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Washington, Jan. 5.—Fair, continued cold today; fair tomorrow.											
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MOORE TAKES OATH; IS 'FOUR SQUARE FOR RIGHT'

Supreme Court Upholds Volstead Act by Five to Four Vote; Outlaws 2.75 Per Cent Beer

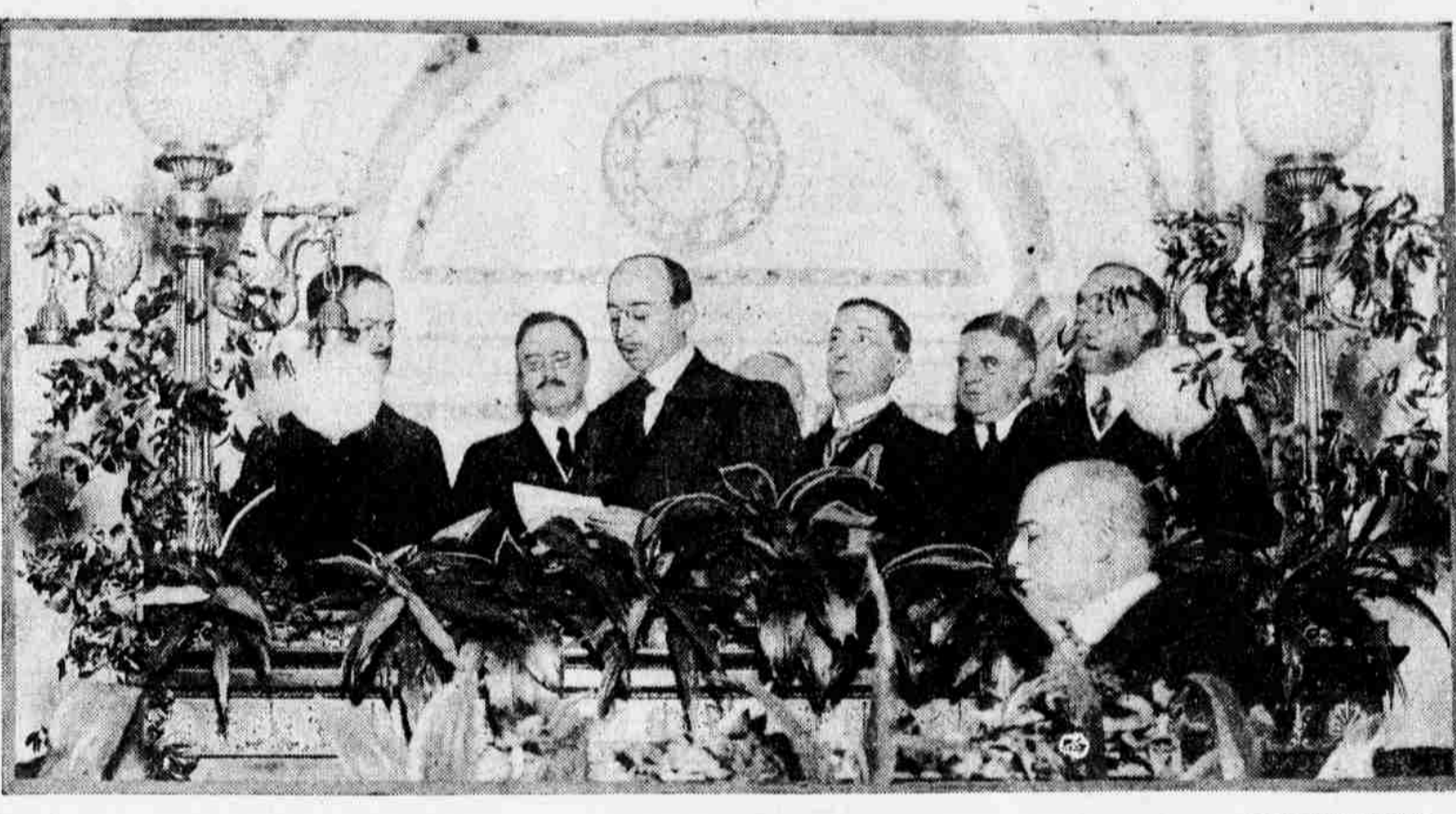
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Words, Resonant and Emphatic, Seem to Audience Prophetic of Worthy Deeds to Come

FLOWERS ADD BEAUTY
TO SCENE OF CEREMONY

Hylan, of New York; Congressmen and Many Women Present—Reception Is Held

INAUGURATION OF PHILADELPHIA'S FIRST MAYOR UNDER NEW CHARTER



At the left is J. Hampton Moore taking the oath of office at the hands of Justice Robert von Moschizsker. At the right of the group in the order named are, Richard Weglein, president of the new city Council, Governor Sprout, and at the end, the retiring Mayor, Thomas B. Smith.

Moore, Taking Oath, Rests Hand on Prophetic Text

When Mayor Moore took the oath of office today, his hand lay on Chapter IX, First Corinthians. "Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? And further down is this: "For though I am free from all men, yet have I made myself servant to all."

Toward the close of the chapter is this line: "And every man that strive for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they that obtain a corruptible crown, but we are incorruptible."

"I do"—two words emphatic, resonant, were spoken at 12:13 o'clock this afternoon and J. Hampton Moore, first city executive under the Woodward charter, became Mayor of Philadelphia. The new Mayor's response was the formal taking of the oath administered by Justice Robert von Moschizsker, of the State Supreme Court, in the old Common Council chamber, on the fourth floor of City Hall.

One minute later Mr. Moore had begun his crisply delivered inaugural message, reading it from a printed copy. It was a message vibrant with a new call to Philadelphia, redeemed from selfishness, its police freed from political bossism, and assuming its place as one of the great cities of the nation and the world.

Through the message, as the crowded chamber and galleries listened, seemed to run the words "I do," prophetic of an administration in which the deed shall measure up to the promise.

Those on Rostrum

On the rostrum as the new Mayor placed his hand on the Bible, opened at the ninth chapter of St. Paul's first Epistle to the Corinthians, were the retiring Mayor, Thomas B. Smith; Governor Sprout, Mayor John F. Hylan, of New York, and the Rev. Dr. J. Gray Holton, pastor of Hope Presbyterian Church, who offered the invocation.

To Mr. Moore's right were his wife and other members of his family, occupying the front row, and to the rear, wives and other relatives of the new Mayor.

To the left of Mr. Moore sat the new directors and the retiring heads of the municipal departments.

The front row of seats, directly before the marble rostrum, was occupied by the members of the inaugural committee and by other members of the new Council of twenty-one.

The rest of the assemblage comprised many widely known men and women of this and other cities, Mayor Ellis, of Camden; Mayor Donnelly, of Trenton, and a number of congressmen.

At the clerk's table, their backs to the assemblage and their faces raised to the new Mayor, sat John Wannamaker and Police Commissioner Richard Enright, of New York.

Police Freedom Draws Applause

The new Mayor's first utterance that brought applause was his declaration that the police and firemen would be divorced absolutely from politics.

Again applause hailed him for a few moments when he asserted that faithful, efficient service would receive the consideration it deserved, but that indifference or a yielding to outside influences, even by the highest officials, would be dealt with unsparingly.

There was applause, also, when Mr. Moore said, "We stand four square for the right and four square against the wrong."

The spacious chamber of the old Common Council was filled with guests when the retiring directors and the new heads of the city departments began

FIREMAN IS HURT IN \$40,000 BLAZE

Others Narrowly Escape Death
When Roof Falls in Vine Street Garage Fire

MANY DRIVEN FROM HOMES

One fireman was seriously injured and several others narrowly escaped death this morning at a fire which destroyed the garage of Mariana Bros., 1139 Vine street. The blaze caused \$40,000 damage.

The injured fireman is William Armstrong, of Engine Company No. 18. He is in the Hahnemann Hospital.

Panned by a northwest wind, the flames for a time threatened nearby buildings. The fireman kept the blaze from spreading.

The firefighters worked under a handicap of freezing water plugs and the intense cold added to their troubles.

The roof of the building fell with a crash shortly after the fire started and many of the firemen escaped injury by jumping to the ground.

Occupants of nearby houses moved their furniture and other belongings to the street. Some sought shelter in homes a safe distance from the fire. The cause of the blaze is undetermined.

LANCASTER MAYOR DIES

Was About to Be Sworn In for Second Term

Lancaster, Pa., Jan. 5.—A few minutes before he was to be sworn into office for his second term as mayor of the city, Mayor Harry L. Trout, aged sixty-six, died at the Lancaster General Hospital, where he has been confined since his campaign. He had suffered a nervous breakdown.

Mayor Trout was elected to office on the Republican ticket after a strenuous campaign, defeating Daniel C. Scheffer, Democrat. He was also president of the Trout Bindery, one of the largest of its kind in this section of the state.

PAINT EXPLODES; 3 BURNED

Can Containing Coloring Matter Had Been Set on Kitchen Range

An exploding can of paint on the kitchen range severely burned three persons today at 123 Pemberton street.

They are Mary Prybella, fifty years old, serious burns of the face and body; Anthony, her husband, fifty-three years old, burns of the hands and face, and Stella, her daughter, twenty-two years old, burns of the face.

They all were treated at the Pennsylvania Hospital.

WOOD ALCOHOL KILLS TWO

Louisville Negroes Die and Others Critically Ill From "Whisky"

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 5.—(By A. P.)—Two negroes died here late last night and two other persons were reported critically ill as a result, according to Coroner Carter, of drinking wood alcohol "whisky" purchased from an alleged bootlegger.

Coroner Carter revealed that wood alcohol taken as whisky had caused five deaths here within a month.

COSTLY FIRE IN BETHLEHEM

More Than \$250,000 Loss in Business Center of City

Bethlehem, Pa., Jan. 5.—(By A. P.)—Fire of unknown origin broke out in one of the most prominent business blocks in the city at midnight, entailing a loss of more than \$250,000.

The store of F. W. Woolworth & Co., including two apartments, and a flour and feed store were destroyed and nearby places badly damaged. Five families are homeless. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

NEW MAYOR PLEDGES NONPOLITICAL RULE

Adherence to Charter, Fair Contracts, Police and Firemen Out of Politics, Art Gallery and Exhibit Hall Promised in Inaugural Speech

Points Made by Moore in His Inaugural Speech

The new administration enters office with "a firm determination to give full force and effect to the new city charter."

It will keep the public informed on all matters involving the expenditure of public money.

Erection of a convention hall, a public art gallery, an industrial exhibit and memorials to service men will be taken up.

Police and firemen are to be divorced from politics, and freed of political assessments. This holds for all city employees.

Will encourage faithful and efficient employees. Those who yield to "outside influences" will not be favorably considered.

The city's interests are to be safeguarded against unfair contracts and against contractor-influence. All contract forms are to be scrutinized and rejected to weed out favoritism and black "bargain deals."

The port must be developed to the limit of the city's ability.

Plans for rapid transit will be proceeded with, but without unnecessary delay. The Delaware river bridge will be pushed.

The city's water supply will be subject to early inquiry. The construction of sewers will be hastened.

Street openings authorized by old Councils will be scrutinized to lessen land-damage claims against the city. The mandamus bill will be taken up with the city solicitor.

problems it carries positive instructions with regard to municipal performance, instructions that cannot be avoided and that will not knowingly be disobeyed. One of these major problems relates to the long-standing grievance against the activity of policemen and firemen in politics. There can be no misunderstanding of the law in this regard.

Police and Firemen Out of Politics

"The policemen and firemen of Philadelphia are to be divorced completely from political activity. The law requires them to be promoted from lower to higher station on merit and service warrant. Those who prove unworthy or who disobey the law and bring others of the force into disgrace shall be removed from their midst. The spirit of the law with respect to policemen and firemen holds also as to other employees of the municipal government who will be expected to obey the law. As to them also, efforts will be made at an early day to adjust compensation and encourage promotions on the basis of merit and faithful service."

Reward Faithful Service

"I cannot too strongly emphasize the desire of the administration to encourage the employees of the city who render faithful and efficient service. Those who fall to do so, or who, yielding to outside influences, in any way embarrass the city, will be dealt with accordingly."

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TO BOOST MISSION DOLLAR

Church Collection Aims to Cut Administration Expenses

Atlantic City, Jan. 5.—To make the missionary dollar, of which it once was said ninety cents went for administration and ten cents for the benefit, go further through a co-ordinated plan of action for the disbursement of the hundred of millions raised for the equalization of the world, is the object of the first post-bellum conference of the interchurch world movement, which began preliminary sessions here this morning.

"If the Allies had fought the Germans in the war the churches have been fighting sin and ignorance in the world, the war might be going on still," said H. R. Groves, a New York banker, who leads the Baptist campaign to raise \$100,000,000.

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EARTHQUAKE KILLS SCORES IN MEXICO

Terrified People Fill Churches. One Collapses, Adding to Death Toll

MULTITUDES ARE HOMELESS

By the Associated Press

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 5.—Ten states were shaken by the earthquake which on Saturday night and yesterday destroyed several villages and caused many deaths in the state of Vera Cruz. These states were Mexico, Puebla, Vera Cruz, Oaxaca, Guerrero, Morelos, Jalisco, Tlaxcala, Hidalgo and Queretaro.

Reports received up to 11 o'clock last night indicated the center of the seismic convulsion was in the neighborhood of Mount Orizaba, a volcano situated about seventy miles west of Vera Cruz on the line between the states of Vera Cruz and Puebla. It was in this neighborhood that the most serious damage was done.

Two miles, a village thirty-five miles northeast of the volcano, has been virtually destroyed and a similar fate befell Conzaco, a small hamlet in that neighborhood. Wires have been torn down by the violence of the tremor and only fragmentary reports have reached this city, but it is stated there were many casualties in both towns.

Many houses and churches in Jalapa, a city about fifty miles northwest of Vera Cruz, were damaged. Reports from Orizaba, a city five miles south of the volcano, state that several business blocks and churches near the center of the town were cracked.

In the suburbs of Orizaba the shock sent some persons being reported killed beneath their wrecked houses. The shock came during a performance at the theatre at Orizaba and panic-stricken people leaped from the balconies into the pit in their efforts to escape. No one was injured, but many were injured.

Vera Cruz Suffers Most

Incomplete press reports indicate that the state of Vera Cruz suffered more than any other section, although disturbances were felt throughout the entire republic. Advisers from Cordoba say that thirty dead have already been accounted for in the village of San Juan Coscomatepec, where many houses were destroyed.

There are unconfirmed reports of a similar catastrophe in the village of Huixtla. At Jalapa, further north, fifty victims of the earthquake have been counted, including numerous dead.

Lack of communication with the other small towns and villages in the theatre of the disturbance makes even approximate estimates of the casualties impossible.

Information obtained from the government observatory at Tacubaya shows there were three distinct shocks. The first was the most powerful.

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COUNCIL ORGANIZES AFTER BITTER ROW; WEGLEIN PRESIDENT

Vare Filibuster on Rules Draws Factional Lines Rigidly, Delays Work 35 Minutes

BALLOT 11 TO 10 ON ALL ISSUES PUT TO VOTE

"Steam-Roller Methods," Cries Gaffney—Hall Promises War. Cries "Lay on, Macduff"

The organization this morning of the new city Council of twenty-one members was marked by bitter warfare.

"Everything that was accomplished followed a spirited fight. Council was split the phrase 'no factionalism' and the word 'harmony' were repeatedly ridiculed. Every time a vote was taken the result was the same—the Independents won their points by their majority of one.

With one exception the eleven Independent members voted together; so did the Vare followers.

The one exception was when Richard Weglein was being chosen permanent chairman of the new body. Charles B. Hall, nominated for the chair by the majority forces of the Vares, voted for the Independent choice, Mr. Weglein returned the compliment.

Almost as soon as the session opened, a filibuster was launched from the Vare side of the chamber. It held up proceedings thirty-five minutes. Then further argument and discussion on parliamentary procedure held up the permanent organization. Mr. Hall, with Joseph Gaffney, led the Vare forces.

Both sides were determined, and the final vote of the Independents brought victory each time. The Vare leaders called the Independents the "eleven wise men," and charged "steam-roller methods."

War Satisfies Von Tagen

From the Independent side of the House, the split was commented upon only once. Then Charles von Tagen did nothing to heal it.

"If it must be war, let us have war," he said.

Mrs. Hall, in referring to the split, declared it. He called for peace between the two sides of the house and he would welcome it. But he added that war would find the Independents and the Vares united.

"Lay on Macduff," Says Hall

"I still hope there will be twenty-one men upholding the new administration," he said. "If there is to be peace I welcome it. If war, let it be peace to the knife and to the bit and the spur." Mr. Hall, in referring to the split, declared it.

Shortly before 10 o'clock, the Independent members of the new Council took their places on the left side of the old Select Council chamber. The ten Vares men, who had held a meeting before Council was called for organization, entered and took their seats on the right side of the chamber.

Judge Anderson administered the oath.

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Here Are the Results in New Council Election

Richard Weglein, president. William H. Felton, clerk. Harry J. Wittig, sergeant-at-arms. Lewis H. Van Dusen, Clinton Rogers Woodruff and Charles W. Neeld, civil service commissioners.

7 CHILDREN, 4 ADULTS, TRAPPED BY FIRE, ARE RESCUED BY FIREMEN

Defective Flue Causes Early Morning Blaze in Store as Families Sleep

Seven children and four adults, their parents, were rescued this morning from the room in which they were penned by smoke and flames by firemen.

The fire was confined to the first floor of the store and dwelling at 828 South Fourth street. It began in a defective flue.

Mrs. Ida Polankin, who with her husband and five children occupies the third floor, was awakened by dense black smoke.

Arousing her husband and the children she led the family down to the second floor and there aroused Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schwartz and their two children. But their further descent was cut off by the flames and smoke on the ground floor.

They opened the windows and called for help. The engine company at Front and Queen streets was summoned. Captain Edward J. Nabill directed the work of the firemen.

They fought their way through the smoke to the beleaguered families and carried them to safety.

The fire in the store was subdued.

HURT WHEN PIPE EXPLODES

Two P. R. R. Roundhouse Workmen Victims of Locomotive Accident

Two Pennsylvania Railroad roundhouse workmen employed at Frankford Junction were severely injured when a steam pipe exploded in a locomotive which they were cleaning today. They are Charles Korann, thirty-three years old, of 5021 Ogden street, and William Tugel, thirty-eight years old, of 2907 Ridge street.

Herman has a fractured nose, concussion of the brain and burns upon his face and hand. Tugel is burned about the face. Both were taken to the Frankford Hospital for treatment.

When the pipe exploded, Korann was thrown several feet. Tugel was caught in a cloud of steam.

BID FOR SHORE HOTEL

Philadelphia Creditors Agree to Two Weeks' Adjournment of Sale

Atlantic City, Jan. 5.—The sale of the St. Charles Hotel here was considered today at a meeting of the creditors called by former Judge Clarence L. Cole, referee in bankruptcy, to permit to test the constitutionality of the national prohibition constitutional amendment.

James C. Clendenin, of Baltimore, chairman of the stockholders' committee, pleaded for an adjournment of two weeks before final acceptance of the offer so that the stockholders might be permitted to gather resources and perhaps outbid the Washington syndicate.

John M. Thissell, a Philadelphia attorney, who represented sixty-two creditors, was agreeable to the postponement, as it would in no way interfere with the first proposition, which allows thirty days.

CANADIAN EX-PREMIER FOR WATERWAYS BOARD

OTTAWA, Jan. 5.—The appointment of Sir William Hearst, former premier of Ontario, as a member of the Canadian section of the International Greater Waterways Commission, has been recommended to the government of Great Britain.

ORGANIZE STUDENTS IN DRY WORLD CRUSADE

DES MOINES, Iowa, Jan. 5.—For the purpose of further organizing students in the universities and colleges of the United States for service among students and universities of foreign countries in the "world movement against alcohol," the Inter-collegiate Prohibition Association held its biennial national convention and oratorical contest here today.

DRY ENFORCEMENT MEASURE IS HELD CONSTITUTIONAL

Beverages of 1/2 Per Cent or More Alcohol Illegal, Divided Bench Decides

WAR EMERGENCY OVER, DISSENTING OPINION SAYS

Sale of 2.75 Beer Legal Until Volstead Bill Was Passed

Washington, Jan. 5.—The Volstead prohibition enforcement act defining as intoxicating any beverage containing one-half of 1 per cent or more of alcohol was declared constitutional today by the Supreme Court in an opinion of which the court divided 5-4. Associate Justices Day, Clarke, Van Devanter and McReynolds dissenting.

Beer containing 2.75 per cent of alcohol is illegal under the wartime prohibition act, the court decided. Under the war emergency Congress has a right to stop immediately the sale of intoxicating liquor, the court held.

Associate Justice Brandeis, who rendered the opinion of the court, said the right of Congress to suppress liquor traffic was not an implied power, but a power expressly granted.

Files Dissenting Opinion

Justice McReynolds, in a dissenting opinion, said that the eighteenth amendment had not yet come into effect and that the federal government had no general power to prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor.

Justice McReynolds took the position that the war emergency which national prohibition was made effective had passed.

Proceedings brought by Jacob Rupprecht, of New York, to enjoin the government from prohibiting the sale of 2.75 per cent beer were ordered dismissed by the court.

Rupprecht's case was brought under the wartime act. It alleges that 2.75 per cent beer was nonintoxicating, but that the Volstead act by limiting the alcoholic content prohibited the sale of beer manufactured under regulations prescribed under the Leverage food control act by President Wilson.

Indictments Ordered Dismissed

Indictments brought against the Standard Brewery at Baltimore and the American Brewing Co. at New Orleans for manufacturing 2.75 per cent beer during the wartime prohibition enforcement act became effective were ordered dismissed by the court.

In deciding these cases Justice Day in a unanimous opinion held that the act of Congress prohibiting 2.75 per cent alcohol was legal until the enactment of the Volstead act.

The government today filed in the Supreme Court its answer to the application of the state of Rhode Island for permission to institute original proceedings to test the constitutionality of the national prohibition constitutional amendment.

King Presents Brief

Solicitor General King, in his brief, alleged that the state of Rhode Island failed to state facts warranting original proceedings. If the case is one that should be instituted, he added, the federal government should be named as defendant, but that could be done only with the consent of the government.

At the same time Attorney General Thomas F. McCrean, of New Jersey, asked dismissal of the proceedings brought on behalf of the Retail Liquor Dealers' Association of New Jersey to enjoin state and federal authorities from enforcing the amendment in that state.

A brief in support of the association's case also was filed by counsel for the organization.

In the brief it was contended that the Supreme Court had jurisdiction that the prohibition amendment was different from other constitutional amendments in that it assumes to regulate the private life of citizens.

Fear Arbitrary Power

If the procedure of enactment was valid, the brief asserted, it followed that "a bare two-thirds of a bare majority of the membership of the House in Congress and a bare majority of the membership of three-fourths of the state Legislatures can constitutionally adopt any amendment to the constitution which they may desire."

In other words, it continued, "a group of public officials, which at the maximum may be less than 2500 and at the minimum may be less than 1400, hold in their hands the constitution of the United States and the property, the liberty and even the lives of 110,000,000 of people. Their power, if the 'eighteenth amendment' has been constitutionally adopted, is absolute and arbitrary beyond that of any group of men known to history."

FIRE ON LINER PRETORIA

\$100,000 Damage to Steamship by Blaze of Undiscovered Origin

New York, Jan. 5.—(By A. P.)—Fire of undiscovered origin caused damage estimated at \$100,000 to the steamship Pretoria at her pier on Staten Island shortly before she was to have sailed at dawn today. The Pretoria is a former Hamburg-American liner, recently turned over to Great Britain by the United States Government after serving as a transport.

This was the third ship fire of undetermined origin along the Staten Island shore in the last few days.

When you think of writing, think of WEILING—Advt.

TUGMEN'S CLAIMS NOT MET

River Shipping Tied Up While Owners and Crews Parley

The demands of the tugboat men for shorter hours and more pay have not yet been met by the boat owners and there are no signs of an immediate settlement of the situation. In the meantime shipping is tied up, with the result that large amounts of money will be lost by the shipping men.

The Harbor Boatmen's Union, made up of the crews of the tugs, has been promised a conference with the owners, but their parley with the Masters, Mates and Pilots' Association. It is said that most of the tug owners are in favor of granting the demands of the men.

Window Smashers Help Themselves to Attractive Displays

Thieves broke windows with a vengeance last night.

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Skating Today

Gustave.
 Concourse.
 Hunting Park.
 Schuylkill river above Flat Rock dam.
 Merion Golf Club.
 Haverford College pond.
 Wissahickon creek.