

END OF ARMAMENT INCREASE IS ASKED

Immediate Stop of Preparations for War Embodied in League Plans

ADOPTION HELD DOUBTFUL

By the Associated Press

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BRIDGE EXPERTS MEET

Session Today of Construction Engineers

Plans preliminary to the construction of the proposed Philadelphia-Camden bridge over the Delaware river

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URGES SHIP BOARD BE REORGANIZED

Divorce Emergency Fleet and Name Men With Experience, Suggests Gillen

By the Associated Press

Washington, Dec. 14.—Reorganization of the shipping board by divorcing it from the Emergency Fleet Corporation and the selection of men experienced in various lines of the shipping industry

The suggestions were offered at the request of Chairman Walsh, who, when Mr. Gillen testified before the House committee in New York, asked him to submit a report tending to correct the conditions and evils surrounding the shipping board and the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

Separation of the board and the fleet corporation, Mr. Gillen said, would give the board to give its entire attention to the problems relating to the management of the wartime heritage of 1400 government-owned ships.

The fleet corporation should function only as "a liquidating corporation," Mr. Gillen said. Its duties would be to clean up the vast volume of accounting, completion of contracts, sale of ships and surplus material which the armistice left on the government's hands.

Mr. Gillen said the chairman of the board should be a man experienced in large executive work, and that the other six members should be men of known experience in rail transportation, admiralty law, and other matters having to do with shipping and transportation.

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POLICEMAN NAMED IN CROOK'S PLOT

True Bill Is Sought Against Patrolman De Lange in Alleged Conspiracy

HABEAS CORPUS IS ASKED

An indictment against Patrolman Harry S. De Lange, of the Fourth and Race streets station, and against William Healey, civilian, was presented to the grand jury for action today.

The move is the first step to hasten the cases of the men attached to the police department who are alleged to be implicated in the crime plot to permit hold-ups and banditry in the district controlled by De Lange.

No indictment was presented for action in the case of Thomas McElroy, another patrolman from the same district, who, it has been hinted, also is implicated in the alleged crime plot.

Edward A. Kelly, an attorney today asked a writ of habeas corpus, seeking release of McElroy on the basis that no evidence exists to connect him with the plot.

Writs also were obtained for De Lange and Healey and an effort will be made to have them released in bail. All the writs will be argued Friday before Judge McMichael.

IDENTIFIED AS ROBBER

Suspect Later Held Without Bail by Magistrate Carney

After being identified as the man who robbed Edward Thomas, a Negro, twenty-five years old, of Twenty-first street near Jefferson, early last evening, Harry Ford, twenty-six years old, of Sixteenth street and Ridge avenue, was held without bail by Magistrate Carney this morning.

White on his way to his home last evening, Thomas was attacked near Seventeenth street and Ridge avenue. His assailant knocked him unconscious and then robbed him of \$25.

Detectives Deromy and Moffitt arrested Ford.

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SEE NO ACTION NOW ON SCHOOLS CHIEF

Little Hope Held Out for Agreement of Board at Meeting Today

MANY MEMBERS ARE AWAY

There is little hope that a new school head will be elected at the regular December meeting of the Board of Education this afternoon.

Dissension has marred the recent meetings of the board over the choice of a successor to Dr. John P. Garber as superintendent. John Wansmaker and Dinmer Heeber, on the special committee chosen to recommend a new head, are opposed by two other members of the committee, Joseph W. Catherine and William Rowen, who say they will fight for an immediate decision.

Another reason why no progress is expected at today's meeting is that several members are not expected to be present, due to absences from town and illness. Simon Graf, the president, has been sick at home for some time, and have Mr. Wansmaker and Mrs. William E. Lingelbach, Walter George Smith is in Europe and it is thought that Avery D. Harrington and David H. Lane will be able to attend. Dr. Edward B. Martin is in Harrisburg.

Candidates' names will in all probability be brought up at the meeting, but it is considered likely there will be sufficient opposition to delay a choice. In spite of many reports to the contrary, Dr. Chesman A. Herrick, probably chosen to recommend a new head, is still allowing his name to be considered. Yesterday the finance committee of the board authorized two temporary loans, totaling \$1,500,000, to meet deficits.

Overheated Stove Causes Fire