

N. Y. ASH-DUMPING CONTRACT COSTLY

City Filled Hole. Then Paid \$400,000 to Remove Deposit

HYLAN'S AIDE APPROVES

New York, Nov. 23.—Verbal fire-works popped again today in the investigation of New York's alleged building trust with Samuel Hylan, council for the joint legislative committee conducting the inquiry, called to the stand Grover Whalen, commissioner of plants and structures, and formerly secretary to Mayor Hylan.

The commissioner admitted he formerly owned one-half interest in Hylan's City, which for twenty-five years has held the city ash dumping contract for territory below Canal street. This company began dumping ashes in the New York City streets in 1918, and in February, 1918, and continued doing so until recently. Now, according to Mr. Hylan, the city is paying nearly \$400,000 for removal of these ashes, so that construction can be begun.

When objection was made that questioning concerning the ash contract had no bearing on the case, Mr. Hylan replied that if it could be shown filling up of the excavation had been done "under cover in the interests of a city official" it would be germane.

Immediately Mr. Whalen warned committee counsel he would sue him for libel "and take some of your money away" if he continued along this line.

Mr. Hylan returned. "Thought it 'Good Thing for City' Mr. Whalen declared he thought dumping of the ashes "a good thing for the city," and the hole "a proper dumping ground when the health of the city was in jeopardy. There was so much snow on the ground in 1918 ashes could not be taken to Long Island, he said.

"Well, there wasn't any snow on the ground two months ago when the practice was still going on," commented Hylan.

Declaring he "gave away" his share in the company in 1917 because it was "unprofitable," and he was "going into the campaign," Commissioner Whalen denied having any interest in the granting of permission to the company to dump ashes in the excavation.

Alfred E. Smith, now governor, was acting mayor and Mayor Hylan was at Palm Beach when the practice began, he said.

"And you would like to shove this off on the governor?" asked the counsel.

"No, nothing of the kind."

"And you weren't interested in this thing one bit?"

"Not a bit! not a bit! not a bit! That's clear English. I want you to know you're not going to bewitch my character."

"I'm trying to bewitch your character. I'm asking you questions and you're better answer them."

"I'll answer."

Flaw May Shatter Judge Brown's Hope

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JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS BRANCH OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT.

Section 1. The Select and Common Councils of the city of Philadelphia do ordain that the sum of \$400,000, authorized to be borrowed by ordinance approved January 7, 1915, be, and the same is, hereby appropriated to Item 160 in the annual appropriation to the City Commissioners, for the preparation of plans and preliminary work on the construction of buildings for the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Branches of the Municipal Court, on the plot of ground between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets, north of Race street.

Section 2. That the City Commissioners be authorized and directed to employ an architect for the preparation of plans for Municipal Court buildings on the plot of ground between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets, north of Race street, and to enter into contracts for preliminary work on said buildings.

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Thomas B. Smith, Mayor of Philadelphia.

Payments to Architect

The records of the county commissioners show that Mr. Windrim received fees as follows:

July 12, 1919 \$257.50

Look Out for This Auto, Sought in Peirce Murder

Car—Pathfinder make, twelve cylinders, ninety horse-power, capable of developing ninety miles an hour; new Hart-Bell carbon remover recently installed on dashboard; left-hand drive, Delco lighting and ignition system. License number 122206 Pennsylvania 1920. Owned by Henry T. Peirce, murdered Fort Washington on many occasions.

Body—Chummy roadster type, seating four persons; painted bright red, black hood, black fender, one spare tire on rear, pointed radiator, viewed from rear has appearance of boat-shape.

Wheels—Aluminum wire wheels, with all new shoes, size 37 by 5 inches.

Lights—Warner lens headlights, two spot lights operated from dashboard.

Special markings—Lu La Temple flag, emblem of Mystic Shrine, stamped on windshield; Keystone Auto Club design on radiator.

Garage owners and auto repair mechanics. This car has a badly leaking radiator, needing frequent repairing. Maybe be occupied by a slump blonde woman with a man companion.

Municipal Court under a contract received directly from the county commissioners. I am to receive 6 per cent of the cost of the work, which is the regular fee allowed by the American Institute of Architects. I will not charge the city any more than I would any other client or any case.

"Will the proposed Municipal Court building cost \$5,000,000?" he was asked.

"No definite cost has been decided," said Mr. Windrim. "This may cost more or they may cost less. I am inclined to believe the cost will be less, as the cost of material is decreasing, and there is every indication that the cost of labor will be lower."

"But my fee will be 6 per cent of the total cost, whether that is \$2,000,000 or \$5,000,000."

By piecemeal legislation Judge Brown, through his adherents in the former Councils, has managed so far to get appropriations amounting to \$900,000 for his Palace of Justice. In a short time probably will get \$1,000,000 more, for the people at the election voted to give the court that sum toward the construction of buildings.

Granting that Council will appropriate \$1,000,000 for the new court, as voted by the people, there will still be \$1,100,000 to raise before the sum of \$2,100,000, on April 2, 1919, will have been obtained.

Taft Speaks Here

Former President Working in Interest of Unitarian Drive

Former President Taft spoke in Philadelphia this afternoon and will make another address tonight.

His first address was at a luncheon given by the First Unitarian Church, at 35 South Van Pelt street.

At the luncheon, which was the last of a series of four, he spoke in a campaign to obtain \$10,000 here, part of the Unitarian national drive for \$3,000,000, made their reports. Mr. Taft, who belongs to the Unitarian Church, is honorary chairman of the national campaign committee.

Tonight, the ex-President will be a principal speaker at the Pilgrim Centennial celebration at the Academy of Music. This "town meeting" will be one of the features of the week's celebration in this city.

SHEEHAN BACKS SPROUL

Intimates He Will Aid Whitaker for Speakership

Register of Wills Sheehan declines to state definitely who he favors for speaker of the House of Representatives. It was reported today that Mr. Sheehan would support Robert S. Spangler, the Grundy candidate for the post.

Regarding this report, Mr. Sheehan said: "I am a good friend of Governor Sproul, and I am sticking to the good old whittaker."

Politicians construe this as meaning that the register of wills, who is Vice leader of the Twelfth ward, will not support Spangler, and will throw his strength to the candidate favored by the Governor, Major Samuel A. Whitaker.

AUTOMOBILE KILLS MAN

Driver of Car Surrenders to Police After Accident

Struck by an automobile at Broad street and Chestnut avenue at 1 o'clock this morning, John Klausen, fifty-six years old, of 4743 James street, Frankford, died in the Samaritan Hospital five hours later.

Charles C. Cameron, an automobile accessory dealer, of 2501 North Broad street, driver of the car which struck Klausen, surrendered after taking the injured man to the hospital. He will have a hearing today at the Twenty-second street and Hunting Park avenue station.

Klausen was crossing Broad street at Chestnut avenue, and Cameron, driving south on Broad street, struck him. Klausen was hurled ten feet.

GIRLS WEAR SPIRAL PUTTEES

Vari-Colored Substitutes for Stockings Vogue in Wheeling

CHILDREN AND HOME OF SLAIN MAN



The five children of H. T. Peirce, victim of a brutal and mysterious murder, are (left to right, Thomas, ten years; Frank, thirteen years; Albert, eleven years; Richard, seven years, and Louis, three years, in front. Below is the Peirce home in Fort Washington

Police Closing in on Murder Suspects

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This man told the police he had dined with Peirce Saturday night, late in the evening, and after they left the restaurant he noticed Peirce's car and ridden with him awhile.

Peirce, according to this man's story, drove his big car past one of the fashionable apartment houses in the neighborhood of Twenty-first and Walnut or Twenty-first and Chestnut streets, and honked his horn twice.

In response to this signal, a man and a woman came out of the house and got into the car. They rode with Peirce and his friend to the Market street office, and went upstairs with him. The friend said good-night and went on home.

The police have a good description of both the man and woman.

Had Lived in Overbrook

Police lived at 1528 North Sixty-second street, Overbrook, before moving to Fort Washington. His former neighbors in Overbrook said today that he spent little time at home.

Mrs. John Grasse, of 1524 North Sixty-second street, expressed sympathy for Mrs. Peirce, who, she said, was aware that Peirce was frequently with other women, but bore herself bravely.

"Peirce had his red car when he lived here in 1917," said Mrs. Grasse. "He spent much time in his car. He was really auto crazy."

Beside his fondness for worldly pleasures, he appeared to be fond of his children, and they never wanted for anything. But he should have been better cared for. She is almost a cripple and suffers greatly from rheumatism.

Mrs. Grasse said it would have been possible for a person to strike Peirce from behind, as he was deaf.

Peirce sold his Sixty-second street home to Captain of Police Sully. He also owned the house at 1508 and 1514 North Sixty-second street. He sold these before moving to Fort Washington.

J. D. Peirce, a brother of the murdered man, and his father, Thomas Peirce, live at 1524 North Sixty-second street.

"CHAPPIE" NABS SCALPER

City Detective, Radiating Prosperity, Gets \$75 Worth of Tickets

City Detective Chapman Marks appeared in Central Court against Edward Cohen, of Wharton street near Broad, charging Cohen with scalping tickets.

Marks, after asserting he had been detailed to the Olympia Club last night, said he had arrested Cohen, and confiscated about \$75 worth of tickets Cohen was alleged to be offering for sale on the street.

When Magistrate Carson got inquisitive, "Chappie" Marks is said to have declared he had a financial interest in the affairs of the Olympia Club. Cohen was fined \$5 and costs.

Marks radiated prosperity in a silk shirt with stripes three-quarters of an inch wide on a yellow ground; nut brown suit, buttoning the brown overcoat, and rolling the lower of William Balowin, Twenty-fifth and High streets, Camden, a month ago. The accused was making off with jewelry valued at \$500, when he was captured after a chase.

U. S. May Keep Amnatol Plant

HARD JOB TO FIND COOLIDGE A HOME

Capital Friends of Vice President-Elect Have Vain Search for Place Within Means

REFUSES TO ACCEPT GIFT

By a Staff Correspondent

Washington, Nov. 23.—One of the not-advertised human yarns of the coming administration has been the quiet and thus far unavailing search for a place of residence for the new Vice President, Calvin Coolidge. Ever since November 2 friends of the Massachusetts governor have been quietly but persistently haunting Washington real estate offices, seeking a home in keeping with the dignity of the office of Vice President, but yet within the extremely modest means of the new "V. P." Thus far they haven't had any luck.

Coolidge has plenty of houses that would make splendid homes for the next highest official of the United States, but Washington, also, is used to charging for them as only capital cities would make a quiet gift to the campaign fund in return for the honor. That changed some years ago, Tom Marshall, the retiring Vice President, is not a wealthy man as his quarters, but he is a Croesus compared to Coolidge. As there are Mrs. Marshall and himself, they have lived at hotels, the last few years at the historic Willard.

In the case of Coolidge living at one of the big hotels is out of the question. They have youngsters and they need and are accustomed to a house with a yard around it.

Furthermore, on the salary given the Vice President, \$12,000 a year, Coolidge can't even stand hotel prices, especially as the Vice President has considerable official entertaining to do and is not an entertainment fund provided for the Vice President, as in the case with the presidency.

Coolidge's wealthy friends would like to present him with a place or turn one over to him at a nominal rent. But he won't stand for any charity any more than he will do any thing that would seem like capitalizing the office to which he has been elected by the people. No the hunt is still going on for the part of some of his intimate friends here, trying to find a place within his means, but yet one that is in some measure in keeping with the second highest office of the land. And, as stated, thus far without luck.

Coolidge is probably the poorest man ever elected to either the presidency or vice presidency. Friends say he has not saved more than \$20,000 at the outside.

WON'T ACCEPT \$1,000,000

Boston Youth's Share in Father's Estate—Pretends Farming

Boston, Nov. 23.—Charles Garland, second son of the late James A. Garland, has declined to accept \$1,000,000, his share of his father's large estate, because he prefers manual labor to a life of luxury.

He is living with his wife and infant daughter at Bay End Farm, his mother's summer home at Buzzards Bay. His mother forfeited her claim to the Garland millions by marrying Francis Cushing Green in 1912. Since then the estate has been held in trust for the three sons. One of them, James A. Garland, 34, now twenty-two years old, accepted his share of the estate. The third brother, a student at Harvard, is inclined to follow the example of Charles who is planning to become an automobile mechanic.

HOLD-UP SUSPECTS NABBED

Quick Wit of Pedestrian May Have Frustrated Attack

Quick action by Leroy Smith, 722 South Seventeenth street, frustrated what is supposed to have been an attempt of three alleged highwaymen to hold up Smith near his home early this morning.

Smith saw the men crouching in a doorway adjoining his home. He noticed that two of the men held partially concealed revolvers. Retracing his steps, Smith quietly informed Patrolman Hunn of his discovery, and Hunn arrested the suspects who surrendered without resistance.

The prisoners gave their names as Milton Fisher, Bainbridge and Smedley streets; Harry Rice, Seventeenth and Wharton streets, and Ernest Crow, Eleventh and Lombard streets. Each was held in \$1000 bail for court by Magistrate Harrigan.

SHARPLES PLANT CLOSES

Employees Laid Off for Two Weeks. Other Plants Reduce

West Chester, Pa., Nov. 23.—All the departments of the Sharples Separator plant at West Chester will close this evening for a period of two weeks, as announced to the men and all the employees except a few retained to look after machinery will be out of work.

About one-half of the force was laid off two weeks ago and are still idle. Many are seeking work on the farms and some are going to the ship yards at Chester. The Denny Tag Co. here has also reduced its force greatly in several departments, and at the West Chester wheel works the working hours have been reduced to eight per day and a number of men given vacations.

Fire in Grocery Store

Fire, supposed to have started in a box of matches, damaged the front part of the grocery store of Stephen Quinn, at 441 West Indiana avenue, at 3:40 o'clock this morning. The blaze was easily extinguished by the firemen, and the damage was slight.

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HARDING HAS NOISY GREETING AT COLON

Panama Vassels Cordially Salute President-Elect as He Enters Harbor

RESTS ALL DAY AT HOTEL

By the Associated Press

Colon, Panama, Nov. 23.—Warren G. Harding, with wireless messages of the United States, arrived at Cristobal 9 o'clock this morning on board the steamer Parianina. He was given a noisy welcome by the craft in the harbor. Mr. Harding went direct to a hotel.

As the President-elect approached Panama on his vacation voyage he was flooded with wireless messages inviting him to be the guest of honor at a long list of public functions during his five days' visit to the canal zone. Most of the invitations he will be compelled by his vacation plans to decline.

As now formulated his plans shape up as follows: Tuesday, spend entire day resting at Cristobal Hotel.

Wednesday, trip through the canal with a call on President Porras, of Panama, at his palace at Panama City; spend night on Pacific side of the isthmus.

Thursday night, guest of President Porras.

All other invitations have been held under advisement, although it was regarded as not improbable that he will accept the invitation of Governor Harding, of the canal zone, to dinner, and may also be a dinner guest of Cristobal and Colon business men.

Arrangements have been made for a stop of several hours at Kingston, Jamaica, on the return voyage. Leaving Cristobal Sunday, the party will reach Kingston the following Tuesday morning. A short outing has been planned before the departure of the vessel that afternoon.

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