

Standardization of Wages: Overthrow of "Gang" Politics Looms Large: Councils Shifting Pockets for Art: City News

PARADE DRIVE LAUNCHED TODAY

Independents Open Headquarters in Building at 1527 Chestnut Street

VOTERS' LIST LONG

The directors of the new independent party are today actively launching the campaign against the Vars-Smith ticket.

Chairman Thomas F. Armstrong of the campaign committee, said today that the executive committee and the membership of the campaign committee will be announced either late today or tomorrow.

Charles S. Calwell, president of the Car Exchange National Bank, who had been asked to accept the independent nomination for City Controller, has notified Chairman Armstrong that he will not join the movement.

Thousands of "pledge cards" are being sent out today from the new independent headquarters which are located in the same building from which the campaign was waged that defeated the Republican organization and elected Rudolph Blankenburg Mayor in 1915.

The pledge is placed in the hands of the voters of the city on record as supporting the platform adopted at the Academy of Music meeting last Thursday night.

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Retail Coal Price Under Garfield Order

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The Government plan will not reduce coal prices. They cannot be reduced as the situation is now. The Government plan will, if it does anything, permit the increase of prices.

"Dealers may put the price up twenty cents a ton under the Garfield schedule based on margins of profits in 1916 and July, 1917.

"The present price of pea coal at the mine is \$4.90. Add to this \$1.30 for hauling to the city, and you have \$6.20; that is what the retailer has to pay. The retailer is getting \$7.75. Some are getting a little more, some a little less; but \$7.75 is the average and it is what most are getting. Take \$6.20 from \$7.75, and you have \$1.55—that is the profit per ton of the retailer—on paper. Deduct from this what the retailer must pay for delivering, hiring drivers, investment in wagons, horses and other equipment, feeding horses, etc., and the retailer has left a profit of ten or twenty cents.

"That is his real net profit. Now, in 1912 we paid \$3.65 at the mine and got \$5 a ton from the consumer. Our paper profit was \$1.35, whereas our paper profit now is \$1.55, but our actual net profit is less because equipment, horses, feed, labor, etc., were cheaper then than now.

"Now, under the Government plan, as I understand it, we can add 20 per cent to our profit of \$1.55—that is, we can add forty and a half cents. This gives \$1.75 a ton profit we can charge now. This will mean a profit of 20 per cent on the July, 1917. This would enable us to charge \$7.95.

"Prices will stay where they are, though in a few isolated instances there may be slight reductions—so few and so slight as to be of no consequence whatever.

"All who want coal or expect to want it had better buy it now, if they wait for a reduction they will be disappointed and when they do want it and want it badly they may find that the retailers are swamped with orders and cannot make deliveries quickly enough.

"If you order now you can get coal. We are keeping up with orders. If we get all the orders now they can all be filled within a few days, but if we don't get them until cold weather sets in we will be swamped and can't make deliveries in time.

"I am not a member of the Coal Exchange, but I am familiar with its prices as well as others and what I have said describes the situation generally.

J. E. Richards, president of the George R. Newton Coal Company, said:

"I intend to do nothing until I hear definite information from Washington. All I know is what I have seen in the papers. I can't even discuss what the price will be or whether they will be higher or lower."

At the William S. Lloyd Coal Company, Twenty-ninth street and Ridge avenue, it was said a coal price reduction could not result from Mr. Garfield's order, the price being before the country commissioners, and a representative of the commissioners at once filed them in the Prothonotary's office.

The pre-emptors for the American party, James Burns, Jr., 238 South Fifteenth street; William L. Barr, 2797 Berks street; Robert Weir, 6416 Saybrook avenue; A. L. Winstok, 825 Brown street; and Theodore F. Zigler, 1215 South Wilson street.

Those filing the affidavits for the Liberty party were Harry F. Branson, 5513 Harmer street; Thomas W. Schmitt, 1257 Locust street; Guyard N. Salomon, 3559 Pearl street; Martin L. Foley, 392 North Fifth street; and Sam J. Healy, 248 North Lawrence street.

The official count has been completed for thirty-four wards in the city. It shows that John J. McQuaid, leading Joseph S. Royce for the fourth nomination for Mayor, beats the Democratic ticket by 109 votes in the Twenty-ninth ward.

James G. Carey, Jr., in the record in the Twenty-ninth ward, has been named as a non-nominee on the Council by seventeen candidates, by seventeen

HEXAMER QUITS OFFICE IN GERMANIC ALLIANCE

Head of German-American Society Says Younger Chief Is Needed for Work

Charles J. Hexamer, head of the National German-American Alliance, has resigned. At the Philadelphia headquarters of the Alliance, 419 Walnut street, Mr. Hexamer said there was no truth in a rumor that he had quit because of differences over policy. He said his resignation was due to failing health. His term of office expires November 28.

Mr. Hexamer said he had served in his present capacity for the last seventeen years and felt that the organization should select a younger man in view of the work connected with the office.

Reports from the two district appeal boards indicate an entire absence of the uncertainty and confusion that prevailed during the dispatch of the initial 45 per cent draft to delay in getting out the lists of certified men, calling of men out of turn and acting on appeals and claims. The second contingent from this city is already fully on the basis of the certified lists now in the hands of all the local draft boards, with one exception—that hoodoo section, District No. 13—and the fix on that board will be ousted in time for the entrainment of its quota on Saturday, when most of the other boards in the territory of District Appeal Board No. 2 will leave.

DEFICIENCIES MADE UP

NEXT DRAFT QUOTA FULLY PROVIDED

Many Aliens Likely to Be in Contingent to Go Friday or Saturday

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WEEK-END ACCIDENTS GET THIRTEEN VICTIMS

Boy's Skull Fractured and Leg Broken When Hit by Automobile

Thirteen persons were injured in Philadelphia and vicinity over the week-end as the result of motor accidents.

Nine-year-old George Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thompson, of Willow Grove, was struck by a motorcar while crossing the street near his home. Alvan Tomlinson, of Wrightstown, the driver of the machine, took the injured boy to the Abington Hospital, and then surrendered to the police. The child is suffering from a fracture of the skull and a broken leg.

Four persons were injured when the automobile in which they were riding crashed into a telegraph pole at Hunting Park and Germantown avenues in avoiding another automobile. The injured were Frank Gwynn, owner of the car, of 1627 Allen-grove street; Mrs. Gwynn, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Moller, of 1524 Womrath street. They were treated at St. Luke's Hospital.

While stepping into his automobile at Germantown and Lehigh avenues John M. Harney, of 1329 North Van Pelt street, was struck by a rapidly moving north-bound Chestnut Hill trolley car and had his right leg cut off below the knee. He is in the Seaman Hospital, where his condition is said to be good.

Leonard Rothfeld, of 557 Spruce street, and his brother David are in the Presbyterian Hospital today, suffering from injuries received when their motorcycle collided with an automobile driven by Benjamin Davis, a negro, of 656 Brooklyn street. The accident happened at Forty-fourth street and Fairmount avenue. Davis will be arraigned this morning before Magistrate Stevenson.

Motorcars driven by Leo Simons, of Elkins Park, and Mrs. M. P. Bradley, of Herper's Mills, collided near the intersection of Susquehanna and Mill roads, Abington, when the Simons car skidded and turned over. Simons and his daughter are at their home today recovering from minor injuries.

DEFICIENCIES MADE UP

CITY APPOINTS NEW TRANSIT ENGINEER

Dion Martinez Named for Charge of Work Incident to High-Speed Construction

Director Twining, of the Department of Transit, today appointed Dion Martinez, 2640 North Sixteenth street, to the position of principal assistant engineer, at a salary of \$4000 a year. The new appointee will have charge of engineering work incident to new construction and his salary will come from transit loan money.

Other municipal appointments today include those of Maurice Golove, 2412 North Thirty-first street, inspector, Bureau of Highways, \$1500; C. Blanche Soule, 316 Whona street, assistant chief nurse, Bureau of Charities, \$1000; William S. Graham, 6013 Christian street, clerk, Department of Supplies, \$800; Andrew C. Scholler, 5593 North Fifth street, assistant engineer, Bureau of Survey, \$1000; Charles R. Weir, 1309 Rockland street, draftsman, Department of Wharves, Docks and Ferries, \$1000; William A. Beecroft, 6070 Korshaw avenue, wireman, Electrical Bureau, \$1000; Adolph Hirsch, 1445 North Lawrence street, watchman, Bureau of Water, \$840; and Jesse Coates, 306 West Center street, rigger, Bureau of City Property, \$5 a day.

DEFICIENCIES MADE UP

"FIND" CASH TODAY FOR JOHNSON ART

Councils' Financiers Must Transfer Money From Other Sources

With thirteen days left in which to pay over \$350,000 to save the John G. Johnson art treasures to the city, members of Councils' Finance Committee are today making a final effort to locate the amount needed. The money will be "found" late this afternoon by taking various amounts from different bureau appropriations. It will be replaced later by making a temporary loan of \$1,500,000.

With no balance available for appropriation, the councilmanic financiers entered on their task with but little hope for anything better than a makeshift deal that will deprive the Water Bureau and a number of departments of money that even now is badly needed for current expenses or salaries. Mayor Smith in instructing the councilmanic financiers to find \$350,000 in addition to the \$100,000 already set aside for the taking over of the pictures, bronzes, etc., did not indicate which department should be crippled and, up until today, he has been too busy to devote time and consideration to this particular subject.

Joseph P. Gaffney, chairman of Councils' Finance Committee, has been instructed by the Mayor to make up the necessary transfers so that they can be rushed through Councils on Thursday and the money released from its present uses in time to have City Solicitor Connelly complete the legal details of the request by which the city takes over the Johnson mansion on South Broad street and the art collection it houses. He will complete his task today with the understanding that the money "found" is to be replaced later.

The closing months of the second year of the Smith Administration, under most items of appropriation nearly exhausted or insufficient to carry on municipal work until 1918.

DEFICIENCIES MADE UP

WORK ON GREAT AIRPLANE MOTOR ORDER

Engineering Interests to Speed Up \$17,500,000 Contract for Uncle Sam

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 1. A new department of the Westinghouse interests—the airplane department—heretofore unmentioned in the company's assets, today started work on a Government order for \$17,500,000 worth of airplane motors. Four thousand men are engaged in the work and 108 men will be required to complete one motor a day.

The company expects to turn out 500 motors monthly for the Government. The new department just finished a model factory at Swisecvale, with 125,000 square feet for working space of its five floors.

The type of airplane motor to be made is said to be that recently agreed upon by the Government and adopted as the result of the long secret conferences of engineers—a model, unsurpassable for its utility, speed-making and endurance.

WELL-DRESSED YOUNG MAN FOUND HANGING BY NECK

Body of Would-Be Suicide Cut Down by Passerby and Revived

A well-dressed young man was found hanging