

OUR THIS CRISIS
GAS REPORT

Denies He in Any Way Influenced Document Submitted by Commission

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Mayor Moore declared emphatically today he in no way influenced the report of the Municipal Gas Commission...

Hits Critics

"It has come to be fashionable for some people to use Council and the commission as a commission for saying untruthful and untrue things about the Mayor," Mr. Moore said today.

"The gas inquiry originated with the United Gas Improvement Co. and with the City Council, which passed the ordinance demanding an inquiry, which the Mayor vetoed because it seemed to favor a board of inquiry favorable to the company."

"Another ordinance was passed giving wider latitude to the appointment of a commission and this the Mayor vetoed, appointing three experts who were supposed to be untrammelled and two citizens of good repute in the community."

"The Mayor has not commented upon that report one way or the other nor did he influence the commission beyond instructing it to be fair and impartial in its work."

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"For the moment the question of paternity was dropped. Mr. Lennon proceeded with a general denunciation of the report, to be succeeded by Mr. G. Sheppard who opened his address by remarking that the meeting was featured by a large expenditure of wind. He also denounced the report, but the burden of his talk was a scathing denunciation of the United Gas Improvement Co. and a recommendation that the city take over the works. The company, he said, has been bluffing the city for twenty years and is now attempting a new game of bluff. He conceded that there were a few honest men left who could operate the plants as easily as the water works were operated."

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"This is the most dangerous report I have ever seen or heard of," he shouted. "I am afraid to touch it. It carries libel and free government are at stake. I warn you that the business men of the city will defeat it if it is presented. You may deny its paternity but we will find who is responsible for it and shatter him."

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CITY AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS IN CLASH

Woodruff Scores Surveyor of Customs for Blocking Trial of Policeman

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The failure of two United States customs guards to testify against a patrolman before the Civil Service Commission today led to a severe criticism of Charles R. Kurtz, surveyor of customs, by Clinton Rogers Woodruff, president of the commission.

Patrolman John Phillips, of the Front and Master streets station, was accused of threatening a guard, using profane language and of having two quarts of whiskey in his possession. The offenses were alleged to have occurred May 5 at Pier No. 19, north wharves.

The Civil Service Commission on May 18 requested the customs guards to appear at Phillips' hearing today. Mr. Kurtz replied by letter that the patrolman had apologized and that the incident was closed as far as the customs service was concerned.

"We are in receipt of your letter of May 27 in which you refuse to instruct Andrew A. Brophy, captain of customs guards, to appear at Phillips' hearing today. Mr. Kurtz replied by letter that the patrolman had apologized and that the incident was closed as far as the customs service was concerned."

"Your failure to co-operate with me in enforcing sound discipline and good order among the customs guards involved in your action, is most regrettable. In the judgment of the commission, the acts of your refusal to co-operate is increased by reason of the duty and obligation resting upon the Federal officers to secure the enforcement of the laws regarding the sale of liquor."

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BRYN MAWR CLASS OF 1901 IN ALUMNAE PARADE



Snapped yesterday morning on the campus at the Bryn Mawr College, where thousands gathered in the annual event

BUILDING PERMITS RISE

Total Amount of Projects \$431,000 Over April

Table with 3 columns: Character, Permits, Est. Cost. Rows include Dwellings, Commercial, Industrial, etc.

SCHOOL EXERCISES TODAY

Phebe Anna Thorne Pupils to Present Dramatic Features

Pupils of the Phebe Anna Thorne Model School for Girls held their closing exercises this afternoon at 2 o'clock, when they presented five dramatic features in the open-air theatre of the school at Bryn Mawr.

WRECK LAID TO ENGINEER

Committee on Burlington Crash Says Cook Disregarded Signals

Responsibility for the rear-end collision on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Burlington, N. J. Saturday evening, which resulted in the deaths of two persons, was placed upon Charles R. Cook, engineer of the New York-Atlantic City excursion train, by the committee appointed by C. S. Frick, general manager of the railroad, to investigate the accident.

U. S. NOTE STIRS HOLLAND

Netherlands Government Concerned Over Our View of Oil Policy

The Hague, June 1.—(By A. P.)—The news note from the United States Government regarding The Netherlands oil policy in the Dutch East Indies has been received with concern in the Netherlands.

PLAN CIVIC MUSIC BODY

Association Would Foster Love of Art Throughout City

Plans are on foot to form a Civic Music Association of Philadelphia, and a committee has been appointed to prepare a plan for the organization.

CONSIDER WAGE-CUT PLAN

Central Coal Association Seeks Reopening of Agreement

Clearfield, Pa., June 1.—The Executive Board of District No. 2, United Mine Workers of America, has been called to meet here June 2. It will consider the request of J. S. Sommer, president of the District No. 2, to reopen the agreement between the miners and operators to be reopened.

BRYN MAWR BREAKFAST

Annual College Event Held This Morning—Garden Party Tonight

The annual breakfast at Bryn Mawr College took place this morning, Miss B. Worcester, of Boston, a member of the sophomore class, was toastmistress.

BELLEFONTAINE ACADEMY AFIRE

Blaze Which Heavily Damaged Building Starts in Attic

Bellefonte, Pa., June 1.—The Bellefonte Academy, a school for girls, started in the attic, an unoccupied portion of the building, about 6 o'clock, and by 8 o'clock the entire top of the building was burned away. The Lock Haven Fire Department responded to an appeal and assisted in saving adjoining buildings.

SEVEN WOMEN GRADUATED

Students of Episcopal Church Training Gave Diplomas

Seven young women were graduated yesterday from the Church Training and Deaconess House of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania. The commencement exercises were held in the Pro-Cathedral of St. Mary, Broad and South streets, with Bishop Rhinelander presiding.

FAIL TO SELL OPIUM

Sailors Held When Attempting to Sell Drug

Charles Yates and William R. Canard, two sailors, were arrested yesterday afternoon in Washington Square as they were about to sell a can of powdered opium valued at \$500, detained by the police.

TO ASK BIDS FOR PARKWAY WORK

Plans and Specifications for the Filling and Completion of that part of the Parkway between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets have been finished. The Department of Public Works will ask for proposals for operation before the end of this week. The estimated cost is \$200,000.

\$22,833 AWARDED SERVANT

Alleges Agreement by Boston Man to Give Her Half of Estate

Boston, June 1.—Margaret Dixon of this city, yesterday was awarded \$22,833 for five years' services as a servant in the family of the late Dr. Everett Miller Taylor. She had sued the executors for \$85,000.

FATHER ACCUSED OF BURNING CHILD

Mahanoy City, Pa., June 1.—Because his eight-year-old daughter Mary stole money from the mother's purse, Michael Bokus, it is charged, held the child's hands over a hot stove, burning the members severely. The police have arrested Bokus. The child is at the hospital.

METHODISTS IN PAGEANT

Mission Work Done by First Church, Germantown, Portrayed

One hundred and fifty young people participated in a pageant in connection with the 125th anniversary services, held evening in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Germantown avenue and High streets, last night.

HURT PLAYING BALL. DIES

Gene Brunell, eleven years old, 5615 North Thirtieth street, who was injured while playing ball Memorial Day, died yesterday morning.

D. L. Taylor's Funeral

The funeral of De Los L. Taylor, forty-one years old, president of the D. L. Taylor & Co. construction firm, will take place from his home, 2929 South Twenty-second street, Thursday morning.

Robbed of \$100 Watch

L. S. Paddock, 329 West Chelton avenue, today reported to the police of the Germantown station the theft of a watch from his apartment on the third floor. The watch was given to him by the Engineering Corps with which he served during the war, and is valued at \$100.

Scalded Man Dies

Chester, June 1.—Scalded while at work at the Sun Shipyard, Joseph Stepp, 2905 Hilbrook street, Philadelphia, died yesterday in the Chester Hospital. He was caught in a sudden flow of steam.

AMERICANS OUT OF BRITISH GOLF

Mrs. Barlow, Miss Cummings, Mrs. Feitner and Miss Fownes Are Eliminated

MISS LEITCH SURVIVES

How American Women Fared in British Golf

Mrs. R. H. Barlow, Philadelphia, was defeated by Miss Joyce Wethered, England, 5 and 4. Miss Edith Cummings, Chicago, lost to Miss Joy Wethered, England, 2 and 1. Mrs. Q. F. Feitner, South Shore, L. I., was beaten by Miss Janet Jackson, England, 8 and 4.

THE REV. DR. GUNNELL DIES

Former Philadelphia Rector Succumbs in Toledo

The Rev. Dr. George Gunnell, for many years rector of St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal Church, of this city, died last night at Toledo, O. Word of his death was received here today. He was rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Toledo.

STEAMSHIP IN DISTRESS

Aquam Wireless Gives Position Off Winter Quarter Light

Somewhere in the Atlantic Ocean, a thousand miles straight off Winter Quarter Light, the Shipping Board steamer Aquam is wallowing in the sea, waiting for a tow to bring her into port. The wireless, ranging the ocean for help, brought word of the ship's distress to the big navy station at Cape May, whence it was relayed to the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

AMERICAN GOLFERS FAIL TO ENTER FRENCH TOURNEY

Officials Express Regret at Absence of United States Stars

Chantilly, France, June 1.—Play in the French amateur golf championship tournament was begun here today without any of the ten American golfers who had entered appearing for the start. Charles "Chick" Evans, of Chicago, was the only one of the Americans formally to scratch his name from the list, and the French tournament officials were somewhat mystified when the other Americans did not appear.

GROH SIGNS WITH REDS

Cincinnati's Holdout Captain May Be Traded, Says Herrmann

Cincinnati, O., June 1.—Henry K. Groh, holdout captain and third baseman of the Cincinnati Nationals, signed his contract at the club's terms today. He accepted the salary of \$10,000, but his pay will not start until he is reinstated by Judge Louisa August Herrmann, president of the club, said President Herrmann also said that Groh probably would be traded.

CAMDEN WOMAN HIT BY AUTO

Just after alighting from a car at Phillips street and Ferry avenue, on her way to Sommer School, Alice Smith, forty years old, 518 Cherry street, Camden, a school teacher, was knocked down by an auto driven by William Miller, a city fireman. The woman sustained a fractured leg, two fractured ribs and a fractured elbow. Miller was released on his own recognizance.

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DONOVAN CHASED; GIANTS GET LEAD

Phils' Manager and Catcher Bruggy Banished From Game for Disputing With Umpire

NEW YORK SCORES IN FIRST

NEW YORK PHILADELPHIA
Runs, 11 10
Hits, 12 10
Errors, 1 1
Left on base, 3 2
Batters out, 27 27
Umpire—Outley and O'Day.

WEST PHILA. ALUMNI ELECTIONS

High School Association Names C. S. Ivory President

West Philadelphia High School Alumni Association elected at the school, Forty-eighth and Walnut streets last night, the following officers: President, Chester S. Ivory; first vice president, Dr. Howard K. Mathews; second vice president, Rodney T. Jack; treasurer, Alexander Glass; corresponding secretary, Joseph B. Hagan; advisory counsel chosen includes Paul Deversky, John M. Ellis, S. H. Hagan, Charles B. Reed, and Charles W. Wright. Steps are to be taken to obtain an athletic field, fully equipped, as soon as possible.

LUCKY STRIKE CIGARETTE

A new size package! Ten for 10c. Very convenient. Dealers carry both; 10for 10c; 20 for 20c. It's toasted.

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