SMITH TO EXPOSE HIS PUBLIC LIFE

Book Will Divulge Complete Record of Service as City's Chief Executive

"NOT TALKING" JUST NOW

Thomas B. Smith, Mayor Moore's predecessor in office, according to his friends, is preparing for publication a formal record or book detailing his unique experiences as Mayor of Philadelphia.

Those who are looking forward to Mr. Smith's appearing in the role of an author expect that the chapters in the book will contribute rich material to the history of Philadelphia politics.

"Few men in public life," said one of the Mayor's friends, could have lived, as he has done, through the soul-searing experiences Tom Smith has had."

Such a book as Mr. Smith is said to be preparing, it was pointed out, would deal intimately with the situations which led to Senator Penrose and the late Senator McNichol being deprived of any real voice in the naming of the Smith cabinet. This cabinet was dominated by friends of Senator Vare.

Such a book, it was further said, would deal with the events leading up to the Fifth ward murder and the former Mayor's sensational trial on the charge of murder.

When the former Mayor was asked to say something about his experiences and the gossip that he was to publish a book, he replied:

"I have nothing to say at this time."

Mr. Smith absolutely declined to discuss his experiences as Mayor.

He freely said, however, that he was through with politics and public life.

"As to the future," remarked Mr. Smith, "I am not going to be active in politics in the Twenty-eighth ward or anywhere else. I am out of political life and am attending to business as a private citizen. I will not participate in politics in the Twenty-eighth ward or anywhere else."

For years Mr. Smith was the organization leader of the Twenty-eighth ward. Now he is living at Glenside.

Friends of Mr. Smith say he is not the wealthy man many suppose. They declare that everything he has would not total $100,000.

LIEUTENANT COAN SWORN IN

Second and Christian Streets House Sergeant Is Promoted

Patrick J. Coan, house sergeant of the Second and Christian streets police station today was sworn in as police lieutenant by Director Cortelyou. Lieutenant Coan has not yet been assigned to a post.

There are two places vacant to which Coan may be assigned. One is head of the night force at police headquarters, City Hall, made vacant by the elevation of Lieutenant Leary to captain. The other is commander of the Thirty-fourth district, Fifteenth street and Snyder avenue.

Coan was appointed to the police force September 12, 1901. He was assigned to the Second district. On July 15, 1910, he was made house sergeant of that district. In his nineteen years of service, Lieutenant Coan has served in every section of the city.

SEEK PARTNER'S SON

Coal Dealers Miss Payroll When Relative Disappears

A warrant was issued today for John Letters, twenty-four years old, 2026 East Allegheny avenue, son of the senior partner of Owen Letters' Sons Co., coal dealers. The young man disappeared with more than $1460 of the company's payroll money.

Magistrate Wrigley issued the warrant today on the affidavit of William Vanstone, a member of the firm. The younger Letters left the coal company's office, Trenton avenue and Westmoreland street, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Ambrose Letters, father of the missing man, asked the police to search for him. This appeal was followed by the action taken by Mr. Vanstone.

2 HOG ISLAND SHIPS SOLD

Liberty Bell and Schroon Each Bring $1,682,375

Announcement has been made by the United States shipping board at Washington of the first sale of vessels built at Hog Island to private corporations. The vessels sold are the Liberty Bell and the Schroon. Each brought $1,682,375. There are 110 vessels of this type in the building program of the International Shipbuilding Corporation and of this number ninety-one have already been launched.

The Liberty Bell was launched at Hog Island February 6 of this year, the sponsor being Mrs. H. Paul Barnes, daughter of Mayor Moore. It was named as a tribute to the war activities of Philadelphia industries.

Elkton Marriage Licenses

Elkton, Md., April 3.—Thirty-two couples were granted marriage licenses here today as follows: Daniel T. Leary and Lillian Thomas; Harry Taney and Emma Bowman; William Marden and Emaline McCord; Lloyd Miller and Marie Miller; Edward G. Noff and Catherine Gillard; John A. McAteer and Florence Cornany, and William W. Coley and Helen Cleary, all of Philadelphia; Edward Beehan, Philadelphia, and Elizabeth Gielhard, Collingdale, Pa.; William Krimbrey, Philadelphia, and Elizabeth Holt, Devon, Pa.; Francis E. Haring, Philadelphia, and Elizabeth G. Wagner, Pottstown; Aaron H. Rotchie, Philadelphia, and Virginia Alwood, York; William J. B. Wood and Laura P. Schall, Camden; Theodore B. Rogers, New Castle, and Sarah L. Walls, Rehoboth, Del.; John F. Namman and Marie E. Gannon, Baltimore; James K. Garman, Hopewell, and Hazel J. Hutton, Woodville, N. J.; John P. Inderelst and Helen Bradman, Easton, Pa.; Charles T. Jones, Port Deposit, and Reba A. Price, Colora, Md.; Robinson J. Bennett and Ella A. Wietasch, Camden; Norman Becker and Myrtle Amison, Trenton; Moses Stapler, Jr., and Ruth Temby, East Stroudsburg, Pa.; Raymond R. Dragon and Beulah Broadwater, Havre de Grace, Md.; Floyd T. Fling and Ethel Hammer, Akron, O.; Linwood Kent and Bertie Lutterill, Chester; Howard Brumbach and Ella Triest, Reading; Quintus Stevenback and Elsie Datteter, Quakertown; Harry R. Journdan, Conowingo, and Harriett M. Medairy, Port Deposit, Md.; Albert S. Berryman and Rowen E. Mayberry, Phoenixville; Paul W. Garis and Marguerite Wooley, Easton, Pa.; Daniel A. Powell and Pearl E. Turner, Kirkwood, Del.; James B. Goddard and Eleanor C. Alsdorff, Reading, and Ernest C. Gray and Anna Taylor, Chester, Pa.

ALICE TRUE GENTLE
Grand opera singer who has brought suit for divorce from Dr. Robert Bruce Gentle, New York dentist

SINGER SEEKING DIVORCE

Alice True Gentle, Metropolitan Songbird, Charges Desertion

Santa Cruz, Calif., April 3.—Alice True Gentle, grand opera singer, brought suit yesterday for divorce from Dr. Robert Bruce Gentle, New York dentist. The complaint charges desertion. The couple were marrjed in Seattle in 1900 and have one son, Bruce Gentle, fourteen years old.

Alice Gentle became a member of the Metropolitan Opera Co. last season upon her return from Europe, where she had been engaged in operatic work. She established her position in the musical world as a member of the Manhattan Opera Co. under the management of Oscar Hammerstein, which she joined in 1907.

During the season of 1911-1912 she was in London as a member of Mr. Hammerstein's opera company there. Returning she appeared with Marie Cahill in "The Opera Ball" at the Liberty, and with Sam Bernard at the Lyric. Last season at the Metropolitan she sang character parts in contralto and mezzo-contralto roles.

VARE INJURES ANKLE

Senator Confined to Home—Meehan in Congress Race

Senator Vare is confined to his South Broad street home today with a sprained ankle, received last night as he stepped from his automobile.

The senator's slight injury postponed a meeting of organization leaders who gathered in his Lincoln Building office this morning for their usual Saturday morning conference.

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas F. Meehan today announced his candidacy for Congress from the Sixth district in opposition to Congressman Darrow. Colonel Meehan was Independent candidate for the Republican nomination for recorder of deeds last fall.

MANY WANT TO WED

Marriage License Bureau Swamped With Easter Applicants

Easter rush for marriage licenses was begun today at 9 o'clock in the local bureau at 413 City Hall and continued until closing hour. It was necessary for all the clerks of the Orphans' Court office to assist in preparing applications.

The following licenses were issued:

James J. McColgan, 2835 Chatham st., and Mary V. McDowell, 1832 N. Mascher st.
Samuel E. Carroll, 194 W. Dauphin st., and Pearl Hollis, 2243 N. Palethorp st.
Richmond N. Richmond, 3501 W. Clearfield st., and Marie Connelly, 2536 N. 5th st.
John F. Fischer, 5118 Webster st., and Viola R. Heanse, 5107 Market st.
John W. Townsend, Easton, Pa., and Wilhelmina M. Lange, 1018 Walnut st.
Emil Splat, 2562 N. 28th st., and Nae Cumberland, 5842 Girard ave.
Harry Jonas, 350 McKean st., and Ray Patterson, 3211 Gordon st.
John A. Flanigan, 2532 A st., and Mary K. Woods, 2632 N. Front st.
John Fielding, 1310 S. Ruby st., and Sadie E. Raymond, 1310 S. Ruby st.
Harry J. McCaughlin, 323 W. Pearl st., and Madeline Stichlings, 1455 N. 56th st.
George J. Furey, 4642 Dittman st., and Elizabeth Crangle, 2023 Birch st.
Theodore Lewis, Germantown, and Ellanora A. Townsend, 6 Emlen st.
Harrison L. Thompson, 4240 Park ave., and Ruth Kohler, Oak Lane.
William J. McDonnell, 3413 W. Kipp st., and Clara M. Bader, 3453 N. Front st.
David Hyman, 1229 Ritner st., and Reba Van Gildeo, 1549 S. 12th st.
Frank Jackson, 2546 N. Lee st., and Florence Schwenk, 2621 N. Front st.
Howard W. Jones, 2168 E. Gordon st., and Viola Brand, 2051 E. Adams st.
John J. Press, 3300 N. 16th st., and Jessie V. Applegate, Manasquan, N. J.
James McGrath, 1612 N. 10th st., and Florence M. Crossgrove, 5217 Stiles st.
Thomas W. Martin, 2527 N. 11th st., and Mattie Rosser, 2241 N. 10th st.
Harvey S. Wester, 3236 Amber st., and Frieda Standhardt, 121 E. Allegheny ave.
Paul de Hoff Reed, Washington, D. C., and Elizabeth N. Boyd, 125 S. 22d st.
Thomas G. Chisholm, 2648 Fitzwater st., and Gladys D. Adams, 7646 Brewster ave.
James E. Coates, 158 N. 24 st., and Ruth E. Sherman, 716 S. 17th st.
Theodore W. Leecking, Camden, N. J., and Miriam Reeves, Dorchester, N. J.
Alex. Mann, Greenville, S. C., and Annie Anderson, 1510 S. Hollywood st.
Thomas J. Brassil, 5124 Kershaw st., and Catherine A. Corcoran, 2400 Bryn Mawr ave.
John S. Grimson, 1421 Arch st., and Anna E. Spangler, York, Pa.
John W. Haynes, 2741 Titan st., and Della O'Laughlin, 5416 Harland st.
Oscar L. Bradford, Overbrook, Pa., and Helen S. Carter, Bridgeton, N. J.
George A. Powers, 1932 S. 17th st., and Julia A. Seckinger, 1932 S. 17th st.
William J. Clark, 2329 S. 13th st., and Helen H. Hart, 1839 Ringgold st.
Edmund G. Bailey, 2504 N. 17th st., and Elate M. Bean, 2528 N. Sydenham st.
Charles E. Coverdale, Millville, N. J., and Laura C. Powell, Eldora, N. J.
William E. Forrester, 2629 Swayne st., and Elsie M. Sloan, Camden, N. J.
Charles H. Mittall, Jr., 593 N. Farson st., and Mary Davis, 5100 Westminster ave.
Albert P. Johnson, Washington, D. C., and Ruth E. Proctor, 1912 Taylor st.
William E. Jones, 2416 Bolton st., and Emma Gilbert, 2416 Bolton st.
Herbert S. Hopkins, Buffalo, N. Y., and Hazel E. Sykes, 700 Green st.
James J. Bradley, 2925 Kipp st., and Katherine Mallon, 431 N. Hewson st.
Frederick G. Zerrer, 603 N. Frazer st., and Linda S. Cockran, 603 N. Frazer st.
Bruce Mathewson, 5907 Thompson st., and Anna S. Bringham, 5901 Thompson st.
Edward Forman, 609 McClellan st., and Rose Segal, 616 Segal st.
Harold A. Rasey, Holton, Mich., and Amelia Richards, 1521 N. Hancock st.
Jackson Blank, Jr., 3431 Spring Garden st., and Grace M. Walton, Lansdowne, Pa.
Harry Schoenfield, 1325 N. 7th st., and Florence Segal, 3922 Clifford st.
John J. O'Hara, 5850 Trinity place, and Catherine McNally, Ardmore, Pa.
Charles P. Gilden, Jr., 2533 Columbia ave., and Agnes L. Walker, 1827 W. Tioga st.
Elmer E. Pettit, 422 N. Edgewood st., and Annie C. Woodward, 5134 Brown st.
Daniel Donnelly, 2730 N. Front st., and Catherine Geary, 3015 N. 5th st.
Ernest G. Long, 1248 N. 52d st., and Bertha L. Lehm, 1248 N. 56th st.
George C. Mitchell, 2387 Hobson st., and Sarah B. Smith, 2237 Hobson st.
Thomas E. McElroy, 2108 Arch st., and Rose Gasney, 1725 N. 22d st.
Isadore Keeler, 919 N. 17th st., and Martha Hall, 3833 Mt. Vernon st.
Walter Moore, 2437 N. College ave., and Florence Sprecker, 835 Corinthian ave.
Emanuel Bell, 2002 Lombard st., and Mollie Davis, 2110 Pemberton st.
Fred Winters, 719 N. Franklin st., and Mary Wardlou, 702 N. Franklin st.
Walter P. Stier, Jr., 2355 N. Howard st., and Marie C. Reinhardt, 1208 Rockland st.
Lawrence E. Brouse, Enola, Pa., and Lucy F. Imboden, Palmyra, Pa.
Wesley Hicks, 1620 Kater st., and Emma Gillis, 1629 Kater st.

MR. BUSINESS MAN:

Since the early part of 1914, excepting two years in Uncle Sam's Army, I have been connected with a Philadelphia newspaper, in the Advertising Department. Have done detail work and soliciting. Shortly I expect to sever my connections, for very good reasons. For the past ten weeks I have been going to school three nights a week, taking a course in Bookkeeping, for the purpose of more fully equipping myself for the future. I expect to enter the Wharton School next term at night. I will be 26 shortly, and am anxious to make some business connection with an organization where I can be of real service and by close application develop in line with a clearly defined ambition that has taken hold of me. May I have an interview. Unquestionable references furnished. Address M 209, Ledger Office.

MAY DECORATE GREENBACKS WITH PINK OR BLUE SEALS

Philadelphia Druggist Suggests Color Scheme for Bank Notes. Would Avoid Mistakes in Change—Treasury Considers Plan

A possibility of the near future is a standardization by the government of all United States currency for the purpose of facilitating quick change without the danger of short change.

The Treasury Department at Washington is now working on a proposition to mark bills of various denominations with a standardized colored seal, so that any one can recognize notes of different denominations at a glance.

The plan, suggested by R. Frank Beauchamp, 1765 North Sixty-first street, this city, a druggist, is the outcome of an experience he had recently when he mistook a $2 bill for a five.

The proposition, which he has submitted to the officials of the Treasury Department at Washington, and which is being considered along with others, provides for stamping the bills with a likeness of national figures, such as Washington, Lincoln, McKinley, etc. As a further mark of identification it is proposed to have a colored seal in one corner of the bill, such as a green seal for a one, a pink for a two, blue for a five, etc.

Mr. Beauchamp has received a reply from United States Treasurer John Burke, assuring him that such changes as he indicates are already under consideration by the government and that his plan is one of those being studied by a special committee appointed for the purpose.

Their consideration of the subject thus far has virtually resulted in the elimination of "colored bills" from the list of feasible proposals, it was said, and it is probable when the new designs are adopted, portraits and corner designs—possibly varicolored seals—will be employed as a means of ready identification rather than other systems of marking.

Treasury officials dislike the idea of using different dyes for the various denominations of bills. They offer as one objection that colored currency "wouldn't look like money;" as another that dyes—even the best—are not uniform and frequently fade or change when the money has been in circulation for a short time, and a third that the special grade of paper used in engraving money "takes" the dyes and inks now in use better than any other.

SAYS BELL FORCE LIES DOWN ON JOB

Rate Complainant Declares Employes, Except Operators, Are Enjoying Long Holiday

MORE PROTESTS RECEIVED

Scores of informal complaints were received today by the Public Service Commission at Harrisburg against the proposed increase in rates of the Bell Telephone Co. A unique complaint came from A. R. Knight, 516 Widener Building, this city.

Mr. Knight says that he was surprised to learn that the entire force of the Bell Co., except the operators, were taking a holiday from Thursday of this week to next Monday.

"Considering that a great deal of the high cost of articles today is due to lack of work," says Mr. Knight, "it is certainly exasperating to have demands made by the Bell Co. when they are laying down on the job."

Mr. Knight adds that it would have been far better for the executive force to have gotten to work and cut down the number of employes so that there would be no necessity for an increase.

Mr. Knight refused this afternoon to state upon what he had based his complaint. J. M. Repplier, publicity director of the Bell Co., said that, although the business office had been closed Good Friday, there was no basis for the report that a vacation had been declared.

Mr. Repplier said the offices and all departments were open as usual today and would be Monday.

Other Philadelphia protests came from Dr. William N. Bradley, 1725 Pine street; Charles B. Wright, 266 South Sixteenth street; Union Central Life Insurance Co.; George J. Campbell, 1213 Filbert street; Northwestern Consolidated Milling Co. and Charles Fleig.

Robert J. Berryman Co., Bourse Building, asks that its attorneys be heard before the increases are granted.

That notoriously poor service is being furnished by the Bell company, and that vast sums are being spent for propaganda to obtain higher rates are charges made by the North Philadelphia Business Men's Association.

"The poor service being rendered by the company to its subscribers is intentional, and not the result of mere circumstance," is the belief of the business men set forth in a statement issued today over the signature of Edward F. Ziegler, president.

Mr. Ziegler made public a petition against granting the proposed increases in rates.

ROB PHILA. MAN IN WEST

$8000 Gem Theft From W. E. Scull Believed Planned Here

According to a dispatch received from California, William E. Scull, vice president of the John C. Winston Publishing Co., was robbed of jewelry valued at $8000 in southern California, where he and his wife have been spending the winter.

Detectives believe that the robbery was planned in this city and that the thieves followed Mr. and Mrs. Scull to the coast. The jewelry was in a suitcase and was stolen from a train while Mr. and Mrs. Scull were on their way from San Diego to Los Angeles. Mr. Scull told the Los Angeles police authorities that he saw the suitcase put aboard the train at San Diego and that he has not seen it since.

FIGHTS RAIDERS WITH AX

Boxer Held on Charge of Having Drugs in Possession

Anthony Tierno, a pugilist, Catharine street, near Eighth, wielding an ax menacingly, fought off four detectives and a federal agent, before he was arrested in a raid on a house at Christian street, near Seventh, today.

Tierno, who is known in the ring as Young Dundee, was held in $2000 bail by United States Commissioner Manly later on the charge of having drugs in his possession. The bail was made heavy because Tierno was under bail on two other charges of selling dope. The detectives testified that they found drugs in the stove and on the floor where the fight occurred.

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POLICE TO AID CITY TO CLEAN UP FILTH

Cortelyou Will Assign 10 Plain Clothes Men in Street Investigation

IMPROVEMENT IS FORECAST

Director of Public Safety Cortelyou will assign ten plain clothes men to aid in bettering the filthy condition of certain South Philadelphia streets, Director of Public Health Furbush announced today following a conference with City Solicitor Smyth. Doctor Furbush conferred with the city solicitor to find out who was responsible for the permitting of rubbish to remain in the streets.

"Immediate action will be taken to remedy present conditions," Doctor Furbush said. "It is not time to stand idly by and allow disease-breeding filth to imperil the health of the community. Directors Winston and Cortelyou have given me every co-operation and I see hope of much improvement in the near future.

"Under the old administration, patrolmen were required to report filth in the streets. This they failed to do in many instances. Some of the rubbish which we saw on our recent inspection tour has been lying in the streets since last October.

"We will rid the streets of filth and call to account those who are responsible. Existing conditions are a disgrace to the city."

Doctor Furbush indicated that many of the methods used in army sanitation campaigns would be employed by the city to protect the health of the community exposed.

150 TO GO TO SAVE THRACE

Eleven Phila. Men in Party to Sail Monday for Greece

One hundred and fifty native Thracians, eleven of them residents of this city, will leave Monday for New York thence to sail to Greece to fight Bulgarian invaders.

According to Jean Kossarides, 615 North Seventeenth street, a student, who will be one of the party, they are interested in the cause of maintaining the independence of their country against the threatened rule of the Bulgarians. Representatives from this body have already protested to the United States Senate against President Wilson's proposal to give Thrace to the Bulgarians.

It is now the practice of Bulgarians, who are living in Thrace in great numbers, he said, to organize armed raids on the population compelling them to sign allegiance to Bulgarian under penalty of death.

Kossarides saw service overseas with the United States army, being wounded several times and is an American citizen. He says that every one of the 150 men going with him have seen service in the American army overseas.

EPISCOPAL DRIVE STIRS ENTHUSIASM

Nation-Wide Campaign Has Spurred Church to Maximum Efficiency, Declares Pepper

BISHOP GARLAND'S VIEWS

Exposition of the objects and results of the nation-wide campaign of the Episcopal Church is given in the Church News of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Bishop Suffragan Garland writes, in part:

"The nation-wide campaign gives to every rector and vestry an opportunity to present the facts to the people—the needs of the presiding bishop and council for the administration of the missionary work of the church at home and abroad—the needs of the diocese; for our missionary work, church extension and for our institutions.

"I do not claim or believe that the present is the ideal system, but it is a long step forward, and inasmuch as the general convention has adopted it as the present method in the church, we hope that all our people will loyally give it a sympathetic and zealous trial, and out of our joint efforts the ideal system will one day be evolved.

"In the meantime, it does seem to be a very simple plan to abandon for a while the apportionment system; present the facts individually to all members of the church; and then ask them what they are willing to give not only to the work in their own parish, but in the diocese, and for the national work of the church. Wherever this plan has been tried, and such a personal canvass made, the results have been most satisfactory."

George Wharton Pepper's views of the campaign are summarized as follows:

"Intelligent discussion of the nation-wide campaign in Pennsylvania must be preceded by a definite conception of what was the condition of the church in this jurisdiction before the campaign began.

"In my judgment, about 10 per cent of our parishes might have been wiped out without appreciable loss to Christianity; another 10 per cent were only enough alive to be saved by transfusion of blood through the process of consolidation; about 50 per cent were living far below their possibilities; and the Protestant Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania was making so little effective impact upon the life of the community as to be rated low in the list of forces that are tending to relieve human misery."

Mr. Pepper says the campaign has spurred the church toward its maximum efficiency.

HELD IN WIFE'S DEATH

Accused of Slaying Spouse and Attempting Suicide

James Stroup, twenty years old, 1537 South Marsden street, was held without bail by Magistrate Dougherty today to await the action of the coroner in the death of his young wife, Catherine, who died March 10 in the Polyclinic Hospital from gunshot wounds said to have been inflicted by Stroup.

According to the police, Stroup, in a fit of jealousy, shot his wife on February 3 at 1653 South Twenty-sixth street, and then turned the gun on himself. He only recovered from his own wound, which was in his head, a few days ago, and is not expected for a hearing until today.

Lefax Society Booms Parker

John Clinton Parker, described as the "holder of the highest medal of the Franklin Institute for additions to science," is being advanced by the Lefax Society for United States senator. Mr. Parker toured the city during the last mayoralty fight, holding open-air meetings from his auto truck, in behalf of his candidacy. The Lefax Society has sent out nomination petitions in his behalf.

What Is Your Condition?

You can improve it by joining a conditioning class for Business Men that will meet in our Gymnasium Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:30 o'clock for 10 weeks, beginning April 6. Full particulars on request.

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Chaplain Finds War Cross on Desk; Source Is Mystery

There is one man in the United States navy who cares no more for a Croix de Guerre with palm than a hobo cares for the income tax.

According to Captain C. H. Dickens, chaplain of the navy yard, such a person was at least once in his office, and he is waiting for him to return.

In 1917, when the chaplain entered his office one morning, he found a little flat, oblong box on his desk, which on examination proved to contain the decoration. There was no identification or name on the medal, and the chaplain inferred that it had been left in his care for safekeeping by some sailor who would return for it.

But it has not been claimed.

OPERA HOUSE TO BE SOLD

Metropolitan to Go on Block to Satisfy Mortgage

The Metropolitan Opera House, Broad and Poplar streets, is to be sold at public auction April 28 to satisfy a $400,000 mortgage on the building held by E. T. Stotesbury.

The sale will have no effect on the local grand opera situation, it was said today, as it merely is a matter of refinancing the institution. Charlton Yarnall, a director of the Metropolitan Opera Co. of Philadelphia and a member of the executive committee, issued the statement.

Few of the directors of the company knew of the proposed sale, and its announcement threw them into a flurry of excitement. The making public of the fact also came as a complete surprise to the Metropolitan Grand Opera Co. of New York, which, since the failure of the Philadelphia-Chicago Grand Opera Co. has been giving Philadelphia its sole season of grand opera.

BOXER HURT IN FALL

Francis Neary Suffers Concussion of Brain After Accident

Francis Neary, son of Daniel J. Neary, a member of the State Legislature from the Seventh ward, is in the Polyclinic Hospital in a serious condition, suffering from concussion of the brain as a result of a fall on a concrete floor during a friendly boxing match at St. Patrick's, a social club, on South Twenty-first street, last evening.

Neary, who is twenty years old, and lives at 2315 South street, was boxing for practice in preparation for a tournament to be held under the auspices of the Shanahan Catholic Club next week. He was boxing with John Sweeney, Twentieth and Bainbridge streets, when he stepped off the rug on which the bout was being fought, slipped and fell.

Neary is a basketball player and a member of a number of clubs, including the South Philadelphia Catholic Club.

CHASED FOURTEEN SQUARES

Speeder's License Sold, Along With His Suit

Major Gittleman, twenty-two years old, of Washington avenue near Sixty-first street, was arrested after midnight this morning by Patrolman Brady, after a chase of fourteen squares on Walnut street.

Patrolman Brady took the man, who, he said was making more than fifty miles an hour in his automobile, to the Thirty-seventh street and Lancaster avenue station.

The alleged speeder could not produce a license to drive. "I left it at home in another suit," he told the police.

His mother appeared when he was arraigned before Magistrate Harris this morning and said he had a license, but added she sold the suit in which he said he left it.

Gittleman was fined $12.50.

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ASK USE OF PARK FOR EVICTED FOLK

Forty-fourth Ward Tenants' Association Wants Commissioners to Permit Camping

HUNDREDS MAY BE OUSTED

The Forty-fourth Ward Tenants' Association today appealed to the Fairmount Park commissioners to allow evicted members of the association camping privileges in the Park near George's Hill.

The appeal was made following a special meeting of the board of directors of the association at the home of its president, Philip G. Lewis, 142 North Fifty-second street, last night.

According to Mr. Lewis, six families in the Forty-fourth ward face immediate eviction. They can find no homes, and the only possible means of housing them is in tents in the Park.

Sees No Other Solution

"There is no other solution to the problem," Mr. Lewis said. "In addition to the six families facing immediate dispossession, there are several hundred tenants who are subject to eviction at any time.

"The weather is warming now. The tent plan is the only one left for many. The government would furnish the tents. We will make a direct appeal to the President, on the grounds that every family has a right to a home.

"I have not been in touch with the members of the park commission and do not know what attitude they will take, but surely they will not deny the right of these homeless persons to live in the only place left for them.

"The situation in the Forty-fourth ward is becoming worse every day. The board of directors of our association, whose only purpose is to effect the best compromise possible between landlords and tenants, has met four nights this week."

Here Is the Letter

The letter of the tenants' association to the park commissioners is as follows:

"We hereby make application to your honorable body for a permit to use a plot of ground to be designated by you, in the vicinity of George's Hill, to be used for camping purposes by members of our association who are about to be forced out of their homes and are unable to find other quarters."

The letter is signed by Mr. Lewis, William O. Warner, secretary of the association, and Thomas E. Krupp, president of the board of directors.

T. DeWitt Cuyler, a member of the Fairmount Park Commission, when told of the tenant association's request, refused to comment.

"The matter will have to be given a very careful consideration before any decision can be reached," he said.

TRIED TO WRECK TRAIN

Railroad Detectives Investigate Placing of Ties on Tracks

Pennsylvania Railroad detectives are today investigating what is believed to have been an attempt to wreck a passenger train on the West Jersey and Seashore Railroad, one mile north of Haddonfield, N. J., last night.

Three ties were placed on the eastbound passenger track.

A southbound freight train, proceeding at a low rate of speed, smashed into the ties at 7:30 o'clock. Arrests are expected late this afternoon.

NBT

No Man Is Ever Asked To Take Pot Luck At Perry's

A hotel can regulate the time for serving meals, but it cannot regulate everybody into being hungry at the same time.

Same with a clothing business.

A store can regulate its stocks to suffice for a certain period, but it cannot stop a bunch of men from waiting till the eleventh hour to buy their Easter Clothes.

And this is just to remind you that even though you come to Perry's at the eleventh hour, you will get the benefit of full, replenished, up-to-the-minute suit and topcoat selections, and not be asked to take pot luck in a larder of languishing left-overs!

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