



MAYOR HURLS POLICE FORCE INTO ELECTION

"Flying Squads" Sent to Penrose-McNichol Wards to Prevent Frauds

SECRET ORDERS ISSUED

Election Day Information for Guidance of Voters

The polls opened at 7 o'clock this morning and will close at 7 o'clock tonight. All voters who are inside the doors of the polling places at 7 o'clock tonight are entitled to cast their ballots.

The entire police force has been thrown into the election, with orders from Mayor Smith to prevent fraud.

The Mayor announced he would assume all responsibility for the activity of police and officeholders.

An unusually heavy vote was cast early in South Philadelphia, the central wards and in Germantown and other residential wards.

The Vares claim a substantial majority for Brumbaugh and Ambler. They also claim victories in West Philadelphia, the northeast and the northwest.

Both factions are united behind Supreme Court Justice Emory A. Walling for renomination.

The arrest of a dozen Penrose-McNichol followers in the 13th, 4th and other downtown and central wards, charged with election frauds, resulted from the bitter factional fights between the Vares and Penrose and McNichol.

Mayor Smith threw the entire police department in the bitter factional fight today. "Flying squads" of detectives, night specials and policemen in plain clothes and policemen in uniform, were sent into every Penrose-McNichol ward before the polls opened at 7 o'clock this morning, with direct orders from the Mayor to the polls all day to prevent election frauds.

The full power of the police was used in the 4th Ward especially, where the fight between the factions is most bitter. Officers whipped voters into line, according to the Penrose-McNichol faction, which is the heart of the Vares ballwicket.

The voting was generally heavy throughout the city until the middle of the afternoon, despite the rain. An especially heavy vote was cast in South Philadelphia, the central wards, Germantown and other residential districts, where more than one-half the registered vote was polled before 1 o'clock. In West Philadelphia and the mill districts the vote was light, the voters apparently putting off casting their ballots until this evening.

The detectives were called into City Hall at 6 o'clock and were given their orders behind closed doors. Every division in the 4th Ward, where there is a bitter fight against County Commissioner Robert J. Moore, the Penrose-McNichol leader; the 13th Ward, where James A. Carey, Penrose-McNichol lieutenant-in-chief; the 7th Ward, where Select Councilman Charles Seger is the Penrose-McNichol leader; Senator Penrose's own ward, the 8th, and the 11th Ward, where there is a bitter fight between Select Councilman John F. Flaherty

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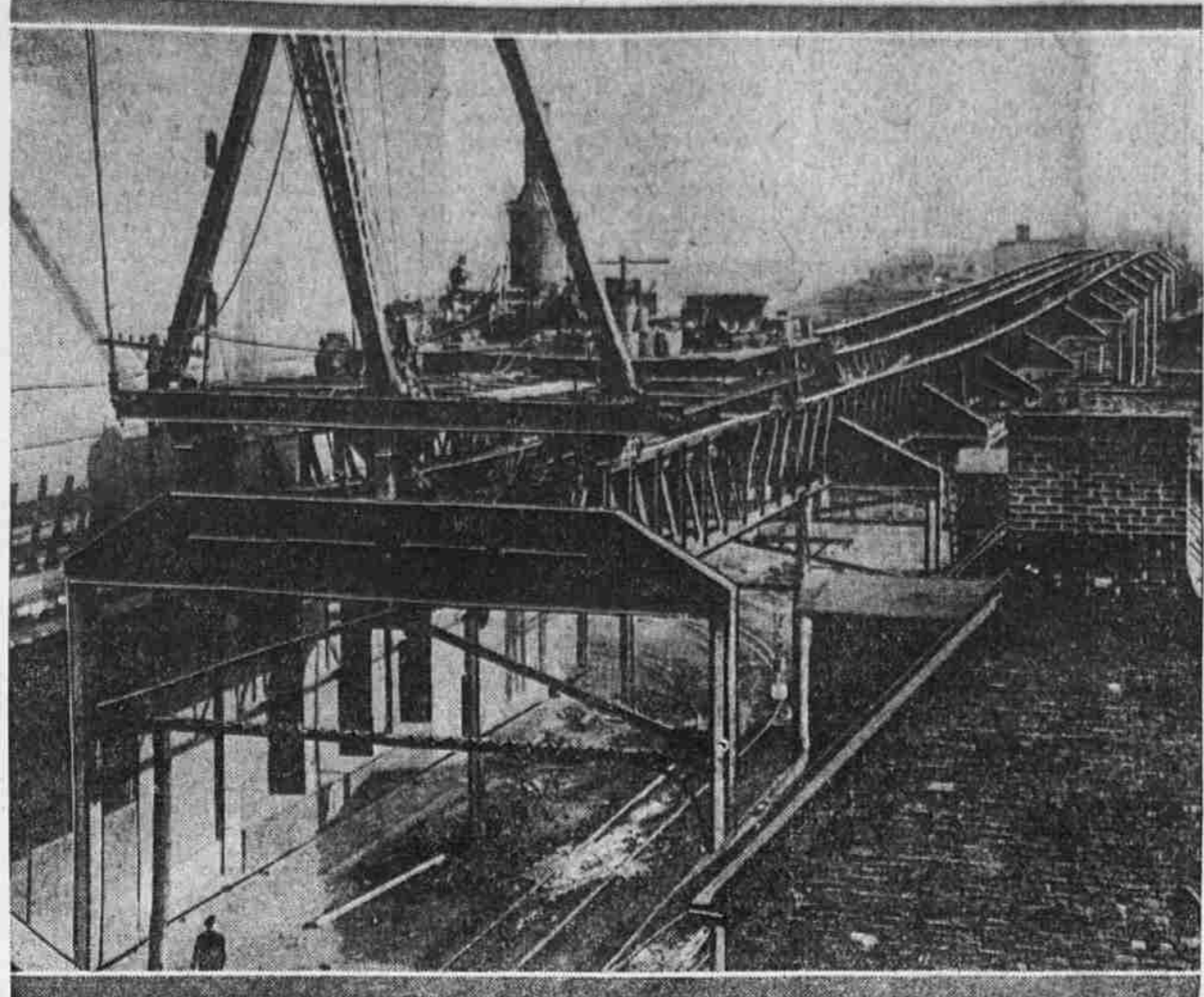
THE WEATHER This being election day, it is appropriate to suggest that annual elections be held for the important governmental offices of weather man, or, at strictly speaking, sectional director of the weather bureau. Only the democratic way can the proper weather be obtained for the comfort and happiness of the general public. The director of weather would strive to build up a good record, knowing that he would gain votes with every fair day he furnished. Mid-riding would follow, no doubt, but if the principle of initiative, referendum and recall were introduced, all-round improvement in weather conditions would follow.

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Showers tonight; Wednesday partly cloudy; moderate east winds becoming variable.

LOST AND FOUND MACKENZIE—Lost, white dog, black collar, No. 12, near 15th and Walnut streets. Reward \$1.00. Return to 4703 Chestnut St.

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VOTE TO COMPLETE THIS RAPID TRANSIT LINE



The photograph shows the amount of structure completed in the few weeks that work has been in progress on the Frankford "L" line. If the bill is defeated, these pillars of steel will be left to rust in damp breezes off the Delaware River until such time as the people of Philadelphia realize their mistake and force through a loan bill that will have to be much larger than the one provided for in today's election.

GERMANS HOPE FOR ARMISTICE BY YEAR'S END

Early Truce to Consider Peace Considered Likely by Teutons

READY TO END CONFLICT

BERLIN, May 16.—Germany is willing to entertain peace overtures now or to give carte blanche to offers of mediation of any responsible neutral agency. But the terms which are laid down must be acceptable to Germany. It is regarded as likely that an armistice for consideration of peace proposals will be in effect before the year is out, but just now any decisive and effective movement toward the pacification of Europe is held up by statement of members of Governments hostile to Germany, particularly that the Allies will not lay down their arms until Germany is completely crushed.

GENERAL MARCHAND KILLED AT FRONT

Noted French Warrior and Hero of "Fashoda Incident" Dies

PARIS, May 15.—General Marchand has been killed at the front, according to dispatches received here this afternoon.

KNOCKED DOWN BY AUTO

Nine-Year-Old Boy Said to Have Run in Path of Car

Nine-year-old Joseph McConville, of 2553 Jessup street, was knocked down and injured last night by an automobile driven by Dr. Robert S. J. Mitchenson, of 1527 North 45th street.

Freight Clerks May Strike

NEW YORK, May 15.—Two thousand and five hundred freight clerks on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad have been ordered to strike some time after 5 o'clock tomorrow night. In the meantime, officials of the road refuse to grant them higher wages and certain concessions pending overtime and time off on Saturdays and during the summer.

EVANS SCHOLARSHIPS AT DENTAL INSTITUTE CANCELED BY U. OF P.

Trustees Unable to Grant Free Tuition, as They Would Have to Pay Charges, Provost Says

SURPRISE FOR STUDENTS

The thirty scholarships in the Evans Museum Dental Institute, adjunct of the University of Pennsylvania, have been canceled.

METHODISTS ADOPT CHURCH UNION PLAN; REPORT ON IT IN 1920

Consolidation of North and South Would Bring the Total Membership Up to 7,500,000

JOY AT CONFERENCE

MEXICAN BANDITS BURN 150 IN WRECKED TRAIN

Entire Guard Annihilated and Car Made Funeral Pyre Near Capital

LAREDO, Tex., May 15.—Mexican bandits burned to death 150 passengers in one car and annihilated the train guard in wrecking a passenger train carrying nearly 1,000 persons, at Ayusco, near Mexico City, according to reports here today.

BALTIMORE SOCIETY WOMAN FIRES BULLET INTO HER HEAD

Miss Mary B. Mordecai in Critical Condition—Cause Not Known

CASEMENT'S PLAN FOR IRISH REVOLT UPSET BY FARMER

Peasant's Discovery of Boat on Coast Frustrated Rebels' Schemes

GIRL TESTIFIES IN COURT

LONDON, May 16.—John McCarthy, a Kerry County farmer with a thick Irish brogue, upset plans prepared months in advance at Berlin for Sir Roger Casement to lead a rebellion that would sweep all Ireland.

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PEKIN, China, May 15.—The International Banking Corporation has signed a contract with the Chinese Government for the improvement of the grand canal for a distance of 200 miles between the Yangtze-Kiang and the northern boundary of Kiang-Su province.

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STOCKHOLM, May 16.—According to the Dagens Nyheter, the Red Cross conference resulted in a complete rupture between the German and Russian Red Cross, owing to the refusal of Germany to express regret for the sinking of the Russian hospital ship Portugal, torpedoed by a Turkish submarine.

ARDMORE CHILD DRINKS GLASS OF WHISKY; DEAD

A glass of whisky drunk by 5-year-old Henrietta Rudi, of 76 Holland avenue, Ardmore, killed the child. She found the liquor in a glass on a table at her home. It had been used for medicine, according to her mother.

DR. ANNA HOWARD SHAW LOSES \$25,000 SUIT

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, former president of the National Women's Suffrage Association, lost her \$25,000 damage suit against the Lehigh Valley Railroad, the Central Railroad of New Jersey and the Pullman Company when a Supreme Court judge of New York ruled that the defendants were not responsible for an ice-covered station platform, on which she broke her ankle two years ago.

QUICK NEWS

GUATEMALIA PRESIDENT REPORTED ABOUT TO ABDICATE

GALVESTON, Tex., May 16.—Private advices received here today state that Estrada Cabrera, President of Guatemala, is preparing to flee from the country in face of the rapid progress of the revolution against him.

SIX BURNED TO DEATH WHEN LIGHTNING FIRES CAR

WARREN, O., May 16.—Lightning struck a box car, converted into living quarters for laborers on the Erie railroad today. Six occupants of the car were burned to death.

BANKRUPTCY PLEA AGAINST COMPANY

NEW YORK, May 16.—A petition in involuntary bankruptcy against the American Real Estate Company was filed in Federal Court here today by creditors.

COMMERCE BOARD CONDEMNNS "TIME INTERVAL" SYSTEM

WASHINGTON, May 16.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today officially placed its stamp of disapproval on the "time interval" system used in place of the block signal system on the Northern Pacific Railroad.

SWISS PROTEST TO ALLIES ON MAIL SEIZURES

BERLIN, May 16.—The Overseas News Agency quotes the newspaper Nachrichten, of Basle, as saying that the Swiss Government is protesting to France against damage to Swiss trade caused by the seizure of mails by the Allies.

TRUCE PLAN FOR CARE OF WOUNDED REJECTED

GENEVA, May 16.—The Bulletin of the International Red Cross, which has just appeared, gives the answers of the various Governments to the proposal of Gustave Ador, executive head of the Red Cross, requesting several hours' armistice after every engagement to permit the removal of the wounded and the identification of the dead.

MIDVALE STEEL ADDS \$620,000 IN BUILDINGS

Contracts for \$620,000 worth of new buildings for the Midvale Steel Company have been awarded. Machine shop No. 7 will be built at the Nicetown works by Berkley, White & Co., at a cost of \$250,000 and a new machine shop, blacksmith shop and yard runway at Coatesville by Irwin & Leighton, at a cost of \$300,000.

AUSTRALIA TO AID SHACKLETON SEARCH

MELBOURNE, May 16.—Australia will assist in organizing an expedition for the relief of Sir Ernest Shackleton, the British Antarctic explorer, by supplying officers and 25 men, who will be provisioned for 18 months. This announcement was made yesterday by George Foster Pearce, Minister for Defense, in reply to a cabled inquiry from the British Government.

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Both Bills Will Win by Big Majorities, Says Congressman Vares

VICTORY DOWNTOWN

Northeast Also Casting Heavy Favorable Ballot—Opposition in West Philadelphia

Demand the Loan Ballot When You Go to the Polls

VOTERS: Ask for the loan ballot when you go to the polls today. A last-minute effort is being made to defeat both the transit loan bill and the loan bill for general improvements.

Voting this morning and early this afternoon indicates passage of both transit and general improvement bills by large majorities.

Some opposition is being directed against the \$47,225,000 general improvement bill.

Victory for loans is predicted by former Transit Director A. Merritt Taylor, Mayor Smith and Congressman Vares.

Mr. Taylor issues last-minute call for loyal voters to present a solid front at polls.

Voters warned to ask for special loan ballots when they enter the polling booth.

Senator McNichol said at noon: "The reports I am receiving are that the people are voting heavily against the loans—both of them—especially in West Philadelphia."

Congressman Vares at the same time declared that "reports from workers in every ward proved that both loans would be victorious."

A sweeping victory for both the \$47,225,000 transit and port loan bill and the \$47,225,000 general loan bill was declared assured by Congressman Vares this afternoon.

This statement from the Senator was taken as the first proof that orders to knife both loans have been passed out to the Penrose-McNichol ward and division workers.

The opposition following the Penrose-McNichol orders to oppose the loans is by no means a new thing. It has been a few scattered sections, particularly in parts of West Philadelphia and in the central wards.

The vote in the 29th, David H. Lane's ward, indicated that both loans would be defeated.

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA SOLD

In South Philadelphia, below South street, except in the 4th Ward, the vote for the both loan bills is virtually unanimous.

In the 23d Ward, Germantown, the loans are receiving the solid support of all voters, and in the 23d Ward, in spite of the factional fight, the vote was almost unanimous.

The only wards where the obstructionists seem to have succeeded in following are the 7th, Select Councilman Seger's ward; the 11th, City Solicitor Connelly's ward; the 10th, McNichol's home ward; the 12d, Harry J. Trainer's ward; the 5th, James Carey's ward; the 20th, David H. Lane's ward; and the 8th, the home ward of Penrose.

Throughout the northwest, particularly in the 31st, 37th and 38th Wards, the vote for the loans was almost unanimous. The much-heralded move to knife the loans in the lower part of the northwest, where Charles L. Fluck, president of the Northwest Business Men's Association, has been campaigning against both bills, apparently has fallen flat.

BACK LOANS IN NORTHEAST

In the 19th and 31st Wards, lower part of the Northeast, the word has been passed out to the Penrose-McNichol workers to support both loan bills on account of the Frankford elevated. In the 13th Division of the 19th Ward, it was said at 11 o'clock that \$2 loans had been cast for the loan bills and not a single vote against them in other divisions throughout the Northeast the vote was nearly unanimous.