HOLD P.R.T. PROXIES, 5 DIRECTORS URGE

Notice of Request Is Sent to All Stockholders of the Company

A STATEMENT IS ISSUED

Five directors of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company have sent a notice to all stockholders requesting that no proxies be sent to officers of the company.

This action followed a request for proxies by Thomas E. Mitten, president of the company, in preparation for the annual meeting in March. Notices were sent Wednesday asking that these proxies be sent to Mr. Mitten, or C. Dunbar and G. A. Richardson, vice presidents.

Today the following directors forwarded their communication to the stockholders taking firm exception to the action of the Mitten management:

Jeremiah J. Sullivan, Land Title Building; William Y. Tripple, 1328 Chestnut street; Charles J. Matthews, 417 Arch street; Frank Buck, 1505 North Fifth street; William J. Montgomery, northeast corner Second street and Girard avenue.

Statement Issued

The statement follows:

"To the stockholders of the P. R. T. Company:

"Your Board of Directors consists of eleven members, of whom three (the Mayor and two other citizens chosen by City Council) represent the city; the remaining eight members of the board are elected by the stockholders, but three of these are officers of the company and primarily represent the management. The five directors named above are the only ones representing the stockholders, aside from the officers of the company.

"Under the existing by-laws of the company, the business has been conducted without consultation with the Board of Directors, and many important steps have been taken without their previous knowledge. This method of conducting the business of the company is, in our opinion, not satisfactory, either to the city or to the stockholders, and changes should be made in the by-laws so that the Board of Directors shall have a real part in the management of its affairs.

"Without consultation with the board a request for proxies has been sent out in advance of the usual time, and contrary to custom, proxies have been requested only for officers of the company. The undersigned directors are of the opinion that proxies should not be given exclusively to the officers of the company as requested.

"A more complete statement regarding the affairs of the company will be sent about February 21, the date the transfer books are closed prior to the annual meeting, March 15, 1922, with a request for your proxy. Meanwhile you are earnestly requested to withhold your proxy and await our further communication."

Eleven Directors on Board

There are eleven directors of the transit company, three of whom are named by City Council. These include the Mayor, Ernest T. Trigg and Colonel Sheldon Potter.

Mr. Trigg said today:

"It has been the policy of the city representatives on the P. R. T. board to avoid as far as possible any participation in the internal operating affairs of the company. We have felt that we were there for the purpose of protecting city interests and not for interference with management."

William Y. Tripple, one of the directors signing the notice to stockholders, said:

"The document to my mind speaks pretty well for itself. The directors wish to know what is going on in the company.

"I do not know what effect the move may have upon the Mitten management. The move is not directed against any one. There does not appear to my mind any reason why stockholders should be asked to send their proxies to certain men, when no such action has been authorized by the Board of Directors to my knowledge."

At the offices of the P. R. T. it was said today that no statement would be made regarding the action of the five directors.

"SLACKER" IS CLEARED

Records Show Philadelphia Man Served in Italian Army

The name of Antonio D'Allessandro, which was posted on the slackers' list by Local Board No. 35, has been cleared, as the result of an investigation made by R. B. Ransom, assistant adjutant of the Third Corps area.

A letter signed by Colonel Ransom states that D'Allessandro enlisted in the Italian Army January 22, 1918, and that he served until August 15, 1919.

"This man's name," said Colonel Ransom, "appeared on the published list of alleged draft deserters as the result of the final report of the draft officials showing him to be in a status of desertion. There is no record of his having notified his local board of his entrance into military service as was required by the draft regulations."

LECTURES ON CHINA

Bryn Mawr Committee Arranges Series for Lent

China will be the subject discussed at a series of lectures during Lent at the Bellevue-Stratford by the Chinese Scholarship Committee of Bryn Mawr College, of which Mrs. William Roy Smith is chairman.

The first lecture will be delivered by Alfred Sze, the Chinese Minister, March 16. His subject will be "China's Place in the Far East."

Miss Amy Lowell will speak on "Chinese Pottery" on March 23; Prof. John Dewey, of Columbia University, on "Chinese Philosophic and Religious Thought" on March 31; and Langdon Warner, Director of the Pennsylvania Museum, on "Chinese Art" April 6.

ROPER WOULD AID IDLE

Resolution Asks Civil Service Board to Let Down Bars

In an effort to relieve acute suffering in the ranks of the unemployed by making it possible to appoint men as laborers without regard to their place on the civil service list, Councilman Roper yestreday introduced a resolution requesting the Civil Service Commission to amend its rules. Mr. Roper said the suggestion to lift the bars for the appointment of men as laborers was first advanced at a meeting in the Welfare Department in an effort to relieve unemployment. It also was suggested, he said, that city work be speeded up to afford more positions to the men out of work.

$[illegible]000 Lumber Fire Near Scranton

Scranton, Pa., Feb. 3.—Fire of unknown origin today destroyed lumber valued at $40,000 in the Summit Lumber Company's yard at Clarks Summit.

WANTS HER SON EXECUTED

Newark Woman Denounces Offspring for Fratricide

Newark, N. J., Feb. 3.—Calling hysterically on the police to catch her other son, Luigi, and send him to the electric chair as a murderer, Mrs. Lucy Gazzo, sixty-five, last night watched over the body of Joseph Gazzo, twenty-six, her favorite son, while detectives scoured Newark for the older man she had denounced.

"Luigi was the black sheep of the family, and was always quarreling with me and my daughter Antoinette," she said, adding that Luigi had slain Joseph in a drunken brawl.

5 SPRING CITY BANK BANDITS CONVICTED

Sentences Aggregating Thirty Years Imposed on Each of the Robbers

MASON FOUND NOT GUILTY

West Chester, Pa., Feb. 3. — In Criminal Court here the jury trying the Spring City Bank bandits rendered its verdict this forenoon, finding five defendants guilty and acquitting John Mason, the Phoenixville rooming-house keeper, in whose home the men were arrested while dividing the $16,000 they had taken aftr holding up the officers and employes of the bank on October 10 of last year.

Application for a new trial was made in behalf of Joe DiSalvo, of Philadelphia, one of the convicted bandits.

In the cases of Mariano Palermo, Francesco Bartoli and Giovanni Goffaro, Judge Butler imposed the heaviest sentences ever given in Chester county in a similar case. They were sentenced to pay a fine of $1000 in a conviction for robbery and undergo solitary imprisonment at hard labor in the Eastern Penitentiary for nineteen years, six months and not more than twenty years. For statutory burglary they were sentenced to pay a fine of $500 and to undergo imprisonment for not less than nine years and six months to ten years.

George Speciak, known as Stewart, the alleged leader of the gang, received what the Judge termed lenient punishment for the reason that he had aided materially in convicting the other men. On the charge of robbery he was fined $1000 and given a penitentiary term of from eighteen to twenty years and for statutory burglary nine to ten years and a fine of $500.

The verdict was greeted by applause from the people in the court-room which was quickly stilled by the court officers. None of the men made any reply as they received their sentences.

PASSENGER FARE TOO HIGH, COMMERCE BOARD IS TOLD

Chairman of Kansas Commission Says Travel Has Diminished

Washington, Feb. 3.—(By A. P.)—Passenger fares charged by the railroads at present are economically too high to be sustained, Clyde M. Reed, chairman of the Kansas Utilities Commission, testified today in the Interstate Commerce Commission investigation of transportation charges.

Mr. Reed said the railroads should fix their general passenger rates at three cents per mile instead of three and six-tenths cents, abolishing the Pullman fare surcharge, but leaving Pullman transportation at three and six-tenths cents per mile.

Passenger travel on a per car mile had decreased 20 per cent under the new rates and the increases given in 1920, he said. Forces of traveling salesmen had been reduced, automobile competition had been enhanced and tourist travel restricted in every way as a result of the increased rates, he said, with the process still going on. Railroads, however, were unable to reduce their expenses proportionately because they were obliged to maintain train service on the basis as before, and he argued that the only way out of the situation was to stimulate passenger travel by decreasing rates.

Offer by Stinnes Startles Wall Street

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filling of munition and other Government contracts.

Even before the war, Stinnes was the biggest iron and coal figure in Germany, but it was not until the close of the world struggle that he began reaching out on a large scale for other fields to conquer.

Reports of his purchases, of his consolidations and reorganizations then became a matter of almost daily chronicling in the newspapers. Shipyards in Sweden, mines in Austria, and Sweden, steel plans in Denmark, oil wells in South America — newspapers, paper mills, hotels, street cars, shoe factories, aniline dye works, motion picture producing plants—all became grist for the Stinnes mill.

Pawnbroker to Lenine

In one of the latest reports he figured as a pawnbroker to the Russian Soviet Government, the story being that he had advanced Lenine a large sum on the Russian crown jewels.

Stinnes came of a family of coal-mine operators, but struck out early for himself with his share of the family fortune, and soon became allied with Thyssen, then the German ore and steel king. He broke with Thyssen shortly before the war, however, and in a few years had far outstripped his former partner.

His methods are similar to those of American financiers, obtaining control of various co-ordinated industries, not by flat purchase, but by obtaining control of a majority of the stock, using his vast wealth and credit constantly for farther expansion.

He is credited with control of the People's Party, which now dominates Germany, and has been a prominent figure in reparations negotiations with the Allies. He is an object of bitter attack by the Socialists, but is popular with the more conservative part of the people.

INDICT LENA CLARKE AGAIN

Florida Postmistress Cleared of Murder, Held as Embezzler

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 3.—(By A. P.)—Lena M. T. Clarke, recently acquitted at Orlando on a charge of murdering Fred A. Miltimore, restaurateur, and now confined to the State insane asylum, is charged with the embezzlement of $32,000 postal funds in an indictment returned by Federal Grand Jury here yesterday. The alleged embezzlement occurred while she was postmistress at West Palm Beach.

At the trial she admitted taking the money, but claimed Miltimore was responsible for previous shortages.

DANGER OF FLOOD IN SCHUYLKILL PAST

Waters Fall Foot in Few Hours, Ice Gone and Mill Owners Breathe Easier

TRIBUTARIES ARE FLOODED

After a rapid rise to almost flood levels the Schuylkill River began to recede early today, being a foot lower at 9 A. M. than the high point of yesterday.

According to Winfield Guiles, Supervisor of Locks, the breast of water flowing over the Flat Rock Dam at Shawmont is now four feet, as compared to five feet recorded some hours previous. This indicates a level of ten feet in the lower stretches of the river, while twelve feet is considered the danger level for the numerous mills which border the river at this point.

All the ice in the Schuylkill is now melted, says Mr. Guiles, and he thinks that from now on the river will continue falling until it reaches normal.

Mill owners in the Manayunk district, however, are taking measures to minimize flood damage.

Reports more alarming have come from Reading and Phoenixville indicating that the high waters in the Upper Schuylkill have assumed serious proportions. The breaking up of the ice jams further up the river near Phoenixville is expected momentarily, and this will greatly increase the volume of water coming down the Schuylkill.

Near Phoenixville Pickering and French Creeks have widened to a mile and flooded the countryside. Hundreds of acres of farm land have been submerged. Land along Perkiomen Creek is also inundated.

Exceptionally high temperatures melted the heavy snowfall, which, coupled with the rain, were responsible for the great volume of water. The lowest temperature yesterday was 40 degrees, and the highest, 51 degrees, came within 2 degrees of breaking the record high mark for the day, established in 1891.

There were five hours of sunshine recorded by the Weather Bureau here yesterday, giving opportunity for every goundhog to take a good, long look at his shadow, which means, according to tradition, that he will go back in his hole to withstand six more weeks of winter.

TWO NEW STEAMBOATS FOR SEABOARD-BAY LINE

Pusey & Jones Company to Build Vessels at Wilmington Plant

Wilmington, Del., Feb. 3.—Two steel passenger and freight steamboats, each 330 feet long and 58 feet beam, have been ordered by the Seaboard-Bay Line Company, from the Pusey & Jones Company, to be built at the Wilmington plant. The boats are to ply on the Chesapeake Bay between Baltimore, Old Point Comfort and Norfolk, Va. This will mean the reopening of the marine department of the Pusey & Jones Company, which has had no boat orders since completing work for the Government incident to the war. It will give employment to 1000 men for several months. According to the company there is prospect of more work to follow.

PEPPER TALKS WITH COLES

Senator Denies Any Plan to Have U. S. District Attorney Ousted

Washington, Feb. 3. — George W. Coles, United States District Attorney in Philadelphia, conferred with Senator Pepper yesterday on matters relating to the work of his office. Mr. Coles, who was returning from Florida, left later for Philadelphia.

Senator Pepper said the discussion covered, among other things, matters pertaining to the enforcement of prohibition in Pennsylvania. That he had any intention of seeking the removal of Mr. Coles from office was vigorously denied by Mr. Pepper.

It is understood that among the subjects discussed was the question of retaining in the United States Attorney's office several subordinates who are holding over from the last Administration. It is believed that some of the Democrats will continue in office so long as their work is satisfactory.

Senator Pepper said he knew nothing of the candidacy of A. Lincoln Acker for the position of Collector of the Port at Philadelphia.

BURY SHACKLETON IN SOUTH

Explorer's Body to Rest at Gateway of Antarctic

London, Feb. 3.—The body of Sir Ernest Shackleton, which is now at Montevideo, Uruguay, will be taken to South Georgia Island, to be buried there, according to the Daily Mail. That decision the Mail attributes to Lady Shackleton in deference to what she believes would have been the explorer's wishes.

Shackleton left no instructions respecting his burial, but relatives and friends, the Mail says, feel it would accord with his desire to be laid to rest at the gate to the Antarctic. Shackleton's grave, therefore, will probably be beside the English church at Grytviken.

MAN STILL MISSING

Police and Friends Unable to Locate William Wunderly

No trace has yet been received of William Wunderly, who disappeared from the home of his mother, Mrs. Catharine Wakeman, 1519 Green street, two days ago, after leaving a note "begging for forgiveness." For what he asked forgiveness his relatives are unable to say, for his life always has been normal and ordered.

It was learned today that after he left his home Wunderly sent also to his sister, Mrs. Bertha Walsh, 2752 North Twenty-second street, a telegram reading "Come to mother's house and bring Clara." This he signed with the name of his mother.

Wunderly is forty-three years old, about five feet seven inches. He is partly bald and wears tortoise-shell spectacles. When he left he was wearing a blue-striped suit, a black overcoat and a soft hat. The initials W. H. W. are tatticed near the elbow of one arm.

Moscow Outlaws Notes Less Than 1000 Rubles

Moscow, Feb. 3.—(By A. P.)—Five hundred ruble notes are no longer legal tender in Moscow. A recent decree of the Moscow Soviet announced that hereafter street railways and other Government institutions will accept nothing less than thousand ruble notes.

A thousand ruble note is worth half an American cent at the present legal rate of exchange.

WINTERING AT PALM BEACH

Underwood & Underwood.

John C. Bell and Miss Mary Brown Warburton, Philadelphians, photographed as they chatted at Palm Beach, Fla.

ARRESTED CASHIER CRIES 'RAW DEAL'

Simon-Scheaffer Employe at Allentown Arraigned Here on Check Charge

THOUGHT FIRM WAS O. K.

"I am broke and haven't got a nickel in the bank; I've been given a raw deal," complained Lou H. France, cashier and manager of the Allentown branch of Simon-Scheaffer Company, bankrupt brokers, who is under arrest here.

France made his plaint prior to his arraignment before Magistrate Dugan on charges of embezzlement, fraudulent conversion, conspiracy to defraud and operating a bucketshop.

Receivers for the bankrupt allege France cashed a check for $150 the day after the firm failed and that he gave the money to Lawrence Scheaffer, one of the promoters now missing.

"I didn't know the firm was doing anything irregular," France contended. "I often turned over $5000 and $10,000 checks to members of the firm without even getting a receipt. I was sure they were straight business men."

Philadelphia offices of the firm were at 1300 Arch street. France was arrested last night as he was talking with his wife and mother-in-law at the latter's home on Twenty-fifth street near Oxford.

The warrant was sworn out by Benjamin H. Leiterman, an attorney, on behalf of Francis J. Walsh, receiver for the Simon-Scheaffer Company. France was arrested by Private Detectives Moore and Slack.

At the hearing attempts will be made by Mr. Leiterman to learn from France the whereabouts of the fugitive brokers and other things that pertain to the firm's failure for $500,000.

Mr. Leiterman called upon France in his cell last evening, and confronted him with a check for $1050, which had been drawn on and cashed by the Lehigh Valley Trust Company, of Allentown, on January 12, the day before the firm failed. The check was drawn by M. R. Scheaffer, one of the partners, made out to the order of cash and indorsed by France. France explained that it was his custom to sign and indorse checks for the firm.

"That particular check," he said, "I drew after receiving a telephone call from Philadelphia asking me to do so, and also requesting me to send the money to the Philadelphia office of the firm by messenger. The name of the messenger, if I remember correctly, was Ross."

POLICE HOLD MURDERED MAN'S SON AS SUSPECT

Miner Under Arrest Also Believed Involved in Shooting

Harrisburg, Feb. 3.—(By A. P.)—State and county officials investigating the killing of John Smeltz, farmer, near his home near Elizabethville Wednesday night, are holding his son Lloyd, twenty years old, who was with him at the time of the shooting, and Ray Hoke, a miner of Big Run, pending investigation. The boy, the police charge, admitted having sold an old gun of his father's to Hoke.

Smeltz was shot while returning to his home in an automobile from Williamstown. The son, in a statement made public by County Detective William L. Windsor, Jr., said the shooting was done by two masked men who approached the automobile and fired three shots without uttering a word. After killing Smeltz, the son said, the men robbed him and escaped.

The officials today, however, expressed doubt that robbery was the motive. They declared evidence had been obtained that Smeltz was preparing to leave home and that his clothing and personal belongings had been removed to another residence in the neighborhood.

25 DEAD IN MINE HORROR

Bodies of Three of the Victims Not Yet Recovered

Gates, Pa., Feb. 3.—(By A. P.)—Twenty-five miners lost their lives in the explosion which wrecked a part of the Gates mine of the H. C. Frick Coke Company yesterday, according to an official announcement today.

Twenty-two bodies have been recovered. The other three are buried under a fall of slate and cannot be reached from the entries in which rescue crews have been working.

Rescue teams were sent early today to the Edenborn mine and expected to work their way through old workings to the section of the Gates mine affected by the explosion.

BOXER FALLS DEAD IN RING

Lincoln A. C. Spectators Cheer, Thinking It Knockdown

As he was about to start the second round of a boxing bout at the Lincoln Athletic Club, near Franklin and Poplar streets, last night, "Sailor" Miller, Negro, fell dead in the ring when his opponent, Edward Boyer, also a Negro, started toward him. Miller lived at 3717 North Carlisle street.

Spectators believed Miller had been knocked down by a blow. He was gasping for breath while they cheered. He was taken to Roosevelt Hospital, but no spark of life remained.

Boyer, who lived at Twenty-first and Fitzwater streets, was arrested.

PINCHOT'S BEE BUZZES INTO RACE

Forestry Commissioner Ready to Plant His Boom in Governorship Woods

HOPEFUL FOUR PATIENT

Gifford Pinchot, State Forestry Commissioner, came out of the political woods today into the little clearing that is fast filling with candidates for Governor.

Pinchot's entrance on the crowded scene was made known at a midnight gathering of politicians in the lobby of the Bellevue-Stratford. The war-whoop of a personal announcement in a few days was predicted.

There are now four members of Governor Sproul's official family in the little clearing of hope. Each hopes he can drive the others back to the tall timbers. Lieutenant Governor Beidleman crept in early although handicapped by the famous $5000 check.

Harry A. Mackey, chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Board, is another who would like to sign acts of the Assembly and occupy the executive mansion at Harrisburg. State Banking Commissioner Fisher is also regarded as a candidate.

The Pinchot candidacy was whispered to a leader of the Beidleman boom as other politicians were meeting in the hotel lobby. William Flynn, of Pittsburgh, was named as the man who will push the Forestry Commissioner forward. It was Flynn who led the Progressives in 1912 when Roosevelt carried the State.

The gathering in the hotel lobby early today was more in the nature of a little social affair than a ponderous political conference. Governor Sproul was there for a short time. So was Senator Vare.

Others present were W. Harry Baker, secretary of the State Committee; William P. Gallagher, chief clerk of the State Senate; Paul Houck, of Schuylkill County, and Commissioner Fisher.

Senator Vare is having his abilities as a "fixer" sore'y tested by the present situation. Like oil and water, some of the important elements won't mix at all. It is very discouraging from the viewpoint of boss-made harmony.

Vare saw Senator Crow earlier this week. Yesterday he talked for three hours with Joseph R. Grundy, president of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association. Today he talks with Governor Sproul once more.

The delights of Florida are beckoning to Senator Vare and he would like to start Monday at the latest. If some sort of agreement is reached here the practical plans then can be hatched in a milder climate.

Senator Vare would not comment today on his conference with Mr. Grundy yesterday. The silence of all concerned was interpreted as a hint that no agreement was reached.

IT'S CUSTOMARY TO HIRE OUTSIDERS, SAYS CAVEN

Answers Councilman's Complaint in Help Gotten to Remove Snow

Director of Public Works Caven today admitted the city had employed contractor's equipment and men to assist in removing snow, but said this procedure was no different from the methods used by the old street cleaning contractors in such an emergency.

Director Caven's explanation follows a statement made in Council yesterday by Councilman Hall. Mr. Hall said he had been informed the Department had used few of its own employes and equipment to remove the snow.

"Certainly we hired some equipment and men from contractors to help us out. There is nothing new about that," said Caven. "The old street cleaning contractors did the same thing," he added.

Director Caven said the city's employes were removing ashes and rubbish, and clearing crossings of snow, and it was necessary to hire outside men in such an emergency. He pointed out the city street cleaning forces lifted all the ashes and rubbish during the snowstorm, an accomplishment which the contractors never performed.

HARDING'S GROUNDHOG GIVES GLOOMY OUTLOOK

Comes Out of Hole Into Sunshine and Returns for Another Sleep

Marion, O., Feb. 2.—Central Ohio is doomed to six more weeks of real winter if President Harding's printer groundhog knows his business.

A chattel of L. H. Dennis, make-up man on the President's paper, the weather prophet took to his hole soon after election last fall and had not been seen until yesterday.

According to Mrs. Dennis and the children, who watched for him, the groundhog emerged from his hole, stretched himself, blinked his eyes and, seeing his shadow, beat a hasty retreat.

Milk and cabbage had failed to entice him back into the sunlight at noon.

Optometrists Elect Officers

The annual meeting of the State College of Optometry, held yesterday at 1809 Spring Garden street, resulted in the election of Dr. Albert Fitch, president; William Hewitt, I. Le Blanc and H. H. Rosser, vice presidents; John J. McNally, secretary; J. F. Neill, treasurer, and H. F. Freeman, of West Chester, financial secretary. It was announced that the number of students now attending is almost double the registration of last year.

IRISH CHIEFS BREAK ON BORDER ISSUE

Collins Promised Almost Half of North Ireland, He Tells Sir James Craig

NO AGREEMENT POSSIBLE

By the Associated Press

London, Feb. 3.—Sir James Craig, the Ulster Premier, declared in a statement today that he had been told by Michael Collins, head of the Southern Ireland Provisional Government, at their conference in Dublin yesterday, that Collins had received a promise of bringing into the Irish Free State almost half of North Ireland, including Fermanagh, Tyrone, large parts of Antrim and Donan and Londonderry City, Enniskillen and Newry.

Sir James said he had suggested to Mr. Collins a week's adjournment for consideration of the situation regarding the boundaries between Ulster and South Ireland, but that Collins hao replied the differences separating them were so wide that postponement would be useless.

The Ulster Premier's statement was made to the press after he had conferred with Winston Churchill, the Colonial Secretary, at the Colonial Office. Sir James emphasized the gravity which he attached to the hitch in the negotiations with the Provisional Government.

"I went to Dublin yesterday," he said, "to discuss with Michae Collins certain outstanding questions, hoping to promote peace in Ireland. It was only when I started from Belfast, however, and read the morning papers, that I suspected any change of attitude on the part of Collins.

"I noticed that he had received deputations of Sinn Feiners from different parts of Ulster the previous day, demanding that their areas should be taken into the Free State. Collins replied to the deputations that they were only trying to force open the door and using unnecessary energy in doing so. Arthur Griffith, who also was present, said he and his fellow delegates had urged the claims of those districts for weeks during the negotiations in London.

"When the treaty was entered into between the British Government and representatives of Southern Ireland we in Ulster were not consulted. We faced the possibility of a loss of territory without our consent—territory solemnly assured to us as an estabilshed Government by his Majesty the King and the Parliament of Great Britain. I endeavored to find a solution of the difficulty, earnestly trying to bring about an honorable peace in an honorable way."

"I am offering to lay my views before the whole British Cabinet," added Sir James, "and will consult my colleagues in our local parliament and in the Imperial Parliament regarding the steps to be taken in consequence of the serious situation—one which is not of my making, but which I earnestly tried to avoid."

According to the Morning Post's correspondent in Belfast, great indignation, although no surprise, was shown there at "the trick played by Downing street upon the northern province by leading Premier Craig to believe the question was merely adjustment of the boundary line, while it turns out that by the Irish delegation's agreement with Lloyd George, large territories are involved."

The correspondent declares that the Protestants in the border counties are resolved to defy the mandate of any government proposing "to hand over their brethren to the tender mercies of their hereditary enemies."

Belfast, Feb. 3.—(By A. P.)—The Irish railway managements and employes have failed to reach an agreement, and the Ulster Minister of Labor, J. M. Andrews, has been summoned to return to Dublin to renew the efforts for a settlement with Joseph McGrath, Minister of Labor in the Dail Cabinet. If the negotiations collapse, a general strike throughout Ireland will go into effect on February 15.

Sixty-one passengers on the steamship Cedric who were landed yesterday at Queenstown are unable to depart, as no trains are running from either Queenstown or Cork.

ELOPES FOR THIRD WEDDING

Atlantic City Lawyer Undaunted by Two Matrimonial Failures

Atlantic City, Feb. 3.—Verification of the elopement of S. Cameron Hinkle, prominent local attorney, with offices in the Guarantee Trust Building, and Miss Adele J. Toppin, of 10 South Massachusetts avenue, both divorced, was obtained today. The couple left here yesterday morning, taking a train for New York, where a license was secured. They were married immediately and left on a honeymoon trip.

Miss Toppin, who was formerly Mrs. William J. Bakley, was employed at a beachfront hotel. She divorced her first husband several years ago. She has one daughter, Lillian, now six years old.

This marriage marks the lawyer's third venture on the sea of matrimony. He has been twice divorced. A decree granting him a divorce from his second wife was handed down about six months ago. In both of his former marriages Hinkle took his stenographer as bride.

Wales Welcomed to Indore

Indore, British India, Feb. 3. (By A. P.)—The Prince of Wales in the course of his tour of India arrived here yesterday. He received a cordial welcome, thousands of persons lining the streets to greet him.

The hens that lay the big Gold Seal Eggs have something to cackle about!

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Deaths of a Day

THOMAS M. THOMPSON

State Dignitaries to Attend Former City Official's Funeral Today

The funeral of Thomas M. Thompson, former City Controller and Director of Public Works under Mayor Warwick, will take place this afternoon from his home, 4500 Spruce street, at 2 o'clock. Mr. Thompson died on Wednesday at Anderson Hospital from uremic poisoning.

Many men of prominence, including several city and State officials, will attend the funeral.

Services will be conducted by the Rev. Richard Harris, of Grace Protestant Episcopal Church, Forty-second street and Girard avenue. Interment will be private.

ROBERT E. HASTINGS

Funeral Today for Prominent Manufacturer and Financier

Men of prominence in educational and financial circles will attend the funeral this afternoon of Robert E. Hastings, of the firm of Hastings & Co., who died Wednesday at University Hospital. He was seventy-eight years old.

Services will be conducted at the home of Mr. Hastings, 1720 Spruce street, by the Rev. Dr. Floyd Tomkins, rector of Holy Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church.

Interment will be in West Laurel Hill Cemetery.

The Rev. Franklin E. Whitmore

The Rev. Franklin E. Whitmore, for twenty-nine years pastor of St. James' Lutheran Church, Nineteenth street near Reed, died Wednesday at his home, 7945 Germantown avenue, Chestnut Hill. He had been ill for the last three weeks.

Funeral services will take place tomorrow afternoon. Interment will be in Ivy Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Whitmore was born in Allegheny, Pa., February 11, 1868. He was educated in Pittsburgh public schools and then entered Thiel College, afterward attending the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Mount Airy. Besides his pastoral duties he was assistant librarian of the Athenaeum of Philadelphia, 219 South Sixth street. He is survived by his mother, three brothers and one sister, all of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Robert R. Stewart

Dr. Robert Reed Stewart, a physician who had practiced in South Philadelphia since his graduation from Jefferson Medical College in 1882, died yesterday at his home, 1218 South Broad street, in his seventy-fourth year.

Monsignor Joseph F. Buh

Duluth, Minn., Feb. 3.—Monsignor Joseph Francis Buh, ninety years old, pioneer member of the Catholic clergy in Northern Minnesota, died here early yesterday from infirmities brought on by age. He was considered the oldest priest both in years and point of service in the Northwest.

Joseph Dougherty

Westville, N. J., Feb. 3. — Joseph Dougherty, past sachem of Matonca tribe of Red Men, died Wednesday after a month's illness. He had been active in civic affairs.

Frank Stehl

Altoona, Pa., Feb. 3.—Frank Stehl, fifty-one years old, former business man and theatre manager, died yesterday of paralysis.

C. T. Campbell

London, Ont., Feb. 3. — Former Mayor C. T. Campbell, seventy-eight years old, past grand sire of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, died yesterday.

John Morris

West Chester, Pa., Feb. 3.—John Morris, eighty-two, formerly a mill owner at Wagontown, Chester County, was found dead in bed last evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Samuel B. Grave, of West Goshen, from an attack of heart disease. Morris was in his usual good health yesterday, and after the noon meal retired to his room, but whe nan effort was made to call him for supper it was found he had died.

Miss Annie M. Reynolds

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 3. — Miss Annie Maria Reynolds, who, for seven years prior to 1904, was world secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association, with her office in London, England, died at her home in North Haven yesterday.

300 WAIFS GIVEN GAYEST OF PARTIES

Prison Welfare Association and Olivet Reformed Church Join for Fete

NEARLY LOOSEN PLASTER

Three hundred destitute children, to whom "home" is a word without meaning, were gathered up last night in automobiles and taken far uptown on the gayest party that has ever brightened their colorless lives.

The affair was directed by the Prison Welfare Association and the congregation of the Olivet Reformed Church, Tenth and Ruscomb streets, where the party took place. The official guests ranged in ages from four to fourteen years.

At the "second table" were the other guests—Welfare Workers' Association officials, members of the church, who tried hard to make the affair one not to be easily forgotten by mothers of children too young to come alone. One mother in the latter class took four of her offspring, the youngest a baby in arms.

The party wasn't merely that—it was a dinner fit for the gods. After the food had been disposed of voraciously there was an interlude, in which Mrs. Elsie Grier made the piano dance beneath her fingers as a prelude to the speakers.

Judge John M. Patterson, who was one of the happiest guests present, made a little talk in which he told of the human as opposed to the judicial side of his office. Most of the children had heard of courts. It was part of their home vocabulary, so the talk did not go over their heads when the Judge told how hard it was for him to sentence a lad whom he had paroled for his first offense of stealing automobiles and then had to send him to prison when he went out and did the same thing over again. Then they were told simply how to lead upright lives and grow up into useful men and women.

The cheering and whistling for Judge Patterson were duplicated for the other speakers, who included the Rev. Dr. Maurice Sampson, pastor of the Olivet Reformed Church, and Dr. Simon S. P. Ross, president of the Prison Welfare Association—familiar figures to many of the children present on account of the relief work instituted in their homes by the two men.

ORDER DISCHARGE OF ELEVATOR OFFICIAL

Robert A. Pitts Accused of Issuing Permits for Lifts Declared Unsafe

Robert A. Pitts, Chief of the Bureau of Elevator Inspection and a political lieutenant of Harry A. Mackey, has been notified by Assistant Director Tempest, of the Department of Public Safety, of his suspension. The notice also carried the announcement that he would be discharged from the city's service in five days.

Pitts is charged with issuing permits for operating elevators in the building at 1223, 1225 and 1227 Race street, owned by State Senator Samuel Salus, and also at 439 North Twelfth street, after the elevators had been condemned for passenger service.

After announcing the suspension of Pitts, Assistant Director Tempest ordered a general inspection of all passenger elevators in the city. It also was announced by Mr. Tempest that he appointed William E. Shaw, 519 South Redfield street, a district inspector, acting chief of the department pending a final appointment to succeed Pitts.

The suspended chief, who lives at 5443 Locust street, was appointed to the position on February 7, 1916, by Director Wilson on request of Harry A. Mackey, Vare leader of the Forty-sixth Ward. At that time Pitts was chairman of the Forty-sixth Ward Republican Committee. The position pays $3500 a year.

Seek Fake Solicitor

The police are looking for a young man who has been collecting funds by posing as an advertising solicitor for a publication of the Seamen's Church institute. The impersonator has collected a large sum of money already, and is believed to be continuing his activities among prominent men of the city.

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