

MOORE HOG ISLAND CHIEFS MAY GO

Bowles Indicates Other Big Fellows Will Follow Robinson

EXPECT RESIGNATIONS

Possibility that Dwight P. Robinson is only the first of several high-salaried officials of the American International Shipbuilding Corporation to be retired from Hog Island operations is indicated in the statement of Admiral Bowles regarding the qualifications of the new executive head, Frederick Holbrook.

"I hardly think that Mr. Holbrook will need such a large staff of assistants as Mr. Robinson has required," said Admiral Bowles, "for the simple reason that he will do a lot of work himself."

Just which members of Robinson's large staff of assistants are slated for the discard is not known, but rumor has been persistent that two high-salaried officials, one drawing \$15,000 and the other \$10,000 a year, will quickly follow their former chief into other fields.

KAISER IN HARRISBURG; GIVES BUCK IRON CROSS

At Least, That's What Message to Draft Board Chairman Here Infers

"Kaiser Wilhelm" has "decorated" Samuel J. Buck, chairman of the Fourth Local Draft Board, Fourth street and Snyder avenue, with the "Iron Cross," and probably has recorded him at Berlin as the only Pennsylvania no honored.

The "Iron Cross" was contained in a telegram sent from Harrisburg, which said:

"You have been unanimously elected honorary member of our social. Enclosed find 'Iron Cross' presented to honorary members. Hoping you will attend the next meeting held April 21, 1918, at Peking china, I am fraternally yours, Wilhelm."

On the cross was the following inscription: "Patriotic Order of Limburger Guards."

DOG-LICENSE CODE PUZZLE

Law Causes More Inquiries Than Any Passed in Three Years

Harrisburg, March 19.—Rules and decisions by the Attorney General's department on the dog-license code, which has caused more inquiries than any similar piece of legislation in the last three years are being compiled by State agricultural authorities.

LA GUARDIA HURT IN ITALY

New York Congressman and War Aviator Disabled

Rome, March 19.—Captain Florentino H. La Guardia, who is a member of the American Flying Corps, will be injured in Italy, the American Representative has addressed meetings in Milan and Genoa so planned, owing to injuries received in an aerial accident. The extent of his injuries are not yet known.

March's Brother Out for Congress

Easton, Pa., March 19.—Francis A. March, professor of English at Lafayette College and former Mayor of Easton, has announced his candidacy for the Republican congressional nomination in the Twenty-sixth District. He is the brother of Major General Peyton C. March, chief of staff, Henry J. Steele, Democrat, in the incumbent.

Locomotive Kills Man

John Wolfson, fifty-two years old, of 438 Clinton street, Camden, foreman of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Camden, died in the Cooper Hospital as a result of being run over by an engine at the yard. Both legs were severed at the knee, and he died almost immediately.

Five Religious Leaders Found in 'Bloody Fifth'

It's easy to get a political leader in the "Bloody Fifth" Ward, but difficult to discover a Sunday school leader. There are more politicians than religious workers in the Fifth.

Samuel B. Pares, general secretary of the Philadelphia County Sunday School Association, made this discovery, much to his regret. True, there are several good Sunday schools in the ward.

Mr. Pares desired to organize them as part of a Sunday-school machine. But he forgot that the section was part of a strong political machine.

BELIEVE MAN A SUICIDE

Police Probe Death of Laborer Found Badly Gashed

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CROWDS STORM RUMMAGE SALE FOR BENEFIT OF CRIPPLED CHILDREN



So many persons sought to attend the fair at 1224 Chestnut street that police protection was deemed necessary. The proceeds of the sale will be devoted to the needs of St. Edmond's Home for Crippled Children, Forty-fourth street and Havford avenue.

SOLDIER'S SLAIN WIFE MAY HAVE ENDED LIFE

Delaware County Coroner Inclined to Believe Missing Husband's Note

Elements of mystery were introduced into the hunt for "Jack Carson" today, when Coroner Dewey of Delaware County, where the body of Carson's wife was found with a bullet through the brain, admitted that she might have committed suicide.

Following receipt of a letter signed "Jack Carson," telling of the suicide of his wife at a lonely spot on an old road in Delaware County near the Chester pike, the officials began a search of the neighborhood and found the body early last night.

Near the tip of the dead woman's fingers lay a heavy revolver. According to the coroner, the body may have laid on the road since early Saturday night.

In addition to the county police, the State Constabulary is searching for the missing man. Until about two months ago Carson was a member of the National Army at Camp Meade, but he is said to have deserted. The police at first thought Carson, because of her stand against his unpatriotic act, fired the shot that killed his wife.

It is now thought possible that another in close touch with the affairs of the Carsons may have committed the crime and written the letter by which the police found the body.

Mrs. Carson was about twenty-five years old and lived at 1195 South Tenth street. She and her husband were Italian. Known as Carson, but really named Garesmo, the police have learned.

Part of an oyster, which either Mrs. Carson or the person with her had evidently been eating, was found near the body. The police are canvassing the oyster saloons of the section to learn whether Carson was about near the line of the oyster saloons.

Detective Mahaffey, of City Hall, who discovered the body and has been assigned to the case, said today that he had information which would lead to the discovery of the missing husband soon.

ALLEGED SWINDLERS HELD; WOMAN ACCUSES

Four Farm Stock Salesmen Defrauded Investors Out of Large Sums, Is Charge

Four men, accused of swindling investors out of large sums on alleged worthless shares in a farm and stock raising, were held today under \$1000 bail each for further hearings on March 24 by Magistrate Glenn, in the Fourth and York streets police station.

The men arrested by Detectives Freund and Heckman are Martin Amard, of Germantown avenue above Thompson street; Joseph Glouner, of Girard avenue west of Twelfth street; Harry Brenner, of Pine street west of Sixth; and John Brunner, of Sixth street above Market.

The corporation with which the men are accused of juggling was supposed to own large tracts of valuable land in the Pennsylvania State and the title of the Pitt County Land and Livestock Company. The defendants are, respectively, president, treasurer, secretary and farm manager of the company.

According to the police, the men have systematically worked small investors about Philadelphia on representations that the company owned a rich tract embracing 8000 acres in eastern North Carolina, stocked with cattle and other livestock, from the sale of which large returns were promised. While the process of stocking the farm was going on, it is said, it was represented that the sale of wild game killed on the land would bring good returns. Prosecutors in possession of the men contained glowing accounts of the enterprise.

The arrests followed a complaint of Mrs. Ernest Jacobs, 2123 North Dover street, who invested \$500, and who says she was promised returns of 100 per cent. The detectives allege that the only land in North Carolina that the company ever owned was of few acres of worthless meadow land and that the only livestock were a cow and mule.

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TITMAN, BASEBALL "FAN," DIVORCE SUIT WITNESS

Identifies Letters From His Wife to Pitcher Whose Wife Seeks Separation

Charles Embury Titman, baseball fan and man about town, figured as an important witness in the divorce proceedings brought in Baltimore by Mrs. Mona Morrisette against her husband, William Morrisette, a former pitcher of the Baltimore baseball club.

Titman identified letters from his wife to Morrisette in which she addressed the pitcher in endearing terms. These letters were the basis of the divorce action. An excerpt from one of them follows:

"He told me he made a new will, leaving everything to me. He is going to open a bank account for me in July, and also I am to have a new car. I can also have the little diamond sticking so, you see, dear, he is really coming to life. Under the circumstances it will be no stick while, honey. We have many years before us, so please be patient and trust me. I love you with all my heart. You won't be sorry, dear, if I tell you so."

"I know you will like my new dresses. I spent a hundred for them and he never said a word, so from now on I guess it will be easy sailing. Honey, please do me a favor. Be careful of my picture letters. Please do this for me. Am now going to ask you to be good. Now and always."

Mrs. Morrisette said she got the letters from a friend of a friend of her husband to whom they had been given for safekeeping.

COURT REFUSES PLEA OF DEUTSCH AND PALS

Early Trial for Fifth Ward Leader and Policemen in Conspiracy Cases

Judge Martin, in Quarter Sessions Court, today overruled a motion made on behalf of Isaac Deutch, Lieutenant David Bennett and five policemen of the Third and De La Salle streets station, to quash indictments accusing them of conspiracy in the "Bloody Fifth" Ward primary election of September 19.

Overruling of this motion probably will stop the technical legal steps taken by Deutch and his co-defendants to thwart the efforts of District Attorney Rotan to bring them to trial.

It is expected that an early date will be fixed for the trial of the case in court, and this hearing will probably be followed by the trial of Mayor Smith, who also is under indictment as a result of the Fifth Ward irregularities. Mayor Smith is accused of misdemeanor in office in not taking proper action in the Fifth Ward fight, and with contempt of court in not producing before Judge Brown, of the Municipal Court, sitting as committing magistrate, certain records of the police department.

Deutch, who is Vice leader of the ward, and who opposed James A. Carey for nomination to Select Council, is accused with Bennett and the policemen with conspiracy to conduct an unfair election and intimidate voters.

As a result of the outlawry alleged to have been instigated by Deutch, Policeman George A. Eppley was killed by a New York gunman, Jacob Masella, who was subsequently convicted of second degree murder. Carey and Assistant District Attorney John H. Maurer were severely beaten, and several members of the Thomas D. Finletter Club, Carey's headquarters, fell victims to the blackjacking of the New York thugs.

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DAUGHTERS OF CABINET WORK HARD IN CAPITAL

Even the Burleson Girls, Whose Papa Is Wealthiest, Doing Their Bit

The daughters of the Cabinet officers in Washington are keeping pace with their brothers in slaving up for Uncle Sam. Virtually all of working age are working.

The two Burleson girls, daughters of the Postmaster General, reported to be the wealthiest members of the Cabinet, are up to their eyes in work. Miss Lucy Burleson, the eldest unmarried daughter, is a yeoman in the navy who draws the brave little salary of \$41 a month. Her little sister, Sidney, is in a business college preparing to become a Government stenographer.

Miss Jane Gregory, the only daughter of the Attorney General, works in the publicity department of the office of the food administration and gets \$30 a month. Her plot for the job was that she had three dependents who needed her support. It is now generally known that Miss Jane's neck is Belgian babies adopted by proxy.

Wilson was their work mapped out for them. Mrs. Wilson is in ill health and Miss Agnes Hart Wilson has stepped into her place. Mary, the younger Wilson girl, ran the farm at Blossburg last summer and is preparing to do the same this year.

The strongest candidate for Secretary of the Administration are equally active and Washington is talking of the young women's patriotic service.

CRACKSMEN GET \$900 IN FOURTH ROBBERY

Big Safe Battered Open in W. L. Douglas Shoe Store

Another robbery in the central section of the city since Director of Public Safety Wilson reorganized the detective bureau netted the thieves \$900, in a safe robbery in the last day of the month. The "job" amounts to nearly \$5000.

Some time early Monday morning thieves forced a window and two doors and saved the battered safe, which was a huge safe in the W. L. Douglas Shoe store, 117 North Eighth street. The Douglas store is just across the street from the Fifth Ward station, 124 North Eighth street, which has been robbed three times in the last two months, with a total sum stolen of \$1850.

Among the things found in the safe were a fine saw, hammers, cold chisels and files. The entire back of the safe had been ripped off, a feat of cutting through an inch of steel.

From the thoroughness of the job it was plain the robbers had worked long and carefully. Joseph Haggerty, manager of the store, is unable to supply any clues to the "investigating" detectives.

BUSY GIRL BOOKKEEPERS USE SLATES AND PENCILS

Implements of Childhood Replace Scratch Pads at Philadelphia Electric Company Office

Back to the slate of school days for the sake of war economy is the order of affairs at the Philadelphia Electric Company office, a South Front street. In the bookkeeping department, the office every month, reams of scratch pads are used for figuring and making memoranda. The paper will now go and the slate and pencil is to substitute.

The Philadelphia Electric Company's officials are proud of their step, although a small one in the saving of war economy program. A score of girls in the West Philadelphia branch take the corporate record books, and they are very willingly wash their own slates. When the figures get too crowded for real reliable figuring, so Mr. and Mrs. Electric Bill Payer, your monthly bills will now be figured up on the old-fashioned slate.

POLICEMAN POET LAUREATE SINGS OF U-BOAT DISCOVERY

John Schneider, of Twentieth and Federal Streets Station, Memorializes Work of Intrepid Blue-coats Who Unearthed "Spy's" Model

In honor of the "marvelous" work of the police of the Twentieth and Federal streets station in finding a model of a submarine in the cellar of a house at 1647 South Bailey street, alleged to be the result of spying, John Schneider, policeman and poet laureate of said station house, assembled all his wit and wrote the following verses in connection with the event as it seemed to him:

Of the Seventeenth District, I surely can say That the men on the wagon can earn their pay. I know it was just the other day That our driver spotted a submarine under the bay.

At the top of his voice, he shouted out loud That the distance had created a crowd. With Schneider and Pitt were feeling so good. Of course they thought, who else's would?

GOVERNESSES SIGN FOR NATIONAL DUTY

Women's Patriotic Registration Attracts "Poor" and "Proud"

Exit—One Blue-white-headed nursery governess. Poor but proud. Four and nursery governess. War-ranted to "get out and get under" each little people in white. Not poor. Not proud. Just patriotic.

The above is a little one-act play staged at the headquarters of the women's committee of national defense, 1607 Walnut street, the official clearing house for woman's registration for patriotic service. This startling demand was really made of the department of registration. And it received a satisfactory response.

Although the department already has 2000 names on its card index, it is now making a thorough house-to-house canvass of every ward in the city.

The department of registration, while asking the names and qualifications of the women who are already in positions, does not wish to disturb existing conditions. It merely requires the information in order to be able to give to exact data to the Government as to the available woman power in case of national need.

The amount of work accomplished by the department may be partially realized through the fact that from February 7 to March 7 no fewer than 1237 women were placed in both paid and unpaid positions through this office.

Three hundred and fifty of these workers were volunteers to make surgical dressings and for the band army. There are constant demands for nurses, trained, half-trained and practical.

Especially is there need for army nurses, as there is only one trained nurse to every thirty-six sick men in the camps at home.

TEACHERS INDIGNANT, PAY INCREASE DENIED

Gloucester Instructors Consider Themselves as Important as Fortunate Policemen

Thirty-four teachers of Gloucester City at a meeting today expressed indignation because an increase of \$10 a month in salary had been denied them. They pointed out that six weeks ago they appealed for an increase. In the meantime, the police and water works employees received an increase of \$10 from the city council.

The teachers say they are as important a factor in the community as the police. The police will receive their increase next month, with a proviso that they lose all time off, whether from illness or other causes.

The teachers will appeal to the school board at a meeting April 1. Their appeal will be heard by the merit system to the \$5 granted by the merit board. The present salaries of the teachers range from \$50 to \$110 per month.

CHARITIES GET \$3500

Sallie E. Wilson Bequeathes to Children's Homeopathic and Methodist Missions

Requests of \$3500 to the Children's Homeopathic Hospital, 125 North Thompson street, and of \$500 to the Philadelphia branch of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church are included in the will of Sallie E. Wilson, of Lawnhurst, Fox Chase. The will was probated today disposes of an estate valued at \$350,000.

Other wills probated today include those of Louis Luttrell, 1226 North Wood street, which in private bequests disposes of property valued at \$5700; Alfred H. Darling, 225 South Sydenham street, \$5000; and Eleanor Engler, 1251 North Maccher street, \$2500.

Polite Conductresses May Oust Male Fare-Takers

Ding, ding, Look out there! Here comes the latest "cha-cha" offered girls to oust the sturdier sex from comfortable securities of male favoritism.

Chaplain C. H. Dickens, of the Philadelphia Navy Yard, says the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company ought to employ girls in the place of men on their cars because of the impoliteness, to say nothing of the rudeness, of the conductors and motormen.

And the company is said to be actually considering such a step! Chaplain Dickens's suggestion was made in the course of an address at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

Yes, I must tell you of this wonderful man who can write a wagon on water and a ship on land. It's a wonderful deed I surely must be a favoritism. And this great adventurer is Tommy McVay.

To start with the story of the small ship I will tell you just what we had seen. On the inside we found, in our great surprise, Great death bombs, which smiled like lightning. And afterward, of course, they used in while auxiliary were fighting with cinnamon bun.

HARMONY HOPE SLIM, G. O. P. MEN CONFESS

Penrose Stand Against Scott Fails to Shake Vire Attitude

WON'T ACCEPT MAGEE

Political leaders of all Republican complexion today admitted that the long-hoped-for harmony is getting further away as a result of the stand of the Penrose men against Congressman John R. K. Scott for Lieutenant Governor.

There no longer is a doubt as to whether Senator Vire and his following of ward leaders in Philadelphia intend to fight for Scott. On the other hand, the Penrose cohorts have said they would not tolerate Scott as a candidate. Now the only hope lies in the fact that some of those Penrose followers who formerly were emphatic are not quite so emphatic in their anti-Scott declarations as they were a few weeks ago.

Refuse to Change to Magee For several days the Penrose people have been suggesting former Mayor William A. Magee, of Pittsburgh, as a substitute for Scott. They have made it apparent that Senator Vire might name the candidate for Lieutenant Governor in this way.

Magee is the strong arm of the Vire forces in the western part of the State. Senator Vire emphatically says Magee is not a candidate for Lieutenant Governor, and Magee says he never even considered the possibility of the nomination. At any rate, Senator Vire says, the suggestion of Magee is merely an effort to get Scott out of the race and it is an effort that is not going to succeed.

As a result of these dickering and the wide separation between the two factions it was said today there was a possibility that the Vire leaders would be called together within a week to select a ticket. It is also predicted by some of Senator Vire's leaders that J. Denny O'Neil will make a bid for the running mate of Scott and Paul W. Houck, who now has the support of the Vire forces, for Secretary of Internal Affairs.

Stuart for Sprout Former Governor Stuart heartily indorses the candidacy of William C. Sprout. He made his declaration in a letter to W. W. Matos, secretary of the citizens' committee which has charge of the fact finding on the Sprout nomination. He gave to Senator Sprout at Swarthmore Saturday night. Former Governor Stuart was forced to send his regrets, he said, because he had a previous engagement.

J. Benjamin Dimmick, who ran a close race against Senator Penrose for the Republican senatorial nomination in 1914, has declared for Senator Sprout. In a statement from his home city, Scranton, of which he was former Mayor, his announcement is sensational, owing to the fact Dimmick had been nominated on "Penrose as a moral issue." Sprout is the Penrose choice for the gubernatorial nomination, and J. Denny O'Neil, the strongest candidate for Governor, long has been a personal friend of Mayor Dimmick.

BRIGHTS ASK GUNS TO FREE PHILADELPHIAN

Chinese Bandits Want Rifles in Exchange for Purcell and Kyle

Chinese brigands have demanded seventy American rifles as ransom for the release of two American engineers, captured several days ago, one of whom is a Philadelphian. Word of the demand was received here today.

The Philadelphian is Howard J. Purcell, of 836 North Twenty-seventh street. George C. Kyle, of St. Paul, Minn., is the other American captured.

Representatives of the government are carrying on negotiations with the bandits through missionaries in the hope of bringing about the release of the men. Purcell, well known in Philadelphia, is superintendent of construction with the McNichol Paving and Construction Company. He has also been connected with the Reiter-Curtis-Hill Construction Company.

Purcell, Kyle and a large party were on their way from Peking to inspect and survey the site of a proposed railway between Chookiang and Siang-yangfu. The man in charge carried a large sum of money with which to pay survey parties.

Purcell is superintendent of construction for the Sims-Cargo Railway Corporation. He left San Francisco for China two years ago, accompanied by his wife and three children.

His wife and children are now in Tsung-pu-buting, Peking. On November 21 Purcell's mother received a letter from him in which he said he was about to leave for the interior of China. Since that date nothing was heard of him until news of the kidnapping was received.

MARINES WANT ENGINEERS

Fifty Men of Stationary Classification Needed at Yard

Fifty qualified stationary engineers are wanted for duty at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. Authorization for their enlistment was received yesterday in a telegram to the United States marine corps local recruiting office at 1409 Arch street, where enlistment will be made.

Applicants must be married or single, of age from nineteen to thirty-two years, and may be drafted, though in this case they must have the consent of the local board by which they have been called. Men who hold first-class licenses as stationary engineers are also urged to make application for enlistment.

Applicants must be able to furnish papers and cards in support of the qualifications to which they make affidavit.

COLORED TO ADDRESS CITY CLUB

Lincoln Colcord, Washington correspondent of the Public Ledger, will be the principal speaker tomorrow afternoon at the luncheon of the City Club, 112 South Broad street. The luncheon is scheduled for 1:30 o'clock.

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LETTERS CHARGE FLOUR HOARDING

State Food Administrator Investigates Accusations From Citizens

REPORTS FLOOD OFFICE

Inspectors for the State Federal Food Administration are investigating reports of flour hoarding throughout Pennsylvania.

With the thousands of letters that have flooded the office today and yesterday from householders and dealers specifying the supplies of flour on hand, many communications informing the food officials of the whereabouts of persons who failed to report and who are in possession of supplies ranging from several pounds to several barrels.

"The success of the wheat conservation campaign depends largely upon the public," Jay Cooke, Federal Administrator for Philadelphia County, said today. "To unlearn the unpatriotic orders who failed to comply with the orders to report their holdings, we must rely to a great extent upon such communications as we are receiving today. As fast as we are informed of persons who failed to report, one of our agents is sent to investigate."

Many of the letters are anonymous. Others are properly signed. A typical one is from a householder in Logan, Pa., warns against a hoarding family that has a large supply and asks that an investigation be started. "This is a person who has probably never will communicate to the administration the extent of their supplies."

Administration officials pointed out that persons who failed to report, even if their supply on hand is almost negligible, lay themselves open to suspicion of hoarding. Persons convicted of hoarding are liable to a fine of up to \$5000 or two years in prison or both.

Although it will be several days before a weekly report of flour supplies in the city and State can be obtained, the first few thousand reports tabulated show holdings of 15,834 barrels in Philadelphia. This is a small percentage of the supply, officials said.

As a military necessity, redistribution of all wheat flour now in the hands of householders is predicted by Mr. Cooke. As he made this forecast, he also issued an order intended further to conserve the flour supply. Wholesale and retail dealers are urged to abandon back orders; that is, orders for substitute flours of their books and delivering wheat flour without the substitutes.

FINANCE CORPORATION BILL AGAIN HELD UP

Thrown Open to Amendment and Hopes of Passage Today Frustrated

Washington, March 19.—Hope of Administration leaders that the war finance corporation bill would be passed by the House today dwindled when the measure was thrown open to amendment this afternoon.

A score of amendments offered by Republican members promised to delay the passage of the bill until late tomorrow. The amendments in many cases were