

POLICE EX-CONVICTS FACE NEW ATTACK

Patrolmen's Association, Incensed Over Board's Action, Plans Move to Oust Men

MEMBERS DENY UNIONISM

Patrolmen of Philadelphia are incensed at the action of Director Wilson, of the Department of Public Safety, in restoring to active duty in their ranks the four men who recently completed prison terms for criminal misdemeanors.

This sentiment was emphatically voiced last night at a meeting of the Patrolmen's Benevolent and Protective Association in a meeting at their headquarters, 122 South Thirteenth street. The purpose of the assemblage was to discuss this issue.

The members of the association were exasperated when they learned that their protest to the Civil Service Commission, asking the removal of the ex-convicts from the force, could not be recognized because of a "loophole" in the new city police bill, which went into effect last July 25. Their executive committee now has gone before the commission to demand that the men be taken from the force under the un-repealed law of 1885.

This law states that a man convicted of a crime and not pardoned is ineligible for the police force. The present city law as embodied in the new charter provided that charges against a policeman can only be preferred by a superior officer or a "taxpayer." For this reason the civil service board has refused to recognize their complaint.

To meet this situation it is thought that the association will choose one of their number who is a property-owning taxpayer and have him enter a protest as an individual, with the backing of the entire police force of the city who are anxious to remove from their department the stigma of having the ex-convicts retained on their rolls.

"We will prosecute this business to the end," said Harry M. Dickerson, financial secretary of the organization, voicing the sentiments of the association at the close of the meeting, "and we are determined to get rid of these stool-pigeons of the bosses. We would be just as vigorous if these men were members of the association, but they are not, nor were any of the men connected with the Fifth ward outrage."

The four patrolmen who have caused the storm are Sherman H. Clark, Edward Keegan, Edward Bellersby and John Wesper, all now on duty in the Sixth district. Nearly three years ago they were convicted of brutally assaulting defenseless prisoners in their cells at the Eleventh and Winter streets station.

tion to their old beats upon their release. At the close of the meeting last night a resolution was passed by the association, stating that "we, as an association, wish it to be known that we are not a union, nor have we ever given a thought to affiliating in any way with the American Federation of Labor."

CRITICISM IS SHOCK TO BAPTIST DEACONS

Each Wonders if Pastor Who Proposed "Firing" Them Thought of Him

Baptist deacons are wondering today which of them were in the mind of the Rev. Dr. F. A. Akar, of New York, when he recommended that incompetent deacons be "fired," during an address yesterday at the meeting of the North Philadelphia Baptist Association in the First Church, Germantown. It was the closing session of the annual gathering. When Dr. Akar spoke of "firing" deacons, one of the listening pastors asked: "How are we to accomplish it?" "Fire 'em," was the terse reply. "Oh, I don't mean that you are to fire them out of the church. But fire them out of their jobs as deacons."

"It will be rather difficult, since deacons hold most of the important positions in the church," said a minister in the audience. "That is true," resumed Doctor Akar. "If I had my way every deacon would be elected for three years. Then retire him for a year or two. This business of giving deacons a life job is a mistake. It creates inefficiency in the church."

"In most of our churches we have an inefficient business administration because the officeholding group have life jobs, and the jobs are largely self-perpetuating. We must change all that."

The New York clergyman cited the case of another Baptist church where the deacons presented their pastor with an automobile, or, as they called it, a "tin lizzie." "Listen, friends," he shouted. "Don't call a Ford a tin lizzie. The war has glorified that machine. I asked those deacons if they knew that the upkeep of the automobile would cost the pastor \$200 a year. 'Did you not \$350 to his salary?' I asked. They had not thought of that."

"The reason we are having trouble with our finances today is because we have trained five generations of Baptists on a wrong financial basis. We must raise money by encouraging a spirit of prayerful giving."

Refuse Dump Arouses Wynnefield
Covering of refuse with street sweepings on a lot used by contractors as a dumping ground, after a pledge that the insanitary condition would be remedied, has aroused residents of Wynnefield. The insanitary condition was complained of as long ago as last June. Isaac C. Sutton, 5409 Overbrook avenue, chairman of the Wynnefield Club, which began the agitation against the evil-smelling dump, declares he has written the Health Department about it and long since was advised the matter would be attended to.

SEVEN HORSES DIE IN STABLE BLAZE

Valuable Bulldog Also Perishes When Fire Destroys Structure in Coal Yard

MAN OVERCOME BY SMOKE

Seven horses and a valuable bulldog were burned to death during a fire early today at the coal yard of Frank Prentzel, Taney street, near Lombard. The flames, which were discovered by Patrolman Dorsey, of the Twelfth and Pine streets station, threatened to communicate to nearby coal sheds until the arrival of three fire companies. The smothering of the imprisoned horses could be distinctly heard by neighbors. Dorsey and three men attempted to break down the door of the burning stable and release the animals, but the dense volume of smoke drove them back. In their attempt to rescue the horses one of the men was overcome and removed to a nearby home. The firemen fought the fire at the south end of the building, where most of the horses were stabled, but here they were again baffled by the thick clouds of smoke, and were forced to beat a hasty retreat from the structure. Sparks fell upon two other coal pockets and set fire to the roofs. The blaze at the Prentzel yard lit up the neighborhood and burned for nearly two hours. In their madness to escape nearly all the horses had freed themselves from their fastenings, and when the fire was extinguished were found piled on top of one another. Nothing remained of the bulldog but the skeleton. The loss on the stable and coal shed is placed at \$1000. The loss on the horses and dog is estimated at about \$2500. The origin of the fire is undetermined.

TRADE IN SOUTH AMERICA

George de B. Keim Reports Countries Prime for U. S. Wares
Prospects for a healthy system of trade between the United States and South American countries are splendid, according to the report made by George de B. Keim, vice president of Chandler & Co., investment brokers, who has returned to this country after a five months' trip through South America. Mr. Keim states that Uruguay is perhaps the most prosperous country of the entire continent; that the condition of all of the other nations there is good, and the possibilities of American industry for establishing an extensive field there are unbounded. All of the countries benefited by the war, and some of them, Bolivia in particular, must depend largely upon imports for maintenance, he continues. Mr. Keim's report contains a complete resume of all of his findings in South America.

DR. C. K. MILLS RESIGNS

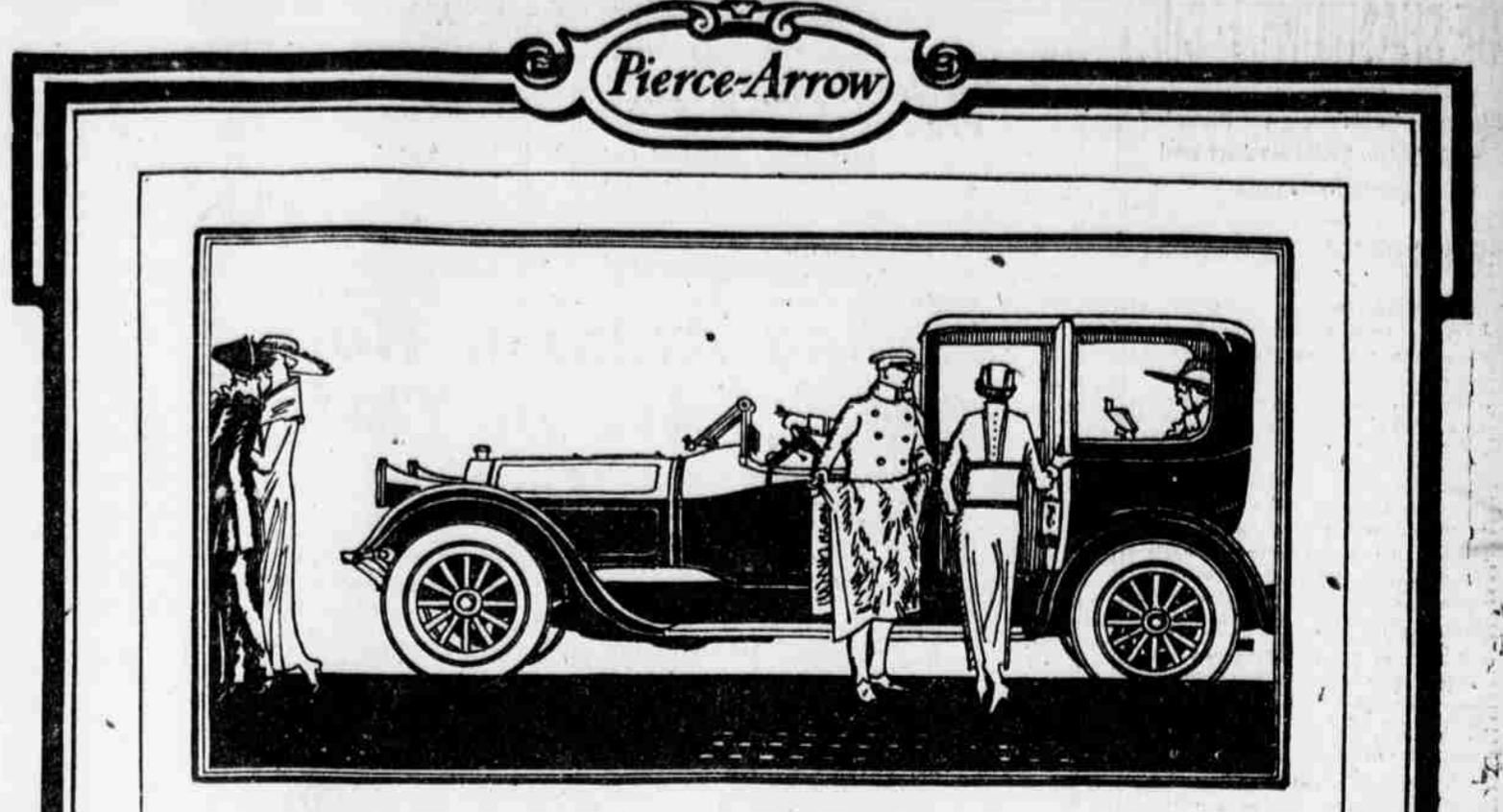
Founder and Head of Neurological Department, Phila. General Hospital
Dr. Charles K. Mills, founder of the Neurological department of the Philadelphia General Hospital forty-two

years ago and chief of staff for that period, has resigned. His successor will be Dr. J. William McConnell, 658 North

Fortieth street, chief of the neurological department of the University of Pennsylvania, and who has also been con-

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logical consultant of the hospital with which he has been connected for so many years.



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