

WIRTSCHAFTER IS FIRED BY MAYOR

He and Patrolman Stevenson Are Dropped From Force

'CONDUCT UNBECOMING'

Action Taken on Recommendations of Police Trial Board in Pugh Case

Patrolmen John Wirschafter and John Stevenson, of the Second and Christian streets station, were today dismissed from the force.

They had both been under suspicion pending an investigation of extortion charges.

After the charges had been reviewed before the police trial board the board decided each of the patrolmen was guilty of "conduct unbecoming an officer."

This verdict was sent to Mayor Smith who approved the finding and the patrolmen were dismissed.

Director Wilson also approved the decision of the board. Wirschafter was recently convicted in the Fifth Ward conspiracy case and sentenced to two years imprisonment.

Members of the trial board which convicted the patrolmen are Captain George Tempest, who presided; Lieutenant William A. Eldridge, of the Germantown station, and Captain of Police James Hearn.

Despite repeated protests, Director Wilson retained Wirschafter on the force, together with four other policemen convicted at the same time.

Charges against the men were made by Sidney Pugh, a negro, arrested for the alleged theft of liquor from the store of A. Salus & Sons, Thirtieth and South streets. Pugh said that Wirschafter and Stevenson inveigled him into paying them \$50, to escape prosecution.

An investigation was made by Police Captain McCoach. He summoned the accused patrolmen to the Central Police Court, Pugh also went there to appear against them, but mysteriously disappeared before the case was called.

The patrolmen were then ordered to appear before the police trial board. On two occasions Pugh was requested to appear before the board also but failed to do so. Counsel for the men then urged Director Wilson to dismiss the charges against the patrolmen, but the latter took no action.

Pugh subsequently changed his address and could not be found.

PHILA. WOMAN KILLED IN WRECK; DOCTOR'S WIFE

Mrs. Addie Ebaugh Loses Life When Train Is Sidelined Near Sturgeon, Pa.

Mrs. Addie Ebaugh, wife of Dr. M. C. Ebaugh, 1726 South Yewdall street, was killed, five persons were injured seriously and eight coaches were ripped open near Sturgeon, Pa., last night, when the tender of a west-bound freight train on the Pan Handle Railroad became derailed and sidelined a west-bound passenger train en route from St. Louis to Pittsburgh.

The passenger train, en route from St. Louis to Pittsburgh, was running rapidly. The tender of the freight train locomotive struck the cab of the passenger engine first. After sidelining the passenger engine, the tender tore the sides off the four baggage cars and four passenger coaches. Doctor Ebaugh escaped injury.

Mrs. Ebaugh was sitting in the first coach. Doctor Ebaugh, sitting on the opposite side of the coach, escaped injury. Mrs. Ebaugh was looking through the window when the tender struck and scraped the side of the coach, and she was crushed in the wreckage. The body was brought to an undertaking establishment in Pittsburgh, and Doctor Ebaugh said it would be sent home today. Dr. and Mrs. Ebaugh, who had been touring the country for six months, were en route to their home in this city when the accident occurred.

THIEVES PROMISE TO RETURN

Obtain Only \$150, They Leave Note Threatening Second Visit

The utter contempt in which thieves hold the police and storekeepers was indicated today by a note attached to a check in the cash drawer of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, Fifty-third street and Orange avenue.

Enraged because they only got \$150 in cash, the balance in the drawer being a ten dollar check, the thieves called the proprietor a "dirty bum" and promised to return again.

The note followed: "We leave this, you dirty bum. Don't think this is all. We will return again. (Signed) Number One."

The robbery, it was learned today, occurred on Saturday night. Entrance was gained by forcing a back door.

When the police of the Fifty-fifth and Pine streets station were asked about it, they said: "Yes, it is true. There was a robbery there. They declined to make any further statement, but clerks in the store say the police began an investigation of the robbery yesterday morning."

PHILA. SHIP IN DISTRESS

J. M. Guffey Reported Being Towed Into St. John's, N. F.

Wireless dispatch received by the Maritime Exchange today announced that the steamship J. M. Guffey, owned by the Gulf Refining Company, of this city, is being towed into St. John's, N. F. The vessel had been drifting in the Atlantic for more than a week, due to a disabled steering gear.



WEDDED SIXTY-FIVE YEARS

Edwin A. Merrick and Mrs. Merrick will celebrate the sixty-fifth anniversary of their wedding next Saturday at their home, Collingswood, N. J.

OBSERVES 90TH BIRTHDAY

Edwin A. Merrick celebrates his ninety-ninth birthday Saturday, at his home, Merriek Villa, Collingswood, N. J., surrounded by his five children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

TO HONOR WASHINGTON

Last School Hour Friday Offered Given Over to Special Exercises

NURSE BUREAU OPENS

Emergency Aid Prepares to Meet Any Possible Emergency

The Emergency Aid has announced the opening of a special bureau for practical nurses at Emergency Aid headquarters, 1428 Walnut street.

Home Defense Reservists to Dine

Officers of the division will be the guests of honor at an anniversary banquet tonight of Company E, Second Division, Philadelphia Home Defense Reserve, which is to be given by the company at the Grand Fraternity Building, 1626 Arch street, this evening.

A perfect dinner demands

Whitman's Salted Nuts, Favors, Bon Bons to harmonize with the table decorations. 1116 Chestnut St.

INCOME TAX KINKS KEEP BANKS BUSY

Depositors, Little and Big, Seek "Information Bureau's" Aid

WARNING BY LEDERER

Collector Cautions Recipients of Blanks Against Making Returns Prematurely

Tax inquiry departments operated by leading financial institutions of this city, are busy every day answering hundreds of questions about the new income tax.

Questions of all sorts are being asked, from those that have to do merely with the routine of filling in the blanks to complicated queries arising out of obscure points of the law.

Bankers express surprise at the number of seeming inconsistencies in the tax bill, especially since Congress has had ample time to prepare it and had the experience gained by the shaping of last year's bill as a guide.

The questions come from big corporations as well as private individuals, who are depositors of the banks and trust companies. The banking houses have detailed some of their best men to study the act and its provisions.

Points which cannot be decided by the text of the bill itself are being put up to the United States Collector of Internal Revenue here, or are being referred direct to Washington for an opinion.

Collector Lederer has issued a warning to prospective income taxpayers that tax blanks must not be signed or sworn to before the new revenue bill shall become a law.

Under the constitution President Wilson has ten days time after its passage to sign or veto it. It is regarded as a foregone conclusion that the President will sign the bill.

Although blanks for individuals whose incomes are not more than \$5000, are now available, they are issued only for the purpose of allowing the taxpayers ample time in which to read them over and fill them out.

As stated by Mr. Lederer last week, the new revenue bill is assumed to be a law in so far as the preliminary work of getting ready for its operation is concerned.

Blanks Not Sent Out

No blanks are being sent out from the collector's office as yet, but persons wishing may get them by calling at the internal revenue office on the second floor of the Federal Building.

After the bill is signed blanks will be sent out to all persons who paid an income tax last year. Each of these blanks will bear a serial number for identification.

Forms for the tax on tobacco and distilled spirits will be sent out to the payers early next week. These forms will go to about 24,000 tobacco dealers and 7000 liquor dealers.

Under the new act an increase has been made in the registration fees for the handling of narcotics. Druggists must now pay a tax of \$6 and physicians a tax of \$3.

A great volume of work in the way of issuing out forms will be thrown onto the revenue office within a few days.



WALTER GEORGE SMITH

Chairman of Philadelphia. Mr. Smith has sailed to join other members of the relief expedition of the American committee for relief in the Near East.

Forms sent to individuals will number 114,000; those to corporations and other forms will make a total of 150,000.

Expects Increased Returns

Mr. Lederer estimates that many more returns will be made this year than were made last on account of the increased amount of income tax.

Exemptions to single men age \$1000; to married men, \$2000 plus \$200 for each dependent child under eighteen years of age.

All returns must be in the Collector's office by March 15, and one-fourth of the balance of the tax falls due in three installments, as follows: June 15, September 15 and December 15, 1919. The entire tax may be paid at first payment.

WILL HELP RUSSIANS

Dr. James A. Babbitt to Aid Prisoners in Germany

Dr. James A. Babbitt, a surgeon, who has been in France since May, 1917, with the Friends' Reconstruction Unit, has been chosen a member of a Red Cross commission to go to Germany to help the 1,200,000 Russian prisoners there to get home.

Dr. Babbitt had offices at Nineteenth and Chestnut streets. He went overseas with the first contingent of Friends' reconstruction workers. At that time 100 members of the unit, which had trained at Haverford, west across the Delaware river, were in the hospital at Sermaize-les-Bains, in the Department of the Marne.

While at the hospital, where civilian relief work was done for the most part, Dr. Babbitt performed more than 1000 surgical operations. His work in Germany will cover a period from three to six months.

COUNCILMANIC LOAN CONFERENCE TODAY

Mayor and City Financiers to Meet and May Decide on Amount

Conferences today between Mayor Smith and city financiers are expected to result in a definite decision as to the amount of money to be authorized by a Councilmanic loan for general improvements not provided for in the authorizations already made.

The borrowing capacity for general purposes is said to be in the neighborhood of about \$12,000,000, with a like sum available for port and transit purposes. The Councilmanic borrowing capacity is fixed at about \$12,000,000, and this amount is likely to be divided in the loan to be presented to Council.

Provision in this loan will be made for a start on the work of extending the water system of the city. The tentative amount suggested by the Department of Public Works is \$2,000,000, but the sum finally fixed is more likely to be \$2,000,000 or \$2,000,000. Mayor Smith will insist that the sum be sufficient to get the work under way this year.

City Solicitor Connelly and Controller Walton are at work today on questions relative to the exact borrowing capacity after all deductions for loans are made. The amount of their final estimate will be slightly higher than the total that will be fixed for the Councilmanic loan.

Forms in the new loan will include provision for several millions of dollars' worth of road construction, sewer work, water extension, new buildings at the various city charitable and health institutions and funds for new police and fire apparatus and new station houses.

VONNOH TO SPEAK AT ACADEMY

Former Philadelphia Artist to Open "Gallery Talks"

The Thursday "Gallery Talks," which for several seasons have been a popular feature of the annual exhibition at the Academy of the Fine Arts, will begin February 20, at 2 p. m. Robert Vonnoh, of New York, will be the speaker.

Mr. Vonnoh is a National Academician. He was principal instructor in painting and drawing at the Academy of the Fine Arts from 1891 to 1896. He studied in Paris with Boulangier and Lafitte. He is a member of some sixteen art organizations here and abroad and has taught in the Boston Museum of Fine Arts and other schools. He is represented by six canvases in the current exhibition, of which "The King," showing a girl in a hammock slumping a solitary to admiring companions, centers the south wall in Gallery B.

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POLICE PROBE CRASH IN WHICH MAN DIED

Collision Between Trolley and Auto Also Seriously Injures Two Others

The police are investigating the cause of a collision between a trolley car and an automobile, in which one man was killed and two other persons perhaps fatally injured. The accident happened last night on Fifth street above Girard avenue.

The dead man is: John Gratton, forty years old, 1245 North Mascher street.

The injured are: Carl Somers, forty years old, 3548 North Sydenham street. Jacob Goetz, thirty years old, 111 West Thompson street.

The accident, it is believed, was the result of a joy ride. The automobile was speeding south in Fifth street when it struck the approaching trolley car.

The impact virtually tore the machine to pieces and the radiator was picked up more than a hundred feet from the scene of the accident.

The three men were also hurled a considerable distance. Windows of the trolley car, it being held by the broken glass.

Somers, who was driving the automobile at the time of the accident, is a repairman employed by an automobile firm. He took the machine out for a test yesterday afternoon.

Max Kahn thirty-five years old, was treated at the Mount Sinai Hospital for injuries received when the automobile in which he was riding collided with another machine at Sixth and Federal streets.

A man believed to be John Cummings, thirty-five years old, of Treviso, Pa., was knocked down by an automobile yesterday at Tenth and Arch streets. At the Jefferson Hospital, where he was taken, it was said he was suffering from a broken right leg and nose and other injuries. John Holland, thirty-eight years old, of Saybrook avenue near Seventy-second street, driver of the car, was held without bail to await the result of the man's injuries.

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