

FRENCH TO MOVE TNT FROM WILMINGTON

Safe Storage Place Found Following Threat to Destroy Explosive

Mayor Lawson and other city officials of Wilmington have protested against the presence of a million pounds of TNT and picric acid stored in 160 7-light cars and magazines on the outskirts of the city.

As a result of these protests, the French war mission has told Director of Railroads McAdoo that safe storage places have been found. The first plan had been to dump the explosives in the ocean.

Although the explosives, which belong to the French Government, are just outside the city limits, they are separated from Wilmington proper by a large swamp.

The explosives have lain in the cars and in magazines more than a year. Originally they were the property of the Russian Government, but were taken over by the French when the Russian Government collapsed.

A company of guards has been stationed around the explosives, which are at Pigeon Point, near railroad pier, just south of the city limits.

Ships had been procured by the railroad administration to carry the explosives to sea and have them dumped overboard when word from the French mission halted the proceedings. The Government will inspect the storage places chosen by the French official, and if they are found to be safe, will permit the removal.

37 New Influenza Cases in 24 Hours

Thirty-seven cases of influenza have been reported for the last twenty-four hours, as compared with forty-two for the preceding day. This makes a total of 255 new cases this week, as against only seventy-one last week. The cases are divided as follows: North of Market street, twelve; south of Market street, ten; West Philadelphia, five; and Germantown, ten.

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WON'T CANVASS IN CITY HALL

Mrs. Lorimer Adjusts Red Cross Difference With Mayor

Mrs. George Horace Lorimer, chairman of the central division of the Christmas roll call campaign of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Red Cross, announced today that her difference with Mayor Smith over his exclusion of roll call canvassers from City Hall had been adjusted satisfactorily.

It was agreed that the women canvassers should not work in City Hall, but that the Mayor would call his department directors together and ask them to urge all employees in their departments to enroll in the Red Cross. Mrs. Lorimer said she learned the Mayor himself was already enrolled.

The Mayor said the policy had always been not to admit canvassers to City Hall. They were admitted, but not officially, during one Liberty Loan drive. City Hall Superintendent Berry gave Mrs. Clinton Rogers Woodruff and her twenty aides permission to canvass City Hall, but he had no authority to do so, said the Mayor.

Soldier Dies of Pneumonia

A military service will be held here Sunday afternoon for Private Felix Bieffatto, 825 Sears street, who died of pneumonia in a California hospital. He was a son of Dominick Bieffatto, Reister high mass will be said Tuesday morning at St. Mary's Catholic Church, and the funeral will follow. Bieffatto enlisted May 11, 1917.

PROPAGANDA TO AID NEW CITY CHARTER

Revision Committee to Acquaint People With Aims of Proposed Changes

An organized propaganda to acquaint the people with the aims of the charter revision committee will be carried on this winter. Speakers representing the charter revision committee will go before business and civic associations, explain the purposes of the proposed charter revision and ask endorsement of those bodies.

The indorsements will be asked in order to show the Legislature that there is a real sentiment in Philadelphia for a revision of the charter.

Powell Evans will head the committee which is to have charge of the propaganda campaign.

Another committee which will look after the expenses incurred in the charter revision fight will be headed by Arthur H. Lea.

Several members of the original committee of ninety-eight have declined to serve because of various reasons. Those who declined are Francis I. Du Pont, Judge Charles F. Gummery, John P.

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