

Efforts of Men to Enlist Public Support Evokes Superior's Praise

THEIR ARDENT CHAMPION

The firemen of Philadolphia in their cam-pairs for an increase of salary and a scale of working hours that will permit more than three hours off duty out of every twenty-four have no stronger champion or firmer friend than William H. Murphy, the present chief engineer of the Bureau of

The silence of Chief Murphy during the spices phases of the campaign of publicity now waging in the firemen's behalf has not been due in the slightest degree to any want of sympathy on his part. Neither has the its output in any feeling that he as chief engineer has not received proper consideration in the formulation of a propo-sition affecting a bureau of which he is the executive head. estive head.

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denied them.' "That was written for, and is part of my lift report. At that time, as you see, my first thought was for my men. It is still my first and most prominent thought. "Anything I can do today that would help to bring about the success of the pres-ent exemption."

help to bring about the success of the pres-ent campaign I will do willingly and gladly. I have been a freeman twenty-two years. I have served in the ranks, and up the lad-der through the several degrees to my pres-ent position. I am familiar with all the phases of a fireman's life through per-sonal experience. No one in the service knows better than I how much an addition to his opportunities for home life means to a fireman. And no one is readler than I to work toward the accomplianment of any lean that a ms to leasen the long tour, of plan that aims to lessen the long tour of duty at the fire station. I want every man in the bureau to know and to understand

this "When this campaign began the men came to me and told me what they wanted is bring about. I told them I approved their forts and when they named a committee to represent them I did all that I could to help that committee in its work. Because I have said nothing publicly since the commilitee was named and began its work there may be an impression that I have lost inter-est or have felt that I had no part in a further movement. Nothing could be fur-ther from the truth, and I know that the men in the bureau who know me, and that beans virtually every man in it, under-

means virtually every man in it, under-stand why I acted as I did. "I simply do not want to do anything that might interfere or nullify any step or action of the committee. It is doing is work so capably and so thoroughly in accord with my own ideas in the matter that I feel that any individual action, no matter how well-intended, might tend to spoil or at least hamper its own good plans. I am not a taiker at any time, and in this present innetwers I feel that I am

Rebels and Bandits Hit Carranzistas in North and South

TORREON, SAYS REPORT

EL PASO. Tex. Dec. 15.--Carranna's armies are being harassed by revolution-ats both in the north and south, accord-

VILLA NOW THREATENS

ing to advices received here today. Villa's main force is reported approach-ing the important northern city of Tor-reon. In sharp fighting south of Maxico City, another rebel force under the leader-ship of Dias is reported to have captured Experience, an important railway unclusion

Miles away from civilization, and in the heart of the Texas desert, the death of Dr. John G Leitch, forty years old, of 5411 Christian street, who was a lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps, of the Sixth United States Cavairy, occurred Last Tues-day, according to news received today by his relatives and friends. For years Doctor Leitch was employed at ught in the force an division of the general Esperanza, an important raliway junction, point, and is driving the Carranzistae back

point, and is driving the Carranaistas back upon Mexico City. Villata agents here declare that Villa left sufficient men around Chihuahua City to retake the State capital at any time he chooses. They predicted another Vil-lata raid on Chihuahua City mon, declar-ing that Villa will release the side pris-opers thrown into the penitentiary by General Murguia. Reports reaching the horder any that fatal

Reports reaching the border say that Carranza soldiers are looting stores in Chihuahua City, acling on the theory that Childanda City, acting on the theory that the shops not destroyed by Villa must be owned by friends of Villa. (Torreon in approximately 175 miles south wouthwest of Chibuahua City, in the State of Durange.)

Priests Risk Lives

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Christian brothers and 100 students dressed hastly and rushed to form a free brigade. They fought the flames and con-tinued to do so after the arrival of the frames.

The quick work of the inmates of the col-inge is thought to have prevented a much beavier loss. HELP CALL SENT TO BRISTOL ofty clubs.

Cornwella's fire department was the first o respond. When the men arrived they mmediately sent in a call to Bristol, which Immediately sent in a call to Bristol, which brought two more companies. The blaze could be seen for miles. It gained such headway that the volunteer firemen teles phoned to Engine Company No. 35 at Holmesburg for ald. The Holmesburg com-pany arrived thortly after 4 o'clock. Several firemen narrowly escaped death or serious injury when a watertank near the tower of the college plunged through to the celling of the second floor. It re-mained there, however, and firemen wedged it tight.

tight. Firemen were handicapped by the smoke

and had difficulty in getting water. The blaze was spectacular and several feeds of heroism were witnessed. One firenan was burned on the hands and face. The college was built a few years ago. It a of Gothic style, of granite, with limestone

trimmings. The attracture is surmounted by an imposing tower. The main building is used for general college purposes and contains offices, dormitories, laboratories and oma

An investigation has been started to de-termine, if possible, the cause of the blaze.

TEIPER TAKES STAND IN DEFENSE OF LIFE

Calm and Unemotional, He Faces Jury to Deny Murder of His Mother

BUFFALO, Dec. 15. — John Edward Teiper, caim and unemotional took the stand when court opened to teil the jury in his own words of the tragedy on dreary Or-chard road in which he is accused of kill-ing his aged mother that he might profit by her will. The direct examination was expected to be brief. Then will come the provention of the traged of District cross-examination at the hands of District Attorney Moore. On it the State hopes to drive the final nall in the young man's conletion.

Crowds so great that the sheriff had to Crowds so great that the sherm had to hastly summan more deputies besieged the courtroom today. Squarely in front of Teiper, as he told his story, sat his wife, who has steadfastly stuck by his side through the five long weeks of the trial. Their three small children were not present.

THIEVES SCARED FROM LOOT

Roll Safe to Kitchen of House, but Po-

DR. JOHN LEITCH DEAD **ON MEXICAN BORDER**

West Philadelphian's Death Oc-

curs at Post of Duty in

Medical Reserve

Samuel W. Barnes

Samuel W. Barnes at one time a widely mown athlete and president of the Kay-tone basefull cub, the second club organstone baschall crub, the second club organ-ised in Permayivania, died yesterday at his horms, L1 East Durham street, Mount Aity, lie was 67 years old. Death was caused by preumonia, which developed from a cold. Mr. Barnes was born in New Orleans, com-ing here with his parents an a boy. He was educated in the public schools, and in 1870 established a ptumbing business at Sixth and Diamond streets. He was a former vice president of the Master Plumb-ers' Association. He was known for many private charities. For many years he was connected with the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He is survived by a widow, two sens and one daughter. The funeral will take place next Monday.



PATERSON, N J. Dec. 15 - The finding of a recently burled body of a girl about twelve years old in an abandoned commercy has stirred, the police to an investigation. The body was discovered inte yesterday. when workmen were clearing the old come-tery at Market street and Graham avenue for the erection of a high school. They had disinterred several bodies for removal

had disinterred several bodies for removal to another concerns when they came upon a newly made grave. When the workmen reached the coffin they found it to be of plain material, with-out a name plate and beating no marks of identification. The clothes on the body were tracet and the condition of the body indicated that death had been very recent.

An investigation was at once begun, William Miller, Registrar of Vital Statis-tics of Fatorson, said that there had been no permit issued for burlat in the old connectory for years The police communicated with nearby offices to discover if there had been recently reports of the disappearance of a girl

Nothing was found that might tend to dear up the mystery.





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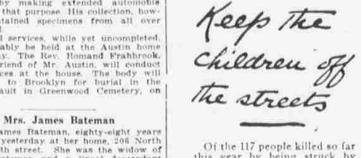


William H. Bailey The funeral of William H. Balley, 42 years old, for many years a special officer of the Fourteenth district, will be held this after afternoon. He died on Wednesday at this home. 6115 Lensen street, Germantown, after a brief ilness. He was considered one of the best district detectives in the Police Bureau, and made many important cap-tures. He is survived by his widow and several children.

William A. Miller

William A. Miller, seventy-four years old, a Common Councilman from the Thirty-ninth Ward for thirty years, died yesterday at his home, 2325 South Twelfth street. Mr. Miller was a friend of Thomas A. Mr. Miller was a friend of Thomas A. Edison for more than half a century. When the Western Union Telegranh Company was known as the Gould Company, and had its office here at Third and Chestnut streets. Mr. Miller entered its service and demon-trated one of Edison's early inventions. In the Civil War Mr. Miller was a second lieutenant in the Nineteenth Pennsylvania Regiment. He is survived by a widow, three second a doubler. His forward will be

ions and a daughter. His funeral will be



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SAMUEL H. AUSTIN to Save Sacrament | Wealthy Tobacco Manufacturer, Retired, Dies at 70 Years of Age Samuel H. Austin, wealthy tobacco man Samuel H. Auntin, wealthy tobacco man-ufactures, died yeaterday at his home. 2013 Chestnut street, from a complication of dis-eases. He was seventy years old Mr. Austin retried from notive business several years ago and devoted his time to the collection of curios, of which he was said to have had the fluest small collection in the world. He was a member of nearly forty cluba

Mr. Austin was been in Massachusetts but fived the greater part of his life in Philadel-phia. In 1880 he married Miss Louise Suy-dam, of New York. He is survived by one daugnter, Mrs. Isaac H. Jones, of 4501 Spruce street. The collection of curios, Mr. Austin's hobby, was effected principally throughout Europe by making extended automotie tours for that purpose. His collection, how-over, contained specimens from all over the world. Funces daughter, Mrs. Isaac H. Jones, of 4501

for a while was resident physician at the Polyclinic Hospital.

Funeral services, while yet uncompleted will probably be held at the Austin home on Sunday. The Rev. Romand Frahbrook, a close friend of Mr. Austin, will conduct the services at the house. The body will be taken to Brooklyn for burial in the family vauit in Greenwood Cemetery, on Monday

Mrs. James Rateman, eighty-eight years old, died yesterday at her home, 206 North Thirty-fifth street. She was the widow of James Bateman and a lineal descendant of Hermanus Wiltbank, one of the earliest of Hermanus Wiltbank, one of the sarilest Swediah settlers in Delaware. She is sur-vived by a son, James Bateman, Jr., and four daughters, Mrs. Charles W. Dulles, Mrs. George G. Cameron, Mrs. W. J. Elliott and Miss Julia Lupton Bateman.

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Of the 117 people killed so far this year by being struck by automobiles, more than half were children while playing in

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For years Doctor Leitch was employed at night in the fore gn division of the general Postoffice. His body is expected to arrive here in a few days. Death was due to typhus, which among solders on the border is known as the "Rocky Mountain fever." News of the death of Doctor Leitch is being kept concealed from his wife, who is seriously ill. It is feared that if she were bids of one bookeneds death if might perce-Charles Cole Charles Cole forty-two years old, a news-paper man, died yesterday at his late resi-dence, 1321 North Fourth street, of Bright's disease, after an illness of nearly two years. Mr. Cole is survived by his widow, who was Miss May Friel. His funeral will be held formerrow morning with interment at old of her husband's death it might prove fatal. Doctor Leitch was a graduate of the Uni-versity of Pennsylvania. He worked his way through college after coming to this country a number of years ago from Scot-land. Before entering college he worked as a conductor. He always expressed an ambition to become a physician. He grad-uated from the University with honors and for a while was resident physician at the held temotrow morning, with inte Bonnie Bras Cemetery, Baltimore, with interment at

Charles W. Holme

Charles W. Holme, for several years foreman of the painters in the Bureau of Health and Charitles and stationed at the Philadelphia Hospital, deed middenly yes-terday in the office of the institution. He terday in the office of the institution. He was born in Frankford sixty-five years ago, and was accorated with his father in the firm of Holms & Bro in the house-mainting business. He was a charter mem-ber of the Oxford Ladge of Odd Fellows, the P. O. S. A and the Knights of the Golden Engle. For many years he was active in the affairs of the Frankford Ave-me Methodist Episcopal Church and sec-retary of the hoard of trustees. His widow and one son survive him DEATH NOTICES ON PAGE 18

plane, I am not a taiker at any time, and in this present juncture I feel that I am foing the proper and best thing by sitting back and admiring the good and excellent way in which the men themselves are carrying on their work. "As to the cause itself, I do not know a worthler one, and now, I believe, the public has been brought to look upon it with the same importance as the officers and men of the bureau. I believe that in a short time the additional men needed to effect a fourth-day-off system will be effect a fourth-day-off system will be granted. In my own opinion the fourth day off is better than a two-platoon system The two-platoon arrangement is a straight day and night shift, while every fourth day is a twenty-four-hour holiday with every second day off lasting for thirty-at hours. This plan gives the men more opportunity to be with their families than if they ware mention If they were working in weeks of alter-mating day and night dury. I am drawn to this opinion as the result of observa-tion and from statements I have obtained from officials in cities where the two-platoon

The onicials in cities where the two-platoon freem is in operation. "Thaven't mentioned the matter of salary. To my mind that question is one that is as evidently in need of readjustment that it seems foolish to suggest that it be taken into consideration except in the way the mem ask for it. Under existing conditions, it is next to impossible for a man in the men ask for it. Under existing conditions, it is next to impossible for a man in the free bureau, if he has a family, to live upon the present salary, and even a single man, or one with no dependents, has little induce-ment to enter the service. But I am con-fident that Councils, when they got the regular budgets out of the way, and turn that attention to the surplus at their dis-bosal, will see that the men of the bureau of firs have the first consideration. have the first consideration.

"As for myself, there is no man in Phila-deiphia, within the bureau or outside of it, who has the interests of the firemen or their welfare more at heart than I, and I want to assure them, one and all, that they have no truer friend in this move-rent, nor one who is more ready to help their cause, than Chief Murphy."



Industrious thieves, who moved a heavy

Industrious thleves, who moved a heavy safe from a front room to the kitchen of Joacob Bekof's residence, at 219 North Sixth street, were obliged to flee without getting any booty early today. The men gained entrance by forcing a rear window. It was evident that they had to tear the door off the safe in order to move it. The noise attracted Pollceman Murray, of the Front and Master streets station. He ran to the rear of the house, but the thieves jumped a fence and escaped The safe contained money and valuable The safe contained money and valuable papers

Mine Workers Struck by Train

SHENANDOAH, Pa., Dec. 15. — While Stanialaw Pawaky and Anthony Kalinow-sky were on their way to packer No. 3 col-laries late yesterday they were run down normal and the second s may recover.

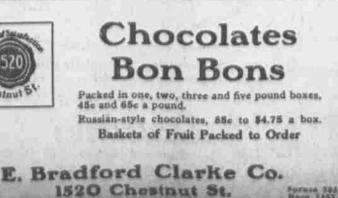
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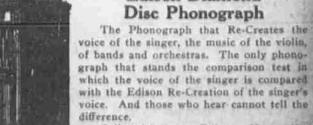
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