

SHIPYARD MEN SEEK CITY'S AID

Representatives Call at Mayor's Office in Behalf of Hog Island Colony

INTERVIEW PLAN FAILS

Representatives of the Emergency Fleet Corporation called at the office of Mayor Smith late this afternoon for a final promise from him as to what inducements Philadelphia would offer for the 7000 or more homes to be erected for Hog Island shipyard workmen in the Portieth Ward or in New Jersey.

The Mayor was not in his office. He was said to be out of the city. The shipbuilding experts, visibly disappointed by the Mayor's absence, had wanted a confirmation from the chief executive of his subordinates' promises before making the official report of what advantages this city would offer to the workmen.

Failing to see the Mayor, the representatives, Owen Brainard, J. Rogers Flannery, E. H. Bender and three other engineers of the American International Shipbuilding Corporation, conferred with Joseph C. Smith, the Mayor's secretary, brother, Director of Public Works, Director Webster, of the Department of Wharves, Docks and Ferries, and Chief Albright, of the Bureau of Surveys.

What effect the failure to see the Mayor will have upon the city's chances to get the new houses could not be estimated at a moment. The proposed sites in the Portieth Ward lie between Elmwood avenue and Island road, a section which, according to Thomas E. Mitten, president of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, would have new transportation facilities by the laying of trolley tracks parallel to the river and leading direct to the big shipyard.

The principal fact that city officials must combat in order to ever have an early plan to erect between 7000 and 8000 homes on the site of Old Washington Park, in Gloucester County, on the New Jersey side of the Delaware River, is that this proposition is complete. Plans made by a manufacturing concern for a model town on the park site are already available for Government use.

Several years ago the park was purchased as a model town site and as it lies directly across the Delaware River from Hog Island the availability of it for present needs has been quickly recognized.

Director Datesman, of the Department of Public Works, has prepared and submitted to the fleet engineers plans for a new site in the Portieth Ward between Elmwood avenue and Island Road. The engineers have been assured that Philadelphia will do as much or more than the offerers of the plan in New Jersey, and make things comfortable and living conditions better for the workmen and their families.

Many plans to better traffic facilities in the southern section of the city are being completed. A report to this effect was filed this morning with Director Datesman, of the Department of Public Works, by Chief Dunlap, of the Bureau of Highways, under whose supervision the work is done.

Improving the Penrose Ferry Bridge, over the Schuylkill River in the extreme southwestern section of the city has been completed. A report to this effect was filed this morning with Director Datesman, of the Department of Public Works, by Chief Dunlap, of the Bureau of Highways, under whose supervision the work is done.

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SEVERAL THOUSAND SOUTH PHILADELPHIA CHILDREN ATTEND THE VARES' CHRISTMAS PARTY



The Plaza Theatre, at Broad and Porter streets, was the scene of a big party today, at which Congressman "Bill" Vore and his brother, Senator "Ed," were hosts. Several thousand youngsters, children of Vore adherents in South Philadelphia, were on hand when the presentation of boxes of candy began.

CHRISTMAS THEATRE PARTY FOR KIDDIES

Congressman Vore Host to Hundreds of South Philadelphia Children Today

Hundreds of youngsters in South Philadelphia enjoyed a good time this afternoon at the Plaza Theatre, Broad street and Porter street, where they gathered as the guests of Congressman Vore, who has provided an excellent holiday vaudeville show. The custom of giving a Christmas week entertainment for the downtown kiddies was started by the Congressman many years ago and has made a decided hit with his guests.

Vaudeville of the kind which delights the average youngster and novice with plenty of action made up the bill. Congressman Vore was on hand to extend a hearty welcome. The committee in charge included Select Councilman William E. Fisher, Fred W. Whitard, of the Twenty-sixth Ward, and Magistrate George W. Hoag. Each boy and girl present received a box of candy at the conclusion of the performance.

Tonight hundreds of kiddies in West Philadelphia will be royally entertained at Knights of Columbus Hall, Thirty-eighth and Market streets, where they will be the guests of the probation officers, Bobby Healy and his wife, and Alf Grant, the international yarn spinner, and others will help in the fun making. The use of the hall has been kindly given by the Knights of Columbus.

Schedule Civil Service Exams Civil service examinations will be held on January 23 for apprentices in the Coast and Geodetic Survey, subaltern positions, physical laboratory helper, laboratory helper and chemist.

RICHERT "BUNKED," BUT WON'T "SQUEAL" OVER GIRL, POLICE SAY

Self-Confessed Gambler Holds His Peace When Police Raid New Clubhouse

Louis L. Richert, by his own confession a New York gambler for twenty years, relied on the representations of certain members of the fraternity in Philadelphia and soon found that he was a victim of misplaced confidence.

But Louis is a good sport. He declares that though he has been bunked for a part of his will he will not squeal. Louis was the principal promoter of the Continental Social Club, the headquarters of which came very near being at 216 Walnut street, two doors removed from the office of D. Clarence Gibbons, president of the Law and Order Society.

The "Continental Club" now has no headquarters, for Captain Nicholas J. Kenny, of the Philadelphia police, came into possession of some of its literature and made an investigation. At the Walnut street address, preparations were going ahead for the equipment of most delightful clubrooms.

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SLAIN IN CARD GAME

Murder of Italian in Alleged Gambling House a Love Quarrel

Young Woman Declares Victim Was Enamored of Her, but Not Encouraged

A game of cards with a pretty Italian girl as the stake led to the murder of Nicholas Latore, at 217 South Sixth street, the police say, and they are on the track of his alleged slayer.

The place where Latore was found was a gambling house camouflaged as a restaurant, it is said, for the second floor near where the body of Latore lay was a room well-fitted up for card games. The arrest today of a pretty Italian girl named Rosie need considerable light on the shooting. She was found through the work of Detectives Geomotti and Rigo.

The girl said she had been making her home with Biase D'Angelo, proprietor of the restaurant, and that Latore, the murdered man, had been in love with her. Rosie said she gave him encouragement and that he declared he would kill her if she refused to marry him. Latore went to D'Angelo's place early yesterday morning, and on seeing him enter Rosie fled from the restaurant through a rear door.

It is believed that a quarrel started and that the men then decided to settle their conquest by a game of cards. There is every indication that during the game a quarrel arose and the shooting followed.

Latore was found in the hallway just outside the cardroom with two bullets in his head, one in his left breast and one in his neck. Another bullet was imbedded in the wall. A curtain pole was tightly clutched in Latore's hands. A revolver with five empty chambers lay on the stairway. The body was found by Policeman Falvello. He noticed a light in the restaurant and went in to investigate.

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BOY SCOUTS WILL HOLD USUAL NEW YEAR RALLY

Meets in Various Branches of Scoutcraft Will Be Features of Occasion

Philadelphia Boy Scouts will hold their annual New Year's rally Tuesday afternoon, January 1, in the Second Regiment Armory, Broad street and Susannah avenue.

The program will open with a call to the colors, followed by Scout buglers. Meets in various branches of scoutcraft will follow. Upon the conclusion of the exercises the buglers will sound the Scout bugles, and the program will close with a special patriotic feature as a wind-up of the afternoon's events. This will be announced at the rally.

Orders have been sent to every troop in Philadelphia by Scout Executive E. Warner Goddard, for mobilization at the armory not later than 2:15 o'clock on the afternoon of the rally. The exercises will be under the direction of Field Executive H. A. Gordon, who will have as assistants Field Executives J. A. Schaeffer and G. W. Boyle.

MAN SAVES MOTHER AND THREE CHILDREN

Mary Welsh Rescues Sleeping Unconscious From Asphyxiation When Radiator Pipe Loosens

The prompt action of Mrs. Mary Welsh, of 157 Third street, saved the lives of her mother and three children this morning when a gas radiator became loose and the room filled with gas.

With difficulty she reached the door of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Welsh, and the children, Elizabeth, Edna and Martin, and opened the window. She found all four unconscious. She ran to Mount Sinai Hospital where they were revived through the efforts of the physicians.

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WILD EXPLOSION RUMOR STIRS CITY OF CHICAGO

Origin Found to Be Slight Blast in Steel Mill, Several Being Hurt

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—An explosion of gas in one of the mills of the Inland Steel Company's plants at Indian Harbor, south of the city, today caused wild rumors that many employees had been killed and that the whole plant was in flames.

Upon inquiry it was learned that a slight explosion of gas had occurred in one of the blast furnaces and several persons were injured. Fire followed the explosion and the officials of the company, fearing the flames would spread to benzol, which is manufactured by the plant, and thus cause an explosion sufficient to blow up half the town, sent hurry calls for ambulances from all nearby towns. This led to reports that scores had been killed or seriously injured.

2000 KIDDIES ENTERTAINED

Charles H. Grakelov Gives Annual Christmas Child's Theatre Party

Two thousand "kids," the sort of youngsters that Santa Claus would be liable to overlook on his annual visit here, were the guests of honor at the Nixon Grand Opera House, Broad street and Montgomery avenue, this afternoon. They were treated to a regular vaudeville show and met a live Santa Claus, who had a real present for every one of them.