

"INSURANCE ROW" IN DANGER OF FIRE

Independence Square Buildings Also Threatened in \$25,000 Blaze at 420 Sanson St.

THREE FIREMEN INJURED

Fire which did about \$25,000 damage to the printing establishment of George H. Buchanan, 420 Sanson street, during the night threatened the city's insurance center, the United States Customs House and other structures.

One of the buildings menaced was the Philadelphia Dispensary, 120 South Fifth street, said to have been built in 1786 by Benjamin Franklin. Firemen kept a close guard on the Independence Hall group, about 100 yards away, but the group was not endangered.

Three firemen were injured slightly. Adolph Reyes, Engine Company No. 11, and his foot crushed. Terry Stanton, Engine Company No. 32, suffered cuts of his left hand, and Walter Cavanaugh, Engine Company No. 21, also had his left hand cut.

Reserve Patrolman O'Toole discovered the fire shortly before 12 o'clock, his attention being attracted by a thick cloud of smoke whirling out of Sanson street in the direction of Independence Hall.

The first engines to arrive were hampered in their work by inadequate water pressure, and a second and third alarm were sent in, calling all the city's high pressure apparatus to the scene.

The fire began in the third floor of the six-story brick printing building. Most of the damage was confined to the third, fourth, fifth and sixth floors. Segal Bros., clothing manufacturers, occupy the fifth floor.

Flames spread to the Jefferson Insurance Building, on Walnut street in the rear of the building, but were soon extinguished.

"Insurance Row," on Walnut street, is separated from the Buchanan building by a narrow alley. The firemen made the alleyway a virtual wall of water to keep the flames from spreading.

The Philadelphia News Bureau Building, Fifth and Sanson streets, was threatened about 1 o'clock, but firemen succeeded in keeping the flames from lighting it.

The roof of the Philadelphia Dispensary was one of the vantage points from which firemen fought the flames. Others stood on the rear steps of the customs building.

When word was flashed around the city's center that the fire was in the vicinity of Independence Square, great crowds collected there. From the square a fine view of the fire was had.

The blaze was gotten under control about 2 o'clock. The origin is not known. Most of the damage was due to stock burning, little harm being done to the machinery.

BOY SCOUTS TO DINE
Troop Six Will Have Annual Celebration Tonight

As an appreciation of ten years of faithful service of Troop 6, Boy Scouts of America, the present and former members of the troop will be tendered a banquet at their tenth anniversary celebration tonight by the congregation of the West Hope Presbyterian Church, with which the troop is connected.

SWARTHMORE FRESHMEN WIN IN ELECTION FRACAS

Class Choses President Despite Efforts of Sophomores to Break Up Balloting in Midnight Battle on Campus

The Swarthmore College freshman class elected its new president early today. That important event was accomplished under difficulties which threatened up to the last minute to cause the entering class to go presidentless for some time to come.

There is a rule at Swarthmore College which compels the freshman class to elect its president by stealth or under guard because members of the sophomore class are given the privilege of attempting to prevent the voting.

Last night was the very last occasion on which the election could take place. Likewise, it was the twelfth time that the first-year men had tried to cast their ballots. On each of the other occasions, the "soph" had dispersed the gathering much to the detriment of their own clothes and those of the freshmen.

As midnight approached, various shadows stole from dark doorways and congregated in the blackest corner of the campus. Ghostly voices trickled out of the gloom. The class was balloting for its chief executive.

Suddenly there came a warning cry from watchful outposts and a vengeful battle-cry from the lips of approaching "sophes." In a moment the battle was on. In the meantime, protected by its cordon of warriors, the class continued to ballot. Fair Swarthmore candidates, undaunted by the turmoil, cast their votes, while the male portion of the class managed to vote and fight at about the same time.

Finally, and before the enemy could break through, the required number of votes were received by one man—Harry J. Sheppard, of Bridgeton, N. J. The newly elected president's position was precarious to say the least, but his followers were loyal. They procured the nearest available vehicle, which happened to be a hand fire engine, and boosted Sheppard up on top of it.

Then, despite the efforts of the "sophes," the first-year men and women paraded the campus with their new president heading the procession, proud and undaunted despite their dinky car, which the men wore and the two inch yellow bands which the girls are compelled to have wound around their heads.

Members of the committee, whose report is unanimous, include besides Mr. Boyd, A. G. Haws, D. T. McKenna, W. J. Haggerty and J. S. Meade. The report concludes:

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DRYS HIT HARDING AND COX
See No Difference in Their Attitude Toward Liquor

Chicago, Sept. 28.—(By A. P.)—The Prohibition party sees no difference in the records and attitude of Senator Harding and Governor Cox on the liquor question. Mrs. Margaret Wintringer, director of the women's campaign of the Prohibition party, announced yesterday.

"While Mr. Harding is overworking his senatorial temperance record, which is two dry votes against thirty for wet measures," she said, "Mr. Cox is using the Sunday closing of saloons in one lone city as a smoke screen to dispute the fact that at the same time saloons were running wide open on Sunday in other cities of the state."

"Mr. Harding voted for the prohibition amendment, but he made a speech at the same time saying that he did not believe in prohibition, and it was he who introduced, for the wetts, riders which provided that the amendment must be ratified within six years, a measure which the wets then hoped would defeat ratification."

ENGLISH CONDEMN IRISH REPRISALS

Newspapers of All Shades of Opinion, Deplore "Black and Tan" Outrages

M'SWINEY IS WEAKER

London, Sept. 28.—Serious anxiety over the recurrence of the "Black and Tan" reprisals in Ireland is reflected by English newspapers, which sharply call for the government to halt what is described by the London Times as "semiofficial Lynch law." Earlier occurrences in Ireland passed without much notice here, but recent raids, especially those on Balbriggan and Trim, and the lukewarm criticism of the "Black and Tan" police by General Cecil F. Nevill Maconerdy military commander of Ireland, are causing considerable disquietude.

Condemnation of recent disorders is not confined to newspapers which are avowedly sympathizers with the Irish National movement, the Conservative Graphic, which is an unpartisan critic of the Sinn Feiners, declaring: "This is not calm and orderly justice and punishment according to British ideas. It must be stopped."

Charges that the government is following the methods of its opponents are made by the Times, which continues: "Presumably there is a hope that Ireland will be ground to docility between the upper and nether millstones. The government should be warned of the danger."

These are only samples of the sort of criticism appearing in the press of various shades of opinion. The archbishop of Canterbury has issued an appeal to Christians to make "national troubles the subject of prayer."

"Endeavors on either side in Ireland," he declared, "have been thwarted by prejudice, inflamed by passion, flouted or powerless, and liberty trampled; while capable men are striving eagerly but vainly to find a reasonable pathway through the darkening turmoil."

The standing committee of the Irish peace conference has adopted a resolution recording its conviction that the reprisals "constitute an almost insuperable barrier to the success of the committee efforts in the cause of peace."

Terence MacSwiney, lord mayor of Cork, passed a better night last night, and was, in consequence, a little more refreshed this morning, said a bulletin issued by the Irish Self-Determination League. He is very weak and exhausted, however, and in great pain. This is the forty-seventh day of the lord mayor's hunger strike.

In his report to the Home Office, the physician at Bristol prison said: "He is slightly thinner, but otherwise there is no marked change from yesterday. The prisoner is unquestionably growing weaker daily."

JAIL TERM FOR SLAYER
Man Convicted of Jitney Driver's Murder Sent to Penitentiary

Media, Pa., Sept. 28.—"Red" Jerome H. Hwame, of Atlanta, Ga., who was one of the three men convicted for the murder of Vincent Popiel, a Chester Jitney driver, in the fall of 1919, was sentenced this morning by Judge Johnson to serve from eight to twelve years in the Eastern Penitentiary.

Whitney Morris, who was convicted of the same crime, was sentenced to death some months ago. He has appealed to the Supreme Court for a new trial. The third man accused was William Biddle. He was acquitted last June.

FIRE STIRS MOORESTOWN
Spectacular Blaze Destroys Barn on Outskirts of Town

Two-thirds of Moorestown hastened on foot and by motor last night to a spectacular fire which destroyed a big barn on the farm of Harold Collins, on the outskirts of the town.

The barn, built of frame and stocked with hay, went up with a blaze which lighted the country for miles. One horse and three mules were burned to death.

LOVE HITS ANOTHER SNAG

Duffells Again Separated and 'Want-Ad' Bride Wants Warrant

Joseph Duffell, Gloucester shipyard worker, who advertised in the newspapers four months ago for a wife and got her, said today he is through. He fled from the home of his mother-in-law, at 318 South Third street, and went to his own house at 411 Somerset street.

Then he went back for his clothes, and he says his bride chased him away again. So in despair he appealed to Patrolman Snuffin. Snuffin took him back to his wife's house and got his clothes. Active hostilities then ceased and both parties settled down to the job of issuing statements to the press.

"I simply cannot stand it any longer," he said. "My wife has three children by a former marriage, and I hear her first husband is still living and working in a mill hereabouts. And she demands that I support the kids anyhow."

After Duffell had gone Mrs. Duffell, with whom he had been reconciled only a week ago, went to Justice of the Peace Kirby and demanded a warrant for her husband, charging desertion and non-support. Hubby had been gone about half an hour only.

Squire Kirby thought it all over and referred her to Prosecutor Wolvorton, at Camden. Mrs. Duffell demands that her husband return and support her and the children. Duffell stands upon what he considers his rights and says he will refuse unless she comes to his own home, which he has provided for her. Meanwhile, Mrs. Duffell has gone to Camden, presumably to get that warrant.

U. OF P. FRESHMEN PARADE
First Year Men Wear Pajamas to Weightman Hall Meeting

Freshmen clad in pajamas enjoyed the campus of the University of Pennsylvania last night. Several hundred of them attended an all-University meeting in Weightman Hall, to which they paraded wearing pajamas over their street clothes. Campus activities and the duties of a freshman were themes at the rally.

Among the speakers were John C. Tolmose, senior president; Coach Heikman and Captain "Bud" Hopper, of the football team; Earl Eby, captain and Olympic athlete, and Philip M. Adler, representing University publications.

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M. Y. BOWS ITS HEAD AT SCHIFF FUNERAL

Statesmen and Financiers Join With East Side in Mourning

New York, Sept. 28.—New York bowed its head today in memory of Jacob H. Schiff, financier and philanthropist, who died here last Saturday. Thousands vainly sought admission to the simple funeral services this forenoon at the Temple Emanu-El, Forty-third street and Fifth avenue—the congregation of which Mr. Schiff had been a member for half a century.

Instead of strict adherence to the impressive Jewish ritual for the dead, a special order of service was arranged by the officiating clergymen—Rabbi Joseph Silverman and Samuel Schulman. Mr. Schiff left a written request that no eulogy be delivered.

Many courts throughout the city adjourned for the day. Governor Alfred E. Smith came here from Albany to attend the services. Men prominent in financial America were among those invited to the synagogue. Flares on some of the great banking houses in the financial district were at half-mast.

Down on the crowded, air-stricken East Side, in the district which Mr. Schiff had so often extended his generous philanthropy, business was suspended. Even the peddlers' pushcarts were covered. Thousands of somber mourning placards appeared over the entrances to tenement houses and in the windows of shops, settlements, hospitals and orphanages.

Members of numerous Jewish fraternal and other societies, who were unable to attend the services owing to the limited seating capacity of the temple, planned to stand silently on both sides of Fifth avenue, from Mr. Schiff's residence to the synagogue, during the hours of the service.

ARMOUR & CO. INDICTED

Accused of Profiteering in Lamb by Boston Grand Jury

Boston, Sept. 28.—Armour & Co., meat packers, were indicted for profiteering in lamb in the report of the federal grand jury which investigated food costs here last June, it became known when the company, through counsel, filed a plea of not guilty in the Federal Court. Counsel asked for ten days within which to withdraw the plea and file a demurrer, and the request was granted.

The grand jury also indicted N. E. Hollis & Co. and E. C. Swift Co. for profiteering in beef or lamb, but the Swift Beef Co. answered these indictments with plea in abatement asserting that the names were trade names only and that the business represented by the names was conducted by the Swift Beef Co. It was agreed that a hearing should be had on the pleas.

LABOR MEN SEEK HARMONY
Building Trades Propose Tribunal to Chamber of Commerce

A special committee of the Council of the Associated Building Trades (American Federation of Labor), of this city, with D. Knickerbocker Boyd as chairman, submitted yesterday to the industrial relations committee of the Chamber of Commerce of Philadelphia a statement of a program which the labor body favors for the promotion of harmony and co-operation of employers and employees of the building trades.

Members of the committee, whose report is unanimous, include besides Mr. Boyd, A. G. Haws, D. T. McKenna, W. J. Haggerty and J. S. Meade. The report concludes:

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