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Failed to Maintain Sinking Fund for Subsidiary, U. S. Court Rules

WOMAN IS THE VICTOR

An opinion by Judge Dickinson. In the Falted States District Court today, in which he awarded \$7000 with interest from aly, 1910, to Mrs. Alice Frances Brown, d Providence, R. L. a bondholder in the proprivaria Canal Company, in a suit annus the Pennsylvania Railroad Cominvolves sums said by attorneys to part, involves sums said by atomic hyperbolic receiption of the railroad company to maintain a sinking fund for the canal generative, a subsidiary, and the cancellaenemonTy. non of sinking fund bonds purchased as estmont.

other rulings in the opinion bear direct-80.107 interests of other bondholders, what it will be shown by a decree to fol-be, are entitled to about \$1,500,000 from me railroad, according to Thomas Ras-arr White, the attorney representing Mrs. fown and intervening plaintiffs, who are rested to the extent of more than 40.000.

The decision of the court is a rap at The decision of the court is a rap at exportions that utilize subsidiary com-paries to further their own aims and thereby neglect the minority's rights. The mit, which has been fought in State and referring the second to want in state and referring courts for six years, unreleded a tals of high finance and corporation methods in the alleged manipulation of the assets and affairs of a subsidiary through interlocking directorates and of-form and agents in the service of both

The failure of the railroad company to maintain a sinking fund as provided by a mortgage to meet the payment of \$1,00,000 worth of bonds of the canal company at maturity, and the cancellation of beeds that had been purchased out of the sinking fund moneys resulted in a loss to the bondholders of the canal company, the court finds in its opinion. The bond-holders are entitled to the amounts thus lest, Judge Dickinson ruled, and said that the exact amounts are to be given in a decree to be filed later.

LOSS TO BONDHOLDERS.

That the transactions were consum mated to benefit the railroad and to the lamage of the bondholders of the canal sempany, and that they were executed in the name of the canal company, but igh the dictation of the railroad's afficers and agents, was a ruling of the

The railroad company disclaimed responsibility for any action of the canal company of which Mrs. Brown comlained, counsel asserting that the rall read company had not by any corporate act had anything to do with the sinking fund of the canal company, and contend-ing that it was not obliged to place in the soking fund moneys supplied by the the atking fund moneys supplied by the canal company for that purpose until the interest had been paid on the coupons of the bonds.

Judge Dickinson pointed out that the officers of the two companies had a com-munity of interest to further the objects of the railroad company, and what the bondholders lost was gained by the rail-

CAN'T SERVE TWO MASTERS."

"No man can serve two masters, and when he is in the service of two nominal masters whose interests conflict he is presummed to have acted for that one who is found to have been the real master," was the dectrine which Judge Dickinson ap-plied to the relations of the officers and managers of the canal to the railroad company, and to the bondholders of the canal ompany. The railroad company entered several

defenses to the suit, the principal of which where that it was not obliged to apply to the disking fund moneys supplied by the Canal company for that purpose until in-breat on the coupons had been paid, and that under the mortgage, which secured DARKEN VISION OF LIFE; **OPTICIAN IS A SUICIDE**

Manager of Crown Company Tried Problems in Geometry to Ward Off Mind Weakness

ALSO TOOK UP DRINKING

Intricate algebraic and geometric prob-Intricate algebraic and geometric prob-lems were resorted to in an effort to drive away the oncoming shildows of in-sanity by Charence W. Walsh, general manager of the Crown Optical Company, who killed himself with gas early today in the office of the company 1520 Pine street. street.

street. Waish's effort to restore his mental balance is vividly described in an "open letter," written by him. All his life, Walsh wrote, he had fought the horrible fear that some day he would loss his mind. In the last six months he set forth that In the last six months he set forth that the context between his lucid self and the other element which sought to destroy his mental faculties became a battle which wrecked his nervous system and at last

made him decide that the only way out was to destroy himself. PLUNGE INTO DISSIPATION

After his wrestling with difficult mathe-matical problems had failed to clear up his mentality, Walsh in his "open letter" says that in his despair he plunged into dissi-pation, such as drinking and gambling and keeping late hours. Walsh confessed in his letter that his mental disorder was remonsible for beaus to be builded as the same second sponsiblefor losses to his husiness lates, and he asked them to try to think haritably of him. Walsh also left a letter to his wife, in

which he begs her and their "darling bables" to forgive him for causing them

HIS OPEN LETTER

o much pain.

The "open letter," in which Walsh tells of his fight against the inroads of in-sanity, follows: All my life I had a horrible fear of some day losing my mind. For the last six months the dread has become an obsession and a grim reality. Every day brought forth further and more conclusive evidences of the grad-ual disintegration of the mental fac-utiles, loss of powers to concentrate, inability to construct, to overcome the mental inertia, annunclation indistinct. imperfect co-ordination and always the same incessant triphammer, pounding headaches. At first I wasted many hours in solv-

ing algrebraic and geometic problems, attempting to cultivate the power of concentrating, but lately, realizing this as futile, I have thrown myself head-

as futile, I have thrown myself head-long into excesses, in smoking, drink-ing, gambling and card playing, and late hours--anything to drive away the thought of the inevitable. I realize that my mental condition has been in a considerable degree re-sponsible for losses to my associates through the business, and I ask them to think as kindly of me as possible. The thought of the final stage with the clouded mind and vacaut stare the clouded mind and vacant stare, and an expense and a useless incum-brance, drive me to take the quickest way out.

EETTER TO HIS WIFE. Walsh's letter to his wife also touches on his mental suffering. It follows:

Sweetest Girl of Mine: I love you. I know that I am a quitter to leave you this way; but I can't bear the thought of going crazy.

That's what I honestly think will happen if I live. God knows I'd rather give my life to save you, sweetheart Rose, and my two darling babies, one moment's pain than I would to cause you the misery of my death. But you will be better off in the long run. And my poor, dear father and sweetheart: God bless dear father and sweetheart; God bless you all; kiss the bables for their poor unfortunate daddy and bring them up to be as fine and noble as their mother and godparents. Good-by, Rosebud Girl. God bless you and guard you all. CLARENCE.

Walsh's body was round by William arter, superintendent of the company,

SCHOOL STRIKERS' PARENTS TO BE FINED

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Continued from Page One fine them he remarked that under the new Municipal Court act the offenders could be taken straight to the Juvenile Court and there dealt with. The children could be put into triant schools, it was said, among children who had been guilty of all sorts of misconduct if their par-ents said they could not control the ac-tions of the children.

tions of the children. This was what a number of German-town parents were saying today. They said their children were unable to get into the school, as they were afraid of heing "beaten up" by the strikers. "I very much regret having to prose-cute the parents," said Mr. Gideon, "as this would only make hard feelings harder. I hope the parents will are the rullity of their present measures and will consent to send their children back upon receiving the preliminary notices from this bureau."

The ringlenders' parents were not as a rule prone to look upon it in this way. They said they would pay the fines until the Board of Education would concent to reinstate William H. Sowden as principal of the Fitter School in place of Miss Gill, who was anomized in bis place. Mr who was appointed in his place. Mr. Sowden was very popular among the boys and sirls of the school and when was first announced that he had not

the necessary standing to continue as principal there the strike started. Mr. Sowden was ill today, it was said at his home in the Fairfax Apartments. and was confined to his room by a severe cold. Immediately the word went around for a collection. About \$7 was quickly collected for flowers to be sent to Mr. Sowden. There was said to be a double meaning in this gift, as Miss Gill has received a number of gifts of flowers re-cently from persons who sympathized with ner. Thus the Sowden faction evened up the score. Miss Gill consulted the district superin-

tendent, Holman L. White, as to what she should do about the truant strikers. He nstructed her to report them to the Bureau of Compulsory Education. While Miss Gill was discussing the matter with Mr. White in her office, one of the strike

ingleaders, Andrew McGarrigle, 11 years ld, was introduced. He was an intermediary between Misa Gill and the strikers, it appeared. Mr. White and Miss Gill told him to speak

'Why, I think that if you'll go out "Why, I think that if you'll go out and talk to the strikers they may come back," said Andrew. Miss Gil hesitated. "Don't do it, Miss Gill, "said Mr. White. "That would compromise the dignity of the schools—such parleying with truants." Mr. White was said to be among those officials who had received complaints from certain parents that their children ad been threatened with physical vio-

ence if they returned to the school. reinstate him, About 200 boys and girls congregated



CAPT. WILLIAM SIMMLER

His appointment as captain of Engine Company 15, makes him the youngest fire captain in the city. Captain Simmler, who lives city. Captain Simmler, who have at 5410 Irving street, has been in the Bureau of Fire for 11 years;

In front of the school this morning to dissuade others from going in, but the police soon dispersed them. Many of them went around to Mr. Sowden's home and stood outside, talking about his illness. The following notice is being prepared

and will be sent out to the children's parents tonight: PUBLIC ATTENTION!

All parents of children who attend the Filler School are strongly urged to attend a public meeting at the Germantown Roys Club, Penn street west of Germantown avenue, on Friday evening, February 11, at 8 o'clock.

IMPORTANT

Do not fail to attend. Committee Do not fail to attend. Committee will report. The committee referred to is a parents' committee which is taking the lead in backing up the children's demands for the reinstatement of Mr. Sowden and is

an appeal to the courts to

RAINBOW CLUB BOY CALLS ON SMITH, AND SAYS 'HE'S OUR MAYOR'

bers Receives Dollar From Executive and a Cigar

VISITOR IS 11 YEARS OLD

His face was divided into an ear-to-ear grin. His hig brown eves contrasted strangely with his body, healthy despite its smallness. And he wasn't the slightest bit afraid of the fact that he was soon to be shaking hands with Mayor Smith as the official representative of Farmer Smith's Rainbow Club, also its 18,000 members among the progressive, wideawake boys and girls of Philadelphia.

He dangled his legs from the big leather chair in the Mayor's anteroom and clutched his Rainbow Club button with one hand.

"Don't be afraid," said the genial Elisha Webb, messenger to the Mayor. "I can't be," said the boy. "That isn't

the motto of our club." Whereupon the cavalcade, consisting of the boy, Farmer Smith, one photogr and one reporter, went in to see rapher and the Mayor.

The Mayor had just finished a hard day's work. City Solicitor Connelly had hay swork. City Solicitor conficily had just been burdening the executive with his plaints. But Mr. Smith had a smile ready for the boy, a smile that got right beneath the boy's skin, down near his heart, and the official representative of the Rainbow Club's 18,000 members re-plied with a duplicate of his Cheshire cat-like, anteroom grin.

"What's your name?" asked the Mayor. And although this is usually a perfunc-tory question-the natural query when one meets a child-the Mayor said it with true feeling. He has children of his own. "Louis Ruberton. I live at 709 South 5th street, and I have four brothers and four sisters," replied Master Ruberton. "What!" exclaimed the Mayor. "And you're how old?"

"Eleven. And I'm in the 6th grade." "You'd better look out," advised the iyor, "or, your age will get the better

Mayor, of your size absolutely." "Here's our club button," said Louis. "Don't you want to wear one?" "You bet 1 do," replied Mr. Smith,

"When I was a boy," said the Mayor I always liked to have a little change." With which remark he took a new, crinkly one dollar note and gave it to Louis, who memod to be torn with ideas of what he should do with it.

Should he keep it forever as a remem brance? Should he buy one whole dol-lar's worth of lollypopa? Or should he take the note and put it in the savings bank, in accordance with the unwritten regulations of the Rainbow Club?

The latter was his course. Or at least that was what he confided later to his friends.

Then the Mayor announced his decision as to the Rainbow Club: "I'm heartily in favor of anything that helps to build

up the boys and girls of the city into better men and women." All of which impressed Louis and, in-lirectly, the 18,000 boys and girls of the Rainbow Club. And why shouldn't it? Rainbow Club. And why shouldn't it? Had not the Mayor of the third city in the Union put his indorsement on the club, their own club? Had not he welcomed them with open arms, figuratively speaking, with open arms? And, more important, had he not shown he was with them, with every good boy and girl in the ity? He had.

And, while all of this was passing through Louis' II-year-old mind, the Mayor either gained another personal vote or strengthened the political con-Victions of one of his followers. movemen Taking a cigar from a box on his desk, the mayor gave it to Louis with speaker.

and the two of hem-boy and chief ex-ecutive of Philadelphia, posed for a pic-ture, the boy just completing the taak of pinning the insignia on the Mayors coat when the mashlight did its work. Then the Mayor dug down in his pocket and brought forth a big roll of bills. Without areas here is word the Mayor

The cavalcade filed out as the Mayor was starting the last lap of his day's work. Then Louis made a remarkable discov-

ery, "Why, he's our Mayor, the Rainbow Club's Mayor," he said, clutching the doithe other. "He's got our votes," he add, clutching the doi-lar bill with one hand and the cigar with the other. "He's got our votes," he added impulaively, as he darted homeward down the deserted corridor with both hands fammed against his breast, holding the precious gifts that he had been given by the Mayor—the Children's Mayor.

WHITMAN REFUSES TO RUN FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF U.S.

New York Governor Satisfied With His Job

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 9.-Governor Whitman drove another spike in the "Burton for President: Whitman for Vice President" story early today, when he declared he intended to remain in his present position as long as the people of New York continue to re-elect him.

The declaration was made in the presence of William Barnes and other promi-nent up-State Republicans at the annual dinner of the Albany County Republican organization.

Barnes predicted victory for the re-united Republican party in November, and indorsed the national preparedness movement. Representative William E. Humphrey, of Washington, was another



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under the mortgage. the bonds, it was not compelled to pay the nterest on invested securities.

The mortgage covering the bonds pro-vided that \$20,000 out of the net earnings of the canal company should be paid annually into a sinking fund to pay the principal of the bonds at maturity. The canal company was also required to pay the interact, but if it could not the the interest; but, if it could not, the ralfoad company, by an agreement in-durand on the mortgage, obligated itself to take care of the interest.

The mortgage also provided that the sinking fund moneys might be invested in bonds of other securities, from which the build of the securities in the build of the build of the securities in the securities is the securities in the securities in the securities is the securities in the securities in the securities is the securities in the securities in the securities is the securities in the securities in the securities is the securities in the securities in the securities is the securities in the securities is the securities in th In bonds of other securities, from which the bondholders would get the benefit of interest. The trustee of the mortgage, which was minde in 1870, securing the bonds, which matured in 40 years, has always been some one in high standing in the executive department of the rail-road commany. The present trustee is road company. The present trustee is Samuel Rea, president of the railroad

Judge Dickinson finds that the bondbolders of the canal company are entitled bolders of the canal company are entitled to sinking fund moneys up to the limit of \$20,000 that were yearly diverted to pay interest, and to the loss through the can-cellation of the \$159,000 worth of canal company bonds by the railroad company to escape interest. The amounts to be awarded will be specified later.

ONCE OWNED BY THE STATE.

The canal was formerly owned by the State of Pennsylvania. After its acquisi-tion by the railroad company, the canal was organized into a corporation, and the railread company floated \$3.000.000 worth of bonds, covered by a mortgage on the property, to furnish capital for the canal company. Some of the bonds were pur-chased by relatives of Mrs. Brown, and ahe obtained her holdings by bequest.

chased by relatives of Mrs. Brown, and she obtained her holdings by bequest. As provided by the mortgage, the canal company paid both to the sinking fund in interest, but later paid only to the sinking fund because of reduced earn-lags, and depended on the railroad com-pany to pay the interest. The railroad company, though, paid the interest out of the moneys that should have gone to the sinking fund.

when he went to work at 7 o'clock. Carte smelled gas as soon as he entered the building, and he found Walsh on the floor in his private office. Several gas cocks were wide open. Bits of torn paper scattered about the floor gave mute evi-dence of work in fractions and equations. Walsh was ²⁹ years old and came to Walsh was 29 years old, and came to this city from Connecticut. His father is said to be a prosperous business man in the Nutmeg State, and two of his brothers are lawyers and two physicians. Walsh is survived by a widow and two children-Jane, 3 years old, and John, 7

TRIES TO "FILM" THE ST. CYRS; IS CHASED FROM BELLEVUE

months old.

"Movie" Man Declares, However, He'll Get 'Em Yet

There was considerable commotion at the Bellevue-Stratford today when a "movie" photographer was discovered outside the room of Mr. and Mrs. Jean Harald Edward St. Cyr. He wore a light raincoat and a round soft hat. There was a big bulge under his coat, just the shape of a motion-picture camera.

A bellboy discovered the man while he

was attempting to draw St. Cyr into con-versation by way of the keyhole of room 408. He pleaded pathetically to the couple to come outside and be "filmed." There was no response even when the movie man declared that the pictures were to be shown only in exclusive circles. The photographer was the first to run safely the gauntlet of floor maids who are guarding the St. Cyrs from intruders. The visitor said that he had an agreement with the couple to take their pictures. If he did the St. Cyra evidently changed their minds. When several clerks chased the movie man he declared defiantly that



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BOARD NAMES NEW TEACHERS Many Added to Corps of City's Elementary Schools The Board of Education today appoint-ed the following teachers in the elementary achools: E. Thomas Meyer

They will be assigned to the publi-hools when vacancies occur.

Rolls Into Fire; Dead

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Feb. 2.—Cormick Motarrey, 35 years old, was fatally burned today. White a member of a "party he roled into a fire along Stony treak and died as hour after being ad-mutted to the hangital

