

COUGERS RAPPED BY REALTY BOARD

President of Body Says It Hopes for Their Exposure and Punishment

DOUBTS TENANTS' FIGURES

Profiteering landlords were denounced and the hope of their early punishment expressed today by William C. Benkert, president of the Philadelphia real estate board.

Mr. Benkert differs with the report made to Governor Sprout that there are approximately 5000 untenanted houses in Philadelphia.

Mr. Benkert declared the members of the board are in favor of a fair and honest rental rate, and such an advance was a necessary proceeding out of the levying of increased taxes and other increasing costs.

Alleges \$1,500,000 Profit

Mr. Smink, in his interview with Governor Sprout, said a syndicate of New York men had purchased more than 5000 homes in Philadelphia during the last three months and made profits totaling between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000.

He also told the Governor there was a "floating population" of empty houses in the city averaging 5000, and asked if some steps could not be taken to force these homes on the market to renters.

Proof of the guilt of the New York clique gambling in Philadelphia here was laid before Governor Sprout, Mr. Smink said.

CURTIS CARNIVAL STARTS

Annual Festival at Lawdale Club to Last Two Days

Gaiety reigns at the Curtis Country Club, Lawdale, where the annual carnival, which began last evening, is open to visitors today and tonight.

The walk in front of the clubhouse has been converted into a great white way, with special lighting and attractive booths, where novelties, fancy work, home-made "goodies" and dolls are on sale.

Miss Anne Shaugnessy is in charge of the cake booth; Miss Adelaide Haines, candy; Mrs. Edward Lawrence, fancy articles; Miss Lillian Hayes, flowers; Mrs. Kitch, special supplies; R. Electro, miscellaneous; and Louis De Wald, dolls.

There will be dancing tonight in addition to other entertainments.

SENTENCED TO SPANKING

Lower Merion Boys and Girls in Court for Fighting

Three girls, who are said to be "fighters," and four boys, of Lower Merion, are in danger of spanking today in the Municipal Court.

James and Thomas Scott and Thomas, George and Helen Brown were accused of attacking Hazel and Mary Brown, who are not related to the other Browns.

The five defendants asserted the plaintiffs were of the fighting kind, too. The magistrate decided that such wars among children should be ended by "good, old-fashioned spanking."

WOODLYNNE PEACE JUBILEE

New Jersey Borough to Honor Service Men Today

Woodlyne, N. J., a small borough below Camden, will have a peace jubilee celebration today when the residents will give a reception to the soldier boys of that place who took part in the World War.

Service men will meet at the school house at 6 o'clock in the evening where they will be guests at supper.

Following this they will form in line behind the Liberty Band of Gloucester and march to the Woodlyne Peace Jubilee Association has charge of the affair.

Woodlyne had one of its soldier boys killed in the war. He was Sergeant Allen H. Rossett.

To Unveil Four Statues

Four statues will be unveiled and blessed tomorrow afternoon at the Dominican Monastery of the Perpetual Rosary, at Camden.

The statues are of the Sacred Heart, the Queen of Peace, St. Dominic and St. Catherine of Siena.

The Rev. Gregory R. Scholtz, rector of the Holy Name church, will deliver the sermon, and the statue will be unveiled and blessed by the Rev. Bartholomew Reilly, chaplain of the monastery.

Italians Use Airplanes to Raid Capri Gamblers

Naples, Sept. 13.—The Italian police raided a fashionable gambling den on the island of Capri from the air, descending in seaplanes in the darkness and hoodwinking employees of the gambling houses who were watching for steamers. They arrested the principals, male and female.

SEES HIDDEN PLAN IN ALLIED DEMAND

Writer of German Constitution Says Entente Aims to Discredit Infant Republic

By the Associated Press. Berlin, Sept. 11 (Delayed).—Dr. Hugo Preuss, who drafted the new German constitution recently promulgated at Weimar, in a statement today to the Associated Press severely reprimanded the demand made by the peace conference that Germany must amend the constitution so as to prevent Austrian representation in German parliamentary affairs.

FAVORS AUSTRIAN UNION

"I must emphasize first," he said, "that this is not a question of law. Legally it is clear since at the way in which our opponents brought up the matter shows they are following entirely different purposes than the clearing up of doubtful legal questions."

"I do not believe in the opinion which is current among Germans that the statements of the Entente and America are based on anger and jealousy which allowed themselves to be drawn into a planless and purposeless policy."

"Materially the union of Austria to Germany would mean a severe burden on Germany. It would, however, be of great value and would be of wonderful importance to the young German democracy, as it would bring about a unity which historic statescraft and Prussian weapons failed to accomplish."

"The German people established their republic. We knew at that time that with this peace instrument in hand the Entente could discredit the German republic. The German-Austrian question is the first indication of such an intent, but it probably will not be the last."

"In the meantime this policy runs counter to all the solemn declarations of President Wilson and the Entente—that should not mean much, for after our experiences since last November the value of these declarations has been sunk deeper than German values."

"It was stipulated at first to represent the German democratic republic as a bareheaded dion in order that actions such as were adopted to defeat Kaiserism might be justified. This regime now has concluded a constitution, the bases of which are pure democracy and unity. It is a serious question whether the German republic cannot be forever misrepresented as a disguised Kaiserism."

"President Wilson once said that the peace that ended the world war must approximate that made at the congress of Vienna. The Vienna congress hereby was a failure by measures of justice made bitter the so-called legitimacy of the monarchial principle. That was a bad mistake, but how light as a feather it weighs against the madness of the Versailles peace, on which through just those means democracy and international peace has been attained."

"From the madness of Vienna, America at least kept itself free, but in Versailles."

BEGAN POOR, WON FORTUNE

John R. Bechtel Dies at Reading, Started at 75 Cents a Day

Reading, Pa., Sept. 13.—John R. Bechtel, ninety years old, a bootmaking contractor and the creator of nearly 400 dwellings in the section named Bechtelton, this city, named after him, is dead here.

He amassed a fortune by his own efforts, starting work at seventy-five cents a day.

King Albert to Delay Madrid Trip

Brussels, Sept. 13.—(By A. P.)—King Albert's visit to Madrid, which he had intended to make soon, will probably be postponed, according to announcements here. He will remain in the United States about six weeks.

GIRL HELD FOR P. O. THEFT

Worries About Clothes

Ethel Grace Wilmont Won't Talk About Charge—Plea for "Clean Dress" Is Granted

Wan and nervous after her experience of the last twenty-four hours, Ethel Grace Wilmont, the seventeen-year-old stenographer accused of stealing \$1400 worth of money orders and bank books from the postoffice of Gravitv, Pa., maintained today that she had no statement to make.

As she sat in the United States marshal's office in the Federal Building, following a night spent in the House of Detention, the girl nervously twisted a bit of string about her finger. She was dressed in a plaid shirtwaist and black skirt and wore a purple velvet hat and black patent leather oxfords and silk stockings.

"She hung her head and answered, 'I don't know' to the most casual questions. The girl did say she wanted a 'clean dress.' The one she had been wearing, she said, had been 'badly mussed' and 'isn't very presentable.'"

A deputy marshal agreed to accompany Miss Wilmont to her boarding house. In about an hour she returned to the Federal Building dressed in a fresh suit of blue.

Maude Wilmont, postmistress of Gravitv, in the Scranton division. While a clerk in her mother's postoffice, Miss Wilmont stole \$170 of the postoffice funds on May 11, according to the testimony of yesterday. This alleged deficit was made up by the mother from her own savings.

The girl came to Philadelphia and got a position as typist in an office in the Bourse. On Labor Day she returned to Gravitv without her mother's knowledge and took bank bonds and money orders from the safe. It is charged. These, it is alleged, she cashed in amount aggregating \$1400 after signing the fictitious names of Mrs. Michael Prentiss and Mrs. Evelyn French.

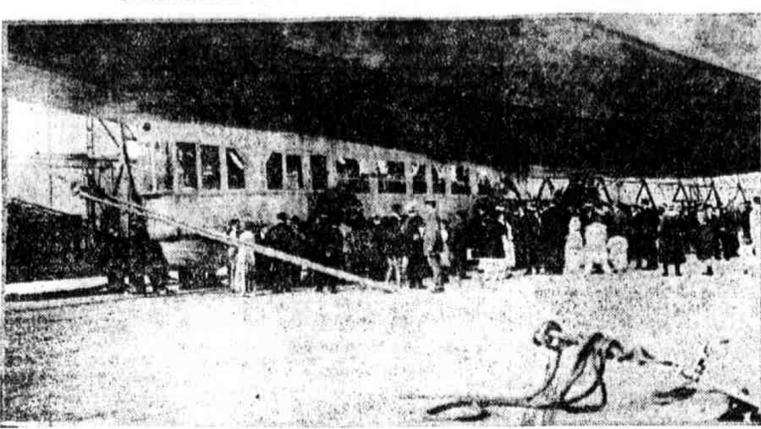
"I don't want to say a thing about this case," said Miss Wilmont in a low voice. "I don't know who I am to be taken to Scranton and I don't know if I shall come back to Philadelphia afterward."

When asked of the opportunities that Gravitv offered for business success she said with a smile: "Well, it's not overpopulated."

Further information about her family or her home town Miss Wilmont refused to disclose.

She will probably be taken to Scranton today.

GERMANS BUILD PASSENGER AIRCRAFT



Under the terms of the peace treaty Germany is prevented from building aircraft during the six months following the signing of the treaty. Taking advantage of the interval before the operation of the treaty, Germany is building great air liners. Above is the Hamburg American S. S. Company's new air liner, the Bodensee, in her harbor at Friedrichshafen, showing the forward console of the passenger airship. The Bodensee was built for passenger service and recently made her maiden trip from Friedrichshafen to Berlin, a distance of about 425 miles in six hours. The dirigible has accommodations for fifty passengers besides the crew. The cabins are luxuriously furnished. The directors of the Hamburg-American line are planning a flotilla of these commercial airships making regular trips throughout Germany. They hope within two years to inaugurate a commercial air-line between Berlin and New York and expect to make the trip in 30 hours.

'PETER PAN' ATTRACTS AT RUTLEDGE EXHIBIT

Animals as Well as Garden Products Shown—Prizes to Be Awarded Today

"Peter Pan," a Belgian hare of unusual pedigree, is Prince Charming of the annual community garden exhibit which opened today in Rutledge Fire Hall.

The garden exhibit is under the auspices of the Woman's Club of Morton and Rutledge. And, while it is intended to display community success in the cultivation of fruits and flowers and vegetables and the making of confounders, domestic animals of extraordinary breeding are not barred.

"Peter Pan" is sharing honors with eight other little Belgian hares and a number of birds.

The fire hall itself is smothered in decorative greens, autumnal cornstalks, bunting and flaming red flowers. The display on rows of tables ranges from onions through a rich list of pies, cakes, canned goods, flowers and fruit, all the way to ducks.

Prizes will be awarded this afternoon. Visitors are invited every day during the day or evening. Mrs. Augustus Thegion is chairman of the civic committee of the Woman's Club, which has made all the arrangements. The committee includes Mrs. R. T. Wilson, Mrs. S. C. Huron and Mrs. A. Diet. Mrs. Frank Harding is president of the club.

Most of the prizes are ribbons, though several books will be given to children competitors and a cut glass tea set is first prize for the women's exhibit.

Mrs. M. A. Wilson, EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER culinary expert, will act as judge of the cooking exhibits.

TROPICAL STORM ADVANCES

Moving Northward into Louisiana, Shipping Endangered

New Orleans, La., Sept. 13.—(By A. P.)—The tropical storm, which moved northward into Louisiana, west of the mouth of the Mississippi, dangerous easterly gales, probably reaching hurricane force Saturday and Sunday night, changing to westerly on the west and southerly on the east coast Sunday morning are predicted.

Passengers arriving from Gulf coast points reported high tides.

The oil vessel for which assistance is being sought in the North-eastern Navigation line steamship Mexico, due Thursday from Progreso via Merida with a general cargo and a passenger list.

Steamship officials heard from the vessel a few hours after she left Merida and were hopeful that she had back.

Chased as Robber: Returns

Surprised in an alleged attempt last night to rob one of the rooms at the Episcopal Men's Service Club, 509 South Broad street, and escaping after being pursued by several service men, a man who described himself as Daniel Sweeney, of Hazelton, Pa., is said to have returned to the house later and attempted to register as a guest. He was arrested and given a hearing this morning before Magistrate McLeary at Central Station, who held him under \$500 bail.

Man Shot During Argument

As a result of an altercation Charles Nasse, thirty-six years old, of 1320 Mantion street, is now in the Howard Hospital with a bullet wound in his stomach. His condition is serious. Patrick Kelly, 1522 Federal street, who was with Nasse at the time and is accused of having shot him, had a hearing before Magistrate McLeary today at Central Station and was held without bail for a further hearing.

To Restore Washington Home

London, Sept. 13.—(By A. P.)—Parker tomorrow is going to Sulgrave Manor, the ancestral home of the family of George Washington, to present on behalf of the Colonial Dames of America a portrait of George Washington. Judge Parker also carries a check for \$2000, contributed by the Colonial Dames, toward the fund for the restoration of the home.

Father of Dead Hero Grateful

Landale, Pa., Sept. 13.—The Rev. M. E. Hare, pastor of the First Baptist church of Landale, in memory of whose son, Lieutenant William E. Hare, the Landale post of the American Legion has been named, has written thanking the members for the honor.

VARE STILL WONDERS OVER HIS VOTING RIGHT

Senator Waits for Judges' Decision on Qualifications to Participate in Primary

Senator Vare does not yet know whether or not he can legally vote in the primaries next Tuesday—an election in which so much of his political fortunes are tied up.

Today, it is expected, Judges Monaghan and Stanke, sitting in Court of Common Pleas No. 5, will hand down a decision on the vexed question. Meanwhile, the senator wonders if he faces arrest for illegal voting, if he should so much as try to vote next Tuesday.

Judges Monaghan and Stanke were appealed to by the senator yesterday to review the decision of the registration commissioners. This decision set forth that the senator was properly registered and dismissed the petition to have his name removed from the register list of the Fifteenth division of the Thirty-ninth ward.

But, and thereby hangs the tale—the commissioners said the senator was qualified to vote in the November election. Now it happens that the senator is more interested in the primary next Tuesday than he is in the election next November. The registration commissioners, however, on advice of counsel, left the primary status of the senator unsettled, all of which has unsettled the senator.

Owen J. Roberts, counsel for the petitioner in the strike-off proceedings before Judges Monaghan and Stanke, declared the court had no jurisdiction, and the senator had no basis for his appeal. Francis Stanke Brown, counsel for the senator, said that the senator was entitled to know what the commissioners really meant by their registration decision.

U. S. COAL HIGH TO GERMANS

Costs 500 Marks to 70 for Native Fuel, Says Rhenish Expert

Berlin, Sept. 13.—(By A. P.)—Importation of American coal in quantities sufficient to relieve Germany's need is regarded by the press as inconceivable, owing to the cost.

Coal experts of the Ruhr district are against the movement to import foreign coal, especially American. Peter Kleck, one of the leading Rhenish industrialists, recently declared American coal cost 500 marks, against 70 marks for the German coal.

While recording a similar opinion the Vossische Zeitung reports that Hugo Stinnes, director of the Woermann Shipping Company, has already contracted for American coal at 470 marks per ton.

GOLD AND BLOOD FOR ERIN

New Jersey Hibernians Roar Approval of Irish Republic

Atlantic City, Sept. 13.—Militant delegates to the annual convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in New Jersey in resolution today pledged their last dollars and their blood, if necessary, to the establishment of the Irish republic.

The resolutions, adopted with a roar of enthusiasm, call upon New Jersey members of Congress to "do everything in their power to correct the errors of the Peace Conference from a purely American point of view by aiding any steps now being taken to insist upon England withdrawing her army of occupation from Ireland and the recognition of the Irish republic, established upon President Wilson's fourteen points.

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ALLOCATES GERMAN SHIPS

Wilson Assigns Some of Seized Vessels as Army Transports

Washington, Sept. 13.—(By A. P.)—Some of the seized German liners are to be retained permanently by the United States as a part of the army transport corps. Chief of Staff March today told the House military affairs committee.

President Wilson has definitely decided on the allocation of the ships, he said, but asked to be excused from discussing the plan of disposal which would be announced soon.

Chilean Ministry Resigns

Santiago, Chile, Sept. 12.—(By A. P.)—The Chilean Ministry has resigned.

SHRINERS' AUTOS IN RUN TO SHORE

Ninety-five Machines Off to Set Secret Time for Which Awards Will Be Made

THIRTY PRIZES OFFERED

This is a great day for the Shriners. Thirty prizes are being given among ninety-five contestants in the ninth annual social run of the La Tu Temple Automobile Club. Almost every one has a chance to win. Shriners are torn between their desire for the first prize of a silver fruit dish and the consolation prize of fifteen gallons of engine oil.

Ninety-five automobiles entered the contest and lined up their automobiles in front of the Temple in ample time to start at 9 o'clock to make the run to Atlantic City.

But nobody can guess how many or how few will register at City Park Circle, Atlantic City, before 1:30 p. m. That's the time limit! It's estimated that any automobilists who need more than four and a half hours to travel between Philadelphia and Atlantic City are not making a "run," but are taking a trip at a dead walk.

The police guided the party down to the ferry. Single file the cars came along, each Shriener wearing his fez and carrying on his car the club flag. Across the ferry and into Camden the tourists continued in orderly fashion, and then started off on a variety of routes, all destined to meet at Atlantic City.

When the time card is handed to Official Timer Paul B. Huyette at the checking station in City Park Circle, Atlantic City, the time of arrival will be recorded and the exact running time computed. The running time of all the cars that arrive before 1:30 o'clock will be added together and divided by the number of cars. This will give the "secret time." The car with the record nearest the "secret time" will get the first prize—and so on, down the whole list of thirty prizes. Every third car entered will be given a prize and they vary from silver dishes, vacuum tankards and electric toasters, and four airplane tickets.

The event is in charge of William Holt, secretary of the club. The official starter at this end was Benjamin Foster.

CHEW WILL IN PROBATE

Long Delayed by Error in Codicil, Revokes Sale of Mansion

The will of Samuel Chew, owner of Cliveden, the old Chew mansion in Germantown, was admitted to probate, after long delay, due to a reference date error in a codicil to the instrument. Letters testamentary were issued to Thomas Ridgway, the executor and trustee designated by the aged testator, who died July 5, at 830 Chestnut street. The estate is valued at \$50,000.

The will, executed on July 15, 1916, directs that the old Chew mansion be sold to such members of the family who desire it, but for not less than specified in a note of instruction.

In case no relative purchased, the property was to be transferred to the testator's executor, Chief Justice Chew. The contents of the premises associated with the battle of Germantown were to be auctioned.

In a codicil the testator revokes all provisions contained in the will proper regarding the sale of the old Chew mansion, and devised the property to a nephew, Samuel Chew, son of Benjamin Chew. He also directs that the letter of instructions to the executor be held in abeyance and the seal not broken "until a direct or indirect message authorizing him to open it be received."

CARDINAL MERCIER RESTING

Belgian Prelate Prepares for Busy Week in Baltimore

Baltimore, Sept. 13.—(By A. P.)—Cardinal Mercier had no engagements for today and planned to rest as much as possible in preparation for the important events, in which he will be the central figure, which begin tomorrow and continue during the remainder of his visit to Cardinal Gibbons.

He and Cardinal Gibbons will occupy seats in the sanctuary at a solemn high mass at the cathedral tomorrow, and Cardinal Mercier will speak briefly.

On Monday evening there will be a big reception to Cardinal Mercier at the Fifth Regiment armory, and on Wednesday evening he will deliver his address at the Lyric Theatre.

TO COUNT MAYOR VOTE FIRST

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'DEVIL DOG' RE-ENACTS WAR SCENES IN CHINATOWN FIGHT

Six Alarms Sent in to Police Station When Marine Corporal 'Cleans Up'—Gives Cops Hard Tussle, but Is Forgiven

It was merely a "social visit" that Corporal Charles Myers paid to Chinatown today.

During his call he found many things which did not meet his approval. The casualties follow: Patrol Sergeant Martin, head cut, one tooth knocked out. Patrolman McGowan, knees cut and bruised. Patrolman McCann, cuts of arms and face.

Corporal Myers (himself). Cuts of head and chin, laceration of ear, bruises of body.

Myers had been in the war and is a man of action. He expressed his views regarding present-day affairs rather emphatically. Two or three storekeepers and others didn't agree with him. Myers brought both fists into action.

A few minutes later there was a trail of citizens lying on the sidewalks, the police say.

As the corporal was still going at full speed ahead some one thought it might be well to send for the police. It appears that at least six persons were injured with this idea at the same moment for six calls for help came into the Eleventh and Winter streets station.

The patrol crew herebefore recognized the war with much speed to Ninth and Race streets.

The policemen saw a mutinous marine making a general drive on the citizenry and much as the latter barricaded in second-story windows, the patrolman suggested to Myers that hostilities cease in view of the armistice last November.

Myers swung both fists in a circle and the three policemen went down with as many thuds. By they quickly recovered and lifted Myers into the wagon.

After apparently "kammerding," Myers suddenly grasped Sergeant Martin by the neck and bent his head close to the wheels.

The driver went to the aid of the sergeant and there were tims during the ride to the station the horses were driven.

Finally the police department and the marine corps became so involved that the driver, of his own volition, switched his course and called at the Jefferson Hospital.

"What was the matter?" asked the doctor.

"Oh, we had a slight disagreement," said the corporal as he reached for a cigarette.

And at the police station he was forgiven and discharged.

SERVICE MEN BARRED FROM STATION HOUSE; BLAME VARE LEADERS

Legion Members Say Presence of Judge Brown on Program Caused Opposition

WILLS ARE PROBATED

Herbert H. Hurst, in Private Bequests, Disposes of Property

Wills probated today were those of Herbert H. Hurst, 83 East 85th street, which, in private bequests, disposes of property valued at \$65,000; Harry A. Goudie, Norristown, Pa., \$42,750; Amos Bastow, 3147 G street, \$61,150; W. Joseph Harrison, 5815 Jackson street, \$50,000; Joseph P. Wisswell, 4927 Pulaski avenue, \$49,275.

Appraisals of personality included William C. Stevenson, Jr., \$78,844.69; James Foyte, \$17,271.86, and Mary Peterson, \$12,922.70.

Letters of administration were granted in the estate of Linda H. McKee, 2122 Thorpe lane, which is valued at \$16,150.

WOMEN DOCTORS TO MEET

Dr. Rachel Williams to Attend International Conference in New York

Dr. Rachel Williams, of this city, who will attend the international conference of women physicians to be held in New York from September 15 to October 31 under the auspices of the social morality department of the Young Women's Christian Association.

This proposal to call a council of women physicians from thirty-two nations to discuss health for the womanhood of the world originated with the social morality committee of the war work council of the Y. W. C. A., of which Mrs. Edwin C. Grier, of this city, is a member. Mrs. John Meigs, of Pottstown, Pa., is likewise a member of the committee, which includes Mrs. Joseph Daniels, wife of the secretary of the navy; Dr. Katharine B. Davis, New York; Miss Mary Woolley, of South Hadley, and Mrs. Francis Hyde, of Plainfield, N. J.

WELCOME HOME SOLDIERS

Clarksboro and Paulsboro to Honor Service Men Today

Clarksboro and Paulsboro will officially welcome home their soldiers and sailors today in an all-day program, including a parade in the afternoon and banquet at night.

The parade will begin at 2 o'clock from Mount Royal and terminate at Michleton. Weather permitting, the program and banquet will be held in the grove at Michleton. If it rains, Clark Hall, Clarksboro, will be the scene of the festivities.

The speaker of the day will be former Congressman Crowther.

LIQUOR LICENSES REFUSED

Camden County Dealers Say They Will Appeal

Renewal of liquor licenses was refused today to twelve retail and three wholesale liquor dealers in Camden county by Judge Kates, sitting in the Liquor License Court at Camden.