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EX-PRESIDENT MISSING

No Reply to Charge in Senate That Emperor Classed Him as "King"

Efforts failed today to obtain a reply from Dr. C. J. Hexamer, former president of the National German American Alliance, to charges that he was labeled by the Kaiser as the ruler of all Germans in America. The charges were made before the subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, at Washington, which is hearing evidence in order to act on a bill introduced by Senator King, of Utah, to revoke the organization's charter.

Doctor Hexamer, who resigned the presidency last November, could not be located today. It was said, however, that he was in the city.

A close friend of Doctor Hexamer came to his defense. This man, who asked that his name be withheld, is an official of the alliance.

"The alleged speech of the Kaiser naming Doctor Hexamer as the ruler of Germans in the United States has been published before and its authenticity has been denied before, so that it should not be necessary to add anything more to it," he said. "Personally, I doubt very much if the Kaiser said it. There is no truth in the assertion, whoever may have said it, for Doctor Hexamer is a native-born and loyal American citizen, whose forefathers fought against the former Kaiser and were driven from Germany and later fought here for the preservation of the Union."

Regarding the effort to have the Federal charter of the alliance revoked by Congress, the official said that the organization would fight to the last, but would abide by the decision of Congress. He asserted that it remained to be proved that the organization was anything but patriotic and that the alliance's defense would be made before the committee. The president of the organization is the Rev. S. G. von Bosse, of Wilmington, who succeeded Doctor Hexamer.

Testimony that classed Doctor Hexamer as the ruler of German-Americans was given to the committee by Gustavus Ohlinger, president of the Chamber of Commerce of Toledo. The Kaiser's words, he said, were taken from documents obtained by a British secret service operative and were said to have been delivered at a secret conference at Potsdam in June, 1908.

The Kaiser is alleged to have said:

"Even now I rule supreme in the United States, where almost one-half of the population is either of German birth or of German descent, and where 2,000,000 German voters do my bidding at the presidential elections. No American administration could remain in power against the will of the German voters, who, through that admirable organization, the German-American National League of the United States of America, control the destinies of the vast republic beyond the sea. If man ever was worthy of a high decoration at my hands it was Herr Doctor Hexamer, the president of the league, who may justly be termed to be, by my grace, the acting ruler of all the Germans in the United States."

Doctor Hexamer, after the sinking of the Lusitania, telegraphed the State Alliance asking them to telegraph President Wilson and say "They disapproved of drastic action against Germany," it was testified.

The witness read from the official bulletin of the Alliance published in July, 1915, this report on the propaganda: "The telegraph demand on the part of Doctor Hexamer was responded to by all branches as well as numerous German societies, lodges, churches and other organizations. Individuals also addressed the President and begged him to maintain friendly relations with Germany."

Mr. Ohlinger declared that the Philadelphia branch of the alliance sent out through the official bulletin of the organization appeals for funds with which to defend the editors of the Philadelphia Tageblatt when they were indicted for treason. This appeal was signed, he says, by Adolph Timm, of Philadelphia. He declared the appeal set forth that it was the duty of every local alliance to assist in such a case.

Taking up the question of the extent into which the National German-American Alliance entered into politics, the witness said that an appeal was sent forth from Philadelphia in May, 1916, respecting the presidential contest.

This appeal was signed by John B. Mayer and Adolph Timm, the directing officers of the Pennsylvania Alliance.

FOUR BOYS SENTENCED FOR VARIOUS THEFTS

Youthful Cracksmen and Store Breakers Sent by Judge Finletter to Reformatory

Judge Thomas D. Finletter, in Quarter Sessions Court No. 1, today sentenced four youths, each eighteen years of age, to the Huntingdon Reformatory for crimes which they entered pleas of guilty. Three of the defendants were connected with the same thefts, while the third operated alone.

Francis Short, Earp street above Twenty-seventh; Robert Devin, Mifflin street above Nineteenth, and Daniel McCrosson, Eighteenth street below Morris, were adjudged guilty of breaking open a safe in the coal office of Argentieri Ruggieri Coal Company, Twenty-fifth and Moore streets, and stealing $185. John McNeill, of Colwyn, Pa., was with Short when he broke into the barber shop of Samuel Tonda, Point Breeze avenue near Morris street, and stole razors and other articles. Because it was McNeill's first offense Judge Finletter suspended sentence.

William Siden, of Brown street near Broad, broke into a house at 918 North Broad street on February 18 and stole gas fixtures and lead. He had a previous record of arrests for larceny charges. Judge Finletter committed him to the reform school.

TWO HELD AS SUSPECTS IN SERIES OF ROBBERIES

One Man Tries to Use Pistol on Policeman Making Arrest

The police say they believe that in the arrest of Tony Dillo, twenty-five years old, and Bernard Weber, twenty-[illegible] years old, who gave 1320 Green street as their address, they have captured the men who have been committing numerous robberies in the vicinity of Fifteenth and Green streets in the last three weeks. The only charge the police were able to lodge against the prisoners before Magistrate Watson today, however, was suspicion, except that Dillo and Weber was the additional charge of carrying concealed deadly weapons. Weber, it was charged, attempted to use his pistol on Policeman Donnelly, of the Twentieth and Buttonwood streets stations, when the policeman undertook to arrest him at Fifteenth and Green streets last night. Donnelly said that he and Policeman Ruffle had shadowed the men and saw Dillo change some of his clothing apparently. When arrested, Dillo says, Weber had a heavy pistol in his possession. Sixteen robberies have been committed near Fifteenth and Green streets within the last [illegible] months.

The prisoners are not Philadelphians. Dillo came here only a short time ago, Weber says. Weber had a heavy pistol in his possession. Sixteen robberies have been committed near Fifteenth and Green streets within the last three months.

$14,401 IN WOOLENS STOLEN FROM TAILOR'S

Thieves Clean Out Shop on South Fifth Street Following Policeman's Last Round

Woolens amounting in value to $14,401.75 were stolen from the French tailoring and importing establishment of Maur Levan, at 228 South Fifth street, this morning.

At 5 o'clock Policeman Brown, of the Third District, tried the door as he passed on his rounds. At 7 o'clock Albert Levan, a son of the proprietor, came downstairs to open up the shop and found the door open. He roused his father and a search of the place revealed that his entire stock of fine woolens had been taken. Nothing else was disturbed in the place. There was no insurance and the loss is total.

Maur Levan, who is the general consul of the Turkish interests in Pennsylvania, contradicts Brown and says that the latter did not try the door at 5 as he says.

16,000,000 CHILDREN OF NATION DEFECTIVE

Alarming Statistics Presented National Educational Meet by Health Experts

By M'LISS

ATLANTIC CITY, Feb. 26.

Startling statistics were flashed to amaze the unwary listener today as the wheels of the machinery of the National Education Association and the thirty auxiliary bodies convening with it got into the rapid motion that is to carry the assemblage through the five days' patriotic program.

Dr. Thomas D. Wood, of Columbia University, chairman of the association's committee on health problems, sprang a shock on his audience when he asserted that 16,000,000 school children were found physically defective after careful investigation, and it was pointed out that the total number of pupils enrolled in schools and colleges is but 22,000,000.

"The school children of the nation drafted by compulsory education," Doctor Wood said, "should be guaranteed as skillful and as satisfactory care as the soldiers in the camps and trenches receive.

"This care is not given them," he continued. "At least 200,000 of the country's school children are mental defectives; at least 250,000 are handicapped by organic heart disease; at least 1,000,000 have or have had tuberculosis with its menace to others and to themselves; 1,000,000 have defective hearing, which often gives an unreserved reputation for mental defectiveness; 5,000,000 have defective eyes; from 3,000,000 to 5,000,000 are suffering from malnutrition, of which poverty is by no means the most important cause; 3,000,000 to 5,000,000 have adenoids, diseased tonsils and the like; from 2,000,000 to 4,000,000 have weak foot arches, weak spines, or other joint defects; from 11,000,000 to 16,000,000 have defective teeth, which are more or less injurious to health and which are sometimes deadly menaces. In short, at least 16,000,000 children have physical defects, most of which are remedial.

Doctor Wood recommended a thoroughgoing program of health education for the National Government, including national supervision and national sharing of expenses.

Less appreciative were the figures put out by Dr. M. P. Shawkey, State Superintendent of Schools of West Virginia, who spoke on the best method of conducting a thrift campaign.

Chewing gum and candy, Doctor Shawkey declared, are the big reasons why this is a nation of spenders. The annual gum bill in the United States, he said, was $15,000,000, and the candy bill $850,000,000.

SOCIETY WOMEN DEFEND COP

Policeman Exonerated on Charges Made by Rug Merchant

Reserve Policeman Allen S. Baker today was informed by the police department that he had been exonerated on several charges preferred against him by George K. Davidyan, a widely known rug merchant. Several prominent society women volunteered as witnesses for the reserve officer at the hearing.

The hearing before the police board came out of an incident during the rummage sale in January for the Presbyterian Hospital. Mr. Davidyan was at the Penfield Building, and while there was accused of wearing a neck scarf that belonged to another person. The policeman was called in and soon it was found that Mr. Davidyan wore his own necktie. Davidyan felt hurt over the incident and, according to the testimony at the police board hearing, made a verbal attack on Baker.

The policeman took the rug merchant to City Hall and he was held for court. Davidyan then made charges against Baker.

WILL SAIL FOR PALESTINE

Philadelphia Nurses to Go With Red Cross Unit to Holy Land

Two Philadelphia women will be in the Red Cross unit soon to sail to take up public health work back of the British lines in Palestine.

They are Miss Edith Madeira, of Germantown, who will head the nurses, and Miss Frances McQuaide, assistant superintendent of the Visiting Nurse Society, 1340 Lombard street. She will be first assistant to Miss Madeira. She has been granted a leave of absence from the society.

Church Women to Give Recital

A musical recital to help furnish their new kitchen will be given tonight by the women of the Second United Presbyterian Church, Sixteenth and Race streets. The program, which has been arranged by Mrs. Harry W. Schell, includes violin, guitar and mandolin selections.

Trolley Hits Wagon; Driver Hurt

Jacob Polls, thirty-three years old, 1135 Poplar street, was seriously injured early this afternoon when the wagon he was driving was struck by a southbound Tenth street trolley car at Ogden street. He is in St. Joseph's Hospital, suffering with three fractured ribs and internal injuries.

Havana Entries for Tomorrow

First race, three years olds, claiming, purse $400, 5 furlongs—Pepper, 107; Centaurian, 107; Napoli, 107; Lady Moore, 107; Babbling Brook, 107; Laburnum III, 109; Bassjet, 109; Laudator, 109; *Marco Polo, 109; Little Menard, 109; Job Thaxter, 112; Kale, 112; Leta, 112; Queen Trovato, 112; King Trovato, 112.

Second race, three-year-olds and up, claiming, purse $400, 5½ furlongs—Frank Keogh, 102; Elizabeth McNaughton, 108; Elizabeth Thompson, 108; Oriental Gold, 108; Spirzer Spelman, 108; Galaia, 108; Tarves, 110; Jack Laffan, 110; Miss Primity, 112; Manfred, 114; Captain Ben, 114; Jim Ray, 114; Bill Wiley, 114.

Third race, three-year-olds and up, purse $400, 5½ furlongs—Bandymo, 97; Peachie, 108; Highway, 108; Wat, 110; Sal Vanity, 112; Clumsy Kate, 112; Cardome, 112; Wizard, 114; Moller, 114; Joe Finn, 114; Morristown, 114; Two Roads, 114.

Fourth race, elimination, three-year-olds and up, special weights, purse $400, 5 furlongs—Mr. Doctor, 97; Little Wonder, 106; Wood Thorn, 108; Ayers, 108; Alan, 108; Cash Up, 108; Tom Manson, 108; Yards B., 110; Scrimmage, 112; San Jon, 112; Montcalm, 112; Manel, 112; Salon, 112; Stoney, 112; Gerson, 112.

Fifth race, three-year-olds and up, claiming, purse $400, 6 furlongs—Kildare Roy, 83; *Cuddle Up, 100; Radiola, 100; Rover, 107; Home Cut, 108; Lola, 108; Conan, 111; Circulate, 110; Nervic, 110; Curlieue, 110.

Sixth race, for three-year-olds and up, claiming, purse $500, mile and 50 yards—Silver Shoes, 98; Nashville, 103; Black Frost, 108; Wenonah, 103; Paul Gaines, 105; White Crows, 103; Miss Fannie, 106; Bill Minnesota, 111.

*Apprentice allowance claimed.

Weather, clear; track, fast.

PEDESTRIANS STRUGGLE AGAINST FEBRUARY "BLOW"

TRANSIT LEASE FILED WITH SERVICE BOARD

Commission to Set Date for Hearing, Probably in Next Month

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The commission will now set a date for the hearing, which probably will be held next month.

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On behalf of the city, City Solicitor Connelly has filed a complaint alleging inadequate and inefficient service. This has been supplemented by individuals and business associations of all sections. Many witnesses will be summoned to testify regarding the long waits in the cold, the overcrowding of cars, the infrequent cars and lack of schedule, as charged in the various complaints.

CITY WATER FRONT WELL GUARDED AGAINST ALIEN

U. S. Official Finds Methods Here Efficient and Model for Other Ports

The guard thrown about Philadelphia's waterfront as a protection against alien enemies is the most efficient in the country, according to Leo S. Rowe, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, who visited Philadelphia to become familiar with the system put in operation here by the customs service.

As many complaints have been received from other parts as to the regulations in force and so few have come from this city, Mr. Rowe decided to visit Philadelphia and learn first hand just how the guard work was done here to protect shipping and shipping facilities.

Mr. Rowe was so well pleased with the way the waterfront is guarded here that he intimated Philadelphia methods would be used as a model for other ports. He came to this conclusion after a conference with Collector William Berry and Surveyor Charles B. Kurtz.

SHIPPING BOARD ASKED FOR INSTRUCTION SHIP

Graduates of School for Marine Engineers Need Practical Knowledge, Albrecht Writes

The Philadelphia Bourse wants the shipping board to lend a steamship to Philadelphia so that graduates of the school for marine engineers may receive their practical instruction without being forced to leave the city.

A letter to the shipping board, written by Emil P. Albrecht, president of the Bourse, says in part:

"We consider it very desirable that the men, in the course of their training, shall be able to get first-hand practical knowledge of marine engines. The city of Philadelphia loaned the school for its use until the opening of the winter season, one of the city iceboats, while a private corporation furnished the necessary berth for the vessel. We may or may not be able to secure the iceboats again, and therefore make the suggestion that the shipping board, if possible, supply a steamship for the purpose of instruction."

WORKERS COMPLIMENTED

Naval Auxiliary of Red Cross at Lit Store Hears Addresses

Members of the Hill Branch of the Naval Auxiliary of the Red Cross, composed of employes of the Lit Brothers' store, are today giving added impetus to the work of turning out garments for the boys in the navy, following addresses of appreciation for their past efforts, made at a meeting in the store last night by Colonel Samuel D. Lit and Jacob D. Lit.

More than 850 women attended the meeting, which, in addition to being addressed by the store executives, was made pleasing by a talk by Trooper Hubert Scott, of the New Zealand contingent with the English army, who graphically described the futile efforts of the British to capture Constantinople.

The jazz band and 100 sailors from the Naval Home were present. Supper was served, after which the floor was cleared for dancing.

The Lit section of the Naval Auxiliary is under the direct supervision of Mrs. Frank A. Hill.

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Wind and Rain Storm Precede Flood Here

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1712-1714 Vine streets, at the corner of the Parkway, was blown off, half of it falling into the street and the other half hanging to the eaves of the building. Parkway laborers were instructed to remove the wreckage.

DAM AT NORRISTOWN MAY BREAK IN FLOOD

NORRISTOWN, Feb. 26.

Investigation has revealed that the Swede street dam, which broke nearly two months ago, has suffered further damage through recent high water and ice, and there is considerable alarm felt here. Much of the old drift which held when the breach structure gave way originally has been washed away and the indications are that when today's flood subsides there will be very little water in the dam.

The conditions are looked upon with alarm. The Counties Gas Company has a force of men at work building a cofferdam several hundred feet from the Swede street dam, to get water for its condensers, and the Norristown Water Company, which gets its supply from the Bridgeport side of the Barbadoes Island, may have trouble in getting water at low tide, as the break in the dam is on the Bridgeport side. The Schuylkill Navigation Company's efforts to check a further break by reenforcing the dam around the break were futile, and it now looks as if more of the dam would go.

The roof of the Keuer Pottery and a number of trees were blown down by the high winds which prevailed here last night and had abated very little this morning.

Albert Hopple, 5729 Race street, is in the University of Pennsylvania Hospital, due to the heavy winds this afternoon. He is employed at the Tioga Steel Company, Fifty-second street and Gray's avenue, where a brick loosened by the wind, struck him on the head. Severe cuts resulted.

COAL SURPLUS HERE; BUY FOR NEXT WINTER

Fuel Administration Urges Public to Begin Storing. To Distribute 50 Tons

Every coal dealer in Philadelphia now has a surplus on hand—the first time since early in December—according to a statement issued by the fuel administration. It is urged that Philadelphians take advantage of this surplus and lay in a portion of next winter's supply.

Persons anxious to learn how to obtain the greatest results with a minimum consumption of fuel visited the fourteen fuel-saving stations again today. The stations were opened yesterday and more than 4000 persons visited them, listening carefully to the explanations of the experts, who explained the proper methods of firing furnaces. The stations will remain open for two weeks, during which every phase of coal conservation will be touched on.

Poor families living in South Philadelphia will have an opportunity this week to help themselves freely from a shipment of fifty tons of coal. The coal is being shipped here by William Harris, a Wilkes-Barre operator, and, having had one car of coal condemned by inspectors from the office of William Potter, he has notified Mr. Potter that he believes the coal is probably not up to the requirements of the administration and asks that it be distributed.

Inspectors are still looking up all shipments of coal to Philadelphia and condemning each carload that fails to meet the requirements. Inspectors from the Philadelphia office condemned eleven carloads at the mines in the last few days.

To further conserve fuel, small bakery shops that remain open seven days a week may be asked to follow the lead of the larger bakeries and work only six days a week.

BUILD HOMES FIRST; INDUSTRIES FOLLOW

Expert Declares Past Policy in U. S. Has Been Wrong

WORKERS ARE GOUGED

Factories Will Go Where Skilled Labor Is Contented and Happy, His Contention

Attract industrial workers to one model community and the industry will follow them. This, briefly, is the plan advocated by Thomas Adams, chief advisor of the Canadian Commission on Conservation, who spoke before the second meeting of the American City Planning Institute this afternoon at the Bellevue-Stratford.

The plan of developing industrial communities in the United States in the past, he said, has been all wrong. He asserted that the plan of building a factory or large industrial plant in a place and attracting the workers afterward was a serious mistake. In such cases, he said, experience has shown that owners of land near the factory would greatly boost the price, adding great burdens to the workers who went to the place to live.

Mr. Adams suggested that the Government buy agricultural or manufacturing land which was reasonably cheap, build model homes with plenty of ground and get the workers into them. Then, he said, the manufacturing plants would come to the place. There would be good inducement for doing so, for there already established and happy, are the trained workers, and one of the most serious problems is already solved in advance.

Germany was forty years ahead of England in the matter of housing and development of model communities before the war, according to Andrew Wright Crawford, but now, he said, England has passed Germany in this direction. He urged that the United States follow similar plans.

Frederick L. Ackerman, a British housing expert, showed pictures of "Well Hall Gretna," a munition manufacturing community which was built in England in nine months. The place was filled with model homes, intersected with well-paved streets, and had any other up-to-the-minute improvements.

John C. Olmsted, who, with his brother, Frederick L. Olmsted, is landscape gardener of Brookline, Mass., talked on the subject of city planning, and told of how he and his brother had planned and built the model city of Vandergrift, which is thirty-nine miles from Pittsburgh and about two miles from the town of Apollo, where is located the big steel plant of the Apollo Iron and Steel Company.

At the luncheon following the morning session there were no regular speakers, but the subject of community building was discussed in general, the main thought of this being that this work should be done in those communities that have either sprung up or been greatly enlarged through the war. Communities such as Bridgeport, Bristol, Newport News, Hog Island and Chester were mentioned. It was agreed that this work should be permanent, so that labor would find them ideal living places and stay there. Among those who talked on these subjects were Andrew Wright Crawford, John Ihlder, secretary of the Pennsylvania Housing Association, and John Nolen and Arthur C. Comey, both of Cambridge, Mass.

Mrs. Edward W. Biddle, president of the Civic Club, made a plea for the abolition of slums. She said, "You men, when planning cities hereafter, bear in mind that slums must be eliminated." She spoke of the lack of sanitation, bad lighting, small rooms and the fact that a half dozen families use one hydrant, and declared that only a few are strong enough to withstand these conditions.

In speaking of transportation in keeping with making model towns for workmen, Clinton Rogers Woodruff insisted that if transportation could not be handled properly by local companies in these communities they should be turned over to the Government for management and control.

"Convenient and pleasant transportation should be the thought instead of stockholders' dividends," said Mr. Woodruff.

At the afternoon session Lawson Purdy, of New York city, acted as chairman. He introduced Frederick L. Olmstead, of Brookline, Mass., who suggested the appointment of an investigation board before sites of model towns are selected.

LACK OF FUNDS HAMPERS HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Insufficient Appropriations Cause Lack of Doctors and Nurses, Women Investigators Find

Insufficient appropriations by Councils hamper the work of the Department of Health and Charities, causing a shortage of nurses and doctors, according to the Women's League for Good Government.

The league is conducting an investigation of the various departments of the city government to ascertain how it can improve or help them, and inspected the health department yesterday.

The inspection of the Department of Health and Charities was made by Mrs. George R. Foulke and Mrs. Frank Miles Day. Director Krusen had the heads of every branch of his department present when the women called. Present also was the Women's Advisory Council, consisting of Mrs. Thomas Robbins and Mrs. John P. Groome, appointed by Director Krusen.

BIG OVERSEAS DEPOT HERE NEARLY FINISHED

Completion of Municipal Pier 78 and Four Quartermaster's Warehouses Assured by May

With the completion of Municipal Pier No. 78, at McKean street, on the Delaware, as well as the four warehouses opposite that pier, the United States Quartermaster's Department will have at its disposal a gigantic overseas depot. The pier is rapidly nearing completion, while the warehouses, according to United States officials, will be completed by May 1.

The pier, which is being built by the city of Philadelphia, is already under military guard and will be formally turned over to the Government at its completion for the duration of the war.

The four warehouses are one-story buildings and built of brick. They cover ten acres of ground and have a floor area of 275,000 square feet. They occupy two blocks from Mifflin street to Snyder avenue and one block from Delaware avenue to the river.

The warehouses and piers are in addition to several being erected by the constructing division of the Quartermaster's Department on Gray's Ferry road. Major E. B. Mordem and Captain R. E. Marston are in charge of the work.

UNABLE TO SOLVE MYSTERY

Coroner's Jury Fails to Place Blame for Auto Tragedy

A Coroner's jury today failed to place the blame for the murder of Francis Clementi, twenty-six years old, 1628 North Seventeenth street, who was shot by auto bandits February 5. Detective William Callahan told the Coroner that Clementi's sweetheart, Miss Hannah Riverri, had informed him that two former attempts had been made to shoot him and that the dead man had often said that he expected to "get his" soon. The police have made no arrest.

NAMES NEW GUMSHOE MAN FOR CITY PAYROLL

McClintock Gets Place With Civil Service Commission, to Report on Applicants

John McClintock, a former member of the Legislature from the Twenty-first Legislative District, is the new official gumshoe investigator for the Smith Administration with the title of chief clerk of the Civil Service Commission. His duties will be the same as those formerly performed by William S. Robertson, a son-in-law of Mayor Smith.

Young Robertson was early in the Smith Administration appointed to a position created for his benefit and officially known as special investigator for the Civil Service Commission. His work consisted in "looking up" persons qualifying for city positions before their names are included in public eligible lists. Robertson some time ago tired of these duties and entered the military service.

His leaving the city service left the Administration in a hole for an investigator that could be trusted. McClintock's name was mentioned by a West Philadelphia leader and after a number of conferences he was quietly appointed as chief clerk. William Mills Corliss, the incumbent, is on a leave of absence with the navy.

McClintock's salary will be $2060, the difference between the $2100 paid by the position and the salary paid to Corliss as an officer in the navy. Robertson's salary as chief investigator was $1800 a year.

Investigating persons who pass civil service examinations for high or low priced city jobs is considered a most important function in the scheme of government as it works out in Philadelphia, and political leaders breathe much easier now that the vacancy is safely filled.

39 WOULD BE LIEUTENANTS

Detectives and Sergeants Qualify for Police Bureau Vacancies

Thirty-nine detectives and sergeants of the Police Bureau today qualified for the position of lieutenant. The eligible list was made public by the Civil Service Commission. There are two vacancies now and others are expected in the near future.

The vacancies result from the resignations of Charles P. Boyer, of the Twenty-sixth and York streets station, and F. P. Zinn, of the Falls of the Schuylkill station.

Watchman Accused of Stealing Coal

Mysterious disappearances of coal from the yards of the J. J. Williams Coal Company, at Twenty-fifth and Dauphin streets, during the last few weeks has been cleared up by the arrest last night of John Selman, of 2411 Gordon street, the night watchman at the yard. According to the police, Selman has been selling it at night to various persons. He was held in $1000 bail.

MOTHER AND THREE CHILDREN FLEE FLAMES

Driven From Their Home Into Furious Storm When House Catches Fire

Mrs. Fannie Toschusuely was forced to flee to the street with her three small children during the height of the storm early this morning, when fire damaged the lower floor of her home at 157 Master street.

She was awakened by the smoke. Hastily dressing she aroused the children, and carrying two-year-old Joseph, and leading her two daughters—Marie, four years old, and Catherine, six years old—she made her way down a back stairway to the yard.

When the firemen arrived, the blaze, which started in the cellar, had eaten its way through the floor of the dining room and the cigar store in the front of the building. It was soon extinguished, causing a loss estimated at $600. A defective flue is believed to be responsible for the blaze.

MORE BALLOT FRAUDS IN 28TH ARE CHARGED

Town Meeting Man Says Federal Agents Had Evidence in 1916—Kane Cryptic

The statement at the Town Meeting party rally of the Twenty-eighth Ward by Frank H. Schrenk, an attorney, with offices in the Bailey Building, that evidence gathered by agents of the Department of Justice showed that gross frauds were committed in the South Philadelphia wards in the election of 1916, and that President Wilson had really carried these wards, drew from District Attorney Francis Fisher Kane today a statement that a Federal investigation was held shortly after the election with a view to possible prosecutions similar to those which shook the political foundations of Terre Haute, Ind., but that no prosecutions had been ordered as a result of that investigation.

"The findings of the investigators were forwarded to the Department of Justice in a special report," said Mr. Kane. "Any information regarding those findings would have to come from the department. No prosecutions were ordered. I do not mean to say that no evidence of fraud was found. The Federal law restricts us to rather narrow bounds in prosecutions of this sort. I cannot say more than this."

In his speech at the Town Meeting party rally Mr. Schrenk declared that the reason the party leaders were so anxious to see the inside of the ballot-boxes in the election of last year was because it was known by them that the Federal investigation of the election of 1916 had shown flagrant frauds. According to the speaker, the Federal probe was halted by the entrance of the United States into the war, necessitating the taking away from Philadelphia of a large number of Secret Service men engaged in the investigation.

"Thus," asserted Mr. Schrenk, "the Vares were saved from the deluge that threatened them."

ARREST 18 BOYS AS CAR THIEVES. 10 MORE KNOWN

Lads Accused by Police Tell of Others Who They Say Stole Merchandise

Eighteen boys, arrested by the police of the Sixty-fifth street and Woodland avenue station for robbing box cars on the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railway, are in the House of Detention and the police say they will increase the number by ten today.

In the last few weeks there have been numerous thefts from the cars and the police, suspecting professional thieves, have been watching specially for them. They were much surprised when they caught the first boy leaving the yards with merchandise from a car. This lad was arrested and gave the names of several others, who, he said had robbed cars. These boys were found and they in turn implicated others. Almost every boy arrested gives the name of at least one other. The police have recovered a considerable quantity of merchandise, varied in character, concealed about the lads' homes.

It appears that the boys, having learned to pick coal along the tracks, conceived the notion that breaking into cars and robbing them was no more serious an offense.

LITTLE THING LIKE FIRE FAILS TO EXCITE THEM

Salzman Family Calm in Presence of Danger From Flame and Smoke

Fire and smoke didn't alarm John Salzman, 609 North Fifth street, North Camden, this morning when he was aroused from his sleep by neighbors. He calmly walked to another room, where his wife and three children were asleep, and told them to dress quickly.

The children were instructed to take one another's hand, and then Mrs. Salzman and her husband guided their children out of the house.

The fire, which started in the basement, caused damage of about $200. Yet the fire had been put out. Salzman, his wife and children returned to the house and went to sleep again.

CONTINGENT GIFTS TO NEEDY

Estate Goes to Little Sisters of Poor After Death of Testatrix's Brother

Contingent upon the death of a brother, the will of Kate S. Melcher, 2845 West Huntingdon street, leaves an estate valued at $5500 to be divided between the Little Sisters of the Poor, Eighteenth and Jefferson streets; St. Joseph's Hospital and the Catholic Home for Orphan Girls, Twenty-ninth street and Allegheny avenue.

Other wills probated were those of Jane H. Richards, 1500 Spruce street, which, in private bequests, disposes of property valued at $25,000; Isaac Schlichter, Jr., 3836 Frankford avenue, $10,000, and George K. Paris, 6056 Spruce street, $5400.

WAR FUND OVERSUBSCRIBED

Lutherans Here Raise $5000 Above $30,000 Allotment

Frank M. Riter, treasurer of the Lutheran War Commission for Soldiers and Sailors, announced today that the quota for Philadelphia in subscriptions has been oversubscribed by $5000, the sum of $35,000 having been raised to date.

The city was only allotted $30,000 to raise, and the total for the country was $750,000, which Mr. Riter said today was already oversubscribed. E. Franz Miller, banker, is the chairman of the fund.

Raises $153 in Three Minutes

It took only three minutes for Joseph P. Gaffney, chairman of the Councils' Finance Committee, to raise $153 at the Broadway Theatre for the Welfare League last night. Chorus girls, vaudeville actresses and ushers took up a collection at the close of his "rapid-fire speech." The $153 will be used for comfort bits and sweaters for the boys down at Meade.

Woman Fatally Burned

Mrs. Pauline Beach, forty years old, of 921 Newton avenue, Camden, was probably fatally burned today when her clothing caught fire from a stove over which she was cooking. She was terribly burned from head to foot and is in a dying condition in the Cooper Hospital.

CHINAMAN'S PISTOL HALTS DARK ROMEO

Jim Lee, Laundryman, Resents Early Morning Call by "Gemman of Color"

HE FIGHTS FOR PEACE

"Jedge" Hears Negro's Romantic Tale With Stony Skepticism and Holds Him for Court

The lark, th' envious herald of the morn, was still slumbering at 2 o'clock this morning when the West Philadelphia version of Romeo and Juliet was "pulled off." Likewise Jim Lee, a Sinologue from birth and a catalog of all the virtues of a laundryman by choice, lay sleeping in a room over his laundry at 6111 Market street. All was peace.

But Jim Lee was roused from dreams of Tai'tse, the pale lily of the court of the Emperor Ho, who died 4000 long years ago, by noises at his back window. Cautiously he peered out. There were three dark forms—forms which would have been dark even in daylight—earnestly working away at it.

"SUNG SOY! GLOW AWAY! TAIME LOO! RAUS MIT!"

These and other Chinese phrases, indicating Jim Lee's intense feeling of boredom at the presence of the three visitors and his personal lack of interest if they should all three be eventually, if not now, thrown into boiling oil, shattered the quiet of the hour.

But the three colored gentlemen kept on working their way in.

Then Jim Lee said, uttered, and spoke unto himself as follows:

"I flix 'em." With a look of bland contentment stealing over his features, Jim Lee took from its resting place a revolver bequeathed to him by a revered ancestor who had been taken off suddenly by a mysterious malady known as "the tongs." This revolver, said to be a .44, resembled in general contour and caliber a forty-two-centimeter cannon, with a range of eighteen miles and an undying hate for anybody named Bertha. It had not been fired since the Ming dynasty.

JIM LEE SHOOTS

After locating his target by reports from airplanes, correcting his trajectory and offering up three sticks of punk to the memory of the ancestor who willed him the arquebus, Jim Lee leaned out of the window, closed his eyes—and pulled the trigger.

The explosion that followed was clearly heard by William McGary, a private watchman, who was then standing two blocks away. The three colored gentlemen seemed to lose interest in their attempts to get in. As one of them remarked later, "Seems like I done lost my taste for that place." Where they were they were not any longer.

Jim Lee, the conscientious pacifist, pleasantly surprised by the tactful departure of his visitors and the fact that his own arm was still intact, pulled the trigger two more times. The three colored gentlemen, who had started to leave at the sound of the first shot, cast aside all fooling at the sound of the second. They were then clearing the fence. By the third shot two of them had reached their own homes an hour before they had left them to visit Jim Lee's house.

But the third, who at first said his name was Archie Thomas and later gave it as Archie Royster, was freed by McGary, the watchman, in an alley near Sixty-second and Market streets eight seconds after the firing of the first shot by Jim Lee. "What's been holding you back?" asked McGary.

A PREDATORY ROMEO

To Magistrate Harris, at the Sixty-first and Thompson streets police station later today, Archie said earnestly that he had come to Philadelphia from Atlantic City, his only intention being to call on Juliet Davis, a young colored woman whom he knew to have been employed by Jim Lee. Being obliged to return to Atlantic City, he felt that he was in duty bound to make up to Juliet for her loss, and, accordingly, was bringing two friends of his around to introduce them to her. Juliet having no balcony, they had to rap at her window. "Tha's all they was to it, Judge: I'm tellin' you true," he declared.

Magistrate Harris, who can converse in Chinese himself, asked Jim Lee if he employed any Juliet. Jim Lee replied:

"Quong yee tung ung tai, shee hip soy, hai song mai QUOCK!"

"He says," Magistrate Harris interpreted, "that he once employed a girl named Juliet Davis, but that he hasn't seen her since the war. He says he considers 2 o'clock in the morning to be no time for a social call, even if the girl had been there. He says he thinks President Wilson is a great man. Archie, I will hold you under $1000 bail for a further hearing on March 2."

"Yessir," said Archie.

17 INCOME TAX OFFICES TO RELIEVE CONGESTION

Collector Lederer Opens Branch Stations to Take Burden From Federal Building

Seventeen additional income tax offices have been opened throughout the city by Ephraim Lederer, collector of internal revenue for the Philadelphia district, to relieve the congestion at the central office in the Federal Building.

The branch stations are situated at the following places:

The Bourse, Fourth and Market streets.
Pennsylvania Company, Juniper and Chestnut streets.
Fidelity Trust Company, 333 Chestnut street.
Philadelphia Trust Company, 413 Chestnut street.
Logan Trust Company, 1427 Chestnut street.
Penn National Bank, Seventh and Market streets.
Schuylkill National Bank, Second and South streets.
American Bank, Broad street and Passyunk avenue.
Pennsylvania State Bank, Seventh and Wolf streets.
Sons of Italy Bank, Seventh and Christian streets.
Centennial National Bank, Thirty-second and Market streets.
Market Street Title and Trust Company, Market street and Market streets.
Fifty-second and Market streets, Broad street and Erie avenue.
North Philadelphia Trust Company, Broad street and Erie avenue.
Northern National Bank, Seventh and Dauphin streets.
Germantown National Bank, Germantown avenue and Chelten avenue.
Frankford Trust Company, 4344 Frankford avenue.
Kensington Trust Company, Allegheny and Kensington avenues.

Inquiries as to the taxability of returns from building and loan shares caused Mr. Lederer to issue a statement yester