

NOBRE TO FIGHT DISMISSAL ORDER

Retains Counsel and Threatens Suit Against Director Datesman

REVELATIONS INTIMATED City Surveyor's Discharge May Bar League Island Park Contract Facts

Action will be taken against Director of Public Works Datesman by John M. Nobre, city surveyor of the first district, who was dismissed from the city's service on charges resulting from Senator Vane's moral claim for \$150,209.64 for work done at League Island Park.

In this connection Nobre was charged with destroying and altering public records and also with criticizing Chief Albright, of the Bureau of Surveys, his superior.

Nobre said today that he had retained former Judge Joseph P. McCullen as counsel. He will fight the case in the courts and there is every indication that there will be some very interesting inside information regarding the contracts connected with League Island Park. He would make no comment on the charges.

Mr. McCullen said the matter would be taken up through the proper legal channels in that he declined to enter into any discussion of the case at this time.

In the note of dismissal to Nobre Director Datesman said: "You are hereby notified of your discharge, to take effect December 10, for destroying public records, altering others, issuing false certificates, manipulating records so as to hide unauthorized and illegal measurements for filling in of Government avenue, under a contract for an improvement of League Island Park, as shown in your sworn statement of February 22, 1918."

GRAIN EXPORTER DIES John Sterling Taylor Was Active in Port Development

John Sterling Taylor, a prominent grain exporter and well known in maritime circles, died at his home, 154 East Mount Airy avenue, today after an illness of four months.

Mr. Taylor was born in this city. He spent a considerable part of his early life in helping to develop the port of Philadelphia. He was president of the Philadelphia Grain Elevator Company for twenty years, and also held the post of vice president for a long period.

His father, Charles M. Taylor, built the grain elevators at Fort Richmond and his home, "Servant," which will be held at Grace Episcopal Church, and interment will be in Central Laurel Hill Cemetery.

LAWYERS' RUNNERS BARRED Attempt to Mulet Woman Results in City Hall Order

Orders to clear the City Hall corridors of all lawyers' runners have been issued again, as a result of an alleged attempt to mulet the mother of a sixteen-year-old Charles Schwenke, Green street near Fourth.

Schwenke was arrested yesterday after a detective had watched him in a crowded street. He was held in \$400 bail for a further hearing next Friday.

A "runner" told his mother he would get the boy out for \$50 and when she told him she hadn't the money he urged her to get it from relatives. She appealed to Magistrate Macleary. The magistrate immediately notified Superintendent Mills, and orders to keep the lawyers' agents from the hall were issued.

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MIDDLE CLASS UNITING German Moderates Join Hands to Oppose Socialists

Heinl, Dec. 6, delayed.—(By A. P.)—A further step toward the formation of a united middle class front against the Socialists has been taken by the new German Folks party, which is formed from the left wing of the National Liberals, in deciding to coalesce with the German Democratic party, organized recently by Theodor Wolff, of the Berlin Tageblatt. Negotiations also are under way for the coalition of the Conservatives and Social German National Folks party.

OPPOSES GOLD COIN GIFTS Federal Reserve Bank Suggests Paper Money, Bonds or Stamps

In the interest of the conservation of gold the Federal Reserve Bank has again discouraged the giving of gold coins as Christmas presents and suggests the use of new paper bills, Liberty Bonds, War Savings and Thrift Stamps.

It is pointed out by the Reserve Bank that the objection to the use of gold coins as gifts is that they are not yet through with war financing, and the problems which will grow out of the war and the reconstruction period will be live ones for many years.

AFTER COAL PROFITTEERS U. S. Court at Pittsburgh Subpoena Several Penna. Companies

Pittsburgh, Dec. 6.—Cases against alleged coal profiteers will be pressed vigorously. This became known today when United States Attorney L. L. Crawford asked Judge Charles P. Orr, in United States District Court, to issue subpoenas calling upon several Pennsylvania coal companies to produce records showing their dealings with Canadian coal concerns.

BRITAIN'S FLEET GROWS Twenty-one Warships Added, Including Four Fast Giants

London, Dec. 6.—(By A. P.)—The names of twenty-one additions to the British battleship squadrons which have joined the Grand Fleet since August, 1914, have been mentioned in newspaper articles since the signing of the armistice, according to a resume published today.

Four of the vessels have been known as the "Hush" ships because of the secrecy surrounding their design and construction. They are thirty-knot ships, named as the Republic, Courageous, Glorious and Privoltov, nearly 800 feet in length and displacing 30,000 tons.

PORT OF PHILADELPHIA SUN AND TIDES

High water, 3:12 a. m. High water, 3:35 p. m. Low water, 10:28 a. m. Low water, 11:11 p. m.

ARRIVED A gray lifeboat, about twenty-two feet long, was seen at latitude 42-38 longitude 80-23 and reported as an abstraction.

OTHER CLEARINGS

Steamer From Sailed for Date

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BRITISH SHIPS ENTER REVAL Respond to Urgent Request From Estonian Government

Paris, Dec. 6.—(By A. P.)—British warships have entered the Russian seaport of Reval, according to the Petit Journal, in answer to an urgent request from the Government of Estonia.

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