

Washington, Dec. 10.—Rain today and warmer; cloudy and colder tomorrow.

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COURT AIDS PLEA FOR CITY MUSEUM OF JOHNSON ART

Master to Consider Plan to Place Collection in Municipal Gallery

EARLY START PLEDGED

Building Will Be Under Way Within Year, Says Counsel at Hearing

Inside of a year, actual work on a municipal art museum that will be the home of the Johnson art collection will be under way.

This assertion was made today by Maurice Bover Saul, an attorney, following a hearing before Judge Henderson of the Orphans' Court, on the question of disposing of the Johnson home at 510 South Broad street.

After hearing Mr. Saul argue for the right to dispose of the property, Judge Henderson announced he would appoint a master to hear the case in detail.

The account of the Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on Lives and Granting Annuities, executors of the Johnson estate, came up for audit today and Mr. Saul, representing the company and other interests, filed a petition in which the executors seek the right to sell the Johnson home at 510 South Broad street and apply the proceeds to the city's proposed art museum.

Time to Remove Collection Mr. Saul, at the outset, announced that by agreement he represented not only the executors of the estate, but other parties interested in the Johnson estate, namely the city and the University of Pennsylvania.

"All parties," said Attorney Saul, who for fifteen years was associated with Mr. Johnson, and who offered the conclusion that the time has arrived when the Johnson home at 510 South Broad street should be sold and a more suitable home for the priceless art collection be erected.

Mr. Saul admitted that it had been the intention of Mr. Johnson to have his art collection housed in the Broad street home, but that in view of the fact that the noted corporation lawyer it was intended to make that provision impractical.

"Mr. Johnson expressed the wish," said Mr. Saul, "that his art objects be kept in his home, but he was careful to provide for the future and in this he could not be faulted. It is the paintings which should be removed from the building when an extraordinary situation arose."

"We believe that such a situation as described by Mr. Johnson has developed."

Johnson Home a "Firetrap" Then the attorney went into a detailed account in regard to the appointments of the Johnson home, and in summing up his advantages as a permanent art museum, he characterized it as "wordless and exceedingly dangerous."

"The building is really a firetrap," said the lawyer, "when we consider it in the light of a great art museum. The fire hazard was so great that Mr. Widener had the collection of paintings, worth more than \$4,000,000, removed to a reproof room in storage warehouse at Thirty-second and Market streets."

Judge Henderson exhibited much interest in this phase of the discussion and inquired if Mr. Johnson was not aware of the fire hazard when he drew the deed to the will.

Mr. Saul replied that Mr. Johnson had often considered the fire hazard, but that his attitude was much different from that of men who are now held by the city as responsible for the pictures.

"Mr. Johnson held," said the lawyer, "that if the pictures were destroyed during his lifetime he could stand the loss. In fact, he held that the loss would really fall to the city, for he had intended to give the paintings to the city long before making his will. Mr. Johnson's attitude was different from ours because he was the actual owner of the collection. As executors and holder responsible for the valuable collection, we must consider the awful fire hazard and take steps to protect it."

Following the hearing Mr. Saul said that Mr. Johnson had a great interest in the building of a municipal art museum and that work will begin inside of a year.

"The Johnson home as an art museum is impossible," added the lawyer, "and cannot be used to house the noted collection."

Memorial Plans Ready "For this very reason," said Mr. Saul, "to adorn the Parkway, and to house exclusively the Johnson collection as a permanent memorial to the former owner, in the plan of Joseph E. Widener, chairman of the Art Jury, is to preserve for the public many famous paintings, which the noted Philadelphia lawyer and art patron collected from all parts of the world and in which he invested the greater part of a large fortune. Plans for the memorial have been drawn by Horace Trumbauer."

"I do not believe there can be any sincere criticism of my plan," said Mr. Widener, when asked if it were the Johnson home is admittedly a firetrap. "I have been giving most of my time to plans for the Johnson memorial museum, and for the Widener collection, because I have always been considering, just as my father did, leaving my own collection to the city of Philadelphia."

Against Political Control "No matter of valuable paintings, however, wants them to turn into the hands of politicians. Only recently a man who owns a very valuable collection contemplated me upon the work I am doing, saying that it might some day be possible to leave paintings to the city with the assurance that they would not be subject to political control."

"For this very reason," he has in mind a plan for the formation of a corporation composed of a large group of leaders in the art world of this city, who would have sole authority to elect their board of trustees, much like the Metropolitan Museum of Art of New York."

WEATHER-WHYS

Cloudy tonight and Wednesday, with probably rain or snow. Regular Wilson Penn's day! Search me! I don't know!

SCHOOL BOARD SEEKS MAXIMUM OF 8 MILLS TAX

Resolution Asking Power From Legislature to Raise Levy Adopted

The Board of Education this afternoon adopted a resolution asking the authority of the Legislature to levy a school tax of not less than six mills and not more than eight.

The present rate is six mills, which is the maximum levy allowed. The minimum permitted now is 5 mills.

Simon Gratz said the Board could not live on six mills. Whether it could even raise to seven mills, he said, was a matter for the Legislature to decide. If the Legislature would give plenty of leeway, the Board would be glad to accept the present school tax.

It was shown that the present levy, with the estimated State appropriation and miscellaneous receipts would produce \$11,000,000 for the school year. The estimated expenses for next year, including the proposed increase in teachers' salaries, would require nearly \$20,000,000 more.

Superintendent of Schools Garber and William R. Dick, secretary of the board, prepared a statement showing what would be available for school purposes under the present school tax.

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PHILS RELEASE MORAN; COOMBS MAY SUCCEED

Pat Let Out Unconditionally, States Baker Letter to Manager

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This drydock will be of the floating type and of approximately 12,000 tons capacity. Negotiations with a New York concern probably will be consummated this week.

Until the contract is signed, the site, which must be provided by the contracting company, will be in doubt. Mr. Conoley expressed the opinion, however, that the drydock would be built on the New Jersey side.

Mr. Conoley expressed regret only Philadelphia concern so far had entered proposals for building the other drydocks authorized, to which the fleet corporation has been able to give serious consideration.

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BILL PROPOSES MEAT CONTROL

Congressman Simms Moves for Drastic Regulation of Packers

Washington, Dec. 10.—A bill proposing drastic regulation of the American meat packing industry was introduced in the House today by Chairman Simms of the House Interstate Commerce Committee.

The bill, which would give the Federal control of refrigerator plants and other facilities used by the Federal trade commission.

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Kaiser Vainly Attempts Suicide, Leipsic Report

Member of Retinue Wounded in Saving Former Monarch—William Prepares Autobiography to Be Used at Trial

London, Dec. 10.—The Kaiser, who has attempted to commit suicide, following mental depression, according to the Leipsic Telegraph, which is quoted in a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

A member of the former Emperor's retinue, who prevented Herr Hohenzollern from carrying out his intention, received a wound, it is said.

An Amsterdam dispatch to the Express says the former Kaiser has had several interviews at Amerongen with two German experts on international law with whom he discussed his personal position. These experts arrived and left Amerongen in a rather mysterious manner.

It is understood, according to the dispatch, that Herr Hohenzollern has been writing his autobiography and a history of his reign. He will explain his attitude before and during the war, it is said.

The book, which will be long, is intended for publication, or if its author is tried before an international tribunal may be read as a part of his defense.

A messenger, Dec. 10, Leipsic, reports that Kaiser Hohenzollern and his wife attended religious services in the castle hall this morning. The Bible reading was from the First Epistle of Peter, Chapter V, sixth to eleventh verses.

The preacher was the Rev. Mr. Weiss, a missionary of the Moravian Brethren at Zeitz, near Arnheim.

Paris, Dec. 10.—(By A. P.)—The city council at Spa has documentary evidence proving that a Dutch general came to Spa to meet the former German Emperor before his flight into the Netherlands, according to the Matin. It would appear, therefore, that his reception and that of the Crown Prince and suite at the Dutch frontier was "a mere comedy," the newspaper continues.

KAISER ISOLATED IN DUTCH CASTLE

By GEORGE RENWICK

Wireless to Evening Public Ledger

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Amsterdam, Dec. 4 (Delayed).

Within the moated walls of Amerongen, the Kaiser and his wife were isolated from the world last evening. No sign Saturday last has the detachment of Kaiser Hohenzollern and his wife

NEW DRYDOCK TO BE STARTED AROUND JAN. 1

Howard Conoley Announces Improvement Here—Site Not Made Public

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NOTE FRAMED UP, WIRE TO HEARST PAPER ALLEGED

"Doctor" Wired Zimmerman Message Was Likely Gregory's Work

Probers Hear of Wires

Editor Declared Most of the Americans Were in Favor of Peace

By the Associated Press

Washington, Dec. 10.

Government copies of telegrams signed by William Randolph Hearst, giving instructions regarding the policy of his newspapers and their correspondents during the war, were read into the record at today's meeting of the Senate investigating German propaganda.

In a message to the New York American on February 24, 1917, Mr. Hearst outlined instructions to be called to William Bayard Rust, then a Hearst correspondent in Berlin and who, according to evidence recently produced, was on the German payroll without Hearst's knowledge.

Mr. Hearst said he believed a vast majority of the people in America and Germany were opposed to the United States entering the war, and concluded: "We earnestly desire to employ the influence of our country, not for the extension and protraction of the war, but for the promotion of a just and lasting peace."

Called Note a Forgery A message, dated March 2, signed "Doctor," and addressed to S. S. Carruth, New York American, declared that the famous Zimmerman note, in which Germany proposed an alliance with Mexico and Japan, and which the Associated Press revealed to the world, probably was a forgery prepared by the Attorney General.

The object of the "forgery," the message said, "was to frighten Congress into giving the President the powers demanded, and perhaps also into passing the espionage bill."

Hearst Against War The Hearst message of February 24 follows: "I firmly believe that the vast majority of the people of the United States are justly weary of the war with Germany. I believe also that the people of Germany are equally weary of war with the United States. Under such circumstances, I cannot see why the century-old friendship of the United States and Germany cannot be maintained and perpetuated by the signing of a non-militaristic peace treaty, and political leaders of our respective countries."

"We, in America, have just celebrated the birth of the United States and this should remind us that the Kaiser is a Dutchman."

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COUNTER-REVOLUTION IN FULL SWING AT POTSDAM; SCORE OF SOLDIERS CAPTURED IN BERLIN

Prince Hohenlohe Seized in Raid at German Capital

DISCOVER 300 GUNS IN HOTEL

Round-up of Suspects Made by Order of Ebert Cabinet

MYSTERY SURROUNDS FATAL DISTURBANCES

Scheidemann Says He Will Quit—"Government Sits on Powder Keg"

By the Associated Press

Berlin, Dec. 10. A dramatic sequel to Friday's attempted arrest of the executive committee of the Soldiers and Workmen's Council occurred yesterday when the Hotel Bristol, one of the more fashionable places on Unter den Linden, was raided by order of the Ebert-Haase cabinet.

All exits of the hotel were guarded by troops and the premises were searched on the strength of rumors that plotters were concealed there. In one of the large apartments the raiders found twenty-two men suspected of complicity in Friday's raid.

Among them were Baron Rheinbaben, former Prussian minister of finance and the younger Prince Hohenlohe. A number of students were found in the room. The entire party is under detention. Three hundred guns which were found in an adjoining chamber, were seized. Count Matuschek, one of those alleged to have been involved in Friday's disorders, has not yet been arrested.

"It will not put up with these conditions another week. I will get out," declared Philipp Scheidemann, a member of the Government, in a speech defending the Government and himself against the attacks of the Spartacus group. Scheidemann declared that the Government had 90 per cent of the German population behind it, "but nevertheless it is sitting on a powder keg."

Herr Scheidemann added that Georg Ledebaur, a Radical leader, had obstructed the formation of a cabinet for thirty-six hours. After the revolution, Doctor Liebknecht, the Radical leader, wanted to join the Cabinet, but only for three days. The speaker described Liebknecht as a person who lacked "every sense of responsibility."

The speaker said he regretted the occurrence of Friday, but declared they were not to be deterred by the appearance of a cabinet. He said the appeals made by the Spartacus group to the masses to arm themselves and overthrow the Government.

"Socialism," he said, "has been demanded by the incompetent, scheming man added, 'would ruin industry and trade. If we remain longer in this revolutionary state of confusion and the result of a series of counter-revolutions, we are in a state of anarchy. We will not have a piece of bread, if the people do not come to their senses they will be brought to their senses by the Americans.'"

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Berlin, Dec. 7 (Delayed). It is not quite clear yet whether last evening's riots, shooting affrays and demonstrations in the streets of Berlin were nothing but an extraordinary series of coincidences or the result of sinister machinations against the Government. There is still a third explanation, namely, that in the main the violent acts were really nothing but a badly managed, ill-considered and partly spontaneous demonstration in favor of the Ebert-Haase Government.

Dividing the event into seven different phases, it presents the following chronological features: First, Lieutenant Pliker appears in the Prussian Diet building, where the executive committee of the Soldiers and Workmen's Council had a meeting, and declares the committee arrested in the name of the people's commissioners.

Second, about the same time several columns of soldiers suddenly appeared in front of the Chancellory palace.

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POSTOFFICE BILL IN HOUSE

Appropriation of \$2,185,000 Planned for Airplane Mail Service

Washington, Dec. 10.—The annual postoffice appropriation bill, providing extensive salary increases, appropriations of \$182,000 for the purchase of mail motorcars and appropriation of \$1,000,000 for rural parcel post motortruck service, was introduced in the House today.

People increases in the airplane and motortruck branches, the bill is lower than last year's appropriation of \$2,777,000, or a saving of \$592,000.

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SEEK BOARD OF VIEW PLACE

Many Applications for Vacancy Caused by Recent Death

Numerous applications have been received by the Board of Judges for the vacancy in the Board of View, caused by the recent death of Louis Sailer. The appointments to the board are regarded as nonpolitical and personal with the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas.

Among the names mentioned for the place are those of Edward Buchanan, of the Nineteenth Ward; Joseph T. Luccarelli, court reporter for a legal news agency at Harry W. Mack Avenue; and Louis Alexander, real estate assessor and Daniel A. Boyls, a former Assistant District Attorney.

MAX WAILS OF ALLIED OPPRESSION

Amsterdam, Dec. 10.—(By A. P.)—Prince Maximilian of Baden, former Imperial German Chancellor, has issued a statement in which he refers to "the unheard-of oppression which the enemy's lust for revenge and fever of victory has inflicted upon our fatherland," according to a Berlin news agency telegram.

"By the imposition of humiliating armistice conditions," the ex-Chancellor declares, "Germany's enemies are menacing the foundations of our national life." Prince Maximilian further urges that President Wilson bear in mind "his given word regarding a just peace and a league of nations."