

AND 400 TO ROLL OF UNION LEAGUE

Total Membership Now Is 3000, With Long Waiting List

NEW PRECEDENT IS SET

Charles M. Schwab Vice President Without Previous Service as Director

Four hundred new members were added to the roll of the Union League at the annual meeting of the board of directors last night...

Former Governor Edwin S. Stuart was elected president, succeeding Governor-elect William C. Sproul...

A proposal to increase the annual membership dues to \$125 was rejected. The league has 200 members in the military service who are exempt from the payment of dues...

Charles M. Schwab, who has been a member of the league for eighteen years, was elected vice president...

The following directors were elected for one year: D. L. Anderson, Francis Murphy Brooks, Samuel M. Clegg, Jr., Joseph W. Cooper, J. Howell Cummings, John W. Hamer, Herman Haupt, Edwin P. Keen, William R. Lyman, James E. Mitchell, J. E. Cope Martin, John T. Riley, Joseph C. Steele, Harry T. Stoddard and George A. Walker.

CHARGES POLICE SHIELD VICE

Gambling Houses Protected, Lawyer Writes to Mayor

Charging that gambling houses are being operated here with police protection, Paul H. Kellam, a lawyer, has written to Mayor Smith and Harry Davis, Assistant Director of Public Safety...

FAVORS ARMY PROBE

Pointeclair Wants Ordnance and Quartermaster Depts. Investigated

Washington, Dec. 18.—Senator Pointeclair has introduced a bill for the purpose of investigating the ordnance and quartermaster departments of the Army...

10,000 TROOPS DUE TODAY

Four Transports Bringing Americans to Home Port

New York, Dec. 18.—More than 10,000 troops are expected to arrive today on transports and hospital ships. The Empire State Express will be the first big transport to arrive...

SCRUTINY OF CREDITS URGED

Bradstreet's Man Says Some Small Dealers May Fail

Unless closer vigilance over the financial affairs of small business houses is maintained during the reconstruction period, creditors will be inviting disaster in the form of bankrupt debtors...

COURT REFUSES CHARTER

Application of Negro Masonic Temple Association Denied

Upholding the report of the master, which was adverse to the application of the petitioners, Court of Common Pleas No. 1 refused a charter to the Negro Masonic Temple Association...

GRIP KILLED 17,000 SOLDIERS

338,257 Cases Treated at Army Camps in America

Washington, Dec. 18.—(By A. P.)—An official summary of the results of the influenza epidemic in army camps and military centers in the United States, made public by the War Department today, shows that there were 338,257 cases of the disease up to December 1, with approximately 17,000 deaths...

Evening Ledger Reports of Peace Conference

Self-government, the boon conferred upon a few millions of Americans 142 years ago, which stirred the nations of the earth first to ponder at the audacity of the conception and then to realize the grandeur of "triumphant democracy" is the slogan of the World Peace Conference...

SKIP STOP PUT UP TO SERVICE BODY

Formal Complaint Filed With Commission at Harrisburg

ABOLITION REQUESTED

Citizens' Protest Sets Forth Contention That Emergency Necessity Has Passed

The trolley skip-stop question was taken to the State Public Service Commission at Harrisburg today, when Harry L. Heinzerth, 1827 North Forty-seventh street, filed a formal complaint against the system and a request that it be ordered discontinued...

Some days ago the commission, referring to a suggestion that it deal with the skip-stop system, said it would take no notice of them unless a formal complaint should be filed...

The Heinzerth petition apparently is an answer to the commission and seemingly places the commission under the necessity of hearing the skip-stop controversy...

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2800 U. S. PRISONERS FREED

Leave German Camps at Rastatt and Other Places

Berlin, Dec. 18.—(By A. P.)—Twenty-eight hundred American prisoners of war interned at Camp Rastatt left there yesterday and today for Switzerland. Two thousand of these prisoners have been scattered in various camps in Germany...

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RESOURCES OF BANKS

Statistics of June 30 Last Shown in Comptroller's Report

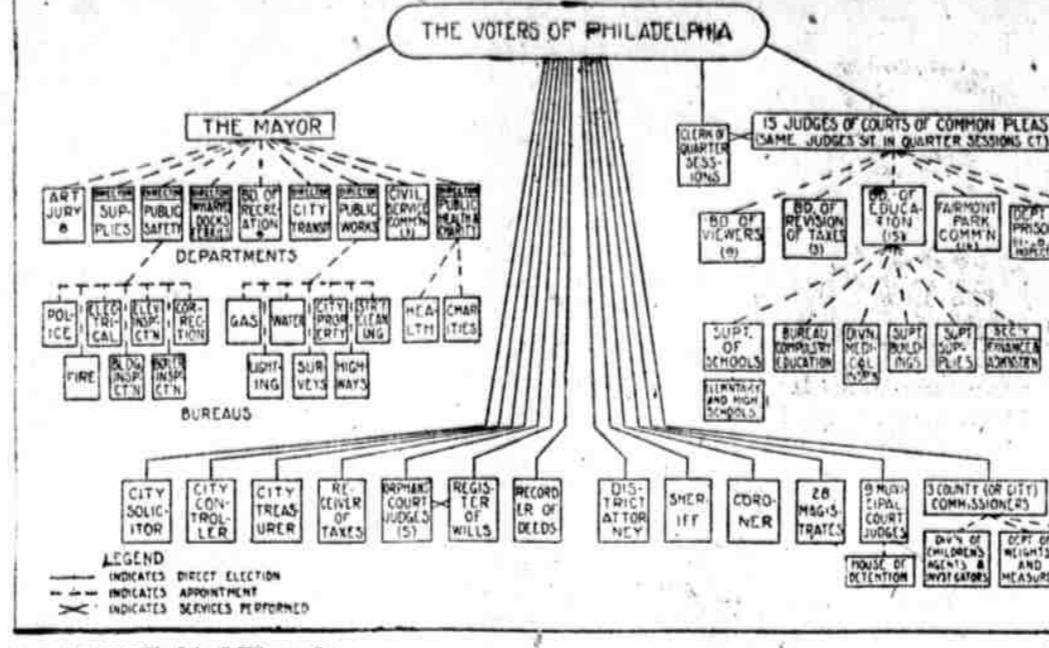
Washington, Dec. 18.—Total resources of the 28,880 banks in the United States, State and national, last June 30, amounted to \$40,210,000,000, of which \$23,771,000,000 was credited to the 21,175 State savings and private banks...

CLINTON W. GILBERT

Staff Correspondent, whose Washington despatches since the beginning of the great war have attracted nationwide attention, and whose gifted writers:

Clara M. Gilchrist, E. V. Oulahan, Frank Marshall, Chas. H. Grady, Walter Duranty, Chas. S. Selden

ORGANIZATION CHART OF CITY AND COUNTY



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In connection with the charter revision movement, the Municipal Research Bureau has had a chart drawn showing the city and county offices...

Overlapping Offices Listed. Chart Shows Conflict of City and County Jurisdiction

A chart showing the city and county offices filed by the direct vote of the people and the appointive power under their jurisdiction has been drawn up by the Municipal Research Bureau...

The tremendous appointive powers vested in the Mayor and board of judges is set forth clearly and concisely by means of the chart...

Since the consolidation act of 1854, the reverse side explains, "the city of Philadelphia is a commission government..."

The chart revision, which is looming up as the biggest factor in Philadelphia's political horizon, will be given the acid test of impartial scrutiny and logical consideration tonight at a dinner-conference...

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CHRISTMAS AT HOME FOR CAMDEN HEROES

Plans for Welcome to 500 Members of 309th Infantry Await Official Word of Departure After Service in Belgium

Five hundred Camden soldiers, members of Companies K and L, 309th Infantry, Seventy-eighth Division, may be home for Christmas. They fought in Belgium with the British.

Preparations for a welcome for these two companies will be made as soon as official word of their departure shall have been received. The soldiers are all drafted from the Camden area.

The 104th Engineers, about which there was a great deal of anxiety following the disclosure of the fate of the 14th Infantry at Sedan, went into action in this fight and lost heavily.

The 104th Engineers and the 14th Infantry, with other units of the Twenty-ninth Division of New Jersey guardsmen, are now in Germany as part of the American army of occupation.

Battery B, Camden unit in the 12th Artillery, made up mostly of men from the old First New Jersey Infantry, never got into action.

These facts were revealed today in letters from three Camden soldiers, Corporal Frank Ellis, son of Mayor Ellis; Corporal Richard B. Borton, 110 State street, and Sergeant James P. Hogan, 14 York street.

Hogan is in the 309th Infantry, Seventy-eighth Division, and he said in his letter that the division was then preparing to come back to America. The division would sail before long, he said, and he expected to be home before Christmas.

Sergeant Hogan says the division suffered heavy casualties in fighting with the British in Belgium.

Corporal Borton's letter gives Camden its first news of the 104th Engineers. When word was given out that the old Third Regiment in the 14th Infantry was nearly wiped out, relatives of men in the engineers' regiment feared that it had met the same fate.

Company B is the Camden unit in this organization, and it is composed mostly of members of old Company K, which was organized by Lieutenant Colonel Harry C. Kramer at the request of the War Department, but was not assigned until the guardsmen were sent to Camp McClellan.

Kramer is now the Provost Marshal General's office in Washington. Corporal Ellis wrote that Battery B, 12th Artillery, was ready to go into action when the division was ordered. It had been sent up to support position and held in reserve.

Investment bankers of America handling hundreds of millions of securities annually, went squarely upon record in their reconstruction convention at the Hotel Traymore today against Government ownership of railroads.

The railroad resolution, which was adopted without a dissenting voice, places the investment bankers squarely on record as opposed to public ownership of railroads or their permanent operation by Government, and emphatically in favor of the return of the railroads to their owners under such regulations as will insure sound credit and adequate service.

The telephone companies of this nation are an exception to the general rule in opposing the initiative which would put under proper supervision and encouragement the telephone business.

The question of a Jewish homeland in England is the subject of a bill introduced in the House of Commons by Mr. Lloyd George. The bill is known as the Jewish Home in Palestine Bill.

The Sunday sessions, afternoon and evening will be held in the opera house. The remaining sessions will be held in the Metropolitan Opera House.

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\$44,000 SWINDLE ON BANK CHARGED

Teller Accused of Aiding Depositor to Overdraw Account

William C. Snyder, proprietor of a bazaar at Broad street and Lehigh avenue, and George W. Fry, former paying teller of the Excelsior Trust Savings Fund Company, 1006 West Lehigh avenue, were each held in \$500 bail today for a further hearing...

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