

VARE MEN FIGHT IN COUNCIL TODAY

Moore Administration's Foes Say They Have Votes to Shear Law Committee

CITY LEGISLATION IS STAKE

An effort by Vare supporters to decrease the powers of Council's law committee is expected to develop a lively fight at today's session of Council.

At present the committee, of which James A. Develin is chairman, has charge of all matters pending before the Legislature or constitutional changes affecting the city or county.

The action by amending the rules will be taken through a resolution to be introduced by Councilman Edwin R. Cox.

A two-thirds vote is required. That means the Cox resolution to prevent must have fourteen of the twenty-two members for the resolution.

Members yesterday claimed they will have the necessary fourteen and probably one more, should it be decided to pass the resolution for consideration.

Mr. Develin and his committee have been active in formulating necessary amendments to effect greater "home rule" for Philadelphia and to bring about other recommended reforms in legislation affecting the city.

One of the purposes of the Cox resolution is to take all those matters out of the control of Mr. Develin and his committee, and to turn them over to a special committee on legislation.

It is planned to name Mr. Cox, who is allied with the Vare faction, as chairman of the special committee. Several other prominent Varesites, together with Mr. Weglein, president of Council, and Mr. Burch, chairman of the finance committee of Council, are understood to be on the committee.

With a bare councilman as chairman, it is planned to have the special committee appear before Senator Vare's municipal affairs committee on Friday next week to urge passage of a number of bills which have been already sent to Harrisburg by Mr. Develin's committee.

Mr. Weglein yesterday announced that he will cooperate with the Department of Public Works to have a comprehensive and complete repaving program pushed through Council.

"We are all eager to do some constructive work," he said. "I will ask the members of Council to look over their districts and prepare a list of streets where repaving is needed and all of us will get together and work out a plan that will put the streets in as good condition as the limitation of the \$5,000,000 loan money will permit."

TAXI SPILLS MILK WAGON

Man Injured, Horse Killed, Chauffeur Arrested, Near Fernwood

A driver of a milk wagon was slightly injured, a horse was killed, another badly hurt, and a taxicab driver arrested charged with driving a car while intoxicated, after a collision on Baltimore, near Fernwood, this morning.

Charles McLaughlin, Funston street near Fifteenth, was the driver of the taxicab and John Coyne, 4056 Thompson street, the taxicab operator.

McLaughlin declared the taxicab crashed into his team. He was taken to the Misericordia Hospital and Coyne taken to the Upper Darby police station. At a hearing today Coyne was held without bail to await the result of McLaughlin's injuries.

TUGMEN PLAN STRIKE

Ocean-Going Workers Refuse to Accept Cut in Wages

Crews of ocean-going tug boats will strike, according to representatives of the Marine Engineers' Association, on account of the determination of owners to cut wages 25 per cent. The strike, it is said, will affect all ocean-going tugs along the Atlantic coast.

Members of the association decided to take this action at a meeting this morning in the headquarters, Second and Walnut streets, following orders from the national council in New York.

There are only seven ocean-going tugs operating from this port, and as far as Philadelphia is concerned there will be about forty-two men affected.

Decorator Fatally Stricken on Street

John H. Bangert, a decorator, of 2414 Ridge avenue, died last night in the rectory of Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church, at Forty-eighth street and Lancaster avenue. He was stricken while walking in front of the house.

Deaths of a Day

JAMES M. RODGERS

Head of Coffee Firm Here Dies While on Western Trip

James M. Rodgers, president of Lowry Rodgers Corporation, wholesale grocers and coffee merchants, died yesterday at Santa Barbara, Calif., of pneumonia, while on a tour of that state with his wife. It was the first vacation he had taken in twenty years.

A telegram received from Mrs. Rodgers the first word his business associates had of his illness.

One of the foremost figures in the coffee trade, not only of this city, but also of New York and throughout the East, Mr. Rodgers had risen rapidly in the Lowry Coffee Co., until he assumed control of it, and later, the Al-Lowry & Brother Grocery Co., which was united under the firm name of the Lowry Rodgers Co.

He was a member of the Union League and a number of business clubs, and lived at Allen's lane and Greene street, Germantown. The body will be brought to this city for burial, but no definite arrangements for the funeral have been made.

William T. Buss

Sunbury, Pa., March 24.—William T. Buss, seventy-three years old, active in Sunbury school board for many years and a widely known railroad man, died at his home here yesterday of paralysis after a long illness.

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Strangely Missing



EUGENE PROLE, Pennsylvania Railroad flagman, who started for work Tuesday and has not been heard from since

MAN STRANGELY MISSING

P. R. R. Flagman Starts for Work Tuesday and Disappears

Eugene Prole, sixty-eight years old, 629 Webster street, a flagman stationed on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Sixteenth street and Washington avenue, went out for a walk late Tuesday night after he had come off duty and has not been heard of since.

Mrs. Caroline Prole, wife of the missing man, saw him walking in the direction of Seventh and Fitzwater streets and asked him where he was going. Prole said he was going around the block and would return in a few minutes.

He is the father of six children and has been in good health. The man weighed 160 pounds, was five feet six inches tall and had dark hair and mustache. The police have been notified and a search of the hospitals is being made.

IT IS MAUNDY THURSDAY

Last Supper Commemorated With Special Services in Churches

Today is Maundy Thursday and it is being observed by services in Episcopal and Catholic churches throughout the city.

Maundy Thursday, which marks the holding of the Last Supper of Christ and the Apostles, the institution of the Blessed Sacrament and the betrayal of Christ by Judas, is the most important and closing ceremonies of Holy Week.

In the Catholic churches the ceremonies are very similar to those from the main altar, attended by an imposing procession of priests, acolytes and children.

In many Episcopal churches the ceremonies are very similar to those from the main altar, including the singing of the Tenebrae and other forms.

DR. HART MADE DIRECTOR

Judges Name Him to Philadelphia Saving Fund Society

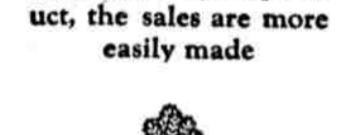
Dr. Charles D. Hart was appointed by the board of judges today as a member of the board of managers of the Philadelphia Saving Fund Society, to succeed Charles Biddle, resigned.

Mr. Biddle left the board recently to become the society's solicitor, taking the place made vacant by the death of J. Percy Keating.

The appointment of Dr. Hart was made by Judges Brezy, Barratt, McMichael, Audenried and Martin. Under the society's charter, the board of judges appoints members of the board of managers from names furnished by the board.

Ford's New Coach Breaks Down Springfield, O., March 24.—(By A. P.)—The gasoline passenger coach in which Henry Ford is making a tour of his recently purchased railway, the Detroit, Toledo and Ironton, developed motor trouble just outside Springfield yesterday and was abandoned by Mr. Ford and his party. They went by automobile to Dayton.

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NURSE SAYS CRAIG WELCOMED CHILD

Testifies Supposed Bachelor Was Elated at Birth of Estate Claimant

TESTIMONY OF MARRIAGE

The presence of the late Hugh Craig, Jr., at the birth of Mrs. Edith Craig Werner, now suing for a share in the \$25,000 annual income from the estate of Mr. Craig's father, was testified to by a nurse at the secret hearing given by Hampton L. Carson, master.

"Highly elated, acting like a peacock," are the words said to have been used by the nurse in describing Mr. Craig at the time. The nurse also said Craig had once mentioned the woman and baby in the serene street house, belonging to his father's estate, as "my wife and child."

The case, which has been in the hands of Mr. Carson for nearly two years, has created wide interest, due to Mr. Craig's social position in Philadelphia, and the supposition that he was a bachelor. He was for many years a member of the First Troop, Philadelphia City Cavalry, and a score of the best-known persons in this city were his friends.

The defendant in the suit is Mrs. H. S. Hatfield, a sister of Mr. Craig, who under the terms of his will receives a yearly income of \$25,000. Mrs. Werner, a widow, bases her claim on a provision in the elder Craig's will, which bequeaths half the income of the estate to any children of his son.

The story told in court is that in 1898 a Philadelphia woman named McCausland, a Philadelphia named McCausland, uncle of Mrs. Hatfield and the younger Craig, met a sixteen-year-old girl in a Delaware town. The girl accompanied McCausland to this city, trouble arose and Hugh Craig, Jr., met the girl and fell in love with her.

She had been known in Delaware as Lizzie Cullen, and later became known in Philadelphia as Mrs. Elizabeth Craig. The chief fight before the master centered on the legality of her marriage to Mr. Craig. A Mrs. Worsell, who was supposed to have been in the presence of the two when Craig gave the woman a ring, testified that Craig had told Lizzie Cullen that he never wanted her to use her own name again, as she was now his wife.

Mr. Craig is said to have remembered the daughter, now Mrs. Werner, with a present every year upon her birthday and to have signed letters to her with the word "Papa."

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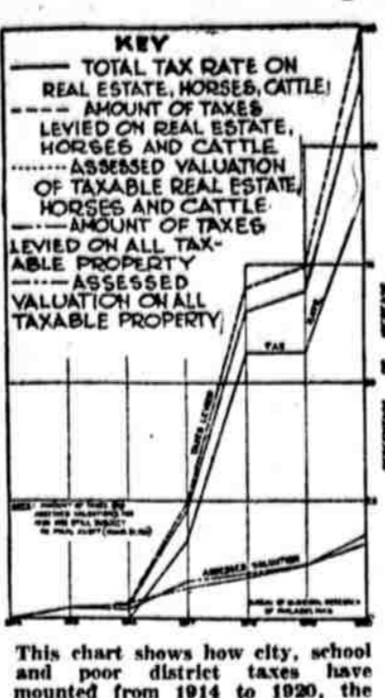
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Six-Year Tax Jump



This chart shows how city, school and poor district taxes have mounted from 1914 to 1920, the taxes for a majority of taxpayers increasing 90 per cent.

HALL'S CANVAS WINS

Artist's "Miss Hawthorne" Is Most Popular at Exhibition

Frederick G. Hall's portrait, "Miss Hawthorne," was the first choice of the guests at the twenty-fifth annual "free evening" of the Civic Club at the Academy of the Fine Arts last night.

The second choice was a nude "Girl Combing Her Hair," by William M. Paxton, and the third favorite was Marie Danforth Page's "Portrait of a Boy," 381 voting.

The guests were received by the president of the club, Mrs. Edward W. Biddle, assisted by Mrs. Arthur H. Lea, Madame de Santa Eulalia, Mrs. John Frederick Lewis, Mrs. Sydney Thayer and members of the board of directors.

The committee in charge was represented by its chairman and vice chairman, Mrs. Walter M. James and Miss A. M. Archambault.

DIDN'T KNOW FRIEND'S NAME

When Mary Flinn, sixty-two years old, fell dead at Seventeenth and Oxford streets last night, it developed that her friend since 1904, Mrs. S. Buchanan, 1729 North Sixteenth street, did not know the dead woman's last name. All she ever knew her by, she told the police, was "Mary."

FINDS CITY TAXES ALMOST DOUBLED

Municipal Research Bureau Reports Actual Lavy Up 90 Per Cent Since 1914

RATE HARD TO DETERMINE

The city and county tax levied on the real estate of a majority of the taxpayers in Philadelphia has increased 90 per cent over the 1914 rate, the Bureau of Municipal Research stated today.

The assessed valuation of taxable real estate and taxable horses and cattle for 1920 amounted to \$1,042,731,342, an increase of 18.24 per cent over the 1914 figure, the bureau said.

The assessed valuation of all property taxable for local purposes in this city has risen from \$2,271,623,613.62 in 1914 to \$2,625,007,590.80 in 1920, an increase of 16 per cent.

The bureau in its weekly bulletin, issued today, pointed out that three bodies—City Council, the Board of Education and the State Legislature—levy taxes in this city for local purposes.

Rate Hard to Determine The report continued: "It is not easy to say just what the tax rate in Philadelphia is. This is because real estate is divided into three classes, and because real estate and horses and cattle in independent poor districts are exempt from the poor tax levied by the City Council. This results in six rates applicable to real estate, and two rates applicable to horses and cattle for city and county taxes. The tax rate for the school district is uniform throughout the city. The city and county tax on money at interest and on vehicles to hire is also uniform throughout the city and has always been at the rate of four mills on the dollar.

How Rate Advanced "However, it is customary when speaking of the tax rate to refer to the rate applicable to real estate classed as 'city' real estate not in poor districts, because that is the rate that

affects the overwhelming majority of taxpayers. In 1914 this rate was \$1 per \$100 for city and county purposes, and fifty cents for school purposes, or a total of \$1.50 per \$100 of assessed value. In 1920 this rate was \$2.15 per \$100 for the city and county and seventy cents for the school district, a total of \$2.85 per \$100 of assessed valuation. This represents an increase of 90 per cent over the 1914 tax rate.

"If the assessed valuation of taxable property is multiplied by the rate or rates of taxation the result is the amount of taxes levied (but not necessarily collected), sometimes referred to as the tax levy. In 1914 the amount of taxes levied on real estate and on horses and cattle was \$24,207,073.68. For 1920 it was about \$54,000,000, or an increase of 124.58 per cent over those levied in 1914. The amount of taxes levied in 1914 on all taxable property in Philadelphia was \$26,721,540.80 and in 1920 it was approximately \$57,000,000, or 113.81 per cent higher than in 1914."

GLOUCESTER HAS SLOGAN

"The City of Opportunity" Is to Be Town's Catchline

The contest conducted by the Gloucester City Chamber of Commerce for a slogan for the city was ended last night with the selection of the phrase "Gloucester, the City of Opportunity," as the winning slogan out of 2500 suggestions—City Council, the Board of Education and the State Legislature—levy taxes in this city for local purposes.

The slogan was submitted by two contestants, and the prize of \$30 will be divided by Walter McKenna and Walter Batsell, both of Gloucester. All the slogans were gone over by a committee, consisting of Charles A. Cogan, Valentine H. Wendt and Oliver J. Stetser, city assessor.

NO RUSH FOR WAR MEDALS

Recruiting Agents Try to Interest Men in Victory Awards

Washington, March 24.—(By A. P.)—Difficulty is being encountered by the War Department in getting service men of the war with Germany to take the victory medals which Congress authorized as a special distinction.

Twenty-four officers, whose activities as recruiting agents went under a ban some weeks ago when Congress cut the size of the regular army, have been detailed to the task of canvassing the ex-soldiers and facilitating distribution of the medals. The total number of victory medals so far issued is 1,500,000, although about 4,000,000 men saw service in the war.

P. R. T. AND CITY TRY TO FIX NEW 'L' FARE

Mayor, Mitten and Clement in Conference on Frankford Line

Figures and facts in connection with the proposed operation of the Frankford elevated line were submitted at a conference between representatives of the city and the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co. in the office of Mayor Moore. The conference opened shortly before noon.

The company was represented by Thomas E. Mitten, president, and G. A. Richardson, vice president in charge of operation; the city by the Mayor, Director Twining, of the Department of Transit, and City Solicitor Smyth. Public Service Commissioner Clement was present and gave suggestions which may help to solve the fare phase

of the proposition. It is the third conference held regarding operation of the elevated line in the last two weeks.

Engineers of the company who have made an investigation of traffic conditions in the northeast submitted reports as to the tentative cost of operation. These reports were based on surveys made at various points along the line. A similar report made by engineers of the city transit department also were offered.

The figures presented by the company indicated that the line would not be a paying proposition during the first few years of its operation unless a rate of fare higher than that on surface lines was charged.

From the attitude of those attending the conference it was evident that both the city and the company are anxious to get together at the earliest possible moment and start the cars moving over the big structure which is now completed from Arch street to Bridge street, Frankford. Recently the city gave an order for fifty cars and these are pretty well on the way to completion.

A number of misunderstandings, it is predicted, will be eliminated at the conference. It is believed that both the city and company will recede slightly from demands made when negotiations were first started.



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