

VARE SAYS MAYOR WAS PLOT VICTIM

Senator Calls Ex-Judge Gordon and "One Stern" Prime Movers

FORMER MAKES DENIAL

Declares Contractor-Politician Lucky He Was Not Arrested Also

State Senator Edwin H. Vare charges that a plot, planned here and approved in Washington, led to the arrest and prosecution of Mayor Smith on the Fifth Ward conspiracy charges.

The Senator made his accusations in a statement issued last night at the Manufacturers' Club.

Senator Vare's Statement

The Senator's statement, in full, follows:

"I took a common sense Philadelphia jury under the guidance of a fearless and independent judge less than ten minutes to clear Mayor Smith and to smash a plan that was started in the North American building at a conference between Judge Gordon, one Stern and others, when the letter that figured in the Mayor's trial was written by Judge Gordon, signed by James Carey and delivered to the Mayor by Stern.

"This plan was then submitted at a conference in Washington and approved. A warrant for the arrest of the Mayor was issued by Judge Brown, who sat as a committing magistrate at the preliminary hearing, and at that hearing the District Attorney, who had been selected by the people of Philadelphia, was superseded and set aside by Judge Gordon, who acted as prosecuting attorney.

"Afterward certain newspaper proprietors were consulted, and in order to do as much harm as possible to the Mayor the Municipal Court room was turned into a show house by the installation of calcium lights and cameras for the purpose of reproducing pictures in the newspapers and of sending them broadcast throughout the country.

"It must be remembered that these farcical proceedings continued for three weeks just before an election, and that since that time the plan has been to poison the public mind against the Mayor by the publication of falsehoods as to himself and the police department that a fair trial would be impossible.

Praise Jury for Verdict

"They failed, however, to reach the fountain head of justice. Our jury system met the crucial test and has vindicated its existence.

"Those who planned the arrest of the Mayor also decided to arrest that upright young man, Select Councilman William H. Finley, because he happened to be the executive director of the Republican Central Campaign Committee, and in very close relationship to me. It has taken fifteen months for the District Attorney to make up his mind to place the Mayor's case before a jury, and although his counsel and I have frequently requested a trial for Mr. Finley, this innocent young man must still go about his business with an untired indictment hanging over his head. As a result his father, a respected officer of the city, died of a broken heart and his mother has become prostrated with grief.

"It is time that the people of Philadelphia stopped to analyze the motives behind these prosecutions, and to realize the harm that has been done the city of Philadelphia.

"I am glad to note that the real estate boards in different parts of the city, the business and improvement associations, as well as the operative builders, are beginning to protest against the great financial damage that the city has suffered and is suffering as a result of these unfounded attacks upon its officials by men who do not hesitate to assassinate character, to cause anguish and pain to women and children whose husbands, fathers and sons they assault, and to paint their own city black for political purposes in the hope of capturing the government of this city.

"All good Philadelphians should now forget the past. Great problems are at our doors. No good citizen has a right to or would defame or belittle his city. Returning soldiers should meet Philadelphians proud of their city and willing to assist in making it greater.

"This city has been improved by leaps and bounds during the last twenty-five years; its present assets are over three hundred million, while its liabilities are less than one hundred and thirty-five million, and its tax rate is lower than any large city in this country, and the city deserves better than constant abuse."

What Judge Gordon Says

Former Judge James Gay Gordon and "one Stern" were named by Senator Vare as the prime movers in the plot against the Mayor, Judge Gordon, who has shown the statement, made the following reply:

"The testimony of the trial sufficiently answers Vare as to the crimes committed by Mayor Smith's administration. I do not wish any controversy with him over the facts. They are written in history, and his audacious words will not efface them.

"So far as his remarks concern me they are false in their entirety. Everything he utters or implies respecting myself is false.

"He should be grateful that he was not included in the prosecution. Silence would best become him, for he knows of no one who has less justification for swagger or bragadocio."

M'KENTY RAPS LIQUOR

Warden Says It Is Responsible for Criminals—Hits Cabarets

Liquor is responsible for the making of criminals and the cabaret is a prolific producer of waywardness among young women, according to Warden Robert J. McKenty, of the Eastern Penitentiary, who spoke yesterday at a meeting of the big sisters at 1628 Arch street.

"If the city has been heard and I don't say that it is then there must be somebody to look after the young women who will guide them to places in which they can do wrong.

"If something is not done to keep the girls out of cabarets at night then it won't be long before the city will be overcrowded with vice. You want to have girls that will rock cradles and not snuffles done. Where are the women to place a safe place to raise children."

URGE FREE HAND FOR IRISH

Philadelphia County Antrim Society Sends Resolutions to Wilson

Resolutions "congratulating the free people of Ireland, in the great decision they have made to rule themselves" and suggesting "the withdrawal of the British army of occupation from Ireland" were adopted by the County Antrim Meg's Society of Philadelphia at its regular monthly meeting of the Grand Fraternity Hall.

The resolutions will be forwarded to President Wilson at Paris.

PHILA. LAWYER PROVIDING CHEER FOR MEN OVERSEAS

Franklin Spencer Edmonds "Doing His Bit" in Making Yanks Still Abroad Happy by Arranging Trips and Erecting Rest Centers

FRANKLIN SPENCER EDMONDS, Philadelphia lawyer, is "doing his bit" in emphatic manner toward making things cheerful for the Yanks in France, according to Y. M. C. A. dispatches.

As supervisor for the leave area system for the "Y" he has taken a prominent part in establishing recreation centers in many of the picturesque spots in France.

The moment they touch French soil nearly all the United States soldiers desire to see Paris. Should they all be permitted to go there during their seven days' leave transportation lines would be clogged, and there would be all kinds of problems for the military police.

Mr. Edmonds realized that other attractive spots would have to be established, and after a tour through southern France, he, with other "Y" workers, established rest and recreation centers in the Jersey Casino at Nice, the Municipal Casino at Cannes, and at other show places in the Riviera, which accommodates 8200 men.

Golf, tennis, boating and bathing and other healthful pastimes may be enjoyed at these places by the soldiers looking for real sport.

Another excellent headquarters was erected at Aix les Bains. On hearing of this place, the Yanks at first were dissatisfied and named the place "Aches and Pains." A trip to "Aches and Pains" however, showed that the nickname did not apply, and the men agreed that it was one of the best recreation spots in France.

Mr. Edmonds, in addition to doing strenuous work during the war fight at the scene of action, has also taken a prominent part in spreading cheer among the Yanks since hostilities have ceased.

Incidentally, he met many of the boys whom he had taught while a professor at Central High School, and was glad to find that they took a big part in pushing the Allied line toward Germany.



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JERSEY SAILORMAN DIES

Carl Butcher, of Haddon Heights, Had Exciting Life at Sea

Carl Butcher, twenty-one years old, son of Charles M. Butcher, 121 Fourth avenue, Haddon Heights, N. J., after a varied and dangerous experience on the ocean as a fireman on the oil tanker Hisko, died in the Willard Parker Hospital, New York.

On his first trip the Hisko hit a fruit boat 500 miles off Atlantic City, rescued all but five of the crew and took them to New York. On another trip the ship lost its rudder and drifted about for two days. On the fifth trip Butcher was taken sick and landed in New York, where he was taken to a hospital. A gold star has been placed in the Haddon Heights High School, which he used to attend.

"OVER TOP" 13 TIMES AND WOUNDED TWICE

Hazleton, Pa., Boy, Now in Hospital, One of Six Members of His Company Left

Going over the top thirteen times during the war, Sergeant Harry Leo Mulhall, of Hazleton, Pa., achieved a distinction held by few other boys from this section of the State.

He has been wounded twice and is now in a French base hospital with gunshot holes in each hip.

Sergeant Mulhall is one of the six men left of his company.

Word was received that First Sergeant Thomas O. Mader, of Audenried, member of Battery A, 109th Field Artillery, winner of the Distinguished Service Cross for bravery under fire, lost his left leg. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry O. Mader, Sergeant Mader received his decoration on October 2, when he displayed great coolness and nerve in helping to guide sections of his battery over a road swept by enemy shells, during which eight men were wounded and ten horses killed, including one which he himself rode.

Captain W. W. Hineshaw, of the Salvation Army, Hazleton, will be an accomplished cook when he gets back from France, where he is a war worker. Recently he made, rolled and baked 465 doughnuts in one day for the boys at Villers-en-Haye, to which point he has been transferred from Toul.

Private James F. Black, of sales company unit No. 21, writes to his sister, Mrs. John T. Gallagher, of Harwood, that he is at Cochem, in Germany, and while this place was a noted summer resort, he cannot see anything attractive about it. The sun only shines in Germany when no other country wants it, says Black, who states that all it has been doing since the Yanks got into the Rhineland is to rain.

Michael Kastura, an Eckley boy, has had a remarkable record while serving in the American expeditionary force and lives to tell the tale. In a letter to friends he states that he went over the top sixteen times, and although many of his comrades fell by his side, fortune favored him, for he escaped injury. He has been twice cited by his commander for bravery in face of the enemy.

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