

WASTE MIDDLES SCHOOL FINANCES; GARBER ACCUSED

Superintendent Is Charged With Defeat of Economy Measure

MAY BOOST TAX RATE

The most serious financial muddle that the public schools have had to face for many years has resulted from the refusal of the Board of Education to adopt proper measures of economy, according to Edwin Wolf, chairman of the finance committee.

The Board of Education has legislated itself into a deficit, he said today, and predicted among other future developments an increase in the school tax rate from fifty to sixty cents. A short-term loan to tide the educational system over a certain emergency will soon be necessary, he said.

To meet this loan and pay off sinking fund charges and other obligations, an increase in tax rate will be required. It was Mr. Wolf who warned the Board of Education several years ago that appropriations were being made with far too much ease.

At a meeting of the finance committee on Monday, after several hours of debate, it was decided that the old tax rate of fifty cents should be continued. To make this possible however, it was agreed that the necessity of additional teachers in the future should be avoided. A plan was evolved whereby the present teaching force would have been sufficient to the needs of the city for several years.

AN ECONOMY MEASURE

Teachers who were instructing "part-time classes" and working only three hours each day would have been required under the new plan to teach two-part time classes, serving a total of six hours a day. When objection to this plan had apparently been eliminated, Superintendent Garber pleaded that it be rejected, in spite of the hundreds of thousands of dollars being saved that the reform would have effected.

Doctor Garber argued that six hours' work would be too much for the teachers, that the plan would make for inefficiency, and that the present organization in the elementary schools would be disrupted.

Unexpectedly, he rallied sufficient support from his followers to defeat the economy measure. Mr. Wolf said that this single change would have saved the taxpayers more than \$100,000. The amount of money the defeat of the plan will eventually cost will approximate \$1,000,000, he said.

The rejection of this economy measure, he argued, would lead to a general relaxation of the policy of thrift which had been contemplated.

The situation has been further complicated, other members pointed out, by the fact that the tax rate was fixed at fifty cents, but that the corresponding budget drafted with the idea of economy in mind will be offset by Doctor Garber's action.

Yesterday was the proper time for fixing the tax rate and the figure was determined. When the deficit article within a few months an increase will be necessary and to authorize this increase at another time than that fixed by statute will involve much "red tape." Litigation, it was said, may be the result.

DOOMED TO DEFEAT

William Dick, secretary of the Board of Education, has been vested with authority to oversee all appropriations with the view of cutting them down if necessary subject to the approval of the finance committee. He is expected to meet the opposition of Superintendent Garber in this matter, however, and the entire program of economy is said to be doomed to defeat.

A personal note has been injected into the controversy by the fact that the saving plan which Doctor Garber favored, was originally suggested by his predecessor, the late Dr. William C. Jacobs. Doctor Jacobs defeated Doctor Garber in the race for the superintendency. Superintendent Jacobs died a short while afterward from overwork. Doctor Garber was then chosen for the place. Doctor Garber therefore placed himself in the position of having attacked the idea of his opponent and deceased predecessor.

\$2500 Check Awails Woman

There is a check for \$2500 from the Germanian Life Insurance Company of New York city awaiting Johanna Schneider, formerly of Philadelphia, and Detective William Isaacs, who has been detained to find her, is anxious to locate her or her heirs. The money is payable under a twenty-year policy issued in 1885, which was paid up to 1885, when it expired. Since that time nothing has been heard from her by the company, which is prepared to pay over the money.

Hope Given Up for Lost Man

GLOVERSVILLE, N. Y., Nov. 16.—Hope that Carleton Banker, of this city, lost in the Adirondack wilds since last Friday, would be found alive has been virtually abandoned here. An eight-inch fall of snow proved a big handicap to the searchers. The hunt, however, will not be abandoned.

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AMERICAN PLEA ON BELGIUM DECLARED ONLY INFORMAL

Merely Suggested to Germany the Bad Effect of Deportations

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Secretary of State Lansing has authorized the statement that in the presentation to the German Imperial Government of the case of those Belgians who have been deported into Germany for forced labor the United States Government has not made official protest or official remonstrance in the matter, but has merely presented the Belgian Government's protest and suggested to Germany informally the bad effect of these deportations on neutral public opinion.

From the explanatory statements given out it is apparent that the action taken by the United States Government up to the present time has been taken, not on the initiative of American officials, but solely on the request of the Belgian Government, which has brought the plight of the deported Belgians to the attention of this and other neutral Governments as well as to the Vatican.

50,000 WILL MARCH FOR WILSON TONIGHT

Washington's Greatest Torchlight Parade to Be Reviewed From White House

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—The biggest demonstration yet given in honor of President Wilson's re-election will be held here this evening, when 50,000 persons are expected to march past the White House. It will be Washington's greatest torchlight parade. Battalions of automobiles, floats and mounted squads are to be in line.

President Wilson and members of his family will occupy a stand in front of the White House, where the President will review the crowd.

The demonstration, which was arranged by the Wilson and Marshall Club here, will be joined in by all local Democratic clubs, government employees, school boys and girls, business organizations and labor unions.

The parade will start at 8 o'clock from the Capitol and move directly to the White House. It is expected it will take three hours for all to pass the President's reviewing stand.

PASTOR HICCOUGHS FIVE DAYS

Was Recovering From Lung Congestion When New Trouble Started

LANSDALE, Pa., Nov. 16.—The Rev. J. L. Becker, pastor of the Lansdale Lutheran Church, has hiccoughed for five days, and his condition is serious. Physicians declare that his vitality is astounding. He was just recovering from congestion of the lungs, when he started to hiccough.

Steps in Front of Trolley—Killed

NEW CASTLE, Del., Nov. 16.—Harry Hillmann, forty-five years old, of Wilmington, stevedore employed by Conley Brothers, teamsters of Front and Madison streets, Wilmington, bewildered by the cold while en route to St. George this morning, stepped from his team to the roadway on the narrow dyke directly into the path of a trolley car operated by Howard Davidson, of this city. He was struck by the car and death was instantaneous. The car was derailed and a wrecking crew from Wilmington was secured to remove his body and place the car back on the track.

Bank to Declare 100 Per Cent Dividend

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—The Harbinger National Bank is notifying its shareholders that at the annual meeting to be held in January a recommendation will be submitted by the board of directors increasing the capital stock of the bank from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. The bank intends to declare a cash dividend of 100 per cent.

MAN'S BODY EXHUMED; FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED

Supposed Victim of Apoplexy Found to Have Had Skull Fracture

HAZLETON, Pa., Nov. 16.—An autopsy performed on the body of Dennis Boyle, of Yorktown, whose relatives suspected foul play and requested that the corpse be disinterred, revealed that Boyle died of a skull fracture instead of an apoplectic stroke.

The case will be placed in the hands of the District Attorney for further action. Boyle was found unconscious on the street after spending the evening at a moving-picture theater and was supposed to have been stricken while on the way home.

BRIDGE TRESTLE ABLAZE

Firemen Fight for Two Hours to Extinguish Stubborn Flames in Grays Ferry Structure

A stubborn fire, discovered in the wooden trestle work under Grays Ferry bridge shortly before 4 o'clock this morning was fought by firemen and the crew of a fire-boat for nearly two hours before it was extinguished.

The damage to the bridge as yet has not been estimated, but about one-half of the trestle work was burned away. Examination will be made today to determine to what extent, if any, the safety of the bridge has been endangered.

The cause of the fire is unknown. When the flames were seen first licking up the trestle work, a local alarm was sent in to Engine Company No. 47 at Thirtieth street and Grays Ferry road, but within a short time the fire had spread to nearly one-half of the trestle work and the whole bridge appeared to be wrapped in flames.

Barn Burned at Barren Hill

Farming implements and several tons of hay and grain were lost last night when fire destroyed a two-story barn owned by Charles Oberic, at Barren Hill, Montgomery County. The loss was \$7000.

"BABY JIM" GETS A SUIT OF CLOTHES; ONE, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE A REGIMENT

Heavy Draft on Cloth Supply Here as Much-traveled Circus Exhibit Has Tailors Make Outfit That Would Properly Clothe Three Ordinary Men

"Baby Jim" Simmons gets his new suit today. One might believe there is nothing remarkable in that occurrence. But it's the first time in many years that he has had a suit made in America, and residents in the neighborhood of his home, 1111 Rodman street, feel honored that he should have chosen Philadelphia, or rather a Philadelphia tailor, to suit him.

Incidentally, "Baby Jim" is a much-traveled man. He's a real globe-trotter, although to look at him one would not think him much in the trotting line. "He said his feet are so small by comparison that he finds trouble even in walking. Last, but not least, he weighs 72 pounds, although only five feet six inches tall.

He is said to be the fattest negro on earth. When one considers that Jim Simmons is a business in himself, inasmuch as his mission is simply to show his person with a widely known circus, and that he has never been able to get an American tailor to fit him since he became a great man in more ways than one, the occasion of his getting a fitting to suit him becomes quite an event.

It is some suit! "Baby Jim" says he is going to call it his Thanksgiving suit. The measurements in part, or parts, are as follows: Waist line, 102 inches; hip measurement, 93 inches; length of trousers legs, only 21 inches, while the rise of the trousers measures 24 inches. The suit will "eat up" about twelve yards of cloth—three times the amount used to suit an average man. The price will be about \$100.

Incidentally, three men can wrap the vest around them comfortably and get an ideal three-in-one effect.

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