

TO FIX PASTOR'S TIME IS CHARGE

Young Preachers Tried to Insure Tenure of Office at Methodist Conference

PREPAREDNESS URGED

A spirited fight by the younger element at the second day's meeting of the 123rd session of the Philadelphia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church...

The usefulness of ministers is the chief obstacle to the increase of the pension endowment fund, according to the Rev. Dr. George W. Henson...

The Rev. Dr. Henson was re-elected campaign manager for the board on a motion by the Rev. Edwin C. Griffiths.

A State convention for Methodist men at Harrisburg in October was advocated in a resolution which was passed.

The morning session was marked by an exchange of speakers between the sessions of the ministers and the laymen.

American should be just as eager to give up their lives for their country as their forefathers, said W. H. Maxwell, president of the Laymen's Association...

"The Laymen's Association, organized 24 years ago, has for its motto: 'Its objects shall be to mutually interest the laymen throughout the bounds of the Philadelphia Methodist Episcopal Conference in all the general affairs of the church and especially in every local interest, whereby the church may be stirred up to greater efficiency and usefulness in the hands of God in advancing His cause.'"

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GIRL SEEKS FENCING TITLE

Dorothy Samuel Will Compete for National Championship

Seventeen-year-old Dorothy Samuel, of this city, who, fencing experts say, is the woman fencer for her age in the country, will seek to wrest the national women's championship in New York on March 29.

Five Philadelphia women fencers will compete with Miss Samuel. They are Miss Jessie Fyfe, the present holder of the national championship, Miss Marie A. Bradley, Miss Ida A. Toepfer, Mrs. Passon Deeter and Miss Edith Evans.

LUMBERMEN BLAMED FOR FREIGHT EMBARGO BY P. R. R. OFFICIAL

George Dallas Dixon Tells Wholesale Dealers Speculative Shipment Are Largely Responsible

Speculators, who were accused of being largely responsible for the recent freight embargo on the Pennsylvania Railroad, were censured by George Dallas Dixon, vice president of the railroad, in an address today before the National Wholesale Lumber Dealers' Association...

CARS USED FOR STORAGE

"This question of speculative shipments," he said, "of playing the markets in commodities as it were, and converting the railroad cars and yards into storage warehouses is a most serious one, and I feel that I must speak plainly about it."

"You may have your troubles because the railroad won't accept your freight, but I don't believe it is a circumstance that the trouble the railroad is having, because it cannot get rid of some one else's freight which it has carried it to the Eastern terminus."

"Since the time we first placed embargoes many shippers have ordered materials sent much in advance of their requirements, but this, possibly other embargoes would be placed and they had better have as much material as possible on the way. It is just such practices which have added vastly to the congestion."

SHIPMENS BALKED AT DEMURRAGE

Mr. Dixon commented upon the refusal of shippers at the recent hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington to listen to the proposition of the railroads that they charge progressive demurrage. This demurrage, he said, was for the purpose of making a share of the privilege of storage in cars too expensive to be profitable.

"I am sorry to say," he said, "that the shippers were not willing to credit us with sincerity in making this proposal. They immediately jumped at us for trying to increase their charges. They said it was an excuse to get more money out of them. They refused to believe that our only reason in seeking the progressive demurrage charges was to clear the yards of freight that had overstayed the most generous welcome, and so release equipment and make room for the commodities of other shippers."

CAUSES OF CONGESTION

Mr. Dixon gave the following as some of the reasons for the unprecedented freight congestion: First, the inability or refusal of consignees to unload promptly.

Second, Orders placed for coal in excess of immediate requirements, for speculative purposes, or in anticipation of labor troubles.

Third, Speculative shipments of other commodities.

Fourth, Scarcity of boats for coastwise traffic.

Fifth, Lack of steamer accommodations for the export trade.

Sixth, The closing of the Panama Canal last spring, leaving freight at the eastern terminals which has never been removed.

Seventh, Unusually heavy snowfalls in the East, especially in New England.

THRILLING ESCAPES ENLIVEN SPECTACULAR FIRE



GERMANTOWN IN TEARS; NO MORE CHEAP STEAKS

Arrest of Negro Removes Mysterious Source of Meat Supply, Police Declare

Choice sirloin steak, 10 cents per pound. Very best pork chops, 7 cents per pound. Fine country sausage, 6 cents per pound.

A spectacular three-alarm fire damaged the building at 327 Market street last night to the extent of \$75,000. Six firemen were injured and a score were overpowered by the flames.

The fire started on the fourth floor, occupied by Bradley and Hughes. The new 2 and 10 cent store of Pinkolstein Brothers, was damaged. One of the features of the fire was the heroism of William J. Mohan, of 1743 South Thuney street, an elevator man, who ran his car up and down the blazing shaft and rescued nearly 50 persons to safety.

The fire-fighting force of Gimbel Brothers and Strawbridge & Clothier were called out, as it was thought the fire would spread. Firemen managed, however, to keep it confined to the one building, and many were heard praising their good work.

98 MEN BANQUET TONIGHT

Mexican Situation of Interest to Penn's Spanish War "Vets"

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Delays Decision to Seek Presidency of Historical Society

S. Davis Page, who was to have announced his decision today as to whether or not he would oppose former Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker in the race for the presidency of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, has withheld his decision.

HAUPT, SECOND VICTIM OF BANDITS, DIES

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Another accusation has been lodged against one of the prisoners, both of whom are being connected by the police with numerous hold-ups and "confidence" games.

Warminster Seeks New Bridge Declaring the present wooden bridge is unfit for increased and heavier traffic and is, therefore, unsafe, application has been made by residents of Warminster to the courts of Bucks County for the appointment of a jury of view to inspect the bridge crossing a creek on the Jacksonville road, in that township, and to report whether a new bridge shall be constructed by the county.

WARSHIPS HERE GET THEIR SAILING ORDER

Battleship Minnesota and Transport Hancock to Leave Probably for Mexico

Orders were received at the Philadelphia Navy Yard this afternoon to get the battleship Minnesota and the transport Hancock in condition to sail on Saturday.

SIX FIREMEN INJURED IN MARKET ST. BLAZE

Three-Alarm Store Fire Causes \$75,000 Loss—Elevator Man a Hero

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POLITICAL BATTLE OPENS

Brumbaugh Speaks in Scranton Tonight—Penrose Off to Pittsburgh

Governor Brumbaugh and Senator Penrose are expected to open their fight tonight for delegates to the Republican National Convention.

CRIMINAL CONTEMPT NEW CHARGE AGAINST BREWERS' SECRETARY

U. S. Attorney Humes Asks Federal Court to Punish Fox Attempt to Deceive It and Hinder Justice

ATTACKS HIS TESTIMONY

PITTSBURGH, March 16.—A new petition by United States Attorney E. Lowrey Humes, alleging criminal contempt, and directed against Hugh F. Fox, of New York, secretary of the United States Brewers' Association, marked resumption today of the Government probe of brewery contributions to political campaigns before Judge W. H. S. Thomson in the United States District Court.

Fox, with three others, John Gardner and Edwin A. Schmidt, of Philadelphia, Gustav W. Lembeck, of Jersey City, all officers, either of the United States or Pennsylvania Brewers' Association, came up for final disposition on charges of contempt growing out of their failure to produce subpoenaed books and records to the association.

When court took a recess at noon arguments had not been completed in the case of Fox. They were resumed when court reconvened at 3:30.

The first setback of the day was given the brewery association officials when Judge W. H. S. Thomson alone decided to hear the contempt proceedings this morning.

An amended petition in the alleged contempt by Secretary Fox, filed by United States Marshal Joseph Howley, that he would produce subpoenaed records, threatened a new delay. Mr. Reed, attorney for Fox, asked time for counsel to prepare a response. Reed declared the statements would be denied. United States Attorney Humes vigorously opposed a postponement.

As a new angle in the case, the jurisdiction of the court in the contempt proceedings was attacked.

Mr. Humes sprang a surprise when he presented his new contempt petition against Fox. It charges criminal contempt, and was accepted as the first move of the Government to pave the way for an indictment for perjury against Fox.

The petition states that Fox denied that there were records relating to proceedings of the United States Brewers' Association and its committees, in a hearing in his custody and control in the office of the United States Attorney, 50 Union square, New York city. It also states that Fox, after having been subpoenaed to produce the documents mentioned, "failed, neglected and refused to produce the records, for the purpose of obstructing the administration of justice."

KEY WEST, Fla., March 16.—Six American torpedo destroyers were ordered into Mexican waters today. The commanders of the Preston, McDonough, Iloe, Walker, Conyngham and Flusser were instructed by the Navy Department to take on supplies and leave as quickly as possible. Work was begun at once, and the naval station was a scene of great activity.

The Mexican situation undoubtedly will be one of the chief subjects discussed at the 18th annual reunion of the class of '98 of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, in the Hotel Adelphi tonight. Members of the class distinctly recall the 1913 commencement exercises as several were graduated while absent in the service of the United States in the Spanish-American war.

Director of Public Safety Wilson will be the principal speaker. Theodore L. Cobaugh, the class president, will be toastmaster. The list of speakers includes Judge Herbert L. Rice, of the Supreme Court of Delaware; Judge Harry J. Jolly, Assistant District Attorney Charles E. Bartlett, former Councilman J. Frederick Jenkinson, Owen J. Roberts, John Blakely, George E. Nische and Charles B. Joy, the class secretary.

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YOUNG LADY in billing department of wholesale house, in office of large manufacturing company. Apply, stat's. no. 511, Lud. Off. No. 1234, 12th St. Philadelphia.

DRIVERS wanted for drop-bottom wagons. Apply 1234, 12th St. Philadelphia.

SINGING WAITERS TOLD TO CURB THEIR SONGS WHILE SERVING BEER

Proprietor of North 3d Street Saloon Is Vaudeville Entertainment

The "King of Harmony" and other singing waiters attached to the staff of a saloon at 344 North 3d street appeared today in the Municipal Court in defense of their place, which is known as the "home of receptions." Judges Barron and Davis did not revoke the liquor license of the saloon, but ordered the waiters to curb their songs while serving beer.

RECEPTIONS FREQUENT

One of the protests made against the saloon yesterday was that the trade was "boomed" by means of the frequent receptions that were advertised there by the proprietor, Simon Adelman. It was said that the saloon was frequently given to draw girls who came there hoping to meet some celebrity of the stage. Adelman was warned around advertising different things at the Eureka Club often was entertained there.

Joseph Goldstein, 214 North 8th street, who said he was treasurer of the "Eureka Club," stanchly defended the club and said that it was made up of respectable citizens. Dr. Clarence Gibbons, of the Law and Order Society, said that the club was nothing but a crowd of men who went around advertising different saloons. A reception was given them, with "free spaghetti" for all those who attended.

Members of the club denied that they got free beer for being entertained. Another club often given receptions at the saloons, it was said, was the "Midnight Rollers." Proprietor Adelman said that they were all friends of his and that it was only natural for him to give them a reception at least once a month. The court decided to let the next serious complaint the license of the saloon would be revoked.

URGES WAR TRAINING FOR ALL

Colonel Glenn Advocates Universal Military Education

Universal military training, according to Colonel Edwin F. Glenn, chief of staff of the Department of the East, United States Army, must be adopted if the country will continue to display her weakness and unpreparedness. Colonel Glenn spoke last night before an audience composed of prominent business men and society men who attended the military camp last summer at Plattsburg. The address was delivered in the armory of the First City Troop.

"The only salvation for this country is universal training," said Colonel Glenn. "Every American boy should be started on it at the age of 12. The rich man's son must make up his mind that he cannot depend upon substitutes, and agree to work hand in hand with the poor man's son to prepare for the defense of his country."

The meeting was presided over by Captain J. Franklin McFadden. Another speaker was Captain Gordon Johnston, U. S. A.

Plan Saloon Census in City

Saloon proprietors in West Philadelphia will be printed on a huge map by members of the subcommittee of the West Philadelphia Ministers' Association. The plan is to make a thorough census of saloons and poolrooms. Churches which were represented at yesterday's meeting held at the West Branch of the Y. M. C. A., will contribute 25 workers to assist in the canvass. Members of the subcommittee are William H. Crown, John W. Cromble, L. J. Faust, Stafford R. Webb and A. M. Stern.

Gas Tank of Dobson Auto Explodes

A gasoline tank of an automobile belonging to James Dobson, a member of the firm of J. & J. Dobson, carpet manufacturer, exploded today in the Dobson garage, at 32d street and Abbotford avenue, while the chauffeur was making some repairs. The machine was destroyed. John McAfee, 35 years old, the chauffeur, was slightly burned about the wrists while attempting to extinguish the flames. The automobile was valued at \$3000.

GIRARD writes a virile and piquant column in the Public Ledger. He sheds the searchlight of a well-informed and thoughtful mind upon subjects quickened by the current news. Read Girard's column for one week, and you will read it regularly.

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