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FIRE FUND LOOTING CHARGE IS 'BUNK,' SNYDER ASSERTS

State Treasurer Denies \$700,000 Has Been Transferred to Meet Long Overdue Bills

SAYS BONNIWELL DOESN'T UNDERSTAND BOOKKEEPING

'Pure bunk' This was the comment this afternoon of State Treasurer Charles A. Snyder in reply to the charges last night of Judge Bonniwell, of the Municipal Court, that the State Fire Insurance Fund had been 'looted' of \$700,000 in order to pay bills which, if allowed to run any longer, would have disclosed the fact that the Commonwealth is bankrupt.

BOTTLED EVIDENCE GONE; 2 DEFENDANTS ACQUITTED

Marshal Breaks in Storeroom, but Liquor Is Not There

Rooms in the Federal Building, where confiscated liquor is stored, were broken into today by order of Judge Dickinson to obtain evidence in a pending trial, but search of both rooms failed to locate the booze.

SCHOOL TEACHER'S APPEAL BEFORE N. J. BOARD MONDAY

Law Committee to Hear Case of Transferred Gloucester Teacher

The legal tangles created by the ousting of Miss Helen Chesman from the Gloucester public school system, after she had refused to transfer to another school, will be reviewed next Monday at Jersey City by the Law Committee of the New Jersey State Board of Education.

EIGHT THOUSAND MINERS QUIT IN OUTLAW STRIKE

Eight Collieries Tied Up—Production Loss 500,000 Tons Daily

WILKES-BARRE, Dec. 12.—Eight thousand miners in eight collieries of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company went out in an outlaw strike today. Five of the company's collieries are working. The daily loss in production is 570,000 tons.

KNIT AS LAWYERS TALK

Stonehurst Matrons Fail to Find Thrill at P. R. T. Park Case

Defense witnesses were called to the stand this morning in the P. R. T. park case before Judge Johnson in the Municipal Court house and they talked from plans, giving testimony that was mostly technical.

MORSE UNDER ARREST

Warrant Charging Conspiracy to Defraud Served in Washington

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(By A. P.)—Charles W. Morse, New York ship-builder, was arrested today by the Shipping Board after Federal investigation, was arraigned today before United States Commissioner Isaac R. Hill on a warrant charging conspiracy to defraud the United States.

EIGHT LOSE LIVES IN FIRE

Man and Seven Children Burned to Death in Detroit Suburb

DETROIT, Dec. 13.—(By A. P.)—Eight persons were killed today in a fire that destroyed eight boarding houses near Royal Oak, a suburb, early today. Three women, a woman and two children were badly injured and were taken to a hospital where they are said their chances for recovery were slight.

Slain Youth's Mother

MRS. MARY JOYCE Her son 'Patsy' Joyce was killed by Patrolman William Drennan May 8. Drennan is on trial for murder

DRENNAN ON STAND SAYS HE SHOT BOY TO SAVE HIMSELF

Had Me Down and Was Kicking Me, Bluecoat Tells Court

CROWD THROWING BRICKS; LAWYER SCORES TESTIMONY

Patrolman William Drennan, accused of second-degree murder in the death of 'Patsy' Joyce, a twenty-year-old boy he shot after a squabble following Sunday baseball game, took the stand in his own defense today.

Harry Mackey Pitches Tent on Governorship Midway

Vare Organization, Playing Barker in Latest Booth, Trying to Out-Ballyhoo Beidleman, Bonniwell, et al.—Fisher, Stakes Place

Another sideshow was set up on the governorship midway today, when the Vare organization began acting as barker for the boom of Harry A. Mackey, chairman of the State Workmen's Compensation Board.

CALLS 2 SCHOOLS IN 15TH WARD UNSAFE

Fairmount Business Body Assails Lincoln and Stevens Institutions

Two public schools in the Fifteenth Ward were declared a menace to the safety of pupils by the Fairmount Business Men's Association, which petitioned the Board of Education today for a new school in the ward.

EASTLAKE DIDN'T SLAY WIFE, HE SAYS

Haggard and Worn, Prisoner Sways as He Pleads at Bar of Court

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger, Montross, Va., Dec. 13.—Roger D. Eastlake, former Philadelphia, today pleaded 'not guilty' to a charge of 'willfully, feloniously and with premeditation' murdering his wife at Colonial Beach September 30.

WOMEN AGAIN HALT MINERS

Motorcars Wrecked and Several Persons Injured in Melees

PITTSBURGH, Kan., Dec. 13.—(By A. P.)—The militant women marchers of the Kansas coal fields went into action again before daylight today and stopped miners from working at three mines of the Central Coal and Coke Company.

SEE BONUS BILL VICTORY

Legion Commander Reassured by Supporters in Congress

Indianapolis, Dec. 13.—(By A. P.)—Enactment of the veterans' adjusted compensator bill will be completed by Congress within ninety days, according to information given Harford MacNider, national commander of the American Legion, by Senator McCumber, author of the bill in the Senate, and Representative Fordney, of Michigan.

WOMAN KILLED BY AUTO

Skull Fractured When Car Skids on Slushy Street

Albiontown, Pa., Dec. 13.—A skidding automobile on a street covered with a mushy snow that melted as it fell caused the death this morning of Mrs. Harriet Halfpenny, aged sixty. The automobile was driven by Colonel Beltz, of Trexlertown.

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