45 CONVENTIONS TO BE HELD HERE

Commerce Chamber Lists Meetings and Exhibitions for Next Year

SEVERAL THIS MONTH

Royal Arch Masons, Electrical Engineers and Indian Rights Body in December

Forty-five conventions and exhibitions to be held in Philadelphia this year and next year have been listed by the Chamber of Commerce.

The exact opening date has not been decided for some of the conventions, but the months are given in the following list:

November 14-15. Woman's Home Missionary Society of Philadelphia Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church.
November 15. United Hebrew Brigade of Pennsylvania.
November 18. Amateur Athletic Union of the United States.
November 23-24. Women's Trade Union League State Conference.
November 25-30. American Hotel Exposition.
November 27. Pennsylvania State Hotel Association.
December. American Institute of Electrical Engineers.
December 5. Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Pennsylvania.
December 12 or 13. Indian Rights Association.
December 27. Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Pennsylvania.

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January. National Sheep Conference.
January. Conference of Indian Friends.
January. Philadelphia Lemon Club.
January. Eastern Retail Implement and Vehicle Dealers' Association.
January. Pennsylvania Trade Secretaries' Association.
January 11-18. Philadelphia Automobile Show.
January 13. Military Order of Foreign Wars, Pennsylvania Commandery.
January 22-23. Pennsylvania State Lumbermen's Association.
February. Military Order Loyal Legion, State Commandery.
February 12. Group No. 2, Pennsylvania Bankers' Association.
March. Jewish Publication Society of America.
March. Gospel Illustrators' Convention.
April. American Academy of Political and Social Science.
April. Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants.
May. Royal Black Knights of Ireland, State branch.
May. Military Order of Loyal Legion, State Commandery.
May. Musical Alliance of the United States.
May (second week). National Association of Hosiery and Underwear Manufacturers.
May 27-June 2. The International Bible Conference on the Return of Christ.
June. General Alumni Association of the University of Pennsylvania.
June. National Women's Trade Union League of America.
June. National Association of Building Owners and Managers.
June. American Guild of Banjoists, Mandolinists and Guitarists.
June. American Press Humorists.
June. American Medico-Psychological Association.
June 4. Holstein-Friesian Association of America.
June 18-21. Order of the Sons of Temperance, National Division.
July. American Electroplaters' Association.
July 3-4. Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence.
September. National Association of Purchasing Agents.
September. Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rites for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States.
September. Independent Order Foresters of America (High Court).
September. Knights Templar, Grand Encampment of the United States.
September 1-6. National Association of Letter-carriers.
Sept. 1-6. National Association of Letter-carriers, Ladies' Auxiliary.

CHESTER MOB FIGHTS POLICE

Storms Jail to Release Soldier Held in Arrest

Chester, Pa., Nov. 9.—Two thousand or more citizens flushed with excitement of the news of victory threatened to storm the city jail Thursday night to release Richard Crottell, a member of the Virginia Coast Artillery, who had been arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct. The police, acting under orders of Chief of Police Vance, turned Crottell over to his commanding officer, and he was taken to the guardhouse at the barracks.

The trouble began when Stith, a negro policeman, attempted to place the soldier under arrest for an alleged breach of the peace. Bystanders interfered, and McKinney and Baxter, policeman, went to the assistance of Stith. In an instant a mob surged about the policemen and their soldier prisoner and threatened to take him away by main force. Re-enforcements were sent from the City Hall, and the police, with drawn revolvers, managed to get Crottell to the police station together with C. A. Jones and A. S. Nash, who were charged with interference. Stith was chased by the mob and was relieved from duty for the rest of the evening to avoid trouble.

A squad of soldiers was hurried to the police station to assist the police in preserving order, and at the request of a sergeant the offending soldier was turned over to him to prevent serious consequences.

Mayor McDowell ordered all saloons closed as a precaution against further trouble.

CENSUS OF NURSES BEGINS

Red Cross Starts Counting in Philadelphia and Nation

To ascertain fully the nursing resources of the country, a survey is being conducted by the American Red Cross. This organization undertook the investigation on request of the Secretary of War and the surgeon general of the army.

For Philadelphia and the four adjoining counties the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the Red Cross is taking charge of the work. Dr. S. Lewis Ziegler, chairman of the survey committee, with offices at 1625 Walnut street, heads the activities.

In this chapter the survey is being made by means of questionnaires sent to all trained nurses, listed or not listed. Doctor Ziegler said yesterday some misunderstanding prevails as to the aim of the investigation. Many nurses, he said, believe that by signing the blanks they place themselves under the obligation for overseas duty.

"This impression is entirely incorrect," he continued. "The sole object of the survey is to obtain a complete record. If we had had such records during the influenza epidemic much unnecessary work and trouble might have been avoided."

LOCOMOTIVE HITS AUTO

Stalled on Track, Driver Jumps Before Crash

Woodbury, N. J., Nov. 9.—Joseph Curran, of Woodlyn, had a narrow escape from death last evening at the North Woodbury railroad crossing. He was driving a car and stopped the machine right on the crossing to ask the flagman the way to Philadelphia. His engine stalled as a south-bound steam train came around the Westville curve. William Lockett, the flagman, ran up the track and endeavored to flag the train, but it could not stop and the automobile was completely turned around and badly damaged. Curran jumped just before the train hit the car.

Democrats Probe Vote Plot Rumor

Wilmington, Del., Nov. 9.—Democrats in this city announced an investigation was under way to ascertain if a report that 1300 votes were purchased in this state by Republican workers in the election on Tuesday was true.

NEED $100,000,000 TO BUY SHIPYARD

Sum Required to Convert Hog Island Into Terminal, Says Coonley

SHIPPING MEN AROUSED

Head of Maritime Exchange Urges Survey of Port Facilities Here

Necessary development of Hog Island as a great ocean terminal would cost the city and State approximately $100,000,000, should either or both purchase the Island and its improvements from the Government at the conclusion of peace.

This is according to Howard Coonley, vice president of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, who has suggested that this be done.

Mr. Coonley expressed the opinion that for $100,000,000 the Island shipyard could be bought, provided the Government determined to sell it and required expenditure as a nominal.

"I am enthusiastic over the possibilities of Philadelphia as a port," said Mr. Coonley this afternoon. "And I think that if the city fails to take advantage of its position it will be little short of a crime. Philadelphia now is almost being forced to become the greatest shipping center in the United States.

Facilities Here Now

"Philadelphia doesn't need any great port development. The facilities are already here, and simply need to be taken advantage of. As to the Hog Island proposal, the chief question is whether it could be best handled as a public or private institution. The first consideration should be given by the State and city governments, I think, otherwise private interests will step in.

"It is Mr. Coonley's idea that the city and State should operate Hog Island as a terminal and not as a shipyard.

"The site of Hog Island is owned by the American International Corporation, which paid $1,800,000 for it. The Government has spent about $37,000,000 in improvements. At any time, under the terms of an option, the Government may purchase the site for the same price paid by the corporation and without interest.

Mistake to Give Up Island

Should the Government fail to take advantage of that option, however, the American International Corporation may purchase the improvements, including the shipways, at a price to be fixed by three appraisers, one to be named by the corporation, another by the shipping board, and a third to be selected by the first two.

"It would be a great mistake to wreck Hog Island completely," said Peter G. Knight, vice president and general counsel of the corporation, this afternoon. "Were the Government obliged to remove its improvements there and sell them at salvage prices, it would suffer a tremendous financial loss, he pointed out.

J. S. W. Holton, president of the Maritime Exchange and a member of Director Webster's special committee which is in charge of the organized effort to bring more business to the port, declared today that, in his judgment, it is essential to learn what the Government's intentions are in regard to the improvements it has made here, so that Philadelphia may plan to take advantage of them.

Holton Favors Survey

"I think Mr. Coonley's suggestion of a complete survey of port facilities as they exist at present, and their relation to the needs which will arise as the port develops, a very sensible one indeed," said Mr. Holton. "We should find out as soon as possible what the Government plans to do with the physical improvements it has made at the port of Philadelphia.

"For port development warehousing facilities are an absolute essential. The existing facilities here are not sufficient for the business of an expanded port. Especially is this true of incoming shipments. Perishable goods must be cared for until the railroads can move them to their destination. Outgoing goods for shipment abroad should also be held in warehouses instead of on freight cars.

"The quartermaster's department has built some fine warehouses in the southern part of the city, which could readily be used for port purposes after the war.

Should Start Now

"It is not too early now to begin to agitate the question of how we are to proceed after peace is declared. It should be possible to determine in a short time what the Government's plans are in regard to Hog Island and the quartermaster's stores in South Philadelphia.

"I believe the thought of the shipping and business men of Philadelphia is crystallizing on the matter of port expansion. We have a good start. Every one is interested. The newspapers are supporting the project admirably."

Director Webster Demurs

Director Webster, of the Department of Wharves, Docks and Ferries, in discussing Mr. Coonley's suggestion today, pointed out that the city has started a development project in South Philadelphia, which the Director thinks should take precedence over any plan for the purchase of Hog Island.

"It is quite possible," said Director Webster, "that Hog Island may be utilized as a great railroad center or that a private corporation may establish a freight terminal there corresponding to the Bush Terminal in New York.

"I do not think it likely, however, that the city will undertake any port development outside the city limits.

"We have river front land already bought for pier sites. Work has begun. One great dock for ocean-going steamships has been built at the foot of McKean street. A total of ten docks are called for in the development plan there. Further extensions of the municipal dockage system can be made on the Schuylkill River.

"We have $10,000,000 available for this use at present. The work has been held up because of the war. It has not been possible to get materials. With the return of normal conditions we will resume this interrupted work."

The port expansion committee recently appointed by Director Webster is at present engaged in obtaining data on which to base its future work.

G. O. P. HOLDS N. J. ASSEMBLY

Prohibition Chances Improved by Apparent Majority of Two

By the Associated Press

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 9.—New Jersey's next State Assembly, which is expected to vote on the liquor question, seemingly will have a Republican majority, according to official returns today from Middlesex County, indicating the election of one Republican and two Democrats. The State's soldier vote is still to be counted.

The Republican platform pledged the party in favor of prohibition. Unless the soldier vote overturns the results in any of the districts, the Middlesex returns assure the Republicans thirty-one votes and the Democrats twenty-nine.

INSCRIBED ON THE ROLL OF HONOR

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June. In one letter he told of how he threw a hand grenade into a German dugout and routed four Germans who were playing cards. He says that they left in haste, while he took possession of their cards and lamp for souvenirs.

Private Buchanan served six years with the old Third Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, and, thinking of his duty to his wife and small child, refused a first sergeant's job when our troops went to the Mexican border in 1916. However, he waived all claim for exemption later and went to Camp Lee, Va., with a draft quota from this city. He was about twenty-eight years old and a painter by trade.

Private Harry Arnold, severely wounded, was drafted in the autumn of last year, trained first at Camp Meade and later sent at Camp Hancock to fill the ranks of the 109th Infantry. He went overseas in May of this year, and was wounded so long ago that he had been back with his unit for ten days or so before the official notification of his injury reached his parents, who live at 1630 Belmont avenue.

Private Rossrio Patune, died of wounds, is of Italian parentage. He was drafted about a year ago, was trained at Camp Meade, and has been in France since July of this year. He lived at 2833 Tasker street. He had previously been reported wounded.

Lieutenant Frank P. Walsh has been wounded in the hand, according to word received by his father, Robert Walsh, 52 North Thirty-seventh street. Lieutenant Walsh is twenty-two years old, and is with Company A, 109th Infantry. He served with the National Guard on the Mexican border and while at Camp Hancock training for overseas service was promoted to first sergeant. In France he attended an officers' training school and there was commissioned a lieutenant. He is a graduate of Catholic High School, and was employed in the Reading Terminal office. His brother, Robert H. Walsh, is now at Camp Merritt.

Cook Gilbert Yost, Company H, 109th Infantry, was gassed September 18, according to a letter to his sister, Mrs. Caroline Betsche, 2027 North Fifth street. On July 15, his cook car was blown up by a shell at Chateau Thierry, but he escaped. The next day he was wounded while going over the top. He had resumed his company, completely recovered, when he was gassed.

Cook Wounded Twice

Corporal Clarence D. Manuel, Company E, 111th Infantry, is in a hospital recovering from gas, according to a letter to his mother, Mrs. Augusta Manuel, 6235 Reedland street. Corporal Manuel says he was in a detachment of 200 sent to relieve a battalion. They had to pass through a rain of German shells, over three open fields, and he says the rescuing party lost half its members.

Private Dennis Hagerty, 314th Ambulance Corps, 305th Sanitary Train, was wounded in the leg September 29, according to a letter received from him by his sister, Mary Hagerty, 1824 Pine street. Private Hagerty, who was born in Ireland, lived at 2632 Brandywine street before he was drafted in September, 1917. He trained at Camp Meade and went overseas in July. He was an ambulance driver.

Corporal John Brady, Company H, 111th Infantry, was killed in action October 4, according to word received by his sister, Mrs. P. L. Davis, 2047 Cherry street, from the War Department. Two of his brothers and a brother-in-law are in the service. Frank Brady in the medical corps and Joseph Brady is a chief petty officer in the navy. Ensign P. L. Davis, who is with the naval railway battery, manning the American big guns in France, is his brother-in-law.

Private J. E. Tracey, gassed, is rapidly recuperating in a French hospital, according to a letter received by his father, Michael Tracey, of 24 North Thirty-seventh street. Tracey enlisted over a year and a half ago, and went to France last June as a member of the 109th Infantry. "The Germans caught us napping the time they gassed me and some of the others," he added, "and we are just aching to get out of here and square the count."

Private Leonard Massetti, wounded while carrying a dispatch for his commanding officer, joined the colors on October 5, 1917, was trained at Camp Meade and became a bugler and messenger in the 315th Infantry, Philadelphia's own regiment of selected service men. Bugler Massetti has two brothers in the Italian army. The young soldier made his home at 826 Wilder street with a brother, Adel Massetti. Private Massetti pays a glowing tribute to the Red Cross and the way he is being treated by the nurses in his last letter to his brother.

Private Milton Stern, twenty-five, Company L, 315th Infantry, is reported killed in action September 29. In a letter dated in October, Sam Segal, his friend, wrote to Stern's sister, saying he had seen Milton in the morning and in the afternoon he had seen him "carried out." He did not explain what he meant by the term. Stern entered the service on May 27, and was employed as a salesman. He lived with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Stern, 2322 North Van Pelt street.

Lieutenant Raymond T. Turr, son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Turr, former residents of Overbrook, was killed in the severe fighting northwest of Verdun, September 29, when the Seventy-ninth Division went into action.

This information was received by his parents, now residents of New York, from Lieutenant Robert Van Buren, of the 315th Infantry.

Lieutenant Turr, who was attached to Company I, 315th Infantry, was born in Wyoming County in 1895. He was educated at the University School of Cleveland, the Pennsylvania State College and the University of Pennsylvania. He entered the officers' training school at Fort Niagara in May, 1917.

His father is now secretary of the New York offices of the Aetna Life Insurance Company.

Sergeant Alexander S. Harrington, twenty-three years of age, is reported in an official announcement from the War Department as having been killed in action on September 29. He lived at 2726 West Dauphin street. He enlisted five years ago in what was then Company C, First Regiment, N. G. P., now the 109th Infantry. He saw service on the Mexican border. Sergeant Harrington was trained at Camp Hancock, and went overseas last May.

Quartermaster Sergeant Ashton Rudd, thirty-one, aviation section, marine corps, died in France of pneumonia on November 4. A letter to Mrs. Emma R. Edwards, an aunt, with whom he lived at 207 Lincoln drive, Germantown, from Washington stated he had succumbed in a hospital in Calais, France, and was buried in a cemetery near that city. His sister, Miss Mary Rudd, also received official word of his death.

Rudd enlisted a year ago and received his chevrons at Miami Field, Fla. He was employed by the Curtiss Airplane Company, Hammondsport, N. Y.

He was the son of the late Christopher and Hetty Ashton Rudd and a brother of Lieutenant Francis Rudd,103d Field Artillery, and Joseph Rudd, 57 East Woodlawn avenue, Germantown.

U. S. TAKES LEIPER ESTATE

Property Near Chester Will Be Site for Workers' Homes

After being in one family for more than 200 years, the John C. Leiper estate, on the Chester Pike near Chester, has been commandeered for sites for workmen's houses. Fifteen hundred dwellings will be erected on the eighteen acres of ground which the Government, through the Emergency Fleet Corporation has taken by right of eminent domain.

The estate lies mainly between the Chester pike and the tracks of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and extends from Ridley Creek to Bullan's lane.

A ninety-foot deep frontage from the main gateway of the old Leiper mansion lately known as Leiper Flats has been claimed by the fleet corporation. This will take in the old residence with the stables and other outbuildings, which has been a landmark for generations. The dwellings to be erected on the estate will be in addition to Sun Village, where war workers are housed.

CAMDEN STORE BAN ENDS

Early Closing Rule Suspended for Christmas Shopping

The early closing ban on Camden mercantile establishments was lifted today by Walter J. Staats, Federal fuel administrator for Camden County, to enable merchants to handle holiday business. The old schedule will be resumed January 1, if the coal situation is not improved by that time.

SLAIN WOMAN NOT IDENTIFIED

Body Found on Beach at Cape May Point

FASHIONABLY DRESSED

Bullet Wound in Right Temple—Initials "J. W." on Ring—Inquest Monday

Cape May, N. J., Nov. 9.—Officials here are trying to identify the body of a young, fashionably dressed woman, found, apparently murdered, on the beach at Cape May Point yesterday. The body was lying partly in the water of Delaware Bay.

There was a bullet wound in the woman's right temple and a large bruise on one side of her face. A careful search of the beach revealed no weapon. Coroner W. A. Lake believes the woman was murdered and her body dragged to the water's edge.

The only clews found were three rings on the woman's fingers and a small photograph of a bungalow with a man standing on the porch. One of the rings the woman wore had the initials "J. W."

The victim was about twenty-five years old, of medium-size, with blonde hair, and appeared to be a woman of refinement.

The body was found by George W. Draper, a negro.

Coroner Lake will hold the inquest Monday.

SEVEN CHURCHES JOIN IN MEMORIAL TO PENN

Six Other Denominations Represented at Anniversary Meeting of Friends

The bicentennial of William Penn's death was commemorated last night by members of the Society of Friends in the Meeting House, Fourth and Arch streets.

Representatives of six religious denominations that Penn welcomed to his colony were present and voiced their praise of Pennsylvania's founder.

A message from Governor Brumbaugh was read by Charles Francis Jenkins, president of the Site and Relic Society of Germantown.

Among the Friends who read memorials were Howard M. Jenkins, Jean Barclay Penn-Gaskill Hancock, Robert R. Logan, Albert Cook Myers, of Moylan; Isaac Sharpless and John Russell Hayes, librarian of Swarthmore College.

The clergymen and laymen who expressed appreciation of Penn's tolerance of all religious denominations were Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins, for the Episcopalians; Rabbi Joseph Krauskopf, Rev. Edwin Heyl Delk for the Lutherans; Harry H. Snavely, of Lancaster County, for the Mennonites; Rev. Dr. William H. Roberts, for the Presbyterians and Paul Seibert Leinbach, for the Reformed Church.

INFLUENZA BAN LIFTED

Quarantine Ended Except in Few Isolated Sections of State

By the Associated Press

Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 9.—The most extensive quarantine order ever issued in Pennsylvania was raised in every county today by Dr. B. F. Royer, acting commissioner of health. Only a few isolated sections were excepted.

The quarantine ban was imposed on October 3 to check the spread of influenza.

14,500 CALLED NEXT WEEK

Pennsylvanians, Deferred During Epidemic, Summoned to Camps

By the Associated Press

Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 9.—State draft headquarters today announced that the 6700 men called for Camp Greenleaf, Ga., and scheduled to move in the week of October 21, but deferred because of the influenza epidemic, would entrain next week. The men called to go to Camps Meade and Crane will also move next week. Today 500 men for the navy are on the way to Philadelphia.

"Including the Greenleaf movement there will be about 14,500 Pennsylvania men sent to three camps next week and the train schedules call for the movements to begin on Monday and continue for five days," said Major W. G. Murdock, the chief draft officer, today. "It is short notice for the boards regarding Greenleaf, but they have met many emergencies and the efficiency of the selective service will be again demonstrated in this State, I feel sure."

The railroad administration is providing special trains for a number of localities and the drafted men will wear bracards or arm bands.

All local boards were today directed to stop sending men to the Syracuse camp.

KEEP MERCHANT FLEET WHEN WAR HAS ENDED

Government Unlikely to Dispose of Ships, Says Professor Huebner

That the Government is not likely to dispose of its fleet of merchant ships at the close of the war was the assertion this afternoon of Dr. Grover Huebner, assistant professor of transportation and commerce at the University of Pennsylvania.

Professor Huebner, in a lecture on the American merchant marine, given at Houston Hall, outlined the possibilities of the merchant marine and urged the financial, business and manufacturing interests to lend their co-operation in the work of making America's growing fleet of merchant ships a permanent institution.

Doctor Huebner said it would not be desirable for the Government to surrender the ships to private companies immediately after the war.

"The shortage in the world's tonnage," he asserted, "practically assures a high level of ocean freights for several years after the war, and it is also likely that a substantial part of the organization of the Emergency Fleet Corporation may remain intact for a while. Under these conditions the Government should be able to operate its vessels, so as to recover a part of the shipbuilding costs which have risen from $70 and $75 to $200 and $250 per deadweight ton, and at the same time in the interest of the world's commerce render better steamship service to competitive markets than was formerly provided by foreign steamship companies. It can also through its own organization assign what vessels it chooses to the transporting of needed materials to war-torn Europe.

"When, however, normal conditions return, it is probable that better results can in the long run be attained by adhering to the present provision of the shipping act which calls for the ultimate sale or charter of the Governments's ships to private American shipping concerns.

MAGISTRATE ASSAILS ALLEGED VARE TRICK

Stevenson Declares Prisoners Were Taken Away While He Was in Camp

Magistrate Maxwell Stevenson, Jr., was indignant this afternoon over what he termed a "contemptible trick" engineered by the Vare forces during his absence at an officers' training camp.

No prisoners were kept for hearings at the three station houses assigned to him, Magistrate Stevenson said. The prisoners had been transferred to the Thirty-second street and Woodland avenue station.

"I went to Camp Zachary Taylor, Ky., October 23, to attend the artillery officers' school," Magistrate Stevenson said. "I had presided over hearings at the Thirty-ninth street and Lancaster avenue station, the Sixty-first and Thompson streets station and the Fifty-fourth and Media streets station.

"When I enrolled for service, I asked Magistrate George W. Price to conduct hearings in the three station houses during my absence. But on November 1 the Board of Magistrates met and by resolution urged the selection of Magistrate Evan T. Pennock to preside over the three West Philadelphia station houses."

But soon after Magistrate Pennock began conducting the hearings, Magistrate Stevenson asserted, all prisoners were transferred to the Thirty-second street and Woodland avenue station.

Magistrate Stevenson said the assignment of Magistrate Pennock to that section and the latest move in switching prisoners was nothing short of a Vare political move to gain ascendancy in the Thirty-fourth and Forty-fourth Wards.

WOMEN ASK CHARTER REVISION

Good Government League Assigns 14 Reasons for Change

The Women's League for Good Government, of which Mrs. Frank Miles Day is chairman, urges the following reasons why Philadelphia should have a new charter this year:

The present system invites dirt and epidemics.

In a time of labor shortage the padded political payroll is a public menace.

Conservation demands a change. Our present system is extravagant of labor, supplies and money.

We need policemen and firemen free from the drag of political assessments.

Councils as now organized are irresponsible. It is no one's fault when things go wrong.

We need a small council of trained business men paid for their work and responsible to the people.

Now political influence prevents enforcement of law.

Child welfare demands a well-run city. Remember Gulebne and the playgrounds.

Last year Philadelphia had a higher infant death rate than New York, Chicago, Boston, Cleveland, Detroit or St. Louis.

We are lavishing money uselessly and skimping public necessities by our clumsy system of finance.

The present system plays into the hands of unscrupulous contractor-bosses.

Contractor rule protects vice.

Contractor bosses corrupt elections. Remember the Fifth Ward.

While fighting for national democracy, our local government should not be a contractor gang autocracy.

MISSING MAN DROWNED

Believed to Have Ended Life While in Fit of Melancholy

Norristown, Pa., Nov. 9.—The body of Thomas Murdy, Jr., was found in the Schuylkill River today. He wandered from his home on West Main street several days ago, after recovering from influenza, and is supposed to have cut his throat while in a fit of melancholy, making sure of death by jumping into the river.

The police searching for the missing man found a clue in a bloodstained pocketknife, which they picked up at the water's edge.

PENNSYLVANIANS WIN NEW HONORS

Men Trained at Camp Meade Take Germans' "Little Gibraltar"

TWO REGIMENTS IN IT

Letter From Captain McClintock Tells of Valor of Men From This Section

Pennsylvania soldiers trained at Camp Meade played a big part in the capture of Montfaucon, styled by Germans "the little Gibraltar." Two regiments of Keystone men participated, the 314th and 315th.

The story of the valor of the boys from this State is told in a letter from Captain Fred McClintock, commander of Company F, 315th Infantry, which went into the fight with 243 men and came out with 168. The 315th Regiment took up the battle, he says, after the 314th had been "more or less demolished."

The letter describes how Lieutenant Seth C. Hetherington, of this city, met his death, and mentions other officers of the regiment among the casualties. Lieutenant "Bill" Sheelan, he says, was killed. Among the wounded he mentions Captain Bostwick, Major Patterson, Captain Fulghuman, Lieutenants Quintard, Hacker, Van Horn and Bash, all slightly hurt.

General Joseph E. Kuhn, commander of the division, recently issued an order commending the bravery of his men in the capture of Montfaucon. Captain McClintock vividly describes the action in detail.

Started After Dark

"On the evening of September 28," he writes, "we got orders to move out to our positions of attack at dark. We started at 8 o'clock, prowled in single file through the pitchy darkness of a dense forest, hiked along a tramway, then along a road, then in a deep and narrow trench.

"When we arrived at our position we lay down in the mud to await dawn, but not to sleep.

"At 2:30 o'clock in the morning our artillery opened up. This fire kept up continuously and became more violent from 4:30 o'clock on. The attack started at 6 o'clock with the 314th infantry, leading, supported by the 315th infantry.

"My company was detailed as mopper-up and was split up into small sections, following the leading companies of the First and Third Battalions. This formation was preserved for the first three days, so my company was virtually in the front line during the engagement. There was very little mopping up to be done, so they merely joined the front-line companies.

Praises Sergeant Cox

"At 3 o'clock we were again held up by many machine guns and some artillery fire. Here the 314th became more or less demolished and the 315th took the lead. As my company was split up, I took command of my troops with the First Battalion and put Lieutenant Sheehan in charge of those with the third. We pushed forward the advance with Company C, and my first platoon was in the very first lines.

How Hetherington Died

"At daylight the enemy artillery fire became terrific. There was nothing to do but advance. At this time Lieutenant Hetherington was killed outright, within 100 yards of me. Major Patterson and Captain Rickelson were both knocked down, but uninjured, by the same shell.

"The previous day Captain Rickelson, Lieutenant Journeay, and several others had passed completely out from exhaustion and nervous breakdown. My, but they were pitiful sights!

"The morning after we withdrew, I counted my men and had seventy-eight out of 243. However, many had become separated, many had been carried back wounded, some had been left behind, and as those have now joined me, I have 168.

Sewerage Hearing November 15

Harrisburg, Nov. 9.—The Public Service Commission has fixed November 15 as the date for hearing the complaints against the Wayne Sewerage Company, in which a number of districts adjoining Philadelphia are interested.

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