

20,000 EXPECTED IN LEGION PARADE

Hosts Gather in Cleveland Preparing for Three Days' Convention Session

WILSON SENDS MESSAGE

By the Associated Press
Cleveland, O., Sept. 24.—Indications today were that the largest crowd that ever paraded Cleveland will be here for the parade of the American Legion, which will be held Monday afternoon, the opening day of the three-day convention. Requests are being received from all parts of the state for reserved seats along the line of march.

President Wilson, through the Legation in Cuyahoga county, sent a message of greeting to the American Legion. He congratulated the members of the Legion on the ideals exemplified by their service during the war and by their efforts since the war as an organization devoted to public welfare.

"Years are now beginning to separate us from the day of trial and deeds of valor which marked America's participation in the world war. As the number of years increases, the things you did in foreign fields will be seen in clearer perspective, and your heroic quality will be more and more apparent.

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of co-operation shown by all Americans during the war, the American Legion has happily expressed the determination to remain free from party politics.

FINDS HOME LIKE SHORE

Dr. Stricker Goes Needed Boat to Get From Room to Room

When Dr. Stricker Coles and his family returned from their summer vacation at Jamestown, R. I., yesterday, they found their town house at 2103 Walnut street no longer resembled a home, but rather, an aquarium. There was water everywhere, as yet, but there was plenty of water.

Defective plumbing in the bathroom had allowed the water to leak, and since May the house had steadily been soaking it up. Wall paper hung in great sheets from walls and ceilings. Three inches of water covered the first floor, where the closed doors had swelled and jammed the floor. In the hall a massive walnut stand had fallen completely apart, the mirror being left balanced against the wall. The hardwood floors were warped into ridges and hollows, and much of the wainscoting had fallen from the walls. The damage will be \$2000.

FIRE IS INVESTIGATED

Blaze at Coat-Making Shop Is Under Scrutiny by Officials

Efforts are being made today to determine the cause of a fire that started last night at 11:30 o'clock on the third floor of the building at 11 and 13 North Fifth street.

The coat-manufacturing establishment of Joseph H. Gross occupies the third floor. The fire started in the center of the floor, according to firemen, and rapidly spread. The damage is not known.

Deaths of a Day

CHESTER P. RAY

Was Prominent in Business and Once Owned Share in "Phillies"

Chester P. Ray, president of the Brilliant Sign Co., and prominent in business and fraternal circles in this city, died yesterday at St. Joseph's Hospital from a complication of diseases. He had been in ill-health some time, and his condition became grave last Monday when he was ordered to the hospital. He grew rapidly worse and died yesterday at 3:45 p. m.

Mr. Ray is survived by a widow and two sons, Chester P. Ray, Jr., and Lee M. Ray, both of whom were connected with their father's firm. He was fifty-five years old at the time of his death, coming to this city thirty years ago.

He made rapid strides in business and when the American Legion was organized, he was one of the founders. He severed his connection with the Phillies, though, two years or more ago.

Mr. Ray formerly made his home at the Bellevue-Stratford in this city, but several years ago moved to New York City, where he was engaged in business for his winter home, while he passed the summer months at Atlantic City.

Leon Abbot Thompson
Leon Abbot Thompson, thirty years old, son of the late William J. Thompson, one-time Democratic leader of South Jersey, and who resided with his mother, Mrs. Sarah A. Thompson, 302 North Broad street, Gloucester City, N. J., died yesterday at Sarnac Lake, N. Y.

Mr. Thompson had been passing the summer of the year with his bride of four months, who was Miss Mae Mullin, of Gloucester.

Mr. Thompson was born in Gloucester, N. J., and attended his father's Orange, N. J., and assisted his father in the operation of Washington Park. He was drafted and sent to France with the United States engineer corps during the war. Four months ago he married Miss Mullin.

The body was brought to his mother's home yesterday afternoon. Mr. Thompson was a member of Gloucester Post of the American Legion, and that organization will probably have charge of the funeral.

Funeral of H. A. Truitt
Funeral services will be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock for Henry Truitt, former knit-goods manufacturer, who died at his home, 4713 Hazel avenue, Wednesday evening.

Mr. Truitt was an active member of Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church, where for years he served as choir leader. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and affiliated with Pennsylvania Lodge 350. He is survived by a widow, a daughter, Mrs. Aaron N. Truitt, and a granddaughter, Mrs. Frederic T. Chandler, Jr.

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MISS KATIE JONES AND "BABY"



Miss Katie Jones, of 422 South Twelfth street, and Abraham Weiner, of 412 South Twelfth street, both claimed ownership of "Baby," a champion rat catcher. Magistrate Carson had both call to the cat and then waited to see which way the cat would jump. "Baby's" address, at all times, is now 422 South Twelfth street.



NO MARKS OF VIOLENCE ON BODY OF CAPITALIST

Mystery Veils Demise of Los Angeles Man Found Dead in Sealed Room—Police Search for Three Women

By the Associated Press
Los Angeles, Sept. 24.—A preliminary post-mortem examination of the body of Jacob Charles Denton, a capitalist, found buried in a sealed room in the cellar of his home, having disclosed no marks of violence, detectives searched today for evidence as to how the wealthy mining promoter came to his death.

Officers previously had expressed the belief that Denton had been shot or stabbed. The shooting theory was favored because a revolver, fully loaded, but with one cartridge of a wrong caliber, had been found in a room which Denton had reserved for his own use. Stories by Los Angeles friends as to when Denton was last seen differed as to the date. Some placed it at June 2, while others named August 19 as the time he dropped from sight.

Justice Russ Avery, of the Los Angeles Superior Court, friend and attorney of the dead man, made public portions of a recent will drawn by Denton. This document disposed of the bulk of his property to Frances Denton, daughter of his first and divorced wife, now going to school in Phoenix, Ariz.

He also wrote Judge Avery: "If anything should happen to me, or in case of death, which must sometime happen to all of us, I hereby appoint you my attorney in fact, and together with Joel Denton, Lawson, Mo., the administrator of my estate."

Joel Denton is a brother of the dead man, the police said. Letters drawing attention to three women, for whom the police are searching, were found within a few hours of the time the body was discovered. Physicians said the action of quicklime buried with the body had "made

determination of the time of death largely guess work. In the room there was a Bible which bore a record of two marriages to which Mr. Denton had been a party. According to it, his second wife and an infant child had died, and he had divorced his first wife.

Little was known of the dead man. Police learned he had been in business here as a mining promoter, and was forty-six years old.

CAP EXPLODES; TWO HURT
Children Near Death From Playing With Signal Torpedo

Explosion of a railroad signal cap with which he was playing yesterday resulted in probable fatal injury of Michael Knowski, six years old, and his twenty-month-old sister, Poranci, 2233 Fairmount avenue.

Michael is said to have picked up the cap while walking on the railroad near his home. He brought it to his back yard, and his parents say attempted to open the cap with a penknife, causing the explosion.

Truck Strikes Woman's Auto
Swarthmore, Pa., Sept. 24.—While driving up Chester road in Swarthmore yesterday the car of Mrs. Herbert P. Onyx, of 293 Kenyon avenue, was struck by a heavy truck operated for the W. E. Evans Construction Co. Mrs. Onyx was not seriously hurt.

Many months will be required before final determination of P. R. T. valuation. Meanwhile P. R. T. must have more money now—immediately—to pay its wages and the interest on its bonds and to provide better service for its combine winter. —Adv.

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RENTAL DISPUTES TO BE HEARD TODAY

Fifteen Cases Scheduled for First Session of Sheriff's Adjustment Committee

MANY TENANTS COMPLAIN

Fifteen cases involving disputes between tenants and landlords will come before the newly organized housing adjustment committee at its initial meeting this afternoon in the sheriff's office. Although the nature of the cases has not been divulged in advance of the meeting, it is understood that in the majority of them tenants are the complainants.

The committee will hear whatever testimony that is presented in support of either side of each case, and in each will undertake to recommend an equitable settlement to the disputants. Sheriff Lamberton has announced that the meetings of the committee, for the formation of which he is principally responsible, will be entirely informal.

One of the cases to be presented to the housing adjustment committee will be by the Bureau of Legal Aid, according to an announcement by Romain C. Hassrick, acting chief of the bureau. Thirty per cent of the business of the bureau at the present time consists of landlord and tenant cases. In at least seven out of ten of the landlord and tenant cases amicable adjustments are being made through the bureau of legal aid. As to the other cases, the bureau proposes to place the facts before the housing adjustment committee in an effort to effect an adjustment. The committee, therefore, will serve as a sort of court of appeal for landlord and tenant cases, in which all efforts have failed to effect a settlement of the difficulties existing between the lessor and lessee.

One of the evils which has manifested itself in the flood of landlord and tenant cases in the bureau of legal aid has been the tendency on the part of a certain class of property owners and agents to enter into agreements of sale, and then fail to carry these agreements into effect. Cases growing out of that kind of a transaction are reaching the bureau of legal aid daily. The bureau proposes to place the facts before the housing adjustment committee, particularly where it appears that the agreement was not entered into in good faith in the first instance, and there is an apparent effort to take unfair advantage of prospective purchasers.

SCHOOL LOAN IS FLOATED

Citizens' Committee Gets Banks to Complete Subscriptions

The \$1,000,000 school loan has been subscribed, according to the announcement by the Board of Education. The public took \$480,000 of the bonds, and the remainder was subscribed through the efforts of the citizens' committee. According to George Wharton Pepper, acting chairman of the committee, the banks that took up the balance at considerable inconvenience to themselves, owing to the short notice, were the Western Saving Fund, Commercial Trust Co., Drexel & Co., and Trust Co. and Philadelphia Saving Fund. The financing of this loan is expected to aid in the teacher salary rise situation.

School Doctors Promoted

Dr. R. H. W. McKeldin, of 5342 Catharine street, and Dr. Walter M. Miller, of 510 Spruce street, have been advanced from assistant school medical inspectors at \$875 a year to supervising school medical inspectors at \$1650 a year. Dr. Joseph P. Burns, of 5233 Chester avenue, has been provisionally appointed assistant school medical inspector at \$875 a year.

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TWO HELD FOR ROBBERY

Herman Wagner is Identified by Victim of Hold-Up Men

Herman Wagner, twenty years old, of Bethayres, and James Still, sixteen, of 2212 Auburn street, were held without bail by Magistrate Price today, and Grover Aldrich, twenty-eight, of 1708 North Darden street, and Charles Jackson were held in \$5000 bail for a further hearing.

Wagner was identified as one of the four men who held up and robbed W. A. Trotter, Washington and M. C. Grady, of Oak Lane, at Tenth street and Oak Lane, Friday night. The robbery obtained \$145 from Trotter and \$100 and a watch and chain from Grady.

All four were arrested at a room occupied by Wagner at 2740 Frankford avenue. Several silk shirts found in the room were identified as part of the loot obtained in the robbery of a store at 4238 Germantown avenue, September 16.

James Devaney, of 825 East Woodlawn avenue, testified at the hearing that Wagner met him at Chelton avenue and Chew street the morning after the Oak Lane robbery and fired several shots at him.

Devaney testified against Wagner several months ago at Norristown when Wagner was arraigned charged with larceny.

LEAVE TO VISIT HARDING

Traveling Men Start Today on Trip to Senators' Home

Under the leadership of John F. Auer, chairman of the Philadelphia division of the Harding-Coolidge Traveling Men's League, a delegation of men and women will leave this afternoon on a special train for Marion, O. The train leaves Broad Street Station at 3:30 o'clock and is due at Marion at 7:30 in the morning.

Traveling men from all parts of the country will be at Marion and are expected to provide the largest audience of the front-porch campaign.

GIRL KILLED BY TROLLEY

Child Crushed Before Motorman Could Apply Brakes

Running across Fifth street at Mantion last night, Mary Thomas, three years old, of 440 Mantion street, was struck by trolley car and almost instantly killed.

The motorman of the north-bound Fifth street car was unable to stop it in time to prevent the child being crushed to death. A passing automobile carried her to the Pennsylvania Hospital. The body was later removed to the home.

The crew of the trolley car was detained by the police of the Seventh and Carpenter streets station for a hearing this morning.

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CITY-RUN TRANSIT OPPOSITION BEGUN

United Business Men Demand Views of Candidates on Proposed Amendment

FIVE-CENT FARE IS HIT

The attitude of every candidate for the House and Senate of Pennsylvania regarding an amendment passed by the last Legislature, permitting the city to enter the street railway business, is being sought by the United Business Men's Association.

A letter to every legislative candidate asking his views on this amendment was sent out today by George J. Campbell, secretary of the organization. The amendment in question would permit the city to acquire by contract or condemnation any street railway franchise, and its concluding paragraph makes it applicable only to Philadelphia.

The step to place every candidate on record is the result of action taken at a meeting of the association last night. Several members representing organizations in all sections of the city pointed out that this enabling amendment would have the way toward dragging the city into the transit business and possibly cause the city to inherit some of the financial burdens, including underlying rentals of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co.

A resolution was adopted in which the organization declared that it would oppose the election of any legislative candidate who favored this amendment.

C. Oscar Beasley, counsel for the organization, said today that a similar enabling amendment was passed by the Legislature before the 1917 agreement was enacted. He called attention to the fact that this amendment had passed one section of the Legislature and would come up again for action at the coming session in 1921.

Mr. Beasley warned those present that, should it be passed by the next session, it could be voted on by the Legislature before the 1917 agreement was enacted. He called attention to the fact that this amendment had passed one section of the Legislature and would come up again for action at the coming session in 1921.

E. Clinton Rhoads, a lawyer, who was among those who addressed the business men, pointed out that City Solicitor Smyth was formerly legal representative of the P. R. T. He suggested that Mr. Smyth ask for outside counsel in preparation of the case.

Mr. Rhoads said among other things: "The question now before us is whether or not we should retain the

five-cent fare. If we are entitled to it we should have it, and if we are not we do not deserve it. The whole trouble, of course, is the underlying rentals. If those rentals did not have to be paid we would have a four-cent fare instead of the present rate."

The straight five-cent fare was approved by the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce at a special session yesterday afternoon.

J. B. Hastings
Cape May, N. J., Sept. 24.—J. B. Hastings, principal of the West Cape May Public School, died this morning. Professor Hastings was born in Bovina Centre, N. Y., fifty-nine years ago. He was principal of the West Cape May school for several years, but last year did not return. This year the board of education induced him to return.

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