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CAMDEN LOSES THREE WELL-KNOWN CITIZENS

School Principal, Former Chief of Police and Minister Die

Two prominent Camden residents and one former resident of the city are dead, two of them victims of pneumonia superinduced by influenza.

Miss Emma Searle, of 514 Penn street, principal of the Bergen School, Fifth and Mt. Vernon streets, died at Cooper Hospital, following an operation. Miss Searle, daughter of the Rev. Stephen Searle, was fifty-one years old and had been a Camden teacher a quarter of a century. Services will be held Thursday evening and burial will be at Kateshan, N. Y., on Friday afternoon.

Charles M. Daubmann, seventy-eight years old, former chief of police, but for the last thirty years a ticket collector for the Reading ferries, at Kalgins Point, died this morning at his home, 1111 Newton street, of pneumonia, superinduced by influenza. He was born in Camden. He was a brother of the late Sheriff Jacob E. Daubmann and served as chief of police under Mayor Ayers. He leaves a widow and three children. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

The Rev. Harry White, former pastor of the Broadway Methodist Church, died December 13 in Calmar, Ia., where he was pastor of a Methodist church, according to word received today. He was fifty-one years old and the son of John S. White, of Palmyra, N. J., formerly of Camden. He studied at Pennington, N. J., Seminary and later at Moody Institute, Chicago. He leaves a widow and three children. The body has been sent home and the funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon at the home of his parents at Palmyra.

WAS LEADING DEAD DOG

Pining for Old Master, Homesick Animal Expires on Street

"Hey, mister, your dog's dead," shouted Patrolman Germain at the Germantown avenue and Lycoming street police station to a man tugging at the end of a rope at Seventeenth and Blavis street.

The man, Charles Garbon, 1940 Blavis street, turned to find that the dog he had started to lead home had passed out on a rope. A friend gave him the animal, but after the nature of dogs, the animal had become attached to the friend and objected to leaving. Lifting mournful eyes to the friend he had worshipped as a hero, the little beast planted his feet and refused to be led by the rope, tied with a slip-knot around his neck.

When the policeman called to him, Garbon still believed that the resistance his hand told him still existed at the end of the rope and was only the dog's stubbornness. Garbon was fined \$10 and costs by Magistrate Wrigley on a charge of cruelty to animals.

Takes Poison, Then Hangs Self

Melancholia, caused by brooding over his ill health, is ascribed as the reason why Samuel Smith, of 260 Montana street, Germantown, tried to kill himself at his home. He is said first to have taken poison and then to have attempted to hang himself in the cellar. He was taken to the Germantown Hospital and is now in a serious condition.

HOG ISLAND'S LIFE RESTS ON OUTPUT

Continuance of U. S. Contract Depends on Showing December 31

PIEZ TO MAKE SURVEY

Cancellation Will Be Recommended if Progress Not Indicated, Says Official

Continuance or cancellation by the Government's contract with the American International Shipbuilding Corporation, agents of the United States shipping board in the operation of the Hog Island shipyard, will depend upon the showing made by December 31.

Charles Piez, director general of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, announced today that on January 1 he will begin a survey of the situation of the world's greatest shipyard to determine whether progress made on the construction of 180 ships contracted for up to that time has been sufficient to justify continuance of the present management. After reviewing the situation, Mr. Piez said, he will make recommendations to Congress based on his findings.

If it is shown that the American International Shipbuilding Corporation has not made the progress which might be expected, Mr. Piez said, the recommendations he will make may call for cancellation of the contract in its entirety or merely for a change in the methods of the operating agency.

Mr. Piez declared that the Hog Island yard has made steady progress during the last few months, and said he expected it to take a spur ahead with the election of Matthew C. Brush as president of the agency corporation. He expressed great confidence in the ability of Mr. Brush to show results. Referring to criticism by Senator Yardman, of Mississippi, of the Hog Island contract, Mr. Piez said it should be remembered that during the month in which this contract was signed, September, 1917, the Germans destroyed 900,000 tons of Allied commerce. Even as late as August, 1918, he declared, there was doubt in Congress whether money was being spent "not wisely, but rapidly enough, to get the results aimed at."

Referring to some one ignorant of the real facts to say the Government should take over and operate Hog Island, he said, "but the question is, would we thereby improve the situation or reduce the costs or expedite the delivery of ships?" As to extravagance there, Mr. Piez said the Government agents had the approval of some officer of the fleet corporation for every dollar they spent. He deprecated what he called "mudslinging at an enterprise that is trying very hard to meet its obligations," and said that such tactics should be deferred until the publication of the Attorney General's report on Hog Island, which he forecast as showing that the agents of the Government had not been charged with a single criminal act.

MISS SARAH BIDDLE DIES

Member of Noted Family Aided Charitable Causes

After a long illness Miss Sarah N. Biddle, member of the Pennsylvania Biddle family, is dead in her home in Carlisle. Miss Biddle was for many years identified with social and charitable organizations in Carlisle, and was well-known in this city. She was the daughter of Edward M. Biddle, of Philadelphia. Her mother was a member of the Leiper family, of Chester. Her two brothers, Thomas M. Biddle, of Pittsburgh, and Edward M. Biddle, of attorney in Philadelphia, survive. Among her nearest relatives in this city are Miss Christine F. Biddle, and Judge Edward W. Biddle, cousins.

IT'S GETTING COLDER

Temperatures Takes Drop After Heavy Rainfall

The thermometer took a decided drop today and a further break in temperature is looked for. With a rainfall of 1.15 inches in the twenty-four hours ending at 8 o'clock last night, Philadelphia and vicinity experienced its first heavy rainfall in a period of more than three months, according to the local weather authority.

"POUR L'AMOUR DE MIQUE!" SAY PHONE GIRLS IN FRANCE

"Mademoiselle—Action," American Operators Plead in Honeyed Tones Into Transmitter as Slowness of French Women Tries Their Patience—Forced to Learn Diplomacy

"Hello!" (Silence.) "Hello—hello." (Silence—and more of it.) The American operator who is on duty in France, these days, has one alternative and one only in such an event. She leans on her elbow at the board and says plaintively in French, "I listen." Or, if her vocabulary permits, she may breathe into the receiver, "pour le amour de Mique (for the love of Mike) Mademoiselle—action."

An American girl, trained for the speed and efficiency that mark telephone service here, has her troubles when she goes into a field switchboard in France. French telephone girls are trained differently. The telephone does not mean to them what it does to Americans. The most trying time is when they have to deal with the French operators through whom their long-distance calls have to go. An American girl puts in a call over a French phone. "Excusez" (I listen) she says. Then after a quarter of an hour a conversation must begin like this: "Good morning. How are you this morning? Are you tired? If you please, I should like to get number 30 and so."

This is all in most honeyed tones, or there will be no chance of getting any attention at all. Mademoiselle will reply "Oh yes," in a tone that implies that the call is of no moment. After long waiting and much repetition the connection is made, but a call put in at 10 in the morning is not likely to be answered until 2 in the afternoon. And if they ask for one place too often the French mademoiselle will be touchy about it, and will say, "You are unbearable. You ring too much. You get on my nerves."

The American girls who are doing telephone work with the signal corps in France have been quick to accustom themselves to French ways. The Y. W. C. A. secretaries who have charge of the houses where these American girls live, tell of the patience and ingenuity of these girls in handling the American calls with only French methods to work with.

"We are so proud of our girls," writes one from a city near which the American troops land in France. "They are so clever and so patient when things go wrong. All of you at home would be as proud as we are. And it is really touching. The little bit of home that we make for them means so much to them. After their trying day at the wires, if you could see how happy they are to have a homelike place to come to, you would wish that you could do ten times over what you have already done for them."

RELEASE OF VESSELS IS BLOW TO THIS PORT

Government Action Taken in Such Way as to Favor New York

Sudden release by the Federal Government of privately owned coastwise ships has resulted in a discrimination against this port in favor of New York. In the belief of various trade and commercial organizations of this city, they are preparing to join with the traffic managers of Philadelphia in asking for Government operation of the lines until all assets of the ship companies shall be turned back to the original owners. T. Noel Butler, secretary of the Traffic Managers' organization, today called attention to existing conditions. He stated that the steamships of the private-owned companies, were the only ones that traded through this port, and that they would cease operation unless the Government returned the finances and other assets of the companies along with the ships.

"New York, however," said Mr. Butler, "has a number of railroad-owned steamship lines that will remain in the hands of the Government until the railroad themselves are returned to private ownership. These lines will be able financially to continue business through this port." Philadelphia, on the other hand, faces a serious problem. The steamships of the Clyde and Southern steamship companies are returned, but it will take time to raise the money to purchase the railroad administration returns finances and other assets.

"I am informed from reliable sources that unless big loans are made to the steamship companies they will have to anchor their ships in the middle of the river and cease business until their money and operations are returned to them by the Government. Emil P. Albrecht, head of the Bourae, is also opposed to the sudden return of the steamship lines. He feels it will work a hardship on the business of the port as well as the steamship lines. The traffic managers addressed a communication to Director General of Railroads McAdoo calling attention to the return of the steamships which they termed as "untimely and unwise action."

Memorial for Soldier Hero

Memorial services for John R. Adams, who died of pneumonia in France, were held in the Epiphany Lutheran Church, last night, when the Rev. H. M. Wertz, the pastor, took as the subject of his sermon, "The Last Battle." Adams was an active member of the church. He was a member of the Third Trench Mortar Battery, and saw much active service.

Sudden Deaths for Three

Heart attacks caused the sudden deaths in Camden yesterday of Thomas Fogarty, sixty-four years old, of Tenth and Florence streets, and Agnes Savas, seventy years old, of Second and Ping streets. Mrs. Mary Wilson, seventy years old, of Louis and Chestnut streets, died suddenly from Bright's disease.

MINISTERS OPPOSE SUNDAY CONCERTS

Baptists and Presbyterians Protest City Aid to Philadelphia Orchestra

Sunday concerts by the Philadelphia Orchestra are opposed by the Baptist Ministers' Union and the Presbyterian ministers' meeting. A resolution of protest will be sent to Council by the union asking the city not to pass the measure providing \$10,000 for a series of free Sunday concerts at the Metropolitan Opera House.

The resolution adopted by the Presbyterian ministers' meeting of Philadelphia respectfully enters its earnest protest against the appropriation of \$10,000 or any other sum, to pay in whole or in part for free Sunday concerts by the Philadelphia Orchestra. The resolution adopted by the Baptist ministers' meeting of Philadelphia is as follows: "First. It is not fair to the taxpayers of the city to be obliged to pay for concerts in which the great mass of taxpayers have no interest and from which they can derive no advantage. "Second. It is our belief that the class of people who would attend such concerts are abundantly able to pay for their own entertainment."

The Rev. A. S. Hobart, of Chester, was the champion of the concert. He said they would have a split tendency, and if people were deprived of an opportunity to go to such Sunday amusements they "might go to worse institutions." Only one vote was cast against the resolution.

The measure setting aside \$10,000 for the series of free concerts will come up before Council's Finance Committee tomorrow.

REFUSE TO BAR REPORTERS

Methodist Preachers Defeat the "Closed Meeting" Resolution

An attempt to keep newspaper men out of the weekly sessions of the Methodist preachers' meetings was voted down today after much dispute in Matthew Simpson Hall, Seventeenth and Arch streets. The vote was close and was preceded by vigorous speeches by the Rev. Robert Wells and the Rev. Arthur Dukes, championing the cause of open meetings, and the Rev. William Gray Jones and the Rev. Frank Jones, who were opposed to admitting newspaper men into the hall. A whole question arose out of an incident which occurred two weeks ago, when there was a hot debate over a resolution to send to President Wilson a telegram of good wishes on his trip. The newspaper reports of the dispute displeased certain members of the conference and attempts were made last week to bar reporters from the meetings. These culminated today in a resolution offered by the Rev. Mr. Jones to close the meetings.

DR. EDWARD MARTIN TO BE HEALTH HEAD

Surgeon Accepts State Commission—Dr. John B. McLean Will Be Assistant

Appointment of Dr. Edward Martin as State Health Commissioner and Dr. John B. McLean as assistant, is expected to be announced by Governor-elect Sprout within the next few days. Both physicians are residents of Philadelphia and both hold commissions as majors in the United States Medical Corps, where they were engaged in conducting physicians for the service.

Louis R. Sadler, of Carlisle, widely known as a banker and farmer in the Cumberland valley, is said to be slated for the post of State Highway Commissioner. He has been active in road building in southern Pennsylvania for a number of years. Governor-elect Sprout announced some time ago that Dr. Martin would be his choice for health commissioner if the latter would accept.

It has since been learned that Dr. Martin has accepted the offer of appointment and arranged for his release from his medical corps duties. Doctor Martin was Director of the Department of Health and Charities under Mayor Weaver. He is a member of the Board of Education and a trustee of the University of Pennsylvania and held the John Rhea Barton chair of surgery in the University, when the Government sought his services.

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9 DAYS TO CHRISTMAS

There's a quick-action Samaritan on Market street who probably gets more good out of his work than any one else in that line. He looks for boys who gaze yearningly into restaurants where white-coated bakers are turning flapjacks in the windows. "How would you like to have some of them?" says he. "Gee whiz," is the usual reply of the kids. And they go inside as the guests of this real philanthropist.

On Christmas Day this man spends nearly all the holiday hours giving practical cheer to others. There is only one thing that arouses his wrath—that it, to see his name in the paper. Mere man's elevator manners are discussed daily in the Christmas jam. Some men say that the fellow who takes his hat off when a woman enters an elevator should also remove it when a woman enters a street car. There should be no difference in manners, whether we are riding vertically or horizontally, they say.

The professional beggar is out in the crowd with a long face and a still longer story. The same street beggars who were out before last Christmas are out again now. They have stories that bring the tear drops and open purses. Men who left Philadelphia to string wires in France and maintain efficient telephone and telegraph systems have not been forgotten by their former associates in the Bell Telephone Company. Those at home contributed liberally to a Christmas tobacco fund. Every Philadelphia man in the Bell organization overseas will receive an abundance of smokes and small toilet articles. Employees of the company contributed to the fund several weeks ago and forwarded the money to France on one of the first Santa Claus ships.

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be provided with Christmas cheer by the Municipal Court. Girls and boys in the House of Detention will share in the entertainment and will also have a show of their own.

Beware of the raffle tickets for Christmas turkeys. Keep a sharp eye also for the fellow who is collecting for an imaginary organization. The Rapid Transit Company is not the only concern which thrives on watered stock. There's a vender on Market street who sells glue for mending Christmas toys—but the only thing it sticks is the one who buys it.

Calls Philadelphia Pastor The pastorate of the Swedish Methodist Church, Wilmington, Del., left vacant by the resignation of the Rev. A. M. Samuelson, will be filled by the Rev. N. J. Chilstrom, of Philadelphia. The new pastor was called at a meeting of the third quarterly conference of the church last night.

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