

### BODY FAILS TO PICK NEW SCHOOL CHIEF

Matter of Selection Now Put Off Until December—Eight Votes Needed

HERRICK LEADS WILSON

Philadelphia's public schools will be without a superintendent until the December meeting of the Board of Education.

There was a deadlock on the majority and minority reports on the special committee which was to have recommended the election yesterday of a superintendent to succeed Dr. John P. Gisher.

The majority report recommended the election of Dr. H. B. Wilson, of Berkeley, Calif., and the minority Dr. Clarence A. Herrick, president of Girard College.

Dr. George Wheeler, associate superintendent and acting superintendent since the resignation of Dr. Gisher, will receive \$9000 a year, a superintendent's salary at present. The salary of the new superintendent will be \$12,000.

Simon Gratz was re-elected president of the board as the meeting was called for organization under the laws of the state. Other officers also were re-elected without opposition.

The salary schedule which is to be laid before the State Legislature by Dr. Thomas E. Finegan, state superintendent of instruction, was adopted in its entirety. It contains changes made at the request of the board which, it is expected, will meet the demands of all classes of teachers.

A permanent loan of \$300,000 at 5 per cent was authorized for building purposes. It will be bought with money in the school board sinking fund.

Former Judge Dinner Beeber, chairman of the special committee, presented the majority report recommending Dr. Wilson, for the superintendency. As soon as he finished William Rowen, vice president of the board, presented the minority report favoring Dr. Clarence A. Herrick, president of Girard College, or possibly Dr. Payson Smith, commissioner of education of Massachusetts.

Messrs. Beeber, Catharine, Edmunds, Smedley and Stoddard and Mrs. Lingelbach. Those voting for Dr. Herrick were Messrs. Gratz, Lane, Harrington, Rowen, Shalross and Boyle and Dr. Ma.

John Wannamaker was not present at the meeting, but it would have made no difference as he was known to have favored Dr. Wilson. Walter George Smith was the other absentee. He is in Europe.

The result of a second ballot was practically the same as the first, except that Mr. Edmunds refused to record a vote. An effort to induce the committee to change its report failed.

Property Inventories Filed

Inventories of personal property were filed in the estates of Reuben Haines, \$338,875.20; Ida Simon, \$7250.82; Earl M. Coppenhaver, \$17,208.77; Edward H. Kuhl, \$107,806.98; Susanna C. Michael, \$21,623.61; and Jacob Mees, \$54,722.34. Letters of administration were granted in the estate of James Barnett, \$5754.

### JAIL FOR SALOONMAN

John H. Nesby Gets Three Months and Fine for Liquor Violation

John H. Nesby, proprietor of a saloon at Eighth and Noble streets, was today sentenced to three months' imprisonment in the Mercer county jail at Trenton, and was fined \$500 for violation of the Volstead act.

Sentence was imposed by Judge Thompson in the United States District Court.

Nesby has been convicted of the illegal sale of whisky, maintaining a nuisance and having unlawful possession of intoxicating liquors.

Sentence had been deferred because Nesby had been receiving medical attention for an infection of the leg, following an automobile accident.

George W. Schott, proprietor of a saloon at Twelfth and Filbert streets and his bartender, John Walsh, of Tenth and Howe streets, will be sentenced tomorrow.

### SAILORS IN PERIL AS FLAMES RAGE

Crew Battles Bravely to Save Freighter Here After Watchman Discovers Fire

The crew of the American freighter Lake George were routed from their bunks at 2 o'clock this morning by fire which attacked the vessel in the forward hold and for a time threatened destruction of the ship.

The fire had burned for more than an hour while the men slept in the after-hold, and when it was discovered at 2 o'clock by a watchman of the United States shipping board smoke had filled

the hold and threatened to overcome the sleeping sailors.

The Lake George is docked at Pier 27, at the foot of Noble street. She docked November 1 and unloaded a cargo of wood pulp from Finland.

The night watchman, reaching the forward end of the ship, noticed that the steel deck was unusually warm.

He then detected the odor of smoke. Going to the hatch over the forward deck, he lifted the cover. Smoke and flames belched out, driving him to the rail. He closed the hatch cover with difficulty and then aroused James Alostius, the first mate, asleep in the cabin.

With difficulty, the first mate and watchman groped their way through the smoke in the hold to the bunks where the men were sleeping.

The watchman then left the vessel and sounded a fire alarm while the crew manned the pumps.

For more than half an hour the seamen battled to save their vessel. The smoke drove them back from the hatch, which was the only means of reaching the flames.

The forward hold was finally flooded with water, and the fire extinguished after it had damaged the walls and top of hold No. 1.

An investigation has been started to determine the cause of the fire. Captain Larson, commander of the vessel, was ashore at the time.

The Lake George was built on the Great Lakes, four years ago, for the shipping board. She is 200 feet long, 40 feet in beam, and is capable of ten knots an hour. Officers of the ship would not estimate the amount of damage.

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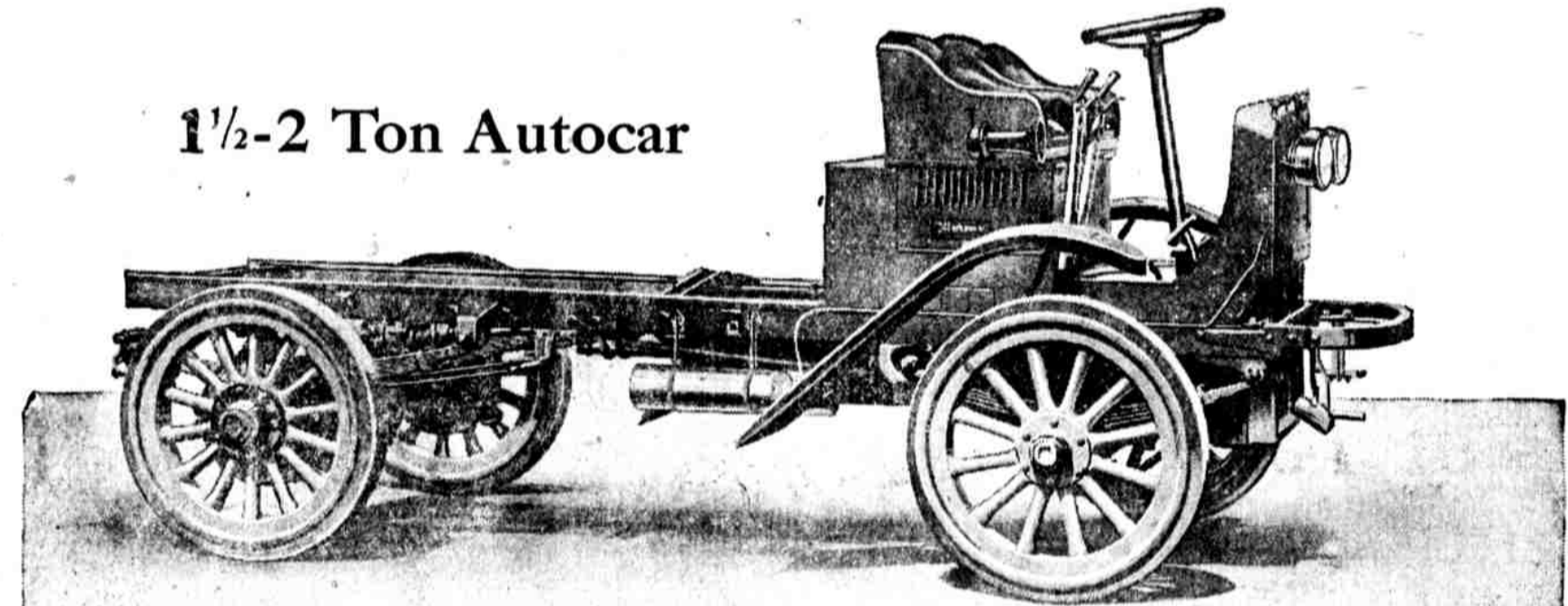
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