

TRADE BOARD HITS HOUSING CODE FORM

Local Organization Sends Delegation to Protest at Committee Meeting in Harrisburg

BUILDERS COULD ASSIST

The Philadelphia Board of Trade protested today against the proposed housing code in its present form when it sent a special messenger to a hearing by the housing code committee at Harrisburg.

When the state chamber of commerce submitted the proposed code for approval of the Board of Trade, Edward F. Henson was appointed to study the measure. After conferences with representatives of the building trades he submitted an unfavorable report.

Upon the strength of this William M. Conter, president of the Board of Trade, addressed the following to the commission:

Your communication has been referred to the proper committee and in its opinion the housing code as presented does not altogether answer the requirements of the situation.

Wants Costs Kept Low

The committee specifically refers to that section of your communication which states that the housing code committee has had constantly in mind two considerations, namely, that the cost of construction should not be increased and, secondly, that the cost of housing investments must be safeguarded in order that this investment may be more attractive.

It was the expression of the Board of Trade's committee that it is of the utmost importance that the two considerations just mentioned should have a greater influence in determining the requirements of a housing code than is evident in the proposed code as submitted. It is the suggestion of our committee that such requirements should be reduced to that which is reasonably practicable.

Should Consult All

Our committee respectfully suggests that all classes of interest should be consulted. It is its opinion that the operative builders of Philadelphia are competent to assist in the drafting of a code to meet that which is practicable in the way of dwellings, just as the designers and builders of apartment houses are competent to assist in the drafting of a code to meet that which is practicable in their class of dwellings.

The size of Philadelphia squares are already to a very large extent, determined. The economical sizes of lots must be, therefore, such sizes as can be obtained by an economical division of squares of already limited size. Unless such economical division be permitted, another obstacle will be raised to the construction of houses badly needed in Philadelphia.

AIDS FLEDGLING LOVERS

Mother of Girl Bride Will Fight Annulment Plans

A fight to the finish to prevent annulment of the marriage of her daughter, sixteen-year-old Nellie Mae Westcott, with Joseph E. Hoey, a sixteen-year-old boy, is the stand Mrs. Westcott continues to take against the wishes of Mrs. James U. Hoey, mother of the young groom.

"I am tired of the whole affair," said Mrs. Westcott, in a weary and dejected voice. "but I will do all in my power to oppose Mrs. Hoey's wishes in regard to the young couple, who I am sure love one another dearly, from living as they should, as a happy married couple."

The girl ran off with Hoey to Elkton Thursday, while the mother of the child-bride went along as chaperone, and was present at their wedding. It is said Mrs. Hoey who is displeased with the marriage.

Young Mrs. Hoey was insistent, when seen this morning, that she still wanted nothing in the world more than to be allowed to live with her newly-acquired husband.

"If they don't let us," she says, "then we will wait until we are each twenty-one and marry again."

TWO HELD AS ROBBERS

Men Are Arrested When They Run Into Patrolman

Tony Tamburro, nineteen years old, of 706 South Sixth street, and Michael Impetratore, eighteen years old, of 720 Fitzwater street, were arrested and a third man escaped when the Branchtown police interrupted a robbery at the home of Joseph Lundy, 1300 Dunsmuir street, early this morning. Mrs. Lundy hearing a noise in the rear of the house awakened her husband, who went downstairs only to see two figures disappear through the window.

The men ran into Patrolman Hibbard, who took them to the Branchtown police station, where they were identified by Lundy. An eighteen-inch "Jimmy" was found in their possession. Both were held in \$2000 bail by Magistrate Price at the Twenty-second street and Hunting Park avenue station for a further hearing on a charge of forcible entry and attempted larceny.

Wife, Stabbed, Staggered to Hospital Mrs. Nellie Archer, twenty-eight years old, who gave an address on Vine street near Eleventh, walked into the Hahnemann Hospital at 5 o'clock this morning with a long knife wound in the back. She told the doctors her husband had cut her. Then she collapsed. Her condition is serious.

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"CRANK" READS IN PRISON AS HE REGAINS STRENGTH

Convicted Kidnapper Takes It Easy, Beginning Term

Biding his time reading the latest literature and exercising regularly, Augustus Pasquale, "The Crank" in the Coughlin klan, "The Crank" in the Coughlin klan, is still under quarantine at the Eastern State Penitentiary.

A two weeks' quarantine is generally considered sufficient for prisoners entering the prison. Although "The Crank" was received two weeks ago to begin his life sentence for kidnaping Blakely Coughlin, his case is considered exceptional, owing to his physical condition resulting from constant grilling and close confinement in the Montgomery county jail prior to his trial.

Since his arrival at the penitentiary, Pasquale's life has been somewhat like that of an army recruit. He has had to undergo marching and has been "shot in the arm" with typhoid vaccine. His physical examination has been as complete as any recruit could receive.

When considered physically perfect he will be permitted to run with the other prisoners at the institution and do the daily chores. Meanwhile he has led a life of leisure, eating and sleeping at will, except when exercising. He has had the privileges of the library.

Warden McKenty said today "The Crank" had not discussed his crime since arriving at the prison, nor had his crime been discussed by prison officials with him.

DIME FARE IN JERSEY HIT

Camden Civic Federation Assails Car Company's Schedule

The ten-cent trolley fare proposed by the Public Service Railways Co. of New Jersey was vociferously condemned by the Civic Federation of Camden at its monthly meeting yesterday in the Chamber of Commerce.

It was asserted that every town from Camden to Blackwood was strongly against the increase, and this was embodied in a resolution, unanimously adopted. One of the speakers asked why, with the cost of living, material and labor declining, the company should attempt to saddle Jersey with higher fares.

A protest mass-meeting was proposed for January 12, to be held in Camden. Increased gas rates now being asked by the New Jersey Gas Co. were also opposed. Howard H. Wood, of Haddon Heights, presided.

Asphyxiated in Fumigating Plant

T. Brown, a Negro, twenty-seven years old, of 2045 Pierce street, was overcome by fumes at the A. H. Hoff Co., fumigating plant, 1837 Broad street, and died last night in the Hahnemann Hospital. Brown, employed at the plant, went into the gas had been expelled, it is said.

TO SPEED UP WORK ON FRANKFORD 'L'

Mayor Hopes to Have Line Ready Soon for Operation by P. R. T. Co.

WILL ADJUST CAR PROBLEM

The city administration is going "full speed ahead," Mayor Moore announced today, to complete the Frankford elevated and give the northeast rail rapid transit.

The Mayor's statement followed the announcement of the P. R. T. Co.'s readiness to enter into an operating agreement with the city so that the Frankford "L" could run in conjunction with the Market street subway-elevator.

After a conference today with Director of Transit Twining the Mayor issued this statement: "The director and I have gone over the transit situation. The letter of Mr. Mitten to the Public Service Commission has been considered and we are glad to note Mr. Mitten's readiness to enter into an agreement for the operation of the Frankford 'L' on the terms submitted by the Mayor some time ago, that is, the payment of 5 per cent on the amount of capital invested in the enterprise."

Michel Is Baker Again

One-Time Banker, Freed by Jury, at His Owns Once More

Louis H. Michel, former president of the defunct North Penn Bank, who was acquitted yesterday of the charge of having allowed deposits to be received by his bank when he knew it was insolvent, is at work again in his bake shop, at Thirty-first and Diamond streets, today.

Mr. Michel is still considerably shaken by his experiences and the strain of his trial. "Well," he said, "it is all over now, but I have nothing to say. By the way, though, you can see I do actually work in my shop, regardless of what Assistant District Attorney Taulane said at the trial."

He was in shirt sleeves at the time, and wore a long white baker's apron. "We had a house full of people here last night," he said. "They came to congratulate me, and remained late."

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NO MONEY TO PAY LOVE SUIT VERDICT

Mrs. Bleyer Declares Husband Lacks Cash for Girl's \$10,000 Award

LIKE BLOOD OUT OF STONE

"They can't get blood out of a stone," was Mrs. George H. Bleyer's comment today on the \$10,000 "heart balm" verdict given yesterday by a Camden jury to Miss Kathryn McDonald.

Miss McDonald, a housewife of this city, sued Mr. Bleyer for breach of promise to marry and told Judge Kates and a jury that she had spent "ten years in mental and physical bondage."

The Bleyers, who were married only this year, live at 632 South Forty-eighth street. At the time of the alleged promise of marriage Bleyer lived in Camden and for that reason the suit was brought in Camden.

Bleyer is an electrical engineer, employed at the New York Shipyard. He has been absent from work during the period of the suit. But today he returned to his job, leaving Mrs. Bleyer to talk about the outcome if any talking was to be done.

"I suppose they will try to get the money from Mr. Bleyer's mother, Mrs. Lena Bleyer, who lives at 922 North Sixth street, Camden. His mother owns her home."

"Soon after our marriage, early this year, I was called on the telephone at our home by Miss McDonald. She upbraided me. Mr. Bleyer was in the cellar. He came up and took the receiver. When he recognized Miss McDonald's voice he hung up the receiver."

"Mr. Bleyer then told me that he had flirted with Miss McDonald on a ferry-boat and she had been chasing him ever since."

Mrs. Bleyer formerly was the wife of Henry G. Forging, a business man of this city. She was divorced from Forging after a suit in which Bleyer was named as co-respondent.

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