

FISHER ASKS LAW TO CURB BROKERS

Banking Commissioner Says Public Must Be Protected From Stock Swindlers

John S. Fisher, State Banking Commissioner, declared before the City Club at its noon luncheon today that he would advocate legislation to make impossible such brokerage failures as lately have cost Philadelphia investors millions of dollars.

Mr. Fisher advocated the passage of laws which will compel all brokers to take out State licenses, denoting bonds to the State to protect clients against any possible contingency.

Mr. Fisher is a candidate for the Republican gubernatorial nomination. Last week Lieutenant Governor Beidleman, of "Big Boy" fame, who says he is striving for recognition as a candidate, addressed the club.

Mr. Fisher said he realized "blue legislation presents many difficult problems."

"We all admit there is a vast amount of fraud being perpetrated through the sale of fraudulent securities and the fraudulent use of the agencies, which must be remedied by the passage of some sort of remedial legislation.

"It is impossible to make any estimate of the volume of fraud which is being perpetrated on innocent investors through the operations of crooked stock gamblers.

"We certainly can do much to eliminate dishonesty through fake transactions," he said, "whether the security is genuine or spurious. I believe the State has it within its power to eliminate a vast amount of fraud through the control of securities."

"I believe that the practical remedy for the evils of stock and security dealers lies in the enactment of a law for the licensing of all brokers, dealers and vendors in public securities, and in extending rigid supervision by the Banking Commission or by some other department of the business and operations of such concerns."

P. R. T. AVERAGES 16 MILES A YEAR OF TRACK RENEWAL

Transit Experts Testify That at Valuation Hearing

An average of sixteen miles of tracks a year have been replaced since 1921, it was testified by P. R. T. experts today at the valuation hearings before the Public Service Commission in City Hall.

William H. Connell, former chief of the Bureau of Highways, and now a P. R. T. expert, testified that he had examined by John E. Lewis, for the Cleveland Improvement Association; and C. Oscar Reesler, for the United Business Men's Association, during 1921 there were 74,000 feet of tracks renewed. In 1915 the renewals were 110,850 feet.

The yearly average mileage replaced, 1907 to 1921 inclusive, he said, is 16,100 feet; in 1916, 11 miles; 1917, 10 miles; 1918, 14.8 miles; 1919, 18 miles; 1920, 25 miles; and 1921, 14 miles.

Mr. Connell related to the hearing, showing comparative costs of the work to the next hearing. Elbert Galien, electrical engineer for the company, and R. H. Horton, traffic engineer, were also examined.

VICTIMS HATE PUBLICITY AND CROOKED BROKERS WIN

H. C. Thayer Explains Why Many Bucket-Shop Men Escape

Investors who are duped in bucket shops hesitate to expose those responsible because they do not like that kind of advertising, Henry C. Thayer declared today in an address before the Business Science Club at the Hotel Adelphi.

Mr. Thayer is chairman of the committee of New York Stock Exchange members in Philadelphia. He told of some of the inner workings of bucket shops.

"Some of these places have what is known as a 'sucker' list of 2000 names," Mr. Thayer said. "They send 'bearish' letters to 1000 prospective customers and 'bullish' letters to the other thousand."

WAR SOUVENIR BREAKS; FORMER SOLDIER HURT

Lansdowne Man Was Trying to Make Candlestick Out of Shell

In trying to fashion a howitzer shell into a candlestick, Albert C. Stewart, of Rummeyde avenue, Lansdowne, nearly lost an eye. Stewart struck the shell with a hammer and then pressed a red-hot soldering iron against the cap. The shell broke and a fragment of the copper jacket struck his face underneath one eye.

CHARITIES ARE AIDED

Catherine C. Wentz Left \$38,000 to Various Institutions

Charitable institutions will receive bequests amounting \$38,000, according to the will of Catherine C. Wentz, who died February 13 at her home, 1712 Vine street. She leaves an estate valued at \$18,000.

The bequests include, Pennsylvania Retreat for Blind Mutes and Aged and Infirm Blind Persons, \$5000; Sunday Breakfast Association, \$1000; Young Women's Christian Association, \$500; Franklin Home for Incubated, \$2000; Chambers-Wylie Memorial Presbyterian Church, \$6000; Mount Holyoke College, \$2000; St. Mary's, \$5000; and \$10,000 in trust for the American Sunday School Union.

Of the \$5000 estate of Elizabeth Hood, who died in the Episcopal Hospital and whose will was probated today, \$500 is left to Holy Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church, and the Church of the Prince of Peace.

MYSTERY OF RING DEEPENS

Detectives Unable to Solve Miss Heckscher's Loss

Detectives Gomborow and Gold, who have been investigating the mysterious disappearance of the \$12,000 diamond engagement ring of Miss Virginia Heckscher, 2123 Spruce street, will continue today with detectives representing the insurance company with which the ring was insured.

The police detectives will have little information to give the insurance company's investigators, as they have learned nothing that promises to clear up the riddle.

The ring was presented to Miss Heckscher, who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Heckscher, by her fiancé, Barclay McFadden, when their engagement was announced about a month ago. It was lost some time last Tuesday night.

MEMORIAL TO BUFFALO BILL

Charles W. Duke has written a memorial on the occasion of Buffalo Bill's Anniversary, which will appear in the "Morning Edition" of the "Public Ledger" tomorrow.

STATE'S EFFICIENCY MAN



"Dickie," two-year-old son of H. S. McDevitt, Governor's secretary, in playing with his building blocks, suggested a plan to reorganize State departmental relations. He is given full credit for the scheme by both his father and Henry Sproul McDevitt, seven months old.

"DICKIE," 2, EXPLAINS PLAN TO REVISE STATE MACHINERY

Young Son of H. S. McDevitt, Secretary to Governor, Says "Obvious Practicability" of His New Block Scheme Will Revolutionize Departmental Relationships

"Throughout my life the study of the proper organization of State departments has interested me strangely," Richard E. McDevitt, two-year-old son of Henry S. McDevitt, secretary to Governor Sproul and leading spirit of the State Reorganization Committee, looked up today from the complicated mechanism upon which he was working at his home, 4112 Locust street, to explain his suddenly acquired fame.

While father and son were playing with Richard's building blocks last Sunday the idea was born of substituting the name of some one department or division of State Government. These could then be readily shifted around until their proper position in the chart was found.

"The scientific study of departmental functions," explained the son today, as he laid aside his wooden automobile, "is only beginning to be understood. I am happy to say that my modest contribution to the problem has proved of some value to those whose part it is to pursue the question to its logical conclusion."

"Really, it was a small thing in itself. My father and I were discussing the matter the other day here in the nursery. We were playing with my blocks, if my memory does not fail me. At any rate, the idea suddenly occurred to me that a great deal of labor might be saved if a similar system were used in constructing the chart of interdepartmental relationships which he was then making."

"It is a very complicated chart, comprising the activities of some 130 divisions of the State Government. I had noticed that my father had much trouble from the frequent necessity of

'TINWARE' TIED TO STAGG IN SEVERAL U. S. CITIES

Biography Furnished by U. S. Marshal Gives List of Crimes

Although "Sir" Lionel Stagg was able to prey upon wealthy residents of Philadelphia, he was not so fortunate in some of the other cities, according to a sketch of Stagg's life sent today by George G. Henry, Deputy United States Marshal at Baltimore, to police here.

According to Henry, Stagg was forced to leave Cincinnati immediately after his arrival there April 13, 1910. He was arrested by the police as a suspicious character and was willing to take the first train out.

He received the same sort of reception in Kansas City in 1912.

At a hearing in Ardmore yesterday, Stagg was held in \$2500 bail for court on three charges of having forged the names of prominent men to checks.

H. C. L. REDUCES FINE OF RECKLESS AUTOIST

Magistrate Proves Lenient After Driver Admits His Guilt

Magistrate Roberts' knowledge of the high cost of living proved fortunate for John Burak, 2332 Duquesne street. Burak drove past a standing trolley at Twenty-fourth street and Ridge avenue.

"You endangered lives by your action," said the magistrate. "I might commit you on three charges. But the high cost of living is becoming a serious problem for all of us, and since three charges are the result of one action, I will dismiss the charges of speeding and reckless driving and fine you \$10 for passing the trolley."

BROTHERS DIE DAY APART

Double Funeral Will Be Held for William R. and Henry A. Boyd

Two brothers who died within twenty-four hours of each other will be buried together tomorrow in Cedar Hill Cemetery. William R. Boyd died Wednesday of heart disease and Henry A. Boyd died Tuesday of acute indigestion. Each leaves a widow.

There will be double funeral services tomorrow at the home of William Boyd, 2016 Coral street.

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THUGS BIND GUARD IN MILL AND FLEE

Chance Pedestrian Balks Attempted Robbery at J. & J. Dobson Plant

POLICE HUNT FOR BANDITS

Three robbers, hiding late last night in the basement of the J. & J. Dobson Mill, Scots Lane, Falls of Schuylkill, ambushed Andrew Kelly, night watchman, bound and gagged him, and attempted to rob the place.

The robbers, who used an automobile, were frightened off and escaped. Police are searching for them with a good description furnished by Kelly.

The watchman lives at 3429 West Westmoreland street, and is fifty years old. He had occasion to go into the basement when making his rounds. It is believed that the robbery was carefully planned, and that part of the plan consisted in lying in wait for the watchman and overpowering him, so the robbers could raid the mill undisturbed.

Kelly was making his way carefully through the basement, entirely dark, guided by the light of a lantern. As he came to a turn in the passageway a hand reached out of the darkness and grabbed the lantern.

A pistol was thrust out at almost the same instant and a shot sent through Kelly's coat.

"Keep quiet. Don't make a noise or I'll kill you."

The watchman was then able to make out three figures, a tall man and two shorter ones. The robbers went into the mill and took his handkerchief from his pocket and tied his hands and were looking for something with which to tie his feet when the rays of a lantern attracted the attention of the robbers. This lantern was being carried by Michael Sweeney, Lafayette and Cresson streets, another watchman.

Apparently thinking that their presence had been discovered, the robbers fled.

Sweeney cut the handkerchief and freed Kelly. The two watchmen then examined the warehouse, but found nothing missing.

The warehouse contained a large quantity of the most valuable cloth produced at the Dobson mills.

Kelly says the robbers went through his pockets, but in such a way as to indicate that they had different and much greater expectations.

He says also that he observed a party of men entering about the mill last Saturday night and is of the opinion they are the ones who appeared last night. Saturday night, he thinks, they were either frightened away or were making a study of the place in preparation for last night's attempt.

TEARFUL PLEA FUTILE

Pretty Shoplifter Admits Theft and Use of Drugs

Ruby Gillis, Warnock street near Thompson, pleaded tearfully but futilely to Magistrate Renshaw today after admitting theft of a \$65 dress from a department store yesterday.

The girl, a pretty blonde and fashionably dressed, admitted she is a drug addict.

She was held in \$800 bail for the Grand Jury.

Two others, accused of the theft of a \$1000 coat from a department store, were held by Magistrate Renshaw under \$800 bail each. They gave their names as May Miller, Twelfth street near Bonar, and William Midwell, Sixteenth street near Mt. Vernon.

Purim Meeting Planned

The Philadelphia Chapter of Hadassah will hold a Purim meeting March 15 at the Beth Israel Temple, where the lions collected for the medical unit and orphan asylum in Palestine will be displayed. Mrs. A. H. Fromenson, director of the Palestine Supplies Department, from New York, will be the guest of honor.

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Do You Know Her?



Five-year-old girl found in a New York courtroom who is thought to have been kidnapped from some Philadelphia family. She is being cared for by the New York S. P. C. C.

CHILD ABANDONED IN N. Y. MAY HAVE LIVED IN PHILA.

Kidnaping Theory is Advanced in Search for Family

A search is on in Philadelphia for the family of a pretty little girl of five who was abandoned a week ago in the Children's Court in New York. There are possibilities that the child was kidnapped from this city.

When the girl was found in the courtroom it was decided to turn her over to the New York Society to Protect Children from Cruelty. Ernest K. Coulter, of the society, made an investigation which developed that the child had been seen in the Broad Street Station here and that she was accompanied by a "tall woman dressed in black."

Mr. Coulter today communicated all the known facts, together with pictures of the child, to Alfred Whitman, secretary of the Philadelphia branch of the society, and all branches of the Welfare Federation, which do field work as assisting in the hunt for the child's relatives.

TRACES SPIRIT OF UNREST

Dr. Hill Says World Sings "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here!"

The trouble with the world is that it is singing "Hail, hail, the gang's all here! What the hell do we care?" Dr. Edgar P. Hill, general secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Education, said today.

Dr. Hill will take part in the "field day" of Presbyterian churches here next week.

"This spirit," continued Dr. Hill, "is responsible for all national unrest and complications. The gang's all here—here in the labor union or in the industrial trust or on this side of the ocean. Wherefore the strike, the lockout, the repudiation of any League of Nations. What the hell do we care? What happens in the West Virginia coal fields, or in New York, or in France, or if Germany collapses, or if Armenia is wiped out?"

"The new spirit that the people of this country need and that the world needs is the spirit of Jesus Christ, and until it comes there will always be danger of war."

LOCK HAVEN WIDOW SUES R. E. CLAY FOR HEART BALM

Mrs. J. Hogan Furst Says Rich Clubman Jilted Her

Richard E. Clay, 257 South Seventeenth street, a member of the Union League and a wealthy bachelor, has been sued by Mrs. J. Hogan Furst, of Lock Haven, Pa., for breach of promise.

The case will be tried in Common Pleas Court No. 5 here, during March. Mrs. Furst is the widow of J. Hogan Furst, formerly treasurer of the Lock Haven Trust and Safety Deposit Company, who died about six years ago.

According to the papers in the suit, the marriage of Mrs. Furst to Clay was to have taken place in Lock Haven February 11.

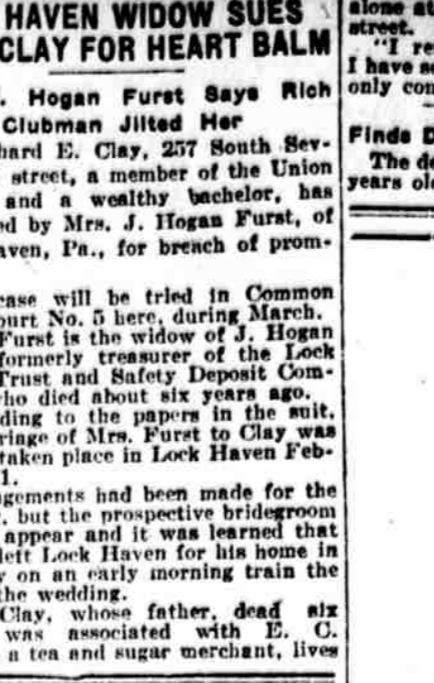
Arrangements had been made for the wedding, but the prospective bridegroom did not appear and it was learned that he had left Lock Haven for his home in this city on an early morning train the day of the wedding.

Mr. Furst, whose father, dead six years, was associated with E. C. Knight, a tea and sugar merchant, lives alone at his apartments on Seventeenth street.

"I refuse to discuss the affair until I have seen my lawyer," was Mr. Clay's only comment today.

Finda Death Due to Blood Poisoning

The death of John Schultz, fifty-seven years old, 1000 Hottel avenue, Camden, yesterday, was due to blood poisoning resulting from an infected wound, according to a statement by the coroner today. Schultz was employed in wool-scouring concerns. He was caught in some machinery and injured. At the hospital, however, cause of his death was given as disease.



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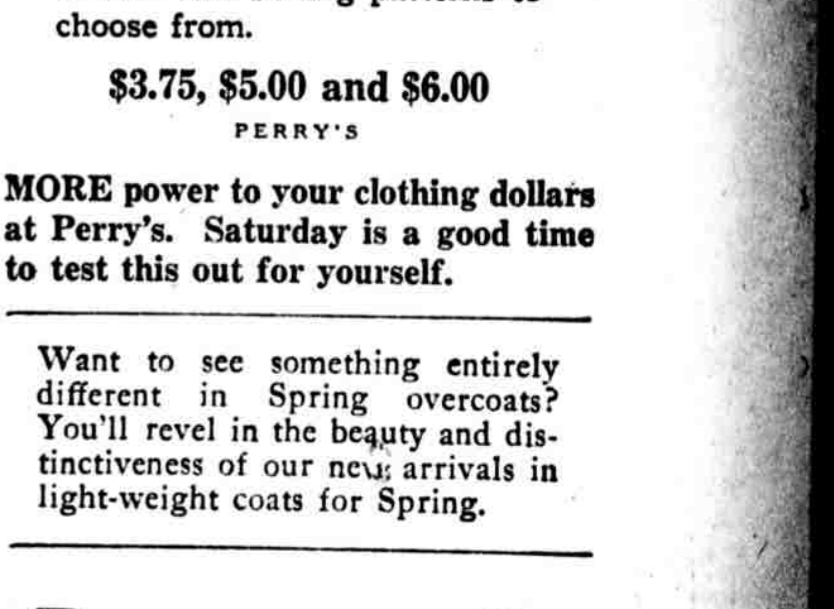


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