

CHARTER DEBATE ON AGAIN TODAY

Committee Formed by City Solicitor Holds Second Session

WILL PICK SECRETARY

Definite Program Expected to Be Decided on This Afternoon

Charter revision plans were expected to receive added impetus this afternoon when City Solicitor Connelly's committee of representative citizens held its second meeting in the City Solicitor's office.

At the first meeting the committee contented itself with organizing and holding an informal discussion on proposed changes in the present form of municipal government.

A definite program on charter revision was expected to be laid before the committee at its meeting today.

A number of suggestions were submitted to the committee for consideration by Solicitor Connelly at the first meeting.

Included a proposal to strip the Mayor much of the responsibility now attached to his office, the substitution of a single chamber council, members of which would be elected at large, for the present dual system based on ward representation and a complete overhauling of the city's present system of finance.

One of the duties of the committee today in the selection of a secretary to Thomas Raeburn White as secretary.

Mr. White protested when he was unanimously elected at the first meeting and announced that he would retain the office only on the condition that it did not interfere with his other duties.

Since then he has resigned. He has been assisting the Committee of Seventy in its charter revision plans and finds that the duties involved by the two committees conflict.

"The best way, of course," said Mr. White, "would be for the two committees to co-operate, but if this cannot be done they can work independently and at the conclusion of their labors we can take the two sets of recommendations and find which contains the better ideas for a revision of the charter."

FOOD SCARCER IN BERLIN

War Cripples Kept From Entering Streets of City

Berlin, Dec. 4.—The food situation in Berlin is rapidly becoming more serious. Since Friday the price of an ordinary meal has increased six marks.

The military governor of Berlin, commanding ten thousand Republican troops, has the only force available to preserve order in case of disorders. In an interview the commander declared that should there be an outbreak of Bolshevism in Berlin and Germany the Entente Allies must hold themselves responsible, because they have not sent food.

On the outskirts of Berlin correspondents saw thousands of legless and armless war cripples. They are not permitted to enter the streets of the city, evidently for fear their pitiful appearance will inflame the populace.

DISCUSS FOOD SAVING

Howard Heinz Speaks at New Century Club Meeting

Howard Heinz, food administrator for Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Charles M. Lea, chairman of food conservation for Council of National Defense spoke at a meeting at the New Century Club this afternoon.

This meeting was held in compliance with the request that all women's organizations set apart today as a means of special observance of the General Conservation Week for World Relief.

Mrs. H. S. Hines, president of the New Century Club was assisted in receiving by Mrs. J. Willis Martin. Others who will assist are Mrs. Theodore Lewis, Mrs. John C. Gallaudet, Mrs. Albert Brubaker, Mrs. Frank C. Blank, and Mrs. Frank C. Roberts.

TREADS OLD QUARTERDECK AFTER FOUR YEARS IN WAR

Thrills Galore Encountered by Captain Woolfender, in Transport Service Covering Four Continents, Sink in Joy by Return to Command of Merchant Vessel Leaving This Port Today

Overjoyed to be back to the old job again, the merchant seaman, after four years of sea thrills in command of army transports, Captain B. Woolfender, a gray-bearded English skipper, sailed out of this port today in command of the 11,000-ton steamship City of Florence, carrying grain to England.

Captain Woolfender did yeoman work for the Allies during the last four years. He left the merchant service at the outbreak of the war, and for two years carried British troops from England to France.

A big portion of Kitchener's "first hundred thousand" were sent to sea safety to this skipper. He carried troops on transports to virtually every war zone, and on the ill-fated Mesopotamia expedition.

"Submarines sank transports around me—in fact, one ship sank alongside of me," said Captain Woolfender. "I heard many clashes between patrol craft and German underwater boats—but would you believe me when I say that I never saw one in the open sea."

However, Captain Woolfender had other dangers that he did see. He heard the whizzing of Turkish shells and the Mesopotamia voyage and stood by to carry hundreds of British soldiers—some wounded—from the scene of the unsuccessful expedition while the enemy loosened fury on the British ships.

"But I had a more gratifying trip to the German East African colonies, where I carried troops that defeated a small force of enemy defenders and seized the colonies," added the veteran skipper.

"I took several ship loads of troops through the most dangerous sea zones en route to Archangel and various Russian Baltic ports. Big forces crossed the Atlantic with me from Montreal to virtually all of the fighting zones—including Ireland," he added with a merry smile.

The skipper referred to the time of the Irish revolution, when a movement was afoot to secure German assistance in order to obtain the freedom of that island.

But the big feature of Captain Woolfender's experience was his command of the rescue ship sent to bring back the crew of the ill-fated British ship Tara that was sunk by a submarine. The British sailors landed on the African coast and were captured by the Senusis tribes. He said:

"When we got the men aboard, we found that they had not been fed by their captors, but existed on leaves and roots. They fed rather than walked aboard the ship—rich, stout men with

Entertainments Today for Service Men Here

IN THE NAVY YARD 7:30 p. m. Bible Study Class and Song Service—Y. M. C. A. Annex.

7:30 p. m. Educational Program—Y. M. C. A. Annex. Ten Acts Vandeville—Navy and Marine Corps recreation center.

OUTSIDE THE NAVY YARD 7:30 p. m. Dancing Class—Beginners. 8 p. m. Dancing Class—Advanced. Athletic Recreation Park, Twenty-sixth and Market streets.

8 p. m. Dancing Class from 8 to 8:30. All the latest up-to-date dances taught, followed by dance at 8:30 p. m. Ship and Ten Club, 2222 Chestnut street, Twenty-fifth cents.

8 p. m. Dance and Refreshments—Rotary Army and Navy Club, 25 South Van Ness street.

8 p. m. Keith Evening—Smokes and Sals. Old St. Stephen's Club, 19 South Tenth street.

8 p. m. Religious and Social—Bethany Church, Camden, 37 Fifth street. Invited. Meet Dad Butler at Navy Yard gate, 7 p. m. Liberty.

8 p. m. Varsity Catholic Club vs. Midvale Street and Ordnance A. C. Naval Y. M. C. A. Annex. 8:30 p. m. A. A. Both games played in Traymore Hall, southeast corner Franklin street and Columbia avenue. For tickets see Mr. Hays, Y. M. C. A. Annex, near Navy Yard gate.

SPROUL TO BE MOORE'S GUEST Congressmen Will Give Banquet at Washington

Governor-elect William C. Sproul will be the guest of honor at a banquet to be tendered him next Wednesday in the Hotel Raleigh, Washington, by Congressman J. Hampton Moore.

All the members of the Pennsylvania congressional delegation, prominent State officials, the two United States Senators from Pennsylvania and State Senator Edwin H. Vore are listed among the guests.

Considerable interest is attached to the function because of the dinner tendered Governor-elect Brumbaugh four years ago by Congressman William S. Vore in the Willard Hotel. At that banquet Governor Brumbaugh was honored as presidential timber.

While classed as a Penrose man, Congressman Moore has managed to play a role of neutrality between the rival Republican factions in Philadelphia and is one of the big figures on the Republican side of the House.

Governor-elect Sproul is booked for a series of dinners before he assumes the office of Governor. On Saturday evening he will be the guest of the Five O'Clock Club in the Bellevue-Stratford.

He will attend an informal dinner in the Union League Monday following the election of officers and his retirement as president of that organization. Tuesday evening he will attend the charter revision dinner of the Committee of Seventy. Wednesday he will be the guest of the Society of Home St. George and on Thursday he will tender a dinner to the Union League officers who served with him.

THOMAS GRAEVES DEAD

Retired Manufacturer and Prominent Methodist

Thomas Graves, a retired knit goods manufacturer of Germantown, died last night in his home, 158 Mannheim street.

Mr. Graves was born in Derbyshire, England, and came to this country in early manhood. For more than fifty years he was engaged in the knit goods business, retiring less than a year ago.

He was well known in Methodist circles and was a member of the Church of the Advocate. He was a member of the Society of Home St. George and of the Transatlantic Society. He is survived by a widow.

CHILD'S BURNS FATAL

Girl's Clothing Ignited by Brand From Bonfire

Four-year-old Mary Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, 212 Grove avenue, Cheltenham, was fatally burned when her clothing caught fire last night. The child died in the Jewish Hospital.

According to the coroner's police, the girl was playing with other children near a bonfire. A flying brand ignited her clothing, and she ran screaming toward her home. Neighbors responded and tore the blazing garments from the child's body. After treatment by Dr. A. A. Johnson, of Cheltenham, the child was taken to the hospital.

Small Blaze 23d and Market Streets

A blaze in a pile of rubbish in the plant of the Vim Motortruck Company, twenty-third and Market streets, was discovered today by a watchman. The fireproof construction of the building prevented spread of the flames and they were extinguished with small loss.

PUSSY-FOOT SLEUTHS FAIL IN QUEST OF MISSING RUBY

Vainly They Follow Clues From Canary's Stomach to Pet Cat's Maw

Stone From Lieutenant Boston's Ring Is Recovered in Corner of Room

Find the cat which swallowed the bird which swallowed the ruby that belonged in the ring of Lieutenant Boston.

This was the task assigned to two detectives of the Thirty-second street and Woodland avenue station by Lieutenant Boston.

The canary, "Dixie," had a miscellaneous appetite. Although he ate regular bird seed, he had an extreme fondness for peanuts, which did not in the least affect his digestion.

When the lieutenant missed the stone from his ring he was greatly puzzled. The ring was found on the floor among some peanut kernels. As the bird had been eating peanuts, one of the station house sleuths made the deduction that Dixie had pecked the stone from the ring and swallowed it accidentally. The mystery was intensified by the disappearance of the bird.

While the police were pondering over the matter, "Dixie," a cat belonging to Lew Longacre, a nearby business man, wandered into the station house. Dixie's face wore an air of contentment, and she smacked her lips as though she had just had a good meal.

A horrible suspicion entered the mind of the lieutenant. Had "Dixie" eaten the bird that swallowed the ruby? He thought that flashed through his mind. The cat seemed to scent an unerring air in the station house, and, turning abruptly, left the place.

It was then that the two sleuths were sent to follow her, in the hope that she would return to the scene of the killing. But they could obtain no evidence against "Dixie," and returned somewhat nonplussed.

When all hope of solving the mystery had been abandoned the bird was found alive in one of the policeman's discarded helmets. The canary chirped his indignation at being awakened, but seemed normal. And to add further joy to the situation the missing ruby was found in a corner on the floor of the station house.

NAVAL HERO AT SHIPYARD

Captain A. F. B. Carpenter, British "Hobson," at Hog Island

Captain Alfred F. B. Carpenter, British naval officer who won fame by his exploit in bottling up the German U-boats in the harbor of Zebruge, inspected Hog Island this morning.

At noon he was the guest of Dr. Charles D. Hart at luncheon in the Philadelphia Club.

Appointed to City Positions

City appointments announced today were as follows: Floyd H. Erickson, 2942 West Clementon street, assistant inspector of the Bureau of Health, salary \$1200; Benjamin Jolin, 4945 Chestnut street, messenger, Department of Transit, \$900; Edward Winkle, 1147 West Erie street, clerk of Bureau of Health, \$1000; William Marshall, 5703 Leonard street, engineer, Bureau of Surveys, \$1200; and William C. Smith, 1650 Conestoga street, clerk, Bureau of Charities, \$1000.

ROBBERS SHOOT 2; VICTIMS MAY DIE

Highwayman's Bullet Fells Resisting Pedestrian Downtown

WATCHMAN IS WOUNDED

Two men were shot and will probably die as the result of encounters with robbers early this morning. One attack occurred downtown and one in West Philadelphia home for the aged.

In both cases the assailant escaped. Five men were arrested on suspicion of being implicated in the downtown robbery.

Alek Soporsky, thirty-three years old, 260 St. James street, was shot through the abdomen when he fought against the attacks of two highwaymen. He is in the Pennsylvania Hospital, where he was taken after the holdup.

The robbery occurred at Second and Bainbridge streets. In resisting the robbers, who rifled his pockets, the victim struck one across the face so hard that he died. The robber fled. Soporsky was found some time later by Patrolman Wirtzschaffer and sent to the hospital.

Arrested on Suspicion Five men arrested on suspicion were held without bail for a further hearing next Wednesday by Magistrate Imber. One of the prisoners, John Salvollina, a Norwegian sailor, carried a revolver with two exploded shells, the police say, and showed evidence of having bled from a blow on the mouth. The others held are Oscar Bykola, of South Howard street; Matthew Grat, New York, and Thomas Flynn and George Bradley, of the vicinity of Second and Bainbridge streets.

Soporsky made an ante-mortem statement, in which he said he had met Salvollina and Bykola in a saloon and that he thought they were the men who assaulted him.

A negro burglar shot and seriously wounded William Nagle, an aged watchman, at the Old Man's Home, Thirty-ninth and Baring streets, early today.

Shortly after 4 o'clock Nagle discovered the intruder in the office of the institution, and when he challenged the negro he received a bullet in the stomach.

The watchman, who is seventy-five years of age, was removed to the Presbyterian Hospital, about a block away from the home. The police of the Thirty-ninth street and Lancaster avenue station, located but a block's distance from the scene of the shooting, are searching for the negro, who is believed to be the thief who has been making many nightly raids on West Philadelphia residences.

Calls to Intruder

Nagle told the police that while making his rounds on the first floor of the home he heard a slight rustling sound, which he first attributed to rats. However, to make certain, he shouted: "Come out of there."

A negro stepped from behind a partition with a dark-barreled gun in his hands. "What are you doing there?" asked Nagle.

The response was a blinding flash and a bullet that sent the aged and unarmed watchman to the floor.

Noise of the shooting brought residents and the police to the scene, but the negro ran out a rear door of the home, crossed the lawn, leaped over a fence and dashed south on Thirty-ninth street.

Several of the aged inmates of the home came downstairs to help the watchman when they overheard the burglar challenged, but arrived too late to be of assistance.

Accused of Having Illegal Drugs

Edward Joffe, Franklin street, and Girard avenue, was held in \$500 bail by Magistrate McKeary, at Central Station today, on the charge of having illegal drugs in his possession. Joffe had two cans of opium in his pocket, it is charged.

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