

100 AUTOS BURN IN GARAGE FIRE

Adams Express Company Building on Twenty-second Street Destroyed

100 TRUCKS ARE SAVED

A five-alarm fire destroyed the garage of the Adams Express Company, at Twenty-second and Ludlow streets last night. Nearly 100 large motortrucks were burned. The loss has been estimated at more than \$250,000.

It was the fourth disastrous fire to occur in that central section of the city in the last few months.

The fire was discovered shortly after 8 o'clock. It soon assumed spectacular proportions and within two hours the entire building, which covers more than an acre, was burned virtually to the ground.

Thousands of persons were attracted to the scene. The flames could be seen for many miles. Traffic was tied up for more than an hour and surface cars on both Market and Chestnut streets were tied up almost for the night.

Firemen responding to the first alarm found the interior of the blazing building a real inferno. Four other alarms were sounded in rapid succession.

The blaze was started by a short circuit of electric wires on the second floor. It was discovered by David Thompson, the night watchman, who is eighty-seven years old. Thompson tried to extinguish the flames alone, but when his efforts proved futile, he ran to the window and called for help. Policeman Corcoran, of the Fifteenth and Chancery streets station, heard his cries and rushed to his assistance. When Corcoran reached the second floor the old watchman was overcome by smoke. The policeman carried him to the street where he was revived by ambulance attendants.

Quick action of the workmen in the garage saved more than 100 automobile trucks which were driven into the streets by the employees of the company.

The patients of the Central Hospital and Nurses' Home, Twenty-fourth and Chestnut streets, were removed to the Rittenhouse Hotel by several soldiers and sailors who were near.

The flames spread to the roof of the Automobile Club of Philadelphia, in the rear of the Adams garage, and eighty-seven new automobiles were damaged by water and smoke. Many anxious owners moved their cars from the club to the street and several thefts of blankets, etc., from the autos, were reported.

Rev. Dr. J. A. Worden Victim of Paralysis

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commission and served with the Union army during the Civil War, later accepting the post of chaplain of the Loyd Legion and George Meade Post No. 1, G. A. R. The degrees of D. D. and L. L. D. were conferred upon him by Lafayette University. Before coming to Philadelphia to join the General Board, his chief pastorates had been in Steelton, Pa., and Oswego, N. Y.

Doctor Worden was called to the General Board on the strength of a resolution adopted by 256 ministers and Sunday school teachers at the Convocation held in August, 1877, bringing him to the attention of the Board of Publication.

Coming fresh from Chattanooga, where he had been for four years one of the prominent teachers, Doctor Worden brought with him an enthusiastic appreciation of the value of teacher-training to the Sunday school along modern lines.

During these thirty-eight years Doctor Worden has been the author of twelve books relating to the production of Sunday school works.

In 1888 Doctor Worden introduced into the Presbyterian church the celebration of Children's Day, on the second Sunday of June, and also originated the general observance of Rally Day, which has also been a source of large financial revenue to the board. The Rally Day offerings are used for the spiritual uplift of foreign immigrants coming to our shores.

For six years Doctor Worden served as a member of the International Lesson Committee, from 1878 to 1884. He was also the chairman of the committee on Sabbath school and young people's work of the Presbyterian Council for several years.

PENNSY ANNOUNCES MANY PROMOTIONS

Men in P. R. R. Operating and Purchasing Departments Advanced to Higher Positions

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad today the following changes in the organization of the operating departments were approved, to become effective tomorrow:

W. B. McCaleb, superintendent of the Philadelphia division, was advanced to general superintendent of water companies, to succeed the late George S. Chesney.

J. K. Johnston, superintendent of the Tyrone division, will be superintendent of the Philadelphia division, to succeed Mr. McCaleb.

J. E. Hutchinson, Jr., assistant superintendent of the Pittsburgh division, was advanced to superintendent of the Tyrone division.

H. H. Russell, division engineer of the Pittsburgh division, will be promoted to assistant superintendent of the Pittsburgh division.

H. H. Pinkham, division engineer of the Renovo division, will be division engineer of the Pittsburgh division.

John Atlee, supervisor of the Pittsburgh division at East Liberty, will be promoted to division engineer of the Renovo division.

George C. Koons, assistant engineer of way in charge of bridges and structures, is promoted to assistant superintendent of the New York division.

G. W. Snyder, principal assistant engineer of the Western Pennsylvania division, is made assistant engineer of the maintenance of way, to succeed Mr. Koons.

W. H. Cover, division engineer of the Philadelphia Terminal division, is promoted to principal assistant engineer of the western Pennsylvania division at Pittsburgh.

C. E. Brinson, division engineer of the middle division, is promoted to division engineer of the Philadelphia Terminal division.

A. W. McClellan, division engineer of the Williamsport division, is promoted to division engineer of the Middle division.

Robert Farley, division engineer of the Elmira division, is promoted to division engineer of the Williamsport division.

M. C. Wilson, supervisor of the New York division at Trenton, is promoted to division engineer of the Elmira division.

J. O. Hackenberg, division engineer of the Allegheny division, is promoted to division engineer of the Maryland division at Wilmington, Del., to succeed Division Engineer J. R. McFarra, who was granted a leave of absence.

H. O. Ayres, supervisor of the Baltimore Division at Bowie, Md., is promoted to division engineer of the Allegheny division.

H. A. Anderson is promoted to assistant purchasing agent in the position vacated by special agent in the purchasing department.

H. P. Phillips, who has been coal agent in the purchasing department since 1912, is promoted to assistant purchasing agent.

W. H. Phillips is promoted to assistant in the purchasing department.

LIBERTY BELL, ON TRUCK, STANDS IN RAIN



Ready to take its place in line of the Liberty Loan parade, scheduled for today, the old Liberty Bell, mounted on a motortruck, stood outside Independence Hall. When the procession was officially postponed the relic remained on the truck, exposed to view of Chestnut street pedestrians.

PLEDGE SUPPORT TO '50-50' TICKET

Agents of Various Labor Bodies Promise Votes to Kendrick and Sheehan

INDEPENDENTS ASSAILED

A dozen men representing various labor bodies allied with the Central Labor Union today met in the office of W. Freehand Kendrick, Receiver of Taxes, and gave assurance of their support of the Republican "fifty-fifty" ticket. They were led by John A. Phillips, first vice president of the State Federation of Labor and vice president of the Philadelphia local of the Typographical Union; former State Senator Richard V. Farley and Patrick P. Conway, a lawyer, representing the Hatters' Union.

The delegation was received by Receiver of Taxes Kendrick, Register of Wills James B. Sheehan and Registration Commissioner Frederick J. Shoyer, candidates for City Treasurer on the "50-50" ticket. In giving their endorsement of the "50-50" candidates, the labor men were at the same time seeking to repudiate the action of Frank Finney and his faction in the Central Labor Union, who recently endorsed the Town Meeting party ticket.

Asserting that they had always been friendly toward labor, Kendrick, Sheehan and Shoyer declared that they were actuated by ulterior motives. Mr. Conway characterized the Town Meeting candidates as a group of "millionaire hat manufacturers."

An appeal to the labor men to support candidates who had taken the trouble to register at the primaries, unlike the Town Meeting candidates, was voiced by Register of Wills Sheehan. Mr. Phillips objected, he said, to what he termed the inference drawn by the Town Meeting party that the labor vote could be "delivered" to anybody.

Former State Senator Farley asserted that the Republicans in the State Legislature should be given the credit for labor legislation enacted in this State, such as the child labor law, the workmen's compensation law and the eight-hour law for women. Hint that proceedings arising from the "Bloody Fifth" ward murder would be instituted against State Senator Edwin H. Vore was given today by State Representative Isadore Stern, following the latter's charge that Senator Vore financed Isaac Deutsch's fight against Jams A. Carey in the Fifth Ward.

Named as one of the "men higher up" in the case in which Mayne Smith was held in heavy bail for court on murder conspiracy charges, Senator Vore today refused to make a formal reply to Stern's assertion that \$5000 or \$8000 of Vore money went to Deutsch's "war chest."

"Stern is a cipher," said Senator Vore. "He is too small. I won't dignify his ravings with an answer. I simply won't discuss his attitude, whose attitude resulted in the Mayor's arrest, countered with a second statement in which he intimated that proceedings would be taken against Vore."

"That is the same attitude the Mayor took," he said, when told that Senator Vore ignored his challenge. "Subsequent proceedings showed that there is a little more than zero in the statements I make."

"If Senator Vore persists in assuming the same attitude, we may have to start proceedings to show that there is something in front of the cipher—either a \$ or an \$ and several ciphers, excluding the murder money, which has three ciphers behind it. It all goes to show Mr. Vore's familiarity with ciphers."

Representative Stern refused to explain the nature of the reported proceedings against Senator Vore, but said a conference would be held today on that subject.

The first statement of Stern, to which Vore declined to reply, was as follows:

P. and R. Yardmaster Dead
READING, Pa., Oct. 24. — Francis J. Whelan, sixty-one years, chief yardmaster for the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company here, died at his home today following a stroke of apoplexy. His widow and two children survive.

SUNDAY OUTINGS FROM MARKET STREET WHARF \$1.00 Atlantic City, Wildwood, Cape May, Ocean City, Sea Isle City, Stone Harbor, Avalon, Anneton. Nov. 25, 1917. Wildwood, Anneton and Cape May \$2.00. Atlantic City and other resorts 7.50 a. m. \$1.25 Barnegat Pier, Bay Beach, Pleasant, Manasquan. \$1.50 Asbury Park, Ocean Grove, Long Branch, Baiter, Sea City, Spring Lake. Sunday and October 28. 7.20 a. m. Pennsylvania R. R.

HOOVER CUTS OFF 'LUXURY SUGAR'

Supply Discontinued to Confectioners and Syrup Manufacturers

ORDER COMES BY WIRE

Under orders received from Washington today the sale of "luxury sugar" in Philadelphia has been stopped, the supply to candy manufacturers has been cut off, and unless the order is changed every candy manufacturer in the city will be forced to close down for lack of raw material.

The order came in the form of a telegram from National Food Administrator Herbert Hoover to George H. Earle, Jr., Philadelphia representative on the American refiners' committee appointed by Mr. Hoover. The telegram was as follows:

"Now consider it advisable to entirely discontinue selling to confectioners, gum, syrup and cordial manufacturers and other manufacturers of similar products. It is probable they will be licensed shortly and their production reduced to a minimum. Will try to get relief on car shortage."

Gradually order is coming out of chaos in the local food situation, and a distinctly more cheerful tone was evident today in the talk of dealers and others who have made a study of conditions in Philadelphia. State Food Administrator Heinz stated today that he is having a thorough investigation made of all facts bearing on food prices throughout Pennsylvania, and that as soon as he had in his hands the data necessary to enable him to proceed he will take such action as the circumstances may seem to demand. A detailed statement on the subject from Mr. Heinz will probably be forthcoming in the next day or two.

Locally, the situation may be summed up about as follows:

The slump in the price of eggs has continued, thanks to a determined raid by the independent grocers of the city, and it is predicted that within a short time the housewife will be able to get good eggs for thirty cents a dozen. It is intimated that the eggs which have been placed on the market in this "raid" are of the very best quality and that no complaints have been made of them by purchasers.

"There is no need to get excited over the Christmas candy problem," said a dealer today. "Virtually all the Christmas candy was manufactured three months ago and is now waiting to be placed on the market when the time arrives. Santa Claus will have his usual supply of goodies for the kiddies, and there is no reason why any higher prices for candy should prevail than is usually the case for the sugar from which this candy was made was bought when conditions were virtually normal."

"That there is no chance for bread to go higher, but that on the contrary the staff of life will be obtainable at a substantially lower price in the near future is the cheeriest information given to the public by President John Egleston of the American Stores Company, which operates 1200 retail grocery stores in and around Philadelphia. This reduction will not take the form of a lowering of the price of the present-sized loaf, but an increase in the size of the loaf.

"The people have no need to worry over the bread situation," said Mr. Egleston. "Just as soon as the flour made from the new crop of wheat reaches the market, which will be between now and the first of the year, there will be a gradual increase in the size of the loaves we are selling, and the price of bread will be lowered just as rapidly as conditions will justify it."

Strangely enough, the sales of tea and coffee have suffered no appreciable diminution, owing to the shortage in sugar, and the price of those commodities has undergone no material fluctuation. This would seem to indicate either that the coffee roaster is so deeply wedded to his favorite beverage as to be willing to take it straight rather than cut it out entirely, or else that in spite of the scarcity of sugar he has managed to pinch out enough to provide sweetening for the morning cup.

"There is no prohibition, however, the act

SEASON'S WORST STORM HITS CITY

Sunshine Succeeds Wind and Rain After Considerable Damage Is Done

WILL BE COLDER TONIGHT

The storm, accompanied by a gale, which swept over the city today subsided shortly before noon when Old Sol put in an appearance.

There probably will be no more rain today, according to Forecaster Bliss, of the Weather Bureau. The wind, however, is due to increase again this afternoon late and tonight. There also will be a considerable drop in temperature tonight, according to the Weather Bureau.

Much damage was caused throughout the State and city by the storm, which was by far the worst of the season.

With the wind raging at thirty-six miles an hour, and two inches of rain, shipping from the port virtually was at a standstill. The city itself suffered heavily. Windows were blown in, signs were scattered in every direction, the streets were strewn with umbrella skeletons and many flags throughout the city have been torn down.

The gale also raged along the Atlantic coast. Telegraph companies reported serious trouble on account of wires being down. The Bell Telephone Company wires in the eastern part of the State were hit hard. The Keystone Company also reported wire troubles on long-distance lines.

Barby Creek rose several feet on account of the heavy rain, but did not reach the danger mark.

In West Philadelphia the storm routed three companies of the forty-seventh New York Regiment, encamped at Thirty-third and Spruce streets. They had been there for several days and are scheduled to leave for a southern camp next Friday.

In the early hours of the morning the gale struck the camp in cyclone fashion and swept twenty-three of the twenty-seven tents from their pins.

When the tents went sailing with the wind the troops rushed hastily from the camp through wet and mud, many of them clad only in their underclothes. They took temporary refuge at the powerhouse of the University of Pennsylvania. Fires were built along the walls.

The shivering men were assembled in Weightman Hall later in the morning. The Schuykill Arsenal was asked to furnish the soldiers with dry clothes.

The drop in temperature tonight probably will be considerable, Forecaster Bliss said. The forecast for tomorrow is cloudy.

NO MORE "SHORT TONS" OF COAL

Dealers Notified of Law Requiring Weight of 2240 Pounds Avoirdupois

STATE ATTORNEY'S EDICT

No more "short tons" for Philadelphia! Philadelphia coal dealers can no longer safely continue their practice of giving short or "net" tons of 2000 pounds. So states the definite mandate from Harrisburg, given by Francis Shunk Brown, Attorney General, in response to a request from William Potter, State fuel administrator, for a legal ruling on this point.

By act of June 26, 1895, the letter from the Attorney General states, the only legal ton authorized to be sold by retailers to consumers shall consist of 2240 pounds avoirdupois, and any dealer attempting to sell a "ton" of lesser weight becomes liable to fine as penalty therefor.

There is no prohibition, however, the act

GAS KILLS GIRL; POLICE SUSPECT SUICIDE PACT

Pugilist Known as "Young Hanlon" Overcome—Put Under Arrest in Hospital

The possibility of a suicide pact between Ethel Grace, a young woman who was found dead yesterday from gas poisoning in a room at 217 North Tenth street, and her husband, Jack Grace, known in pugilistic circles as Young Hanlon, is being investigated today by the Coroner's office. Hanlon was found at the same place unconscious.

Pending the outcome of the investigation, Hanlon was placed under arrest at the Tenth street address yesterday to await Gertrude Clark, who is awaiting trial for having narcotized in her possession. Detective Fischer was assigned to guard her. As he entered a room in the rear he found the place filled with gas. He lighted a match, which caused an explosion. In the glare of gas flames he saw Hanlon on a couch and his wife lying on a bed nearby.

As for bituminous coal, the law provides a standard weight of seventy-six pounds per bushel and 2000 pounds per ton. Any dealer attempting to evade this shall become subject to a fine of \$500 to \$1000, to be paid into the treasury of the State.

"The law speaks for itself," commented William Potter.

Representatives of four coal companies, each with a yearly output aggregating 100,000 tons, met in closed conference with the local Fuel Committee yesterday afternoon. The four companies were:

The Bell Coal Company, Letter's Sons, American Ice Company and William Bryant Company.

The object of the meeting was to aid in the collection of data being gathered this week by Chairman Lewis as to local coal prices and distribution. No tabulated conclusions from these data will be attempted by Mr. Lewis until next week when he will be in possession of the replies from the 300 retail coal dealers he has reached by circular letter.



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