

UNCERTAINTY VEILS FATE OF LOAN BILL

Independents With Penrose Men
Are Able to Defeat Measure, It is Pointed Out

EXPECT ACTION THURSDAY

Independent members of Councils are at odds over what action to take when the \$14,750,000 loan comes up in Councils on Thursday afternoon.

At a meeting of the Independent Councilmanic Association last evening divergent views were expressed, and it was decided to allow the question of the loan to go over until late tomorrow afternoon, when a final decision will be reached.

Charles H. Von Tagen is strongly opposed to the bill in its present form, on the grounds that it would hamstring the incoming administration. Other members of the association agree with him as to the lack of necessity for many of the items. Still others are inclined to favor the loan, hoping that their particular sections of the city will benefit by the improvements planned.

Fate in Doubt
Common Councilman Francis F. Burch, of the Forty-sixth ward, president of the association, announced that action would be delayed until less than twenty-four hours of the time set for a councilmanic vote. This leaves the fate of the loan in doubt, as the independent members as a body, together with the Penrose members, can defeat the legislation planned by the Smith administration.

One result of the postponement will be to have final decision come after the highway committee meets to apportion the streets upon which money is to be expended for paving, grading, etc. By the delay the independent members will know just what to expect for their home sections and for the city at large, before being called upon to approve or disapprove the loan either in whole or in part.

Opposition to the \$3,000,000 item for water extensions which developed on the theory that Chief Davis of the water bureau would not be able to put all the money under contract within the next year, appears to be dying down. A number of independent members, familiar with the need for water extensions, are known to favor this item and it may be allowed to stand without attack.

Most of the independent members favor the \$500,000 item for grading, as well as the \$1,000,000 for main and \$2,000,000 for branch sewers. These most admit are needed to facilitate the building of homes in outlying sections now without city improvements.

The final meeting of the independents has been called for 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and all will be notified to be present to take part in the final discussion.

LOSES \$80; SMASHES GLASS

Man Held in \$500 Bail After Row in Saloon
The crash of glass is pleasant music to the ears of George Shively, the police say.

He threw a keg of beer through the plate glass window of Mrs. Anna Weisman's saloon, 253 North Ninth street, it is said, after first denting the mirror inside with a fustillade of beer mugs. A further attack on the place was stopped by the arrival of District Detective Lavery.

Shively said he had good reasons for his actions. He drank a glass of beer and on reaching for his wallet found it had disappeared. It contained \$80. Words of the bartender failed to appease Shively who vented his wrath in the manner stated.

He was held in \$500 bail for court by Magistrate Grellis.



MRS. HELEN F. COHAN
Who will christen the freighter Costigan at Merchant Shipbuilding Corporation yard, Harriman, this evening

BROKER TO FLY TO CHICAGO

J. H. Makler, Philadelphia Business Man, to Start Trip Today

Joseph H. Makler, a Philadelphia broker, will start for Chicago by airplane today from Garden City, L. I., accompanied by Lieutenant Lawrence B. Sperry, a former naval aviator.

Carrying a traveling bag and wearing a business suit, Mr. Makler will make the trip just as he would a journey to the Windy City by train.

Mr. Makler is a member of the Aero Club of Pennsylvania. About four stops will be made between the starting point and Chicago, and at each stop Mr. Makler will inspect the landing places. He will carry a letter from Joseph A. Steinmetz, president of the Aero Club of Pennsylvania, to Mayor Thompson, of Chicago.

The trip will be made in a Curtiss plane. Mr. Makler's object in taking the trip is to encourage this form of traveling.

He expects to reach Chicago about Wednesday and will spend Tuesday night either in Cleveland or Toledo.

THREE HELD IN ROBBERY

One Charged With Theft in Germantown. Others Accused as "Fences"

Three men were arrested today in connection with the robbery of the home of E. H. Sanborn, 5151 Wissahickon avenue. The prisoners gave their names as J. F. Mahoney, Chelton and Pulaski avenues; Jack McGonigle and John McKinley, Morris street and Queen lane.

All three were arrested by District Detectives Bolay and Welsh, of the Germantown station. Mahoney was charged with stealing jewelry while in the employ of Mr. Sanborn and the others were charged with receiving stolen goods. Each was held in \$800 bail for a further hearing by Magistrate Pennock.

The police say Mahoney is also wanted for the robbery of a house on Vernon road.

NEW TROOPSHIP EQUIPPING

Santa Elisa Steams From Camden to League Island for Supplies

The troopship Santa Elisa, constructed at the New York Shipyard in Camden, steamed to League Island today to take on supplies for her initial trip overseas. She is expected to leave for France on Thursday.

The Santa Elisa is commanded by Captain N. L. Proctor, U. S. N., and carries a crew of 202 men. She left Camden today with a crew of 160 men sent up today from League Island.

The transport has accommodations for 1508 troops, and on a trial trip on the Delaware river last week made seventeen miles an hour. She is 353 feet 8 inches long, 33 feet 6 inches in depth and 51 feet 6 inches across the beam. The gross tonnage is 5281.

REVOLUTIONARY RELIC BOWS TO PROHIBITION

Chester's Historic Washington House, Dating From 1746, to Be Torn Down

MODERN BUILDING TO RISE

Old man Prohibition takes a slant at a historic relic this time!

Just as soon as July 1 rolls around or January 16, 1920, if the July ban is lifted, the historic Washington House, Chester, which has been a hotel all its interesting life since 1746, will be torn down to make way for a modern hotel, office building, and theatre. It seems that the old hostelry which once proved comfortable to the renowned George can not keep alive on the starvation profit of mineral waters and soda pop.

This old hotel is filled with memories of Washington and Revolutionary days. A tablet was erected by the Daughters of the American Revolution to commemorate the event when Washington stayed at the hotel, then known as the Washington Arms, immediately after the disaster of the Brandywine. He visited the place once again on his journey to New York when he was elected President. He ate breakfast there.

The tablet reads: "This marks this house as the place where Washington wrote at midnight the only report of the battle of Brandywine, September 11, 1777. Here Washington also received the congratulations of the people of Chester upon his election as the first President of the United States, April 20, 1789."

After the evacuation of Philadelphia by the British army, the name of the hotel was changed to the Washington House.

At each occasion when Washington visited the hotel, the best was placed at his disposal. The roomy mahogany chairs which were in his room are preserved as relics, but all the rare vintage of that day is gone irrevocably.

ARRESTED AT PRISON DOOR

Man Released is Taken in Custody by Detective From Chicago

Just as Frank Paige, thirty-five years old, 1310 Cherry street, was leaving the county prison yesterday, after serving a year's sentence for robbery, he was arrested by Detective Gom-borow on a warrant issued in Chicago, charging him with grand larceny.

Paige has served about fourteen years in Chicago on different charges, and when the extradition papers arrive he will be taken back to serve a few more. Magistrate Meclary, Central Station, held him to await the action of the Chicago authorities.

GASSED, HE MUST KILL

So Luther "Warns" His Wife—Now He's in Jail

Luther Wilson, 1759 North Alder street, was gassed while serving in France and gives that as his reason for threatening to kill his wife. She had him arrested and at the hearing this morning testified that he had attacked her with knives and guns and had frequently threatened to kill her without any provocation on her part.

Wilson, who is a negro, said that he had written his wife after he had been gassed, telling her that his injury had produced a very strange and dangerous effect and that a time he was obsessed with the desire to kill some one, and not to be surprised if he had to take it out on her. "I just can't help it," he said. He was held under \$500 bail by Magistrate Meclary for a further hearing.

PROGRESS MADE IN BOMB PROBE

Hat, Shoes and Wallet Are Clues Which May Solve Mystery

Developments in the investigation of the bomb outrages that shook Philadelphia and six other cities two weeks ago last night are slow but sure.

Tod Daniel, chief local agent of the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice, is working on several important clues, as are Lieutenant Andy Emanuel, head of the local squad of bomb detectors, and his men.

All are trying to establish the identity of the anarchist blown to pieces while placing a bomb under the home of Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer, in Washington. The undoubted identification of this man would lead to a speedy roundup of the "reds," it is believed.

"We are tracing down the bits of evidence found," said Mr. Daniel. "We expect to have him definitely identified ultimately, but I cannot say when that will be."

"It takes time to trace down all these things. We are working on the laundry mark and the hat and the shoes and the other things found, but nothing definite has been established.

"The tracing of one of these things to its source takes lots of time. We consider that we have been reasonably successful so far.

"There is nothing that can be made public at the present time. All that I can say is that we are working hard on the case. When the identity of the man killed in Washington is established we may be able to track some of his associates."

JERSEY PRESBYTERY MEETS

Protests Against Enlargement of West Jersey District

An all-day session of the West Jersey Presbytery opened today in the Holy Beach Presbyterian Church. A large number of Presbyterian ministers and laymen were present. The session is presided over by the Rev. George Kane, moderator of Audubon.

The Presbytery protested against the enlarging of the West Jersey Presbytery by the addition of another county which belongs to another Presbytery.

The Rev. P. R. Hoppe was received as the installed pastor of the Chelsea Presbyterian Church. The Rev. John E. Peters, of Camden, in making his neurological reports, announced the deaths of the Rev. J. S. Malons, of Camden; the Rev. W. B. Lauderdale, of Salem; and Elders Benjamin O. Titus, of Camden; James P. Avis, of Wenonah and John Stewart, of Williamstown.

Despite a number of adverse conditions favorable reports were given from standing and special committees. The Presbytery is in a prosperous condition.

HINES TO VISIT CITY

Director General of Railroads to Be Guest of Chamber of Commerce

Walker D. Hines, director general of the federal railroad administration, will speak in Philadelphia Friday under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce.

A luncheon will be given in his honor at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel at 12:30 o'clock and his address will be delivered at that function.

The Chamber of Commerce has invited members of the Traffic Club of Philadelphia to be their guests for the occasion.

While the director general of the railroads has not yet announced what his theme will be, transportation circles here are keenly interested in his coming and are hopeful that he will announce a plan for the return of the roads to their owners.

CUT IN HOUSING FUND DISPLEASES KRUSEN

\$50,000 Asked, \$25,000 Granted, Money is Not Expected to Cause Much Improvement

NEW JOBS ARE CREATED

Although unwilling to criticize Councils, Director Krusen, of Health and Charities, is much disappointed at the failure of the finance committee to comply with his request for enough money to abate nuisances complained of by the Churchwomen's Housing Association.

His request for \$50,000 was framed after the amount had been determined by a study of conditions in congested home sections. The \$25,000 finally allowed him will cut his activities in half and will not permit of any great improvement in living conditions.

Before the session of the finance committee yesterday Director Krusen was in consultation with Mayor Smith about the need for funds and other questions arising in his department. After this conference the director said that he meant to do everything in his power to get the money.

When the committee finally met, Chairman Gaffney told the director that there was not a cent of money available for the abatement of nuisances and that if he wanted to spend money in that way he would have to find it out of some unexhausted item in his appropriation.

Then followed a wild scramble on the part of councilmen and city officials to create new jobs and to increase salaries of places held by favored political allies.

After some 200 new places and salary increases had been approved for final submission to Councils, Director Krusen made an appeal to the committee for the housing needs. At first he was turned down, but later Chairman Gaffney offered him \$25,000, which he was forced to accept.

To the Finance Committee Director Krusen explained that the most of the \$50,000 asked would ultimately be returned to the city treasury through suits entered against property owners on which improvements are made under orders of city inspectors. This explanation that the money would not be an outlay, but merely a temporary expenditure had no effect, as Chairman Gaffney declared that no money could be found for such a purpose or in fact for any other purpose.

Just what action the churchwomen will take, in view of their half-way successful campaign to improve housing conditions, has not as yet been announced by Mrs. William Abbey and other leaders in the movement to improve living in congested sections.

PARTY WIRES SOUGHT

Phone Rate Rise Leads Many to Cut Down Expenses

Rather than pay the increased telephone rate schedule, which went into effect yesterday, many subscribers, who now have single wires, have made requests to have their service changed to a "party wire."

The cost of a "two-party wire," under the new schedule, amounts to about the same as the single wire under the old rates, and the subscribers would rather pay the same and have less efficient service.

Under the old rates a private line in a house cost \$57 per year, and under the new rates a two-party line costs \$57.00, or sixty cents more. The increase of 20 per cent would bring the single private wire cost up to \$68.40 per year.

TUG SAVED FROM FIRE

Quick Work of Longshoremen Prevents Blaze Reaching Neptune

Quick action of a number of longshoremen saved the tug Neptune from possible destruction by fire this morning at Queen street wharf.

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Charged with assault and battery, Walter Gazdik, 2032 Dennie street, was given a hearing today before Magistrate Price at the Twenty-second street and Hunting Park avenue station, and was held under \$400 bail for court action.

The alleged assault occurred on June 2, John Bucior, a boy who lives at 2045 Dennie street, being the victim. It is said that Bucior was dragged into Gazdik's yard and beaten, following an altercation over a golf ball with which Bucior and several other children were playing. The boy was taken to the Samaritan Hospital, and has not yet sufficiently recovered to return to school.

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