"WILLIE HEFT," INSANE, LAST OF NOTED HOUSE OF GERMANTOWN, DIES

For Thirty Years He Lived in Family Mansion, a Virtual Prisoner, Guarded by Servant

MARRIED UNNAMED GIRL

Contract Annulled, She Married Again and Was Slain—Then He Lost Mind

"Willie" Heft is dead. He was a picturesque character in picturesque Germantown and his long-clouded life ended in the equally picturesque Heft homestead, at 5122 Germantown avenue, where in years agone his grandfather, George Heft, conducted the historic Buttonball Hotel; the buttonball tree, from which the hostelry took name, still stands, but its branches cast their reverent shade over a now extinct family. For "Willie" Heft, reduced by illness from a man of 250 pounds to a mere shadow, was the one failing survivor of an old and respected Germantown house.

By his death Saturday the Heft estate, one of the largest properties on Germantown avenue, passes to Mrs. Charles Smith, a niece, of Greene street and Chelten avenue. It had long been held in trust, for William De Bourbon Heft for more than 30 years had been incapable of managing his worldly affairs. With William Musgrave, his attendant for 32 years, he had lived alone in that palatial mansion with its wealth of rare furniture, or had rambled among the well-kept walks and flower beds that extended from Germantown avenue back more than 600 feet to Greene street. He had not been beyond its limits for the greater part of that long period, and his condition was such that the presence of visitors was not appreciated.

The funeral services, which will be held in the parlor of the old Heft mansion Wednesday, will draw thither many persons who never before had more than an exterior view of the famous landmark.

Heft interment will be made in the family vault in North Laurel Hill Cemetery after the religious exercises, conducted by the Rev. Luther De Yoe, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Germantown avenue and Queen lane, are over. The last of the Hefts will then rest with his fathers and the last chapter in a troubled life will have been written.

For the 54 years which comprised "Willie" Heft's earthly span suffered an early, incurable blight. Son of Casper Heft, a prosperous merchant of Civil War days, he was born and lived all his days in the house wherein he now lies dead. Old Germantown residents today recalled the romantic but tragic events that made that residence a virtual imprisonment. In his youth "Willie" fell in love with and married a young woman whose parentage was never rightly established, but who, as a foundling, was taken in and adopted by a prominent family, neighbors of the Hefts.

The marriage was subsequently annulled and the divorced wife drifted to Camden, where she became the wife of a butcher named Wenkenback. This shock proved severe to young Heft, but a greater was to come.

Some years after her second marriage the young woman was found murdered and her body was concealed in a lonely wood outside of Camden. The husband was accused and tried for the crime. But to "Willie" Heft, the rude shattering of his romance and the cruel death of his sweetheart furnished a burden too heavy for his reason to bear. Gradually his mental faculties succumbed, and though the deaths of his father and brother George placed him in possession of one of the finest homes in Germantown, he never enjoyed its ownership. His latter days, the majority of his years, were spent in inner darkness amid the brightest of outward surroundings. Latterly, his mental weakness induced his physical decay, and he was no longer able to wander among the flowers or to rest in the shade of the old buttonball tree. He had been bedridden nearly a week when the end came last Saturday.

HUGHES VS. FIELD IS FORESHADOWED

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two men are the only figures who command nation-wide strength, the other candidates finding support only in their own State or nearby territory.

FAVORITE SONS WEAK.

The "favorite son" strength is not solid. It cannot be controlled by the "favorite son" himself to be placed in a combination to defeat the leading candidate. It is because of this condition that one of the "favorite sons," now among the leaders with instructed delegates, proposes to declare for Hughes. He has found that all his delegates are favorable to Hughes and cannot be employed by himself against the Justice.

The shadow of Theodore Roosevelt still hangs heavy over the Chicago convention. But it is admitted by political wiseacres here that many of the old-line leaders, although hating Hughes, will throw their support to him should the Roosevelt boom at any time seem to be getting seriously formidable.

In the face of the claims made of greatly increasing strength on the part of the Roosevelt movement, the "show me" political leaders here insist that most of it is "froth and fuss." They declare that the Colonel and his friends already have conceded that he cannot be nominated and that he now is planning his future movements, so that he will be in position to have an actual say in the make-up of the ticket and the writing of the chief planks of the platform.

HUGHES NOW IN LEAD.

There is hardly a question in the minds of any of the political leaders here that if the convention were to be held this week Justice Hughes would be named on the second or third ballot.

It is also believed here that if the nomination comes unsolicited, it will be accepted and Justice Hughes will make his campaign for election on his own platform, which he will announce in person.

That the Democratic leaders feel certain that Justice Hughes is to get the Republican nomination was indicated today, when Senators and Representatives of that political faith began discussing candidates to succeed him, as it is taken for granted if nominated he will resign as Justice and make a real fight for election to the presidency before the people. In this connection the friends of Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane were again very much in evidence today sounding his praises as "excellent Supreme Court timber."

DIES IN RAILROAD STATION

Mrs. Rose Feldman Stricken in P. R. R. Terminal in New York

Mrs. Rose Feldman, of 711 South 10th street, this city, fell dead last night in the Pennsylvania Railroad terminal in New York, in view of hundreds of passengers. She had gone to the latter city to attend the wedding of her brother, Max Leblange.

When the ceremonies were over, she bade her brother good-by, and, apparently well, went to the station, accompanied by several relatives. She was attacked with heart disease as she was about to mount the train step. A physician at the station hurried to her side, but she died a few minutes later.

Mrs. Feldman is survived by four children, three stepchildren and her husband, Benjamin Feldman, proprietor of a bottling establishment at 925 Fitzwater street. The family has not decided whether she will be buried here or in New York. Mrs. Feldman had gone to New York since Wednesday.

J. J. PASTORIZA

COUNCILMEN TO WORK ON LOAN REPORT TODAY

Committee Will Also Listen to Address on Finance Reform

The preparation of a report upon the transit and port and general municipal loans will occupy the attention of members of Councils' Finance Committee this afternoon, and at the same time new methods of raising funds to meet municipal demands of the future will be discussed. City financiers have heard much of the plan of taxation adopted by Houston, Tex., and with a view to obtaining first-hand information will be addressed by J. J. Pastoriza, Finance and Tax Commissioners of the Texas city for three successive terms.

That the $67,100,000 transit and port loan and the $47,425,000 general improvement loan will both be reported favorably to Councils at Wednesday's meeting is a foregone conclusion, as every member of the Finance Committee has already voted favorably for both measures. The fact that the voters, by an overwhelming majority, have given approval to the measures makes any other action by the committee impossible.

COCA COLA LOSES ITS FIGHT IN SUPREME COURT

Long Legal Controversy Ended by Decision That Preparation Is Misbranded

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The Government today won an important legal victory when the Supreme Court of the United States reversed a decision of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in the long legal controversy as to whether Coca Cola comes under the ban of the Federal pure food law.

The high court's opinion was read by Justice Hughes, and was adverse to the Coca Cola Company's contentions.

The Coca Cola case originated in Chattanooga, when the Government seized 40 barrels and 20 kegs of Coca Cola on the ground that it was adulterated and misbranded. The charge of adulteration was based on the fact that Coca Cola contains caffeine, injurious to the health of children and nervous persons. The charge of misbranding was based on the fact that while there are two such substances having trade names as cocoa and cola. Coca Cola virtually contains neither coca nor cola. These articles are present in Coca Cola in the ratio of one part to 37,000 parts of the drink.

According to the Coco-Cola Company its product contains sugar, water, caffeine, glycerine, lime juice and other flavoring matters. As used by the consumer, about one ounce of syrup is taken in a glass, mixed with about seven ounces of carbonated water, so that in the average drink the consumer gets 1.21 grains of caffeine. In the manufacture of the syrup, certain extracts from the leaves of the coca shrub and the nut kernels of the cola tree were used for the purpose of obtaining a flavor.

The Government maintained that the pure-food law forbids the suggestive and misleading names of known articles, whether used in combination or not, and whether the deception be about the article itself or its ingredients. The Government contended that if coca-cola may be sold without containing a material amount of either coca and cola, then "chocolate-vanilla" syrup may be sold without containing either chocolate or vanilla.

SHAMOKIN IS WITHOUT FUNDS AND MAY DISBAND

Unpaid Players Refuse to Go to Harrisburg for Penna. State League Game

SHAMOKIN, Pa., May 22.—The Pennsylvania State League already has started to have its troubles. The game scheduled between Shamokin and Harrisburg for this afternoon may not be played. The Shamokin players refused to leave this city this morning for Harrisburg because of unpaid salaries.

The team has not been drawing well and the club has been running at a loss since the season opened, and it was rumored here that the club likely will disband, due to the weak financial management. Unless the other clubs in the league come to the rescue, the local team will be disbanded or the franchise transferred to another city.

Shamokin is not the first team in the Pennsylvania State circuit to feel the weight of the financial burden, for the Lebanon team was unable to operate in that city at a profit, and the franchise was transferred to Mt. Carmel, where they drew a large crowd at the first game. A change may prove profitable to the Shamokin management.

GAS FUMES KILL WORKER

Pennsylvanian Overcome in Empty Vat in War Acid Plant

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., May 22.—James Kelly, of Olyphant, Pa., who for several weeks had been employed by the Chenango Chemical Company, in a poison gas victim. The company is the only one of its kind in the United States, and turns out large orders of chemicals for the Allies, sending $15,000 worth of acids in one cargo.

Kelly undertook to clean a large vat that had contained a quantity of the chemical recently shipped. After leaving the vat he was taken suddenly ill and was rushed to the City Hospital, but after four days he died. An autopsy showed that death had been caused by gas fumes. His organs had been destroyed by the action of the acid.

Ambler District Sunday Schools Meet

WHITEMARSH, Pa., May 22.—The convention of the Ambler District Sabbath School Association is being held in the Zion Lutheran Church, Whitemarsh, today. Delegations are present from Ambler, North Wales, Fort Washington, Penllyn, Spring House, Blue Bell, Upper Dublin, Three Tuns and Prospectville.

AUTO KILLS CHILD ON WAY TO HOSPITAL TO VISIT MOTHER

Physician's Machine Strikes Little Girl Near Institution. 49th Victim of Motor Fatalities

TEN PERSONS INJURED

Laura Chedt, 2 years and 8 months old, started out from her home, 304 Federal street, this afternoon, to visit her mother, who is a patient in Mt. Sinai Hospital. She was carried into the institution dead a few minutes later, 49th victim of automobile fatalities since January 1.

The machine which killed the little girl on her errand of mercy was the property of Dr. Louis Fisher, of 1322 South 5th street, an interne at the institution into which he carried the crushed body of the little victim, and the accident occurred at the door of the hospital at 5th and Wilder streets.

Dr. Fisher was arrested immediately after the affair and was sent to City Hall for a hearing before Magistrate Pennock. He was operating the car at the time and declares the child's death was entirely unavoidable.

No one knows how the child made her way from her home to 5th and Wilder streets. With remarkable intelligence, she had made the journey from her home to 5th street and had reached Wilder street, where the hospital stands, just as Dr. Fisher was backing his car eastward from 5th street. He declares he did not see the little girl and was unaware of her presence until the jolt of the car and the shriek from beneath it caused him to investigate. He found the child under the body of the machine, the rear wheels having passed over her.

Doctor Fisher picked up the tiny body and ran into the receiving ward. A glance showed the physicians there that death had resulted instantly.

Policeman Owens, of the Moyamensing avenue station house, took Doctor Fisher into custody.

Two other names were added today to the list of eight persons injured, three probably fatally, in automobile and motorcycle crashes in the last 24 hours. They are:

NATHAN SCHANSKY, 9 years old, 310 Hall street, concussion of brain; Mt. Sinai Hospital.

JOSEPH HANRATTY, 19 years old, of 3070 Frankford avenue; internal injuries; Episcopal Hospital.

Schansky was found at 4th and Dickinson streets at 3 o'clock this morning, after he had either fallen in stealing a ride or been struck by the automobile of Charles Sonkin, of 729 Emily street. Sonkin was held in $600 bail for further hearing by Magistrate Baker, at the 3d and Dickinson streets station. He was going 40 miles an hour, it was testified.

Hanratty was struck by a coal truck driven by John T. Corry, of 2076 E. Monmouth street, at Westmoreland street and Frankford avenue, this morning. Curry was released on his own recognizance by Magistrate Wrigley.

Those injured yesterday and last night were:

FRANK ADAMS, 16 years old, 1134 South 11th street; fractured skull and internal injuries; will probably die; Howard Hospital.

CHARLES NOTE, 21 years old, 6031 Paschall avenue; fractured skull and six broken ribs; may die; University Hospital.

HERMAN SHLISCHMAN, 21 years old, 951 North 5th street; fractured skull, internal injuries; will probably die; Millville, N. J. Hospital.

MRS. ABRAHAM SHLISCHMAN, his mother; internally injured; Millville Hospital.

ABRAHAM SHLISCHMAN, badly cut and bruised; Millville Hospital.

JOSEPH FRIENID, 22 years old, 1313 East Firth street; broken leg and possible fracture of the skull; Episcopal Hospital.

THOMAS TAIT, 24 years old, 6402 Woodland avenue; broken ankle; University Hospital.

STEPHEN TYSON, 22 years old, Haverford, fractured nose, dislocated shoulder; Hahnemann Hospital.

WILD SCENE MARKS METHODISTS' SESSION

Conference Refuses to Overturn Plan to Elect Additional Officials

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., May 22.—Following a wild scene on the floor of the conference, in which delegates shouted for recognition and drowned out the voices of the speakers who were on the platform, the general conference of the Methodist Episcopadi church today refused to overturn the previous action by which seven general superintendents and three missionary Bishops were determined upon.

At the opening of the session a resolution was presented by ex-Governor Frank Hanley, of Indiana, that the election of missionary Bishops to Malaysia and Africa be indefinitely postponed; that an episcopal residence be fixed for Africa and a general superintendent be assigned; that the present missionary Bishops be elected general superintendents.

Opponents of the resolution vigorously attacked it.

The conference was almost hopelessly involved in a confusion of motions and amendments when a motion to lay the whole matter on the table was adopted by an overwhelming majority. The conference afterward considered a part of the resolution and voted to postpone indefinitely the selection of a missionary Bishop to Malaysi

SHATTERED HOPES MIX WHITE SLAVE PLOT CASE

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an aunt in America whose name is similar to Giovanina Gallo, one of the defendants.

Several months ago, Miss Gallo said, she received letters from her aunt in Philadelphia telling of the wonders of America and urging her to come here for a visit. The girl says all the letters were written by the woman defendant, who made use of the similarity of names. Special Agent Matthews, after making an investigation, substantiated her story.

Another letter came early last month, Miss Gallo said, and in it was inclosed a ticket to Philadelphia. She sailed on the steamship Caserto, of the Lloyd Italiano line, and arrived in New York on May 2, and came to Philadelphia on the same day.

According to her story, she looked for her aunt when she arrived at Broad Street Station. She was disappointed, and was "about to cry out her eyes," as she said, when some one touched her on the arm, and she recognized Mrs. Gallo, the defendant. She had known Mrs. Gallo while in Italy and welcomed her.

INQUIRES FOR AUNT.

Her first inquiries were for her aunt, she said, and the defendant then took her in charge, and said she would gladly take her to meet her. Miss Gallo said she was taken to 1020 South 12th street and told her aunt would "come before long." Days passed, Miss Gallo said, and when she found out she had been deceived, she became almost hysterical.

Both Mrs. Gallo and Credo then informed her, she asserted, that they had sent both the letters and the money and wanted her to meet men in this city.

According to Mr. Daniel, her deliverance was due to a chance meeting between the woman defendant and Mrs. Raffaele Russo, 915 South street, who had been the girl's chum in Italy. Mrs. Russo went to the 10th street house and planned her rescue.

Mrs. Russo told her husband and he in turn informed his brother, Giovanni Mancelli, of 623 Wharton street. The girl was taken away and delivered in safe keeping to Aniello Mercaldo, of 518 Kimball street, a contractor and friend of her parents.

Special Agent Daniels said that the request for payment of $49 for the girl was made by both defendants to Mercado.

BOY TODDLES THROUGH GATE OWNED BY CITY TO HIS DEATH

Four-Year-Old Richard Moyer Drowned in Delaware

A gate, dividing Penn Treaty Park from the Columbia avenue wharf on the Delaware River, was found to be the cause of the drowning of 4-year-old Richard C. Moyer, 911 East Columbia avenue, by the Coroner's jury today.

The boy, according to witnesses, untied the gate and toddled off the end of the wharf to the river, where he met his death. It was intimated that the affair could have been prevented by the use of a lock, which would forestall children playing in the park from opening the gate.

The watchman at the park brought out a curious feature of the accident, when he told Coroner Knight that half of the gate came under the supervision of the Bureau of City Property, the other half being under the Department of Wharves, Docks and Ferries.

"I'll see about that," said the Coroner. "I'd advise a lock to be put on the gate. If any more accidents happen there from this cause, somebody will be arrested."

SUIT BEGUN TO ENJOIN CITY FROM PURCHASING GREENWICH TERMINALS

Taxpayers' Litigation Started to Halt Abandonement of Railway Property on Delaware River

CALL CONTRACT INVALID

A taxpayers' suit attacking the legality of the ordinance and contract providing for the abandonment of the Greenwich railway terminals, on the Delaware River, and their purchase by the city for upward of $5,000,000 was filed in Common Pleas Court No. 2 by Mary J. B. Chew, the Delaware River Real Estate Company and other property owners in the 39th Ward.

The Mayor and other city officials and the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad, the Pennsylvania Railroad, the Schuylkill River East Side Railroad, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and the Belt Line are named as defendants in the suit, which seeks to enjoin the defendants from proceeding with the condemnation proceedings of the 537 acres involved or from expending any money on the project. A total cost o $10,000,000 will result if the project is carried out, the bill states.

In the petition it is explained that on February 14, 1914, an ordinance was passed by Councils authorizing the execution of the contract, which was made on March 23, providing that the Greenwich terminals be dismantled and abandoned, and that the city purchase from the company the real estate, piers and other appurtenances of the terminals, located between the east line of Delaware avenue and the pier head line and between the property line of the Pennsy and its subsidiaries, south of Bigler street. It is stated the contract provided that the city "shall pay to the Pennsylvania Companies the appraised value of the heal estate, based upon the purposes for which the same is now used, and an additional sum equivalent to the estimated cost of replacing the piers and other appurtenances of the terminals, etc."

PROVISIONS OF CONTRACT.

The bill says no appropriation has ever been made by Councils and no ordinance passed defining the character and extent of the treatment of the property after it should be so acquired for municipal purposes.

In general, the contract contemplates the destruction of the existing terminals, payment in full for the same by the city as going-concern values, the erection for the railroads of new terminal facilities at the sole cost of the city, including the cost of necessary dredging, and the purchase or condemnation of a vast area of land lying to the south of the present terminals.

CALLED EXCESSIVE.

The total number of municipal piers proposed by the plan is excessive for the next 25 years, and will constitute a burden on teh taxpayers, it is asserted. The land to be condemned is more than the railroads need, the petition states.

It is averred that the city hod no power to enter into such an agreement. The contract places an obligation upon the city to expend approximately $10,000,000, although, as required by law, the execution of the agreement was not preceded by an estimate of the whole cost of the improvements.

The contract, if valid, would constitute an increase of the municipal indebtedness in excess of 2 per cent., without a vote of the people, as required by the Constitution, and would cause the debt of the city to exceed 7 pperp cent. of the assessed valuation of taxable property.

In conclusion, the bill states that the city is without ready money to carry out its part of the contract, and is about to borrow $10,000,000 for the purpose of making the payments necessary under the agreement.

The complainants in the suit are Mary J. B. Chew, Martha M. Brown, Edward Hoopes, Joseph A. Janney, Jr., Joseph A. Steinmetz, Charles C. Harrison, Andrew J. Toland and the Delaware River Real Estate Company, a corporation.

FIRE BLOCKS TRAFFIC

Much Excitement Mark Blaze at 13th and Arch Streets

Traffic was blocked for nearly half an hour and excitement was there aplenty when fire was discovered shortly after 7 a. m. today in the St. George Building, at the southwest corner of 13th and Arch streets. The building is a nine-story structure; smoke was seen coming from the eighth floor by a passerby, who notified Policeman Hunt, of the 11th and Winter streets station, who turned in an alarm. The fire was in the Eclipse Cloak Company's plant. It soon was under control. The owners as yet have made no estimate of the damage, but probably it will not amount to more than a few hundred dollars.

EPHRAIM SLUGG CELEBRATES HIS NINETIETH BIRTHDAY

Grandfather of Speaker Ambler Holds Family Reception

Ephraim Slugg, grandfather of Charles A. Ambler, Speaker of the House of Representatives, is celebrating his 90th birthday today in the presence of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, at his home in Huntingdon Valley, near, Bethayres.

Mr. Slugg is also the grandfather of Raymond Ambler, ex-postmaster at Abington; of H. S. Ambler, Jr., of this city; George Ambler, Frank Ambler, Dr. Jesse Ambler and Mrs. Grace Niblock, of Seapoose, Ore.

AGGRIEVED CARMEN WILL CALL ON CHIEF OF P. R. T. TOMORROW

Flynn, Labor Leader, Notifies President Mitten That Delegation Will Present Employes' Demands

APPEAL TO TROLLEYMEN

Harry F. Flynn, president of Division 477, Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employes of America, today sent by special delivery to Thomas E. Mitten, president of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, notice that representatives of the Amalgamated Association would seek an interview at which to present the demands of their members. Flynn, in his letter, suggests tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, and Mr. Mitten's office on the Land Title Building as the time and place for the meeting.

Written on a letterhead of the Amalgamated Assiciation, under the caption "Freedom Through Organization," Flynn's request reads:

Thomas E. Mitten, President Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, Land Title Building:

Sir—I hereby inform you, in accordance with instruction received from a mass-meeting of the employes of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, held on May 17, 1916, that a committee of members of Division 477, of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employes of America will appear at your office on Tuesday, May 23, 1916, at 2 p. m., accompanied by the international officers of the aforesaid association, to present the grievances of the employes for which redress is sought.

Trusting it will be convenient for you to meet this committee at the aforementioned time, I am, yours in business,

HARRY F. FLYNN,
President.

Circulars were distributed today at all the carbarns throughout the city notifying the carmen that the result of the committee's call upon President Mitten would be announced at a future mass-meeting.

A further address to the street car men of Philadelphia was issued today by Division 477. It sets forth that the street car men have at last been aroused to their needs. Proof of this was the attendance of 3000 at the two meetings of Division 477 held on Wednesday evening, May 17.

"It was a grand reunion and is the beginning of the establishment of better wages and working conditions of the Philadelphia street car men. Your success is before us even with all the opposition of other meetings called to prevent you from bettering your condition. Applications are rolling in and do not be one of the last to send in yours, but get behind your fellow-workers for better conditions."

The address was signed by Edward Keenan, president Central Labor Union; Joseph M. Ritchie, organizer American Federation of Labor, and Harry F. Flynn, president Division 477, Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employes of America.

CITIZENS OPPOSE PLAN TO SETTLE CLAY CASE

Many Protests Received Against $40,000 Compromise Proposal

Residents of all sections of the city besieged John J. Conroy, chairman of the Law Committee of Councils, by telephone today, urging him not to agree to the proposition to compromise the suit of the city against Henry Clay, ex-Director of Public Safety, and the contracting firm of John R. Wiggins & Co., accused of conspiracy to defraud in the erection of police stations and firehouses.

Mr. Conroy said that his telephone was busy even before he arrived at his offices in the Stephen Girard Building. Those who spoke to him or his clerks represented themselves as officers of business men's associations of various sections of the city. They were most emphatic in stating their views of the question.

The Bureau of Municipal Research has offered its services in providing the Law Committee with any needed information. A communication sent to Mr. Conroy by F. P. Gruenberg, director of the bureau, announces that this organization has no special interest in the matter of compromising the case, but, as a matter of general policy, will be glad to aid in a proper settlement.

John P. Connelly's predecessor in the office of City Solicitor insists that $40,000, the sum offered by the defendants, is a far too small amount. Mr. Conroy has announced his intention of arranging a public hearing in the matter. He requested citizens who communicated with him today to state their opinions in writing that they might be considered at this hearing, the date of which has not yet been determined.

One point which will have an important bearing on the decision of the Law Committee will be whether Mr. Connelly consulted with the District Attorney's office before suggesting to Councils the proposed compromise settlement. According to Mr. Connelly he interviewed Joseph H. Taulane, Assistant District Attorney, before he communicated with Councils.

It was Mr. Taulane who prosecuted Clay and his alleged fellow conspirators when the criminal suit was in progress. The defendants were at first convicted, but acquitted after a second trial. Mr. Taulane would not discuss the matter when seen today at his office in City Hall.

JOHN MURDOCK CLARKE

WILL HEAD NEW PENN SENIORS

John Murdock Clarke, Pennsylvanian Editor, President for Next Year

John Murdock Clarke, of Pittsburgh, it was announced today, has been elected president of the senior class for the coming year of the University of Pennsylvania. He is an editor of the Pennsylvanian, chairman of the Eaglesmere Committee and will be president of the Christian Association next year. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa Honorary Society, the Phi Kappa Beta Junior Society and the Kappa Sigma fraternity and was recently elected to the Sphinx Senior Society. He entered the University from the Allegheny High School in Pittsburgh and in his first year was a member of the freshman basketball squad as well as an associate editor of the Pennsylvanian, while during the last year he has served in the capacity of managing editor. He was chairman of the Junior Week Committee and a member of the Undergraduates and Class Executive Committees.

Spencer Sweet Shannon, of Saxton, Pa., assistant manager of the track team, and Walter Yust, of Philadelphia, editor-in-chief of the Pennsylvanian, were the other candidates for the presidency.

JONAH-WHALE STORY TRUE, PREACHER SAYS

"If Incredible, Other Miracles Are Not Credible," Rev. E. E. Holmes Tells Methodists

If the story of Jonah and the fish is incredible, then the story of the fiery furnace, the raising of Lazarus and other miracles are not credible, and one cannot escape the conviction that the critics feel that God is in a tight place and it's up to them to help Him out, was the concluding statement of the Rev. Dr. E. E. Helms of Calvary M. E. Church, West Philadelphia, in a paper on "Jonah and the Whale—Historic, Not Allegoric," which he read this morning before the weekly meeting of Methodist Episcopal ministers at 19th and Arch streets.

"God always adopts His method to our manner," said Dr. Helms. "He always brings His plan down to our plane. The Chaldeans found everything by searching the stars; the Egyptians through magic, the followers of Baal through fire, as fire-worshipers. The ten plagues of Egypt were ten successive strokes at ten Egyptian deities. Nebuchadnezzar believed in dreams. Joseph used a divining cup, an Egyptian heathen vessel, and the people of Ninevah, the capital of the Assyrian Empire religiously worshiped Dagon, the fish-god—part man and part fish.

"Bringing His plan down to their plane," continued Dr. Helms, "God sent a message to them out of the sea to warn them of threatened danger or impending doom."

As most of the leading members were absent at the General Conference, at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., discussion of the paper was postponed.

Next week the meeting will be devoted to hearing the men who visited the General Conference and viewed it from the "outside."

Mrs. Isabelle D. Peirsol Dead

Mrs. Isabelle Donaldson Peirsol, wife of Winfield Scott Peirsol, secretary and treasurer of the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, died yesterday at her home in Atlantic City. Besides her husband Mrs. Peirsol is survived by a daughter, Constance Donaldson Peirsol, and a son, Winfield Scott Peirsol, Jr.

PLEA FOR FORWARD STEP IN THE CITY'S SCHOOL SYSTEM

Public Education and Child Labor Association Opens Campaign at Today and Tomorrow Exposition

ASSAILS PRESENT METHOD

An appeal for a more efficient school, one more adapted to the aspirations of the people, has been made by the Public Education and Child Labor Association of Pennsylvania, one of the exhibitors at the Philadelphia Today and Tomorrow Exposition, in circulars which assert that the time has now come "for a long step forward toward a more efficient school of administration." It characterizes the present method of appointment of members of the School Board by Judges of the Court of Common Pleas as wrong and as tending to place the board beyond the reach of public opinion.

The Public Education and Child Labor Association of Pennsylvania is a citizens' agency for promoting efficiency in the system of public education and for safeguarding the welfare of child workers. It was formed by the merger of the Public Education Association—organized in 1881 and for more than 35 years actively identified with the development of the system of the public instruction in the city and State—and the Pennsylvania Child Labor Association, which was organized in 1904, and since that time active in seeking legislation properly to safeguard the rights of child workers.

Some of the more important achievements of the association were: The establishment of the Department of Superintendence in the public schools, the introduction of a larger measure of vocational training, the compulsory education law, medical inspection, classes for backward children, the school code, the Bureau of Vocational Guidance, a State Department of Labor and Industry, continuation schools and the new child labor law. Franklin N. Brewer is president. Its vice presidents are Mrs. Rudolph Blankenburg, Mrs. Frank, Miles Day, Mrs. Jasper Y. Brinton, Charles Edwin Fox, Francis B. Biddle and Maurice Fels.