

"LIVE WIRES" SEE SECOND WATERLOO

Downfall of Napoleon Bonaparte Kelly Forecast in Chamber Election

MURPHY OPENS ATTACK Old Guard in Commerce Board Doomed Tomorrow, Says Progressive

An attack on N. B. Kelly, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, who was termed a "second Napoleon," who sought to rule the world, but who would meet his Waterloo, was made today by A. S. Murphy in a statement issued in behalf of the "Constructive Program Committee" in favor of the "live wires."

The "live wires" were declared to be in the trenches fighting for a better Chamber of Commerce. The success of tomorrow's election was said to be assured. It was predicted that the "old guard" of the Chamber would get the "surprise of their lives."

In whirlwind style, the "live wires" have sought to close their campaign with a diatribe and personal appeal to more than 7000 of their friends scattered throughout the city.

The appeals were made by letters mailed yesterday and today. Answers already being received and votes in favor of the "Progressives" are said to have been assured. Judging from last night's information, the "live wires" say that victory virtually is within their grasp, and that the "old guard" is preparing for the rout.

No information was obtained from the Chamber of Commerce headquarters. The "live wires" installed at the beginning of the "insurance" evidently is still in force.

ATTACK ON KELLY The latest attack, launched today by Mr. Murphy, reads:

"Years ago Bonaparte sought to control the world. He met his Waterloo and passed away into exile.

"It would seem to me that history is repeating itself, and that another Napoleon Bonaparte (N. B. Kelly) is about to meet his Waterloo and may, perhaps, be sent into exile. It seems to me more than a coincidence that he has a 'French' connected with him.

"The 'live wires' and their friends are in the trenches. They are fighting for a better Chamber of Commerce and a greater Philadelphia.

"We look for success at the election tomorrow. From information which the committee has received, we have every reason to believe that the 'old guard' will be very much surprised.

"I have read with some interest a statement in one of yesterday's papers purporting to come from N. B. Kelly, in which he states that firms holding more than one membership in the Chamber of Commerce will be permitted to vote those memberships as a whole. In other words, that one member of the firm will be able to come to the election and cast the vote for the whole membership.

NOTES BY PROXY This is directly contrary to the statement contained at the head of the official ballot issued by the Chamber of Commerce. It reads, 'Voting by proxy shall not be permitted.' It also, in contrary to an agreement which I have had over the telephone with Mr. Kelly about one week ago, in this conversation he agreed that voting by proxy would not be legal, and as a verification of this he asked George Wentworth Carr, an attorney, to talk with me over the telephone.

"Mr. Carr outlined a similar situation, where in an organization in which he was a member, he was compelled, after looking up the law on the subject, to render a decision against his friends to the effect that voting by proxy in an organization similar to the Chamber of Commerce was not legal.

"As I had had legal advice on the subject before, I, of course, agreed with Mr. Carr and presumed that the matter then was settled."

FOUND SLAIN AND MUTILATED Man With No Known Enemies Found With Nose Cut Off

With his nose cut off and with stabs in his face and chest, Joseph Vital, thirty years old, who lived at the rear of 610 Fulton street, was found dead early today on the street near Spruce and Lombard streets. The wounds were probably made with a stiletto. No motive for murder has been discovered by detectives from the Third and the Lansky streets station.

A watch and chain and \$5.50 in cash found in the man's pockets eliminated the robbery theory and Vital's good name in the neighborhood led the police at a loss to trace the crime to personal enemies.

Vital was employed by the Philadelphia Electric Company and had been in this country about six years.

His brother and sister, with whom he lived, know of no enemies and they scout the idea of a Black Hand plot. No bruises were found on the body to indicate a struggle.

Barefoot Farmer Battles With Fire WEST CHESTER, Pa., Jan. 17.—Clad only in night clothing and in his bare feet with the thermometer registering twenty above zero, while snow covered the ground, J. R. Spring, a farmer of East Bradford township, near here, last night saved his home from destruction by fire caused by an exploding oil stove.



N. B. KELLY Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, who is roughly handled in a statement by A. S. Murphy.

NEW ATTACK LAUNCHED ON ASSESSMENT LISTS

Registration Board Asks Governor to Have Them Abolished, Saving \$110,000 Annually

The Board of Registration Commissioners of Philadelphia in its annual report, sent to Governor Brumbaugh today, recommends the abolition of the assessors' lists in this city and a more simplified election system.

The board asks that the Legislature modify the present laws to throw the work now done by the assessors to the division registrars. If the recommendation is adopted the voters will be required to appear only before the registrars on registration day and not before the assessors to have their names placed on the voting lists.

The change would mean an annual saving of \$110,000, the report says. There is an assessor for each of the 1311 election divisions in the city, and each assessor receives approximately \$55 annually.

The commissioners praise the work of the registrars. The report points out that of the 5244 registrars who sat at the last election, 2222 had been reappointed. They handled the largest registration in the history of the city, 305,581, and only seventy-eight appeals were made from their decisions. Of these, the report continues, fifteen were dismissed.

The recommendation from the report the board made one year ago, that the assessors be abolished, is reprinted and referring to it this year's report says:

"We have estimated that there would be an actual financial saving to the city of \$110,000 and a very great saving in convenience to the electors. It is our belief, founded on long experience in election matters, that the continuance of these assessors' lists is a source of confusion, and we therefore reiterate our recommendation of previous years, to the effect that the Legislature should enact a law abolishing the assessors' lists."

The division registrars, according to the report, are divided among political parties as follows: Republicans, 257; Democrats, 124; Socialist party, 77; Keystone, 13; Unaffiliated, 1.

Broker Held for Defrauding Woman READING, Pa., Jan. 17.—John A. Spangler, well-known Reading broker, was arrested today on a warrant issued by Magistrate Funn, charging him with embezzlement of \$600 belonging to Miss Emily Turner, of this city. Miss Turner alleges that she gave the defendant \$550 to invest for her and that she made \$252 clear of commissions on her investment. She declares that Spangler gave her only \$252 and kept the rest.

Meet and Eat at the Franscom's Restaurants Grand Banquet Coffee, 5c Cup 1232 Market St. 929 Market St. 1221 Chestnut St. 734 Market St.

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TRY TO SAVE WRECKAGE IN PENSION LIFE CASE

Subsidiary Society's Policyholders Hold Stormy Session to Solve Finance Issue

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 17.—An array of legal talent and 250 policyholders of the Pension Mutual Life Society waged a verbal war bordering on physical encounters for nearly four hours in the society's headquarters, 1901 Fifth avenue. The had gathered to adapt some plan of method by which the organization might be extricated from its financial difficulties.

The present predicament of the society, which is a combination of the American Life and Annuity Society and the order of the Pension Mutual Life Society, was the order of the day. It is due to the litigation about three months ago concerning the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company, which acted as its trustee. The Pension Mutual Company's assets are now in the custody of the State Banking Commissioner, who is trying to untangle and liquidate them.

In addition to the 250 policyholders present in person approximately 1000 were represented by proxy. The quarrel, which began to manifest itself immediately at the opening of the meeting, had its inception in an objection to the power exercised at the meeting by one man, R. H. Nicholson, by virtue of the 748 proxies which he held.

"We have gathered here from all over the state," he has traveled from 50 to 200 miles to be present, and why should we permit one man to dominate this meeting and have the power to decide what should be done," shouted a policyholder from a far-off corner of the big assembly room.

At this juncture it was announced that Charles H. Fritch, of Pittsburgh, also was the holder of many proxies.

"Well, then, let Mr. Nicholson and Mr. Fritch stay here and settle the matter themselves; we'll go home," indignantly cried another policyholder.

After two hours of wrangling between attorneys, stockholders and holders of proxies, a committee of four was elected to ascertain from the policyholders what plan of adjustment they advocated.

The following committee was named: S. H. Nicholson and Charles H. Fritch, of Pittsburgh; W. A. Nicholson, of Kittanning; and Dr. L. D. Kalle, of Knox, Pa.

The committee has met to map out a plan of work and procedure. They will report back to the policyholders at a special meeting.

NOTE LEADS TO SUICIDE

Boy Finds Philadelphia's Body After Reading Warning on Door

MILLVILLE, N. J., Jan. 17.—When Owen Smith, a son of a farmer on Malaga turnpike, a mile north of Millville, went to the home of a neighbor he found pinned on the door a note which read, "Look in the cellar." Acting thereon, he discovered the body of William Robinson hanging by a rope tied to a rafter. The man had left a note saying he was tired of life.

Robinson's home was in Philadelphia and he had been visiting relatives, who were absent from home when he killed himself. The coroner gave a verdict of suicide.

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FARMINGTON SOCIETY MEETS

Miss Louise Wickham, of New York, Honor Guest Here

Miss Louise Wickham, Jr., president of the Farmington Lodge Society, of New York, was the guest of honor today at the annual luncheon of the Farmington Society of Philadelphia at the Acorn Club.

In an interesting address Miss Wickham told of the recent work of the Farmington Lodge and submitted the annual report.

Mrs. Charles H. Ludington presided. The luncheon committee included Mrs. Arthur Sewall, Mrs. Louis Lemoine, Mrs. Virginia Lippincott, Mrs. Jean W. Roberts, Jr., and Mrs. Howard Butcher, Jr.

About fifty members attended. The local organization has a membership of 125.

WEDS HIS WIFE'S NURSE

Fatal Illness of Spouse Leads to New Romance for Millionaire

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—Joy Morton, multi-millionaire president of a mail company, and Miss Margaret Grey, former nurse and companion to Mr. Morton's first wife, who died eighteen months ago, were married here.

Mr. Morton is a brother of Paul Morton, Secretary of the Navy in President Roosevelt's first Cabinet.

Eye Talks A Series of Eye Talks No. 119 Our Next Talk Tues., Jan. 23 By Joseph C. Ferguson, Jr. HERE is a form of eye trouble, professionally known by the formula, "Myopia," or "Nearsightedness." It is most common to children whose diet and habits are uncorrected and whose dioptries are high. It is generally first indicated by a simple, which first appears either on the white or the gray part of the eye. This is but one of the many eye troubles that have their beginning in other parts of the body, and serves to show who those who prescribe relief should be capable from both the optical and a medical standpoint. The oculist is the only one so qualified. Whenever you have cause to believe that your eyes need attention, consult an oculist. Then, in the event that glasses are necessary, have the prescription made by a capable oculist. J. C. Ferguson, Jr. Prescription Oculist 6, 8 & 10 South 15th St. We Do NOT Examine Eyes. "Talk" from a copyright series. All rights reserved.

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Wealthy Shore Woman Dies

ATLANTIC CITY, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Elizabeth A. Barstow, widow of Joseph Barstow, who organized the Atlantic City Gas Company and said to be the owner of more real estate than any other woman in the city, is dead, aged eighty years.

Disputes Disrupt Trade Chamber

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—The American-Norwegian Chamber of Commerce, an international trade-promotion organization formed in August, 1915, was dissolved here. Disputes among members over questions of business policy was given as the cause of the organization's disruption.

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