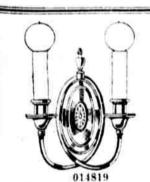
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# DOUBT LEGALITY OF

Research Bureau Declares City Architect Was Not Officially Called In

#### ASKS INQUIRY BY COUNCIL ture.

The legality of appropriations for the Winter months. You still can proposed Victory Hall was questioned today by the Bureau of Municipal Resave this unnecessary cost by search on the ground that the City placing your contract now. Commissioners did not get the city

> An ordinance is on the calendar of Council today which appropriates an additional \$12,000 toward preparing plans and specifications for a soldiers' memorial to be known as Victory Hall.

The bureau says the City Commissioners invited the city architect to advise them, not as city architect, but as an individual, and that the city architect properly declined. The bureau says Council should consult the correspondence in the case before granting any more money to the com-missioners. The sum of \$10,000 al-

missioners. The sum of \$10,000 already has been appropriated.

"The serious question is. Why did the City Architect refuse the job?" the

Bureau stated. Bureau stated.

"Here is a city charter in which is set up the office of City Architect, for the express purpose of bringing all the architectural work of the local government under one control. The provision for this office imposes upon the City Architect the duty of designing or supervising the designing of the plans of public buildings to be paid for by money appropriated by City Council.

#### Charter Is Quoted

The charter further says that. It shall be unlawful to pay moneys from the city treasury for the erection or construction of any public building, except upon cerspecifications, drawings and plans of such public building have been pre-pared by him or under his supervision and there are provisions for the appointment of spe-cial architects by the City Architect, by means of competition or otherwise, in cases where desirable.

The policy of the City Architect's office avowedly has been to carry out

completely the spirit of the charter and to establish a precedent of high pre-fessional standards in Philadelphia municipal architecture. Why, in the municipal architecture. Why, in the face of the charter's mandates and his own policy, did that official in thicase feel 'called upon to decline'?

"The answer seems to be that the City Commissioners did not consult him as City Architect. Though subsequently they admitted over their president's signature that the Victory Hail roject came precisely within the terms of the charter section defining the City Architect's official duties, they came to him as an individual, whom they in-vited to act as their official professiona adviser. Of course, he could do nothing but point out that he could hold no sec-ond public position of profit; and that he could perform no professional service with reference to the proposed building other than as City Architect. is not yet clear upon the public record. It ought to be made clear before the

#### additional \$12,000 is appropriated. Sees Need for Action

"Is it not the time now to get straight on this proposition? Irrevocabiy wrong steps have not been taken. The way seems open for the City Architeet to assume his legally proper place in the situation without even displacing the present special consultant. Be-fore Council approves any more money for the preliminary work, or accedes to the anusual request for approval of the City Commissioners, course, it should have before it the correspondence between the Commissioners and the City Architect, to order to know exactly what was the course which it is asked

George F. Holmes, president of the Board of County Commissioners, asserted the board will engage in no discussion of the Victory Hall proposition with

any anomeial body.
"If the Bureau of Municipal Research wants to half the building of a Victory Hall by raising technicalities, let it go ahead," he said. "The matter can be settled in a perfectly legal way."

#### WORKMEN DIG UP BODIES AT CHERRY AND 17TH STS.

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do with the bodies until the hous. reached the Friends' Select School, ad-joining the property. Arrangements were made for the immediate rebucial of the bodies in an unoccupied portion

#### EVENING LEDGER IN BELGIUM

American Traveler Sees "Ad" and Writes Here for Booklet

Thanks to a copy of the Eventon tenter Lenger, which an American traveler had seen in Belgium this month, further travel information will shortly be mailed from the offices of the American Express Company in this city A postal card, reaching the offices of the company a few days ago shows the circulation of the Evento Pum.ic Lengua is not confined to Philadelphia. or even to America. It here a request for a travel booklet. The American Traveler in Europe, adding that the advertisement had been seen in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER. The postal was signed by L. Delbeke and mailed from Menie, Belgium.

#### YOUNG WIFE MISSING

Children Sob for Absent Parent,

Deserted Husband Says Abandoning hope of her return, but neged by the constant crying of his two boys, one fourteen months, the other three years. Horace Nagel, 2065 East William street, appealed to the police today to find his twenty-two-year-old

Emma, who disappeared June 14. Mrs. Nagel is five feet two inches in height and weighs 105 pounds. She has brown eyes, black bair, and on the day of her disappearance wore a black and white skirt with waist to match, black silk stockings, black shoes and a black straw hat with red berries. She was wearing an engagement ring set with a half carat diamond, and her

wedding ring.

#### GIVE MOTORISTS CHANCE

New Ordinance Won't Be Enforced Husband, Daughter, Grandchildren Drastically at Once The new traffic law limiting parking

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Benefit by Mary E. Stohrer Will An estate of more than \$250,000 is in the center of the city will not be disposed of in the will of Mrs. Mary E. Stohrer, 5133 Baltimore avenue, While the Von Tagen ordinance be- which was probated today. The benecomes operative the police will not aciaries named are her husband, Harry molest motorists until signs informing C. Stohrer; a daughter, Cecilia E. molest motorists until signs informing the public of the new rules have been prepared by Superintendent Mills.

The signs probably will be ready within a week. Mayor Moore has declared that he will allow the ordinance to become effective without his signsture.

Stonrer; a daughter, Ceepha E. Anderson, and two grandchildren, Mary E. Anderson and George H. Anderson.

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