

BEAUTIFY CITY HALL COURTYARD, IS PLEA

Present Site, With Ruins of Shack, Called Eyesore by Architects

FOUNTAIN IS SUGGESTED

The City Hall courtyard should be brightened up and made attractive, according to architects...

"The courtyard is bare, cold and bleak," said David B. Bassett today...

Gay King favored the placing of potted greens, says some engineers and the like...

"I do not favor grass," he said, "as grass only looks its best a few months in the year..."

Something should be done at once, however, to give a human touch to the courtyard...

As the plans stand now no one can say just what should be done without first studying carefully the possibilities of the court."

Democrats in Row Over Palmer Boost

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party would soon disappear. As it is, everything seems upon his assumption...

Much of his remaining authority within his party in the national committee and in the Senate depends upon his remaining in the field as a possible candidate...

The President's failure to pay by the "third cup of coffee" on January 8, does not mean that he has intention of making another run of it for the presidency...

The President's message to the Jackson dinner will mark his re-entry into party politics. Since his illness the tendency of the party has been to swing away from his control...

The speakers at the dinner will be W. J. Bryan, Senator Owen, Senator Pomerene, Senator Underwood, Senator Hitecock, Governor Cox, of Ohio; Attorney General Palmer, Champ Clark and Vice President Marshall...

All Aspire to Presidency

Bryan is out with a criticism of the administration, and evidently means to fight to keep the interests from appropriating his beloved party...

WOOD ANNOUNCES HIS CANDIDACY

Pierce, S. D., Dec. 31.—(By A. P.)—Major General Leonard Wood today made a formal announcement of his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination with the South Dakota secretary of state...

The announcement accepting the endorsement of the Republican state convention of December 2, came on the last day that candidates for presidential endorsement may file their acceptances...

Wood, Senator Hiram Johnson, of California, Governor Lowden, of Illinois, and Senator Miles Poindexter, of Washington, are avowed candidates for party endorsement at the March primary...

The Democratic state convention endorsed President Wilson for a third time. "If he decides to become a candidate," no communication has been received from the President, James W. Gerard of New York, former ambassador to Germany, filed his petition for an independent candidate for the Democratic endorsement...

There has not been great interest in the Democratic situation because state leaders were agreed at the convention to await the national course of events. This suggestion was made at the convention when a minority faction suggested that William G. McAdoo be endorsed if President Wilson decided not to seek the office again...

Governor Lynn J. Frazier, North Dakota, who was endorsed for President by the nonpartisan league state convention, December 2, has not filed a notice of acceptance...

Major General Wood gave his home address as Bourne, Mass., and his present address as Chicago.

Gets Italian Red Cross Medal

Pomerene Sees Hope for Treaty

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of Republicans, will be discussed at a meeting tonight of Democratic members of the Senate foreign relations committee...

PEACE IN EUROPE MAY BE DELAYED

Paris, Dec. 31.—(By A. P.)—Although the supreme council today fixed January 6 as the date for signing the protocol and exchanging ratifications of the German peace treaty, complications are developing which...

It has developed that the German cabinet delegates here to arrange for the plebiscites to be held in territories which must decide whether they desire to be detached from Germany...

The signing of the protocol on January 6, therefore, may depend upon whether the Germans can secure those powers immediately, in order to complete the arrangements to precede the exchange of ratifications...

Internationalization of Constantinople and the Straits of Dardanelles has been decided upon along the lines laid down by Premier Lloyd George, of Great Britain, in a recent speech, according to the Matin...

It seems certain, the newspaper says, that the seat of the Turkish Government will be transferred to Asia Minor and be located either at Bursa or Koniak. Details of the form of international control which will be established over Constantinople have not as yet become known...

The Supreme Council agreed that Germany should furnish a unit of 50,000 German troops in Upper Silesia and better be withdrawn...

It is proposed to send a mission to supervise the withdrawal of Hungarian troops still occupying a part of western Hungary which was given to Austria...

The council agreed to inform Switzerland that the council regards the application for admission to the league of nations with reservations as a question for the league itself to pass upon...

Dr. Witmer Doubts Spirit Photography

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render demonstrate his powers by driving a carriage and pair from the neighborhood of Broad and Chestnut streets to the University of Pennsylvania while he was blindfolded...

It is possible, but not probable, that he could ride the horses telepathically, as he claimed, but when I offered to give him \$100 if he would drive a carriage and pair over the same road after I had blindfolded him the offer was not accepted...

I do not claim from this that he was looking under the handkerchief he himself had tied over his eyes. I only claim that no reasonable man could be expected to believe in his powers of mind reading unless he puts those powers to an adequate test...

William Hope has a camera with which he has photographed a disembodied spirit. I believe that Mr. Hope could not obtain a photograph of a spirit if the camera and plate are selected by some one who knows enough about photography and mediums to make sure that nobody but the spirit itself is in the plate after it has been selected and examined...

The truth of a report should be judged from a knowledge of all the attending circumstances and these we seldom know...

Must Have Evidence

"However, I do not want to be a 'joy-killer.' If it is a satisfaction to any one to believe in telepathy, or that the spirits of those whom they have loved are able to return again to earth and manifest their presence by means of a photograph, or by giving information, or in any other way, let him by all means have the comfort of his beliefs. When, however, he publishes his convictions and reports his experiences as evidence, for the purpose of convincing others that what he believes to be a fact is really a fact, he must submit all of the attending facts and circumstances to the jury of public or scientific opinion...

So far the scientific verdict is the Scotch verdict. 'Not proven,' and this also is the public verdict, because the history of civilization shows that while these spiritistic, mediumistic, clairvoyant and telepathic phenomena are reported at certain times more frequently than at others, the general tendency displayed by man as he climbs to higher levels of exact knowledge is to discard all reports of the influence of spirits living or dead, in the affairs of man, and to throw the burden of proof on those making the reports."

COAL HEARINGS BEGIN JAN. 12

Wilson's Commission Will Not Visit Mining Centers

Washington, Dec. 31.—(By A. P.)—After paving the way for its investigation into the bituminous coal industry, President Wilson's commission adjourned today. Herbrandt Peale, representing the operators, and John P. White, representing the miners, left for their homes, but Henry M. Robinson, representing the public, remained to guide the preliminary work...

The staff assistants already had begun assembling data, but public hearings will not begin until January 12. Tentatively the commission has decided not to visit the principal coal mining centers. Instead it will send out formal inquiries to representative coal mining concerns...

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PHILA. EXPOSITION FOR 1926 BOOMED

Executive Committee Is Urged to Plan for Big World Fair to Boost City

BUSINESS MEN FAVOR IDEA

The greatest of all world's fairs in Philadelphia in 1926?

Indications today are that John Wannamaker's plan for a splendid exposition in celebration of the 150th anniversary of American independence will be triumphantly carried out...

Business men are growing enthusiastic on the subject. Ernest T. Trigg, president of the American Chamber of Commerce, says a committee of that organization is at work on exposition plans...

Alfred E. Burk, president of the Manufacturers' Club, says that all business organizations here name representatives in an executive committee to push the world's fair project...

Thomas D. DeWitt, a manufacturer, now past eighty, who saw the preparations for the Centennial Exposition here, is enthusiastic. He says this Centennial Exposition did things for Philadelphia and looks for greater things to result from the international fair in 1926...

Burk Favors Big Fair

Mr. Burk, of the Manufacturers' Club, said: "I am heartily in favor of holding a great exposition here in 1926 in celebration of the 150th anniversary of American independence. The business organizations of the city should find some way for united action..."

"One way is for the organizations to pass resolutions endorsing the exposition project, followed by the appointment of representatives to an executive committee, chosen to take charge of the active work of carrying out the project..."

Mr. DeWitt said: "The idea is a splendid one. Philadelphia really owes its great industrial beginning to an exposition—the Centennial Exposition of 1876..."

"That started us. It did the city a tremendous lot of good and furnished us with ideas from all parts of the world..."

John Fisher, vice president of the Manufacturers' Club, said: "The exposition project, if it promises to bring real benefit to Philadelphia, will have the support of the entire membership of the Manufacturers' Club. We will support it to the limit..."

Doctor Wilson, director of the Commercial Museum, is also in favor of a great world's fair here in 1926. He was one of the visitors attracted to Philadelphia by the Centennial Exposition in 1876, and knows the power of great fairs to advance a city...

Wannamaker Gets Credit

Mr. Trigg said: "Credit for initiating the movement to hold a sesqui-centennial celebration in Philadelphia belongs to John Wannamaker, who, in August of 1916, made public a statement that an exposition should be held in 1926 for this purpose..."

The following year the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce endorsed and approved Mr. Wannamaker's suggestion and named a special committee to consider the proposed celebration. The entrance of the United States into the world war caused all active preparations on the part of the Chamber of Commerce to cease for the time being...

The preliminary plans for the international exposition in 1926 contemplate an exhibition of art, medical science manufactures and the processes of the soil and the mines. In view of the fact that the late war has created

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and stimulated interest in the doctrine of amplified human rights and liberties, the Chamber of Commerce, in stating the reasons why a sesqui-centennial exposition should be held, has emphasized Philadelphia's claims as the logical place to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence...

"Any exposition that will show the 'city that is' rather than the 'city that was' will be a great thing for Philadelphia, and it is something that should engage the best efforts of every business man and every manufacturer," said Richard A. Foley, advertising man, former president of the Poor Richard Club.

GOVERNOR COOLIDGE BALKS

Formally Declines to Be Candidate for Vice President

Boston, Dec. 31.—(By A. P.)—Letters in which Governor Coolidge declines to be a candidate for the Republican nomination for Vice President at the March primary elections in South Dakota were made public at the State House today...

The first letter was sent to Secretary of State C. A. Barkhart, of South Dakota, on December 10, after Governor Coolidge had been notified that the Republican state convention in South Dakota had proposed his name for Vice President. It said in part: "It is not my desire to appear as a candidate for the office of Vice President of the United States. I shall not, therefore, make the declaration which your laws require from a candidate..."

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