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COUNCILS' PROBE OF CRIME ASKED BY RESOLUTION

Common Will Get Request That Committee Investigate Outlawry

OPPOSITION EXPECTED

Island Road Residents Join in Demand for Adequate Protection

Common Council will get a chance this afternoon to order an investigation of the police department of this city in relation to the present outbreak of crime.

William W. Mentzinger, Jr., Common Councilman from the Twenty-second Ward, will offer a resolution ordering a councilman's probe of the crime situation.

The resolution authorizes the appointment of a committee of seven members by Edward B. Gleason, president of Common Council, with full powers to summon witnesses and compel production of the books and records of the police department.

It is considered unlikely by those who know at City Hall that the resolution will be allowed to pass. Mr. Mentzinger may be expected to get the support of the independent and the Penrose followers. He will be opposed by the Vares, however, who at present hold a majority of votes in Common Council.

Select Need Not Concur If the resolution were to pass, it would not require the indorsement of a Select Council, since it provides for a probe by Common Council only.

Mr. Mentzinger sets forth the reasons for the proposed investigation in the following resolution:

"Whereas, crime has increased in the city of Philadelphia either by reason of the inadequacy of the police force.

"Or the inefficient conduct of the officials of the police bureau.

"Or the domination of political domination of the employees of said bureau.

"Or of the collusion with the perpetrators of crime by the members of said force or other city officials.

"Or to the alleged protection accorded certain proprietors of cigar stores, poolrooms and clubs, wherein large sums of money are being lost, and which afford it, with the consequent crime of the victims of such places to recoup the losses sustained therein.

Entitled to Information "And, whereas, Councils and the citizens at large are entitled to such information in order that they may be taken to remedy the conditions, to the end that our people may be secure in the enjoyment of life and liberty;

"And, whereas, the present increase of crime from whatever cause, is viewed with widespread alarm throughout the entire city;

"Therefore, Be it resolved by Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, that a special committee of seven be appointed by the president of Common Council to inquire into the causes of the increase in crime and to report to this chamber, with any action it may deem necessary."

Another neighborhood association, tired of police brutality by patrolmen who have not materialized, now threatens to call on the Home Defense Reserve for protection against hold-up men and thieves.

The action was taken by the Island Road Improvement Association at a meeting last night. This is a trolley car almost in front of my own door, at Eighth and Pine streets, and night after night some new crime develops.

"I think there are three or four gangs of young men, not more than twenty-five years of age, who have been committing most of the outrages. We must make a target of the first of these gangs that we get, and the sooner my bill is passed the sooner we will be in a position to make an example of the culprits."

Quick Action Needed "Something must be done in a drastic way, and it must be done quickly," said Mr. Lafferty today. This bill is intended to meet the extraordinary situation with which the citizens of Philadelphia, and, in fact, those of many other sections of the State are confronted—a period of riotous lawlessness.

"Every day seems to bring forth some new terror to the housekeeper or pedestrian. We had a hold-up in a trolley car almost in front of my own door, at Eighth and Pine streets, and night after night some new crime develops.

His attitude, he said, followed the hold-up of Representative James A. Bennett, of the Nineteenth Ward, by two men in uniform on the Nineteenth Boulevard. Bennett had taken the men in his car on their request for a ride. They turned on him and made him give up his valuables at the point of a revolver.

WEATHER—OR NO! Increasing cloudiness, warmer tonight. Rain or snow in the early morning.

Rate or snow for tomorrow—light. Moderate winds may die a-borning. There do we center with faint surprise.

Reds Missed Tiger, Clemenceau's Jest

Paris, Feb. 20.—Premier Clemenceau's wound, which gives him twinges of pain, does not impair his customary good humor or stop his lively sallies. Shortly after he was shot by his colleagues, an old and trusted friend, came to see him, smiling bravely. M. Clemenceau said:

"The Maharajah of Bikaner invited me to hunt the tiger in his country. Well, it is the anarchists who have hunted 'the Tiger,' but they missed him."

To Stephen Piezon, the Foreign Minister, the Premier said:

"Am I not a good prophet? Do I not arrange things ahead? I had arranged to have no meeting of the conference today so that I could get a little rest. Well, I've got it."

PRICE OF MILK DOWN ONE CENT FOR CONSUMERS

Retailers Pass Along Farmers' Reduction on Quarts and Pints After Today

Milk prices will drop one cent on quarts and pints tomorrow. The new schedule will be thirteen cents a quart and seven cents a pint.

Milk dealers agreed to the reduction after a conference between representatives of the Interstate Milk Dealers' Association and the farmers, at which the latter agreed to accept a one-cent reduction in the wholesale price.

The wholesale reduction does not go into effect until Monday, but the retailers agreed to make the lower rate effective to the consumers beginning tomorrow. The rate now is fourteen cents a quart and eight cents a pint.

Farmers were enabled to put the reduction into effect, it was explained today, because of the lower cost of feedstuffs. Another reason for the decline was that the prices offered for fresh milk at wholesale are not high enough to tempt the farmers to sell the cattle for butchering.

NORTHLAND DUE HERE TOMORROW WITH 1600 YANKS

Transport Bringing Heroes Home Docks at Washington Avenue About 2 o'Clock

The transport Northland, bringing 1600 returning war heroes to this port, will dock at the Washington avenue pier between 2 and 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Announcement to this effect was made this afternoon at the office of Colonel Parker, U. S. A., superintendent of water transportation.

It was said that the Northland would pass the Delaware Breakwater at 6 o'clock this evening.

Judge J. Willis Martin has been appointed to head the committee of welcome to the committee of the Parkers Building, Broad and Cherry streets. The meeting was largely attended.

Crowds blocked the sidewalk before the steamer opened. Edward Cahoon, chairman of the foremen's strike committee, addressed the gathering a few minutes before the meeting was called and cautioned the men against disorder. "The more orderly we are," said Cahoon, "the better the results of the strike will be. Do not disturb the speakers and give every man a respectful hearing of their present demands, giving to each foreman 30 cents a week, would increase the Hog Island shipyard alone by \$2460 a week, or \$124,800 a year.

If any increase is given the Hog Island foremen, it was pointed out, it will be necessary to pay foremen in all other branches of the industry.

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PATRICK HENRY'S HOME BURNS

Many Famous Relics Saved When Blaze Destroys Red Hill

Lynchburg, Va., Feb. 20.—(By A. P.)—Red Hill, the historic home of Patrick Henry in Halifax County, about thirty miles from Lynchburg, was destroyed today by fire, which swept the house unchecked because of frozen water pipes.

Earl Reading Sails for United States

London, Feb. 20.—Earl Reading, British Ambassador to the United States, sailed today to resume his post at Washington.

NEW ORDER OF KNIGHTHOOD FOUNDED IN SCHOOLS HERE

Latest Type of Chivalry Designed to Teach Systematic Cleanliness and Observance of Certain Health Rules—Degrees Awarded to Those Who Are Found Deserving

A new order of knighthood began to bud into flower today in the public schools.

FOREMEN STRIKE AT HOG ISLAND; 30,000 INVOLVED

Big Shipyard Virtually Tied Up When 400 Bosses Walk Out

DEMAND MORE MONEY

Strikers' Representatives Confer With Piez, Who Expects Settlement

Both Sides to Blame, Says Piez of Strike

"There is no future for the shipbuilding industry if men are going to take advantage of the strength of their organization to force wages to abnormal heights," said Charles Piez, director general of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, this afternoon, discussing the strike of Hog Island shipworkers.

"Both sides are to blame for the strike. The foremen presented their claims sometime ago and were given no answer by the American International Shipbuilding Company. On the other hand, the men were too hasty in walking out. Not more than 15 per cent of the foremen wanted to strike. We have about reached the limit of our appropriation and Congress is not in a mood to grant us more money."

Four hundred foremen at Hog Island went on strike today when a demand for more money was not granted. As the result, the greatest shipyard in the world virtually is tied up in idleness.

Approximately 19,000 workmen were compelled to lay down their tools because of the strike. Probably 11,000 more will have to abandon work unless a settlement of the trouble is effected.

Representatives of the strikers are conferring this afternoon with Charles Piez, director general of the Emergency Fleet Corporation. The foremen say they are determined to press their demands for wage increases from \$4 to \$70.

Launching of the steamship Saugus, fifteen ship built at the yards, which was scheduled for this afternoon was postponed because of the walkout.

Demands of the foremen were laid before Mr. Piez for the first time this morning, shortly after the men had quit work at 10 o'clock. The walkout followed the delivery of an ultimatum to the American International Shipbuilding Corporation at 9 o'clock.

Piez Hopes for Agreement

After talking with P. F. Donahue, representing Boiler-makers' and Shipbuilders' Local No. 231, which ordered the strike, and Thomas J. Ga Van and Charles F. Scott, union organizers, Mr. Piez expressed the belief that an agreement might be effected late today.

The strikers held a meeting this afternoon in the basement of the Parkers Building, Broad and Cherry streets. The meeting was largely attended.

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CRIPPLED TIGER WINS SYMPATHY

French Sentiment Subject to Fiftful Shifts When Reaction Occurs

COMPROMISE CABINET NOW MORE DIFFICULT

Attack, if Political in Intent, Brings Actual Surprise to Radicals

By CLINTON W. GILBERT

Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger With the Peace Delegation in Europe

Paris, Feb. 20.—The shooting of Premier Clemenceau has thrown the Peace Conference into confusion.

It certainly produced great turmoil in France, but it is impossible to predict what direction French sentiment will take when the wave of sympathy for the Premier passes.

The affair sharpens the issue which has been forming about his personality, involving the isolation of France and the economic difficulties of the poor.

Clemenceau was much admired, and the shooting is likely to cause some temporary anti-American feeling and may delay the steps being taken to form a new ministry of a compromise sort and such delay may make the compromise more difficult.

Clemenceau's wounds are slight, but there is danger in his age and the long strain of the war and the Peace Conference bringing on a certain organic impairment.

It is impossible to tell whether it was an act of an individual alone or not.

Cottin is described as dressed like a workman and a resident of a town near Paris.

If political in intent, the act is a surprise to the radicals here, who have seen no signs of an approaching social disturbance, though the fundamental economic conditions favor one.

The Americans here regret the shooting in spite of difference of opinion with Clemenceau. They have the highest respect and liking for Clemenceau, who is greatly loved by the French, even though there are those who feel that his period of usefulness ended with the war.

The incident is characteristic of the life of Clemenceau, who, always a fighter, has had many duels to his credit.

He overthrew many governments and held France in the war by his sheer fighting spirit.

RADICALS MOVE TO OUST 'TIGER'; FAVOR BRIAND

French Press Flares With Criticism of Isolation of Nation in Peace

By CLINTON W. GILBERT

Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger

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Paris, Feb. 20.—There are rumors afoot of important changes in the policy of the French Government in the Peace Conference and even in the government itself.

The latter rumor takes the form of a prediction, long made, that Clemenceau will be succeeded by Briand.

The change may occur in a few days, if the prophecies may be believed. Signs that something of importance is impending are existing on every hand. The thoughtful people of France are anxious over the isolation of the French Government.

As previously predicted in this correspondence the Clemenceau speech last December, declaring for a balance of power in France, has

WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH

Live Coal From Furnace Ignites Clothing

Mrs. Harry F. Brown, 6025 Columbia avenue, was burned to death today as she was fixing a fire in the furnace of her home.

It is believed that while Mrs. Brown was raking the fire, a live coal ignited her clothing.

FRENCH PREMIER RESTS AND JESTS IN SPITE OF WOUND; ATTACK ON HIM MAY DELAY MOVE FOR NEW CABINET

Shooting Puts Keen Edge on Issue of Isolation

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Clemenceau Cheerful Despite Painful Injury

PARIS SUSPECTS BOLSHEVİK PLOT

Police Warned That Attack on "Tiger" Might Be Attempted

LURKING ASSAILANT NOTICED BY VICTIM

X-Ray Taken After Patient Has Passed Favorable Night

Premier's Lung Pierced; Has Slight Hemorrhage

Paris, Feb. 20.—The assassin's bullet penetrated one of Premier Clemenceau's lungs, causing a slight hemorrhage yesterday afternoon, it was officially announced today. His condition, however, was said to be satisfactory. The statement said:

"There was a slight hemoptysis (hemorrhage of the lungs) at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, owing to the bullet's penetration of the lung. The general local condition was very satisfactory. Temperature was normal and the Premier took a normal amount of food."

By the Associated Press

Paris, Feb. 20.—Good news came today from the sick room of Georges Clemenceau, where he was being attended for the wound inflicted upon him yesterday by the anarchist, Emile Cottin, in the attempt to assassinate the French Premier. While all France, and in fact all the world, was waiting in suspense for word of his condition, the announcement was made that the aged statesman was resting comfortably; that no fever had developed and that no complication had appeared.

Nothing definite, however, can be known as to what the results of the Premier's injuries are likely to be until an X-ray examination of the wound taken this morning is developed and examined by the doctors. The wound in itself is slight, but necessarily serious for a man as old as is the French Prime Minister. The physicians, however, are confident that his arteries are young and they point out that he has been a lifelong abstainer from alcoholic drinks, has not smoked for twenty years, and that he has followed a careful rule of living.

Vigor sustains him

This has resulted in making him an extraordinarily vigorous man for his years—one who has triumphed over the usual ill to which old age is subject, while as a young man he was known to have the knowledge of the heartfelt sympathy and good wishes of his own and every civilized country.

"The Premier is certainly as seriously hurt as possible," Chief Mandel, Premier Clemenceau's chief clerk, is quoted as saying at an early hour this morning. The quotation is attributed to the clerk by Maurice Hulin, in the Echo de Paris.

The Premier spent a good night, the Associated Press representative was told when he called at the Premier's house this morning. M. Clemenceau rested quietly through the night and did not awake until 8 o'clock. His first remark to Sister Theonense, the nun who is attending him, was:

"I am a lucky man. That is the first time in twenty years that I have been so late getting up."

Suspect Bolshevik Plot

"Was the attempt upon Premier Clemenceau's life of Bolshevik origin?" is a question being insistently asked here. The Mail today recalls that a "new" day was in preparation. This day was called at the Premier's house this morning. M. Clemenceau rested quietly through the night and did not awake until 8 o'clock. His first remark to Sister Theonense, the nun who is attending him, was:

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Tables of hospital rates were included in General Pershing's report. The daily admission rate per thousand men for troops in Brest and vicinity for the first nineteen days of February was 1.45. The similar figure for November was 2.11, for December 1.2 and for January 1.37.

"The sick rate is unusually low," a General Pershing said, "and is a direct measure of the sanitary situation at that place. Corresponding rates for the whole American expeditionary force are as follows: For November 2.2; for December 2.4; for January 2.04."

The daily average death rate per one hundred thousand men for troops at Brest and vicinity is shown as follows: November 5.15; December 2.08; January 3.15; February to date 3.62.

More than 245,000 men entered France "via Brest," the cable states, "and over 145,000 left Brest. Total deaths among the three transients and among the permanent garrisons from November 13, 1917, to February 7, 1919, were 1311. Deaths on incoming boats or by the time patients reached hospitals at Brest, 2181; of these 1817 burials occurred in September, October and November last, when influenza and pneumonia cases were arriving on transports from the United States and were in no way due to any health conditions existing at Brest."

HOHENZOLLERN ILL AGAIN

Old Affection of Ex-Kaiser Troubles Ex-Kaiser

Amsterdam, Feb. 20.—The former German emperor has suffered a recurrence of the serious ailment of the ear which has troubled him for many years.

His condition is such that he is unable to attend to his duties.

He is being treated by specialists.

His recovery is expected.

He will remain in the Netherlands.

Bandit Suspects Are Denied Bail

Magistrate "Railroads" Accused Negroes to Expedite Justice

COURT SHOWS NO MERCY

Three men arrested on suspicion of being principals in recent highway robberies were arraigned before Magistrate Meekley this afternoon and held without bail.

Refusal of Magistrate Meekley to grant bail was due to a desire to force the men to a speedy trial and to serve notice on hold-up men that no mercy will be extended to them in the courts.

Judge McCormick, in Quarter Sessions Court, today sentenced several alleged thieves to long prison terms as a warning to lawlessness will be shown of offenders.

Those held by Magistrate Meekley were Edward Burton, Carpenter street, near Twenty-second; James Thompson, South Chadwick street, and William Pinkney, of Quakertown, all negroes.

Tailor Robbed in Shop

Charles James, who operates a tailor shop at 217 South Twenty-second street, told Magistrate Meekley that Thompson entered his place late last night and robbed him. "Burton was there," said James, "and failed to help me when Thompson brandished a big revolver."

The police assert that Burton and Thompson are chronic work together.

"Burton," said the tailor, "entered the shop to get a pair of trousers. Thompson came in and Burton gave me a \$5 bill to change. I went to the cash drawer and took out a roll of bills. Thompson pulled out a big revolver and told me to throw up my hands. But I refused. I told him that he couldn't frighten me, but when he fired I grasped my gun. The revolver dropped to the floor. Burton took the revolver and said he would go after Thompson. He returned a little later and announced that Thompson had held him up and had recovered the gun."

Held-up Upon Market Street

William Jackson, of Elwood, N. J., testified that while at Seventeenth and Market streets late last night, Pinkney ordered him to throw up his hands.

"He had a gun," said Jackson, "and I had to do it. He got my money and started to run, but I went after him."

The cries of Jackson attracted Patrolman O'Brien, who gave chase and at Seventeenth and Locust streets Pinkney was caught.

Judge McCormick imposed a sentence of three years in the county prison on Albert Lago, who pleaded guilty to stealing an automobile belonging to Harry Broadbent, 1212

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