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SLICK MULCTING METHOD WORKED IN GERMANTOWN

Tax Office Attache "Maces" Placeholders for "Voluntary" Contributions

RIGHT IN "TOWN HALL"

Voluntary Contribution Game in Germantown

THIS is how the "voluntary" con-Germantown:
Placeholders receive unsigned
communication to the effect that

ntary" contributions will be re-They go to the city tax office, in he Town Hall, and pay one of the

In the same building is the district water bureau.

Next door is the Germantown police station, which has a force of more than 100 men.

Politician terms it "slick, accommodating and productive of big re-

Policemen are disgruntled. At-

ge are as many schemes for obtaining ntary" contributions from city emes as there are colors in the rainbow. there is none practiced with greater thress and none that furnishes better sience" in Philadelphia than the od used by the Vare-controlled Repubcontingent of Germantown, now under tem hand of Magistrate Thomas F

santown has a city tax office and s al tax office all of its own. Both other of business are conducted in the room under the roof of the historic Town Hall, on Haines street just west ntown avenue. In the same buildis the district water bureau. Next door the Germantown police station. To facilimatters further a great portion of the of receiving money for both purposes ge by an attache of the tax office, acng to several placeholders of that sec-

ADMITS "COLLECTION" fact that "voluntary" contributions received from policemen and other iders at the Germantown tax office admitted by William Burns, a deputy llector, today. He insisted that the utions were entirely voluntary. It pointed out, however, that the collector city's taxes in Germantown is thus

contributions from policemen for ciltical purposes are against the law. A certain politician termed the work of leting in the ward as "slick, accommolung and productive of big results." He ted that it was also ideal, simple and sar in the minds of all the city employes

receiver and collector of illegal taxes,

The live in the ward. of the many disgruntled policemen, who were indirectly compelled to "come across" Rh the regular assessment of \$15, \$10 for city committee and \$5 for the ward ttee. He said:

Every policeman and fireman in the ard received unsigned printed communisations to the effect that voluntary contrias would be received for the purpose conducting the present Republican cam-

There is none of this business of having collector call at your home. The police "step" into the tax office, as a rule, and are pay contributions.

Many of the fellows are kicking among elves. They thought that after being from paying contributions for the last years that the system was done and

policeman was asked how the place ders, namely, the policemen and firemen, w where to go and whom to pay. There no a broad grin on his face when he re-led, "Instinctively."
"I have a few more years to go before I

m eligible for the pension, so be sure and not mention my name," was his parting

REFUSES TO BE MACED her employe who is on the payroll of se Department of Public Safety and who es in the ward vigorously denou-

the practice of macing policemen and other holders for voluntary contributions. He said!

They can send me as many letters as want. I won't pay an assessment ik of the high cost of living at the at time! Why, it is an outrage." The same man has a wife and several

A third protestor further verified the manin which the "voluntary" contributions se collected in that section of Philadelphia.

downtown or in the Tenderloin from

a little graft now and then when must pay such amounts for contribusty Tax Collector Burns, at the Ger

n office, admitted frankly today that

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST

r Philadelphia and vicinity—Prob-rain tonight, followed by cooler; erday partly cloudy and much ; strong south to west winds.

LENGTH OF DAY
... 0.15 a.m. ...
5.14 p.m. Moon senths, 7:04 a.m.

MAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES CHESTRUT STREET CHESTRUT STREET RESERVED PRATURE AT EACH HOUSE

CAMDEN "GHOST" A LIVE ONE

'Ah Seen Man Climbin' From Grave," Cries Negro-Cop Investigates. Finds Injured Gravedigger

A negro dashed with express-train speed m Harleigh Cemetery, Camden, today, He bowled over several pedestrians and finally collided with a cop.

"Ah seen a real libe man who wus buried for dead climbin up from a grave," he Mayor Smith Disappointed gasped. So did the cop.

"Let's go see who he is," suggested the bluecoat.

"I saw him once," said the negro. don't want no moah ackwaintints wif him." The policeman entered the cemetery A man's head appeared above the

top of a grave. The cop's teeth chattered. A chill ran down his spine. "Pull me out," pleaded the man in the

grave. "Are you alive?" asked the cop. "Sure I am." And he was. He was David Payton, a gravedigger, of 1748 Tioga street, Camdon. He had slipped into the grave while digging it. Payton's shoulder was dislocated. He was sent to Cooper

AMERICA DRIFTING TOWARD CLIMAX IN FOREIGN CRISIS

Complications With Germany and Great Britain Growing More Acute

FEAR U-BOAT WAR PARTY

Tirpitz Followers May Force Renewal of Submarine Issue, Is Belief

By a Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20 .- Administration officials manifested a growing concern today over the foreign affairs of the United States, which seem to be growing rapidly worse, with this Government apparently powerless to prevent a drift toward serious complications. There are two principal factors in this unusual state of affairs.

First. The growing strength of the von Tirpitz party in Germany, which is advocating a resumption of ruthless submarine warfare. Second. The unsathfactory status of

American protests to Great Britain over the seizure of mails and the British blacklist.

There is every reason to believe that Ambassador Gerard, who recently returned from Germany, has already informed Secretary of State Lansing and will inform President Wilson next Monday of the serious state of German internal affairs as they affect the interests of the United assessment to \$1,721,545,000. States. While it has been denied that Ambassador Gerard returned for the sole reason of presenting the seriousness of this situation, it is well known that he Forty-first and Forty-second Wards: alizes the United States is rapidly drift ing toward another international crisis with Germany, and is anxious to present to the President some plans which he thinks might possibly avert such a calamity.

REVENUE OF CITY **TOO SMALL UNDER NEW VALUATION**

by Tax Board's Estimate

WANTS METHOD REVISED

Two Rates for Realty, One on City and One on Farms, Advocated

An increase of \$563,182 in the city's revenue, shown today in the statement of assessed valuations of real and personal property for 1917 made by the Board of Revision of Taxes to Controller Walton, was pronounced entirely too low by Mayor Smith, who advocated revising the method

"That figure should have been much higher," said the Mayor. "It is disappointing to me that it is so low.

"I am in favor of revising the method of assessment. I advocate only two rates for real estate, one for city property and one for farms. By abolishing assessment on suburban property and including it with city property, the revenue would be materially increased."

The rates now are: City, \$1.50 per \$1000; suburban, \$1, and farm, fifty cents. REVENUE FROM REALTY

Realty values for assessment purposes for 1917 amount to \$1,721,540,000, as compared with \$1,685,221 for this year, an increase of \$36,318,200. With a real estate tax rate of \$1 per 100, this will yield an increase of \$362,182. Assessable personal property for 1917 amounts to \$625,000,000, as against \$578,0000,000 this year an increase of \$50.-000,000. This yields an increase in personal taxation of \$20,000, with a personal tax rate of four mills.

Chairman Gaffney, of Councils' Finance Committee, also spoke in favor of revising the assessment scheme, where bases increases

on the value of new buildings and the price sale of property transferred. Disappointment was expressed by many city officials, who expressed the opinion that the figures do not show the true increase in property valuation in the city during the

GRAND TOTAL OF REVENUE

Realty, assessed as city, suburban and farm property, showed the following items under the three heads: City, \$1.630,532. 080; suburban, \$70,518,260, and farm, \$82, 919,560, totaling \$1,719,960,000, which, with the special assessment levied on horses and cattle, brings the grand total realty

The statement was supplemented with a separate statement of assessment in the

Twenty-sec-ond 173.026.705 \$18.324.925 \$327.100 Twenty-third 19.321.550 1.706.450 482.500 Thirty-fifth. 15.670 7.201.450 6.283.960 Firty-first. 3.852.175 46.22175 444.800 Forty-second 83.411.735 12.079 800 4.485.650

It has been no secret either in the These wards were kept distinct because United States or Germany that the von of the poor tax levied there, but their totals Continued on Page Eight, Column One | are included in the grand total.

MAN WITH KNIFE TRIES TO GET INTO WILSON'S AUTO IN PTTSBURGH

Jumps on Running Board and Makes Determined Effort to Disturb the President

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 20. - While President Wilson was riding in Pittsburgh to day a man carrying a black satchel made determined efforts to jump on the running board of the President's car. He was house by policemen.

At the station house the man gave the ame of Richard Cutien. He is a Pittsburgber, twenty-two years old.

When questioned he said he was dis satisfied with the President's handling of European affairs, but did not admit that he intended to attack the President.

In the satchel, the police say, was found a long-bladed knife and several chisels. The lasp of the satchel was unfastened.

After examining the prisoner, the police xpressed the belief that Cullen is insan and decided to hold him for investigation. His conversation at first was quiet in tens, but soon became bitter, and he roundly

ounced the President's policies. The incident occurred right in the heart of the city, at Fifth gronus and Smithfiel street. The crowd there was very dens and the President's automobile was forced

Culien leaped on the running board and tried to clamber over the doar. He was grasped by a secret service man riding with the President and pushed into the street. Jumping up he quickly caught the automobile and renewed his efforts. Forced back-

Blueblood Must Pay Extra Fare

U. G. I. STOCK ADVANCES TO ITS HIGHEST PRICE SINCE 1910; UP TO 931-2

Shows Gain of 41/2 Points as Compared With Tuesday's Close-7300 Shares Change Hands

CARRIED SATCHEL IN HAND RUMOR OF LONGER LEASE

Stock of the United Gas Improv Company today sold at the highest price since 1916 in the trading on the Philadelphia Stock Exchange. The stock was the most active of the distinctly local issues. finally overpowered and hustled off to a and early in the day the price was marked up to 93%. The top mark in 1910 was 95%. At the top mark the stock showed a gain of 4% points as compared with the closing price of Tuesday, the upward move having started in the late trading on Wednesday afternoon. There was a reaction from the best price today, and the stock went below the final of yesterday. By I o'clock more than 7300 shares had changed hands.

To account for the strength in the stock there were many rumors in circulation on the Stock Exchange floor and in brokers ffices. The most interesting one of these, from a public point of view, was that the United Gas Improvement Company would take steps to have its lease with the city extended for another twenty years. The present lease does not expire until Decem per \$1, 1927, the lease being for inirty years when it was originally made

The report in the Street had it that the new lease would be on the basis of 22 cenfs per thousand cubic feet to the consumer, which will be in effect when the lease now in force expires. This price does not go into effect until January 1, 1918. The argument heard is the financial dis-trict for boosting the stock on this rumor was that it would lead to greater sales of gas by the company to the consu

When the attention of Samuel T. Bodine When the attention of samuel T. Bodine, president of the company, was called to the report he laughed Mr. Bodine said that officials of the company have never given a thought to the extension of the lease. He also denied that the company has under consideration the cutting of a



Formerly Miss Dora Keen, who is in the city with her husband, whom she married in the Alaska moun-

MRS. HANDY, MOUNTAIN BRIDE, BRINGS HUSBAND BACK TO "CIVILIZATION"

Former Miss Keen, Conqueror of Mount Blackburn, Returns With Spouse She Met on Peak

Twenty-second, Twenty-third, Thirty-fifth, MR. HANDY LIKES ALASKA

Mrs. George W. Handy, who surprised and delighted her Philadelphia friends when, as Dora Keen, she married the intrepid mountain climber after a mountain climbing experience in Alaska, is visiting in Philadelphia with her husband.

For two days the Handys have been guests at the Ardmore home of Mrs. Howard Butcher, who like Mrs. Handy, is a daughter of Dr. W. W. Keen. Today they took up their residence with her father. Mrs. Handy talked today of her plans. Her husband had gone motoring with his father-in-law. From what his wife said he is not enthusastic about what he finds in these parts. She told a story when she was asked just how he liked it here after his years of adventure over the world and in

"When we left," she said, "an old prospector said to my husband: 'It's going to be an awfully long winter outside." She laughed then and said: "And we're only here two days, and I believe he's

counting time already." It should be explained that when the prospector said "outside" he meant "civilization." Up in the part of Alaska, where Mr. and Mrs. Handy were, they call it "inside" which means "where civilization

Mrs. Handy would not even show a ple ure of her husband, much less give one. The nearest she would come to describing him was to say that he was "short, but very strong," He also "dislikas notriety," his wife said.

Mrs. Handy is petite herself, Viciting friends, traveling in the United States and in Canada, and lectures here

NEGRO RIDE STEALERS SHOOT RAILROAD COPS

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One Dead, One Injured After Attempt to Get Men Off Train at Fairview, Pa.

HARRISBURG, Oct. 20.—One raliroa flicer was shot through the heart and died estantly and another is in a hospital with a bullet wound in his leg as the result of an officer's attempt to arrest two negrous or train riding at West Fairview this morn-

The dead man is J. L. Beimer, of Le-moyne, and the injured man is Harry Chubb, of this city. The negroes were later arrested by the Harrisburg police.

QUICK NEWS

HUGHES BACKERS WARY OF 10 TO 7 1-2 ASKED NEW YORK, Oct. 20.-Hughes backers on the curb were reported holding back their money in the face of the odds demanded by Wilson supporters of 7 1-2 to 10 today. Only one large bet, \$10,000 to \$8000 on Hughes was recorded.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 20 .- Lee Heine, betting commissioner, announced today that he had \$5000 to bet on Wilson at even money. He placed three bets Thursday at \$1800 to \$1500, \$1200 to \$1000 and \$2400 to \$2000, Hughes being the favorite in each case.

TODAY'S RACING RESULTS

Trest Laurel 1214, maiden 2-year-olds, selling, 5 1-2 furlongs-First Ballot, 112, Metcal, \$3.00, \$3.90, \$3.10, won; Lottery, 115, Keogh, \$3.80, \$3.00, second; N. K. Beal, 115, Butwell, \$3.70, third. Time, 1.10 1-5.

"CONSCIENCE FUND" RICHER BY \$1100

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26. The "Conscience Fund" of the Treasury Department was increased by \$1100 this afternoon. The money was mailed anonymously from

CONNAUGHT FAMILY BACK IN LONDON

LONDON, Oct. 29.-The Duke of Connaught, former Governor General of Canada; the Duchess of Connaught and the Princess Patricia reached London today.

CRUDE OIL PRICES UP 10 CENTS

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 20.-Prices for all grades of crude oil were advanced 10 cents a barrel by the Joseph Seep Purchasing Agency today, except Radiand, which was raised 5 cents a barrel. The new quotations follow: Pennsylvania, \$2.50; The new quotations follow: Pennsylvania, \$250; Mercer black, Newcastle and Corning, \$240; Cabell, \$2.12; Somerset, \$1.95; Rugland, 90 cents

STRIKE OF O'L WORKERS AT BAYONNE ENDED

BAYONNIL II. J. Cet. 20.—The oil workers' strike that resulted in the killing of three persons, the wounding of thirty and spread a reign of terror throughout Bayonne ended today. The majority of the men went back to work under the promise of John Moffitt and John A. Smith, investigators for the Federal Department of Labor, to remain here and continue their efforts to obtain an increase in pay.

GREEK KING'S CONFIDANT KILLED BY LIVE WIRE

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.-Colonel Carroll J. Frangoudis, formerly alde-de-camp to King Constantine of Greece, was killed instantly today, when he stepped on a live wire which had been blown down in a storm. The Colonel was a personal friend of the Greek monarch and is said to have come to America on a special mission

HUGHES WINS U. OF P. LAW SCHOOL STRAW VOTE In a Hughes-Wilson straw vote, undergraduates of the law school of the University of Pennsylvania favor Hughes. The first-year men gave Hughes thirty-

and Wilson nineteen. ONE PARALYSIS DEATH: ONE NEW CASE One new case and one death from infantile paralysis were reported to the Board of Health teday, making a total of 948 cases and 283 deaths since the first of the

five votes and Wilson fifteen and the second-year men gave Hughes twenty-nine

\$7,000,000 LOSS ON MINED ALAUNIA LONDON C The value of the cargo and the steamship Alaunia, which was sunk in the English Channel yesterday by a mine, is estimated at \$7,000,000. She carried nearly \$3,000,000 worth of war supplies. The loss falls heavily on American insurance companies, as the amount placed with British underwriters was

VILLA HOLDS LARGE PORTION OF CHIHUAHUA STATE EL PASO, Tex., Oct. 20.-The entire western and southern portions of the Mexican State of Chihuahua are now under control of Francisco Villa, according to admissions made by Mexican de facto officials at Junez today, as details of the bandit chief's bold raid last Thursday on the town of San Andres began to reach

TROOPS WILL REMAIN ON BORDER FOR THE PRESENT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20 .- No further important relief of border troops is con templated by the War Department until after the American-Mexican Peace Commission at Atlantic City reaches a decision, it was learned today. If this is satisfactory the troops, it is said, will return in a body. Otherwise all will probably be left at their present border stations,

KAISER SNUBS CHANCELLOR'S OPPONENTS

BERLIN, Oct. 20.-That the Kaiser is determined to stand by Chancellor vor Bethmann-Hollweg, in spite of the political attacks against him, is shown by an incident that was revealed today. A petition asking the resignation of the Chancellor was sent to the Kaiser, but he refused to receive it. Later the signatories tried to get an audience with the Kaiser, but he refused to receive them.

ASPHYXIATED IN EFFORT TO RESCUE MINERS

BARRACKVILLE, W. Va., Oct. 20 .- Superintendent L. M. Jones, of the mine rescue car from Pittsburgh, was usphyxiated while trying to reach entombed men at Jamison No. 7 mine today. Hope for the nine men believed to be sealed in one of the mine chambers has been almost abandoned. The workings are filled with gas.

FRENCH TO HONOR AMERICAN NEUROLOGIST

PARIS, Oct. 26, Stephen Pichon, president of the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, said today that a large delegation will officially represent the French Government at a reception which is to be tendered Dr. Morton Prince. Doctor Prince, a and there will be her program until the famous American neurologist, recently arrived in France bearing a petition ex-

pressing sympathy with the French cause. It bore 500 American signatures

6000 MINERS STRIKE FOR EIGHT-HOUR DAY PUNXSUTATINEY, Pa., Oct. 20, - Six thousand miners employed in seven mines of the Rochester and Pittsburgh Coal and Iron Company in this vicinity are idle as a result of a strike. The outside men at all the workings demand an eighthour day with ten hours' pay.

AMERICAN SCHOONER AGROUND OFF BRAZIL

BAHIA, Brazil, Oct. 29.-The American schooner Cora F. Creasy, 2000 tons. from New York August 26 for Rio Janeiro, is agreed in Sand Bank Bay, near here

BRITISH SEIZE AMERICAN FISHING SCHOONER LONDON, Oct. 26.—The American fishing schooner Richard W. Clark has been captured in the waters around Iceland and taken to Grimaby.

U-BOAT SINKS STEAMSHIP; BARK SET AFIRE LONDON, Oct. 20.—The sinking of the Norwegian steamship Sten by a German submarine without previous examination is reported by Reuter's Copenhagen currespondent. The sixteen members of the crew were landed at Christiansand. The Swedish bark Grets Vrem was set after by a German submarine. Eighteen men from the bark were landed at Friedrichsbaven.

MAKES 230,000-POUND CATCH OF MACKEREL

BOSTON, Oct. 26. Captain John Motheson brought the fishing schoper mes in here with 120,000 pounds of macherel and the plan record for act of 220,000 pounds in three casts of the seise. This total netter each is crew 1400 as the estudies from Monday afternoon to today.

SERBS SWEEP AHEAD IN DRIVE FOR MONASTIR

Smash Enemy's Second Defense Line on Macedonian Front

RUMANIANS STRIKE BACK

Allies Beat Back Fierce German Attacks on the Somme

In the face of stubborn Bulgarian resistance, Serbian troops have pushed two miles northward in their advance on the Bulgarian base at Monastir, occupying the village of Volessolo, it was

officially announced today. The Forty-fourth and Twenty-eighth Bulgarian Regiments, the official Serbian statement declares, have been defeated and four machine guns, three field guns and eighty prisoners taken.

The Serbian claims of further successes were flatly contradicted by the German War Office this afternoon. The Berlin official statement admitted that the Serbs had made some gains, but declared the new Serbian offensive in the bend of the River Cerna had been checked.

Because of the Serbian offensive and the tense situation at Athens the Balkans held the center of the war stage today. Fragmentary messages from the Greek capital indicated that the situation was again more critical despite severe military measures reported yesterday.

On the western front heavy rains continued to impede operations throughout yesterday and last night. The Germans reported the recapture of trenches north of the Somme, but otherwise French, British and German War Offices agreed there were no developments of importance.

SERBIANS CAPTURE VILLAGES IN MACEDONIA; ROUT FOES' WHO FLEE IN DISORBER

PARIS, Oct. 20. Serblan troops have scored a brilliant suc ress in their new advance on the Bulgarian base at Monastir, it was officially announced

today. year, he death is that of Samuel Dorcheyend, eleven months old, 6167 Glenmore Following the capture of the village of avenue, and the new car 'a Margaret Willett, eight months old, 232 West Thompson Brod, the Serbs advanced on the left bank of the River Cerna, carrying the plateau and village of Volessolo and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. The Bulgarians fied chine guns and a hundred prison Serbian hands. The entire second Bulgar defense line is in the hands of the Serbians, who are now assalling their foes' third

> Another contingent of Italian troops has been landed at Salonica. News of their arrival was received here today. The Italians will at once join the allied armies fighting the Germans and Bulgarians on the Mace donlan front.

The battle which developed between the Serbians and Bulgarians along the Cernariver, in Macedonia is still in progress. The War Office in an official report today said that both the infantry fighting and the artillary dueling were extremely violent. On the Struma river front, the report adds, there is much reconnoitering and big-gun dueling.

RUMANIAN TROOPS WREST INITIATIVE FROM TEUTONS ON TRANSYLVANIA FRONT

LONDON, Oct. 20 .- The Teuton offer planned by General Falkenhayn has been checked and the Rumanians have begun a new attack in an effort to clear the frontier of the last Teuton detachments

On the eastern front they forced t the enemy and took 900 prisoners, while on the southern front, south of Kronstadt they threw the German troops back over the border. . Thus two points at which Falkenhayn's forces invaded Rumanian soil are free of enemy troops.

The Rumanian situation grows less anu-

ous hourly, for the offensive seems to have passed definitely from the hands of the Germans. With the battle on the east front again in full swing, it seems hardly likely that Falkenhayn can muster enough men to strike again in force against the Ru

For King Ferdinand's troops the m important success was won in the Tro Valley, in eastern Rumania, where the G mans had penetrated ten miles into K Ferdinand's country. Near Agas the Germans were forced to retire, leaving 50

South of Kronstadt, near Predest for a time the German spyaelon the the rallway to Bucharest, a sharp drove back the Teutons beyond the line. At the other points along the