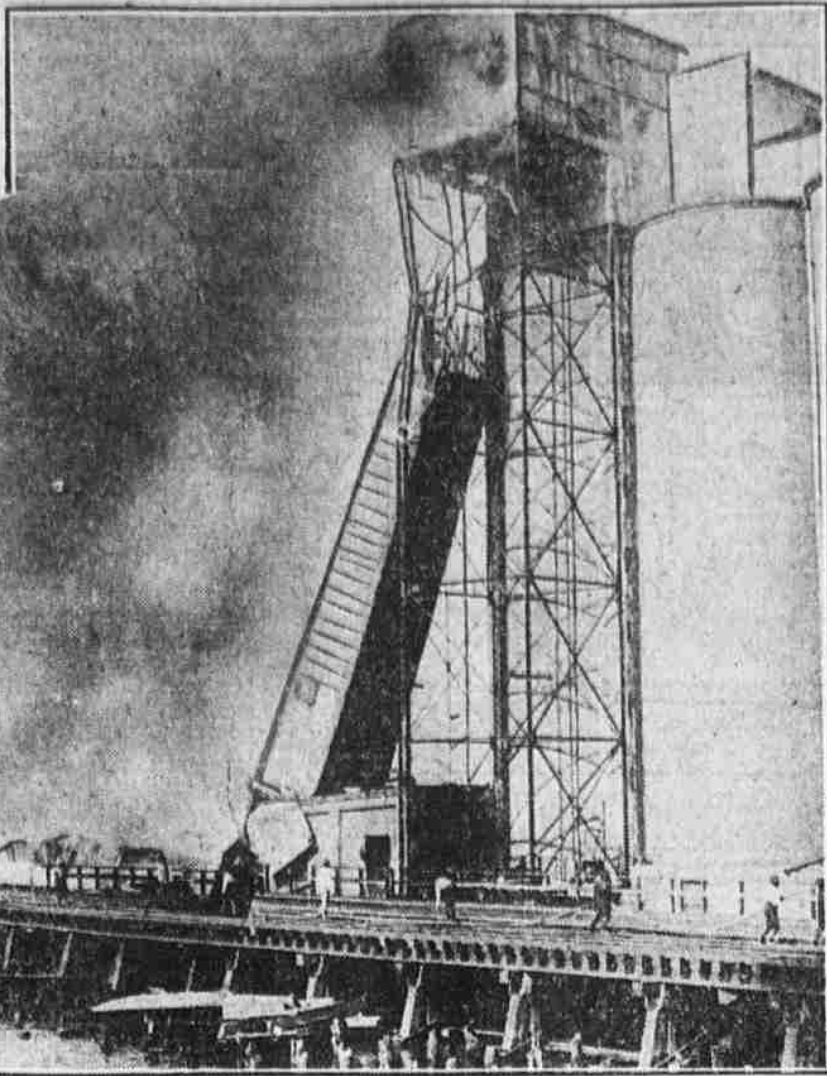


SCENE AT BALTIMORE'S MOST DISASTROUS FIRE SINCE 1904

Ten lives were lost, 25 persons are missing and more than 1,000,000 bushels of grain were destroyed in a \$2,000,000 fire at the Canton terminals of the Pennsylvania Railroad in Baltimore. The photograph shows the burning grain elevator at the right and the razed dock where several ships were damaged at the left.



LUTHERAN MINISTERS VOTE TO PAY LEADER \$3000 YEARLY SALARY

After Long Debate in Reading 169th Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Neighbor States Changes Policy

NEW PRESIDENT NAMED

READING, Pa., June 14.—After prolonged debate which more than 150 ministers participated, the matter being finally summed up by the Rev. Dr. C. W. Jacobs, of Philadelphia, the 169th annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States, now in session in Trinity Church here, made its presidency a salaried position at \$3000 a year and extended the term of office to five years beginning with September. The vote was 273 to 60.

The Rev. Dr. H. A. Weller, of Griggstown, Pa., was elected president to succeed the Rev. Dr. J. A. Haas, of Muhlenberg College, who would have retired with this session, but who will be retained until next September. Doctor Weller served for many years as treasurer. The Rev. W. L. Stough and the Rev. H. J. Seibott, both of Philadelphia, were re-elected secretaries.

Doctor Haas in his annual report marked the fact that during the last year there were but two deaths among the clergy of the ministerium, the Rev. S. E. Smith, of Lehigh, and the Rev. I. B. Ritter, of Allentown. There were 43 pastoral changes. Six cornerstones were laid, seven new churches were consecrated and 25 reconsecrations and church improvements were made. Especially gratifying was the fact that with the report of the consecration of St. John's Swedish Church in South Philadelphia. The Rev. Dr. E. A. Steingel, pastor, this edifice, erected at a cost of \$12,000, of which \$2,500 was paid at dedication, the remainder being paid at the rate of \$1000 a month, is the church home of 1000 foreign-speaking people.

SOME NOTABLE ANNIVERSARIES.

Twenty-three anniversaries were celebrated throughout the ministerium. Notable among these was the 175th anniversary of St. John's Congregation, at Easton; the 10th anniversary of the granting of its charter, and the 15th anniversary of its male benevolent society of Christ Church, Eastonville.

Eight ministers were dismissed to other parishes, but there are fewer vacancies than in former years. Four ministers, the Rev. G. A. Gensmer, the Rev. Frank H. Reiter, the Rev. Carl F. P. Pfattheber and the Rev. Hugo Werdel, are leaving the teaching profession, and have received certificates of withdrawal. The Rev. George H. Shedy, of Allentown, and the Rev. Theodore Zuber have asked that their names be dropped from the ministerial roll.

Among the items recommended by Doctor Haas were the completion of the \$300,000 educational fund, the matter of more categorical instructions in the care of Lutheran students in non-Lutheran schools and colleges, the securing of young men for the ministry, funds for church extension work and a revised constitution for future needs.

An invitation was extended for the General Council to meet in Philadelphia in 1917.

The Rev. W. O. Fugley, of Trappe, was appointed the English chaplain, and the Rev. Hans Meyer, of Philadelphia, the German chaplain, to conduct devotional services at the session.

MERION WARNS MOTORISTS

Township Authorities Bound to Stop Speeding

A warning to motorists who use Merion roads has just been issued by the Merion Fire Association. The warning states that the police authorities of Lower Merion township are determined to stop automobile speeding in that section, where the speed laws have been flagrantly violated. Hereafter, motorists driving at an unreasonable rate of speed and disregarding the warning signs will be fined. Continual offenders, reads the warning, will be deprived of their licenses.

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ROOSEVELT LOOKS LIKE SICK MAN WHEN HE GOES TO MEET SON KERMIT

Colonel Falters in His Steps, Puts Hand on Side as if in Pain

NEW YORK, June 14.—Colonel Roosevelt looked and acted like a very sick man this morning when he went to the pier to meet his son, Kermit, and the latter's wife, who arrived from Colon, Panama, on the transport Kilpatrick, now in use as a passenger steamship. His old smile seemed to have entirely vanished. He walked about the pier with halting steps and frequently placed his hand on his left side, as though he was in pain. His face twitched nervously. He smiled wanly at his son and daughter-in-law when he caught sight of them and walked slowly up the gangplank to meet them.

The Colonel was accompanied to the pier by Mrs. Roosevelt, Mrs. Richard Derby, his daughter, Dr. Derby, and Archy Roosevelt.

"I have nothing to say," Colonel Roosevelt told reporters. "I am here to meet my son, Kermit. That is all."

CRIME WAVE FEARED IN DOPE LID LIFT

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lawyer, easily put up a defense that he simply had the drug in his possession. "Records on file in the Detective Bureau will bear me out that many murders, burglaries and other crimes in this city can easily be traced to the free use of cocaine and other drugs. We have had many shootings occurring in different parts of the city especially in the 6th District, which takes in the so-called Tenderloin, where the principals on being arrested were found to be suffering from cocaine.

"I have seen some of these persons—I mean prisoners—brought before me in my office who were in a stupor or on the verge of collapse. Often we had to place them under the care of physicians before we could question them about the crime in which they were implicated."

"The detectives attached to the vice squad have been co-operating heartily with the Federal authorities in trying to stamp out the drug evil. But with Section 8 of the Harrison act, declared unconstitutional, the police as well as the Government agents have lost their greatest asset in obtaining a conviction.

"Something should be done by public-spirited men of this city in the way of changing the present act from the way it stands. There should be a law whereby the police and the Government agents can get out and arrest persons who are found to have drugs in their possession."

There are pending fifty or more cases similar to the one affected by Judge Thompson's ruling yesterday when he freed Robert Martin and Thomas Rowan, accused of peddling morphine, cocaine and heroin. The court absolved Martin and Rowan under a recent ruling of the United States Supreme Court which declares that mere possession of drugs does not constitute a crime.

AWAIT OTHER CASES.
Many habitues of the Tenderloin were about the corridors of the Federal Building this morning waiting for Judge Thompson's court to convene. They expressed confidence that other persons accused of peddling would be freed under the ruling made yesterday.

Henry M. Stevenson, who is counsel for at least 20 of the defendants, said: "The ruling yesterday affects the cases of nearly all of my clients. The case of Martin and Rowan was the Government's best case, and that has collapsed. I expect that all of my clients will be freed."

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Outstanding Symptoms of Roosevelt's Illness

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About half an hour after the boat docked, a woman member of the Roosevelt party went to a telephone and called up a doctor. The Colonel, she said, was feeling badly; had a stitch in his side and needed treatment.

"My father's illness is of no consequence whatever. He will keep his appointments today," said Mrs. Richard Derby. "He has been troubled with a cough and may have strained a muscle that caused him to put his hand to his side. That is all."

The Colonel was at the Derby home when Mrs. Derby made this statement. He was due to leave within a short time for his office downtown.

Secretary McGrath said that Colonel Roosevelt had strained a nerve during a fit of coughing this morning and had decided to remain in town tonight and have an X-ray examination.

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10-DEAD, \$2,000,000 LOSS IN BALTIMORE FIRE

Rebuilding of Pennsylvania Railroad Grain Elevator Will Begin at Once

BALTIMORE, June 14.—Revised estimates of the dead in the fire that wrecked the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's grain elevator at Lower Canton yesterday place the number at ten. Many are still missing and this number may be exceeded, but of the half hundred unaccounted for late yesterday and believed to have lost their lives in the blaze, an many were found later to have escaped that officials of the company think the death list will be less than a dozen.

Although the condition of many of those in hospitals is serious, it is not believed there will be further deaths among the injured. Work was begun today to clear the site, and, according to Division Superintendent Latrobe, work of rebuilding will go forward at once.

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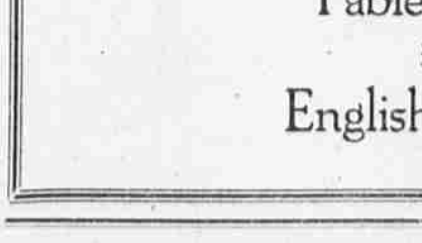
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INVITATION TO HUGHES FOR FOURTH NOT SLAP AT PRESIDENT WILSON

Mayor Explains He Invited Republican Candidate for Presidency Only After Being Told Incumbent Declined

NO POLITICAL MEANING

The invitation sent Charles E. Hughes, Republican candidate for President, to take part in the Fourth of July celebration at Independence Square was issued by Mayor Smith with the understanding that President Woodrow Wilson had definitely declined a previous invitation to visit the city. The Mayor today declared that there was nothing political in his move and that he and Council's Committee would be very glad, indeed, to have both candidates at the celebration.

In discussing the situation, Mayor Smith today expressed the desire that both gentlemen should be present and explained that his invitation to the Republican nominee was not meant as a slap at the President and had no political significance. "I certainly understood that President Wilson had declined," said the Mayor, "and I sent the invitation to Justice Hughes with that thought in mind."

If the President's declination was not final, then my information was faulty. I had every reason to believe that President Wilson would not find it possible to be here and my second invitation was with a view to obtaining the highest type of national speaker for the occasion. There was nothing political in my action and I believe that the people of Philadelphia would be glad to receive both men and to have them present and take part at the celebration."

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