

POLITICS DIVIDES CLUB OF WOMEN

Rift in Republican Organization Follows Boom of Mrs. A. R. Harmon, Is Report

QUESTION OF AIM RAISED

There is a rift in the Women's Republican Club of Pennsylvania. Some of the charter members of the organization will resign at the regular meeting tonight; others who intended to join the club have found, after a little hesitation that they have no thought of joining.

According to members there seems to be some question of the purpose of the club. The charter is said to have been taken out for the maintenance of a club and association "for social enjoyment, the advancement of good citizenship, the promotion of patriotism and the general welfare of its members by means of literature, lectures, debates," etc.

Club Called Political Body

But, say several leading members, there arises a little controversy among the members who joined for this purpose and who now find that the club is just a political organization for the advancement of certain members.

And, furthermore, women who were brought to act as directors of the organization and serve with their friends find that they are no directors' meetings—at least none they have been invited to attend, and that the friends who were supposed to be co-directors have never joined.

Aided Patterson at Election

Mrs. Harmon resigned from that committee on the selection of Mr. Moore and joined forces with the Yare-Warburton group. Her name was to be recommended to Mayor-elect Moore for the club as a candidate for the position of assistant director.

The meeting was a sharp one in which Mrs. C. Stanley Hurlburt said that for the club to endorse its president for this position would mean that the club was organized merely for the purpose of helping the president to political office.

No Aid From Mrs. Warburton

The club was believed for some time to have the endorsement of the Pennsylvania women's Republican committee, of which Mrs. Barclay H. Warburton is the chairman.

"I was asked to join," says Mrs. Warburton, "and I did tell Mrs. Harmon that I would join. But after waiting I decided not to. The Women's Republican Club of Pennsylvania has no connection with the Pennsylvania women's Republican committee."

The list of women who are expected to resign at tonight's meeting includes Mrs. George W. Urquhart, Mrs. M. Y. Smith, Mrs. Stanley Hurlburt, Mrs. E. M. Mull and Mrs. C. G. Fraser. "I regard it as an insult to my womanly intelligence," says Mrs. Urquhart, "I thought the club was to study citizenship and good government. I took an oath to that effect and permitted my name to be used as a director in asking for the charter."

"There never has been a directors' meeting so far as I know. At least I have never received a notice of such a meeting."

TWO LEAVE CITY TROOP

Thayer and Stevens Quit Active List to Serve With Guard

Captain George C. Thayer and Second Lieutenant Cunningham Stevens last night resigned from the active list of the First City Troop at the monthly meeting of that organization held in the armory at Twenty-second and Market streets.

Captain Thayer will become lieutenant colonel of the First Pennsylvania Cavalry Regiment. It is said Lieutenant Stevens resigned to become a major in an artillery regiment in the new National Guard.



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REV. DR. B. L. AGNEW, NOTED PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER, DIES HERE

Funeral Services Will Be Conducted Friday—He Was 86 Years Old

The Rev. Dr. Benjamin L. Agnew, for many years a leading Presbyterian minister here, died this morning at 9 o'clock at the home of his son-in-law, the Rev. Dr. William Dayton Roberts, pastor of the Temple Presbyterian Church, 1319 Franklin street.

Dr. Agnew was eighty-six years old. The funeral services will be held next Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in Temple Church, Franklin and Thompson streets.

The services will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. W. W. Heberton, secretary of the Presbyterian board of ministerial relief. Dr. Heberton became secretary of the Presbyterian board when Dr. Agnew retired in 1912.

Dr. Agnew was born in Apollo, Pa., in 1833. When he was twenty-three years old he became pastor of a Presbyterian church at Johnstown, Pa., leaving during the Civil War to serve as chaplain in the army.

In 1868 he was called to the pulpit of the Westminster Presbyterian Church here, and then to the North Presbyterian Church. After that he was pastor of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, but was called back to Philadelphia to take the pulpit of Bethlehem Presbyterian Church. He built the present church at Broad and Diamond streets. He retired from this pastorate to become secretary of the ministerial relief board, remaining in that post for sixteen years before he retired.

Dr. Agnew's only surviving child is Mrs. Roberts.

UNVEIL POWELL MEMORIAL

Former British Consul General Erected Tablet in Son's Memory

The memorial tablet erected in St. Peter's Church, Third and Pine streets, by Wilfred Powell, formerly British consul general here, and Mrs. Powell, in memory of their son, was unveiled this afternoon.

Garth Henry Mansell Powell, in whose memory the tablet has been erected, was killed at the second battle of Ypres, Belgium, in April, 1915.

The services in connection with the unveiling was conducted by the Rev. Edward M. Jefferys, rector of the church.

METHODIST LEADER RAPS U. S. POLICY

Dr. Taylor, Before Board Meeting Here, Sees Leadership Chance Drifting Away

WARNS OF GREAT DANGER

The United States, through adherence to narrow nationalism at the present hour is casting away its chance to assume world leadership, according to Dr. S. Earl Taylor, executive secretary of the Interchurch World Movement, comprising virtually all Protestant denominations of North America.

Dr. Taylor spoke before the annual conference of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Simpson Hall, Wesley Building, 1701 Arch street, today.

The statement came in a plea that the Methodist Church head its full energies to co-operating with all other Protestant denominations, disregard sectarian lines, and not "make the mistake the government is making in sacrificing its chance for world leadership."

"If an unenlightened league of nations goes through," said Dr. Taylor, "I see nothing on the horizon to lead the world except the cross of Christ. And if the Church fails in this hour of its opportunity the world is doomed."

Sees Peril in Division The peril of the hour, Dr. Taylor continued, is in the unrelated campaigns of various church organizations for church expansion. At the present time there are under way or about to get under way, thirty movements of as many Protestant denominations, for the purpose of raising a total of \$343,000,000.

"The forces of evil," declared Dr. Taylor, "are marshaled against us as never before. It costs far more to obtain peace than it did to fight the war. All Protestantism must unite—at least in its spending of money. We must spend wisely and we cannot do that unless we work together. If I read the signs aright, the time has come for Methodism to stand shoulder to shoulder with the other forces of Christ. We must have a large, state-subsidized policy, and nothing that smacks of sectarianism or hitleness."

Dr. Taylor was executive secretary of the joint centenary committee, which last year, in celebration of Methodism's hundredth anniversary of missionary endeavor, raised \$113,000,000. He spent on a five-year program of world regeneration. He instilled today some of the results already accomplished by means of centenary funds.

Relief Sent to Europe More than \$400,000 already has been spent on furnishing relief to Europe, he said, and \$500,000 additional is to be put into relief work at once. Food and clothing are being distributed in Italy, Germany, France and Belgium, along the Baltic and in the Balkans. Around Chateau-Thierry alone there are thirty-five devastated French villages which are being rehabilitated by centenary funds. Their houses are being rebuilt, their streets repaired, their factories restored, and the returned refugees are housed, clothed and fed in the meantime.

In the United States various projects already under way were instigated by Dr. Taylor, including an Americanization project among Mexicans at Los Angeles.

"One-tenth of the Mexicans of the world, 3,000,000, live in the United States," he said. "They center about Los Angeles. The centenary is working out a great Americanization project there which will do more to pacify the border situation than all the machine guns ever invented."

At the Home Missions board conference which began at 10 o'clock this morning and will last until tomorrow night, \$10,500,000 will be appropriated to be spent in 1920 on various church projects in the United States. This is said to be the greatest sum ever appropriated for one year's work by any single body of the Christian church. A similar sum will be appropriated out of the centenary funds by the home board each succeeding year during the five-year centenary period. Approximately \$200,000 of centenary money will be spent in Philadelphia during that time.

The bishops and prominent laymen attending the conference are making their headquarters at the Hotel Adelpia.

MOORE SEES BOOM FOR PORT OF PHILA.

Preparations Being Made to Complete Work on Channel Delayed by War

CITY TO GET WAREHOUSES

From a Staff Correspondent Washington, Dec. 2.—Boom times seem to be ahead for the port of Philadelphia.

Not only is the War Department preparing to turn over to that city \$12,000,000 worth of piers and warehouses built in South Philadelphia during the war, but preparations also are being made to go ahead with river and harbor improvement work.

Mayor-elect J. Hampton Moore said today that departmental estimates for Delaware river improvements indicate that work postponed by the war is now to be speeded up.

"The thirty-five-foot channel is nearly 50 per cent done," said Mr. Moore. "The work fell back somewhat during the war because of high contracting costs and lack of dredging facilities."

"It is a good sign that the engineers have asked \$2,200,000 to increase their equipment, and for maintenance. They are asking for a fifth dredger, one brought from the Panama canal, and for two more tugs and six more barges."

Mr. Moore expressed confidence that work on the Chesapeake and Delaware canal would move rapidly, even though it should be necessary to get additional legislation.

The Mayor-elect plans to remain in Washington until the first of the year. He is busy with legislative matters. Friends and party leaders will give him a banquet this evening.

The second project to boom the port of Philadelphia—that of releasing the government-built warehouses and piers—was hinted at in the conference here of Colonel James Blair, who built them, and Congressman Vane.

The congressman called on Colonel Blair to learn what the government's policy would be. Philadelphia shippers are anxious to get a line on the new facilities. It is believed the piers and warehouse will be leased for long terms.

"These facilities," said Congressman Vane, "will go a long way toward developing the port of Philadelphia by providing additional and permanent storage and dock space."

DAIRYMEN URGED TO CO-OPERATE

Make Collective Bargaining Possible, Is Plea of Jersey Agricultural Secretary

Farmers and dairymen were urged to give up part of their independence so as to make collective bargaining possible, in an address today, by Alvin Agre, secretary of agriculture of New Jersey, at the meeting of the Interstate Milk Producers' Association at the Continental Hotel.

"Consumers," said Mr. Agre, "can never get food at advantageous prices until the producers give up some of their independence and join in some sort of co-operation with leaders to whom they give the right to dispose of products."

He explained under the present system of reaching markets there was expense and waste which could be eliminated by working together. This co-operation, he added, would make it possible for producers to enjoy the advantage of collective bargaining in place of the present uncertain and haphazard system.

Farming, he said, was the last survivor of an old system. Industry and business, he said, have passed into the control of the strongest and ablest. He pointed to manufacturing as an example.

"Great organizations, he said, have taken the place of a hundred thousand little enterprises."

TWINING RAPS NEW LOOP AT CITY HALL

Transit Director Says P. R. T. Within Curb Line Would Endanger Pedestrians

BILL FAVORABLY REPORTED

Director Twining, of the Department of City Transit, condemned this afternoon as "dangerous to pedestrians and a serious interference with vehicular traffic" the P. R. T. Co.'s project to establish a new loop inside the curb line around City Hall plaza.

Director Twining was present at a subcommittee hearing on the bill, but was not asked to express his opinion concerning it. He spoke his mind about it after the hearing.

The ordinance was reported favorably this afternoon by a subcommittee of the street railways committee of Councils. William McCouch presided. The ordinance will be reported back to the main committee Thursday.

It provides that fourteen feet of street beyond the present curb line be given to the P. R. T. Co., which corporation will raise to the level of the present sidewalk and on which they will lay a single track.

Director Twining was asked by the committee whether the ordinance would interfere with present transit expansion plans. He replied negatively.

"The proposed loop would seriously interfere with pedestrian travel and make crossing more dangerous around City Hall," said Director Twining after the meeting. "It will be a serious obstacle also to vehicular traffic, by narrowing the roadway."

Another street railways subcommittee, under the chairmanship of Robert Smith, favorably reported a second P. R. T. ordinance to permit a loop to be constructed on Mungrove street and Gorgas lane, so that the big green cars may be used on the Germantown line.

The third P. R. T. ordinance, that to force vehicular traffic to travel in the same way as the trolley cars on all streets, will come up before the highway committee Friday.

The ordinance, suggested by Mr. Mitten, is a drastic one, with fines of \$25 for violation. It bans traffic backing on all streets as far south as Oregon avenue, and as far north as Erie avenue. A compromise will be suggested Friday, making the limits of one-way streets South street and Columbia avenue.

CANADIAN OFFICER DIES

Lieut. Col. Elkington Unconscious for Week in St. Joseph's Hospital

Lieutenant Colonel Frederick Elkington, of the Canadian army, died last night at St. Joseph's Hospital after having been unconscious there for a week. It is thought that he was suffering from "sheeping sickness."

Colonel Elkington came here about a month ago and rented a room at 1532 Girard avenue. It was understood that he was discharged from the Canadian army after service in the great war. He was about twenty-eight years old. A week ago he was found unconscious in his room. No definite diagnosis of his sickness was made.

The case will be investigated by the coroner.

KILLED AT NAVY YARD HERE

LeRoy Pate, twenty-six years old, of 5516 North Marshall street, a civilian employe at the naval aircraft factory, League Island, was struck in the chest by a tractor today and hurled into the river. He died at the League Island Hospital at 1 o'clock, two hours after his death. His lung was pierced. The body was sent to the morgue.

STEAL MAIL TRUCK AND XMAS PARCELS

Thieves Make Off With Big Machine From Seventeenth and Chestnut Streets

A United States mail truck, piled high with Christmas packages, was stolen from Seventeenth and Chestnut streets this morning.

Police from the Fifteenth and Locust streets station, detectives from City Hall and Postoffice Department operatives from the Federal Building are looking for the missing government property. It is the first time in Philadelphia that a motor thief has grown bold enough to make off with a government machine.

The truck itself was not government property. It was a "contract" machine, belonging to Abe Kornberg, 2001 Myrtle street. But it was in the government service, driven by a chauffeur in federal uniform, and loaded with United States mail. If the thief is caught he will be subject to punishment under federal law.

The driver had left the truck unguarded for a moment while he went to deliver parcel post mail at Seventeenth and Chestnut streets. A man was seen to come up to the machine casually, crank it, step in and drive away.

When the alarm was given it was too late for pursuit. Station houses all over the city have a description of the machine, and every patrolman has been instructed to look for it.

GRAHAM PRAISES CROW

Congressman Says He Would Deplore Political Row in State

By a Staff Correspondent Washington, Dec. 2.—Republican factionalism in Pennsylvania, reaching a climax in the threatened fight on State Chairman William Crow, would be "most deplorable" in view of the approaching presidential campaign, in the opinion of Representative George S. Graham, of Philadelphia.

In his first expression on the subject, Representative Graham today praised the administration of Chairman Crow and expressed the hope that the impending row may be averted by compromises and party loyalty.

"I know nothing of the fight personally," he said, "but I should deplore any factional struggle in Pennsylvania at this time particularly. This is a time to get together and not pull apart."

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