

Work of Draft Boards Here Criticized: Schools Need More Play Room, Says Garber: To Keep Johnson Art: Other City News

MORE LARGER PLAYGROUNDS FOR SCHOOLS

Superintendent John P. Garber Points to Need of Relieving Starvation

OLD METHODS OBSOLETE

Plans to Give Children 30 to 40 Feet of Space in New Buildings

The recreation facilities of the public school children in this city are still suffering from the condition of "starvation," caused by the financial situation prior to 1911, according to announcement made today by Superintendent John P. Garber.

There are sixty-one schools in Philadelphia, with less than ten square feet of playground per pupil. One school has but one and nine-tenths square feet for each child. This is the Florence School, Eighth and Catharine streets.

In the building of new schools it is planned to give each child between thirty and forty feet of playground space. In this way ample recreation facilities can be furnished. It is universally recognized now that play forms an important part in the education of a child.

It is the old schools, those built a generation ago, before the advent of modern scientific educational methods, that feel most sorely this lack of playrooms. The Campbell school, Eighth and Fitzner streets, with 1500 pupils, had no playground until a few months ago.

Old Methods Obsolete. The old idea in education was to teach the children the three R's and let it go at that. That play formed an important part of school work was unknown to educators of a generation ago.

Superintendent Garber said: "Consequently the school buildings of fifty years ago had no facilities for play. If there happened to be some ground left over after the school was built, well and good. No provision was made for playgrounds."

"We are doing the best we can to relieve this condition of inadequate playgrounds," Doctor Garber said. "We have a ground plan of every school in the city. As financial conditions permit, we purchase property near the schools lacking proper facilities and use them for recreative purposes."

Prior to 1911 the Board of Education had to go to City Council for appropriations. This system resulted in the starving of the school system in many respects. It was difficult to get the money to make the necessary improvements.

"Under the present law the Board of Education can fix the school tax at six mills. To go above this rate an act of Assembly is necessary. Many of our old schools have been converted in such a way as to make them satisfactory for present day use. Many more need remodeling, as well as increased recreative facilities."

Recreation Periods. Except for a short time each day, all the children of a school do not use the playground at the same time, Superintendent Garber pointed out. The usual custom is to have two recreations, in each of which half the children participate. Where the grounds are particularly limited, three recreation periods are arranged.

"This would not increase the capacities of the schools. It is but one part of the facilities needed to effect an increase. In addition to larger playgrounds and a longer day, we would have to have auditorium and gymnasium facilities."

"Smiling De" a School Visitor. Children of the Fifth Ward are today celebrating the election of Samuel De Coster, otherwise known as "Smiling De," as school visitor. De Coster was far ahead of the Republican ticket, according to latest reports.

Demurrers Delay Tagblatt Hearing. Demurrers are filed against Treason Charges in United States Court.

William A. Gray, attorney for the Tagblatt charges, today filed demurrers against the charges of treason and violation of the espionage law brought against five members of the Tagblatt staff by the United States court.

PHILADELPHIA "ROOKIES" ARRIVING AT CAMP MEADE



Members of the first draft quota from the Thirty-third, Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth Districts, all in West Philadelphia, reached the cantonment yesterday. The second contingent, from the Twelfth and Thirteenth Districts, from portions of the Nineteenth and Twentieth Wards, left today.

WILL PROBE DRAFT BOARD WORK HERE

Calling of Men Out of Order to Be Investigated, Following Complaints

OFFICIALS AT VARIANCE

Provost Marshal General Crowder has ordered an investigation of the drafting of men out of their proper order by Philadelphia district appeal and local draft boards and has requested an explanation through Governor Brumbaugh.

The General's office is in receipt of complaints from local draft boards that Philadelphia men are now at Camp Meade and scheduled to go within the next few days, who ought not to be there, under the meaning of the lottery system devised by the Provost Marshal General.

Delay in passing on the exemption appeals or on the industrial claims of many hundreds of men has automatically held them back from the first 45 per cent quota. Men considerably lower on the list have been sent by the local boards ahead of those whose order numbers placed them much nearer the top.

This delay lies between the fifty-one local draft boards of the city and the two district appeal boards. Either the local boards have been very tardy in sending their lists to the district boards for action or the latter have not acted quickly enough on the appeals to certify them back to the local boards in time for them to be called in their proper turn on the list.

Officials in General Crowder's office and the district appeal boards of this city are at variance. The former say that the men in each local draft section should have been sent to Camp Meade according to their proper order on the list, including all of those with appeals or claims pending.

In this way, they explain, those men farther down on the list who have not filed exemption requests would not be sent ahead of those that precede them in order number. This would be called "cutting in" and would make up the complement caused by the release from Camp Meade of those whose claims or appeals had been granted by the district boards.

6 PER CENT DIVIDENDS DECLARED UNEARNED

Superintendent of International Gas and Electric Company Testifies in Government Suit

In testimony given today at the trial of Clawson Bachman, Joseph T. Hayden and Amos H. Nissley in the Federal Court, P. E. Hickok, of Baltimore, Md., bore out allegations by the government that subsidiary companies of the International Gas and Electric Company never made enough profits to warrant the payment of 6 per cent dividends on the stock of the parent company.

The three defendants have been on trial before Judge Dickinson since Tuesday last, charged with conspiracy and using the mails to defraud in the sale of the stock of the International Company. Their firm of Bachman & Co. had no connection with the banking firm of H. F. Bachman & Co., 1512 Chestnut street.

Bachman, Hayden and Nissley, the Government alleges, sold nearly \$1,500,000 worth of the stock of the International Company, by representing to investors that seven subsidiary companies were in a flourishing condition, and that they were earning such large profits that a 6 per cent annual dividend was guaranteed.

Hickok, who was the operating superintendent of the International Company from 1911 until the company went into the hands of receivers in November, 1916, testified that the earnings of the subsidiaries were barely enough to pay the operating expenses. One of the companies, however, he said, was a paying proposition, and while he had earned a little more than operating expenses, the excess was hardly noticeable.

The Government alleges that the dividends, which were paid regularly, were not derived from earnings, but were paid out of cash subscriptions to stock. Witnesses so far called at the trial disclosed by the testimony that their investment in the International Company totaled \$112,000.

MAXIMUM SENTENCE FOR DOPE PEDDLER

Man Who Sold to Guards at Frankford Arsenal Sent to Jail for a Year

The maximum sentence provided by the recently enacted State law governing the illegal drug traffic was imposed today by Judge Patterson in Quarter Sessions Court on Charles Carr, 3084 Jasper street, who pleaded guilty to peddling dope to soldiers on guard at the Frankford Arsenal. Carr was given five years in the county prison.

For a long time Carr had been selling cocaine and other narcotics to soldiers on guard duty at the arsenal. A number of investigations were made before he was arrested by Lieutenant John O'Brien, in charge of the guards, who made an offer to buy \$1 worth of dope from Carr. The arrest took place on August 27, when Special Policeman Harris, of the Eighth and Wood streets station, took the defendant into custody just as he was about to give the drug to the lieutenant.

In passing the sentence on Carr, Judge Patterson again voiced his feeling against such offenders of the law. He declared that Carr's offense was the means of any of the cases of drug peddlers that he had had brought before him. So much depends on the alertness of a soldier, the judge said, especially when he is guarding such an important place, should he be deceived of his senses by the use of drugs while he was on guard duty, irreparable damage might be done to property and lives sacrificed through the use of such a drug.

TROLLEY CAR COLLIDES WITH FURNITURE VAN

Man Seriously Hurt, Truck Wrecked and Car Front Almost Demolished

One man was seriously injured, a moving van full of furniture wrecked and the front of a trolley car almost demolished in a collision today at Boulevard street and Columbia avenue. The automobile moving van belonging to the H. E. Haldeman Storage Company, Twenty-first street and Columbia avenue, was being driven by Clarence Haldeman, twenty-one years old, son of the proprietor. It was proceeding north on Boulevard street. A front and chestnut streets trolley car, route No. 51, was running west on Columbia avenue. The crash came in the middle of the block at the crossing. The truck was impelled twenty feet by the impact of the blow.

Four helpers on the van were thrown to the street. Fred Brown, negro, thirty-three years old, 1702 Norwood street, was struck by flying glass. He was picked up in an unconscious condition and rushed to the Woman's Homeopathic Hospital. It was found that an artery in his head had been severed. His condition is reported as satisfactory.

No arrests have been made. Haldeman says that one man was employed to do nothing but blow the horn of the van. Witnesses testify that the van was blown across the street. The tracks are being repaired at the crossing. The tracks are being repaired at the crossing. A large pile of bricks stands on one side of the street and it is thought that this prevented the motorist from the trolley car from seeing the approaching van.

ITALIAN ANNIVERSARY QUIETLY MARKED IN CITY

Sobering Influence of War Seen in Elimination of Parade and Festivities

Today is the big Italian holiday corresponding to our Fourth of July and to the French Fourteenth of July. In Italy, and in other years in this country, it has been celebrated with great acclaim. This year, however, the effect of the war is felt. In former years a parade was held in this city. This year there was no parade. A benefit will be held at the Garrick Theatre this evening under the auspices of the Italian Emergency Aid, of which Mrs. Benjamin Miller is chairman. The Italian war pictures will be viewed and an address delivered by Mrs. Miller.

September 29 is the day that the Italian troops stormed the Porta Pia and made their triumphant entrance into Rome. The Eternal City was thus made the capital of a United Italy. It was the General Count Ruffalo Cadorna who led these troops in 1870. Today his son, General Count Luigi Cadorna, is leading the Italian armies against the Austrians. The former was instrumental in the uniting of Italy; the latter is now looked to for the liberation of the Italians of the "Italia Irredenta" from the Austrian yoke.

Shop Meeting Fellowship Formed. Both the North Philadelphia and Kensington branches of the Y. M. C. A. have started shop work for the season. A campaign has been planned for tomorrow, with speakers at many of the large industrial plants in the northern section of the city. The two branches plan to cooperate in the work. M. D. Gehring is chairman and Miss Ruth Newcomb secretary of the Shop Meeting Fellowship, which was formed to conduct the campaign.

ASSERT CAPTIVE LED DUAL LIFE

Police Believe They Have "Afternoon" Thief Who Posed as Business Man

TRIED TO KILL COP

Another murderous attack upon a Philadelphia policeman—the third within the last twenty-four hours—was brought to light today in the arrest of Stanley Montford, of Seventeenth and Race streets. He was captured after a chase of several blocks by Policemen Costello, at Fifty-fifth and Whirby avenue.

Montford, who it is alleged stole a pocketbook from the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Kenney, 5721 Hoffman avenue, drew a pistol when the cop cornered him and tried to shoot. Costello downed Montford after a fight and disarmed him. Only a few hours before Detective Epley was killed by a New York gunman in the Fifth Ward, and Herbert Welsh, an alleged thief, tried to kill Acting Detective Kennedy at Fifty-second and Market streets when arrested on suspicion.

In the arrest of Montford, who is a well-dressed looking chap of affected importance, the police believe they have the "afternoon" thief who has been robbing scores of houses in West Philadelphia during the last few months. Among other things found on the prisoner when searched at the Sixty-fifth and Woodland avenue station was a note book containing a long list of addresses in the residential sections of the city. After some of these addresses was a peculiar mark. District Detectives Quigley and Prinz, who examined Montford, believe that the queer marks opposite each name indicate that the house designated has been robbed or was slated for robbery by Montford in the near future.

The arrest of Montford, incidentally, shattered a romance which had been progressing nicely for the last five years. Montford left his wife in a happy frame of mind every morning, ostensibly to go to a real estate office, which was supposed to have a responsible position. According to the police his job was a myth, and he started out on a round of robberies through which he obtained enough to maintain himself and his wife at their Race street apartments.

Mrs. Montford, who is strikingly pretty, almost collapsed today when informed that her husband had been arrested for robbery. "I cannot believe it," she sobbed, "because he has been engaged in the real estate business for some time."

When the prisoner was arraigned before Magistrate Harris on the specific charge of robbing the house of Mrs. Kenney, the latter appeared against him. She said she believed her husband had been in the room on returning from an errand. He laughed derisively at her, she asserted, and ran from the house with the pocketbook containing several dollars. The woman then related how the neighborhood was in the chase until Costello overpowered the prisoner. Montford was held in \$2500 bail for a further hearing next Thursday.

SENATE ADOPTS REPORT ON ELEVEN-BILLION BILL

House Expected to Take Similar Action on Recommendation of Conference Tomorrow

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—The Senate today adopted a resolution report on the \$11,528,000,000 bond bill. The House is expected to agree to the report tomorrow. Senator Weeks held up adoption of the conference report for a time while he sought to learn from Senator Stone how the \$12,000,000,000 Congress is appropriating in various bills is being spent. "I am disturbed," said Weeks, "at the vast sums we are appropriating for the sorts of purposes. What is to be done with the \$4,000,000,000 authorized by this bill for loans to the Allies? Is it to be spent according to a prearranged plan, or just be loaned because somebody asks for it?" Stone said he knows of no plan. "Congress and the President have agreed the loans ought to be made," said Stone. "It's too late now to go back on that decision. The manner of making the loans is entirely in the hands of the executive branch of the Government."

GENERAL WHITE COMING

General W. A. White, head of the British recruiting commission in this country, will spend tomorrow in this city, according to an announcement made today at the branch office of the commission in the Hale Building. General White was formerly attached to Field Marshal French's staff. His headquarters is the Connaught Rangers. His headquarters is 280 Broadway, New York City. For some days past he has been in Washington conferring with Government officials.

Kick in Stomach Fatal. Killed in the stomach during a fight last Tuesday, James Baswell, twenty-one years old, a negro, 2065 Tasker street, died in St. Agnes's Hospital.

CAPTAIN THIERICHENS MUTE IN U. S. COURT

Former Commander of German Raider Refuses to Plead When Arraigned

Arraigned in the Federal Court today on a charge of sending obscene letters to Anna M. Vondran, a kindergarten teacher of Saginaw, Mich., Captain Max V. Thierichens, former commander of the German raider Prinz Eitel Friedrich, stood mute, and by direction of Judge Dickinson a plea of not guilty was entered for him.

William A. Gray, counsel for Thierichens, asked that the arraignment be postponed on the ground that he had not seen the indictment against his client. Judge Dickinson, however, said that the arraignment was a mere formality, and that if later on Mr. Gray wanted to have the plea withdrawn, permission would be given. Gray, however, elected to have the German captain remain mute.

There are three other indictments against Captain Thierichens, one charging him with conspiracy, another with smuggling nineteen ship clocks from the Prinz Eitel Friedrich, and a third with violating the Mann white slave act. No date has been set for the trial.

"OVER-COUNTER" BOND SALE GAINS GROUND

Subscriptions Roll Into City Hall Early, Swelling Total to \$6,142,600

At 3 p. m. sales of the city's new 4 per cent fifty-year bonds for today aggregated \$250,000, making the total subscriptions to far \$6,142,600. The total subscriptions yesterday were \$1,261,600, making the total amount of bonds taken on the first three days of the sale \$2,392,600, or more than two-thirds of the entire issue of \$3,225,000. Including \$1,000,000 which the Sinking Fund Commission will subscribe before the end of the week, the total sales now amount virtually to \$2,392,600.

Small buyers were not so numerous yesterday as on Monday or Tuesday, and it was suggested as one of the reasons that because of the primary many possible applicants believed the public offices in City Hall would be closed. Of the more than forty individual buyers twenty-five were women. The Girard National Bank invested \$200,000 in the bonds and two other financial institutions took \$200,000 each, while the remainder of the subscriptions yesterday was made up of lesser amounts from various concerns and from individuals.

The daily sales of the bonds have been as follows: Monday, \$2,016,800; Tuesday, \$1,614,200, and yesterday, \$1,261,600.

MAN AND WOMAN INJURED

Nancy Butterworth Goes to Hospital After Truck and Car Collide

Joseph Dimper, thirty years old, of 255 Voder street, driver of a coal truck, and Nancy Butterworth, forty-two years old, of 411 South Lehigh street, were thrown from the truck this morning when it collided with a trolley car at Wayne avenue and Berkey street. Both received lacerations and general contusions. Dimper had his injuries dressed by a neighboring physician, but the woman was taken to the Germantown Hospital.

\$10,000 for U. of P. Provost's House

A check for \$10,000, the first payment from the General Alumni Society of the University of Pennsylvania toward the provost's house, has been turned over to Provost Edgar Fahs Smith.

COUNCILS RUSH JOHNSON ART TAX

Required \$390,000 to Be "Found" by Transfer From Unexhausted Items

FINANCIAL TANGLE SEEN

A transfer bill to provide the \$390,000 or more needed to pay taxes on the Johnson art treasures was introduced in Common Council this afternoon and sent to the Finance Committee, where the amount needed will be "found" by transfer from unexhausted items. Action was given the measure introduced by Chairman Gaffney, of the Finance Committee, so that the city will be in a position to enter into a contract with the trustees of the Johnson estate before October 14, when the six months given the city to take over the art collection will expire. The final payment on the art collection, together with the \$500,000 already paid, creates a most embarrassing condition of finances which Councils will have to meet and wrestle with during the closing months of the year. The Johnson payments exhaust a number of unexpected revenue sources that were counted upon earlier in the year to make up deficits bound to occur in the payrolls of a number of the bureaus. To add to the financial troubles the budget statements of most of the departments that are now in the hands of the Finance Committee are in excess of the demands for 1917, when new records were established.

Although the report of the Civil Service Commissioners on the need for salary increases for clerks, mechanics and municipal employees receiving between \$1000 and \$2000 a year is about complete, it was not presented to Councils today. It was direct to the Finance Committee to add face during the fall months. This report is said to recommend increases that will add \$200,000 to the cost of the municipal government.

Financial measures of unusual importance, starting with the hurry-on Johnson measure, occupied Councils to the exclusion of most other subjects, and a number of new bills introduced today will have the way to exhaust accounts set aside early in the year for specific purposes.

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All Men are Now Thinking of New Clothing and Considering Where the Best is to be Found

Some men feel happiest in an old suit as long as it maintains its respectability, while others love the feel of spic-span newness. But at this season of the year EVERY MAN must change to a little heavier clothing, and nearly all must buy a new suit and a new overcoat. Hosts of men depend upon THIS STORE for their clothing—many for reasons of ECONOMY, and just as many for reasons of STYLE. The former know that our activity in the market brings frequent special opportunities, the latter know that the style or kind of clothing they want cannot be bought anywhere else. For instance—

Stein-Bloch and Hart Schaffner & Marx Suits at \$25.00, \$27.50 and \$30.00. At these prices we have a wonderful selection of Autumn Suits, from these and other high-class manufacturers. Conservative Suits of fine worsteds; youthful models of plain flannel and in neat stripes and mixtures; military models, with patch pockets and all-around belt with buckle; double-breasted Suits; two and three button coats with or without belt; scores of new and distinctive touches—plaits, yokes, pockets, etc.

New Light-weight Overcoats in Black and Oxford, at \$25.00. These from Hart Schaffner & Marx. The same grades with silk lining, \$30.00. A fine selection of smart, belted-all-around Overcoats, two-tone worsteds, at \$27.50, and some of rough tweeds at \$22.50.

New Autumn Suits at \$15.00. For years this Store has been famous for \$15.00 Suits; and now, with materials higher than ever before, we are more proud of our \$15.00 line than ever. New chevrons, in conservative and youthful styles, some with all-around belt.

Flannel Suits, special at \$18.00. For young men—single-breasted, with yoke and inverted plait in back; also a double-breasted model. Both have all-around belt and metal buckle. Blue, green, brown and gray.

Worsteds Suits, special at \$19.50. Autumn and winter Suits, in blue, brown and gray effects—neat dark worsteds, well tailored, dressy and serviceable. Regular and stout sizes.

Autumn Overcoats, special at \$23.50. Hart Schaffner & Marx Coats, which, based on present cost of production, are worth \$25.00 or more. Neat homespun motled effects—a conservative model and a popular Trench Coat for young men. Yoke and sleeves silk-lined. All regular sizes.

Light-weight Overcoats, special, \$15.00. Black and Oxford, a standard conservative style. All regular and stout sizes.

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