

RENTS FORCED UP ON TAX AS EXCUSE

"Why Should We Pay?" Ask Brokers, and the "Suckers" Pay

SYSTEM CALLED ROBBERY

Councils Finance Chief Declares New Rate Does Not Warrant Increase

THE 'SUCKERS' PAY

"Notice the result of the increase in taxes. The poor little sucker pays the piper every time."

"Why shouldn't we raise the rent?" was asked. "If the people wanted to elect the kind of Councilmen that raise the tax rate, let them say for it."

"Well, we have nothing to say. The tax rate has been raised and we aren't going to pay it. Let the people pay."

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CORONER BEGINS PROBE INTO MODEL'S MURDER

Knight Says Police Need More Evidence to Convict of Lewis's Guilt

SHIRT SALESMAN TALKS

Pittsburgh Suicide Showed No Nervousness When He Made Purchases, He Insists

Coroner Knight said today he did not believe Bernard W. Lewis, of Pittsburgh, who committed suicide in Atlantic City, was the murderer of Marie Colbert, the artist's model. He intimated an opinion that the case had been bungled by the police.

"They will have to show me much more than they have before I become convinced that Lewis killed the girl," Coroner Knight said.

He refused to discuss the case at length and said he was making inquiries of his own regarding the mystery which might have a very important result.

The latest phases of the case are: First, Lewis bought the collar, the shirt and underwear, found on him after he committed suicide in the haberdashery store of De Haven & Lewis, 77 1/2 Market street, at 10:15 a. m. Friday, December 29, the day the model was killed.

Second, Henry J. Bass, of North Glenside, the clerk from whom Lewis purchased the goods, said today he was positive of the time of the sale and Lewis was in no way nervous at the time.

Third, Detective Hodges and Farrell said that Magistrate Harry J. Imber has told them that it was about 10:05 or 10:10 a. m. on that day that he talked over the phone with the Colbert girl.

Fourth, the time mentioned in each case agrees with the theory of detectives who point to Lewis as the murderer. Both Magistrate Imber and Marie Colbert had previously informed the police, however, that the conversation referred to took place at about 11 a. m.

Fifth, three of the eight keys found on the key ring in the model's apartment were found today to fit a door, a chest and a bureau in the apartment. None of the keys, however, fits the outside door.

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Detective Callahan interviewed the young sister of Marie Colbert, who said that she went to help her sister straighten her apartment in the Wilton, and that her sister had talked with the Colbert girl some time between 10 and 10:15 a. m.

A further examination of the many witnesses in the case will be made by District Attorney Rottan today.

Bass, the clerk who sold the haberdashery to Lewis on the day of the murder, gave a more detailed account of his conversation with Lewis.

"I am positive of the time," Bass explained, "because Mr. Lewis, the boss, came in while the sale was being made and I glanced at the clock."

"Lewis walked in and as I glanced up he smiled and said pleasantly: 'Good morning! I am rather in a hurry. What can you show me in the line of a suitcases—not too expensive?'"

"I showed him what we had and as I did so I noticed that his coat collar was turned up and that he had on a black mackintosh. I saw later that he did not have a collar on."

"After purchasing the suitcase, he bought a collar, shirt and an athletic undershirt. He then looked at some ties and picked out a black and white one."

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J. CLIFFORD WILSON

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and he probably knew her under the name of Roberts, if he knew her at all. Still, it was a coincidence.

Bass explained that Lewis put all the things in the suitcase, and must have put them on, evidently, elsewhere.

"Lewis said to me, 'Don't wrap them up; my paper is expensive these days,'" Bass explained.

Bass was emphatic in saying that Lewis did not seem nervous.

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LANDMARKS IN CITY'S HEART TO DISAPPEAR

Bids Received for Removal of Buildings at Eastern End of Parkway

Many old landmarks, which cover the southeastern corner of the Parkway, will be wiped out of existence in a few days as a result of the action taken this afternoon by the Department of Public Works.

Bids were opened for the demolishing of thirty-eight buildings from Broad to Fifteenth street, Filbert to Arch and from Fifteenth to Sixteenth, Outburt to Arch street.

As it is specified in the bids that all the buildings in the area named shall be razed before May, this means that the work will have to start in a very few days.

There was a great variety of bids in the size and kind of buildings submitted. In the block from Broad to Arch, Filbert to Fifteenth for instance, Contractor J. J. Dough asked the city to pay \$2000 for the work, while the J. J. Gault House-removing Company will pay the city \$2150 for the privilege of doing the work in order to get the old building materials.

Two firms were bid in the bids for demolishing the other section. They are Michael J. McDonough and the Jump House-removing Company. Each offered the city \$500 for the privilege of doing the work and getting the great quantity of material.

John G. Moore, another contractor, submitted a bid to the effect that he would make no charge for the work nor would he pay for the carting of material which shipped completely in official conference of other dealers, will have to be the March of Progress.

It is believed that the clearing of an acre ground by May 1 will enable the city to open the way to Logan square on the Parkway by the summer.

ELECTOR VOTES FOR HIMSELF

D. Edward Long Inadvertently Substitutes His Own Name for Hughes's

HARRISBURG, Jan. 9.—D. Edward Long, of Fayetteville, one of the presidential electors who attended the session of the Electoral College, caused a near commotion yesterday afternoon when the vote was being taken by casting a ballot for himself instead of for Charles Evans Hughes.

A card on which was written the name of the elector was placed on each desk so that the electors could find their places easily. Just before the time for casting the ballots for presidential candidates were passed around, these carried the name of Charles Evans Hughes.

A hat took the place of a ballot box, and Long dropped the card bearing his name into the hat. When the tellers saw the one vote for Long they immediately made the announcement, and Long substituted the Hughes card.

80. They See Their First Trolley Car

ALTOONA, Pa., Jan. 9.—William H. Diehl and Walter Fletcher, of Elk Creek, Bedford county, who are nearing eighty, saw a trolley car for the first time in their lives yesterday. They were guests of William Lee and it is their first visit to Altoona in fifty years.

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CUMBERLAND COUNTY DRY FORCES TO FIGHT LICENSES

Several Remonstrances Planned in 27 Applications for Permits—Hotels in Number of Towns Affected

CARLETON, Pa., Jan. 9.—Twenty-seven persons will meet the afternoon of January 11 at the Cumberland County during 1917 face a hard fight, and a number will be specifically remonstrated against by the temperance forces, who are planning a series of meetings and house-to-house canvasses for signatures against the sale of liquor.

Hotels in Carlisle, Newville, Mechanicsburg and other towns in the lower end will be targets. Next Sunday will be observed as Temperance Sunday and the anti-liquor petitions for a title will be distributed during the afternoon by volunteers. The County W. C. T. U. will publish names of signers.

"NIFTIEST" LID FOR WILSON

Mississippi Man Ties 7000 Knots in Straw Hat

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—President Wilson will sport the niftiest straw "lid" ever, and most reason for an admirer, A. J. Hibbert, of Hattiesburg, Miss. has his way about it. Mr. Hibbert wrote Secretary Tamm that to provide the President with the most original piece of headgear he ever saw, the writer is weaving for him a hat made of eye straw in a unique pattern.

He says the hat is made by tying the straw in the most intricate knotting known, more than 7000 knots. Secretary Tamm will send a message of thanks, but added some time will elapse before the President lays aside his winter hats.

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The entertainment program for the ladies of the visiting delegations this afternoon included an auto trip and a visit to the building of the Bell Telephone Company at Seventeenth and Arch streets.

P. R. R. Pays \$188,339 Coal Judgment

CLEARFIELD, Pa., Jan. 8.—Attorneys representing the Pennsylvania Railroad road Company and the Sonman Shaft Coal Company met in the probatory's office, where the railroad company gave its check for \$188,339.71, in settlement of the judgment obtained against it by the Sonman Company in the discrimination case which has been carried through many courts. This is one of the largest verdict payments ever received in Clearfield County.

Meet and Eat at the Manscom's Restaurants. Moderate Prices—Home Cooking. Home-made Pies, 5c Cup. Grand Banquet Coffee, 5c Cup. 1232 Market St., 929 Market St., 1221 Chestnut St., 734 Market St.

Mawson & DeMany 1115 Chestnut Street (Opposite Keith's) CONTINUATION OF Our Great Annual Fur Sale. Seventy-seven years of Fur selling have proven to us that the foundation of successful merchandising is Intrinsic Value. The greater the value the larger the growth—hence our determination to give such tangible values that will insure the lasting satisfaction of all who take advantage of this sale's opportunities. We now offer every garment and fur article in our establishment at a 25 Per Cent. Discount. Buying reliable furs at these prices is making an investment that will bring satisfaction, comfort and elegance.

Niederman Semi-Annual Clearance MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SHOES. Having in mind the advance in shoe costs and the exclusive style and value of our shoes, we cannot too strongly urge you to secure all you need during these great genuine reductions. Values 4.50 to 7.00, \$3.90. Values 7.00 to 8.50, \$4.90. Values 8.50 to 10.00, \$6.90. Values 10.00 to 12.50, \$7.90. Short lines of women's shoes, including our Pacer Shoe and Evening Slippers, values \$4.50 to \$6.50 \$2.90. 820 Chestnut Street. NIEDERMAN 930 Chestnut 39 S. 8th 203 N. 8th. EST. 1890. RUBBER GOODS.

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