

TEXTBOOK TRUST GAINS FIRST GRIP

Rural School Directors Assent to Plan for Increase in Prices

WILL BACK NEW BILL

American Company Dines Visitors at Capitol, Who Readily Succumb

By a Staff Correspondent HARRISBURG, Feb. 9.—The Public School Text Book trust made its appearance here in full strength last night and today, when it staged a convention of the rural school directors throughout the State, to get their support for a bill which is to be introduced in the Legislature soon and which provides for a standard textbook for all studies and at an increase of price to the State.

The school directors pledged their support. They lunched and stayed at local hotels during their stay and the bills were all paid by the American Text Book Company, which has a monopoly on the textbook sales.

Stevadores on Strike to Aid Sugar Workers

Continued from Page One strike, and today stores of refined sugar in wholesale grocery plants and chain stores are nearly exhausted.

PRICES BOOSTED Some of the wholesale houses are entirely out of refined sugar, and have no hope of getting more. While the wholesale price remains the same, hundreds of retail grocers throughout the city today took advantage of the scarcity to advance the price. They have boosted the price from eight to ten and twelve cents per pound. Unless the strike is broken and the refining of sugar resumed, wholesalers predict sugar will be selling for fifteen and twenty cents per pound in Philadelphia within a week.

An officer of the Girard Grocery Company, a wholesale firm which supplies several hundred retail grocers throughout the city, said today: "The situation is quite serious. We are getting only about fifty per cent of our normal consignments of refined sugar, but we are making every effort to supply the actual needs of our customers. Philadelphia will soon be in a very bad way for refined sugar unless this strike is broken."

Ex-Sheriff A. Lincoln Acker, of the Finley Acker Company, said:

The shortage in refined sugar is rapidly becoming more serious. We are supplying our customers now, but we don't know what the future will bring forth.

An official of the W. J. McCahan Sugar Refining Company, one of the companies affected by the strike, said:

Our normal output of refined sugar is 3000 barrels daily. We are not delivering now to anybody because we cannot get anybody to deliver the little amount we have on hand.

Philadelphia can't get no relief from the outside, for New York is crippled by the strike in the Brooklyn plant of the American Company. It is a very bad situation, which threatens to spread over the entire country. In Cuba I have learned that the output of raw sugar is being threatened by labor troubles.

The normal output of the Franklin Company, another company affected, is about 6000 barrels daily, and the Pennsylvania Company manufactures about the same amount under ordinary conditions. Not a barrel is being moved from either of those plants.

Notwithstanding the conditions and the growing scarcity, the wholesale price of refined sugar has not advanced, and the refiners say they will not advance the price. The price still hangs at \$6.75 per hundred pounds.

RAW SUGAR UP The wholesale price of raw sugar advanced today from \$4.89 to \$5.02, despite the glut in the raw product caused by the closing of the refineries.

In explaining the advance in raw sugar, a representative of the Pennsylvania Company, the third refinery closed by the strike, said:

The market is glutted with raw sugar because of the stopping of exports by the German submarines campaign and the closing of the refineries by strikes.

Under the circumstances the price should go down, but the raw sugar industry is controlled by the Cuban firm of Cernikow-Rionda in New York, and this firm has a habit of forcing the price up when it should go down. In other words, this firm virtually has a corner on the raw sugar market.

According to advices from New York, England has bought much more Cuban sugar than is generally supposed in the United States, and English buyers are said to be on the point of closing another big purchase.

Killing of Children May Precipitate War

Continued from Page One Anthony's Catholic Church, Gray's Ferry road and Fitzwater street. They also attended the parochial school of that church. Cornelius, the oldest child, was born at 2518 Panama street, April 20, 1904. Dr. Edward V. Clark, 1311 South Broad street, was called to attend to the mother, he said today, but he saw another physician because he had another case at the time. Doctor Clark remembered the incident very well, he said.

The children had lived in Philadelphia virtually all their lives. Their mother on many occasions expressed the wish that they become Americans.

Details of the death of the children after the sinking of the California have not been forthcoming. It is not known whether they were able to leave the ship or perished from exposure. Many of those who know them while in this city expressed horror at the suffering they must have undergone.

Mrs. O'Donnell and her husband are said to have separated three years ago. She then obtained work in the Kirkbride laundry, in West Philadelphia, in an effort to support her family. She finally listened to the pleas of her family and decided to move her small family to their home in Scotland.

Mrs. O'Donnell left Philadelphia January 28. They sailed the next day on the California. Early Wednesday morning the liner was torpedoed without warning off the Irish coast.

The O'Donnells' hardships in this country and the fear that she would be compelled to separate from her children if she stayed here gave her no choice but to brave the unknown, according to one of her best friends in this city, who for three years worked side by side with her in the Kirkbride laundry. This former cowworker parted with Miss Alison in the laundry, in praising Mrs. O'Donnell's bravery in her struggles to keep her little family together.

Mrs. O'Donnell was a neat, respectable little woman, said her friend. "Her only dissatisfaction with America was that she could not earn enough money to support her children. The second boy she put in a Catholic preparatory and she was afraid that the others would have to go, too. This is what made her accept her parents' invitation to come back to Scotland."

"I really don't know if she was afraid of the submarines; but even if she was what could the poor woman do? She had to go back to Scotland or see her children starve and separate from her. After they grew up and were old enough to support her she intended coming back to America."

A pathetic story of Mrs. O'Donnell's struggle in this city was told by Mrs. Ida C. Wilde, 216 North Thirty-eighth street, with whom the O'Donnells made their home. "Although she made every effort to appear cheerful in the letters she sent home," Mrs. Wilde said, "Mrs. O'Donnell's parents in Scotland got an inkling of her distress and repeatedly urged her to go to Scotland."

"Mrs. O'Donnell loved America. She had told me many times that it was the most wonderful country in the world. She said, however, that although she wanted her children to be Americans, she realized she could never give them what they needed in this country and decided to leave for Scotland and home."

According to Mrs. Wilde, the mother was well-educated and refined. Her parents are well to do, and Mrs. O'Donnell had never worked until forced to do so to support her children.

Father Curran spoke in high praise of Mrs. O'Donnell. "She was a faithful and hard-working woman," he said. "Her husband took to drink some years ago. I saw her only recently. She came to the parish house and told me she intended to cross to Scotland."

"When I asked her if she was not afraid of the ship being torpedoed by a submarine, she said: 'Well, I get along all right. Nothing will happen to us.'"

City Hall Appointments City appointments today include William W. Bender, 1212 South Fifty-seventh street, roadman, Bureau of Surveys, salary \$800; Anna M. Dannenberg, 213 South Fifteenth street, hospital clerk, Bureau of Charities, \$700, and Frank S. Craig, 3013 Montague street, machinist, Bureau of Water, \$3.75 a day.

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WATCHMAN ACCUSED OF SHOOTING YOUNG MAN

Frank O'Neill in Hospital Suffering From Serious Pistol Wound

Frank O'Neill, twenty-two years old, of 232 North Hoke street, is in Hahnemann Hospital, suffering from a gunshot wound in the side, which may result fatally. Daniel Gallagher, sixty years old, of 1322 Vine street, a watchman employed at Broad and Cherry streets, is locked up at the Fifteenth and Vine streets police station, charged with the shooting.

Gallagher was held without bail today by Magistrate Tracy, of the Fifteenth and Vine streets station, to wait the outcome of O'Neill's wound. O'Neill identified Gallagher as the man who shot him, in an afternoon statement today to Magistrate Tracy.

Gallagher declares he fired his revolver in self-defense when he was set upon by two men who attempted to beat him up at the suffering they must have undergone. North Twenty-third street, who was in O'Neill's company when the latter was shot, told the police that the watchman recognized Gallagher as the man who shot him, in an afternoon statement today to Magistrate Tracy.

The men who deliver your newspaper in the rain, in the sleet, in the snow and every other sort of weather came into their own last night when the Philadelphia Morning Paper Carriers' Protective and Beneficial Association staged its annual banquet and dance at the Moore auditorium, Broad below Market street.

Three hundred members of the association and their wives attended the banquet, at which speeches were made by owners and representatives of morning papers, including Cyrus H. K. Curtis, George R. Mundy, James L. Farley, I. P. Tutherford, John C. Martin and E. H. Virginia.

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THREE MEN DIE WHEN MINE GANGWAY BREAKS Hungarian Laborers, Leaving Wives and Children, Suffocated Under Debris in Accident

MAHANOEY CITY, Pa., Feb. 9.—Three men are dead as a result of a counter gangway collapsing in the East Bear Ridge mine last night. They are William Markus, thirty years old, a contract miner, having a wife and four children, Mahanoy Place; Martin Melnick, twenty-eight years old, laborer of Corttown, having a wife and two children in Austria, and Mimi Inspector Lamb and Superintendent Pierce reached Melnick at 10 o'clock last night. Markus was taken from his tomb at 8 o'clock this morning. Both were badly bruised, but it is believed that death was due to asphyxiation.

Markus was the last to die, as for hours he communicated through a tube with his rescuers and frantically implored them to save him.

The mine is owned by Cook & Brooks coal operators, of Scranton and Baltimore.

Falling Fire Ruins Crash Four LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 9.—Three men were mortally hurt this morning when they were buried under a wall that fell from the fire-wrecked building of the Standard Garment Company in Columbia. It required almost ten minutes to dig them from under the debris. They were taken to the Columbia Hospital, where they are dying. They are Harry Wolf, Henry Shembrook and John Eiker.

NEWSPAPER CARRIERS OF CITY AT BANQUET

Owners and Representatives of Papers Address Men and Women at Feasting Port

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Advertisement for Valentine Flowers, Charles Henry Fox, The Sign of the Rose, Broad St. below Walnut No. 221.

Advertisement for Joseph G. Darlington & Co., 1126-1128 Chestnut Street. The New Spring Colored Cotton Dress Goods.

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French Printed Voiles. 40 in. wide. \$1.50, \$1.65, \$2.00 and \$2.50 yd.

English Voile. Blue, Pink, Green, Helió. Yellow ground with white woven stripes. 38 in. wide. 85c yd.

English Voile. Black and white in a variety of patterns. 36 and 40 in. 50c, 75c, 85c and \$1.00 yd.

English Voile. Persian designs. 38 inches wide. 85c per yd.

Plain Colored Voile. Wide range of Colors. 36 and 40 in. wide. 25c, 50c and 65c per yd.

Advertisement for DRINK Mountain Valley Water. TO GET WELL, TO KEEP WELL. For Bright's Disease, Rheumatism, Diabetes, etc. Sample it FREE 718 Chestnut St. Phone Walnut 3497.

Fifteenth and Vine streets station, for a further hearing a week from today.

Hamilton, whose home is at 109 North Broad street, Trenton, was arrested at the Central Young Men's Christian Association yesterday afternoon by Detectives Creeden and Malone. Several well-known Philadelphians are said to have been victims.

Advertisement for Mawson & DeMany, 1115 Chestnut Street (Opposite Keith's).

Fur News For the First Saturday of This Great One-Half Sale

Words fail to express the splendid success of this Annual February Sale.

Breaking Sales Records has become a mere daily routine in the avalanche of business that we have attained the first five days of this one-half-off event.



The quality and value of each and every item is positively far beyond the expectations of even the most critical.

Only the actual inspection of these furs will convince you of the wonderful opportunity these prices afford.

Read Every Item Carefully

Fur Coats

Table listing fur coats with columns for Regularly, Now, and various styles like Russian Pony, French, 3 French Seal Coats, etc.

Fur Sets

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For Thrifty Investors Purchases will be reserved in our storage vaults until next fall on payment of a deposit. Payments to be continued during the spring and summer.

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