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'MORTGAGE MYSTERY' GIRL RETURNS HOME

Victoria Harrison Quits Trimming Hats at Shore to Resume "Business"

Miss Victoria Harrison, the "mystery girl" of the Philadelphia real estate world, has secured a few days off from her job at trimming hats in Atlantic City and is back in this city on "some important real estate business."

Word of the renewed activities of the girl operator, whose name has been attached to transactions totaling more than \$2,000,000, but who still continues to work for a comparative pittance, was vouchsafed by Mrs. B. Friedlander, her seashore employer, who says the girl "makes good money."

An examination of the books at City Hall showed that Miss Victoria Harrison, single woman of Philadelphia, has filed 200 second mortgages during the last twenty-three months. The vast majority of these mortgages have been placed through the Buzzy Building and Loan Association and the Lupin Building and Loan Association.

The girl is said to have been used as a clerk by a group of real estate manipulators to cover up their profiteering in homes. Despite the vast transactions in which her name has figured, it is said, the girl is comparatively poor.

Miss Harrison's sole agent is a man named Jacob Edelstein, real estate broker. He has a more or less active partner named Samuel Bernstein, who is a brother-in-law of Miss Harrison. Jacob Bernstein is one of the organizers of the Buzzy association. Samuel Bernstein is another organizer.

Of the Lupin association one of the organizers is Louis Frankel, official controller for half a dozen building and loan associations, some of which have been very friendly to Miss Harrison in the enterprises in which her name at least figures.

OFFICIALS GET ULTIMATUM

North Penn Bank Stockholders Have Thirty Days to Turn Over Assets

Stockholders of the North Penn Bank will be given thirty days in which to turn over to the receiver assets to the par value of stock they hold.

The notices have been prepared by Colonel Fred Taylor Pusey, special attorney general in charge of conserving the assets, and will be sent out as soon as Frederick L. Homsher, special deputy at the bank, and Attorney General William I. Schaffer sign them.

If the notices are not complied with within the thirty-day limit, action to seize assets to the value of stock held will be taken at once, Colonel Pusey announced.

Actions against members of the board of directors also will be instituted, it was said. These actions will take the form of bills in equity to compel them to help meet the liabilities of the looted institution.

BARBER ILL FROM FRIGHT

Artist Asserts Strikers Threaten His Life in Shop

Working in a barber shop on Filbert street above Twelfth, Samuel Pictor, thirty-eight years old, of 1433 South Allison street, was taken violently ill, supposedly with a fit.

At the Hahnemann Hospital, where he was removed, Pictor asserted fellow workmen tried to force him to strike with them. One of them pointed a revolver at him, he asserted and so terrified him that the attack of illness resulted.

SEE DUAL BURDEN IN NEW TAX PLAN

Mayor's Proposition Imposes Added Assessment and Higher Rate

MAY TAP THE SINKING FUND

Levy on Power Plants of Public Utilities Suggested to Produce Needed Funds

Property owners will be subjected to a double burden if revenue-raising plans being considered by Mayor Smith, Controller Walton and Chairman Gaffney, of Councils' finance committee are adopted for 1920 by the retiring city Councils.

The owners will be affected first by increased assessments and then by increased taxation upon these assessments. The increases will be blamed upon war expenses and the high cost of police and fire protection.

The present tax rate of \$2.35 is declared inadequate for both municipal and educational purposes. The increased revenue to be obtained by increased assessments is admittedly insufficient to make up the difference. This is the case even if real estate assessors conclude their labors by shoving up assessments above the \$100,000,000 mark set for 1920 and the \$150,000,000 estimate hopefully made by city financiers.

Still another plan is being considered by the municipal financiers who meet daily with Mayor Smith. It is to release some of the millions held by the Sinking Fund Commission to be used in piecing out 1920 assets. The plan to use excess funds held by the commission has been championed in the past by Chairman Gaffney, but has not met with favor at the hands of Controller Walton.

That Chairman Gaffney is not hopeful of obtaining any more than \$1,750,000 increased revenue through increased assessments was made apparent today when he admitted he did not know where the \$2,000,000 needed for wage increases is to come from after the \$1,000,000 lost to the city through prohibition of the sale of liquor is made up.

Another factor in the situation resulting from the uniformly increased demands of city departments for next year lies in the fact that \$2,000,000 will have to come from new revenues to pay back a temporary loan, not yet floated, to carry departments through the closing months of 1919. This, it is figured, will eat up fully twelve cents of the revenue derived from realty under the present \$2.35 rate.

Small Property Owners Hard Hit

Small property owners who have been hard hit by the seventy-five-cent increase during the present administration apparently are in line for an increased burden, as the entire increase of \$100,000,000 now in the books or yet to be marked up, does not fall entirely upon holders of large interests in the central section of the city. Many of these latter have been marked up in recent years to a point covered by the more recent value inflation resulting from after-the-war sales.

One other revenue-increasing plan that has been suggested by real estate assessors is to make taxable the power plants of large corporations serving the public. This move would require an act of the Legislature, and, therefore, is not looked to for relief at this time. Estimates made of property values free of taxation and held by such concerns as the telephone companies, etc., show that fully \$1,000,000 at the present rate

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TAX-RATE INCREASES MEAN HIGHER RENTS, SAYS WEGLEIN

Councilman Holds Them Responsible for "the Present Profiteering Outrages"

Urges Citizens to "Size Up" Budgets Presented by Different City Departments



RICHARD WEGLEIN

RICHARD WEGLEIN, independent Republican nominee from the Seventh Senatorial district for the new smaller Council, declared today that recent increases in the tax rates were responsible largely for "the present profiteering outrages."

"Increased taxes mean increased rents," he said. "They should afford a 'stop' look and listen' warning to citizens of Philadelphia."

Mr. Weglein emphasized that, under the new charter, residents of Philadelphia have the right to appear before the new Council and express their opinion on proposed municipal expenditures. He urged that they take advantage of the opportunity thus given them to "size up" the budgets presented by the different city departments. On the municipal budget the tax rate is based.

Mr. Weglein, who says he will be a candidate for president of the new councilmanic body, declared the smaller council "will correct the present abuse of political favoritism, in so far as ward lines are concerned."

"I believe the new council will treat public improvements from a city standpoint and do away with the present method of improved paving and lighting stopping at the boundary of a favored ward," he said.

"Repairs to streets should be done continuously by district or zone crews and small holes repaired before they become large ones. This will be more economical and satisfactory than permitting the street to become so badly worn as to require resurfacing.

would accrue to the city if these favored concerns were placed on a par with home-owners.

\$3 Rate May Result

The amount of increase in the city tax rate will be agreed upon between now and December 15, the date upon which it must be fixed by Councils under the new charter provisions. Just now estimates and guesses range from twenty cents to thirty-five cents, and some municipal financiers believe that a total \$3 rate for city and educational purposes is destined to be the result.

The present rate is one of the highest ever placed on realty, and with the fixed educational increase and the increase yet to be decided upon by Councils, the burden on realty will be greater than at any time in the city's history, with the exception of a few years following the Civil War, when the state taxes were altered.

Some of the factors leading up to the present situation, in addition to general increased demands of retiring department heads are the following:

Shortage, Public Safety payroll, \$922,000; shortage Health and Charities, 1919, \$250,000; owing United States Government, \$300,000; manumissions, exclusive of \$1,500,000 in the councilmanic loan, now in the courts, \$1,000,000; other shortages \$300,000, and wage increases for 1920, \$2,000,000. The paying of some of the shortages by a temporary loan will merely result in transferring the debt from the present year to 1920.

WILLS PROBATED TODAY

Three wills filed for probate today included that of the late Edwin Wilkinson, Jr., of 1302 Hunting Park avenue, who left an estate of \$210,000 to his widow, Mrs. Mary S. Wilkinson, and two sons and a daughter.

The other wills were: Samuel Carr, who died in the Presbyterian Hospital, \$11,500, and Cecelia K. Buck, 229 South Forty-third street, \$8000. Letters of administration were granted in the estate of William J. Milligan, who died at White Haven, Pa., without leaving a will. His estate of \$23,800 goes to an uncle and an aunt.

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Uncle Sam opened a department store of his own at noon today in the Third Regiment Armory, Broad and Wharton streets.

It is called the Army Retail Store, and in the list of articles sold are 150 items.

Major Charles E. Jones, zone surplus supply officer, said that no food would be sold today but that later he expected to have a small supply.

"The opening sale," he said, "is confined chiefly to underwear and blankets. We will add to the articles in the store as fast as possible. Underwear is on sale at 50 cents a garment for the new goods and 25 cents a garment for reclaimed articles. Blankets range in price from \$3 to \$6."

The store takes up about half of the big drill room of the armory. One counter runs the length of the room and another the width. There are twenty-five clerks to wait on customers.

Captain C. A. Strom, who recently returned from service in the Panama Canal zone, has charge of the store, under Major Jones.

It is a real store, with all of the up-to-date efficiency frills. Fifty cents' worth of time is not wasted in selling a 25-cent shirt.

There are four cashiers, well drilled in the art of taking in money without dropping it all over the floor, and purchases are carefully wrapped in a separate department.

The articles sold include the many articles used by an army in quarters and in the field. All kinds of brushes are on

HUSBAND BLAMED FOR WIFE'S DEATH

Camden Police Say Chauffeur Then Committed Suicide in Rooming House

RELATIVE TAKES BODIES

Although the detailed circumstances of the deaths of Ralph Wilson and his wife in a rooming house at 519 North Fourth street, Camden, are still a mystery, the police are convinced that Wilson killed his wife and then committed suicide with the same revolver.

Wilson was an automobile and railroad mechanic. He and his wife, Catherine, were last seen alive Monday night when Benjamin Smith, proprietor of the rooming house, spoke to them.

Later in the evening he knocked at their door and pushed a letter halfway under it. When he discovered the letter still unopened last night he broke into the room and found the bodies.

The man and woman were partly disrobed. It is believed they quarreled before going to bed and the man first shot and killed his wife, and then himself. The woman's body was on the bed, but the man's had fallen to the floor.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson came from Baltimore recently. It is believed, Wilson is said to have had a hard time getting the kind of a job he wanted.

Arthur Newman, 5227 Norris street, a relative by marriage of the dead man and woman, was notified of the tragedy, following the instructions written in a small book carried by Wilson.

War Worker to Speak

David Lee, of the War Community Council, N. M. C. A., will tell of his many and varied experiences while serving abroad during the war at the weekly luncheon today of the Poor Richard Club at the clubhouse, 239 South Camde street.

Delaware Counties Meet

The Delaware County Association of Clubs is holding an all-day meeting in Lansdowne as guests of the Twentieth Century Club. Following the reports and business of the morning, the afternoon session includes a program in charge of the chairman of education, Mrs. A. A. Crooks. Major Fred Englehart, of the state committee on education, made an address. Mrs. Martin B. Young is presiding.

Takes First Ride at Seventy-Four

Lebanon, Pa., Sept. 25.—Mrs. Rebecca Hoffman, of Mt. Zion, although at the frail age of seventy-four, has gone so far as to take her first ride on a railroad train.

Marine Corps Wants Men Who Have to Enlist

A call was sent out today from the marine corps recruiting office, 1400 Arch street, for all recruiters to look for men with "hardtack" teeth.

"While marines get the finest of fresh white bread in peace time," said Major Patterson, the recruiting officer, "they sometimes have to eat the proverbial hardtack in time of war."

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