

### REALTY MEN ASK GRATZ AND PROBE

William H. Wilson, Head of Board, Writes to Chairman of Revision Body

#### CO-OPERATION REQUESTED

The proposal to make a scientific survey of the city's entire assessment and taxation system appears to be in a fair way to succeed. William H. Wilson, president of the Real Estate Board, after a conference with Joseph J. Greenberg, chairman of the taxation committee of that organization, announced that he had sent to Simon Gratz, head of the board of revision of taxes, a letter asking whether the board would co-operate in such a survey, looking to the development of any improvements in methods which the study might suggest.

Mr. Gratz would make no definite statement before receipt of this letter, but he indicated that it would find him disposed to welcome any suggestions made officially, either by real estate board or the Bureau of Municipal Research.

"A request will be made to the board of revision of taxes immediately for the purpose of having the committee of the Philadelphia real estate board, together with representatives of the Bureau of Municipal Research, privileged to investigate thoroughly the inside workings of the system employed by the board of revision of taxes in assessing all kinds of real estate in the city of Philadelphia, due to the agitation at the present time respecting the increased assessments together with the general belief of the Philadelphia real estate board that the system in use in Philadelphia can be improved upon materially to arrive at an equitable basis of taxation."

"The forms of procedure in assessing real estate are largely based upon the opinion of individual assessors considering the property as a whole, whereas it is the belief of the Philadelphia real estate board that a more practical method could be used, and that method could be arrived at and recommended after a complete survey of the present system."

"A new system, such as we feel could be established, would equalize assessments but it is not our thought, nor has it been at any time, to make a wholesale increase in the assessments throughout the city. To equalize assessments would mean to bring up to a proper basis the properties that are undervalued and to reduce to the same level the properties that are over-assessed."

#### FLORIAN SHOW TO END

More Than 2000 American Beauties on Exhibition

The largest collection of roses ever displayed by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society featured yesterday's flower show at the First Regiment Armory. This is the last day of the show. There are more than 2000 American Beauties on display, vying with the display of chrysanthemums.

#### \$25,000 IN LACE STOLEN

Men Speed Off With Cases of Rich Material

#### KILLS SELF WITH SHOTGUN

Commits Suicide While Hunting



#### BY MOTOR TO PRINCETON

This map shows the best automobile route from Philadelphia to Princeton, for the Princeton-Yale football game tomorrow afternoon

#### P. R. R. TO RUN SPECIALS FOR GAME AT PRINCETON

First to Leave Broad Street at 9:05 A. M.—Auto Route Given

The Pennsylvania Railroad will place five special trains in service between Philadelphia and Princeton tomorrow for the accommodation of fans attending the Princeton-Yale football game.

#### AGAIN SEEKS SPEAKERSHIP

Spangler a Candidate for Re-election by House at Harrisburg

#### Deaths of a Day

Charles T. Schenck

#### Hymen Engelbach

Funeral services for Hymen Engelbach will be held at 1 o'clock this afternoon at his late residence, 258 South Cecil street. Mr. Engelbach died yesterday at the University Hospital.

#### John Hart Carr

John Hart Carr, formerly assistant auditor of the Provident Life and Trust Co., and member of an army promotion Philadelphia family, died Wednesday night in Lenox Hospital, aged seventy-nine years. He was a bachelor and lived with a sister at 2401 South Tenth street.

### BRYAN SEES PEACE MADE BY HARDING

Commoner, Speaking Here, Confident New President Will Place U. S. in League

#### PRaises 'FOURTEEN POINTS'

William Jennings Bryan believes Mr. Harding's first official efforts as President will be toward promoting an association of nations to bring about lasting world-wide peace.

Mr. Bryan also reiterated his statement that Mr. Wilson should resign at once and devote his time to regaining his health, and that by a succession of cabinet appointments and resignations Mr. Harding should get the presidency before March 4.

#### Harding Means What He Says

"Mr. Harding's platform," said Mr. Bryan, "is a question, 'pledged the Republican party to an association of nations.' In his utterances during and since his campaign, Mr. Harding has reiterated his purpose to proceed at the earliest possible opportunity, into such an international association for the promotion of world peace."

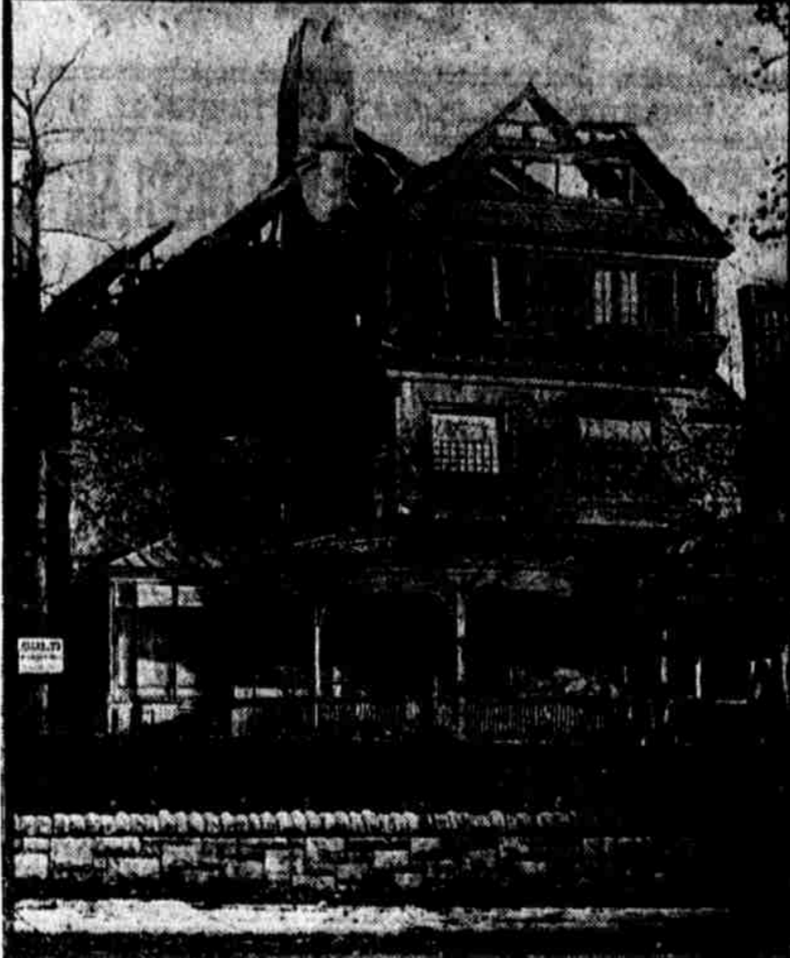
#### '14 Points' Hastened Peace

Asked to give an opinion on a statement by Colonel E. M. House, contending that the 'fourteen points' were the chief cause of the war, Mr. Bryan declared he agreed with the colonel.

#### SCOUTS MAY RUN TRAFFIC

Fifty Boys Will Prepare for Emergency Work

### WHERE FIRE TOOK COSTLY FURNITURE



This is the house at 3409 Powelton avenue, the interior of which was wrecked by fire early today. Costly furniture crated for removal was destroyed. The house, formerly owned by S. W. Colton, Jr., a retired banker, was recently sold.

### Tax Bureau Blame Referred by Mayor

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"I don't see the sense of bringing me here to hand me a slip to fill in," one of the property owners complained. "I hope the day will come when we shall meet here in person to do good."

#### English Colonel Held on Bolshevism Charge

Member of Commons Arraigned

#### MICHEL TRIAL POSTPONED

Court Grants Time to Accused

#### TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

George Mawhinney, 2950 Hartville st., and Kathryn E. Ashworth, 2814 Emerald st., Arthur C. Fane, 2919 N. 10th st., and Sara W. Spence, 5407 Cedar ave., were granted licenses today.

#### Accused of Robbing Mailboxes

John Howard, alias Gleason, was held under \$10,000 bail yesterday by United States Commissioner Manley to appear before a federal grand jury on charge of having robbed private mail boxes in the central part of the city.

Advertisement for J.E. Caldwell & Co. Jewelers-Silversmiths-Stationers, featuring diamonds, emeralds, sapphires, and jewelry.

### COSTLY FURNITURE DESTROYED BY FIRE

Goods Crated for Moving When Flames Sweep Powelton Avenue House

#### STRUGGLE FOR FIREMAN

Fire at 1:20 o'clock this morning destroyed the interior of a brick dwelling at 3409 Powelton avenue, causing a loss estimated at \$20,000.

There was no one in the house at the time, but valuable furniture, crated to be moved, was destroyed. The house formerly was occupied by S. W. Colton, Jr., a retired banker.

### HONOR PILGRIMS' MEMORY

Colonial Dames Give Banquet Celebrating Plymouth Tercentenary

The Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames of America gave a dinner attended by more than 400 persons, at the Historical Society last evening, to celebrate the tercentenary of the arrival of the Pilgrim fathers.

### NEED 6088 NEW SOLDIERS

Recruiting for Second Division Must Be Accomplished by December 1

#### LANCASTER COUNTY FIRE-HIDDEN

Lancaster, Pa., Nov. 12.—Three buildings were destroyed by fire here and in Manheim early this morning. The garage of Theodore Melling and the Litsbenberger Hardware Co. were burned to the ground in a fire on an undetermined origin.

#### British Journalist to Speak

L. D. Thomas Curtis, formerly of the London Times, will lecture before the University Extension Society this evening on "Behind the Scenes in Europe."

#### THE INCREASED BASKETBALL CLUB

wants to arrange party for tomorrow night for 10 teams. Call Wm. Cole at Wyoming 530 or Lombard 5318.

### WIDOWS REFUSED MONEY FOR HOMES

Mackey Against Granting Lump Compensation as Real Estate is 'Too High'

#### MANY MAKE REQUESTS

Harry A. Mackey, chairman of the State Workmen's Compensation Board, yesterday refused more than a score of applications for compensation in a lump sum made by widows, who said they wanted to purchase homes with the money.

### SEES WAR OVER SILESIA

Warsaw Paper Believes Britain Leans Toward Germany

The declaration that war between Germany and Poland will be inevitable if the plebiscite to be held in Upper Silesia gives that region to Germany is made today in the Gazette Polonoise. The newspaper is the organ of the National Democrats, whose leader is John Dombki, undersecretary for foreign affairs.

### PHILA. FIFTH AS MARKET

Says City Will Soon Be Pronounced Second Largest Port

While Philadelphia will soon be pronounced as the second largest port on the Atlantic coast, it is not yet a market center, Mrs. William E. Lingelbach told members of the College Club at its headquarters, 1300 Spruce street.

### STANDARD OIL WINS POINT

Pipe Line Service Resumed on Tract Under Preliminary Injunction

Pottsville, Pa., Nov. 12.—Standard Oil pipe line service in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois was restored today following an injunction granted by the stand Oil co., who is charged by the stand Oil co. with interfering with its lines.

### YOUNG MOTHER ACCUSED

On Trial in Schuylkill County Court Charged With Infanticide

Pottsville, Pa., Nov. 12.—Mrs. Loretta Lonsberry, a young mother, charged with the killing of her child, is on trial before Judge Bechtel here, she is by far the prettiest defendant ever charged with a grave crime here, being only twenty years of age.

### Mayor Signs Sewer Contracts

A \$93,000 contract for a branch sewer on Ninth street, between Chestnut and Green lanes, was signed today by Mayor Moore for the estate of David McMahon, Fred T. Butler, Jr., received a \$25,000 contract for inlet and sewer spurs in various sections of the city.

Large advertisement for Saturday Down, featuring a gramophone and the text 'Delivers this instrument to your home at once. Balance on Easiest Terms. Remember—\$1.00 Sends It Home Saturday. Widener's 1109 Chestnut St. 19 S. 52d St.'