support to Mr. Knox. "The State will be very fortunate in getting a man like Philander C. Knox in the United States Senate," he said. "I believe the Washington party will support him. I personally support him and will work for his election."

HOST TO ST. LOUIS CHIEF Park Commission Entertains Nelson Cunliff, Who Is Here to Learn

The members of the Fairmount Park Commission have as their guest Nelson Cunliff, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation of St. Louis, who is in the city making a study of the municipal parks and recreation centers.

Accompanied by Chief Engineer Jesse T. Vorges, of Fairmount Park, the visitor was today taken on an automobile tour of the Park, the Parkway and the North-east and South Broad Street boulevards. They also visited a number of the recreation parks of the city.

Dr. John H. Bailey, who cured a number of hay feverists through osteopathic treatment last summer, will talk on "Hay Fever, Its Causes and Cures."

Dr. Simon Peter Ross, president of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Association, has had charge of arranging the details of the convention. He is considered one of the most likely candidates for election to the office of president of the American Osteopathic Association.

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CONFESSIO OF MOHR MURDER OBTAINED BY USE OF THIRD DEGREE

Defense Scores Another Strong Point—Police Admit Grilling Negroes—Judge Rules Out Statements

MRS. MOHR IS NERVOUS PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 14.

Mrs. Elizabeth F. Mohr scored again today in her trial on the charge of instigating the murder of her husband, Dr. Charles F. Mohr, wealthy Providence physician.

Commissioner Benjamin P. Moulton, a witness for the prosecution, made an important admission that strengthened the contention of the defense that the alleged confessions of the two negroes, Spaulding and Brown, implicating Mrs. Mohr, were obtained by "third degree" methods.

"It was not a ladies' tea party," Moulton admitted, describing the 45-minute grilling of Brown in the office of Chief of Police O'Neill.

Moulton, however, corroborated with some additional details O'Neill's testimony regarding the negroes' confessions. Mrs. Mohr is in the witness box to commit the murder. Despite the admission that damaged the State's case, Mrs. Mohr was plainly relieved when the police commissioner left the stand. She had listened intently, but with evident nervousness, to his testimony and frequently turned toward the jurors seeking to learn its impression upon them.



THOMAS NELSON BARKSDALE COL. F. N. BARKSDALE, OF P. R. R., DEAD

Was Advertising Agent of Company Since 1890, and Made Many Improvements

Francis Nelson Barksdale, advertising agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad, died at the Continental Hotel, shortly after 10 o'clock this morning, following a long illness. He was 61 years old. The railroad's wife and physician were at his bedside.

Mr. Barksdale, or "Colonel," as he was known to his friends, has been at the head of the Pennsylvania Railroad's advertising department since 1890, several years after he entered the company's employ. Since that time he made wonderful strides in railroad advertising, arranging special tours of all kinds.

His advertising campaigns made Atlantic City, Cape May and other seashore resorts famous. Mr. Barksdale was in charge of the campaign that built up the company's personally conducted "Pennsylvania Limited," the first de luxe train run by any railroad on regular service. Mr. Barksdale also planned the advertising campaign for the Pennsylvania Railroad, which was born in 1881.

Mr. Barksdale came from a prominent family in Charlottesville, Va., where he was born in 1850. Following the footsteps of his uncle, Brigadier General William Barksdale, a Confederate General who died in the battle of Gettysburg, he entered the Virginia Militia, where he served for many years.

He was educated in private schools, and the University of Virginia. After teaching school and studying law for a time, he became the proprietor and editor of the Jeffersonian Republican, a weekly Charlottesville paper, which was founded by Thomas Jefferson. He ran the paper for four years, coming to this city in 1883 when he entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad, in whose employ he remained until he died.

Mr. Barksdale is survived by a widow and one daughter.

# OSTEOPATHS TO MAKE DISCUSSIONS TIMELY

Pneumonia and Grip to Hold Attention During Convention at Hotel Adelphi

Pneumonia and grip, the two diseases that are now causing everybody's attention, will be the first topics to be discussed when the annual midwinter convention of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Association opens its sessions at 8 o'clock tonight at the Hotel Adelphi.

Although Dr. Robert H. Dunnington, who attracted much attention recently by his lecture on "Hay Fever, Its Causes and Cures," is considered one of the most likely candidates for election to the office of president of the American Osteopathic Association.

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