TOUR OF CITY URGED FOR COMMERCE BODY TO LEARN TRADE NEEDS

Charles S. Calwell, Banker, Suggests Trip, Especially Along River Fronts as Boosting Method

WHAT CHAMBER IS DOING

"I would suggest that the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, as soon as the weather permits, unite all its officers, heads of bureaus, employes and members on a big sight-seeing tour of the city, the tour to include a complete inspection of the river front from the river, so that all concerned would know what the advantages of the city really are and what is needed to improve and make the most of these advantages."

So said Charles S. Calwell, president of the Corn Exchange National Bank, when asked what response he would make to the letter addressed to him by N. B. Kelly, general secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, in reply to his question asking if the Chamber of Commerce had been giving much thought to the development of city property along the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers.

Mr. Kelly's reply to Mr. Calwell says:

"In response to your letter, asking if the Chamber of Commerce has been giving much thought to the development of city property along the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers, I beg to assure you that both the industrial bureau and transportation bureau of the chamber have been giving most earnest consideration to that matter.

"The industrial and transportation bureaus are now engaged in compiling a specific and detailed statement of the activities of their respective organizations along these lines. I shall be very glad to see that you receive this statement as soon as the data has been gathered.

"In the meantime, I beg to assure you that any information that we can obtain on any subject concerning the activities of the Chamber of Commerce is entirely at your disposal.

"In the forthcoming number of the Chamber of Commerce Journal you will find a considerable amount of information concerning the various activities of the Chamber's different bureaus."

WHITE HOUSE OPEN TO CONGRESS TONIGHT

President and Wife Entertain Brilliant Gathering of Nation's Notables

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Congress will move into the White House tonight. It is the occasion of the reception accorded members of the Senate and House by President and Mrs. Wilson. From the standpoint of numbers it promises to be one of the largest, not excluding the memorable Pan-American affairs, when 2500 people crowded into the White House, ever held.

The event will bring more closely together different factions of Congress than anything else, particularly when they get into the East Room, where the guests are always crowded preparatory to their advance down the receiving line. It will introduce many new faces to the ladies of Congress, the faces of those whose terms of office have just begun. And it also will bring back into the charmed circle many standbys who went out of State existence temporarily upon the late defeat of former President Taft.

President and Mrs. Wilson will, according to custom, stand in the Blue Room, with Mrs. Marshall and ladies of the Cabinet in the reception line. The line tonight will be marekd by the absence of Mrs. Lindley M. Garrison, whose husband resigned last week as Secretary of War. She was a favorite in official social circles.

At the Pan-American reception some of those in the reception line were forced before the last of the 3500 had passed in review, to retire for rest. Tonight it seems probable that this will be necessary again. But the President and Mrs. Wilson seem able to stand smilingly through the ordeal and there are moments when Mrs. Wilson at least seems to enjoy it. During the reception refreshments will be served in the dining room and the Marine Band will play.

FREAKS' SHAPES MAY WIN THEM ADMITTANCE TO U. S.

Eight Feet and One Yard Arrive at Ellis Island

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Baptist Ugo, who is 8 feet tall by circus measurement, and Esmiliare Adrien, who is yess than a yard in height, arrived yesterday in two consolidated cabins of the French liner Espagne, M. Ugo occupying most of the space.

The Federal surgeon sent the pair to Ellis Island for examination, and it was found that Ugo was suffering from bigness and diabetes and Adrien from littleness. They will have another examination today, and probably will be released, as they are not likely to become public charges, being quite able to earn their living on their shapes alone.

Vandals Cut Western Union Wires

Telegraph and police officials are investigating an attempt which was made early today to cripple the Western Union service between Philadelphia and Reading. Several of the company's wires are said to have been deliberately cut a short distance above Valley Falls. No information was given out at the Western Union main office, except that a crew of men had been sent up to repair the damaged wires.

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HANS SCHMIDT

The unfrocked Catholic priest paid the penalty for the murder of Anna Aumuller, when he died in the electric chair in Sing Sing at sunrise. He dismembered the girl's body after killing her September 2, 1913.

HANS SCHMIDT DIES FOR MURDER OF GIRL

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into the room where he was to meet his death. His beard had been shaved off. His head was closely cropped. No one would have recognized him. Presiding the slayer was Keeper Dorner and Father William Cashin, Roman Catholic chaplain of the prison. Schmidt held himself erect. He walked with a firm step, repeating in clear tones the litany of the dying. Firmly he paced the few steps to the death-dealing chair. Then he turned and faced the witnesses. He held aloft the crucifix he carried in his right hand, as if to hold in check the four stalwart guards in blue, who sprang forward to seize him.

"One minute," he cried in ringing tones. "I want to say one word before I go. I beg forgiveness of all I have offended or scandalized, and I forgive all who have offended against me."

By this time the guards had forced Schmidt into the chair, and were adjusting the straps around his arms and waist. Schmidt prayed aloud repeating the words of a prayer after Father Cashin.

"Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit," he concluded.

Then with his voice as firm as when he bade good-by to his fellow inmates in the death house, the slayer uttered his last words.

Scarcely had he finished when the attendants had the electrode attached to his right leg, the brown cap with the black mask slipped over his head and the wire at the top adjusted.

The signal was given and Schmidt expiated his crime.

"SCHMIDT NOT MURDERER"

Dr. H. W. Cattell Says Anna Aumiller Died of Illegal Operation

Dr. Henry W. Cattell, of 3709 Spruce street, when told of the electrocution today of Hans Schmidt, said:

"Hans Schmidt should not have been electrocuted. He was not guilty of first degree murder, according to New York law. He should have been imprisoned. He did not 'murder' Anna Aumuller, using the word 'murder' in its strictest sense. He either committed an illegal operation or caused one to be committed on her, and from the effects of it she died; but there was not deliberate 'murder.' I examined the remains, and I know whereof I speak.

Fire in Home for the Aged

COLLINGSWOOD, N. J., Feb. 18.—The Home for Aged, housing nearly 100 inmates, was threatened with destruction last night, when fire was discovered in the basement. Local firemen extinguished the blaze with chemicals.

DETECTIVE CHICKENS TRAP ALLEGED THIEF

Follow Trail of Stolen Oats to Home of Negro, and Arrest Soon Results

Addison Jones was tracked to his home today, not with bloodhounds, but—with chickens. Jones is a negro, and he was highly indignant when placed under arrest. But the trail of guilt led to his back door.

Albert Bonsall, manager of the American Coal and Ice Company, couldn't understand what became of all the feed for the horses. Neither could John Beatty, stable man. They saw an unusual number of chickens clucking and picking at the snow and investigated. As the chickens moved down the Philadelphia and Reading tracks at Arrott street, Bonsall and Beatty followed, as did Detective Corry and Policeman Frith, who had been called in on the case. Slowly the chickens moved along, picking at the snow and leaving a faint trail of shells and shucks of cracked oats and bran.

The trail led three blocks down the railroad to High street and finally stopped dead at a high board fence. A peek over the fence showed the trail led straight to the back door. Jones was rocking to and fro in the kitchen as he hugged an almost empty burlap bag to his bosom and ran about a quart of cracked oats through his fingers. In one corner of the bag was a hole that Jones hadn't seen. The bag of oats had weighed 50 pounds at first.

"Reckon Ah squeezed dat bag a lil' too tight," sighed Jones, as he frowned at the clucking chickens all around. Jones tried to explain to Magistrate Pennock at the Germantown station that he often did things absent-mindedly. But the Judge thought the offense in question was well planned. The prisoner was held in $500 bail.

ILLNESS HALTS WEDDING

Miss Elizabeth McBride Watches at Bedside of Fiancee

A young woman who was to have been a bride is today watching at the bedside of her fiance, nursing him back to health so that the wedding may take place as soon as possible. He was stricken by pneumonia the day before the ceremony was to have been performed.

The bride-to-be is Miss Elizabeth McBride, 20 years old, of 2613 Edgemont street, and her prospective husband is Daniel A. Graham, of 2429 Cedar street. Their marriage was planned for last Wednesday, and many invitations had been sent out for the ceremony, which was to have been performed in St. Ann's Catholic Church, Lehigh avenue and Memphis street. The couple obtained a marriage license at City Hall Monday, but on Tuesday, Graham, who had been suffering from grip, was sent to bed with pneumonia. Physicians advised postponing the marriage, which is to take place as soon as the prospective bridegroom recovers.

STUDENTS AT TRENTON WILL OMIT BIG DANCE

High School Seniors, Due to Sunday's Influence, Decide to Drop Amusement

TRENTON, Feb. 18.—Homer Rodeheaver, "Billy" Sunday's chorister, announced in the tabernacle last night that the senior class of the Trenton High School would omit dancing at its reception to the junior class. This is one of the big social events of the season.

Incidental with the Sunday campaign here there have been services in the High School, with the result that by a vote of 50 to 54 the students decided to drop dancing. Some other kind of amusement will be substituted.

"Billy" Sunday preached last night to 1100 on "Heaven, a Place and Not a Condition." He took occasion to speak his mind about the New Jersey Legislature. Last week the Legislature adjourned especially to pay "Billy" a visit at the tabernacle. The members presented "Billy" with a beautiful Bible, a set of Wilson's "History of the American People" and the life of Thomas A. Edison. The evangelist said that all of his life he would carry the pleasant memory of the Jersey Legislature. It was a certainty at that time that the local option bill would be defeated.

Last night he attacked the Legislature for beating the bill. "When a man stands up and defends the saloon," he said, "he forfeits my respect. I don't care whether that man is in the Senate or the House. Perhaps he can get along without my respect, but I want him to know he hasn't got it, anyway."

The sermon was as near to a conversational tone as Sunday could use. When he gave the invitation to trail-hitters 336 came forward and took his hand.

500 Y. M. C. A. DELEGATES OPEN SESSIONS AT READING

Princeton Man Chief Speaker at First Gathering

READING, Pa., Feb. 18.—The State convention of the Y. M. C. A. convened here yesterday afternoon, with 500 delegates in attendance. The chief speaker of the opening gathering was Dr. Charles R. Erdman, of Princeton.

The delegates assembled in Y. M. C. A. Hall, where they partook of the hospitality of the Ladies' Auxiliary in the form of a convention supper.

Fletcher S. Brockman, of New York city, was one of the speakers last night.

BOYS HELD FOR GEM THEFTS

Dealer in Second Hand Goods Accused of Buying Loot

Stolen jewelry, worth $105, bought for $3.50 and hidden in a wall, today resulted in the holding of seven youths on a larceny charge, and of a man, who is accused of purchasing the loot from two of them, who are minors.

The man, Morris Pure, a dealer in second-hand goods, of 508 Callowhill street, was held in $800 bail for court, and the youths in $500 bail each for court by Magistrate Beaton, at the 10th and Buttonwood streets station. The jewelry, $500 worth, was stolen from the window of J. Walter Sheppard, 520 North 10th street. Special Policemen Kearse and Titus, who recovered most of it, said they found $105 worth tucked in a hole in a wall behind a calendar in Pure's shop.

State to Buy Toll Road

HARRISBURG, Feb. 18.—Negotiations for the purchase of the Centre and Kishacoquillas turnpike, a toll road 7.9 miles long leading into Bellefonte, have been opened by State Highway Commissioner Cunningham. The Highway Department has appraised the value of the turnpike at $17,615, or an average price of $2230 a mile.

PLAN TO GIVE LYON ROUSING SEND-OFF

Collection of $10,000 Being Made for Evangelist—Big Private Gifts Expected

WILMINGTON, Del., Feb. 18.—Preparations already are under way to give Dr. Milford H. Lyon a rousing send-off when he winds up his evangelistic campaign of seven weeks here Monday and departs for Camden, where he is to continue his religious endeavors.

It is planned to donate $10,000 to the evangelist on Sunday, when the collection is taken for his remuneration, and it is further intimated that there will be several private gifts of substantial sums.

Plans are being made to hold a service Monday at the Pennsylvania Railway Station just before the "Lyon" special pulls out for Philadelphia. A great throng is expected.

Rydal Boy Hurt While Coasting

John McKenna, 13 years old, a student in the Abington High School, while coasting with companions on Vinegar Hill, near Rydal, today lost control of his sled and was thrown against a tree. He was picked up unconscious and bleeding from the nose and mouth. Four schoolmates placed him on a sled and bore him a mile to the Abington Hospital. Doctor Woodward, in charge at the hospital, said the boy may be suffering from a fractured skull, in addition to cuts on the face and head, and is in a serious condition.