

## POVERTY BLAMED ON BAD HOUSING

Miss Helen L. Parrish Tells Conditions Found by Commission's Inspectors

HELPED 8000 IN YEAR

Bad housing conditions and poverty frequently go hand in hand, according to Miss Helen L. Parrish, a director of the Philadelphia Housing Association.

Miss Parrish, in an interview, told of families whose abject poverty and miserable condition, investigated by the Society for Organizing Charity, were found to be traceable, in large part, to housing conditions, which undermined the health of the breadwinner.

Miss Parrish discussed the housing situation in Philadelphia in connection with the joint drive for membership and funds, which is to be started next week by the Philadelphia Housing Association, the Public Education and Child Labor Association, the Civil Service Reform Association and the Bureau of Municipal Research. These organizations hope to raise \$285,000, to help defray their operating expenses until January 1, 1921.

"There are many causes of poverty even in times when work is plentiful," said Miss Parrish, "and bad housing is among the most important."

"The visitor from the Society of Organized Charity finds the father, in a characteristic household, crippled with rheumatism and unable to find a job, the baby is feverish and the two older children behind their grade in school. The mother works out and is harassed by her ineffectual struggles to supplement an inadequate and fluctuating income by doing an occasional day's work and looking after her family between times."

"The visitor finds also that the house roof leaks so badly that one of the two bedrooms is not habitable; the cellar is half full of stagnant water, on the surface of which floats a green scum; the only water supply, aside from that which comes through the roof and down into the cellar, is a yard hydrant; the only toilet is a vault in the yard shared by other families. It is far enough away to be unusable by the cripple or the baby or by other members of the family on cold or stormy night, but near enough to poison the air if windows are left open in summer."

"The society's task of putting that family on its feet again, of making it self-supporting, of giving the children a fair start in life, is hopeless while the house remains as it is. So the Philadelphia Housing Association is called in to do its share by persuading or bringing pressure to bear upon the owner to mend the roof, pump out the cellar, and install a sink and water closet. Last year the association had more than 8000 properties under its supervision where similar conditions made its services necessary."

"For years the four organizations which are planning the membership drive have conducted a nonpartisan, non-political fight for better housing, schooling, civil service and government conditions. The city at large should put its weight behind this united civic campaign for a better Philadelphia."

## FRATERNITIES' WAR AT UNIVERSITY ENDS

Greek Letter Brotherhoods Agree to Submit Future Quarrels to Arbitration

Twenty-nine Greek letter fraternities at the University of Pennsylvania have agreed to submit all future grievances to a board of arbitration, to consist of three members of the faculty to be named by Provost Smith.

The step was decided upon as a means of ending the fraternities' "war" at a meeting of the Interfraternity Council held last night. The board of arbitrators will not come into existence unless a dispute arises. It shall "hear all charges and the defense, and shall admonish merely if possible."

Fines of from \$50 to \$250 may be administered in delinquent cases.

"Trouble among the 'frats' started when charges were made that Delta Phi was 'rushing' freshmen for membership before the time agreed upon by the Interfraternity Council.

The fraternity refused to pay the fine imposed and withdrew. The other fraternities ostracized members of Delta Phi.

## M'CLURE CAR KILLS MAN

Policeman, Warning of Bad Road, Struck by Politician's Auto

Chester, Pa., Oct. 9.—A touring car driven by John J. McClure, president of the Chester Brewing Company, and head of the McClure Republican organization in this county, killed Luke A. Connor, a policeman of Prospect Park, early yesterday.

The accident happened on the Chester and Darby turnpike. As the car approached Lincoln avenue, Connor put up his hand to warn the driver of a broken piece of road, but one of the headlights, the one nearest where Connor stood, had gone out and Mr. McClure failed to see Connor standing in the road. In a second the car was upon him, knocking Connor down and passing over his prostrate body.

The car was stopped immediately and the injured man placed in the machine and hurried to the Taylor Hospital, but he lived but a few hours. It is understood he exonerated the driver of the car from all blame, realizing the absence of the headlight was responsible for the accident.

Mr. McClure went into court at Media yesterday and entered security in the sum of \$1000 bail to appear when wanted.

## CAMDEN AIDS FUND FOR T. R.

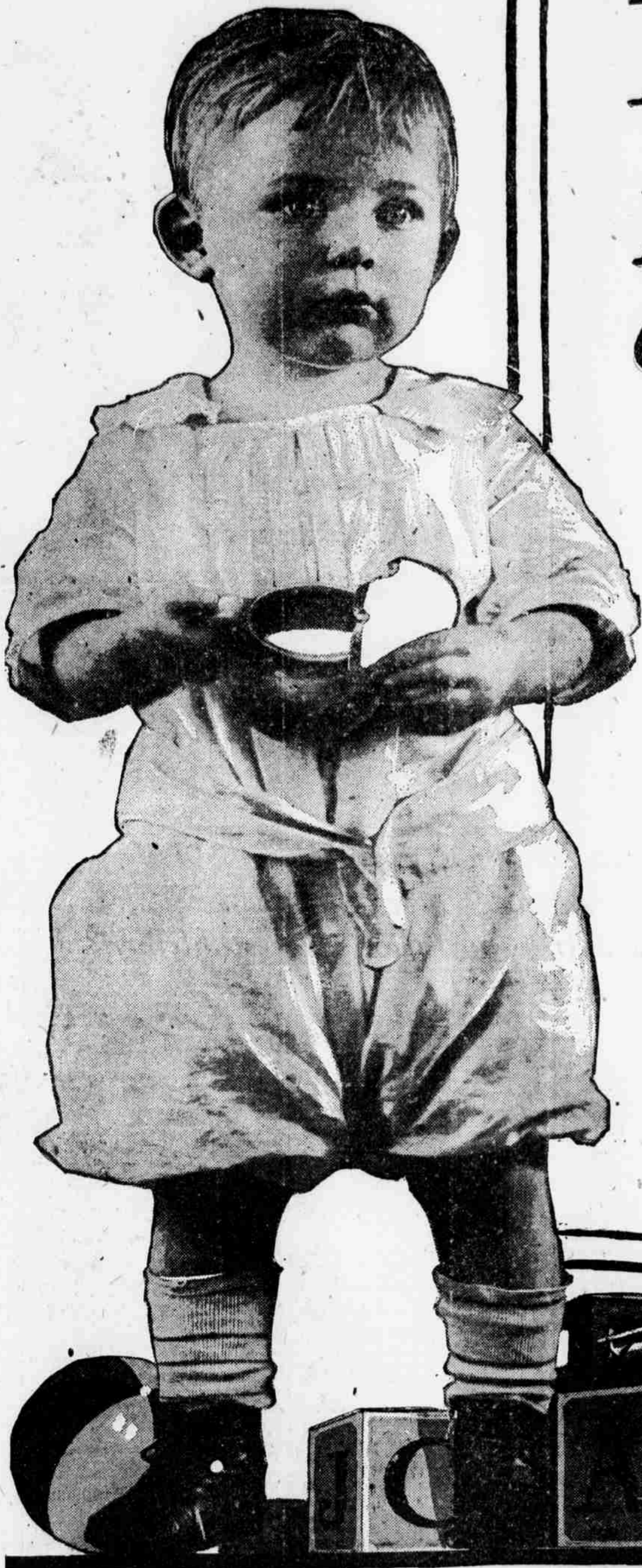
Committee is Named for Memorial Campaign

Camden county will do its part in the movement in New Jersey to perpetuate the memory of the late Colonel Theodore Roosevelt.

Frank B. Jess, president of the State Board of Taxation, has been appointed as chairman for Camden county. Efforts will be made to raise \$250,000. Prominent men compose the committee of the campaign. At a meeting next Tuesday night final arrangements will be made.

## New Ship Service to Liverpool

The Cunard Line's new service from Philadelphia to Liverpool will be inaugurated today, when the British steamship Crown of Castile will sail from Dock street direct to Liverpool. The Crown of Castile has on board all the cargo she can carry, mostly food products.



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