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ASSAILS POLITICS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Broome Tells G. O. P. Women Issues Should Be Decided by Non-Partisan Rule

MRS. LORIMER PRESIDES

Education should be kept out of partisan politics, Superintendent of Schools Broome said today in an address before the Republican Women's Club, 210 South Seventeenth street. ... Education is a matter altogether vitally concerned with the lives of children to be permitted to become a partisan issue, Dr. Broome said.

Slain by Detective



ROBERT H. BURNS Taylor street man shot to death by a City Hall detective who says Burns was an automobile thief

DETECTIVE'S STORY OF KILLING SCORED

Victim Not Alone in Stolen Auto, His Brother-in-Law Asserts

CORTELYOU PROBING CASE

Edward Fitzgibbon, of 3087 North Twenty-third street, vehemently denied today that his brother-in-law, Robert H. Burns, was alone in a stolen automobile yesterday when overtaken and shot to death by Raymond Murray, a City Hall detective.

SPROUL SPEEDS UP HARMONY EFFORTS

Pepper and Reed for Senate and Alter for Governor Believed His Choice

BELL'S CHANCES HELD SLIM

Governor Sproul began a series of conferences today to bring about harmony, or a semblance of harmony, on the State ticket. It is believed he would like to see a ticket made up, so far as the chief offices are concerned, as follows: Senator George Wharton Pepper and Major David A. Reed for the Senate; George E. Alter, Attorney General, for Governor.

Besides Cunningham, it is believed that Register of Wills Campbell, Councilman Hall and City Treasurer Watson are opposed to Mackey.

See Chaos Overdrawn The Governor does not think it will be difficult to achieve harmony. In his view, the conditions are not so unusual as they have been generally pictured. His first conferences were with Senator Vane and Senator T. Larry Eyre, of Chester. Eyre is working night and day helping the Governor's harmony program. The Governor also expects to confer with Senator Leale, of Allegheny County, who is all set to harmonize on some other than Mackey. Leale will probably put up a plea in favor of Bell for United States Senator.



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BENNER PROMISES HIS \$10,000 BAIL

Former Dry Chief's Aide Telegraphs He is on His Way to Philadelphia

McCONELL ALSO COMING

Hiram W. Benner, one of the forty-seven men including William C. McConnell, former Prohibition Director, indicted for an alleged rum ring conspiracy, telegraphed United States District Attorney Coles he will reach here late this afternoon or tomorrow to enter \$10,000 bail.

Benner was chief of the permit division when McConnell was Prohibition Director for Pennsylvania. Benner was ousted almost immediately after Washington officials took over enforcement of the Volstead act, leaving McConnell a director in name only.

Benner came from Columbia, Pa. McConnell, who was in Tampa, Fla., when the indictments were found, is on his way to Philadelphia and expects to reach here tomorrow.

"I will be there to answer the charges against me," was the comment Benner would make when informed of his indictment.

Those for whom bail will be entered today will escape the ignominy of being served with bench warrants.

One of the men indicted is Sam Singer, serving a six months' term in Trenton prison for violation of the prohibition laws of New Jersey.

Mr. Coles said today the cases of McConnell and the other alleged conspirators, for whom an aggregate of \$108,000 in bail is demanded, will be listed for trial during the present term of court.

"But, the listing is technical and formal," he said, "and it is almost impossible to try the case in this term of court and it will go over until the next term, which begins in June. They will be tried as quickly as possible."

T. Henry Walnut, former Assistant United States District Attorney, said he believed he was responsible for the indictment of McConnell. Mr. Walnut said that his throwing of the monkey wrench into the machinery of the Attorney General's office was responsible for the action against McConnell and the other defendants. On the other hand it was pointed out by a jurymen that all the evidence against McConnell and the other defendants had been presented to the Federal Grand Jury several days before the Walnut resignation was accepted and from the time Mr. Walnut left until the jury completed its work only a few book records were presented to the jury.

"I will still say," Mr. Walnut said, "that if I had not made public the charges that efforts were being made to sidetrack the McConnell matter no indictments would have been returned. That is all I have to say."

THREE MEN KILLED BY GAS WHEN METER IS ROBBED

Only One Participant in Card Game Is Rescued

Gas poisoning yesterday claimed the lives of four men and another is in a critical condition from asphyxiation. The death of three was the aftermath of a card game in a room at 3004 Mount Vernon street, into which gas fumes were released. Police say that the deaths followed the robbery of the slot meter.

The other was a suicide in the room at a house on Thirteenth street near Master.

Those found dead in the room where the card game took place are James Ford, twenty-four years old, 3705 Melon street; Robert Ammann, thirty-eight years old, 3811 Wallace street; James Gotschall, Jr., twenty-eight years old, 244 South Thirty-ninth street.

John A. Powell, the host, was rescued at the Presbyterian Hospital and is expected to live.

The man who committed suicide was Joseph Mott.

FOREST FIRE DYING OUT

Flames Near Hammonton Are Reported Under Control

The forest fire raging over about 2000 acres below Hammonton, N. J., is now under control.

Since Saturday night 400 firemen from Hammonton, Egg Harbor and Mullica Township have been struggling to prevent the flames from reaching the chemical arsenal at Hammonton.

The fire was started presumably by sparks from a locomotive about nine miles below the city and gradually spread to within a few miles of the plant.

One Mullica Township fireman, John Mott, was burned and taken to the hospital at Egg Harbor.

Penna. Has Made Rapid Strides

"During the last few years Pennsylvania has made some rapid strides in the progress of education."

"The eyes of the Nation are on our schools, are on our State. We cannot afford to take a backward step. When the States are again compared as to educational standing as they were by Dr. Ayers, director of the Russell Sage Foundation, a few years ago, let us hope that instead of being in the midst of the list Pennsylvania will rank educationally with where her wealth and prestige require—that is, brought up to the head of the list."

It is quite right that women should have equal voice with the men in determining these matters. Women are equally intelligent and likely to be more conscientious in the discharge of their political duties, especially when they have become informed as to how best to discharge these duties.

"I especially look forward to a better handling of moral and educational problems when the influence of women voters becomes fully operative, as women are by nature the conservators of moral standards."

"If there is anything wrong with the educational system of this State let it be settled by a non-partisan commission of able persons appointed especially for that purpose, rather than be settled on party lines at the polls."

Mrs. George Horace Lorimer, president of the Republican Women's Club, occupied the chair at the meeting.

GIRL, 7, GIVES VERSION OF MURDER AND SUICIDE

Says "Auntie Hit Papa and He Fell and Wouldn't Talk"

Little knowing that it was a tragedy she was describing in which her father and mother met death, seven-year-old Frances Marie Porter today told the story of her parents' fatal quarrel, of which she was the only witness.

Late Saturday her father was killed by a blow on the head. Hours afterward she was confronted on the street by a man and committed suicide, at the same time attempting to take the life of her little stepdaughter.

"Papa, as always," Frances said, "had come home from work at noon on Saturday. That was the day he was usually paid and also the day he was sometimes 'wobbly' and bad. He was so 'bad' ordinarily that he sometimes hit auntie. Auntie, Frances called her step-mother, 'Auntie.'"

"He hit auntie yesterday," she went on, gaining confidence as her story progressed, "and auntie hit him back. And then papa fell and struck his head against the chair. He seemed to go to sleep, because he wouldn't talk to me."

PATROLMAN FOILS ATTACK

Captures Two Cocaine Fiends Who Tried to Hold Him Up

Walking his beat near Girard College early this morning Patrolman Kraus, of the Twentieth and Berks streets station, was confronted by two armed men who jumped at him from an alley next to Heintzelman's drug store at 2000 Ridge avenue. They leveled pistols at the patrolman's head and demanded he throw up his arms.

"Wait a minute," said Kraus, and drew his revolver. At this the men dropped their weapons and begged for mercy. Thereupon Kraus searched them and found other revolvers and much cocaine.

At the station house they admitted they had intended to rob the drug store.

"We were after the white stuff" (cocaine), they said. "If we couldn't get that we would take the whisky. Money was no object."

They gave their names as Harry Allen, sixty-five, and John Clark, forty-five. Allen was found by the police to have served jail sentences in Boston and New York.

BURGLAR ROBS PHYSICIAN

Escapes When Discovered in Dr. N. H. Taylor's House in Chestnut Hill

A burglar, prowling through the house of Dr. Norman H. Taylor, 33 East Springfield avenue, Chestnut Hill, early yesterday morning, awakened the physician when he tried to open a bedroom door.

Dr. Taylor, although unarmed, threw on the light and started after the thief. The man fled downstairs and escaped through the kitchen door.

The burglar had taken \$14 in cash and some Polish and Norwegian money from Dr. Taylor's clothing in a dressing room. He entered the house through the pantry window, and apparently at once unlocked the kitchen door, so as to have a quick way to escape.

New School Head at Jenkintown

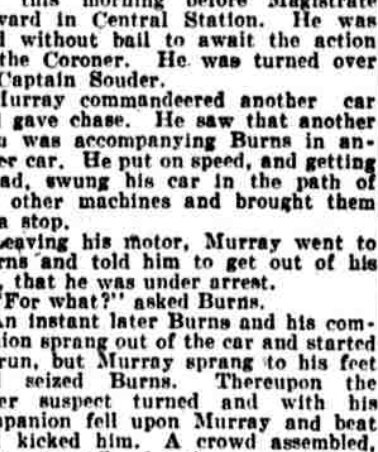
Edward Rutledge Robbins, of Jenkintown and Philadelphia, has been elected by the Board of Education at Jenkintown to succeed Paul S. Barton as superintendent of the Jenkintown schools. Mr. Barton recently resigned.

Prof. Robbins is a graduate of Princeton, and his teaching experience covers five years in Lawrenceville, N. J.; several years at the Albany Academy, New York, and fourteen years as head of the mathematical department at Penn Charter.

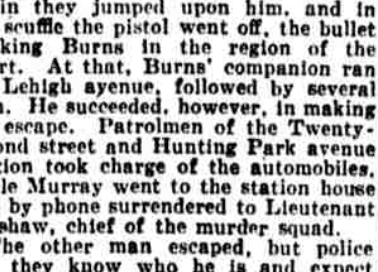
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Works for Elimination

Governor Sproul is working to bring about the withdrawal of Mackey, Lieutenant Governor Beldeman and possibly John S. Fisher. That would leave Clifford Pinchot the sole opposition to the "harmony" candidate.

The Reed declaration against the Grundy leaders has brought him into the limelight as the probable appointee to succeed Senator Crow should the latter resign. It is felt in informed circles that the Governor would not even appoint Bell for the brief ad interim term.

His age and the recent stories of alleged financial deals are believed to have definitely put him out of the running so far as the Governor is concerned.

Senator Vane continues to insist that Mackey is the leading candidate for Governor. He, however, is believed to be greatly impressed by the opposition of such leaders as "Tom" Cunningham to the Mackey candidacy.

Director Cortelyou is today probing the shooting which occurred during a hand-to-hand struggle between Burns and the detective at Lehigh avenue near Chalmers street.

According to Detective Murray, Burns was alone in the car when he spotted the detective. "Fitzgibbon said today, 'and I have learned from several persons that there were several men in the car, when it was chased by the detective.'"

Murray commandeered another car and gave chase. He saw that another man was accompanying Burns in another car. He put on speed, and getting ahead, swung his car in the path of the other machines and brought them to a stop.

Leaving his motor, Murray went to Burns and told him to get out of his car. That is the probable arrest.

"For what?" asked Burns. An instant later Burns and his companion sprang out of the car and started to run, but Murray sprang to his feet and seized Burns. Thereupon the other suspect turned and with his companion fell upon Murray and beat and kicked him. A crowd assembled, but no effort was made to help the detective, who hesitated to draw his pistol.

It was not until he had been knocked down several times that the detective drew his pistol, and then, he said later, with no intention of using it, but simply to intimidate the men. But again they jumped upon him, and in the scuffle the pistol went off, the bullet striking Burns in the region of the heart. At that, Burns' companion ran up Lehigh avenue, followed by several men. He succeeded, however, in making his escape. Patrolmen of the Twenty-second street and Hunting Park avenue station took charge of the automobiles, while Murray went to the station house and by phone surrendered to Lieutenant Belslow, chief of the murder squad.

The other man escaped, but police say they know who he is and expect to make an arrest.

James McMullen, law partner of Howard B. Beitler, and father of the girl whose automobile was stolen and recovered by the detective, called on Captain Souder today to say that he and Mr. Beitler would be glad to do anything in their power for Detective Murray. Mr. McMullen said if bail were fixed for the detective's release he would be glad to enter security.

Assistant Superintendent of Police Kenny and Captain of Detectives Souder, both signed the following statement:

"A personal investigation has been made and we find that Murray is not to blame for the unfortunate shooting of Robert Burns. Murray had notified Burns before the shooting that he and his companions were under arrest. Burns would not submit to arrest and he was killed by Murray, then three Murray to the ground."

"Murray drew his revolver and shot three times in the air. One of the shots struck Burns. We are fully convinced after examining several witnesses that the bullet would not have struck Burns if his companion had not tried to snatch the gun, causing it to explode. Lieutenant Lestrang, of the automobile squad, praised Murray as one of the best men in the service. He said he believed it was an unfortunate accident."

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