

P. R. T. MEN PICNIC IN RAIN AT GROVE

Outdoor Athletic Events Postponed as Two-Day Carnival Opens at Park

CROWDS AT INDOOR EVENTS

Events of the Day at Picnic of P. R. T. Employees at Grove

Athletic events during afternoon: Junior prize awards, 1 p. m. Senior prize awards, 4 p. m. Sousa concert, 2:30 p. m. Get-together meeting, 5:30 p. m. Sousa concert, 7:45 p. m. Sousa concert, 9:45 p. m.

Although heavy rain this morning caused the outdoor events connected with the picnic of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit employees at Willow Grove to be postponed, it failed to dampen their spirits.

Hundreds of the men in blue, with their wives and children, arrived early today to make the first annual picnic and athletic carnival a success, and they were not to be daunted by a few drops of rain.

At 11 o'clock, the time set for the running of the girls' fifty yard event, scores of youngsters in pretty ribbons and frocks toed the line, when—down came a torrent of rain.

It wasn't decided just who the winner of the impromptu race for shelter was; there were a number of close finishers.

But the kiddies and the mothers and the wives and sweethearts found ample entertainment in the shelter building provided for that purpose and presided over by Mrs. M. E. Norrell.

This afternoon the kiddies and grown-ups were treated to a movie, which was given under the supervision of Mrs. Laura M. Roadifer, the erstwhile "Miss Safety First."

Oldest Employees There While the discussion was being a quartet led by Joseph Fitzgerald, a committee man, hurried from shelter to shelter where the crowds were huddled and gave impromptu concerts. Their efforts won much applause.

There were two inseparable pairs among the carmen who went from one amusement feature to another, helping the kiddies and as grateful as though it were their first picnic. They were George Bond and Marty Depons, the oldest conductor and motorman, respectively, in point of service, employed by the Rapid Transit Company.

Take it from Joe Rogers, the smiling, red-haired youth who presided over a soft drink booth, the rain didn't blunt the thirst of the hundreds of happy children in the park.

"The wetter they get outside the drier they were inside," chirped Joe. "I never saw so much 'sassafras' go in so short a time."

And oh, those committees! Each member of the committee was supplied with half-price tickets for the amusements. The tickets were for the kids only. Every committee man was the hub of a childish wheel clamoring for pastebards to fairyland.

Trolley Fares Aid Men Not a cent of the fares collected on the cars will be turned over to the trolley company's treasury. The money will be donated to the Co-operative Welfare Association. The trolley company also donated the cars to their employees for the occasion, while the motemen and conductors volunteered their services for the day.

The motemen and conductors, in order that they might enjoy some part of the day with their families at the park, arranged long and short trips. The cars that carried the big crowd to the picnic grounds were parked at the Grove and return trips to the city will be made at short intervals during the early part of the evening.

The committee in charge of the two days' outing prepared an elaborate program of music, fireworks, aquatic events and sports. The field events include junior races for boys and girls and track events for women. The aquatic races promise to thrill the onlookers. For this event an unusually large list of well-known men and women swimmers from this and other cities have entered.

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the winners in this class. Winners in the women track events will be presented with gold and silver bangles, umbrellas and parasols.

"Get Together" Meetings One of the main features of the outings will be the "get together" meetings, which will be held each evening at 8:30 o'clock. Speeches will be made by trolley officials, followed by a motion picture exhibition. "What Takes the Rapid Out of Transit," will be the title of one of the pictures. An added feature will be a community sing in the main pavilion, accompanied by Sousa and his band.

Tomorrow the Stotesbury cups will be awarded in the music pavilion by Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Stotesbury. These cups are to be competed for annually for awards as first and second prizes to the department having the greatest percentage of all eligible employees enrolled as members of the Co-operative Welfare Association.

The Welfare Association is composed of the majority of the 10,000 employees of the traction company. Death, sick and pension benefits are paid by the organization.

The officials of the outing follow: President, George W. Javel; general picnic committee, H. G. Tulley, M. R. Elmer, Charles W. Harvey, G. J. Zeller, Joseph Fitzgerald, Dr. A. A. Mitten, Mrs. M. E. Norrell; sports committee, Mr. Harvey, Edith M. Brett, Dr. Mitten, Mr. Fitzgerald, F. W. Johnson, Capt. R. B. Bennett; director of athletic carnival, Herman Meyer; marshal of boys, Charles W. Harvey; marshal of girls, Mary E. Fitzgerald; child injured by trolley, Catherine Kelly, six years old, of 1213 North Palethorp street, was hit by a trolley car last night as she was crossing Norris street at Second. She was cut and bruised. She is in St. Anthony's Hospital.

BLOCK PATTERSON SPEECH

League of Business Artists Withdraws Invitation to Judge An invitation to Judge Patterson to address the League of Business Artists last night in the Sketch Club, South Canoe street, was withdrawn after an artist whose name is withheld objected to the proposed speech.

Officials of the league were forced to inform Judge Patterson when he appeared at the clubhouse that any political speech would be out of order. Judge Patterson gracefully assented to the request.

The meeting was called to discuss plans for the improvement of the city. Judge Patterson starts his second campaign tour tonight.

His schedule calls for addresses as follows: Fifteenth ward, southeast corner of Nineteenth street and Fairmount avenue. Twenty-eighth ward, southeast corner of Twenty-ninth and York streets.

Twenty-ninth ward, Twenty-sixth and Oxford streets. Thirty-second ward, Spratt's Hall, 2943 Ridge avenue. Forty-seventh ward, northeast corner of Eighteenth and Jefferson streets.

POLICE QUIZ CANDIDATES

Patrolmen's Association Sends Letters to Moore and Patterson "If you are elected Mayor will you support?"

A complete investigation of the police pension fund and the Police Brotherhood Association? The lowest bidder for the making of the police clothes? The elimination of political assessments as per the new charter law? A new scale of wages which would be a living salary under the present high cost of living?

These questions are embodied in a letter sent to the two Republican mayoralty candidates, Congressman Moore and Judge Patterson, by the Patrolmen's Benevolent Protective Association.

The letter states that the "questions are asked because if the next Mayor would give his support to these matters the police department of this city as well as the position of patrolmen would be one of merit instead of discredit as it now is."

WARNS POLICE OFFICIALS

Reth Threatens to Prosecute Those "Active in Politics" Claude M. Roth, counsel for the Tawa Meeting party, today sent letters to Sergeant Samuel Young, Peach and Media streets station, and Theodore Herdigan, a clerk in the Bureau of Police, warning them to desist from alleged political activity.

Mr. Roth, in his letter to Sergeant Young, said he had been informed that Young was "perniciously active in politics." Unless he stopped, the sergeant was told, he would be prosecuted under the provisions of the new charter.

Sergeant Young is said to be a friend of Alderman Penneck. Vane leader of the Thirty-fourth ward. The complaint against Herdigan, Mr. Roth said, was that he canvassed his division for Judge Patterson and was active in bringing voters to the polls to be registered. Herdigan lives at Eighty-first street and avenue F.

WOMEN TO STUMP

Will Deliver Addresses Tonight in Support of Patterson Women will go on the election stump tonight for Judge Patterson, it was announced today at the headquarters of the committee of one hundred. Tonight's speaking will be at Fifty-second and Spruce streets, Fifty-second and Market streets, and Sixtieth and Market streets. The speakers will be Mrs. Eleanor Hirsch, representing the Hosiery Workers, Miss Cecelia T. Bass, a woman lawyer, and Miss Nancy James.

Mrs. A. W. Harmon, chairman of the women's committee, said today that the postoffice was to blame because only twenty women attended the meeting yesterday. Six hundred letters notifying women of the meeting, she said, were held up in the postoffice because of the Labor Day holiday.

WITHDRAWS AS CANDIDATE

Charles Chism Not to Enter Mayoralty Fight in National Park The contest for the Republican nomination for mayor of National Park, N. J., is now between the present mayor, Edgar Waters, and Councilman Harry Ulrich. Charles Chism, the borough recorder and justice of the peace, who was supported by the church people, has decided to withdraw as a candidate.

Waters and Ulrich are both favorable to a liberal Sunday, and the contest between them is going to be close. National Park has come into prominence as a week-end pleasure spot for the people of Philadelphia and vicinity since Mayor Waters was first elected four years ago.

SHIP OWNERS FOR MOORE

A. F. Brown, President, Sees Big Growth for City Indorsement of Congressman Moore for the Republican mayoralty nomination was given today by A. F. Brown, president of the Vessel Owners and Captains' Association.

He urged the support of Mr. Moore by business men and declared that the congressman had "put Philadelphia on the map." He predicted that, under the direction of Mr. Moore, Philadelphia would be the leading city of the United States.

The indorsement was given in a letter to the Moore campaign committee.

NO DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES

Republicans Running for Gloucester Councils Are Not Opposed Democratic candidates are wanted to run for councils in Gloucester. They must have good platforms and be good runners.

Up to noon today on such candidates had appeared. As this is the last day for filing nomination papers it is possible the Republicans will have no opponents for these offices.

The Republican candidates are Robert Anderson, First ward; Charles Manley, Second ward, and G. W. Barnard, for councilman at large.

CHEMICAL SOCIETY HOLDS SESSION HERE



At the top, left to right, are George D. Rosengarten and Dr. Harlan S. Miner, presiding officers of the Philadelphia section. In the front row, Secretary of War Baker, Dr. William H. Nichols, president of the American Chemical Society and Rear Admiral Ralph Earle, chief of the Bureau of Ordnance of the United States navy.

VACCINATED OR NO SCHOOL

Truant Officer of Gloucester City Schools Will Not Arrest Pupils John A. Corcoran, the truant officer of the Gloucester City public schools, has decided that he will not arrest the 200 or more pupils who are absent from school because they are not vaccinated.

There is a state law in New Jersey which requires every child of school age to go to school, and it is the duty of the truant officer to arrest the truant and take the child to school and summon the parent to the office of the mayor to have a fine imposed.

The Board of Education refuses to rescind the order requiring every pupil of the public schools to be vaccinated, and the school directors look for most of the parents to relent before the week-end and have their youngsters vaccinated so that they can attend school.

The pupils of St. Mary's Parochial School are not required to be vaccinated because it is a private school. This school also opened yesterday.

MACKAY VARE MAN? MY, NO!

Independents His Friends, Avows Forty-sixth Ward Leader Harry Mackay a Vane leader? Oh, my, no! Perish the thought!

Mr. Mackay disclaimed the idea today in denying that the heavy registration in his ward, the Forty-sixth, indicated victory there for Congressman Moore.

"I am not a Vane lieutenant, and I want to set the people right on that score," Mackay said. "I am under no obligation to any political leader. I have always lived side by side with the independent voters of this ward, and I consider them my friends."

"The independents choose to think of me as a Vane lieutenant. I believe him to be right, and on the other hand I know Penrose to be wrong."

BUMM GOLF VICTOR

Captures Diston A. A. Handicap Tourney With 101 Card William Bumm won the Diston A. A. handicap golf tournament over the Torresdale links yesterday afternoon. He had a gross score of 112. His handicap brought his net score to 101. C. T. Whittaker finished second with 103. C. E. Evans was third, and E. E. Cooper fourth. The scores:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. W. Bumm 101, C. T. Whittaker 103, C. E. Evans 105, E. E. Cooper 107.

Thursday's Belmont Entries

Table listing horse racing entries for Thursday's Belmont Stakes, including names like Fire, Anthesis, and Constantine, and their respective odds.

Today's Program for Letter Carriers' Convention

Table listing the schedule for the Letter Carriers' Convention, including times and topics like Business sessions, Ladies' Auxiliary, and Band concert.

STRANG HEARING TOMORROW

Sensation Expected When Teller of Looted Bank is Arraigned District Attorney Rotan and his assistants are busy preparing for the hearing of Elwood H. Strang, former paying teller of the wrecked North Penn Bank.

Strang's hearing will be before Magistrate Rooney, at 1510 Sansom street, tomorrow at noon. He is charged with theft of \$7000 of the bank funds and checks aggregating \$305,000.

Strang has occupied a cell in Moyamensing Prison since his arrest. Charles A. Ambler, former insurance commissioner, held in \$20,000 bail, following his hearing before Magistrate Penneck yesterday, is declared to have embezzled \$15,000 of state moneys, and to have "kited" checks for \$750,000 in a vain attempt to save the North Penn Bank from ruin.

DESTROYER NEEDS CREW

Sailing of Vessel Through Panama Canal Awaits Enlistments One of Uncle Sam's newest torpedo-destroyers, the Greese, sails Saturday via the Panama canal to join the Pacific fleet. The vessel will make many interesting stops.

She is being held up for the completion of her crew, and it is hoped that young men of good character and physical health of this city who desire to see foreign countries will take advantage of this trip. The navy recruiting station, 1515 Arch street, will assign those acceptable on request to the Greese. Enlistment is for two years and up.

ALLEGED BURGLAR ESCAPES

After Arrest Attacks Three Policemen and Jumps From Patrol An alleged burglar escaped from the police today after he had been captured while trying to rob the home of Albert Little, 1415 Montgomery avenue. He was captured in an alley after several shots had been fired.

By way of showing his displeasure the prisoner attacked a police sergeant and two patrolmen while on the way to the Twentieth and Berks street station, and jumped from the patrol.

Before the police recovered from the surprise attack the man had disappeared.

ELECTRICAL BODY CONVENES

Delegates Meet for Annual Session at Bedford Springs "A General Exchange of Ideas" held the interest of delegates to the twelfth annual convention of the Pennsylvania Electric Association at its first meeting today. The convention is in session at Bedford Springs.

A feature of the opening of the convention was a large exhibition of new electrical appliances. The idea of the convention is to provide a basis for "settling down again" after the war and a discussion of the needs of the country, particularly the Keystone State.

ONE-DAY OUTINGS

MARKET STREET WHARF Daily Excursions until Sept. 14, Inc. \$1.25 Atlantic City Wildwood Avalon Sea Isle City War Tax Stone Harbor additional Avalon Market Street Wharf 7.00A. Fisherman's Train Angler and Wildwood Sunday only 6.84A. Ocean City Excursions Sunday only. Market Street Wharf 7.00A.

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TRY TO FIX BLAME FOR FATAL BLAZE

Coroner Hears Theory That Warehouse Where Six Lost Lives Was Overloaded

CHARGE DENIED BY FIRM

There was considerable conflicting testimony today at the coroner's inquest into the death of six firemen who were killed when the warehouse of Potash Brothers, 609-113 North American street, collapsed during a fire on July 12.

Representatives of the concern contended that the collapse of the building was not due to negligence of the firm, but officials of the fire department asserted that bags heavily loaded with cement contributed to the accident.

Sixty-five witnesses were called by Coroner Knight to testify at the inquest. Frank Capp, superintendent of the Potash plant, expressed belief that the weight of water used in extinguishing the flames caused the building to tumble. He said that all the bags in the building were empty bags. Some were old cement bags, he said, but they contained no cement.

Theory is Contradicted

Ross B. Davis, deputy chief of the Fire Department, contradicted Capp's statement. He said, water was blocked with bags filled with cement. These bags, he insisted, impeded the firemen from the start and the weight of the bags, which were stored on an upper floor, caused the building to crumble. After the fire, he said, he counted 200 bags filled with cement as they were taken from the ruins. Weight of water, he declared, could not have caused the disaster, as the firemen used very little water.

Ross was supported in his testimony by Samuel R. Mitchell, an inspector of the Bureau of Housing and Sanitation. Mitchell said that he had seen bags filled with cement stored in the building. Potash Brothers, he said, conducted the business at 609, 611 and 613 North American street without a license, in 1918 and 1919. When told that they were violating the law, they took out a license for the place at 504 North American street. Then they were arrested and fined \$25 by Magistrate O'Brien, on May 14, 1919. They did not pay the fine, he said, but took an appeal.

No Action Pending Appeal

This interested the foreman of the jury, George F. Pawling, an engineer and builder. "Were no steps taken after they refused to pay the fine?" he asked. Mitchell replied that the authorities had waited because of the appeal. Then Assistant District Attorney William Findlay Brown, who had been watching the proceedings for District Attorney Rotan, said:

"These people should have been arrested every day until they complied with the law." Inspector Gallagher, of the fire marshal's office, testified that he had seen bags of cement in the building. These bags, he said, obstructed the windows and impeded firemen in their efforts to save the structure when it was afire. A one time, he said, he found the fire buckets empty.

Prominent builders were chosen for the jury. In view of the technical questions involved it is doubtful if the inquest will be concluded today. Charles Flanagan, a building inspector, said that charred joists weakened the floor and caused the collapse. The floor was loaded with burlap bags, he said, and when they became wet their weight was increased 150 per cent. Testimony of several patrolmen was similar to that of Building Inspector Flanagan.

The jury includes besides Mr. Pawling: Joseph Vodge, Joseph Crawford, John Donovan, William Taylor and William Burrell. The firemen who met death were Thomas Kelley, 28 Laurel street; Harry Legrand, 9 Bristol place; John J. Green, 138 Brown street; Thomas Innes, 4602 Mansion avenue; Charles Zoor, 2740 Cassimer street; Alexander Stevenson, 9 South Redfield street.

Kelly was a lieutenant of the fire department and Stevenson an acting battalion chief.

BIG REALTY DEALS CLOSED

Atlantic Refining Company Buys Broad and Spruce Site Two real estate transactions involving \$1,500,000, both at the corner of Broad and Spruce streets, hold the center of interest in the Philadelphia realty market.

Announcement today that the Atlantic Refining Company had purchased the church property on the northwest corner came as a surprise to most of the brokers. Although the property was sold more than a month ago, its new owners were not revealed until today. The refining company had repeatedly denied knowledge of the property.

The price reported to have been paid for the building was \$1,000,000, and the company is said to be planning a twenty-two story office building on the site.

The other transaction was the conveyance of the Hotel Stenton, northeast corner of Broad and Spruce streets, to Arthur F. Heeb by the Fox estate for a consideration said to be in excess of \$500,000. Announcement of this sale was made several weeks ago.

Mr. Heeb has been manager of the Stenton for the last fourteen years, having been named for that post by the late Joseph M. Fox. The transaction by which the hotel changed ownership also involved the South Broad Street Theatre, which adjoins it.

HELD AS MASKED ROBBER

Prisoner Said to Have Committed \$1800 Hold-up in New Jersey John Carr, Wallace street near Thirty-ninth, was held without bail for court today by Magistrate Penneck, at Central Station, on a charge of highway robbery, said to have been committed on August 9 in Mercer county, New Jersey.

Carr is said to have held up laborers in a road camp there and taken a total of \$1800 from them. He used a mask and a revolver, it is said. He was identified this morning by Joseph Dallas, living on Alden street, one of the workmen in the holdup.

DEATHS

GIVEN—Sudden, at 5387 Walnut st., St. 2, MARY MARGARET, wife of Jefferson H. Carr, at Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 4. CECILE K. wife of Francis L. Buck and daughter of Annie S. and the late Wm. M. Knowlton. Notice of funeral later. THOMPSON—Sudden, Sept. 4, at Montross, Pa., CHARLES TRUITER THOMPSON. Due notice of funeral will be given.

MUSIC

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HELD FOR SHOOTING WOMAN

Woman Moved Once to Escape Him, She Says Michael Kays, 3242 North Fifteenth street, was held in \$2000 bail for court today by Magistrate Baker on a charge of aggravated assault and battery and carrying concealed deadly weapons. He is alleged to have shot Mrs. Alberta Pugh, Segal street about Twenty-second.

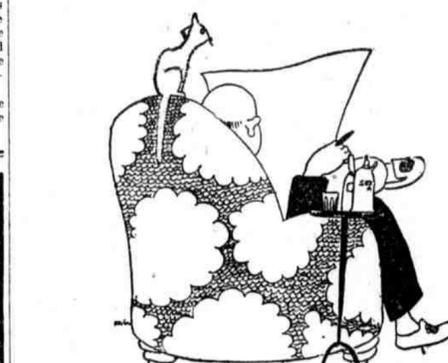
Mrs. Pugh said she had moved once to escape his attentions, but that Kays followed her to her new home. When she tried to escape from him and fled into the cellar, she told the police, he fired two shots at her. She is in a serious condition in the Methodist Hospital.

INCOME TAX DUE SEPT. 15

Third Quarterly Installment Should Be Paid Collector The third installment of the income tax is due before September 15. According to Collector Lederer about 70 per cent of those affected by the tax have paid all their installments already, although corporations and large factory companies are accepting the opportunity to pay by installments. This means about \$90,000,000 is yet to be collected in the Philadelphia internal revenue district, he said.

All bills for the third installment have been sent out by the collector's office. The fourth and last installment of the income tax must be paid before December 15.

HAVE YOU SETTLED DOWN?



Are You a Social Asset or a Social Liability?

Is your idea of a regular evening the market page and the companionship of the family cat? Have you lost—on the road to success—the art of being amusing? Are you a wizard at outguessing the market, and a dub at handing a tea-cup? Does Wall Street hang on your lightest breath, but the debutantes dodge you at dinner? Now that you've made your killing, and can afford to have some fun—are you having any?

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