

PEPPER IS KEEN ON LEAGUE DEBATE

Fifteen Thousand Clamor for Tickets, but Only 5000 Can Be Granted Admission

LEGISLATORS WILL ATTEND

Pepper Asks Hitchcock That They Confine Discussion to Original Plan of World Alliance

More than 15,000 persons are anxious to hear the league of nations debate that is scheduled for tomorrow night at the Metropolitan Opera House.

Requests for seats and admission tickets to the opera house have swamped the agencies in charge of ticket distribution and today officials of those organizations closed shop.

That the debate between George Wharton Pepper and Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, will attract a record-breaking crowd, was assured today when F. C. Wilson, in charge of ticket distribution, announced that 10,000 persons have already been denied tickets.

Members of the Senate municipal affairs committee who will sit at the public hearing on the charter bills in Philadelphia tomorrow have been invited to attend the debate.

Wash to Meet Pepper Senator Walsh, Democrat of Montana, has virtually decided to accept an invitation to debate the league of nations with Mr. Pepper at Indianapolis on the night of April 16 before the Indiana Manufacturers' Association.

Senator Walsh was endeavoring today to arrange his engagement so that he could go to Indianapolis.

Mr. Pepper is the managing director of the League for the Preservation of American Independence, an organization formed to oppose the President's plan for the league of nations, of which Henry Watterson is president.

Senator Walsh is known as one of the foremost constitutional authorities in the country. He has made only a few speeches on the league of nations and while he favors some slight amendments to the President's league plan he has announced that he would vote for it whether amended or not.

Mr. Pepper, in a letter to Senator Hitchcock, demanded that the senator give up the debate on the league of nations and that they set a definite question to debate, in order that the event may not be a mere speech-making affair.

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Philadelphia One of Sixty Cities in Anti-Saloon Campaign. Bryan Is Listed

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CRIME SYNDICATE EXPOSED BY GIRL

Five Held and More Arrests to Follow Florence Duke's Confession

RECOVER 25 STOLEN CARS

Young Woman, Spurning Clemency at Trial, Unfolds Working of Gang

Florence Duke, the twenty-year-old automobile thief, who calmly accepted a twelve-year sentence in the Eastern Penitentiary rather than implicate her associates in crime, has revealed the workings of the automobile stealing syndicate of which she was a member.

The girl, who refused to tell the names of her associates when a confession would have aided her in court, has freely told the story of the thefts of more than 1000 automobiles, and those concerned in them, too late for her story to have any effect on the length of time she will spend in jail.

Acting on her confession, District Attorney Edmund B. Gaskill, Jr., of Atlantic county, N. J., has caused the arrest of five men in Atlantic City, Atlantic county, N. J., and other parts of New Jersey, and in Philadelphia are expected shortly.

The men under arrest are expected to plead at Mays Landing Courthouse today.

The five men indicted by the Grand Jury of Atlantic county are Martin Nathanson, George Nathanson and Jeremiah J. Nathanson, proprietors of the Boardwalk Garage, in Atlantic City, and Lewis Nathanson, of Wildfield, N. J., two of the employees. Others, including two city detectives of the resort, are said to be implicated in the crimes.

District Attorney Rotan has been apprised of the confession of the Duke girl and will co-operate with the sea-shore authorities in rounding up the remaining members of the syndicate.

Detectives here are at a loss to understand the motive that prompted the confession, unless, they say, the girl has despaired of receiving help she expected from "high quarters" when she refused to tell at the time the names of any of the persons associated with her in the thefts.

Before Judge Monaghan, she admitted stealing more than a score of automobiles, and told that they were hurried into New Jersey, where they were overhauled, repainted and otherwise disguised, but even when clemency was promised if she would reveal the names of other members of the band she maintained silence.

Shortly after being committed to the Eastern Penitentiary she confided some details of the automobile-stealing syndicate to Reuben McKenny, son of the warden, and later revealed the whole story to Mr. Gaskill and Harry Fulmer, a shore detective, when they visited her in her cell last week.

Investigation of the story told by the girl has proved the truth of her assertions and already more than twenty-five automobiles, most of which were stolen in Philadelphia and sold in New Jersey, have been recovered and returned to their owners on information furnished by her.

Atlantic City authorities want the girl to appear against her alleged associates when they are brought up for trial. Authorities here, however, are loath to allow her to escape from their jurisdiction. A writ of habeas corpus may be employed by Mr. Gaskill to insure her presence at the trial.

At the time of the Duke trial Judge Monaghan deferred sentence for several days to give the girl a chance to repent and confess, but she refused and returned to court and calmly accepted sentence.

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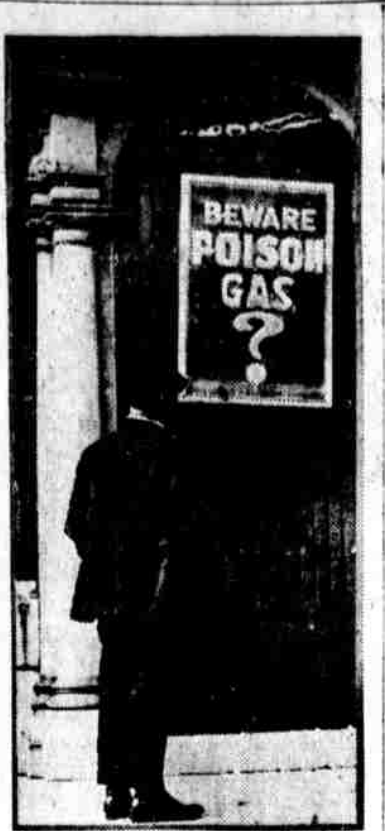
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Captain Was King's Guest J. H. Potter Had 15-Minute Audience at Buckingham Palace

The story of a fifteen-minute audience with the King of England was told today by Captain John H. Potter, 228 South Broad street, who returned to his home yesterday.

Captain Potter accompanied General Biddle to Buckingham Palace on the day of the signing of the armistice. To describe the names of the American staff in England in the guest book there, King George learned of their presence in the palace and asked that they be presented to him. They were then granted a fifteen-minute audience.

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MODEST ACES CAMERA-SHY, BUT GLAD A YANK TO PACIFY

Camera Man, the Rotter, Zooms to Roof, Starts 'Em Side-Stepping and Gets a Blighty Himself

It is hard to tell whether the photographer or the six British aviation heroes got the most complete shock when he photographed them on the roof of the Adelphi Hotel this morning. Out of the smoke of blinding hallogens came these developments:

A British air "ace" insisted on photographing the photographer while the photographer was photographing the "aces."

The photographer's opinion as to the height of the Adelphi Hotel was requested by these men who have been trained to guess distances in the air.

The photographer issued commands and the British officers, with a slightly stunned air, obeyed him, though he is a man of peace and they all wear medals for their heroic deeds in war planes.

The attacking party approached the Britons after they had concluded an insular breakfast of eggs and bacon, sausages, buttered toast and other incidentals, set off with the English national breakfast food, which is marvellous.

Once cornered, the warriors had recourse to considerable side-slipping. Major S. E. Parker in command of the party was only too willing, but feared that Captain Beauchamp Proctor, wearer of the Victoria cross, might object, since Captain Proctor's heroism is only equaled by his modesty. No, Captain Proctor did not object but, the whole thing seemed so badly slipped to him—standing around and posing—what! But Major Philip F. Fullard, Captain N. W. Woollett and Major F. B. Holliday did not object—

In the end the photographer pointed out the value of their pictures to the Liberty Loan and with sighs they consented. Shock number one ensued.

"Move over a little there," snapped the photographer briskly.

"Are you speaking to me?" inquired Captain Proctor in that note of feigned politeness which the Briton uses to indicate a faux pas on the part of the incomprehensible American.

"Yes," snapped the untitled press-man, clicking the machine.

Captain Proctor drew a camera from his own pocket and revealed himself by taking the photographer's picture.

Meanwhile Major Fullard, peering over his wall the roof, wondered how far it was to earth, and the photographer told him it was about 200 feet. The major agreed that he might be quite right.

Major Maxwell disclosed the fact that the Britons were fearfully shocked when the American ace, Eddie Rickenbacker, pointed them out to the audience during his talk at the Academy of Music last night.

"He should know what's what," said Major Maxwell in a slightly peeved tone. "We had him in England long enough, you know."

"Ah," rejoined Captain Proctor, "but he is topping you know—simply topping!"

And the other air heroes agreed that Eddie Rickenbacker is topping.

Then the young soldiers discussed the weather.

"This job has added ten years to my life," said the photographer, as he went away after completing his work. Then the aces did a dignified vrrlle toward a better "ole."

SCHOOLS INSANITARY, INSPECTOR REPORTS

Medical Director Shows Un-Healthful Conditions in Many Buildings Here

Overcrowding, bad ventilation, insufficient illumination, offensive odors, unlawful plumbing and other insanitary and unhealthful conditions in 203 public school buildings were reported to the Board of Education yesterday, when the annual summary of the investigation of schools was submitted by Dr. Bernard Kohu, acting director of medical inspection of public schools.

One hundred and one schools are enumerated in the report as overcrowded; seventy-five lack sufficient illumination; ninety have inadequate yard space; sixty-four are deficient in exits and fire-escapes, and twenty-six are insufficiently equipped with drinking water accommodations. The report was referred to the superintendent of buildings.

The board approved an annual appropriation of \$25,000 for the conservation of water in public buildings and the granting of proportionate bonuses to employees who in the military or naval service or on the basis of the number of months in 1918 they were employed by the board previous to entering the service of the United States. Both measures were recommended by the finance committee.

PHILIPPINE MISSION HERE

Advocates of Independence Pass Through En Route to New York

More than forty members of the official Philippine independence mission, on route from Washington to New York in two special cars, passed through Philadelphia this afternoon.

Government officials, senators, representatives, bankers, business men, educators and planters were represented in the group appointed by the Philippine Government to tour America. They probably will visit this city.

Manuel L. Quezon, president of the Senate, is chairman of the mission, and Senator Rafael Palma, secretary of the interior, is vice chairman.

The members are delegated by their government to express to America their regard for its Philippine policies, looking toward an ultimate autonomy of the islands. They are taking up with authorities in Washington the matter of Philippine independence. Through commercial organizations of America they hope to stimulate an interest on the part of American capitalists in making investments in the islands.

Mrs. Gabriel Lao, wife of one of the mission members, is the only Philippine woman in the party. She is a graduate of a girls' finishing school in Manila, which is older than any such institutions of this country.

LANGUAGE OF LAW CONFUSES LAYMEN

Idiomatic Phrases Necessary to Obtain Precedence in Courts, Say Penn Experts

WOULD WELCOME CHANGE

Sentences that are Brodignagian mouthfuls, phrases that tangle like the meshes of a spider's web, idioms that confuse like a Japanese puzzle, threaten to remain with us in our legislative statutes for years and years to come, according to the opinion of members of the English department of the University of Pennsylvania.

"And all because, the 'old guard' members of the legal profession don't want any change in English which 'was good enough for our forebears, and which is good enough for us.'"

The suggestion that the simplification of the rhetoric in bills before the Legislature would save money to the people "by making the meaning of statutes so clear that the courts would be relieved of some of their present burdens," was heartily endorsed by the experts in English at the University this afternoon.

Thinks Change Impossible "There ought to be a change, but I don't believe it will be possible to bring about such a change," said Dr. T. D. O'Boyer. "We owe this redundancy in governmental papers to the legal profession. Redundancy in expression is an important part of the legal profession to effect a maze, and the more involved the wandering, the more effective the maze."

Dr. O'Boyer said that it is the disposition of documentary English to retain the old phrases in order to obtain precedence with the law. "The barrister must argue on the foundation of the courts' judgments down through the years, and consequently he uses the anachronism of documentary English, no matter how stupid it is, to make his points with the court."

"I would welcome a change in the rhetoric of our state bills and legal documents," said Dr. Clarence G. Child, head of the department of Anglo-Saxon and Old English, "but as a layman I shouldn't care to say just where the line ought to be drawn. The style handed down from the literature, not only legal writings, but also epistolary writings, of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, when persons affected a dignity of style oftentimes merely becoming prolix and obscure. The people of those early days admired it, we today have grown impatient of it."

Intended to Confuse Dean William E. Mikell, of the Law School, believes that it is partly true that the rhetoric of some legal and judicial documents is composed with the definite purpose of creating a confused maze of ideas.

"But it is also true that often the redundancy of such papers is very necessary. Often the lawyer or legislator, in drawing up a paper must guard himself against every possible contingency. If he leaves out a qualifying phrase or word, the exact meaning is lost. Then again he must use synonyms which have a recognized meaning in the courts, whether they are intelligible to the layman or not."

Investigates Husband's Death The funeral of Frank Kelly, who died Friday, took place today from his home, Richmond and Westmoreland streets. After solemn requiem mass at St. George's Catholic Church, Interment took place at Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery. The death of Mr. Kelly took place under circumstances that are being investigated by his widow. He left this city last Thursday for Atlantic City, on the advice of his physician, having been suffering from heart trouble for several months. On Friday his wife received word