

MAIL TUBE SERVICE UP TO BURLESON

House Refuses Specifically to Direct Their Maintenance in Philadelphia and Elsewhere

BOURSE MEN UNDISMAYED

Believe Appropriation for Purpose Will Influence the Postmaster General

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The House of Representatives today refused specifically to direct Postmaster General Burleson to continue the pneumatic mail tube service in every city where it is now maintained.

The Postmaster General has made it plain to Congress that he would substitute automobile service for the pneumatic tube service in every city except New York, unless forced to extend the pneumatic service by Congressional direction.

Representatives of the Philadelphia trade bodies who have been fighting to retain the pneumatic tube service do not foresee any great danger in the action taken by the House of Representatives today in refusing specifically to direct Postmaster General Burleson to continue the service.

"I foreshadowed this action while talking with several friends about two weeks ago. I did not believe the House would agree to accept the compulsory amendment made by the Senate on the floor. It is a case of give and take. The bill must be sent in conference with the two legislative branches, and I believe it will be agreed upon to accept the Senate amendment.

"To accept the amendment on the floor would be setting a precedent that the House does not want to establish. It is a case of practical politics. The House will have the opportunity of trading with the Senate on some other issue.

"It must be remembered that the House has also passed the appropriation measure for the maintenance of the pneumatic tube service, and despite the reported position of the Postmaster General to the effect that he will substitute automobile service for the tube service, I doubt if he will uphold that position and not use the appropriation funds for the purpose for which they were provided.

"After all, the Postmaster General is like the President. He is an officer under the laws of the country. This includes the appropriation laws that are passed by the legislative bodies. They are the mandates of the people."

CYNWYD WOMEN URGED TO HELP HOUSING FIGHT

State Federation's Civics Chairman Says Industrial Activity Has Greatly Aggravated Problem

The housing of six men in one room, the habitation of thousands of dark cellars, the breeding of immorality through overcrowded conditions and the coupling up of the drunk problem with that of housing were dwelt upon by Mrs. H. G. Cochrane, chairman of civics of the State Federation of Pennsylvania Women, who made an address today on "Housing and Temperance" to the Women's Club of Cynwyd in the Church of the Government at Cynwyd, Pa.

Mrs. Cochrane said the public was under the impression that present prosperity and the abundance of jobs had favorably modified the housing problem. The opposite is true, according to the speaker.

Prosperity has amplified the problem, increased industrial activity and brought thousands of additional workers to the city who must be housed somewhere, and the line of least resistance seems to be the placing of two, three or more families in houses built for one.

"This condition," said Mrs. Cochrane, "quickly leads to the foundation of the tenement. Tenements are not only more profitable to draw rent from three families than from one."

For the elimination of housing evils Mrs. Cochrane suggested that serious attention be paid to city planning and that factory and mill owners be urged to see that their best interests lie in the proper housing of their employes.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

- Samuel Worsell, 1749 Frankford ave., and Kathryn Storz, 121 W. Lura st., apt. 1. John H. Robinson, 2028 Fairhill st., and Marion Cross, 2841 Locust st. Louis Rosenberg, 1820 S. Newkirk st., and Henrietta Newman, 2433 Coral st. Louis G. Lober, 1525 N. 7th st., and Sara Harsh, 1828 N. 2nd st. Edmund P. McCann, 235 N. 14th st., and Eugene F. Wobbe, Jersey City, N. J. Nelson St. Peter, 406 E. 18th st., and Irene G. Martin, 806 N. 16th st. William P. Ferrara, 401 E. 18th st., and Mary V. Moriarty, 2217 Eastaugh st. Charles Van Horn, Huston, Pa., and Sarah S. Brown, Huston, Pa. William Osterman, 4277 Grissom st., and Jennie R. Hoffman, 4429 Edgerton st. Patrick Neary, 2424 Hilton st., and Bridie Kelly, 1608 Hill st. Harold E. Hansen, 2408 S. Front st., and Rebecca Brummond, 2417 S. Front st. Samuel Kelly, 8401 1/2 Cuthbert st., and Emma Edwards, 1812 Lombard st. Gustav Samer, 1440 E. Orleans st., and Marie Reagan, 3062 Ruth st. Henry Rish, 719 S. 46th st. Isidor Lew, 1222 S. Leffingow st., and Doris Kelley, 4518 Tenth st. Patrick McManus, 1854 N. 20th st., and Lily Hara O'Brien, 1812 S. 20th st. Morris Wachs, 181 Lombard st., and Roba Wachs, 1814 S. 20th st. Joe Kravatz, Windsor Hotel, and Boyce Alexander, Windsor Hotel. E. A. Kabers, 2247 N. 16th st. Charles J. Gibbs, Jr., 3834 Webster st., and Annie O. Shaner, Madison Heights, Va. Herbert C. Mercer, 2028 Bainbridge st., and Wilhelmina Miles, 1417 B. 15th st., and Elodie A. Kabers, 2247 N. 16th st. Max M. Waxman, 808 S. 54th st., and Rose V. Makarsky, 2922 S. 54th st. Harold R. Mohr, 3130 N. Hancock st., and Margaret Millard, 2922 S. 54th st. James P. Ascoug, Jr., 2114 N. 7th st., and Jennie F. Chalmers, 1615 S. Indiana ave. William S. Wilbur, 1547 N. 12th st., and Ethel Smith, 227 N. 5th st. Meyer Selzer, 1524 N. Marshall st., and Jennie Lynn, 928 N. 2d st. John McMill, 124 N. 25th st., and Elsie A. Carr, 2410 N. 33d st.

PRIMO DYE WORKS

Extends a hearty welcome to the Penna. State Cleaners and Dyers now in session at the Hotel Bingham.

'BOOZE' FORCES MENACE MAHANAY CITY MINISTERS

Remonstrants Against Licenses Receive Skull-and-Crossbones Missives

POTTSVILLE, Feb. 21.—It developed today in the hearing of the application of saloonkeepers of Mahanoy City, that the Rev. T. H. Renshaw, of the Primitive Methodist Church, the remonstrant, and Rev. D. R. Longmire, of the Salem United Evangelical Church, and Rev. G. M. Smith, of the Presbyterian Church of that city, who have been active in the opposition to the licenses, have received a number of skull and crossbones notices by mail. The cards were similar in design and were inscribed: "We're after you. Leave town at once. Your life is in danger. Signed by 500 cross and skull bones." The postal authorities will be requested to run down the senders of these threatening missives through the mails.

MEDICAL SCHOOLS AID 'DRY PARKWAY' FIGHT

Y. M. C. A. Gets Help of Students, Druggist, Apartment Manager and Others

The latest stage of the "booziness Parkway" fight centers about the Hahnemann Medical College and the Medical-Chirurgical College, where petitions are being circulated against the applications for transfer of the liquor establishment of Daniel J. Kopp, proprietor of Kopp's Cafe, 42 North Broad street, and Joseph Pentony, of 1431 Filbert street. Both men are urged to move by the extension of the Parkway to Broad street. They want to move to Fifteenth and Arch streets.

George W. Braden, director of instruction of the Central Y. M. C. A., which is conducting a relentless war against the proposed transfers, obtained the co-operation of the heads of both medical institutions. A number of students have been enlisted by Mr. Braden to get signatures of students.

The Tenth Ward, the scene of the struggle, is virtually flooded with remonstrance petitions, being circulated by churches, schools, storekeepers, the Y. M. C. A., the Young Friends Association and others. The owner of a drug store property at Fifteenth and Arch streets has prepared a property owner's remonstrance, while the lessee has a petition he is urging his employers to sign. Residents of the Fidelity Apartments, 1415 Arch street, are being asked by Miss Edith A. Tryon, manager of the apartments, to sign a petition.

Meanwhile, Edward H. Bonnell, J. William Martin and H. R. Robbins, of the special committee of the Y. M. C. A., in charge of the fight, have been diligently at work with Franklin Spencer Edmonds, attorney for the anti-boozers faction, preparing a huge pile of data that will be presented before the Quarter Sessions Court, where the plans of the applicants will be heard March 5.

The larger number of saloons already located in the Tenth Ward is one of the strong arguments that the "booziness Parkway" advocates will advance at the hearings. There is a saloon to every seventy-five registered voters in the ward, according to L. W. Fountain, house manager of the Central Y. M. C. A. This, he asserts, is a strong legal point, in view of the recent opinion of the Supreme Court that it is not necessary to have a saloon for every 100 voters.

Mr. Fountain said: "We can't conceive the influential men, merchants, advocates of civic betterment and politicians, who have spent years fighting for the Parkway, allowing it to be spoiled by saloons, huge electric beer signs and the results of the saloons that can be seen daily on the streets. Nor can we understand why a visitor arriving at Broad Street Station should be greeted with this sight at the foot of our Parkway. Often the visitor cannot see the entire city, but forms his impression by the things that first greet his eyes."

"JOY RIDE" HAS USUAL END Naval Y. M. C. A. Guest Winds Up in Magistrate's Court

After a "joy ride" in the southern part of the city in the small hours of the morning, Frank Remmy, twenty-two years old, stopping at the naval branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, was held in \$500 bail by Magistrate Beaton for stealing an automobile. Two young women, describing themselves as Esther Wheeler and Veronica Dougherty, twenty-two years old, of Sixth and Wolf streets, who were in the machine when the arrest was made, were discharged. The complaint against Remmy was Wood Robinson, of Sixth street and Redgley avenue.



MARCUS S. HOTTENSTEIN Young Allentown lawyer, who recently resigned as assistant United States Attorney General to take up the private practice of law in New York.

COMPULSORY CLEANING OF CLOTHES NOW URGED

State Association of Cleaners and Dyers Offer Scheme to Guard School Children

A campaign was launched in Philadelphia today to force parents of all school children to have the pupils' clothes dry-cleaned at least once a year to prevent the ravages of infectious diseases.

The measure was launched at the opening of the annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Association of Cleaners and Dyers at the Hotel Bingham. The convention will last two days.

John L. Cooley, of St. Louis, secretary of the National Association of Dyers and Cleaners, who originated the idea, said that census reports showed that there were three times as many deaths and cases of contagious diseases among pupils in the second year of school than in the first.

This increase, he explained, is due to the dirt and dust that the children accumulate on their clothes during the first term.

TO PREVENT DISEASE Mr. Cooley announced that if the campaign was successful in this city the clothes of all school children would be dry-cleaned at least once a year. If the parents are too poor to pay for the cleaning, the cleaners will do the work free of charge. The measure is being launched here principally for the purpose of preventing disease, he said.

Mr. Cooley said that the plan already had been adopted in western cities and that results had been very favorable. He is in Philadelphia, he explained, to ask the co-operation of the health authorities, children's aid societies and social service organizations.

The scheme is to have one week set aside during the Christmas holidays to have all the clothes of school children dry-cleaned. In some cases, Mr. Cooley said, children probably would have to stay indoors during that time, as many only have one suit of clothes.

PLAN MEETS FAVOR The delegates present expressed themselves as heartily in favor of the plan. It was said that the success of the campaign in this city was dependent to a great extent upon the unanimous support of the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia dyers.

Mr. Cooley said that he had conceived the idea as the result of experience with his own children. His seven-year-old son, he said, had contracted at various times three contagious childhood diseases while at school and these had spread among his three other children.

It was explained that one teaspoonful of city dust had been found to contain as many as 1,500,000 disease-bearing germs. The cleaning of clothes, it was said, would prove, at least, an effective check against children's diseases.

H. L. Solomon, of Columbus, member of the national association, will address the convention this afternoon on "Co-operative Advertising."

Officers of the State association are: I. A. Weller, of Sharon, president; H. A. Cross, of Allentown, vice president; I. W. Murphy, of Pittsburgh, secretary; G. Earl Smith, of Wilkes-Barre, treasurer.

City News in Brief

MARYLAND CASUALTY COMPANY employees were guests at a dinner tendered by John T. Stone, president, at the Hotel Walton last night. John W. Donahue, resident manager, was presented with a pair of marine glasses by the department heads. The Philadelphia office was praised by Mr. Stone. A dance followed the dinner.

A STABBING AFFRAY of two months ago was revived today when Pasquale Caello, nineteen years old, 247 Rittenhouse street, was arrested and held in \$1200 bail by Magistrate Pennock, of the Germantown station, accused of stabbing and clubbing Henry Johns, of Stroudsburg, December 15, 1916. Caello, who has been a fugitive, used a club and a stiletto with a seven-inch blade, the police said.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL Social Union has received more than 450 new members at its February meeting, held in Park Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church. The large accession, which was due to the efforts of Clarence D. Antrim, chairman of the membership committee, brings the enrollment to more than 800. Cyrus D. Posa, Jr., president.

CERCLE FRANCAIS of Temple University presented Theodore de Banville's play, "Gringore," in the ballroom of the Bellevue-Stratford for the benefit of French war orphans. The play was followed by a dance. The ballet was directed by Miss C. Anita Preston.

SAMUEL B. PARES has accepted the general secretaryship of the Philadelphia County Sunday School Association, and will assume his new duties April 1. He was formerly instructor in physics at Wilkes-Barre High School.

THE ITALIAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY held its forty-seventh annual charity ball last night in Musical Fund Hall, more than 2000 attended. Officers of the association are: President, Giovanni M. Quercia, vice president, Romualdo V. H. Nardi, secretary, Tommaso A. Del Vecchio, assistant secretary, Pietro Romagnolo, treasurer, Vito A. Del Vecchio.

AUTOMOBILE CLUB of America members today received from the board of directors an appeal for contributions for a fully equipped automobile to be presented to the American Ambulance Corps in France. Large returns are expected. Plans for the purchase of the ambulance already have been made.

PROFESSOR WHOLES dancing carnival was held last night in the Academy of Music. More than 200 children took part. The program included forty-five numbers, with Hawaiian, Russian and other dancing. Miss Edna Wron, daughter of Professor Wron, was premiere in many of the dances.

CAMDEN

BABY SHOW WILL BE THE feature of the Polter Carnival in the Third Regiment Armory, Haddon avenue and Mickle street, Camden. Five prizes will be offered and the winners will be picked at 5 o'clock by several out-of-town women. Interest continues in the "queen contest," which closes Saturday. Mayors E. Wolff leads with Miss Emma Freitag pushing her close.

EAST SIDE NEW YEAR'S Association, of Camden, will give a ball and cake cutting in Turner's Hall, Fifth and Pine streets, Camden, Friday night. Many Philadelphia mummies will attend.

SEWELL CLUB OF CAMDEN will open new quarters on State street tomorrow night with a banquet. President Frank H. Ryan will be toastmaster and David E. Peterson will be the principal speaker. The committee in charge includes: Edward Ryan, Willie Sedgley, John Hanson and Charles Klein.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY will have to build conduits on Baird avenue and Park Boulevard to carry their wires along these thoroughfares. This follows the action of the street committee of councils, which refused to permit the erection of poles in this section.

GIRL STRANGELY MISSING FEDERALSBURG, Md., Feb. 21.—The disappearance of Miss Mary E. Carroll, seventeen years old, from her home in Finchville, near here, has caused much excitement in that village. Miss Carroll was last seen when she left the home of a friend in a carriage a week ago.

Cecil Wheatley, twenty years old, a sweetheart of the girl, was arraigned and held in \$1000 bail, charged with abduction. At the hearing, however, nothing was brought out to throw any light on the girl's whereabouts.

Confesses Murder and Robbery GREENSBURG, Pa., Feb. 21.—James Dantine, aged thirty-five years, has made a confession to the State police, they say, admitting the murder of Mrs. Louise Dalacere at her home in Jeannette, Saturday evening. Dantine had robbed the old woman of \$70, and it is alleged, angered because she protested, he killed her.

RAGPICKER LITTERS STREET; FINED; COURT SEES HE'S BLIND AND RELENTS

Middle-Aged Brothers Arrested, Tried and Made to Pay \$7.50 Each for Carelessness Before Magistrate Pennock Sees That One Cannot See

Two middle-aged men faced Magistrate Pennock today in the Germantown police station. They were the type of men who make their living collecting rubbish and junk. They had been arrested for violation of a city ordinance against scattering paper over the street, while "sweeping" the contents of waste paper boxes and baskets. The Magistrate ended the case quickly with a income. "Five dollars fine and costs," that meant \$7.50 from each defendant. "One of the defendants, with a look of resigned misery on his face, fished out \$15 and handed it to the clerk. Then he grasped the arm of the co-defendant and started to lead him from the courtroom. The co-defendant walked like a person uncertain of his way, and he held his free arm extended as if feeling for obstructions. "One of those men is blind," cried Magistrate Pennock sharply. "Here, you two men come back here. I have never fined a blind man yet, and I won't begin now. Here, clerk, give that blind man the money back." John Brady, clerk, obeyed, and there

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OVERCOATS \$16.50, \$18, \$20 and \$22.50 Overcoats, \$15.00

All Other Things That Men Wear Reduced Accordingly

At These Addresses Only Widener Bldg. Arcade. 926 Chestnut St. Juniper & Filbert Sts. 1338 & 40 South Penn Square

were happy expressions on the faces of the defendants as they left the courtroom. The men were Albert Lawrence, and B. T. Lawrence, brothers, of 2421 Douglas street. B. T. Lawrence has been blind for many years and his brother has stuck by him in his affliction.

Body of Old Man Taken From River The body of an unidentified man who was seen to fall into the Delaware River from the bulkhead at the foot of Spruce street on Monday night was recovered today.



Celebrate Father's Birthday at the Hanover

GEORGE, the "Father of Your Country," has another great birthday tomorrow, and we will celebrate with the usual "capacity house."

We regret that we have been unable to make a cake big enough to hold the 183 candles required, but we have instead good cats, excellent music, refined dancing and our prompt, "on-the-instant service."

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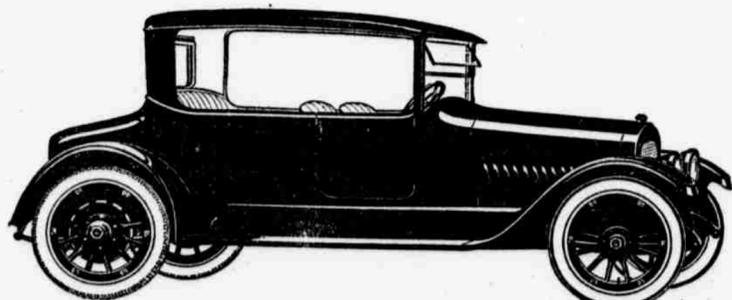
TOMORROW the Public Ledger will publish an article by Mr. W. C. Bullitt wherein it is shown that "freedom of the seas" is not a phrase designed to cover Germany's attempt to cripple British sea power, but a strictly American proposal, with a much broader interpretation than that usually given it.

The unhindered passage of merchantmen in time of war is of vital importance to America today as one means of averting the menace of a German-Russian-Japanese alliance after this war ends.

Mr. Bullitt advances a number of new and very pertinent arguments, and shows how President Wilson interprets the phrase. Read his article in

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