

BENZINE FIRE ON RIVER BURNS B. & O. BRIDGE

Wharves and Motorboats Along Schuylkill Damaged. Started by Locomotive Spark

Sparks from a locomotive set fire to a layer of benzine that covered the Schuylkill River from Dickinson to Reed street, causing a fire that virtually destroyed the Taconic wharves, seriously damaged several wharves and a number of motorboats drawn up on the banks for the winter. The damage amounted to more than \$50,000.

Wipe Out City's Vice, Order to U. S. Jury

Continued from Page One. Various businesses, but traffic of this sort must be stamped out at all cost. I want you to make an investigation into these matters, because they are a disgrace to the city.

U. S. INVESTIGATES FIRE ON FORMER GERMAN SHIP

United States secret service officers are investigating the fire on the steamship Meuse, formerly a German vessel, which was destroyed in the Delaware River, which caused damage amounting approximately to \$100,000 and resulted in the death of an American seaman aboard the vessel.

1000 SUSPECTS TAKEN IN CHICAGO ROUND-UP

Police Stations Bulging With Prisoners as Result of Drive Against Crime. Chicago, Feb. 11.—Chicago's police stations are bulging with prisoners today after the greatest round-up of suspects since the city's history.

HUNDREDS ARRESTED IN FIVE VICE RAIDS

Two hundred and thirty persons were arrested in six vice raids, in which both the police and Federal authorities participated in the last twenty-four hours.

PLEA FOR RUSSIAN MISSIONS

Presbyterian Ministers at City Club Hears of Religious Needs. "There are not as many ministers in all Russia as there are in this city and to theological schools at all," said the Rev. William Fetter today at the luncheon of the Presbyterian Ministers' Social Union at the City Club.

CITY SCHOOLS EXPOSED TO FIRE PERIL BY LACK OF WATCHMEN

Accident, Negligence and Incendiarism Threaten Destruction Similar to That Recently Wrought in West Philadelphia

APERPLEKING problem confronts the Board of Public Education regarding the protection of school buildings from accidental fires at night or from incendiarism. The schools, representing a cost value of millions of dollars, are totally unprotected so far as watchmen are concerned, and the Board of Education, while recognizing the necessity of having watchmen on duty at all times, has not the money with which to pay for such protection.

According to William Dick, secretary of the board, this offer was eagerly seized, but apparently it was only tentative. It was a plan to work out the schools to be protected, and a few in number and limited to narrow confined areas. Besides, such protection as the Home Guards will give is not sufficient to protect the schools.

NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR APPROVES MORE LAWS

One Statute Provides Pay for Enlisted State Employees. TRENTON, Feb. 11.—With sixteen new bills just signed by the Governor, twenty-nine new laws have been put on the statute books since the beginning of the present legislative session.

JURIST DIES IN DEPOT

Judge William N. Siebert, of Perry County, Victim of Heart Disease. HARRISBURG, Feb. 11.—Judge William N. Siebert, of Perry County, died at the Harrisburg depot today.

SAFE IN PETROGRAD

American Colony Unharmed, Cables Ambassador Francis. WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The American embassy and colony at Petrograd are safe. This information has been received by cables from Ambassador Francis, the State Department announced today.

Boy Killed by Dynamite

SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 11.—Stanley Palakovsky, seventeen years old, was killed at Hull Brothers' farm, near Waymart today, when a box of dynamite that he was carrying fell to the ground and exploded. The dynamite was to be used in loosening earth in a trench.

SCENARIO TO SCREEN AND IN BETWEEN

"The Son of Democracy" the Chief Event of the Cinema World

There will be more people go to the motion-picture theatres during this and the coming weeks than have ever attended them before. Many pictures have never looked at a motion picture and there are many of them, will be attracted to the many theatres which will present "The Son of Democracy," with Benjamin Chapin in his unassuming mimicry of this notable man.

WANT BAKER TO RETAIN PENNSYLVANIA OFFICERS

Congressmen to Ask That Former National Guardsmen Remain With 28th Division. WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Secretary of War Baker will be asked tomorrow by Congressmen Cragg and Morin, of Pennsylvania, to retain the Pennsylvania men now officers in the Twenty-eighth Division of Camp Hancock, composed of Pennsylvania national guardsmen.

ENGLAND RELEASES WOOL

Deficiency Caused by Army Demands to be Made Up to Civilians. BRADFORD, England, Feb. 11.—Sir Charles Sykes has issued an official notice stating that as the department wishes to facilitate the consumption of wool in the limits of the agreement with the Board of Control, further supplies will immediately be released for the civilian trade to make up the deficiency resulting from an amount pledged for the military account last December.

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We have one of the most modern and secure Safe Deposit vaults in the city—an ideal place to keep your valuable securities and documents. Our central location makes it convenient for you to examine your box at any time.

SHIPYARD MEN GREET AUSTRALIAN STATESMAN

Workers at New York Company Plant Give Enthusiastic Welcome to Crawford Vaughn

The first of a series of noonday and night meetings for shipbuilders under the auspices of the Emergency Fleet Corporation was held today at the New York Shipbuilding Corporation's plant in South Camden. The meeting was attended by 5000 workers and was presided over by James Magon.

WIFE, ILL, SEEKS HUSBAND

Mrs. Borman, Facing Eviction With Five Children, Appeals to Police. Ill, no money, about to be evicted from her home with her five young children. One of them laid up with tonsillitis, the night nurse, Mrs. Ethel Borman, of 2420 North 22nd street, finds herself, due to the disappearance of her husband, Dan, on Saturday last.

HOSPITAL FUND GROWS

Woman's Campaign Nets \$12,658 More for Suffering. The fifth luncheon of the ten-day campaign for the Woman's Hospital, held in the Bellevue-Stratford today, added \$12,658.23 toward the \$125,000 sought. The total thus far obtained is \$17,724. Mrs. C. O. Alexander, captain of team No. 35, received the champion banner for the greatest collection of money.

PENN SUMMER SCHOOL TO CLOSE DURING 1918

Trustees Decide Prospective Attendance and Revenue Do Not Warrant Opening. There is to be no session of the Summer School at the University of Pennsylvania in 1918. This is the decision reached by the trustees after a prolonged examination of the whole problem. Every effort was made by those who believe in the importance of the work done by the Summer School to insure the continuance of that work this year.

NAVY HAS GREAT NEED OF SKILLED RECRUITS

Technical, Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Volunteers Sought Among College Students

The need of skilled men in the navy, especially in the technical, medical, dental and pharmaceutical branches of that department, is being emphasized in appeals made by the navy recruiting service to the heads of the various schools and universities urging that attention of undergraduates students be directed to the opportunities for service to the country in those branches.

PLANS FOR HOG ISLAND HOUSING APPROVED

Homes to Be Erected in Elmwood Section of the Fortieth Ward. Plans for the construction of homes in the Elmwood section of the Fortieth Ward for men employed at Hog Island were approved in the Board of Health today. The plan for housing Hog Island employes in the Fortieth Ward had been abandoned and that the houses would be built in different parts of the city.

LESS FOOD IN STORAGE IN NEW JERSEY NOW

Reports Show General Decreases in Amounts Held. TRENTON, Feb. 11.—The State Department of Health today issued a compilation of the quantities of foodstuffs held in cold storage in warehouses in New Jersey on December 31, 1917, and January 31, 1918, with comparative amounts held in storage on corresponding dates in 1916 and 1917.

ARTISTRY IN LAST MORNING MUSICAL

Maggie Teyle, Soprano, and Arthur Shattuck, Pianist, the Stars. Maggie Teyle and Arthur Shattuck were the stars of the last of the Bellevue-Stratford's season of morning musicals given before an appreciative audience in the ballroom of the hotel yesterday. The winsome soprano, who was an especial favorite here during the Campanelli and Dippie operatic regimes at the Metropolitan, capably demonstrated her fitness for recital work in well-chosen and delightfully interpreted selections. Her program included Schindler's "La Cenerentola," Schubert's "Fideline," Binbow's "La Sera per Fressco," Borodine's "Dionisio" and effective specimens of Russian songs; Carpenter's "Billowies" and "A Young Gentleman" and "Crista's Mistake."

FOOT AND LIMB

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FOURTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS

The next opera bill at the Metropolitan will be a novelty to Philadelphians. The offering on Tuesday evening, February 19, will be Mascagni's "Lodoletta," with a cast including Caruso, Florence Easton, Amato and Didur. Moranzoni will conduct.

DENIES MARK TWAIN SPIRIT WROTE A BOOK

Mrs. Gabrilowitch, Daughter of Famous Humorist, Would Enjoin Publication

Mrs. Osaip Gabrilowitch, daughter of the late Mark Twain, is seeking an injunction against the publication of a volume on modern science and philosophy about to be issued by Prof. James H. Hyslop through the American Society for Psychical Research. Mrs. Gabrilowitch does not object particularly to the book itself, but she does object to the announcement that the spirit of her celebrated father will address the world from that mysterious realm behind the grave through the pages of the book.

Lutherans Boost Fund

All Lutheran congregations in Philadelphia were appealed to yesterday to contribute their share to the \$750,000 war-work fund being raised by the church.

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The Provident Life and Trust Company of Philadelphia. We are prepared to assist in the preparation of INCOME TAX RETURNS for the year 1917. As heretofore, this service will be without charge.

What Is Germany's New Objective? During the first two years of the war, German autocracy sought world dominion through the conquest of France and the subjugation of Great Britain. Checkmated by the unexpected addition of America to her enemies, she has turned her attention elsewhere, though apparently still striving for her original purpose. GERARD In His SECOND WAR BOOK follows the devious course of Prussian diplomacy and shows how Germany has changed her goal, how she is now bending every energy toward a new end which will reimburse her for all that she has suffered. What this new plan is, and how it must be resisted, is told by Gerard in the PUBLIC LEDGER Daily Installments, Commencing Sunday, February 24