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NEW SCHOOL SESSION BEGINS TODAY; ROLLS REACH HIGHEST MARK

Two New Buildings, Opened During Week, Will Relieve Congestion in Part—200,000 in New Classes

SPECIAL TEACHERS' PAY

A new term began today in the public schools, with the largest enrollment in the history of Philadelphia schools. It was impossible to determine the exact number, but according to estimates made at the headquarters of the Board of Education at least 200,000 boys and girls were admitted to new classes.

During the present week two new school buildings will be ready for occupancy. They are the Longfellow School, at Tacony, and the McClure Annex, 6th street and Hunting Park avenue. The Longfellow School was constructed at an expense of several hundred thousand dollars, while the McClure annex is in addition to a large and modern building. Within a month the reconstructed Hay School, 5th and Wharton streets, will be occupied.

The opening of these buildings is expected to prevent an increase in the number of children attending part-time sessions, which is now about 27,000. In spite of the opening of the South Philadelphia High School for Girls today, and the organization of an annex to the West Philadelphia High School at 57th and Market streets, the excessive enrollment in the higher schools will be an acute problem, according to Dr. George Wheeler, associate superintendent of schools. The Germantown High School, at Arch street and Germantown avenue, is now taxed to its capacity, although it was opened only several months ago.

Semiannual promotions were made today. A majority of the pupils succeeded in reaching a higher grade without submitting to examination. Their scholastic records for the term just ended was used as a basis of promotion.

Guernsey Breeders Elect Officers The Guernsey Breeders' Association, composed of leading breeders of this section, concluded its annual meeting at noon today with a luncheon at which officers were elected for the coming year. Fred Lippincott, of Morristown, N. J., was elected president; Alfred Thompson, of Avondale, Pa., first vice president; Fred Brady, of Middletown, Del., second vice president; E. B. Sharpless, of Avondale, Pa., secretary and treasurer. H. W. Jeffries, manager of the Walker-Gordon Dairy, following the luncheon, addressed the delegates on "The Care and Management of the Dairy Herd."

Medico-Chi Appraisal Begun Work on appraising the property of the Medico-Chirurgical College to determine the amount the city must pay for the institution for the property, which is to be taken over by the city for Parkway purposes, has been begun. On the result of the appraisal depends the fate of the proposed merger of the college with the University of Pennsylvania.

WHAT A DARLING! BUT EVEN LITTLE TEDDY WAS NOT THE WHOLE CIRCUS

Shriners' Affair at Convention Hall Opens in Blaze of Glory, With Cute Baby Bear Doing the Big Stunt. Worth the Price to See Those 100 Pretty Ushers

At the circus machine today and the performance tonight, and probably even at the rest of the week in Convention Hall, it won't be as exciting as it was last night at the premiere. This is no means a knock; it is simply to say that one cannot expect a bear cub to break those every-day records in the most important box in a mighty important audience.

Everybody but Mrs. W. Fredrick Kendrick, Mrs. William S. Vane and the less important members of their families said: "What a darling!" "How cute!" and things like that. These two bosses—their husbands were lost in the flood of family—how that little bear knew it is a thing that Madame Spellman could not explain, but the cute darling made for the box of honor directly he crossed to the ring. Then he trotted up to the pebbled section, but an ordinary man finally put an arm around him and led him back like one of those Pecksniff you see on the hotel veranda at a summer resort.

The circus is great. Frank P. Spellman and Freeland Kendrick's Shriners between them have put on a show that is a treat and a comfort. It can rain pitchforks outside and your feet stay dry and clean; there is no wind to make the tent sway in on your back; everything is pretty and clean to the eye, and as for the circus itself—why, it has all the features to be found in any circuses organization—three rings with all the acts that go with them, an excellent aerial group, clowns that really make you laugh, riding acts, and everything from soup to nuts.

HARDWOOD FLOORS PINKERTON A hardwood floor will lift any decorative scheme above the common-place—will give more in service, comparison will prove that hardwood floors—when properly laid—are an economy, too. PINKERTON 3034 W. York St. Both Phones

NEW HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS OPENED TODAY IN SOUTH PHILADELPHIA

Eight Hundred Pupils March Into New Building, Declared One of the Finest in the City

MODERN IN EVERY WAY

Eight hundred pupils marched into the new South Philadelphia High School for Girls today when it opened its doors at Broad street and Snyder avenue. The opening of the school will relieve in a great measure the congestion in the public schools of the southern part of the city. The school, when fully finished, will accommodate 1200 pupils. It was started a year and a half ago and is an art granite and of three stories. It is one of the most beautiful of the local high schools, and lends a majestic touch to the lower end of the city. Pupils will be received from all the district south of South street and on both sides of Broad street.

"The South Philadelphia High School for Girls is one of the finest types of high schools to be found anywhere," said Superintendent of Buildings J. Horace Cook today. "Nothing but the best material and ideas has gone into its construction, for it was built absolutely on the merits of the bidding. The finest power plant in the State has been installed in the building. The school has been finished none too soon, for there was an unprecedented increase of 1500 pupils in the high school attendance this year." This Mr. Cook takes as an excellent criterion of the fact that the people as a whole in Philadelphia are beginning to realize the advantage of following up a grammar school course with one in high school. "There is a distinct demand for high school graduates these days," said Mr. Cook.

The school will be in charge of Dr. Lucy Langdon W. Wilson, vice of the curators of the Commercial Museum. The principal will be assisted by a corps of 22 teachers. Among the students received today were 70 from the William Penn High School for Girls. The Girls' High School will also transfer 50 girls to the new school and the rest will be received by promotion. The cost of the new school is estimated at \$265,125.

GOING UP? YES, GASOLINE IS

Another Jump, This Time Two Cents, Making Price 23 Cents a Gallon, Grievous Autoists

Gasoline took another upward jump in price today.

It was the ninth advance in about five months and autoists are more lachrymose than ever. All of the other advances have been only one cent. Today's rise was two cents—from 21 cents per gallon to 23.

SPONSOR FOR ST. CYR? NO INDEED, SAYS MAJOR PENDLETON

EX-Philadelphian Resents Title of "Cupid's Aid"—Denies Responsibility for Marriage of "Silent" Smith's Widow

INTRODUCED THE TWO

Major E. Gray Pendleton, who formerly lived in Philadelphia and later moved to Atlantic City, is the subject of an interview in today's New York World, in which he tells the whole story of his association with Jean Edward Harold St. Cyr, who was accused yesterday by the New York World of being plain "Jack" Thompson, of Texas, later a New York stock clerk and chorus man before he married Mrs. Redfield and, at her death, "Silent" Smith's widow, of Philadelphia.

After talking awhile, the Major was asked, according to the World, what he knew about St. Cyr, and he answered: "Now that I think it over I never did know anything about him. I just took him for granted—as it seems every one else has done."

Major Pendleton averred he tried to get St. Cyr to speak to the reporter who wrote the account published yesterday, divulging what it alleged to be St. Cyr's claims to French birth, position and wealth. According to the Major, St. Cyr refused, saying it was blackmail and, if published, would furnish grounds for a libel suit.

It has always been understood that Major Pendleton was responsible for the marriage of St. Cyr and Mrs. Smith; he introduced them. In the interview he touches on this, saying: "Since I have been charged with responsibility for the marriage of Mrs. Smith and Saint Cyr I feel I should disclaim that libel. While I did introduce Saint Cyr to Mrs. Smith—the introduction being forced upon me—I never stood as social sponsor for Saint Cyr and his friends Swoon and Woodhouse. They were acquaintances of my son, Edward Pendleton, and as such were welcome to my home."

"Saint Cyr stood at my side while I was talking to Mrs. Smith last spring, and I could not avoid presenting him to her; but, good heavens! I certainly thought Mrs. Smith was capable of taking care of herself. She had been married twice. Nothing but the best material and ideas has gone into its construction, for it was built absolutely on the merits of the bidding. The finest power plant in the State has been installed in the building. The school has been finished none too soon, for there was an unprecedented increase of 1500 pupils in the high school attendance this year."

"I have known Mrs. Smith-Saint Cyr ever since she was 19 years old," continued Major Pendleton, his tone changing from indignation, expressed in all his references to Saint Cyr, to that of friendliness for the wife. "I knew her as a child, as a debutante, then as the wife of William Eberlander Stewart, later as the bride of 'Silent' Smith. She is a splendid woman. I cannot express how grieved I am."

GLoucester COUNTY COURT ADJOURNS; NO PROSECUTOR

Failure of Senate to Ratify Appointment Causes Delay

The February term of the Gloucester County courts opened today at Woodbury, but the Grand Jury was ordered to adjourn till February 23 because the county had no prosecutions. This is due to a peculiar situation.

Joseph Sumner, who was Prosecutor for three years, resigned one month ago. Grover Cleveland Richman was appointed by the Governor to take his place, but his appointment was not ratified by the State Senate. Francis H. McGee and Joseph Stryker, from the Attorney General's office at Trenton, were then appointed to take charge of the prosecution. Both these men were in court today, but said that they had not had time to prepare the cases. There is much sentiment in the county against sending two men from Trenton to the county, and because the prosecuting office of the county will have to be conducted temporarily from the office of the Attorney General in Trenton.

Supreme Court Justice Charles Garrison ruled the postponement today. Judge Howard Carrow, of the Circuit Court, and Judge Sweeney, of the County Court, were at the court, as was also Foreman Daniel F. Hendrickson.

U. S. DIPLOMACY TOO NOISY, COLONEL HOUSE IS TOLD

By CARL W. ACKERMAN

BERLIN, Feb. 1.—Colonel House is carrying back to Washington some mild criticism of the Administration on the ground that it makes its diplomatic moves with too much noise, it was reported today. American officials, it is understood, pointed out to Colonel House, on his visit here, that President Wilson might accomplish more in his dealings with the Central Powers if he moved with greater secrecy. He was told, for instance, that Ambassador Penfield, at Vienna, believed his work was hampered because press representations of instruction he was to receive reached Vienna and were published before he received the instructions from Washington. Consequently, all the Austro-Hungarian officials, it was understood, would not exchange views with Penfield, not even at the exclusive Jockey Club in Vienna, where diplomats and officials meet at bridge each night and discuss affairs informally. The German newspapers are devoting columns of space to reports of the neutrality debate in the United States Senate. The arguments of some of the western Senators who declare that Americans should not travel on Allied ships, or at least on those carrying munitions, are being displayed prominently.

WHO'S LOONY NOW? FEARS A U. S. SENATOR WILL KIDNAP HIM

John Armstrong Chaloner Will Not Venture Across Potomac to Press Libel Suit

HE APPEALS TO COURT

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—John Armstrong Chaloner's grievances against those who had him committed to Bloomingdale Asylum in 1897 are in the way of detailed publicity in two actions at law which Chaloner wishes to bring to trial this month. One of these is a libel suit brought by the author of "Who's Loony Now?" against the Washington Post, on the calendar for February in the District of Columbia. The other is against Thomas T. Sherman, of which notice was filed yesterday in the Supreme Court in this city, to compel Mr. Sherman, as committee of the person and estate of Chaloner in New York lunacy proceedings, to make an allowance of \$100 for the costs of the Washington suit.

Yesterdays notice is the sequel of correspondence between Erskine Money, of Virginia, and Joseph H. Choate, Jr., of this city, concerning the \$1000. Mr. Money wrote in behalf of Chaloner. Mr. Choate replied as counsel for Mr. Sherman that he thought Chaloner ought to pay the Washington costs out of his regular allowance.

PLANS TO ENJOY HIMSELF. "Mr. Chaloner says he proposed to enjoy himself on this trip in a manner befitting his birth and station," Mr. Money wrote to Mr. Choate in explaining why \$1000 was wanted for the case in Washington.

"He desires me to say that he needs the recreation and change Washington theatres will give him because of his incessant literary work for the last 13 months or more."

In the Washington petition, on which Chaloner obtained an order of protection to cover his stay during the libel suit, he said to his brothers:

"Two of the Chaloners hold, so to speak, that unenviable social asset known as 'a criminal record.' It is now high time that the record of Winthrop Astor Chandler and Lewis Stuyvesant Chandler, former Lieutenant Governor of New York, be made known. Were it not for the beneficent advent of the statute of limitations, the Messrs. Chandler would surely 'do time' in Sing Sing."

ENGLAND DENIES EFFORT TO COERCE HER ALLIES

Says Reports Are Part of German Effort to Influence Neutrals

LONDON, Feb. 1.—The Foreign Office today authorized a denial of German reports that England is coercing her allies to force them to keep aloof from peace movements. These reports said that England was bringing financial pressure to bear upon nations warring with her to prevent them from discussing peace.

The Foreign Office especially denies a statement by the German Chancellor that England was restraining her allies. This statement, it was said, was undoubtedly made for the purpose of injuring England in the eyes of neutrals. Another statement that England intends to abandon her allies was cited as an example of "German unscrupulousness."

Shelvin Left Three Million

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 1.—The will of the late Thomas L. Shelvin, lumberman here, leaving an estate estimated at \$3,125,000, has been admitted to probate. The widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Shelvin, is leaving \$40,000 yearly allowance, and the remainder of the estate is to be placed in trust for the two children till they are 30 years old.

THREAT BY SCHWAB'S COMPANY TO ABANDON ARMOR PLATE FACTORY President of Bethlehem Steel Tells Senate Committee That Will Follow Creation of Government Plant COMPETITION TOO COSTLY

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BREWER'S WIDOW GIVES WEALTH TO CATHOLICS Will of Mrs. Bridget Hand Leaves Bulk of \$100,000 Estate to Bishop Hoban

SCANTON, Pa., Feb. 1.—Mrs. Bridget Hand, widow of Michael Hand, who owned breweries in Scanton and Pottsville, Pa., left the bulk of her estate of \$100,000 to the Rev. M. J. Hoban, Bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Scanton, to be devoted to charity. Her automobiles are to be sold, the proceeds to be given to the Westmountain Consumptive Hospital here. Relatives of Mrs. Hand receive bequests totalling \$5100.

At the behest of Mrs. Hand yesterday a niece, Mrs. Joseph Gilleran, and Mrs. Catherine McNamara, a cousin of Mrs. Hand, had a bitter quarrel that resulted in a call being sent for the police. In the will, read after the funeral today, Mrs. Gilleran is given but \$200; Mrs. McNamara is forgotten entirely.

There are no strings attached to the bequest made to Bishop Hoban. Mrs. Hand simply directing that the money be used for any charitable purpose that the Bishop decides upon.

Anticipating that there would be trouble at the Hand home today, the police were held in readiness, but their services were not required. Mrs. McNamara did not appear at the house of death.

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