WILL CARRY GAS FIGHT TO POLLS

Wilmington Man Aims to Overthrow Political Clique Rule

OLD PARTY IN CONTROL

Law on Public Utility Board Leaves Former Regimes in the Majority

By a Staff Correspondent

WILMINGTON, Del., Oct. 13.

The fight against the rate increase "grab" proposed by the Wilmington Gas Company is to be made political as well as financial. This was announced today by E. M. Davis, president of the Voters' Non-Partisan League, the organization which is mapping out the campaign against the company.

An attempt will be made to show that the stock of the concern was "watered" with the approval and partly for the benefit of a few of the leaders of the Old Guard Republican machine, that these same representatives of the "invisible government" are working to have the Board of Public Utility Commissioners protect the company instead of the public, and finally that the rights of Wilmington's citizens can only be safeguarded by the elimination of politics from the control of not only the gas, but of the trolley and other public service corporations as well.

Mr. Davis today said that the campaign his organization was preparing to wage against the gas company would develop all these facts. A decrease instead of an increase in the price of gas to the consumers here, he predicted, at the same time would result if the attempt to force a physical valuation of the company's property is successful and if the water can be squeezed out of the capitalization of the concern.

With the present annual revenue, it is said, the company could earn 12 per cent at least upon the actual cash invested in the concern without the necessity of any increase. The company under its charter is entitled to pay a 12 per cent dividend, and even those who are conducting the present campaign indicate that they would be willing to have the company fix a price sufficient to pay a 12 per cent dividend, provided the return is made on cash paid in instead of upon the "watered" stock.

POLITICAL PULL

The developments which led up to the present situation in Wilmington's gas case are simply the history of numerous public service corporations whose early formation were guided by the hands of those politically favored or sometimes by the leaders of the "invisible government" themselves.

In 1901 the company which served this city with gas had outstanding liabilities of $1,000,000. During the latter part of that year Edmund Mitchell, who later became Republican State chairman and leader of the Old Guard Republican organization, together with H. H. Billany, for a number of years chairman of the Republican City Committee; Frank Pierson, present Street Commissioner of Wilmington, and several others obtained a blanket franchise for the Universal Conduit, Light, Heat and Power Company.

On account of their absolute domination of local politics, it is said that they obtained the franchise without the payment of a penny to the city. With the threat of competition as a club and armed with the new franchise the Mitchell crowd forced the old gas company to reorganize.

The capitalization was increased to $1,500,000. Of this it is understood that Mitchell and his friends received $250,000 worth of capital stock in the new concern and $20,000 in cash. Both payments, of course, were in return for the franchise, which did not cost a penny except for the legal formalities incident to incorporation.

The new concern was named the Wilmington Gas and Electric Company. In addition to his cash and stock reward Mitchell was made vice president of the new company at a salary said to be $10,000 a year. Of course, it was conceded that he knew nothing of gas production or of the other phases of the gas business, but he did know a great deal of local politics, and it was considered wise to have at the helm of the new concern a man who could foresee and prevent the granting of any new franchises which would mean a further "divvy" with new outside interests.

The management of the company continued under that arrangement until 1909, when the Clarence H. Geist interests, promoters of numerous gas and electric companies, with offices in the Land Title Building, Philadelphia, purchased the entire concern for approximately $1,700,000.

The office of the company was rebuilt, the service improved and the business facilities expanded. Between $300,000 and $400,000 of new capital was put into the system. And then the company was reorganized as the Wilmington Gas Company with a capitalization of $6,500,000.

Of this amount $2,500,000 was in bonds, $1,500,000 in preferred stock and the remainder in common stock. Mitchell's political influence was still as potent as ever and his political services were still as valuable as ever, but in view of the financial strength and backing of the new concern it was not certain that he could be of as much use as when the company was smaller, so, although he was continued in the position of vice president, his salary, it is said, was cut exactly in half, or to $5000 annually.

The relation of the present Board of Public Utility Commissioners to the controlling powers of the gas company is another interesting chapter. The commission when originally planned was to have been a State body patterned after the Public Service Commission in Pennsylvania. The public service corporations, however, are prosperous and flourishing in Delaware and when the bill creating the commission finally passed the Legislature it provided for a board of five men appointed by the Mayor of Wilmington and with limited powers over public service companies within the city of Wilmington.

Mitchell, of course, was all the while the local leader of the organization and as one of the guiding hands of the "invisible government" he had a part, invisible, but more or less certain, in the naming of the Public Utility Commissioners. Unfortunately for Mitchell, as perhaps too for the gas company, the fight between the duPont factions at the election last year split the old organization and a Democratic Mayor was the result.

The law creating the commission provides that three of the five members shall be of the dominant party. As a result there are three Democrats now on the board. Only one of these, however, P. J. Isaac, was appointed by Mayor Lawson.

As the terms of the members expire at different times the other four are "hangovers" from the previous Old Guard organization administration, two Republicans and two Democrats, the new appointee being a Democrat to take the place of a Republican.

The important fact, however, is that of the five present commissioners, four were appointed by two Mayors dominated by the "invisible government," which is personified by Mitchell, vice president of the gas company, and his associates. These four are C. D. Garretson, frequently dubbed "the office boy of the invisible government"; Clarence B. Holt, Organization Republican; William Mock, Democrat, and Richard C. McMullen, Democrat and present chairman.

To free the utility board from all corporate influence and to make certain that it represents the people and the people only will be, accordingly, one of the first moves to be made by the leaders in the fight against the gas company. And this the leaders today declared would be one of the most important moves in their campaign.

GABRIELE D'ANNUNZIO NUOVAMENTE DECORATO

L'Ammiraglio von Capelle si Dimette da Capo della Flotta Germanica

ROMA, 13 Ottobre.

All maggiore Gabriele D'Annunzio, il grande poeta abbruzzese, gia' segnalatosi per atti di valore compiuti durante á moltissimi combattimenti specialmente aerei, a cui prese parte, e' stata oggi assegnata la quarta medaglia d'argento al valore militare in seguito all'ardita incursione recentemente compiuta sulle bocche di Cattaro, alla testa di uno squadrone di areoplani italiani, tipo "Caproni," riuscendo con successo a bombardare quella potente base navale austriaca, e tornando alla stazione di partenza Tenza riportare perdita alcuna.

Tutta Italia ha appreso con vero compiacimento l'annunzio della nuova decorazione concessa al maggiore D'Annunzio, riconoscendo in lui uno dei piu' intrepidi e coraggiosi aviatori che vanti la flotta aerea italiana.

Nessuna importante operazione e' stata segnalata dalla fronte di battaglia italiana e cio' spiega anche il fatto della mancanza, fino a ieri sera, di comunicati da parte del Ministero della Guerra. Sembra che il cattivo tempo impedisca, in certo qual modo, l'inizio delle operazioni che dovranno precedere la grande offensiva devisata dal generale Cadorna prima che l'inverno s'inoltri.

Sull'altipiano di Bainsizza, e specialmente sul monte San Gabriele, si sono rinnovati isolati attacchi da parte degli austriaci alle posizioni avanzate degli italiani, attacchi che sono stati subito respinti con perdite da parte degli assalitori.

I reparti italiani di ricognisione hanno continuato nelle incursioni e si sono avuti scontri di poca entita' che hanno costretto gli austriaci a ritirarsi immediatamente.

L'attivita' dell'artiglieria e' stata limitata lungo tutta la fronte italiana.

Il rafforzamento delle posizioni recentemente occupate dag'i italiani e' stato completato e si puo' virtualmente ritenere che quelle ancora occupate dagli austriaci sul monte San Gabriele siano state isolate e che per nulla potranno intralciare le future operazoni delle truppe del generale Cadorna.

Il governo austriaco, relativamente alla recente incursione aerea alle bocche di Durazzo ed alla quale prese parte il maggiore Gabriele D'Annunzio, aveva pubblicato un comunicato nel quale asseriva che durante la detta incursione gli aeroplani italiani avevano gettato bombe sopra una nave con le insegne della Croce Rossa. Tale notizia e' stata assolutamente smentita dal Comando Italiano e quindi ritenuta una delle solite fandonie austriache.

L'Ammiraglio Von Capelle, capo della flotta tedesca, ha rassegnato le sue dimissioni. Tale atto e' dovuto al fatto di recenti ammutinamenti verificatesi tra gli equipaggi delle navi da guerra tedesche che trovansi nel Mar Baltico.

L'ammutinamento avvenuto nelle navi da guerra della Germania e' considerato un fatto molto piu' grave di quello che vogliono far credere i tedeschi. Sembra, infatti, che l'ammutinamento sia causato principalmente dalla scarsezza del vitto che la Germania distribuisce ai suoi marini e dal fatto che moltissimi marinai rifiutano di imbarcarsi sui sottomarini e che vi sono costretti con la forza.

I gravissimi ammutinamenti verificatesi sono un chiaro indizio della disentegrazione del morale tedesco, cosa questa che potra' portare la fine della guerra molto prima di quello che si puo' immaginare.

Secondo un dispaccio da Amsterdam la flotta germanica si trova ora inattiva nel Mar Baltico a causa degli ammutinamenti verificatesi. Le autorita' tedesche hanno dubbi sulla disciplina e la lealta' degli equipaggi ne' e' a loro possibile prendere severe misure in larga scala contro i colpevoli degli ammutinamenti poiche' temono di causare maggiori mali.

Intanto le truppa inglesi al comando del valoroso maresciallo Haig stanno compiendo notevoli progressi alla fronte belga. Secondo un comunicato ieri pubblicato dal comando supremo, gli inglesi attaccarono ieri mattina alle ore 5 lungo un fronte di circa sei miglia nel settore a nord-est di Ypres. Le truppe fecero soddisfacienti progressi alquanto ostacolati dalla pioggia che durante la notte fu abbastanza abbondante.

SHARKS ARE GOOD TO EAT, FOOD COMMISSION URGES

Cheapest Fish on Market and Worth Trying, Is Report Issued Today

Sharks are good to eat.

Shark, a little known but very good eating fish, is "worth trying," according to today's report of the Food Commission of the Philadelphia Home Defense Committee. Selling at four and five cents a pound, it is the cheapest fish in the following list of wholesale prices:

Dressed weakfish, medium	12c to 14c
Dressed weakfish, large	15c to 16c
Round trout	10c to 12c
Croakers, medium	9c to 10c
Croakers, large	10c to 11c
Porgies	15c to 16c
Sea bass	20c to 25c
Butterfish, medium	9c to 10c
Butterfish, large	15c to 16c
Halibut	30c to 35c
Steak cod	12c to 15c
Flukes	14c to 15c
Pollock	8c to 10c
Round mackerel	17c to 18c
Large hake	10c to 11c
Medium hake	8c to 9c
Bluefish	30c to 35c
Dressed eels	15c to 16c
Dressed salmon	23c to 25c
Dressed white catfish	18c to 19c
Dressed red catfish	15c to 16c
Haddock	9c to 10c
Large bonito mackerel	18c to 20c
Small bonito mackerel	16c to 18c
Round eels	12c to 13c
Shark	4c to 5c
Whiting	8c to 9c
Lake Cisco	15c to 16c
Large boiling rockfish	28c to 30c
Medium rockfish	23c to 26c
Pan rockfish	22c to 25c
Small rockfish	15c to 16c
Flounders	12c to 13c
Cape May goodies	6c to 7c
Snapper bluefish	10c to 11c

Cabbage, corn, beets, carrots and squash continue to be the cheap vegetables, according to the wholesale produce market report, which quotes the following prices: Cabbage, three and four cents per head; corn, three-quarters to one and one-half cents per ear; beets, two and three cents per bunch; carrots, one to three cents per bunch; squash, one cent each. Other prices are: Peaches (most plentiful fruit), seventy-five, ninety cents and $1.25 per bushel; sweet potatoes, seventy-five cents per basket; white potatoes, eighty-five cents to $1.50 per basket; tomatoes (high), seventy-five cents to $1 per basket; string beans (cheap), sixty cents to $1 basket; lima beans, $1 to $1.35. The three classes are:

ABUNDANT—Peaches, corn, parsley, carrots, beets, lettuce, squash, cabbage.

NORMAL—Eggplant, sweet potatoes, onions, cucumbers, turnips, radishes, garlic, pumpkins, peppers, oranges, lemons, cantaloupes.

SCARCE—Tomatoes, celery, string beans, lima beans, apples, pineapples, plums, pears, grapes, bananas, cranberries.

Wills Probated Today

Wills probated today include those of Alice Hagedorn, 4130 Parkside avenue, which, in private bequests disposes of property valued at between $10,000 and $100,000; Creseon R. Bird, 5119 Regent street, $30,000; James F. Mahoney, 1447 North Lawrence street, $28,000; George Fenstermacher, 2203 Bainbridge street, $25,000; William H. McCann, 4211 De Lacey street, $12,800; George W. Beta, 2439 North Nineteenth street, $6400, and [illegible]

BUYS LIBERTY BOND

Master Jack Reeves, of 5750 Addison street, was the first pupil of the Hamilton School to purchase one of the bonds of the second Liberty Loan. He purchased the bond from his savings.

HOTEL MEN TO OPEN EXPOSITION ON MONDAY

Managers and Proprietors From All Over Country Will Attend

Hundreds of hotel managers and proprietors from all parts of the United States are beginning to arrive in the city to attend the American Hotel Exposition, which opens Monday night at the First Regiment Armory, Broad and Callowhill streets. The exposition will be conducted by the Philadelphia and the Pennsylvania State Hotel Associations. Special trains for the convention visitors are coming in from California, Louisiana and Florida; special cars from San Francisco, New Orleans, Jacksonville, Salt Lake City, Omaha, Kansas City and Chicago.

All of the floor space reserved for booths has been engaged and the exhibits shown will comprise almost every phase of hotel life. Exhibits of all sorts of labor-saving and comfort-increasing devices will be shown. Among them will be gas appliances for broiling, dishwashing machines, machines for grinding down the chipped edges of glassware and many other contrivances helpful to hotel management or housekeeping.

A $5000 model of the Commodore Hotel, of New York, which contains 2000 rooms, will be exhibited. The costly gold service from the Biltmore Hotel will also be shown. Another feature will be motion pictures of sporting and touring scenes in Monroe County. Many hotels will display reproductions of their rooms. Specimens of culinary art and special set pieces in confectionery will be shown by the leading hotel chefs of the city.

One of the biggest booths in the armory has been placed at the disposal of the Liberty Bond committee. Several speakers will make nightly speeches to the convention crowds. A force of Liberty Bond salesmen, aided by Boy Scouts, will be present. The Red Cross will also have a big booth.

SCHOOLS RULED BY FAVOR, SAYS GRATZ

Teachers Not Appointed Because of Merit, Admits Board Head

CALLS IT "ALL POPPYCOCK"

Superintendents Human and Have Favorites, Despite Their Bluffs, He Declares

Merit does not govern the appointment of public school teachers, Simon Gratz, member of the Board of Education declares.

"The merit system," he said, "is a thing of imagination. The superintendents have their favorites and take care of them. Moreover, they seek to impress upon all the teachers that if at any time they appeal to a higher authority than their superintendent, they will thereafter be persona non grata."

Mr. Gratz's statements concerning the appointment of school teachers were made in connection with an explanation of his support of Miss Elizabeth Bourne in her fight against a transfer order of Theodore L. MacDowell, an associate superintendent of schools. He said he had decided to back Miss Bourne's request after she made a personal appeal to him. He denied any other influence had been exerted to win his support.

When State Senator Vare was asked if he used his influence in support of Miss Bourne he replied: "I never meddle in school affairs."

Miss Bourne took up her work in the Barry school, at Fifty-ninth and Race streets, yesterday, pursuant to the order of the elementary schools committee, which, by a vote of 4 to 2, ordered the superintendent to transfer her from the Jefferson School, Fifth and Poplar streets, where she had been sent originally.

Miss Bourne when asked to what influence she had attributed her success in nullifying the orders of her superintendent, refused to answer.

When asked about the case Mr. Gratz at first said the question was too trifling to discuss. When told of the statement of the superintendent setting forth that four other teachers preceded Miss Bourne in order of consideration by reason of the "merit system," he laughed.

"That's all poppycock," he replied. "There isn't any merit system. No law of the State or rule of the board provides for such a system. Moreover, each superintendent, being human, has his favorites and likes to take care of them. They like to create the impression with the teachers that they hold the destiny of the members of the teaching force in the hollow of their hands. They give them to understand that if they appeal to a higher authority they will be from that time on in disfavor. There is no merit system."

Mr. Gratz called attention to the fact that this case was not the first instance of the committee compelling the superintendents to do what it thought best.

William Rowen, chairman of the committee that reversed Associate Superintendent MacDowell explained that he called the meeting last Tuesday after Mr. Gratz, Thomas Shallcross and Thomas S. Boyle had talked with him concerning Miss Bourne's request. "It was the result of a personal appeal by Miss Bourne," he said. "There was no other influence."

Mr. Wanamaker refused to discuss the case. Mr. Smith simply said, "My feelings concerning the procedure were shown by my vote."

STOLE $25 FROM BROTHER

Youth Is Released on Probation on Promise to Work

Howard Perry, eighteen years old, of 2836 North Warnock street, was today charged by his brother, John Perry, Jr., at a hearing before Magistrate Carson in the Park and Lehigh avenues police station, with having stolen $25 from his brother.

The boy's father and brother both testified that Howard refused to earn a living, but on his promise to go to work and pay the money back, Magistrate Carson turned him over to Probation Officer Rauch, of the Municipal Court, to see that the promise was kept.

Photo by Howland.

GEORGE CONNELL

Select Councilman and Penrose leader in the Fortieth Ward, who announces his resignation from the Republican Executive Committee of that ward and his intention to support the Town Meeting party movement.

HIGHER COST OF CIGARS NOT DUE TO WAR TAX

Increased Price of Material and Production Cause of More Expensive "Smokes"

The increased price of materials and production, and not so much the war revenue tax, have boosted the price of your favorite smokes, Philadelphia tobacco dealers contend. There is also a possibility that cigars which formerly sold for five cents may be raised to seven, or even three for twenty cents, according to one dealer.

Pennsylvania tobacco, which in former years sold from nine to sixteen cents a pound, is now twenty-two to twenty-four cents, according to one of the largest manufacturers of five-cent cigars in the country. Last year Wisconsin tobacco sold from twelve and one-half to fifteen cents a pound, while now it is selling at from twenty-two to twenty-six cents a pound. Sumatra tobacco which is used as a wrapper for cigars, is now $6.12 a pound, including the duty of $1.85. Under normal conditions it sold from $3.75 to $4.25 a pound, including the duty. Havana tobacco, it was said, has virtually doubled in price.

There also has been an increase in price for printing the labels, and the price of labor has advanced, too. Pine cedar, the wood of which cigar boxes are made, is very hard to get, and manufacturers are at a loss to find a good substitute.

The retailer in normal times made a profit of one and one-quarter cents on every five-cent cigar sold. His profit now is estimated at one and one-half cents, but it was pointed out that his expenses have increased in proportion to his profits.

Raw tobacco used in making cigarettes has also increased in cost, as have the paper and tinfoil used in wrapping them. The increase in price, it was said by a cigarette manufacturer today, only allows a fair profit.

The increase in price of smokes at the United Cigar Stores is due largely to the increased price of production and not so much the war revenue tax, according to H. G. Wolf, superintendent of the Philadelphia stores.

It was also pointed out by the dealers today that the cigar industry has been the last one to increase prices.

CONFERENCE WILL FIX COAL PRICES

Exchange Directors and Philadelphia Committee to Settle Figures

SHORTAGE SOON RELIEVED

A conference between a committee of directors of the Coal Exchange and the Philadelphia committee of the State coal administration is expected to settle definitely all remaining questions on the adjustment of prices which must be announced Tuesday in compliance with the order of the Federal Administration. Appeals from individual coal dealers who have started business since 1915 and therefore cannot add 50 per cent to the 1915 margin are expected to be heard by the administration committee.

Purchase of coal in one-ton lots is advised by Dr. Harry A. Garfield, national fuel administrator, until the shortage in coal, borne out by figures of the Bureau of Geological Survey at Washington is relieved, which he promises will be within thirty days.

Formation of the Philadelphia Wholesale Coal Association, to include thirty-three wholesale coal firms in this city and operators and jobbers, will be undertaken on the advice of Doctor Garfield on Tuesday morning at a meeting in the Manufacturers' Club. Doctor Garfield has refused to consider complaints of the soft coal men unless they are presented as the united action of the soft coal industry. Revision of prices in the central Pennsylvania bituminous fields is desired. The new body would be a constituent of the National Jobbers' Association, with headquarters in Chicago.

Many varying sets of prices quoted by the retail dealers in hard coal are expected to appear on Tuesday. It is understood, however, that the Philadelphia committee, of which Francis A. Lewis is chairman, will soon select its headquarters in the center of the city and organize, ready to hear appeals and complaints. Mr. Lewis expects to hear favorably today from the last of the seven members to make up his committee.

William Potter, newly appointed fuel administrator for this State, and Joseph W. Wear, general secretary of the State board, are closing up their private business affairs today preparatory to assuming their new duties.

The present shortage of coal is credited by Doctor Garfield to the rush of coal now being mined into the Northwest before the Great Lakes are closed to traffic. There will be plenty of coal in Philadelphia within the next month, he says.

WAYNE RED CROSS WILL SHIP TWO AMBULANCES

Contribution Is Added to Bed Endowed in French Hospital and Other Work

Announcement that two ambulances will be sent to the war front within a few weeks was made by the Wayne branch of the American Red Cross, which already has endowed a bed in the American Hospital in Paris and sent 47,000 finished articles abroad.

All the officers were reelected for another year at the first annual meeting held at the Saturday Club, Wayne, last night. They are: Chairman, Mrs. William Henry Brooks; vice chairman, Mrs. T. T. Watson Mrs. Horace B. Hare, Mrs. Robert Sayre Brodhead, Mrs. C. Clarence Clare, and Mrs. George A. Shoemaker, secretary; Mrs. William V. Alexander; corresponding secretary, Miss Grace Roberts, and treasurer, Mrs. C. C. Harris n. The following chairmen of standing committees made annual reports: Mrs. Louise Jaquette Palmer, publicity; Mrs. R. Grafton Wilson, Emergency Aid; Mrs. W. A. Nicholas, classes; Mrs. Albert Nichols, packing; Mrs. Brodhead, knitting; Mrs. Archibald Barkle, literature; Mrs. Matthew Randall, enrollment; Mrs. Frederick Embick, sterilization; Mrs. F. Jiggins, house, and Mrs. Watson, maintenance. The branch has 1474 members.

MISS POTTER, LONG LOST, RETURNS TO SANATORIUM

Missing Chicago Girl Stumbles Faintly Into Arms of Hospital Attendants at Asheville

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Oct. 13.—Exhausted to the point of collapse, Miss Grace Potter, wealthy Chicago society girl, stumbled fainting into the arms of attendants of the local sanatorium from which she unexpectedly disappeared nearly a fortnight ago.

Physicians refused to rouse her from the heavy sleep into which she sank before any explanation of her whereabouts since October 1 could be obtained.

For ten days searching parties had scoured the mountains for traces of the missing heiress.

NEW PARTY HOLDS SWAY IN RUSSIA

Balance of Power Now Rests in "Temporary Council," Washington Hears

WAGING WAR ON ANARCHY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.

A new party today holds the balance of power in Russia, according to advices received at the embassy today. The temporary council of the Russian Republic is the designation given an affiliation of bourgeois, municipalists, co-operationists, zemstvos and conservative soldiers and workmen's delegates.

The new organization grew out of the split in the Petrograd Soldiers' and Workmen's Council, which came when the ultra-radicals elected Trotsky, Lenine's lieutenant, who is an American, to the presidency.

The new party has joined forces with Kerensky and the provisional Government and will support the coalition Cabinet, the cable dispatches to the embassy stated.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 13.—The Government is today waging a determined campaign to stamp out anarchy. At a meeting of the Cabinet yesterday the problem of fighting lawlessness in the interior provinces was given deep consideration. The Government will endow the city governments with strong authority to handle the situation. All of the sober social and intellectual forces will be mobilized for a peaceful campaign, but it was stated that it will not hesitate to use military forces if necessary. A number of measures were adopted by the Cabinet toward this end.

The second meeting of the special legislative conference for the purpose of working out plans for the new council of the Russian Republic came to an end today. The final regulations governing elections will not be published, however, until Premier Kerensky returns from the front. It is understood that the Premier's return may be delayed because of illness.

Former Minister of Labor Skobeleff was today chosen to accompany the Russian delegation to the Allied conference in Paris in place of former Minister of Posts and Telegraphs Zeretelli. The conference will consider a revision of Allied war aims. General Alexieff, former Russian chief of staff, will accompany the delegation as the representative of the Russian army.

The Minister of Finance announced today that 4,043,000,000 rubles have been subscribed to the Russian Liberty Loan since April 6. At the outbreak of the war a ruble was worth about fifty-one cents in American money, but at the present rate of exchange it is worth about seventeen cents.

Masked Men Hold Up Saloon

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Oct. 13.—Three masked men with guns drawn today covered the barkeeper, Clarence Tabor, and a half dozen patrons of the saloon of A. P. Tabor, in the heart of Shenandoah, robbed the till of several hundred dollars and escaped. They are believed to be strangers.

Your Wife Will Save At Least A Dollar

If you bring the entire family here tomorrow for dinner. We serve the best only at a price that gives little profit but lots of patrons.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Twelfth and Arch Sts.

(Entrance on 12th St.)

CLAUDE M. MOHR, Mgr.

TELEPHONE OFFICIAL GRANTED DIVORCE

Desertion Charged and Vice Chancellor Leaming Says Marriage Was Unconsummated

George E. Williams, formerly president of the Pacific Coast Telephone Company, was granted a divorce today from Alida P. Williams, on the ground of desertion by Vice Chancellor Leaming, of the Court of Chancery, Camden.

Williams, who now lives at 110 North Twenty-seventh street, Camden, and his wife, whose home is at 520 Lincoln Drive, Germantown, were married on November 16, 1902, by the Rev. Charles Fry, of Philadelphia. Williams had been, until his marriage, a clerk in a drug store near the home of his bride's parents. The couple made their home with Mrs. Williams' mother after the marriage.

Williams subsequently became district manager of the Bell Telephone Company in Germantown, and, in 1909, became president of the Pacific Coast Telephone Company. Thereafter he traveled back and forth between Philadelphia and San Francisco at frequent intervals.

Williams testified before Vice Chancellor Leaming that while in Portland, Ore., in May, 1910, he received a letter from his wife saying that he could never return to her mother's house. The Pacific Coast Telephone Company subsequently wound up its affairs, but Williams stayed in the West until December, 1913. In June, 1914, suit for divorce was filed against him by his wife, who charged him with desertion, but the suit was dismissed.

Williams himself brought suit on a similar ground. In testifying before Vice Chancellor Leaming, he asserted that his wife and he had lived together from 1902 until 1911, but that during these nine years their marriage was never fully consummated.

Mrs. Williams, in reply, asserted that she did not consider that he had reason to bring charges of desertion against her, since it had been he who went away from home. Her own suit, she said, had been brought under pressure exerted upon her by some person whom she did not name. She asserted that she was greatly devoted to her husband, but admitted that their marriage had never been consummated.

Vice Chancellor Leaming, in granting the divorce, said:

"These parties, it seems to me, are about as nearly unmarried as two people can possibly be, and it may be that the petitioner has mistaken his remedy in bringing an action for divorce instead of an action for annulment of the marriage. The statute, however, does not appear to include as a

Canada Issues First Draft Call

OTTAWA, Ont., Oct. 13.—The first call to the colors under the military service act was sounded today. It will bring to arms every man in Canada between twenty and thirty-four who is unmarried or who is a widower without children. There are more than 500,000 men falling within this classification in the dominion, and with allowance for those who have already enlisted and others who are physically defective or otherwise exempted, the authorities calculate the call will raise an army of 100,000 men.

MAN IS EXEMPTED SO HE CAN BE HANGED

Italian Due to Die on November 9 Naturally Escapes Trip to Camp

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—William H. Stonebridge, chairman of Local Board 17, was surprised today when an Italian approached him, showed him the red notification card of John d'Ovonzo and said:

"My cousin can't go. He is going to be hanged."

"What do you mean?" asked Mr. Stonebridge. "This is no time to joke."

"No joke," was the reply. "He is up in Connecticut and they are going to hang him."

The chairman got into communication with the adjutant general, who in turn communicated with Governor Holcombe, of Connecticut. It was learned that d'Ovonzo had been convicted of murder in New Britain and the date of his execution had been set for November 9.

Immediate exemption was granted to the Italian and a substitute sent to Camp Upton today in his place.

PROTECTIVE COMMITTEE NAMED

Will Safeguard Interests of American Pipe and Construction Company Stockholders

A protective committee for stockholders of the American Pipe and Construction Company has been appointed in pursuance of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the stockholders held in this city recently as a result of the receivership of the company. The committee is composed of Francis X. Quinn, S. Price Stevenson, Charles J. McIlvain, Jr., Francis M. Brooke and Alexander Henry Carver. Francis B. Bracken and Walter George Smith are counsel for the committee.

In a letter sent to the stockholders of the concern today Mr. Carver, who is secretary of the committee, urges the stockholders to deposit their stock at once with the Logan Trust Company, 1431 Chestnut street, so that they may be adequately represented in all proceedings under the receivership and in any steps taken for the rehabilitation or reorganization of the concern.

"TRAIL HITTER" FOUND DEAD

BRIDGETON, N. J., Oct. 13.—The body of Henry Shull has been found at Fortescue with a bullet wound in the head. Shull was about sixty years old and lived alone in a cabin on the Delaware Bay shore.

He was indicted at the recent court term for selling liquor at Fortescue without a license and this is believed to have preyed on his mind. During the "Billy" Sunday campaign in Philadelphia he "hit the trail."

New York Loan Total Now $289,526,320

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—New York's subscription to the Liberty Loan reached $289,526,320 before noon today. Unofficial subscriptions reported and not included in this grand total will bring the amount to nearly $300,000,000.

AS THE PRICE GOES UP LESS BOOZE GOES DOWN

High Cost of Inebriety Reduces West Philadelphia Drunks One-Fourth

Ups and downs, figuratively speaking, have played an important part in the moral welfare of West Philadelphia all week, so far as liquor is concerned. Announcement to that effect was made by house sergeants in virtually all of the five police stations in West Philly today.

In other words, the price of liquor having been boosted, a noticeable number of "drunks" now have put on their Sunday manners in that section of the city and no longer are hauled in on disorderly conduct charges. The number of men arraigned on charges of being intoxicated has decreased approximately one-fourth. Nine were arraigned on that charge in the whole of West Philadelphia today. The average number is or was near the fifty mark.

"DON" DUFFY DIES AT MARIETTA

Prominent Citizen and Genial Host Suffered Long Illness

LANCASTER, Pa., Oct. 13.—Donald Cameron Duffy, of Marietta, son of the late Colonel James Duffy and brother of Colonel James Duffy, Jr., died last night after a long illness. Mr. Duffy, who was fifty-three years old was one of the most prominent residents of this county, having been chief burgess of Marietta. During the Elks' Convention in Atlantic City in 1908 Mr. Duffy was stricken with inflammatory rheumatism and had been an invalid ever since. While a great sufferer and unable to leave his chair, he called about him a host of friends and was a most delightful host. He died at the residence of his mother, who resides at the old Duffy mansion in Marietta.

Skull Fractured by Sand Car

Michael Trilley, seventy years old, of 1345 South Thirty-fourth street was crossing trolley-car tracks at Thirty-second street and Gray's Ferry road this morning when a sand-laden car hit him, fracturing his skull. He was taken to the Polyclinic Hospital.

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