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VARE 'VET' PICKED AS VARE CANDIDATE

Lieutenant Watson, Son of Magistrate, to Run for Clerk of Courts

WADE SHERIFF SELECTION

Lieutenant David Elwood Watson, son of Magistrate Thomas F. Watson, treasurer of the Republican city committee, has been agreed upon by the Republican organization leaders as their choice for clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions to oppose Thomas W. Cunningham, the Moore candidate.

Hazlett Files Papers

James M. Hazlett, recorder of deeds, filed papers today for a re-nomination. His papers had 5000 signatures. Among the signers were William R. Nicholson, president of the Land Title and Trust Company and a member of the committee of one hundred, which is opposed to the Vore candidates, and Dimmer Beecher, president of the Commonwealth Title Insurance and Trust Company and a member of the Moore campaign committee.

Mr. Hazlett was a member of Councils for seventeen years. At one time he was president of Select Council and was also president of the Board of Viewers. He is a Mason and former president of the Philadelphia Athletic Club.

Selection of Lieutenant Watson was a surprise, since it was understood that the Vore candidate would go to Magistrate Watson, who is the organization leader in the Twenty-second ward, and was gassed and wounded.

Lieutenant Watson is employed in City Solicitor Connelly's office. He enlisted in Company G, First Pennsylvania Infantry. He participated in many important battles and was twice gassed and wounded. He was promoted as a result of his record on the field.

He was commissioned a second lieutenant on September 3 and a few weeks later was made a first lieutenant. On the day the armistice was signed he was recommended for a captaincy.

Daniel Wade, the organization's candidate for sheriff, had long been identified with independent and Democratic movements in this city and ran against W. Freeland Kendrick for receiver of taxes. Mr. Wade is a resident of the Thirtieth ward and a member of the Knights of Columbus and Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Patterson Won't Quit Bench

Judge Patterson will not resign from the bench during his campaign. Five reasons were given by Judge Patterson why he should remain on the bench while conducting his campaign for the mayoralty.

"I will not resign until I am elected Mayor," said Judge Patterson, when asked if he intended to give up his seat on the bench.

"I have no apologies to offer for being a candidate for that office."

Judge Cites Precedents

In giving his five reasons Judge Patterson cited a number of precedents to show that it was not necessary to resign from the bench to carry on a political campaign.

Judge Patterson gave these reasons for his announced intention to stay on the bench: "First of all there are some cases pending before me that have not been decided. There is one in particular in which the two sides have already covered a period of several months. I could not resign without working an injustice to the parties involved."

"Secondly, I have never heard of a judge resigning, without finishing the public business before him. I see nothing in the law that requires a judge to resign while he is a candidate for another office. I understand that Judge Thayer, who was a member of Court No. 4, did not resign while he was a candidate for the post of district attorney. Judge McCullen, who stands high before the bar, and Judge Henderson, who also has an excellent reputation for learning in the law and an instinct for fairness, are candidates to succeed themselves on the bench and they have not resigned. Justice Kepner, an able jurist and a popular citizen, served on the bench during his campaign. I can find no precedent that would require me to take any other step."

Not Seeking Personal Comfort

"Thirdly, the people of Philadelphia elected me as a judge. It was through their will, expressed by the ballot, that I was chosen to serve in that capacity. A large number of those who voted for me as a candidate for a judgeship have also asked me to submit my name to the people for another office. Practically the same persons who elected me as a judge have asked me to serve as Mayor. I am not considering my personal comfort or convenience. I am not seeking the office. If the people want me to serve as Mayor I shall serve them; if they want me to remain on the bench I shall remain there. And I shall support with all my might and strength any other man who is elected Mayor. In other words, if I am not elected I shall lend my aid to the administration of any man who is chosen. There are my ideas of public service."

Fourth. Members of the bar, some of them very prominent members, have asked me not to resign.

"In America one man is as good as another before the law. This is a land of opportunity and a judge, as well as the humblest citizen, has the right to be a candidate for any office."

PATROLMAN KILLS MAN, TWO SOUGHT

Mysterious Strangers Who Tortured Parents Believed to Have Been Implicated

VICTIM AUTO THIEF SUSPECT

Two mysterious strangers in an automobile are being sought by the police today in connection with the shooting of Francis A. Megargee, of 450 West Soligley avenue, who was killed early today by Patrolman August Rangow, of the Fourth and York streets police station.

The police say Megargee was eluding arrest following an attempt to steal an automobile from Derbyshire Brothers, 2418 North Front street. The shooting occurred at Cumberland and Hope streets. Megargee died in the Episcopal Hospital a few minutes after he had been taken there by Patrolman Rangow. Parents of Megargee, who is twenty-one years old, insist he was shot by mistake. They believe he was merely a "tool" used by others to get away with the automobile.

Two Mystery Men Appear

They declare that long before the police had notified them of the boy's death, two men in an automobile, with their coat collars turned up and their hats pulled over their eyes, came to the Megargee home and pounded on the front door.

"Your son has been shot and killed," one of the men shouted, the parents say, when they went to the door. Then they drove away hurriedly.

An hour later, say the parents, word came from the police of the boy's death. Megargee, say his parents, was a model young man, having been active in church affairs. He was formerly in the army, and during the war was stationed at Fort Johnson, Pa.

His mother said he was an expert automobile mechanic and that he was apparently "used" by others—possibly the two men in the machine—steal the automobile.

After the body of Megargee had been taken to the Episcopal Hospital, Patrolman Rangow went to the police station and surrendered to the lieutenant. Magistrate Glenn held him without bail for the coroner's inquest.

Trying to Start Car

Patrolman Rangow was walking down Front street shortly after 1 o'clock when his suspicions were aroused by the actions of a man in front of the Derbyshire store. The man was trying to start a touring car which belonged to one of the proprietors of the store.

"What are you doing here?" he asked the stranger.

"Trying to get the car started."

The patrolman did not believe the man owned the machine. He offered to take him in the store, so that he could be identified by Derbyshire.

Megargee tried to break away from Rangow. The latter was struck in the face, Megargee fled down Front street, with the patrolman in pursuit.

Rangow fired several shots at the man, none of them taking effect. At Cumberland street, Megargee turned north. As he was crossing Hope street the patrolman fired his last shot. The bullet hit the fleeing man between the shoulder blades, entering the body just beneath the heart. He fell.

Rangow called for the patrol and Megargee was hurried to the Episcopal Hospital, where he died in a few minutes.

Rangow is a former service man, having returned from France about two months ago, after seeing active service in the army.

Saloonkeeper Laughs

Four bandits held up the saloon of Antonio Tucca, Twelfth and Annin streets. They robbed Tucca and two patrons and escaped with about \$153 in cash and a gold watch.

The robbers drove up in an automobile. Two remained in the machine. The two others entered the saloon with drawn revolvers.

At the sight of them, Tucca laughed. A glimpse of their boyish faces had caused him to think the hold-up a joke.

One of the thieves ordered him to throw up his hands. Tucca backed away towards the rear of the saloon, where two of his patrons were seated. He hoped to reach a rear door and escape.

He stopped when one of the robbers called out: "Stop, or I'll shoot."

The thief then seized Tucca's watch-chain and jerked out the watch, breaking the chain in doing this. The broken chain still dangled from the saloonkeeper's vest when he related to the police the story of what had happened.

Then the bandit made the two patrons raise their hands while he went through their pockets. Tucca said one man was

10 AMERICAN SINGERS ADDED TO METROPOLITAN ROSTER

New Voices, Novelty and Revivals of Repertoire Presage Enthusiastic Season Here Next Fall and Winter

The opera season of next fall and winter promises to be the most enthusiastic in the history of grand opera here. An unprecedented sale of season tickets to date shows more than an ordinary awakening from wartime economy, and the repertoire provided includes both old favorites and novelties. Ten American artists have been added to the Metropolitan Opera Company, and the return of Giulio Gatti-Casazza from Italy is expected to be accompanied by interesting announcements of new foreign singers.

"From the indications that we have had so far the season will be the biggest that we have known," says Alfred Hoegerle, Philadelphia representative of the Metropolitan Opera Company. "Already we have received advance subscriptions totaling more than the subscriptions that we had at the end of the last season."

No German opera is included in the winter schedule as yet, although there have been rumors in New York of singing German opera in English.

The lists of standard operas to be sung include "Carmen," "Lucia di Lammermoor," "Marta," "Faust," "The Trovatore," "La Traviata," "Boris Godunoff," "La Boheme," "Madam Butterfly," and "Tosca," "Il Barbiere di Siviglia," "Samson et Dalila," "Aida," "Trovatore," "Traviata" and "Oberon."

Maeterlinck's "Blue Bird" will appear in opera this year under the name of "L'Oiseau Bleu." The music has been composed by Albert Wolff, of the

robbed of \$23 and the other \$50. He did not know the names of the two men.

While one robber was busy with Tucci and his two patrons, the other went back of the bar and opened the cash register. He got a little more than \$100.

The two robbers then ran out to the automobile, which at once sped away, going north on Twelfth street. Tucci ran out of the saloon and followed. He says the auto turned into Carpenter street and then went north on Broad street.

SEEK YORK ROAD POSTS

Philadelphia Business Men File Petitions for Office

Well-known men of the northern suburban section, who have wide business interests in Philadelphia, have filed petitions as candidates for the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education of Abington township, Abington is Republican by an established majority, and nomination is considered to be equivalent to election.

John Gilbert, publisher of the "Rydal," Walter J. Chase, broker, of Roslyn, and W. R. Gilbert, of North Glenside, will be the Republican candidates for the Board of Education. John Gilbert and Chase are new entrants, and W. R. Gilbert, a present member, is after a return term. For commissioners, Charles P. Mebus, of Glenside; Theodore Abington, of Abington, and Jacob Roehm, of Noble, seek second terms, and Irvin Niblock, of Crestmont, will be the nominee to replace H. P. Robinson, who has declined another term.

BABBITT METALS MAGNOLIA CHARLES BOND COMPANY

Elkton Marriage Licenses Elkton, Md., Aug. 19.—Philadelphia furnished nine of the fourteen couples procuring marriage licenses here today.

The couples were: John Reed and Winifred Hagen, Franklin A. Trent and Rosina G. Harris, John Richmond and Edna Basler, Jacob Cantin and Reba Coleroff, William J. Newman and Margaret L. Irwin, Justus Williams and Susie Miers, Edw. Younger and Alma Wippen, Joseph Cook and Isabelle McCormick, William Winning and Ethel Clark, all of Philadelphia; Theodore C. Kutz, Philadelphia, and Elizabeth C. Thompson, Princeton, W. Va.; and Edna Vohrer, Philadelphia, Charles A. Paul, Jr., and Hester Marr, Bloomberg; Wilbur T. Duval and May A. Howley, Bastleton, Pa.; William Hunter, Wilmington, and Minnie Hughes, Newport, Ky.

Motorcyclist Injured in Crash

Tony DeSandis, twenty-three years old, 949 Ontario street, received a fracture of the leg today when riding a motorcycle on which he was riding crashed into a wagon. Both vehicles were going south on seventh street above Cambria. DeSandis was taken to the Episcopal Hospital.

To Release Russian Boy

The bureau of immigration, Gloucester City, has received word from the department in Washington to release Paul Pirantoff, the thirteen-year-old Russian boy, who was brought to this country by Lieutenant Smith, of the 33rd Infantry, on the steamship Havferford three weeks ago.

HOG ISLAND FORCES ONLY SLIGHTLY CUT

Emergency Fleet Official Sees Plenty of Work for Four Months

MAKING SOME REDUCTIONS

While there is under way a slight reduction in the number of employes at Hog Island, there is no plan for any wholesale layoff of men, according to C. H. Higgins, assistant general manager of Delaware river shipyards for the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

Mr. Higgins declared there will be no material reductions at the big shipyard "until present contracts for ships shall be filled."

This, according to Mr. Higgins, will not be until five or six months from

now, after which time, he said, the matter would be entirely up to Congress. Reports were that the number of ways was to be reduced from fifty to twenty and that, as a consequence, men would be thrown out of work.

"As the ships are finished," said Mr. Higgins, "the number of ways will, of course, be reduced, but there will always be sufficient work to employ all men to advantage that are employed on the present number of ways. There are twenty-four more keels to be laid, and when these ships are completed there will be no more work unless Congress acts."

"Hog Island is a war-emergency measure. Whether Congress thinks the emergency has passed is something I cannot say."

According to the official, there are now sixty ships in the process of construction at Hog Island. Of the fifty on the ways, work on one is being held in abeyance, subject to possible cancellation. Ten are in the water, being fitted out. Exclusive of these ships, there remain twenty-four keels to be laid.

"It took four months for the last twenty-five keels to be laid," said Mr. Higgins, "and four months from now will be the very earliest date when any possible reduction of labor will be made. Perhaps not even then. As I said before, the whole matter rests with Congress."

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