

# TAX BOARD BRINGS TO BRINES' DREWES MADDER

## Tax Board Chairman Blames Mayor and Council for Burdensome Increase in Assessments

### WITNESS THINKS HE SAW STUDENTS ON NIGHT OF CRIME

### Brown Auto, With Two Youths and Woman, Stopped in Oak Lane for Gas

### ONE MAN WAS MISSING WHEN CAR PASSED AGAIN

William Coverdale, night manager of a garage in Oak Lane, saw two young men he believes were Elmer C. Drewes and William P. Brines, with a young woman, in a touring car on the night Drewes was murdered.

The car was driven up to the Oak Lane road garage, at Thirtieth street and Oak Lane, at 10 o'clock the night of Saturday, October 16, for gasoline.

Two hours later it was driven at a furious pace past the same garage, and again seen by Coverdale. This time the young woman was still in the machine, but there was only one man, and he was Brines, Coverdale believes.

Coverdale will be taken to Moyamensing prison, where Brines is being held for the murder of Drewes.

### Will Look at Brines

The garage man has been shown pictures of both Brines and Drewes, but cannot be positive of his identification. He believes he will know the man who drove the car if he sees him again.

Coverdale lives at 430 Winona street, Germantown. He is a negro, middle-aged and known to most residents of the section where he has worked for many prominent families, and is generally respected.

He is positive in his description of the car, which was of the same make and color as that owned by Brines, and believed by the police to have been used in the Drewes murder.

Drewes' Dickerson and Kelly, of the district attorney's force, have seen and questioned Coverdale. They would not reveal where they were when they saw the car. They went to the garage on Tuesday afternoon and, after questioning him, told him they would send for him to accompany them to Moyamensing prison.

### Man in Car

According to Coverdale's story, he was in the garage the Saturday night of the murder when the brown touring car swung into the runway leading to the gas tank and stopped.

A young man with a waxed mustache sat at the wheel. A well-dressed young woman sat beside him in the front seat. Coverdale could not describe her, except that she was wearing a dark coat and a large hat, the brim of which hid her face.

In the rear of the car sat another youth, who answered the description of Brines. He had read no many stories of Coverdale, and looked like "a college boy."

The man at the wheel called Coverdale to the gas tank, and ordered, "And make it snappy," he ordered.

He offered a \$5 bill in payment. Coverdale could not make the change. "This is a helluva price," the driver said, "but I can't even change a little bit now."

The man at the rear of the car, who he kept silent before, now broke in. "What's the amount?" he asked. "I have enough to pay for the gas."

The three gallons came to \$1.02. Between the driver and his passenger they made up the amount. Then the machine was driven away.

### Watched Car Dash Past

Two hours later Coverdale went to the end of the runway to get a smoke, standing at the edge of the sidewalk. He heard the roar of an approaching motor. He had read no many stories of how to hold up men using motorcars that the noise of the oncoming car aroused more than ordinary interest. He looked at it closely as it passed.

He is certain, he said, that it was the same brown touring car which had stopped for gas two hours earlier. The man who had driven the car up the runway was still beside him. But the rear seat, so far as he could see, was empty.

"They were sure going like blazes," said Coverdale. "I thought something must be wrong, or they wouldn't be going so fast."

Coverdale wants to see Brines face to face, because he believes he can identify the man who drove the car which passed the garage "by his bearing." He was shown a photograph of Brines. He studied it carefully and said: "That does look something like him. I can't be positive, though, as I saw the picture. I would know if I saw the man in person. I am certain I would know him again."

### Were Strangers in Oak Lane

Coverdale is positive the occupants of the car were strangers in Oak Lane. "I've lived here forty years," he said, "and I know everybody in this neighborhood. I don't know Brines, but I know some relatives of his years ago, and I am sure he wasn't guilty of murder."

The garage man said he did not believe the car could have gone a great distance after its first visit to the garage.

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Last night for the entertainment of guests the famous First Division, now stationed at Camp Dix, reproduced the battle of "Marne Hill." The chemical warfare service made the night as light as day. General Pershing was one of the distinguished visitors.

### ARMISTICE DAY IS MARKED HERE

### Whistles Blow, Bells Ring and Veterans Parade in Recalling End of War

### Observance in Courts

With church bells tolling and the whistles of factories and river craft blowing, and flags flying everywhere, Philadelphia today celebrated the second recurring Armistice Day, at 11 o'clock, the hour when the document was signed that ended the world's greatest war two years ago.

Thousands of persons, in home and workshop, paused a few minutes at the sound of the bells and whistles in silent thanksgiving for the ending of the war.

To many the anniversary was made poignant by the memory of some one who had given his life in the great war, which ended just two years ago. There were many, too, in Philadelphia to whom the joy bells of this morning brought back memories of more terrible scenes, the whistles of bullets and the noise of bursting shrapnel, which in the battlefields of the last day of the conflict heralded the news of peace.

Far different was today's observance of the Armistice anniversary from the one which marked the day of the signing of the first Armistice Day, when the city went mad over the news that the war was ended, and hundreds of thousands thronged the streets in a spontaneous holiday. Today's celebration was quiet, but no less heartfelt.

### Observance in Courtrooms

One of the most impressive observances of the day in Philadelphia was in the criminal courts. In all the courts city-wide, almost a hysterical excitement of the first Armistice Day, when the city went mad over the news that the war was ended, and hundreds of thousands thronged the streets in a spontaneous holiday. Today's celebration was quiet, but no less heartfelt.

At 11 o'clock, and called upon prisoners, jurists, and spectators to stand in honor of the anniversary.

Judge Howard A. Davis, in Court of Quarter Sessions, made a brief address on the armistice anniversary.

"Two years ago at this hour," said Judge Davis, "the armistice was signed. It brought hostilities to a halt, and ended a conflict which brought terrible destruction to the nations and to mankind."

No doubt in this courtroom are young men who were in France at this hour two years ago, waiting and willing to give their lives for their country. They were ready to die that democracy might live, and many there were, who gave their lives for this great cause.

"Therefore I feel that it is fitting we should rise and thus pay honor to the men who have given their lives for the happiness into the world once more. And let us hope that this people will be everlasting."

In the Municipal Court, in Judge McNeill's courtroom, the spectators sang the "Star-Spangled Banner" after addresses had been made by the Judge, Assistant District Attorney Mayor Lemuel B. Nichols and Michael F. McSullough and Attorney John Egan.

### War Ended Two Years Ago

Two years ago at 11 o'clock in the morning the guns stopped killing and millions of soldiers and sailors began to figure out how soon they would get home.

They are home now, in every part of the world, and back at work. Philadelphia's 90,000 among them. The bronze of war has worn off, and the men who were ready to die that democracy might live, and many there were, who gave their lives for this great cause.

But for this one day of the year, at least, the city and the nation remember what they were. Khaki and blue are again symbolic and the faces of men are touched by a reflection of the hope that carried the world through war.

### Whistles Blow; Bells Ring

The city had an echo of the thrill that gave the news to the people two years ago when countless whistles and bells celebrated the anniversary of the event at 11 o'clock this morning. Mayor Moore has issued a proclamation urging the city over to veterans for the day. There were parades, banquets, presentations of medals had dozens, and the day the city remembered the dead and the living who served in the war.

The Mayor asked that citizens wear the national colors and display them on buildings and automobiles.

Coverdale in the city did not notice in which direction the machine departed after the gasoline was bought.

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### TUMULTY DENIES REPORT THAT WILSON HAS STROKE

### Dr. Darcum Also Discredits Rumor Circulated in Washington

A report was circulated in Washington today that President Wilson had suffered a stroke, and it was promptly denied at the White House.

Secretary Tumulty, when inquiry was made, said that the President is as well today as at any time since his illness began.

Dr. F. X. Darcum, of Philadelphia, said that he had received no word of the President suffering a stroke and that if Mr. Wilson had had any setback he would have received word.

It is believed that the report may have originated from the statement attributed to John W. Davis, ambassador to Great Britain, that "President Wilson is now sicker than any person has believed."

### MOYER RETRIAL PLEA ENDS; MICHEL'S CASE WEDNESDAY

### Convicted Cashier Out on Bail

Charles H. Moyer, who pleaded guilty before Judge Davis to a charge of conspiracy to defraud the bank, was released on bail today. The court reserved judgment on Moyer's appeal of the conviction.

Moyer was cashier of the wrecked North Penn Bank and was convicted of making a false statement of the bank's condition, concealing overdrafts and of perjury.

Moyer was sentenced by Judge Davis recently to serve from twelve to fifteen years in the Eastern Penitentiary. He is at liberty in \$25,000 bail pending disposition of his plea for a new trial.

Charles H. Ambler, former state insurance commissioner, and Daniel E. LaFare, former state banking commissioner, are now awaiting trial on charges resulting from the bank crash. The hearing was closed in July, 1919.

Louis H. Michel, who was president of the wrecked bank, will go on trial next Wednesday before Judge Davis.

### 'TOO MUCH MOTHER-IN-LAW'

### Vice Chancellor Grants Woman's Plea for Divorce

"No man should make his wife live with her mother-in-law," declared Vice Chancellor Learning, of Camden, this morning in granting a divorce to Mrs. Evelyn Kennedy from Walter Kennedy of West, as he was known to the plaintiff. The charge was cruelty.

"This is clearly a case of too much mother-in-law. That sort of thing is all wrong," said the vice chancellor. Mrs. Kennedy testified that her husband beat her, gave her insufficient money and forced her to live with his mother.

### CANADA HONORS WAR DEAD

### Two Minutes Devoted to Silent Tribute Followed by Celebrations

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 11.—(By A. P.)—Two minutes at noon devoted to silent tribute to Canada's dead in the World War were followed throughout the Dominion today by various celebrations in the larger towns and cities.

The governor general and the Duchess of Devonshire, who are visiting in Toronto, attended a special service at St. Paul's Anglican Church. There also was a great open air service during the noon hour in front of the City Hall.

### ANGRY CROWD THRASHES SYLVIA PANKHURST'S GIRLS

### British Radical's Aides Danced and Banged Tin Cans During Period of Silence for Soldier Dead

By the Associated Press  
London, Nov. 11.—The girl employees in the offices of Sylvia Pankhurst's communist paper, the Workers' Dreadnought, in Fleet street, were thrashed and the offices upset just after 11 o'clock today by an angry crowd.

The leaders of the party which said the offices alleged that during the two minutes of solemn silence in honor of the fallen dead, as provided for in the Armistice Day program, some of the girls in the office were "singing, dancing and banging tin cans."

When the signal came at 11 o'clock for the silence throughout the city all traffic on Fleet street was halted and the great crowds stopped, respectfully at attention. It is claimed that amid this tribute there was one who threw a racket and sounds of revelry.

The indignation crowd in the street waited until the two minutes had passed, and then a mob of men and women, said to have been led by workmen, invaded the Dreadnought offices. Papers were strewn about the place, and then the vandals gave the girls in the office a sound thrashing. This continued until the police arrived.

One of the girl employees said that the members of the publication's force who did not believe in the tribute of silence, continued during the office and made some noise, but did not think it could be heard in the street.

### GRATZ SAYS MAYOR ASKED ADVANCE TO AVOID RATE BOOST

### Intimates City Executive Is Trying to Escape Responsibility for Bad Situation

### DENIES REALTY BOARD GAVE HELP YEAR AGO

Simon Gratz, president of the Board of Revision of Taxes, today put responsibility for the increase in the assessment valuation of taxable property squarely up to Mayor Moore and City Council.

He intimated that the Mayor was "trying to get out from under," and declared that "the Mayor was very indignant that assessments be raised."

"If he says the word," Mr. Gratz asserted, "we will put the assessments right back where they were."

The caustic criticism of the Mayor's attitude was aroused by a statement the Mayor issued yesterday, in which he said blame for the increase in the assessed value of taxable property could not be laid at his door.

Mayor Moore was quoted in yesterday's statement as declaring that the assessors, accountable to the Board of Revision of Taxes, had increased the assessments on homes and small properties almost exclusively, failing to increase the valuation of office buildings and other large structures proportionately.

### Wants Only Fair Play

"I do not want to put any quarrel with the Mayor," Mr. Gratz said, "in countering the Mayor's statement, 'but I believe in fair play.'"

The Mayor was very insistent that the assessment be raised. Now then, when the Mayor and Council demanded an additional assessment of \$200,000,000 to prevent a raise in the tax rate, and to have done themselves, what else could we do?

"I don't think it is fair for the Mayor now to get out from under and put the burden on our shoulders."

"What he says is true. If he says the word, we will put the assessments right back where they were."

That hurts the individual like taxation. The Mayor's statement is a bad assessment on only large properties when nine-tenths of the reality of the city consists of small properties?

The Mayor has been a few unfair assessments, but these will be speedily adjusted.

### Answers Realty Man

"If William H. Wilson, of the Real Estate Board, has been correctly quoted as saying that the real estate committee of the Board of Revision had this time a year ago offered the Mayor and Council an additional assessment of \$200,000,000 to prevent a raise in the tax rate, and to have done themselves, what else could we do?"

The real estate committee of the Real Estate Board offered the services of their real estate experts one year ago, and this offer was accepted. It will be speedily adjusted.

### Stolen Ship Privately Owned

Richardson today said he had been advised that the ship in question was privately owned and not under the control of the shipping board.

Commander Clement admitted that the shipping board had in some cases paid exorbitant wages, common laborers having at times received the pay of experts. Efforts were made, he said, to stop this practice.

Questioned regarding reported costly delays in handling ships, said to have resulted in wasted tonnage, he said he knew of one instance in which the steamship Lady Ellerslie. The ship, he said, was unduly delayed at Halifax in drydock for repairs. It was necessary in this case to cover the cost of the ship's cargo in order to lighten the stern and expose the propellers. This instance was one which he cited as an example of "lack of co-operation."

Interlocking contracts between operators of shipping board craft, Commander Clement said, was "an abuse" which is quite common.

"I believe where an operator of a shipping board vessel is interested in another company which is making profits on the shipping board craft, legal steps should be taken," he said.

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He suggested that the practice should be prevented and said this would be possible by amending the operating agreements. Steps to do this, he added, now were being taken.

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### IMMIGRANTS LOOK TO U. S.

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Lancaster, Pa., Nov. 11.—Congressman S. D. Fess, of Ohio, speaking before the teachers' institute here today, declared that the immigrants of Europe are looking to America with yearning, and that three million will enter this country this year to escape European tax burden.

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### Armenia and Turks Sign Armistice

### London, Nov. 11.—(By A. P.)—An armistice has been signed between the Armenians and the Turkish nationalists, it is announced in an Armenian communique, dated November 7, received here today.

The armistice conditions give the Turks possession of the fortress and railway station of Alexandropol and the surrounding districts during the peace negotiations.

The Turks, it is stated, guarantee the safety of the inhabitants of the city and the maintenance of order.

### HISTORIC BELL ANNOUNCES ARMISTICE DAY

### VINCENNES, Ind., Nov. 11.—Armistice Day was announced here at sunrise today with the ringing of a small silver bell, one of the old historic relics of the early days of the old Northwest Territory, which is said to have been rung first in celebration of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

The bell hangs in the tower of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, which is recorded here as the oldest church in the Northwest Territory.

### ARMISTICE DAY OBSERVED IN COAL REGION

### HAZLETON, Pa., Nov. 11.—Owing to the observance of Armistice Day only eleven out of the thirty-seven collieries served by the Hazleton and Mahanoy division of the Lehigh Valley Railroad were able to operate today. Tonnage was cut from an average of 800 cars to approximately 125.

### CLEMENT FINDS NO SAFE BURNED OPEN CORRUPT SHIP DEAL TO SAVE—NOBODY

### Benson's Assistant, However, Admits Co-ordination Is Faulty in U. S. Board

### SEES CONTRACT ABUSES \$60,000 IN LOOT DISCARDED

By the Associated Press  
New York, Nov. 11.—Practices of the United States shipping board, which led to the present investigation by the Walsh congressional committee have not been "corrupt," according to Commander A. B. Clement, executive assistant to Rear Admiral W. S. Benson, who was the principal witness at the continuation of the committee's hearing here today.

If there is ground for criticizing the shipping board administration, Commander Clement declared, it is on the ground that a perfect co-ordination between the different departments has not been attained.

At the opening of the day's session, J. F. Harwood, chief clerk of the Walsh committee, took the stand to "correct" previous testimony regarding the master of a certain ship. When he testified regarding the report he made to the committee covering alleged "irregularities," he had said that this captain, whose name was not given, had stolen his ship and now was in African waters offering the vessel for sale.

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### DEMOCRATS NEED A MAN LIKE HAYS; MAY TRY BARUCH

### Beaten Party's Leaders Consider Reorganization for Campaigns of 1922 and 1924

### N. Y. FINANCIER MIGHT HARMONIZE FACTIONS

By CLINTON W. GILBERT  
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Washington, D. C., Nov. 11.—Will Bernard M. Baruch be the Will H. Hays of the Democratic party?

The party wants a Will H. Hays. That is about all that was decided in the conferences which have just been held here in Washington by various Democratic leaders.

It was the general opinion that only by thorough organization from now until the next election could the party be in shape to profit by any such reaction against the Harding administration as political prophets regard as one of the possibilities of the next four years.

The mistake of entering the next presidential campaign with a little preparation as was made this time will not be repeated by the Democrats. It has been the opinion of all the Democratic leaders since the task of trying to elect Cox was undertaken that one of the first necessities of the party was an organization that worked all the time and not merely during the national campaign.

For such preparation there is needed both a man who will give all his time and energy to the work, and there is need of money. And the man to undertake the work must have organizing capacity of a high order. Will H. Hays is hard to find. The Democratic conference decided that Baruch must have one. But it was not disclosed whether they had agreed upon the man or not.

### To Avoid Factionalism

Among those who took a part in the discussion of the Democratic future were Judge Edmond H. Moore, Congressman Frank Doremus and Senator Pat Harrison, all recognized as representing Cox, and Bernard M. Baruch, who generally is considered as the McAdoo wing of the Democratic party.

In general, a decision was reached to avoid factionalism in the party if possible, to leave to the discretion of the party in the control of Senator Oscar Underwood, the Democratic floor leader in the upper house, and to postpone reorganization of the party until after the Harding administration had taken office.

Toward the Harding administration the attitude of the Democratic leaders who gathered here is one of co-operation. That the President-elect has promised to consult with Democrats, as well as with Republican senators, and the party feeling is that nothing can be gained by the public by assuming an attitude of hostility toward the Republican President from the outset. The Democrats will seek to profit by Harding's mistakes, but they do not intend to treat the Harding administration as a mistake.

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### Has Strategic Position

Moreover, Mr. Baruch occupies a strategic position between the factions in the Democratic party. He was all through the Wilson administration and during the primary campaign for the nomination of the Democratic candidate for President a close political friend and supporter of McAdoo. But when the party broke up, he was friendly to Cox and Breuninger, failed to finance the campaign and George White, the chairman of the Democratic National Committee, was in deep water. Mr. Baruch, personally and through his financial relations, came to the aid of Cox. The flow of money to the support of the League of Nations issue in the final weeks of the Democratic campaign was to some extent started by him. Thus the men who met to confer here in Washington and who belong to the Cox wing of the party and were all more or less responsible for the management of the Cox campaign owe Baruch a debt of gratitude.

If the McAdoo wing of the party and the Cox wing could agree upon any one, it would probably be upon Mr. Baruch, who by reason of his organizing capacity has been able to bring the two wings of the party together.

### TO ARGUE MARTENS' CASE

Counsel to Make Plea Against Soviet Envoy's Deportation

Washington, Nov. 11.—(By A. P.)—Request of counsel for Ludwig C. A. K. Martens for the presentation of oral argument in the deportation proceedings against the Russian Soviet agent was granted today by the Department of Labor. December 7 was fixed as the date for the hearing before Secretary Wilson and Assistant Secretary Post.

The deportation proceedings against Gregory Weinstein, associated with Martens at Soviet headquarters in New York, are expected to begin in Boston next year.

Cardinal Gibbons Urges All Catholics to use THE ANNUAL OF FAITHFULS—A.

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