JAMES M. BECK PENROSE VISITOR

Former Assistant Attorney General, Mentioned for Cabinet, Sees Senator at Shore

ROLLING CHAIR AIDS HEALTH

By a Staff Correspondent

Atlantic City, Dec. 16.—James M. Beck, mentioned for secretary of state in the Harding cabinet, called on Senator Penrose at the Shelburne Hotel here today.

Mr. Beck, a former Philadelphian and former assistant attorney general of the United States, arrived here at noon. He was shown at once to the senator's suite.

Recently Senator Penrose has spoken of Mr. Beck as one qualified to direct the affairs of the State Department or to represent this country as ambassador to Great Britain.

The daily rides in the big rolling chair built specially for Senator Penrose are working wonders with his health. He is regaining the vim he had before illness made him "the sick man of Spruce street."

Dr. Herbert Carpenter, the senator's physician, who came along as a precautionary measure when Mr. Penrose came down to the shore last week to get into shape for his work in Washington, right after the first of the year, looked his big patient over last evening.

He was mightily pleased with what his eyes told him. Senator Penrose had just returned from a ride of three hours in the big red machine with "Walter" at the wheel. His eyes were sparkling and his face was aglow. His appetite was rampant and he told the doctor about the rabbit potpies the chefs at the Shelbourne have been concocting for him.

"It would not be possible for a man to do better than Senator Penrose has done during the last two or three days," Dr. Carpenter said, as he was leaving the hotel. "He looks like a different man. The rest and the change of air and environment have worked wonders for him."

There was a stir around the Shelbourne when Mr. Penrose was summoned to the telephone to answer a call from Marion. It was understood that he talked directly with Senator Harding and that the cabinet and some of Senator Penrose's recent utterances here respecting James M. Beck and other possibilities were touched upon.

Mr. Beck is expected here today, but the time of his coming is indefinite and he may not come at all. Senator Penrose said he knew nothing beyond the fact that Mr. Beck had written stating his desire to talk with him here and that he had been advised he would be welcome any day this week.

Mr. Penrose's plans are indefinite. He said he might go back to town in two or three days.

Former Monk Finds Love After 20 Years

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ago of thirty for further study of the early Christian writers. Because of my studies I was led to believe that the Protestant or evangelical form of church government was the primative form. I have made this a life study. With me this is a conscientious belief. I had to make the change.

"I think the Presbyterian form of church government is the most democratic. I am strongly in favor of the movement toward church unity according to the broad church anglican movements which recognizes the rights of others and other church government and desires to unite on essentials leaving full freedom in form of worship and sacrament. I am very glad of this opportunity to see this because so many people have asked me for my stand.

"I may take up the ministry here. I am in some doubt. At present I am not affiliated with any church. I am in great sympathy with the work of my cousin, A. J. Drexel Biddle, of Philadelphia, founder of the Biddle Bible classes. He is one of the persons of whom I am most fond. He has used his great wealth well. His Bible class has spread almost like a church denomination."

Mr. Biddle talked rather slowly, the result, perhaps, of years of silence in the Kentucky monastery, where the Trappist monks pass weeks without speaking except for a "pax vobiscum" ("peace be with you") to one another.

His first meeting with Miss Gaines occurred one year ago in the Jefferson Hotel, Richmond, Va. The future Mrs. Biddle was at the hotel with her invalid brother, C. Fairfax Gaines. A member of Richmond society introduced Mr. Biddle to Miss Gaines. The former monk fell swiftly in love with the cultivated Virginia woman.

Mr. Gaines and his sister left Richmond soon after this meeting and went to Atlantic City, where it was hoped the invigorating air would aid the invalid. Mr. Biddle also went to the shore and began his wooing. Later, when the brother and sister went to Pinehurst, N. C., Mr. Biddle followed.

The brother died last May at Pinehurst. His sister returned to her Warrenton home. Mr. Biddle took up his residence at Carter Hall, Warrenton, and was a frequent visitor at the state's Colonial mansion where his bride-to-be resided.

The invalid brother had inherited this property from his father, the late Judge William Gaines. About two years ago the brother executed a will leaving the estate to the St. James' Episcopal Church, Warrenton, as a memorial to his mother. He stipulated that the home should be used as a hospital or a rectory.

Shortly before his death he prepared a codicil to his will bequeathing the mansion to his sister, now Mrs. Biddle. But he was too weak to sign the document and he died without having altered the will.

Recently his sister asked the courts to interpret what were believed to be the vague provisions of the will. Last week a court opinion was handed down, turning over the entire property to the present Mrs. Biddle.

To Live in "Paradise"

"Paradise," the estate where Mr. and Mrs. Biddle will spend much of their time hereafter, is one of the best known mansions in Virginia. It is on the edge of Warrenton and commands a view extending for miles about.

The Trappist monastery at Gethsemane, Ken., forty-eight miles south of Louisville, stands on a knoll with broad acres of farming land surrounding it. There Mr. Biddle, as Father Alberic, performed a certain amount of manual labor every day, in addition to his studies and his time devoted to prayer and mediation.

Mrs. Biddle has three brothers, Thomas Foster Gaines, of New York city; Colonel Grenville Gaines, of Warrenton, and John Smith Gaines, also of Warrenton. She has one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Foster Gaines Smith, widow of Colonel Thomas Smith, who was the son of one of Virginia's Civil War governors.

Mr. and Mrs. Biddle were married by the Rev. Dr. H. Allen Griffiths, chaplain of the Soldiers' Home at Washington and an intimate friend of the bridegroom.

Mrs. Biddle has been in Washington for a month with her cousin, Mrs. Caroline Robertson, and her mother, Mrs. Wyville-Gaines. Mrs. Gaines, due to her marriage to her late husband, Walter Wyville, had the title of Lady Wyville. Her husband, by virtue of his family connections in England, had the right to assume the lands and title of Lord Wyville, but did not exercise that right, preferring to remain here.

Family Knew of Wedding

Edward Biddle, of 1315 Locust street, a cousin of James Cornell Biddle, said today:

"Mr. Biddle's marriage is no surprise to the family, who have known of his engagement to Miss Gaines for more than six months.

"His friends and family do not think there is anything unusual in his marriage, as they fully understand why he left the order.

"A year or so ago he returned to Philadelphia from Gethsemane Monastery to undergo medical treatment. Continued ill health convinced him that he could no longer stand the rigorous life demanded of a monk in the order.

"He was enthusiastic over the order whose tenets had attracted him as an extremely intellectual young man.

"His father, the late Thomas Biddle, former minister to Ecuador and previous to that in the diplomatic service at Havana, Cuba, was a great friend of General Grant. He was appointed minister to Ecuador when Grant was President.

"While in Havana his wife and family were taken ill with yellow fever. Mrs. Biddle, who was a White before her marriage, died. James Biddle and his sister, Elizabeth C. Biddle, who lives at Fifteenth and Pine streets, are the surviving children.

"I understand that the former Miss Gaines is of a very prominent southern family and is an estimable woman."

Miss Elizabeth Biddle said today she knew of the wedding and spoke kindly regarding her brother and his wife.

Mr. Biddle's father died here in 1875. The late Colonel Caldwell Keppel Biddle, Third Regiment, N. G. P., was one of his brothers, and the late Cadwalader Biddle, known as a penologist, was his uncle.

He obtained his middle name, Cornell, from his great-grandmother, Rebecca Cornell, of Rhode Island. She became the wife of Clement Biddle, of General Washington's staff. She was of the same family as the founder of Cornell University.

FATHER ALBERIC TOLD OF LIFE AS TRAPPIST

When visiting relatives in this city in January, 1919, James Carnell Biddle, then Father Alberic, told of his life as a Trappist monk.

The following is the interview he gave at that time:

"The monks retire to their dormitory at 7 o'clock in the winter and at 8 in summer. They rise at 2 o'clock a. m. and assemble in the abbey church for prayer. The little office of the Blessed Virgin Mary is recited, followed by a half hour's meditation, the monks kneeling in their stalls.

"At 3 o'clock the regular canonical Divine Office, composed of the Psalms of David, is recited, beginning with the office of matins, followed by lauds. Generally it ends about 4 o'clock.

"The Divine Office consists of passages from the Holy Scriptures, homilies by the fathers of the church and extracts from the lives of the Christian saints—all sung in simple, plain Gregorian chant, as restored to its ancient usage by Pope Pius X.

"But this singing is done only on Sundays and the chief festivals of the year. On other days the office is recited. During the day the offices of prime, tierce, sext, none, vespers and compline are sung daily.

"The intervals between prayer are spent in reading, study and manual labor. Gethsemane Abbey was about 1600 acres of land. The manual labor for what is known as the 'choir religious' is from four to five hours daily. The lay brothers have a shorter office, which also are in private. The lay brothers also have longer hours of labor.

"While every monk is supposed to earn his living by manual labor, according to the old traditions of St. Benedict, St. Basil and the fathers of the desert, the Church has required choir religious to devote considerable time to sacred studies—theology and the Scriptures.

"In summer, on account of the heat and labor, the monks get what are called two full meals, consisting of vegetables, milk and butter. They get what is called 'monk's coffee,' made of ground barley, with milk and sugar. In early times this was the ordinary beverage of the people, especially in England. It is somewhat tasteless at first and a little difficult to get used to, but one becomes accustomed to it and it is healthy.

"In this country, on account of the climate, we are granted what is called 'mixt' in the morning. This consists of about six ounces of bread with barley coffee. In winter we are granted one full meal, served at about 11:30 a. m., and a small collation in the evening. It is extremely light—not a quarter of a full meal.

"Generally speaking, this diet proves healthful. The monks, as a rule, are spare, and among us you wouldn't find any lazy-looking ones. It it a severe life. The rule of austerity is perfectly observed, but it is rather difficult to obtain new subjects, especially in this country, because many have not sufficient strength to observe the rule and leave the novitiate. The ill are cared for by an infirmarian.

"Perpetual silence is observed, except to speak to the abbot or the prior of the monastery. The master of work also may give directions verbally when necessary. This silence is difficult, but is necessary for a life of recollection and prayer. In case of great necessity the rule does not apply.

"A few years ago the building where the monks conduct a boys' school caught fire. A monk, discovering the flames, threw stones and smashed some of the windows by way of warning. But he kept silence."

Vows of Trappist Monk Call for Austere Life

The Trappist monks, when they received full membership, consecrate themselves by five vows—poverty, chastity, obedience, stability and reformation of manners. Their monastic lives are governed by these rules:

Silence.

No meat, fish, eggs or wine at any time.

Only one meal a day, consisting of vegetable soup and boiled bread and rice, about fifteen or twenty ounces altogether.

During Lent only one meal of bread and water.

Frequent fasts.

Frequent and prolonged devotions, with penance for the slightest forgetfulness.

Rise at 2 a. m. winter and summer.

Work from five to ten hours a day in the fields and workshop.

To bed at 7 p. m. in winter and 8 p. m. in summer.

Pray six hours a day.

HARDING CONFERS WITH COOLIDGE

President-Elect Discusses Association of Nations and Domestic Problems

MAY DIVIDE RESPONSIBILITY

By the Associated Press

Marion, Dec. 16.—Making good another of his campaign pledges, President-elect Harding today sought the advice of Vice President-elect Coolidge on the problems and policies of the coming administration.

Although the plan for an association of nations is understood to have been one of the principal points to be discussed at the conference, it is known that Governor Coolidge's invitation to Marion was prompted in a large part by the desire of the President-elect to secure his advice on various domestic questions.

One of Mr. Harding's first announcements after his nomination was his promise of a more active part for the Vice President in the next administration, and now that actual experience has brought home to him the wide range of subjects with which a President must deal, he is understood to be even more anxious to let Mr. Coolidge share some of the administration responsibility.

If any plan has been worked out to delegate definite subjects to the Vice President for investigation or decision, however, Mr. Harding has not revealed it even to his close advisers. It is thought more likely that Mr. Coolidge will be asked to act in a general advisory capacity and will be entrusted from time to time with important special missions.

Arriving early in the forenoon, the governor was to spend several hours with Mr. Harding before returning East.

Lucky Limerick Fan Wins Hundred

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tiality to everybody. We're all fans, so we start even.

The Gob From the Navy Yard

Today's limerick jumps us down to South Philadelphia—all the way to the Navy Yard.

Here we have a poor gob who "comes ashore" for an evening and doesn't know what to do with himself. Can you help him?

Think it over. You have until 6 o'clock Saturday evening to get your answer in, so that ought to give you time enough to "dope out" a mighty good stunt and to put it into a line that will be full of "punch."

Those of you who are still trying to solve the difficulties of the West Hortter street man and his "dortter" must have your answers in by 6 o'clock tomorrow evening, while the Luzerne carbarn fans have the time called on them at 6 tonight.

The spread of this limerickitis germ is becoming more and more evident every day. As one reader expressed it yesterday—

A disease that is called limerickitis
Is as bad as appendicitis;
If our work we should stop
The first prize to cop,
The boss would say he didn't need us.

And a few days ago, in discussing limericks in general, and particularly those that dealt with state names, we innocently asked, "Who, for instance, could write a limerick on Pennsylvania?"

And a man whose name would be known to all of you if we were allowed to print it takes up our challenge thus: I live in a state—Pennsylvania—
Where bootleggers thrive and raise Cainia;
If you drink their hooch
The ending is scooch
That the doctor just says "pochia mania."

More Abbreviations

Our remarks the other day about the way abbreviations are used in writing limericks prompted a fan to bring us his collection to show us how cleverly the idea has been worked out by various writers.

Here are some of the best, culled from his scrapbook:

There was an old man of St. Bees
Who was stung on the arm by a wasp
When they asked "Does it hurt?"
He replied, "No it doesn't
But I thought all the while 'twas a hornet."

A gallant and sociable Mr.
On meeting a fair damsel kd.
She called for a Dr
The thing had so shr
And on her red lips raised a bir.

The sermon our pastor Rt. Rev.
Began may have had a rt. clev.
But his talk, though consistent,
Kept the point so far distant
We left, for we thought he mt. nev.

There once was a dignified Mme.
Who hiked on a road of Macme.
Until by mistake
A rough road she did take
And immediately thought that she hme.

Punctuation's abhorrent to Thos.
He loathes semicolons and cos.
He is such a bad boy
That a wave of great joy
Would arise were the kid taken fros.

BOASTER LANDS IN JAIL

"Bad Man" Became "Good" When Police Arrived

A couple of glasses of beer and a boast to a barkeeper last night caused the arrest of Harry Jeffries, of Baltimore, on suspicion of larceny of an automobile.

Jeffries, at a hearing this morning before Magistrate Grellis, in the Eleventh and Winter streets station, asserted he had gone into a saloon at Ninth and Cherry streets and admitted that he had boasted to the saloonkeeper that he was a "professional crook" and that he had stolen an expensive car in Pittsburgh and run it to this city.

"But I was only kidding, judge," he said.

"Then it's a poor way to joke," replied the magistrate. "$1000 bail for further hearing Saturday."

PENN MAN WINS HONORS

R. A. Fisher Is Awarded Second Medal in Architecture Contest

Another University of Pennsylvania student has won honors in architecture, according to announcement made today.

He is R. A. Fisher, a student in the architectural school who won second medal in the Emerson prize award conducted by the Beaux Arts Institute. The winner, W. Nichels, while not a University student, has been studying art privately under Professor Paul Cret, of the architectural school.

The Beaux Arts Institute conducts a similar contest every month, and University students have won honors for several years. The competition was for the design of bronze doors for an art museum.

EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER'S DAILY LIMERICK CONTEST

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For the Best Last Line Supplied by Any Reader of the Evening Public Ledger to the Incomplete Limerick Which Appears Below

RULES OF THE LIMERICK CONTEST

1. Contest is open to any one. All that is required for you to do is to write and send in your last line to the Limerick, using for convenience the coupon printed below. Please write plainly, and be sure to add your name and address.
2. All answers to the Limerick which is printed below must be received at the office of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER by 6 o'clock Saturday evening. Monday's and Thursday's limericks should be mailed to P. O. Box 1523, Philadelphia; Tuesday's and Friday's to P. O. Box 1521, and Wednesday's and Saturday's to P. O. Box 1524. Answers left at the office of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER will also be admissible.
3. The winner of the ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR prize for the best last line to each Limerick will be announced exactly one week after the Limerick is printed. For example, the winner of the prize for the Limerick which appears today will be announced today a week.
4. In case of ties, prizes will be awarded to each successful contestant. For example, if the judges decide there are two or more answers of equal merit for the prize, the author of each answer will receive ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS. The prize will not be split up among them.
5. The Limerick will be judged by three editors on the staff of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER and their decision will be final.

THE WINNER OF TODAY'S CONTEST WILL BE ANNOUNCED ONE WEEK FROM TODAY

Cut Out and Mail

TO THE LIMERICK CONTEST
EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER,
P. O. Box 1523, Philadelphia.

LIMERICK NO. 4

A gob who came out of the yard
At League Island said, "Gee, but it's hard
To know what to do
When your day's work is through—

.....
(Write your answer on this line.)

Name .....

Street and No. .....

City and State .....

PLAN NEW TROLLEY SERVICE DIRECT TO OVERBROOK

P. R. T. Asks Permission to Build Loop at 63d and Lancaster

Trolley service with new green cars directly to Overbrook is planned by the P. R. T. Co., which today asked permission from the Public Service Commission to build a loop at Sixty-third street and Lancaster avenue.

At present "shuttle" cars of the yellow type run from Overbrook to Sixty-third and Market streets. The transit company told the commission a loop is necessary to turn the green cars.

Details of an appeal to the State Supreme Court from the Superior Court's ruling on the underlying companies' case were discussed today by City Solicitor Smyth, C. Oscar Beasley, counsel for the United Business Men's Association, and William A. Magee, of Pittsburgh, counsel for the Cliveden Improvement Co.

The Superior Court recently set aside a Public Service Commission order on the P. R. T.'s underlying companies to reply to a complaint against alleged exorbitant rentals paid the subsidiaries.

Legion Opposes Delay in Bonus

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said. "Those kept here felt they were in hard luck."

Charges that the War Department is taking no action looking to the prosecution of draft evaders and deserters were filed with the House judiciary committee today by representatives of service men's organizations. The committee is considering a bill to extend the statute of limitations from three to six years for prosecution of violators of the selective service act.

William G. Murdock, department adjutant of the American Legion for Pennsylvania, and H. H. Raege, of the legion's legislative committee, declared that the War Department has done nothing but promise prosecutions of more than 150,000 draft evaders and deserters under military regulations.

Many Cases Not Acted Upon

They also charged that the Department of Justice was making little progress in dealing with another 150,000 men whom they claimed had violated the service act, but were punishable under criminal statutes rather than military laws.

Mr. Murdock submitted a letter signed by Adjutant General Harris to former Provost Marshal General Crowder, in which he said that the War Department had records of 489,003 deserters falling under military regulations. Of these the letter said 165,738 had been dealt with under military regulations prior to February 28, 1919. There remained, however, 173,911 individual cases of which the War Department had made no disposition prior to last September 1, according to the letter.

Chairman Volstead, of the committee, said he believed the War Department should be called upon for information concerning its disposition of these cases. The committee, however, left the matter in the chairman's hands, and he said later he expected to write to Secretary Baker for the information.

MOST INCOME TAXES PAID

$20,603,589 Received Yesterday, Last Day for Returns

Yesterday was the last day on which final payments for the income tax due for 1919 could be paid without penalty, according to a statement today by Collector of Internal Revenue Lederer.

Clerks in the department have been busy receiving final paymnts and collected $20,603,589.41 during yesterday alone. The total sum in this district on the last payment, however, is $31,500,410.33.

Mr. Lederer said that from a total of 28,600 bills sent out, more than 27,000 had been paid up to today, when a large number of checks were received in the early mail.

He pointed out that there were very few delinquents in this district, as the total amount due was $37,800,000, of which nearly $32,000,000 has been paid in.

Drove Auto Forty Miles an Hour

Recorder Stackhouse in Camden today fined Samuel Noucker, of 411 Cooper street, $10 on the charge of driving his automobile at the rate of forty an hour on Cooper street last night.

PRISONER CUTS DETECTIVE

Man Again Resists Police When They Try to Put Him in Cell

After a struggle lasting nearly twenty minutes, Detective Brown, of the Seventh and Carpenter streets police station, arrested Edward Johnson, twenty-nine years old, a Negro, of Chestnut street, Camden, who, armed with a razor, cut the detective severely before he was finally subdued.

Brown noticed Johnson standing near Seventh and Christian streets early last evening and acting in a suspicious manner. He spoke to the Negro, who, he said, had a small bottle of "dope" in his hand. Brown placed Johnson under arrest, and said his prisoner used the razor. After he had been quieted and taken to the police station, he again resisted the efforts of the police to place him in a cell, but was overpowered.

Magistrate Baker held Johnson under $800 bail for a further hearing on December 22.

NAVAL CRAFT LEAVE HERE

Six Flying Boats to Join Atlantic Fleet in Maneuvers

With a whirr and a spiash, six flying boats of the S5-L type, comprising the Atlantic air fleet, left the Philadelphia navy yard this morning for Hampton Roads, whence they will accompany the Atlantic fleet on its southern maneuvers.

The aquatic planes, 104 feet from tip to tip, will be gone from their base from four to six months. The destroyer Harding will accompany them as tender.

Four overseas destroyers, the Cassin, Porter, Wilkes and Caldwell, left the Philadelphia navy yard today for Hampton Roads. They will proceed from there to their winter base at Charleston, S. C. The submarine tender Beaver left today for New York, and the minesweeper left for Hampton Roads.

STEEL MILLS TO CLOSE

22,000 Workers in Independent Plants Will Be Idle

Youngstown, O., Dec. 16.—(By A. P.)—Heads of independent steel plants here indicated today that the mills will be practically idle from the end of this week until the first of the year owing to lack of orders. The contemplated suspension would affect about 20,000 workers.

Blast furnaces and other units which would suffer heavily from suspension will be kept going, it was stated, but the main departments are expected to be idle. United States Steel Corporation mills in this district, however, are expected to continue at their present rate of about 90 per cent production.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

August MacNeil, 527 Wolf st., and Edna M. Swenson, 519 Wolf st.
Martin Harrison, 5843 Cedar ave., and Diana Feinstein, 3952 Pennsgrove st.
Percy Wolf, 819 Columbia ave., and Sadie Rosenberg, 1644 N. 8th st.
William MacFarland, 4536 W. Fairham Terrace, and Isabella Fischer, 2910 N. Bonsall st.
Frank Givens, 234 S. Darien st., and Eloise Carter, 504 Carpenter st.
David Lane, 1937 Addison st., and Maggie Johnson, 1834 Catharine st.
Edward Jannoske, 5847 Walnut st., and Bessie Weinberg, 5036 Fountain st.
Herbert L. Chandler, Chester, Pa., and Bessie H. Smith, Cape May, N. J.
Joseph Gottlieb, 1054 N. 24 st., and Anna Rubenstein, 5858 Chestnut st.
Antonio Petruzzelli, 8056 Edrick st., and Prassede Di Gallo, 8029 Edrick st.
Frank E. Fitzpatrick, 5240 Larchwood ave., and Lolu E. Bishop, 4460 S. 52d st.
Marvey E. Fries, Audubon, Pa., and Ruth A. Towle, 2108 Wallace st.
Bronson J. Hilbert, Penlyn, Pa., and Cecelia M. Beatty, 5530 Chew st.
William H. Sasseville, Vanderbie, Pa., and Lelia A. Randall, 2558 Memphis st.

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HOME RULE BILL BACK IN COMMONS

Lower House Likely to Strike Out Amendments Made by Lords

STILL DISCUSS IRISH TRUCE

By the Associated Press

London, Dec. 16.—Amendments to the Irish home-rule bill, made in the House of Lords during the last two weeks, were ready for consideration by the House of Commons when it met today. After the bill had been sent to the upper house of Parliament and that body was found bent on making material alterations in the measure, intimations were given that any amendments made by the Lords would be stricken out by Commons, but there appeared to be sentiment in some quarters in favor of going as far as possible to meet any objections which developed during the debate of the bill by the House of Lords.

There seemed to be a probability that the reappearance of the home-rule bill might be made an occasion for a debate on the Irish situation generally. Liberal members have asserted that acquiescence by Parliament should be secured before the government puts into operation such a serious measure as declaring martial law over a large section of Ireland.

Withdrawal of "Black and Tan" units from Cork has been completed, but the military commission investigating the origin of the fires in that city Saturday night and Sunday has not as yet made public its conclusions. Major General Sir Edward Strickland is head of the commission, and it seems the work of arriving at a verdict has been more difficult than was at first expected.

Eamon de Valera, who bears the title of "President of the Irish Republic," is rumored to be on his way to Ireland from America, where he has been for nearly eighteen months. Tacit permission for his return to Ireland is understood to have been given by Premier Lloyd George in a letter to the Rev. Michael O'Flanagan, acting president of the Sinn Fein.

Discussion of a truce in Ireland, pending a settlement of difficulties there, is declared to be proceeding, but there is no indication that the negotiations have reached a definite stage. The British Labor party has been called into conference for December 29, at which time it is planned to start a nations' campaign to bring about peace in Ireland.

New York, Dec. 16.—(By A. P.)—Eamon de Valera, "president of the Irish republic," is "in hiding" in this country, but may consider returning to Great Britain if granted a safe conduct by Premier Lloyd George, Harry Boland, "presidential secretary," announced here today.

Mr. Boland said that Mr. De Valera at present was fagged from his activities in this country and he had withdrawn into privacy until he felt able to resume his tour in the United States at the place he had left off because of illness. Mr. Boland, who said he alone knew where Mr. de Valera was, declined to make known his whereabouts.

The "president" has a number of speaking dates which he will fill in the United States, his secretary added. He treated lightly all references to the proposed return of Mr. de Valera, but he insisted the trip overseas would not be considered until safe conduct was guaranteed.

Dublin, Dec. 16.—(By A. P.)—An official report today from Dublin castle on the shooting yesterday of Canon Magner, parish priest of Dunmanway, County Cork, says the priest and the son of a farmer named Crowary were shot by a cadet, who is under arrest. The cadet is reported to be insane, the official statement adds.

Atlantic City, Dec. 16.—Eammon de Valera, "president of the Irish Republic," reported to be in this city, could not be located here this morning. Members of the Friends of Irish Freedom here said they had received no word from him.

MAYOR IS EVASIVE AFTER LONG TALK WITH GRUNDY

Discusses Legislative Program With Bucks County Leader

Mayor Moore and Joseph R. Grundy, Penrose lieutenant, held a conference this morning at the Union League. Their talk lasted for nearly two hours, during which the Mayor and Mr. Grundy went over the city and state political situation.

New legislation, so far as it affects Philadelphia, was among the things discussed at the conference.

When the Mayor reached his office following the conference, and was asked if politics had been discussed, he replied:

"The Mayor and Mr. Grundy are old friends, and often talk things over."

Watch Given Tenants' Head

Joseph A. Molony, president of the Thirty-fourth Ward Tenants' Association, was given a gold watch by the members of the organization at the meeting in West Philadelphia last night.

Motorcycle Crash Fatal

Edward Callahan, 1500 Bradley avenue, Camden, died today in the University Hospital, from a fractured skull received yesterday afternoon when the motorcycle on which he was riding was struck by a truck at Twenty-first street and Oregon avenue.

DEATHS

DAWSON—Dec. 16, 1920. MARGARET L., wife of William H. Dawson. Relatives and friends invited to attend funeral services, on Sat. at 2 p. m., precisely, at her husband's residence, 419 Martin st., Riverborough. Interment private.

FOX—Dec. 15, LIZZIE A., wife of John J. Fox. Funeral services, on Mon., at 2 p. m., at her husband's residence, 419 Wyoming ave., Audubon, N. J. Interment private. Friends may call Sunday, 7 to 9 p. m.

BATES—Dec. 14, 1920, WINIFRED, beloved wife of Joseph Bates (nee Daniels), aged 23 years. Relatives and friends invited to attend funeral, on Sat., at 8:30 a. m., from her parents' residence, 2210 Tasker st. Solemn high mass of requiem at St. Edmond's Church, at 10 a. m. Interment Holy Cross Cem.

KANE—Dec. 14, ELIZABETH G., daughter of Mary and the late William Kane. Relatives and friends, also employees of Curtis Publishing Co., invited to funeral, on Sat., at 8:30 a. m., from late residence, 821 N. 43th st. Solemn requiem mass at Church of Our Mother of Sorrows, at 10 a. m. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery.

SPRUNGER.—Dec. 14, MARY J., beloved wife of Andrew J. Sprunger. Relatives and friends invited to attend funeral, on Sat., at 1:30 p. m., from the residence of her daughter, 1826 E. Montgomery ave., to proceed to Palmer vault. Friends may call Friday, after 8 p. m. Interment private.

SHELLY.—At Richlandtown, Bucks co., Pa., on Dec. 15, HANNAH MARGARET, wife of James H. Shelly, and daughter of the late Charles Feltman, in her 66th year. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, on Sun., at 2:15 p. m., at her late residence, Richlandtown. Interment Richlandtown Cemetery. Automobiles will meet train at Quakertown, leaving Reading Terminal at 12:30 p. m.

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MOTHER OF TEN DEFEATED

Effort to Elect Woman to Pottsville School Board Fails

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 16.—For the second time Pottsville women yesterday failed to land their choice of school director on the Board of Education. The women, with Mayor F. Pierce Mortimer, backed Mrs. J. C. Hallowell, who up until a few years ago was active in educational circles at Pittsburgh and was an officer in the Parents-Teachers' Association, the Mothers' Club and the kindergarten there. She is the mother of ten children.

It was announced, however, that the board has selected William H. Chandler to fill the vacancy, which was caused by the death of Director Francis Critz. The school directors state they do not feel at liberty to put a woman in an office to which the voters have elected a man.

STEEL OFFICIALS EJECTED AT PROBE

Senator Declares They Prompted Witnesses in Building Inquiry

WAGE FIXING IS ALLEGED

By the Associated Press

New York, Dec. 16.—W. W. Corlet, general solicitor of the American Bridge Co., and A. L. Davis, also an official of the United States Steel Corporation subsidiary, were ejected from the committee room at today's session of the legislative committee investigating the "building trust" when Senator Kaplan, presiding, interrupted the proceedings to declare they were prompting witnesses.

A letter purporting to show that the United States Steel Corporation and National Erectors' Association worked hand in hand today was placed in evidence before the committee.

The letter produced by Samuel Untermyer, committee counsel, was from John W. Pouchet, former manager of the association at Pittsburgh, to the organization's secretary, reporting a meeting of the executive committee in Pittsburgh in December, 1916.

At this meeting the executive committee, the letter said, appointed a committee to see the officers of the United States Steel Corporation to arrange for notification of the association before making any changes in the rate of wages on erection work. Walter Drew, the association's counsel, was to see Elbert H. Gary, head of the corporation, in the matter.

The committee also approved the new wage rate of the corporation which was to become effective January 1, 1917.

Charles Cheney, secretary of the association, admitted on the stand that he had made no record in the minutes of the Pittsburgh meeting, although Mr. Drew had asked him to make what Mr. Untermyer called a "false" record.

Mr. Drew's memorandum to Mr. Cheney regarding the minutes of the Pittsburgh meeting asked that the secretary record as present only six persons, although nine were said to have been in attendance. Reference to the wage action also was to be eliminated.

"This was a deliberate attempt at garbling and falsification of your records, Mr. Untermyer declared in addressing Mr. Cheney.

Under cross-examination Mr. Cheney admitted that the fabricated steel manufacturers got together and fixed wages although they did not allow their employes to act jointly.

Mr. Drew was accompanied from the room by the sergeant-at-arms for interrupting Mr. Untermyer in his examination of Mr. Cheney.

CHRISTMAS MAIL FALLS OFF

Practically No Increase Above Normal, P. O. Department Says

Washington, Dec. 16.—(By A. P.)—Whether the people of the country a ignoring the "mail early" slogan o the Postoffice Department or have ex perienced a strong subsidence of th Christmas spirit of giving is a questio over which the department today ex pressed considerable concern. Ther has been virtually no increase in th volume of mails due to Christmas mai ing up to the present time, said an an nouncement by the department, where as by December 15 last year the mai had increased 50 per cent above norm

"The people of the United Stat either have curtailed their Christo mailing this year or are putting it until the last minute," the announce ment said. "Until last Tuesday r ports throughout the country show no sign whatever of an increase in th volume of mail and the increase show by reports on that day's movement o mail was so little as to be negligible."

Breaks Leg In Game

While practicing football at the Southern High School athletic field, Broad and Wolf streets, yesterday, Samuel Zalstein, sixteen years o'd, suffered a fractured right leg when he was tackled by an opposing player. He lives at 710 South Fourth street. Zalstein is a member of the Southern High scrub team. He was taken to the Methodist Hospital.

Explorer to Lecture

Donald B. MacMillan, artic explorer, will lecture on "Five Years With the Polar Eskimos," at 8 o'clock tonight in the lecture hall of the Academy of Natural Sciences, Nineteenth street below Race.

COLBY APPROVED U. S. CABLE LANDING

So Telegraph Company's Head Intimated to Senate Probing Committee

WILSON BLOCKED SCHEME

By the Associated Press

Washington, Dec. 16.—More details of the three-sided controversy centering around the action of the government in preventing the landing of the Western Union, again took the stand.

American cable at Miami, Fla., last summer, were given today before the Senate committee considering legislation giving the executive department power to control all cable landings. Newcomb H. Carlton, president of the Western Union again took the stand.

"I want to correct a statement of Elihu Root, Jr., counsel for the All-America cables, to the effect that the Western Union proceeded with its operations for the landing in disregard of a State Department warning," Mr. Carlton said. "The fact is that two weeks before the landing was to be made a high official of the State Department told me that our application was coming through, and that he expected the license to be in hand shortly.

"We are not down here throwing ourselves upon the ample bosom of the Senate seeking justice. We are proceeding in an orderly way through the courts. If the courts fail us, of course, you may find us about your legs, begging for mercy."

Later Mr. Carlton intimated it was Secretary Colby who gave him the assurance about the license.

"I left the conference with Mr. Colby," he said, "confident that the landing license was coming through, and that no conditions were to be attached to it, though some fugitive things were said about it."

Mr. Root took the stand. A State Department warning that President Wilson's permission would be necessary for the Western Union to land the cable at Miami, he said, "put the Western Union on notice."

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