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Wave of Prosperity Breaks Wealth Record, Collector Lederer Says

TOTAL OF \$300,000,000

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Seen Philadelphians Have More Than Million a Year

Total incomes, more than \$300,000,000. Individual income increase, \$100,000,000. Seven persons have incomes greater than \$1,000,000.

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Individual incomes in the First District of Pennsylvania, which is centered in Philadelphia, increased approximately \$100,000,000 in 1915, according to a statement issued today by Ephraim Lederer, Collector of Internal Revenue.

Philadelphians thus are richer than ever. The total assessment for individual income tax returns filed in this district total \$3,615,679.84; the individual assessments in 1914 totaled \$2,668,485.57, showing an increase of \$947,194.27 in 1915.

Mr. Lederer gave out the statement after receiving the total assessment list of individual incomes from William H. Osborn, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, in Washington. The figures show that the incomes of Philadelphians and others in this district amounted to more than \$300,000,000 for the current year.

SEVEN HAVE \$1,000,000 A YEAR. The list also shows that the increase in individual incomes for 1915 in this district is approximately 38 per cent, larger than for the previous year.

The assessment of the corporation returns for the current year were made public recently and totaled \$2,907,853, showing an increase of \$145,794 over the previous year. The total increase in individual and corporation returns in this district for the current year shows an increase of \$1,596,848 over the previous year.

Mr. Lederer said today that the showing for the district was a record one. While the war may be responsible to a certain extent, Mr. Lederer said that the exporting of munitions has increased the incomes only to a small extent. The profits from such exports, Mr. Lederer explained, will not be included in the returns to a great extent until next year.

BOOM THROUGHOUT LAND. The war, by no means, is alone responsible for the increase, Mr. Lederer said. There undoubtedly is a general boom throughout the country. Then, again, we must not forget our healthy industries which are prospering. Among the many reasons for the increase the preservation of peace must not be overlooked.

The export of direct munitions, I think, has played really a small part in the prosperity wave; at least, as evidenced by the increased individual income tax returns. Of course, other large commercial orders from the nations at war might be included in the general prosperity.

The income tax returns in the district explained, are being sent out. One half have been delivered. Payments must be made not later than June 30.

MOB ATTACK STRIKE-BREAKERS; FLEE FROM COPS' REVOLVERS. Men Saved From Harm in Bayonne. Not a Shot Fired.

NEW YORK, May 20.—Twenty alleged strike-breakers, guarded by 30 policemen, were attacked by more than 300 men last night in Bayonne, N. J., when on their way from the Babcock & Wilcox boiler plant to the West 8th street station of the Jersey Central Railroad. Many were bruised by stones.

At command of Inspector Daniel Cady the patrolmen drew their revolvers and charged. The mob turned and fled. Not a shot was fired.

The Morgan Steamship Line yesterday offered its 1000 striking longshoremen 35 cents an hour, with 50 cents an hour for night work, and 65 cents an hour on Sunday. The company also agreed to recognize the union. The men put off a decision on the offer until today.

THE WEATHER

Big guns are thundering in the Alps of Tyrol. Austrian armies, "awfully angry," are struggling with Italian bersagliers from Zegratori to the Monte Maglioglio front, in the Chiasso sector.

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair tonight; Sunday partly cloudy and slightly warmer; gentle shifting winds. For details see page 7.

LOST AND FOUND. PARKING—Lost, notebook 184123, Los Angeles, Cal., near 10th and Market, 1915. Return to 201 S. 4th st. Station, return to 201 S. 4th st. Other Lost and Found Ads on Page 18

'UNTAINTED,' CRIES WILSON REPLY TO ROOSEVELT RAP

Speech at Mecklenburg Declaration Fete Answers Demand for "Americanism"

TALKS TO DESCENDANTS

"We Should Take Pride in Spirit of Co-operation and Peace"

CHARLOTTE, N. C., May 20.—"Untainted Americanism." That was President Wilson's answering cry today to Roosevelt's "Americanism." Speaking to a large audience assembled here to celebrate the 141st anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg declaration of independence, he sprang, this phrase amid vociferous cheers.

"What kind of a fire are you going to keep burning under the melting pot of America to turn out untainted Americanism?" he asked. The descendants of the Irish-American patriots who signed a declaration of independence more than a year before that signed by the American colonies in 1776.

Mayor Kirkpatrick, despite appeals from the crowd to "sit down," occupied 20 minutes introducing Governor Craig, of North Carolina, who presented the President. The President was cheered five minutes.

"I do not know whether I can interpret the spirit of the occasion," he said. "But it is necessary for us to take counsel as to just what it is we wish to celebrate.

"There were only 3,000,000 people in the United States when the Mecklenburg declaration was made; now there are over a hundred million. But the same elements were present then that are present now.

"The United States always has been in process of being made and there always have been the same elements—a high and handsome passion for human liberty.

"This country has devoted practically all of its attention in past centuries to the material side of its life. It is now a great deal more important to determine what we are to do with our power. What kind of fire are you going to keep burning under the melting pot of America to turn out untainted Americanism?"

"While we were in the midst of this process of fermentation and a national war, almost every nation in this world became involved in the great struggle. What are the elements that brought about this struggle? It is a competition of standard national traditions and national policies.

Men of the same and different nations were growing closer to each other. While these processes of fermentation and a national war were going on, they were getting to know each other better and now the melting pot is greater than America is for myself.

"Now there is room for a co-ordination and co-operation of interests. These had things bring to the fore the necessity of getting together and taking counsel. Here in America we should take pride in the spirit, which prompts all the world to get together in terms of co-operation and peace.

"Now the world outside America is asking what you are going to do with your power? Are you going to transform it into force of into peace and the good of the rest of society? Isn't it the sign of a new age that now the world is asking that question on the moral judgment of mankind?"

ORDERS 'SPURIOUS HEIR' PRODUCED IN COURT

'War Baby's' Mother Demands Custody of Child From Rich Mrs. Matters

CHICAGO, May 20.—On the plea of Margaret Ryan, a Canadian backwoods girl, principal witness against Mrs. Dolly Ledgerwood Matters, accused of foisting a spurious heir on the estate of her husband, Judge R. M. Landis issued a writ of habeas corpus directing Mrs. Matters to produce the baby in court next Friday.

Pleading that the baby had been stolen from her side at the hour of its birth at Misericordia Hospital, Ottawa, Can., Margaret told the judge she wanted the child back.

"I do not hate Mrs. Matters," said Margaret before Landis. "I want that distinctly understood. She had been good to my baby. But I am its mother and want to have it for myself.

Miss Ryan said that she would take the baby to Ottawa, where she plans to live with a brother who is a street car conductor there.

"I won't be able to give it fine clothes like Mrs. Matters did, but I will give it all my love," she said. The defense of Mrs. Matters, in the Circuit Court, will begin its case early next week. Charles M. Landis, with Mrs. Matters and who was in love with her, testified as a State witness, admitting the baby was Margaret's.

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GIRL CONJURES GHOSTS AFTER 'CREEPY TALES; THEN SHE SEES THINGS

Oxford Street Residence in Up-roar as Thumping, Bumping Sounds Send Shivers Over Timid Occupants

POLICE TO THE RESCUE

They had been telling ghost stories last night in the dining room at 1817 Oxford street.

First 16-year-old Hanna Semon had told a "creepy" story and then her two girl friends recounted weird tales. It had been such a story that Hanna's grandmother, Mrs. Dutton, forgot her illness in relating eerie happenings of long ago, stories that made the three girls huddle up closer together.

And then they had decided it was too "shivery" and they had started the victrola. Then it was that Hanna began to hear noises—thumps and scrapings. They sounded like they came from the parlor, where there was no light. She glanced furtively down the dim-lit hall into the blackness of the parlor again and again. But she was ashamed to say anything. She thought it was her imagination and tried to drown her fears in the music. But the unearthly noises continued.

About 10 o'clock her visitors, Bernadine Murphy, of 1819 Oxford street, and Elizabeth Quigley, 1508 Garnet street, went home. Hanna saw them to the door, past the new terrible parlor, with its spectral shadow. She hurried back to her grandmother in the dining room.

The noises grew louder. Mrs. Dutton heard them. Frightened, Hanna ran to the cellar and let up the door. She went out, and she saw the ghostly light of the victrola. Hanna and her grandmother took the dog upstairs and locked themselves in a second-story room to wait. Hanna's father, Larry Semon, works at night. Her mother was out.

Hanna took a revolver out of a bureau

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QUICK NEWS

MIDDLE STATES SENIOR RESULTS

One-mile run—Won by Read, Mercersburg; second, Hill, Mercersburg; third, McKenzie, Central High School; fourth, Steers, Hill School. Time, 4 min. 49.1-5 sec.

100-yard dash (final) — Won by Motley Atlantic City High School; second, Davis, Mercersburg; third, Smith, Hill School; fourth, Carter, Central High School. Time, 10 sec.

120-yard high hurdles (final)—Won by Smalley, Central High School; second, Massey, Hill School; third, Trowbridge, Hill School; fourth, Jernyn, Hill School. Time, 16 sec.

440-yard run—Won by Rodgers, Northeast High School; second, Bushnell, Hill School; third, Whitman, Mercersburg; fourth, Chapman, Mercersburg. Time, 51 sec.

HAWAIIAN VOLCANOES IN ERUPTION AGAIN

CHICAGO, May 20.—Mauna Loa, one of the greatest volcanoes in the Hawaiian Islands, is in eruption, according to a cablegram received by the Government Weather Bureau here from the weather bureau at Honolulu. It also said that Kilauea was unusually active.

CLEVER RUSE NETS THIEF MUCH JEWELRY

The police of the city are looking for a paperhanger-plasterer, aged about 45, 5 feet 11 inches in height, who entered two houses recently and disappeared with several thousand dollars worth of jewelry. The houses were the residences of L. Rodman Page, Jr., 2015 Locust street, where the stranger told a maid he was sent to inspect the wallpaper, and that of Mrs. A. D. Wiles, 4538 Spruce street, where he said he was a plasterer. About \$500 worth of jewelry was taken from the Page residence and two rings valued at \$150 were taken from the residence of Mrs. Wiles.

RUMANIAN PACTS DISTRUSTED BY RUSSIA

BERLIN, May 20.—According to Petrograd advices, Russia is convinced the new treaties between Rumania and the Central Powers, while ostensibly commercial, in reality are of political significance. Guided by this belief, Russia is reported to have taken certain measures, the exact purport of which is not disclosed. A statement said to have been issued by the press bureau of the Russian Foreign Office says: "According to leading Russian circles, these treaties have great political importance, notwithstanding the affirmations of Rumania that the treaties signify no change in political tendency."

FRENCH MINISTER TO BUCHAREST RECALLED

ROME, May 20.—A Bucharest dispatch to the Messagero states that the French Minister and military attaché in Rumania have been recalled. Berlin advices yesterday stated that recent agreements between Rumania and the Central Powers had aroused deep concern in Russia, but did not hint that diplomatic relations between the Entente Powers and Rumania would be broken off.

BERNSTORFF SELECTS SUMMER HOME

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Count von Bernstorff, German Ambassador, announced today that the German embassy this summer will be at Rye, N. Y. The Ambassador and his staff will leave for Rye on June 3. Last year Cedarhurst, L. I., was selected.

WANT ROOSEVELT TO SPEAK AT UNION LEAGUE

Nearly 600 members of the Union League have petitioned the board of directors to invite Colonel Roosevelt to address the league on "National Preparedness." No action will be taken until the next regular meeting of the board. It is considered probable that the invitation will be sent to the former President, who is an honorary member of the league.

RUSSIA BUYS PALATIAL P. A. B. WIDENER YACHT

The luxurious steam yacht Josephine, owned by the late Peter A. B. Widener, has been purchased by Russia for use in the present war. The vessel, which cost \$500,000, has been laid up at the East Columbia avenue wharf of the Delaware River ever since the Titanic disaster, when George D. Widener and his son Harry were lost. The terms of the sale are expected to be made known today or Monday, when the bill of sale will be recorded at the customs house.

TENSION BETWEEN SWEDEN AND ALLIES ENDED

LONDON, May 20.—It is learned from the Foreign Office that the tension between Sweden and the Entente Allies has been ended, although no official statement is forthcoming at this time. Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of War Trade, said in an interview that an agreement had been reached, but would give no details. He indicated that the controversy between Sweden and Russia over the Aland Islands was fictitious, saying Russia never intended to fortify the islands. Great Britain and Sweden became involved in a dispute several months ago as a result of detention of Swedish shipping by the British, and particularly interference with Swedish mails. In reprisal Sweden held up thousands of parcels in transit by mail from Russia to England.

NO LET-UP IN BLOCKADE, SAYS LORD CECIL

LONDON, May 20.—Replying to the German suggestion that Great Britain, in response to the change in the German submarine campaign, should modify the food blockade, Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of War Trade, declared yesterday there was not the remotest possibility that British economic pressure on the central powers would be relaxed. He said: "We maintain that the blockade is fully legal under international law. Its reprisal character is merely incidental, called forth by German use of submarines, but the rigid enforcement of the blockade is merely an extension of our rights which we had not hitherto found it expedient to use."

QUAKE DAMAGED 1000 HOUSES IN RIMINI

RIMINI, May 20.—Serious damage was done here by the earthquake which shook central Italy during the night of May 19-17. Ten houses collapsed and about a thousand dwellings were damaged. The municipal theatre and the under-prefecture school buildings were cracked to an alarming extent and part of the church of Colonnella has fallen.

\$100,000 FIRE ON STEAMSHIP AT BROOKLYN

NEW YORK, May 20.—Fire in the Norwegian steamship Hermlinn, at the foot of Warren street, Brooklyn, did damage estimated at more than \$100,000 and caused the steamship, with its \$2,000,000 general cargo, to settle until the keel rested in the mud. Late last night, after a fight of seven hours, it was believed the flames were under control. The cause of the fire was not determined, and though Fire Marshal Brophy is of the opinion that it was accidental, he has begun an investigation.

PRESBYTERIANS REAFFIRM STRICT SABBATH STAND

General Assembly Takes Strong Stand Against Sports on Sunday

CONSERVATIVES TRIUMPH

Baseball, Golf, Movies and Many Other Things Under Ban

By FRED E. BAER

Evening Ledger Staff Correspondent

ATLANTIC CITY, May 20.—The Sunday sports question almost split the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in twain at its session today.

The word which turned whatever doubt the 600 delegates had as to how to vote when the question came up was uttered by the Rev. Dr. David Tully, who is 93 years old, the oldest man in the convention.

Dr. Tully has not said much since the convention opened. Today he was in action. The sports observance question had reached the crucial stage where a message could swing it one way or the other, and Dr. Tully had the message.

"There is nothing he said, 'in the first commandment about baseball or golf. If you permit this change you place young men who want to make the Sabbath a day of sports against the Head of the Church. Let us keep to our standards."

That settled it. A great speech followed him, but it was 'the work of this old man, kept beyond many a younger colleague, who made the Presbyterian Assembly keep to its conservative policy.

Judge James D. Andrews, of New York, started the debate. The Committee on Observance of the Sabbath had reported, as was expected, a recommendation which asked the church to renew its censure of all Sunday sport activities, starting with golf, hitting particularly at baseball and going all through the list, including the movies, automobiles and even the publishing of newspapers. The resolution embodied the conservative idea raised to its highest degree.

Judge Andrews heard the resolutions read, and then got up to tell what he thought of them. "This is what he said: "These resolutions condemn without exception all forms of sport on the Sabbath. We must determine what sports we mean to exclude before acting so drastically. We are in accord in objecting to Sunday baseball played for gain, and horse racing, which is no good.

"But, on a hundred years ago there were men who would have objected to Sunday trains, which now are a necessity. Does this General Assembly want to exclude the host of Sunday activities? 'Yes, yes, yes' broke in on him, and then he continued:

"Why, the Scotchmen play golf after going to church on Sunday, and they are good Presbyterians. Young men cannot be expected to build up their bodies without exercise and many only have the opportunity on Sunday. To forbid such games will not advance our cause. The resolutions are too sweeping. I ask for some modification in the recommendation for the observance of the Lord's Day."

When Judge Andrews finished there was some sympathy for his viewpoint, especially among the lay delegates. But then the clergy showed hostility and conservatism was in the saddle again.

Perry L. Bouby, field secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, made a bitter speech, in which he urged the abolition of moving

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MERCERSBURG IS ENTERED WITH BIG SQUAD IN SENIORS

Interscholastic Championships End on Franklin Field This Afternoon

JUNIORS SHOW UP WELL

By TED MEKEDITH

The Junior Interscholastic Championships at Franklin Field yesterday afternoon proved a great success. The school boys under 17½ years of age came forth and showed the public that youth is not a handicap in everything, and especially not in track and field sports.

One record was broken when Witmar and Frederick, two local schoolboys, jumped to a tie at 4 feet 9½ inches. The record was 4 feet 8½ inches set last year by Hampton, who was at Central High School at that time.

Voorhees, a team mate of Goldman's, although boxed and pushed around for the first 200 yards of the quarter, came along and kicked a large field in the quarter in 24.2 seconds.

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