NEW SCHOOLS HEAD AT BOARD MEETING

Dr. E. C. Broome Reaches City, but Will Make No Recommendations Yet

RELIGIOUS HOUR OPPOSED

Dr. Edwin C. Broome, new superintendent of city schools, arrived in this city at 11 o'clock today and will officially assume office at the meeting of the Board of Education, at its headquarters, Nineteenth and Ludlow streets, this afternoon.

It was not thought likely Dr. Broome would take any great part in the discussions or would make any recommendations, as he had not yet familiarized himself thoroughly with school conditions in this city.

A letter from the Patriotic Order of Sons of America will be read at the meeting, asking that the question of religious training be relegated for the present.

This letter states that it has come to the attention of members of the P. O. S. of A. that a movement is on foot to devote an hour or more each day to religious training in schools. The report states this is considered "not advisable," and warns of the danger of false doctrines, sectarianism and confusion of creeds.

Women teachers' organizations will ask that the optional one-session system, which was abolished in February, be re-established. These organizations maintain that the lighting in many of the schools is so inadequate that on dark days it is impossible to conduct classes in the afternoons, and that it is harmful to children's health to return to class rooms on stormy days.

George E. Lloyd, director of savings of the Third Federal Reserve District, will ask the board to indorse the thrift movement in schools.

The "senate," composed of boys of the Northeast High School, will ask permission to name the new gymnasium "Shallcross Hall" in honor of Thomas Shallcross, member of the board.

The Pennsylvania Teachers' Association is planning a reception at the Academy of the Fine Arts on March 17 in honor of Dr. Broome.

BAIL FOR 'STILETTO BANDIT'

Judge Rogers Sets Amount at $10,000 in Granting Appeal

Joseph Gillis, Negro, who called himself a second "Alabama Joe" to Judge Rodgers, today was freed on a writ of habeas corpus under $10,000 bail. He is the man who was identified by Robert Hussey as the "stiletto bandit."

Hussey said Gillis during a hold-up drove a blade into a Bible in his vest pocket. Gillis was arrested several days later when the proprietor of a restaurant saw him standing in the street and identified him to two patrolmen as the man who attempted to hold up a restaurant in Wood street some days ago. After a battle the man was taken to jail. He attempted to use a revolver.

Alba Johnson Off to Bermuda

President Alba B. Johnson, of the Chamber of Commerce, left yesterday for a stay of several weeks in Bermuda.

"JUDGE" WRIGLEY TO ACT AS AIDE TO JUDGE WHEELER

"Judicial Team" Is Paired Off for Duty at Moyamensing

"Judge" Wrigley is going to be teamed off with Judge Wheeler at Moyamensing Prison, it was learned today.

However, as "Judge" Wrigley belongs only to the minor judiciary, while Judge Wheeler is—or rather was—a judge in the Municipal Court, Wrigley will be Wheeler's assistant. Between them they will supervise the prison books.

Wrigley was sentenced recently to three years in jail, a thousand dollars' fine and the costs of prosecution, after he had been convicted of driving an automobile when drunk and involuntary manslaughter.

Wrigley has not yet entered on his service as Judge Wheeler's assistant, but will do so as soon as he has adjusted himself to prison life. For a time the "judge" is finding it pretty hard, and, according to report, is not enjoying himself at all.

As assistant to Judge Wheeler he will have the run of the offices during the day, only returning to his cell to be locked up for the night after the supper hour. Other small but much more appreciated privileges are accorded the men who work in the jail offices.

Wrigley will be allowed to stay at the old jail at Tenth and Reed streets as long as he behaves himself. As he is sentenced only for misdemeanors he may serve his term at Moyamensing.

TWO HELD FOR FRAUD

Men Accused of Seeking Money in Name of Vice Squad Head

Charged with attempting to obtain money under false pretense by use of the name of Charles Lee, head of the vice squad, two men were held under $1500 bail today by Magistrate Price.

The accused are Samuel Hart, May street near Fairmount avenue, and Francis McGuire, Fairmount avenue near Forty-ninth street.

It is alleged they went to the junk shop of Samuel Smilk, Aspen street near Forty-ninth, and handed him a letter. It purported to come from Lee and suggested the advisability of payment by Smilk of $50 to the two men, with the hint the money was for police pension fund purposes.

REALTY STILL GOING UP

P. R. T. Expert Insists Values Are on Increase

Contrary to general opinion, property values are still rising, was the assertion of William M. Levis, real estate expert of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co., at the resumption of the valuation hearing before Public Service Commissioner Clement in City Hall today.

The city contends that the valutions made by the company as of June 30, 1919, are incorrect now, due to the reduction in real estate values. Mr. Levis answered this contention by asserting that the valuations made at that date were less than the properties would be valued at today.

Research-Bureau Work Explained

The work of the bureau of municipal research was explained last night by William C. Beyer, assistant director of the bureau, to members of the Chester Avenue Improvement Association in a meeting at the Kingsessing Recreation Center. Mr. Beyer said that civic associations should make more use of the bureau's data. He told how that data is collected in investigating municipal, government and public movements.

IDA VON CLAUSEN IN JAIL AT SHORE

Ex-Countess, Ejected From White House by Roosevelt, Under Arrest

CONTRACT BREACH CHARGED

Atlantic City, March 8.—Former Countess Ida Von Clausen, who is now said to be Mrs. Raymond Maybury, and who gained considerable notoriety a number of years ago when she was ejected from the White House by order of former President Roosevelt, spent the night in a cell in the city jail, and was still there at noon today. The police, however, said she would be on her way to Newark early this afternoon in the custody of two officers from that city.

The countess was arrested here last night by City Detective Emanuel Eckstein on a state warrant issued at Newark, charging her with breach of contract. According to Captain of Detectives Malseed the countess purchased an automobile in Newark and before completing payment sold it. The warrant for her arrest was issued last fall and sent to this city, where she was supposed to be. She had left the city, however, some time previously.

A handsome man of soldierly bearing and dignified manner entered the office of Captain of Detectives Malseed this morning and said he was Raymond Maybury, husband of the woman. He declared that they had recently been married in Reno, Nev., and obtained a permit from the police to visit his wife in the jail. Meanwhile Chief of Police Michael Long, of Newark, wired Captain Malseed that two detectives were on their way here to escort the countess back to that city.

The arrest of the countess was brought about through her application at headquarters for a warrant for the arrest of a person alleged to have stolen a trunk from her. Expensively gowned, she entered the office of the captain of detectives and announced that she had discovered the woman who had stolen her trunk. She was recognized by Detective Eckstein, who remembered that he had a warrant for her issued last year in Newark, and he placed her under arrest. Eckstein had registered her as an alien enemy during the war.

TO PUSH WAR ON VARES

Penrose-Moore Alliance Will Open New Clubhouses

The Penrose-Moore Alliance is planning to invade the Vare-controlled Forty-eighth and Nineteenth wards with modern clubhouses which will be rallying points for the anti-Vare movements in those sections.

Thomas Weldon, executive secretary of the alliance, announced today one clubhouse would be located on Thirtieth street below Snyder avenue, in the Forty-eighth ward, and the other in the neighborhood of Third and York streets.

Ward leaders allied with the Penrose-Moore Alliance will meet Friday at their headquarters in South Penn square.

FERRY BUMPS; PANIC NEAR

Passengers on Beverly Are Knocked Down as Boat Rams Pilings

Several passengers were jolted from their seats or knocked to the decks and a panic narrowly averted when the old side-wheel ferryboat Beverly, of the Pennsylvania Ferries, rammed head on into the slip at the foot of Market street on her 7:30 o'clock trip from Camden.

The boat was crowded mostly with workmen.

It is believed the crash was due to a tide and current which swept the craft out of her course. After striking the pilings the Beverly caromed off against the all-steel ferryboat Salem in the adjoining dock. Neither boat was damaged, but the piling approach to the ferry slip was splintered.

Cleans Gun, Shoots Himself

While cleaning a revolver late yesterday afternoon John Dunn, sixty years old, of 1804 Shunk street, accidentally discharged the weapon, the bullet lodging in his thigh. Dunn was taken to the Methodist Hospital.

DROPS SUIT AGAINST POLICE

Three Freed When Constable Who Made Charges Fails to Prosecute

Frederick Archdeacon, house sergeant of the Thirty-third police district; William Grimes, sergeant, and Thomas Whalen, acting lieutenant, were acquitted before Judge Quigley in Quarter Sessions Court today of refusing to issue a certificate of the charge on which a prisoner was held and of conspiracy.

The prosecutor, Frank Tiesi, constable to Magistrate Joseph Coward, did not appear to press the charges and on motion of Assistant City Solicitor H. Eugene Heine, assigned to represent the police department, indictments were ordered submitted and the costs of the prosecution taxed to Tiesi. It was explained that the charges grew out of a raid on a gambling house at 1022 East Passyunk avenue the night of September 11, last, when thirteen men were arrested in the place. Tiesi later appeared at the police station and demanded a copy of the charge as to one of the men, but refused to give his right name or address, whereupon his request was refused. Tiesi, it was said, made all sorts of threats of complaining to the superintendent of police and later brought the prosecution.

THREE WIVES TWO TOO MANY

Shipworker Accused of Having Undivorced Spouses

Herbert Alexander, a shipyard worker, of Marcus Hook, was arrested late last night at the home of his aunt on Cedar street, Kensington, charged with having two wives in Wilmington and a wife in this city.

Detective Benz arrested the alleged bigamist on a warrant issued by a woman in Wilmington, said to be one of the man's wives. According to the detective's testimony at a hearing today before Magistrate Renshaw, Alexander married a woman in Wilmington two years ago, married Emma McCaffrey, of this city, a year ago, and married a third woman, living in Wilmington, seven months ago.

Magistrate Renshaw held Alexander without bail.

WRECK ON LACKAWANNA R.R.

Ten Express Cars Leave Track—No One Hurt

Scranton, Pa., March 8.—(By A. P.)—A Lackawanna train, made up of express cars from New York for Buffalo and the West, was derailed early today at Factoryville, fifteen miles north of here. No one was hurt. Ten cars left the rails, tearing up the roadbed so badly that traffic will be blocked until this afternoon.

In the meantime through trains on the Lackawanna are being detoured over the Lehigh Valley Railroad from Pittston Junction to Waverly, N. Y. Many of the wrecked cars contained silk and it is said the property loss is large.

BANDIT MAKES POOR GUESS

Alleged Highwayman Picks Out Fireman and Is Arrested

The tables were turned on Nicholas di Fibrio, Pine street above Second, Camden, when he clutched the throat of William Vangley, a city fireman, at Second and Washington streets early this morning and demanded his money, according to the fireman's story.

Vangley said Di Fibrio approached him and asked for a match, then seizing his throat, he said it was not a match but his valuables he wanted. Vangley replied with:

"You've chosen the wrong man," and placed his accoster under arrest.

At a hearing before Recorder Stackhouse in Camden Police Court Di Fibrio was held for a further investigation.

Fireman Burned, but Saves Home

Responding to an alarm of fire Lieutenant William A. McMal, of Engine Co. No. 41, at Sixty-first and Thompson streets, last night threw blazing oil stove out of the window of the home of James Carroll, 5520 Oxford street, preventing serious damage to the property. The stove exploded a minute later. McMal was burned on the hands.

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