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## PROBERS MAKE SECRET TRIP TO MOYAMENSING

Grand Jurors Inspect Prison Without Advance Warning to Officials

'TIP-OFF' BELL WON'T RING THIS TIME AT HOLMESBURG

Inspection Party to See How Rules Affect Convicts There

HOSPITAL UNDER FIRE

Guard Grafted Milk of Sick Inmate in Return for Stolen Smokes

## Inspectors to Debate Inhuman Prison Rules

The Board of Prison Inspectors is to hold its regular monthly meeting this afternoon at Moyamensing Prison.

A heated discussion is expected because Furey Ellis, a member of the board, advocates a change in the rules, a suggestion which Dr. Joseph M. Reeves, the president, says will not be countenanced.

The Grand Jury investigating conditions in the county prisons of Philadelphia made a surprise visit to Moyamensing Prison, Eleventh and Reed streets, last Friday, an almost unprecedented proceeding.

Ordinarily the grand jurors are accompanied by court officers. Officials of County institutions have known exactly to the minute when the jurors will arrive for the perfunctory inspection.

But in their probe of conditions which keep men in solitary confinement and without food for twenty-four hours, if even minor rules are broken, the Grand Jury decided on the unusual.

Without advance warning, the members went directly to Moyamensing and officials there had no inkling of the visit until the jurors were at the barred gate. A similar procedure will be adopted for the trip to the county prison at Holmesburg.

The Grand Jury, which was ordered Friday by Judge Audenried, of Common Pleas Court No. 4, following disclosures in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER of the methods in use at Holmesburg.

**Rotan Is Aiding**  
District Attorney Rotan has assured the members of the jury that he will lend every power of his office to facilitate the investigation, and he has assigned Assistant District Attorney Marston to assist in the inquiry in any way possible.

A. J. Mulherin, a manufacturer, of 2350 North Broad street, is the foreman of the Grand Jury, whose other members are Peter Busters, assistant superintendent, 1232 Daly street; James Brown, machinist, 3523 Sydenham street; Clayton Dinworne, electrician, 2208 South Twelfth street; James Fontaine, salesman, 815 Moore street; Ruth Goumter, clerk, 716 Preston street; Edward Grady, engineer, 645 Tenth street; Frederick Haug, carpenter, 3042 Arch street; H. Kirchner, Sr., chandler, 329 Snyder avenue; Theodore Koob, compositor, 2368 S. Twentieth street; Clara Lynch, housekeeper, 905 Dale street; Thomas M. Mather, electrician, 1210 South Edgewood street; James Ripa, tailor, 808 Ellsworth street; Frank Temple, Sr., insurance, 2100 Chestnut street; Jacob W. Wark, 1022 Ontario street; Edward R. Wilson, steamfitter, 5849 Pemberton street; Anna Wood, dealer, 1154 Ringold street; and Herman Wolf, salesman, 2417 Sheridan street.

**Will Talk to Convicts**  
The Grand Jurors have been instructed by Judge Audenried to see and talk with anyone who may be able to shed light on conditions at Holmesburg, and it is probable that convicts will be questioned.

Treatment of the sick will be inquired into by the probers, and the dark cells will receive particular attention. It is expected that Cell 357 is the worst of all.

Former inmates of the prison say that during their stay in the jail the different Grand Jurors were shown through only I and J blocks, which are of recent construction and whose cells have windows in them. Other blocks, such as H block, are never visited, according to the ex-convicts.

Recently discharged prisoners have said that the prison officials are always tipped off at least twenty-four hours in advance of the arrival of Grand Jurors. It is believed that the body arrives at the entrance gate the three-hall signal is sent over the wire to "spruce up" the company has arrived.

One man who came out only a short time ago says that the different work-shops always know when the Grand Jury is headed their way, and that the hospital nurse always get the word in advance.

**Convicts Tell Stories**  
Complaints regarding the treatment of prisoners continue. One man who served nineteen months in the jail, declares that he decided to speak in the hope that he could help the men now there. He says he got on the right side of the keepers and in this way managed to get himself a job after spending about two weeks "in solitary."

On January 10 this man and his brother entered the prison for two years for shoplifting. Neither of these prisoners, who were jailed under the name of John L. Smith and Edward Smallby, was twenty years old. They came of good family and had good educations. This helped them escape a

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## RUFUS M. JONES HURT BY MOTOR

Haverford Professor and Head of Bryn Mawr Trustees, Knocked Down by Auto

## THREE RIBS WERE BROKEN

Dr. Rufus M. Jones professor of philosophy in Haverford College and president of the Board of Trustees of Bryn Mawr College, is recovering slowly at his home in Haverford from serious injuries sustained when he was struck by an automobile Thanksgiving Day.

He has three fractured ribs, a fracture of the knee-cap and a fracture of the left leg.

The accident occurred in Moorestown, N. J., as Dr. Jones was leaving the home of a friend, where he had eaten Thanksgiving dinner. He was running to board a trolley car, putting on his overcoat as he ran, and failed to see an approaching automobile.

The force with which the automobile struck him threw the professor into a gutter. He was picked up and carried into a house and later brought to Haverford in an ambulance.

At his home this morning it was said Dr. Jones was slowly but steadily improving, although for a time his condition was considered serious. He is resting comfortably.

Dr. Jones is a prominent friend and is chairman of the committee managing the Friends' Reconstruction Unit in France. He is also widely known as an author of books on religion. He is fifty-nine years old.

Dr. Jones is one of the best-known educators in the United States and holds degrees from several universities. He has held the chair of philosophy at Haverford since 1904.

He also gained prominence as an editor of religious publications, having been editor of "The Friend," the American Friend and Present Day Papers at different times. These activities, however, he gave up seven years ago.

## CHILEAN TOWNS FEEL EARTHQUAKE AGAIN

Twenty-two Killed When Shock Is Felt in Japan

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 11.—(By A. P.)—Strong earth shocks were felt at Iliapue, and Ovalle today. State railway officials said communications north of the latter town have been interrupted. The station at Combarba did not answer calls. The shocks were felt very strongly at Los Andes, but apparently extended no further south than that town, where a tremor was reported.

The center of the disturbance is believed to have been in the Valdivia district where the recent disturbances occurred.

Tokyo, Dec. 11.—(By A. P.)—Twenty-two persons were killed in an earthquake which struck the Shikoku Peninsula, on the Island of Kishu, according to an official announcement yesterday. This is considered comparatively as light as being made to allay the fears of the inhabitants, who are panic-stricken.

Earthquakes were reported also at Aomori and Hakodate, but no details have been received. The shocks continued for more than thirty hours without interruption. Unofficial estimates place the death list in excess of 100. Curtin is being treated at Jefferson hospital.

**MAN THROWS HIMSELF BENEATH TROLLEY CAR**  
Thongs at Thirteenth and Walnut

John Curtin, twenty-eight years old, 1848 Lombard street, attempted to commit suicide this morning by throwing himself under a trolley car at Thirteenth and Walnut streets. The man only succeeded in frightening several persons as he escaped with minor bruises which were treated at Jefferson hospital.

Curtin was standing at the curb as if waiting to board a car approaching. When suddenly, as it slowed down for the stop, he flung himself in front of the motorcar jammed on the emergency brakes and brought the car to a stop. He was struck by the front of the car and was hurled into the air. Passengers in the car became excited and several women at the street corner screamed in terror.

Curtin is being held by the police pending an observation of his mental condition.

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## Jurymen Selected to Try Mrs. Brunen

Foreman—Walter Wiles, farmer, Vincentown.

No. 2—Samuel Wilson, retired business man, Crosswicks.

No. 3—Frank C. Brock, farmer, Willingboro Township.

No. 4—Harry Ridgway, miller, Pemberton Borough.

No. 5—Arthur J. Chant, Beverly township, farmer.

No. 6—Jackson De Camp, Pemberton borough, retired.

No. 7—William Poinsett, North Haverford township, farmer.

Seven jurors were obtained by noon today in the trial of Mrs. Doris Brunen and her brother, Harry C. Mohr, at Mount Holly, N. J., for the murder of a woman's husband, "Honest John" Brunen, circus owner, at his home at Riverside, March 10 last.

Supreme Court Justice Kalisch, presiding with Judge H. B. Wells, announced that he was not going to "take all day selecting a jury."

The examination of jurors went on rapidly after court opened at 10 o'clock in the historic Burlington County courthouse, Judge Kalisch presiding. The impact of the jury, because of the probable duration of the trial. Two women on the panel were excused.

**Archae Procedure Used**  
Mr. Keown found himself in something of a maze in examining jurors, because of the ancient forms of procedure obtaining in Burlington County. During the examination of one of the women members of the venire, Ella S. Dillingham, of Willingboro Township, he confessed to the Judge that he did not know the names of the women on the panel.

"Well, I must admit there has been very loose practice," snapped the Judge, "but you can go on a fishing expedition to find out about these jurors. I hold you strictly to law, and when you challenge witnesses to the favor you must state your grounds and the grounds must be such that will not take all day selecting a jury."

"To the favor" is a method of putting a prospective juror immediately on oath. The entire procedure would make a "Philadelphia lawyer" gasp. To the amusement of the sixty newspapermen who crowded the space inside the courtroom, the judge proceeded to read a typewritten slip so as to be strictly legal in asking whether a venireman had formed an opinion on the case.

It was after he had delivered his lecture on speeding up the selection of jurors that Justice Kalisch called a number of the veniremen to the bar and advised against selecting women jurors.

**Is Dressed Jauntily**  
Mrs. Brunen and Mohr left the county jail at 10 o'clock, resplendent in new clothes, for a brief dramatic scene in the old courtroom.

The stage was set for the opening scene. Justice Kalisch with Judge Wells arrived shortly before 10 o'clock with Ellis Parker, who had met him at Burlington and brought him over by motor. Justice Kalisch wore a light green soft hat and a long tight fitting black overcoat, and carried a cane.

It was a dress-up occasion for all concerned. Every one looked snick and span as the proceedings began. The panel of jurors, 120 in all, waited with an air of expectancy. The courtroom was jammed.

Even the old bell in the courthouse roof, which summoned the countryside during the months he has spent in jail. His well-rounded figure and rosy cheeks spoke well for the good food and comfortable lodgings provided by Burlington County. He was dressed in a new suit, a brown tie and a brown shirt, and held an unlighted cigar between his teeth as he carried a leather lawyers brief case with the notes he has collected.

**JAIL-BREAKERS ASKED TO CLOSE PRISON DOOR**  
Other Prisoners in Easton Lock-Up Preferred Warm Quarters and Food

When a postoffice burglar and a vagrant broke the lock on the jail doors at Easton, Md., last night and gained their freedom, other prisoners got a whiff of frosty air from outdoors and yelled to the jail-breakers to close the door. Freezing temperature offered nothing to them in comparison with the jail stove, a bin full of coal, three meals a day and no work to do.

So they waited and the guard on his morning visit told that two men had escaped.

One of the prisoners was Thomas Perry, of Salisbury, Md., arrested last week for a postoffice robbery at St. Michaels, Md. The burglary of several stores also was charged against him.

## ON HER WAY TO FACE COURT



Mrs. Doris Brunen (right), on her way from the Mt. Holly jail to the courthouse today for the start of her trial for the death of her husband. She is in charge of Mrs. Anne Horner, wife of a deputy sheriff.

## SIX PERSONS HURT IN TROLLEY CRASH

Three Women and Three Men Victims of Collision on Aspen Street

Three women and three men were injured at 8:05 o'clock this morning when a Route No. 9 trolley going west on Aspen street crashed into a Route No. 48 car southbound on Twenty-sixth street.

The injured: Mrs. Nellie Higgins, forty-two years old, 1720 North Marston street. Cuts and bruises.

Mrs. Sarah Woodward, forty-six years old, 2726 North Twenty-eighth street; cuts of arms and body.

Priscilla McIntosh, 2940 North Myrtlewood street; shock.

Russell Brown, twenty-three, 3120 French street; cuts and bruises of body.

Julius West, sixty-four, 2632 Poplar street; sprains and bruises.

Peter Rentner, eighteen, 1927 Mirflin street; cuts of both legs.

Most of the injured were in the west-bound car. Miss McIntosh, riding in the Route 48 car, attempted to leap from her seat when the other car bore down on the south-bound trolley.

The impact hurled her to the floor of the car. She lost her purse in the confusion, but it was returned to her later.

The six injured were taken to the Lankenau Hospital by neighbors they found at the same moment. The cars were badly damaged.

**HELD IN WIFE'S DEATH**  
Police Say Greens Quarreled Following Drinking Bout

Magistrate Fitzgerald today held John Green, 723 North Sixth street, without bail for the action of the coroner on suspicion of manslaughter. His wife Mary, thirty-five years old, was found at her home last night, her face battered and her body bruised. She died at the Roosevelt Hospital.

When police of the Tenth and Buttonwood streets station were called to the Green home by neighbors they found the woman lying on the floor in agony. They reported her face was swollen and bleeding. Dr. Joseph Goldberg, police examined her at the hospital and told the magistrate this morning that acute alcoholism had been the cause of death. Police declare they are holding the man because it was reported to them that a fight between him and his wife had taken place before she collapsed.

**FIRE HEROINE DIES**  
Edna Eichler Gave Life in Futile Effort to Save Her Mother

Edna Eichler, seventeen-year-old heroine of a fire at her home at 2705 Wheatheaf lane, December 6, when she attempted to rescue her mother, died today in the Northeastern hospital from burns.

## MAYOR OF CAMDEN APPOINTS 2 BOARDS TO RUN THE CITY

2 Democrats and 2 Republicans on Police and Fire and Public Works Bodies

COMPLIES WITH OLD LAW RECENTLY DISCOVERED

Calls Meeting of New Officials for Thursday—Supplants Council System

The Fire and Police Board and the Board of Public Works, required by the old Act of Assembly which has thrown Camden's government into a muddle, were appointed today by Acting Mayor Van Hart.

The four members to the Fire and Police Board are George W. Tash and John J. Welsh, Democrats, and George L. Bender and Charles E. Lane, Republicans.

The Board of Public Works is to consist of William F. Schmidt and Carroll P. Sherwood, Democrats, and Charles H. Greer and David W. Doan, Republicans.

The Democratic members of each board are to serve until January 1, while the Republicans will serve until January 1, 1924.

Tash was a candidate for Recorder or committing magistrate at the last election, but was defeated by Recorder Stuckhouse. Welsh is a State motor vehicle agent; Bender is a former Schmidtman and Lane is a merchant.

Camden is a member of the County Board of Taxation; Sherwood was a member of the Board of Public Works.

**PA. MINE CAVE ACT PARTLY ANNULLED**  
U. S. Supreme Court Rules in Favor of Anthracite Coal Companies

Washington, Dec. 11.—The 1921 Kohler act of Pennsylvania, making it a crime to cause the subsidence of surface structures by anthracite mining, cannot be sustained as an exercise of the police powers of the State, so far as it affects rights to mine coal under streets and places where the right to mine has been reserved, the Supreme Court held today in a case brought by the Pennsylvania Coal Company against H. J. and Margaret C. Mahon.

The court held that private owners cannot rightfully claim to have purchased more than is stipulated in the deed by which they acquire property. The court, therefore, reversed the opinion of the lower court, but did not pass upon the broad question of the constitutionality of the law.

Justice Brandeis dissented from the opinion.

The Kohler act, passed by the Pennsylvania Legislature, was signed by Governor Sprout on May 27, 1921. The law gave municipalities the right to regulate anthracite mining within their own borders and created the State Mine Commission for relief of persons suffering damages from surface subsidence. A big celebration was held in Scranton when the bill was signed, that day being chiefly noted.

Basing her suit on the Kohler act, Mrs. Mahon secured a preliminary injunction in Wilkes-Barre against the Pennsylvania Coal Company, but Judge H. A. Fuller, of the Luzerne County Court, later dismissed the injunction and held the Kohler act to be unconstitutional. The decision was given on October 10, 1921. Last June the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania reversed the decision of the Luzerne County Court, holding that the legislation was the proper use of police power. The case was then carried to the United States Supreme Court, which rendered its decision today.

**ARMED TEXANS SEEK GIRL'S ASSAILANT**  
Lynched Feared if Negro Who Attacked White Woman Is Captured

Corsicana, Tex., Dec. 11.—(By A. P.)—Bloodhounds are being hurried from Huntsville Penitentiary to Streetman to take up the trail of a masked Negro who attacked a twenty-year-old white girl at her home in Streetman this morning.

A Negro who was thought to be the girl's assailant was captured by a posse this forenoon, but the posse was broken up by a mob of 1500 angry whites who were reported to be on their way to Streetman.

The girl's condition is not serious, the Negro having been frightened away after throwing a sack over her head and stuffing her mouth full of cotton. Excitement is high, and a mob of 1500 angry whites are reported to be on their way to Streetman.

FreeStone County, in which Streetman is located, has been the scene of at least three lynchings in the last few months.

**LOOT HARRISBURG STORE**  
Burglars Crack Safes and Chain Watchman to Pillar

Harrisburg, Dec. 11.—(By A. P.)—The store of Bowman & Co., in the heart of Harrisburg, was robbed of Christmas savings, bonds and cash as well as valuable furs and goods, early today by three burglars who threw a coat over the head of B. J. Dennis, the night watchman, and chained him to a pillar. The men spent most of the night in the store blowing open three safes.

## European Tangle Viewed at Glance

At London—Allied Premiers near adjournment over failure of England and France to reach agreement on reparations problem. Great Britain wants America to cancel French debt, in event England would also cancel French debt.

At Rome—Pope asserts he will again appeal to Allies to bring about world peace.

At Lausanne—Tchitcherin protests against exclusion of Soviet delegations from allied conferences on Turkish affairs.

**AGED WOMAN RESCUED**  
Firemen Carry Morton Resident From Flaming Home

Mrs. Richard Young, eighty years old, of Morton, Pa., was carried to safety by firemen yesterday when flames destroyed her home, a three-story frame structure, and caused \$20,000 damage.

Harry P. Young, who occupied the house with his mother and his wife, discovered the fire in a hall on the second floor and aroused the two sleeping women.

After summoning fire companies, Young went to the third floor, assisted his mother to dress and then led her to a window. Firemen carried her to a ladder and took her to the home of a son-in-law, William H. Farrand, who lives nearby.

Mrs. Young is suffering from shock.

**BRITAIN BUILDS WARSHIPS**  
Two Vessels to Be Constructed Under Washington Treaty

London, Dec. 11.—(By A. P.)—Prime Minister Bonar Law announced in the House of Commons today that the Government had decided to begin the construction of the two new battleships allowed under the Washington naval treaty.

**CONFERENCE OF ALLIED PREMIERS BREAKS DOWN**  
LONDON, Dec. 11.—The conference of allied premiers, called to arrange the basis for an allied financial and reparations conference in Brussels, has broken down. It was announced this evening that the premiers had taken adjournment until January 2.

**ASBESTOS MINE FIRE DOES \$200,000 DAMAGE**  
EAST BROUGHTON, QUE., Dec. 11.—The mill and store shed of the Asbestos Mines Limited, were destroyed by fire today, causing damage estimated at \$200,000. One thousand tons of asbestos fibre was damaged.

**FAMILY SAVED AT LANSDOWNE FIRE**  
Mrs. Raymond McNair, Awakened by Smoke, Helps Rescue Three Children

Raymond McNair, his wife and family of three children, escaped with difficulty when their home at 17 Bigby avenue, Lansdowne, was destroyed by fire early today. A woman who makes her home with them, was all but hanged in her third-floor bedroom by the flames.

The fire had its origin on the ground floor, from a cause as yet unascertained. Shortly before daybreak Mrs. McNair awoke suddenly with a sense of danger. She thought she smelled smoke, and aroused her husband.

Mr. McNair rushed out into the hall and found the smoke billowing densely up the stairs. He had opened the door, and when he returned Mrs. McNair already was up and awakening the three children.

The flames were spreading rapidly through the lower floors and were attacking the staircase before the family were ready to leave.

On the third floor a woman, whose name the police did not learn and who lives with the McNairs, had been awakened by their shouts. She dressed, but before she was ready to leave the fire had made much headway.

Mrs. McNair clasped her year-old baby to her breast and followed her husband, who had the elder children, a boy and a girl, by the hand. The children, aroused from sleep, were frightened and crying.

Mr. McNair led the way in the dash for safety. Mrs. McNair followed close behind. The woman from the third floor followed them.

All six persons reached the first floor in safety, though the flames were drawing near as they gained the entrance hall. There was a moment of uncertainty as Mr. McNair fumbled with the latch of the door; then all were safely on the porch.

The smoke aroused the neighbors, and an alarm was telephoned to the Lansdowne fire station.

**MR. WANAMAKER IMPROVES**  
A continued slow improvement in the condition of John Wanamaker was reported today from his home, 2032 Walnut street. Attendants said he had a comfortable night. His severe cold has almost disappeared.

## BRITAIN WANTS U. S. TO CANCEL FRANCE'S DEBT

Would Take Similar Action, Says Report—Proposal to Hughes Forecast

ENGLAND WOULD PAY U. S. AFTER EXTENDED PERIOD

Plan Evolved to Prevent Entente Rupture Over Reparation Problem

## MORATORIUM FOR GERMANY

Premiers Expected to Adjourn Conference for Period of Eight Days

London, Dec. 11.—It was stated in an authoritative American journal today that the chief hope of bringing the British and French together during the period of adjournment to which the conference of allied Premiers now seems doomed, lies with the United States.

It was said by this authority that England will probably ask the American Government if it is willing to cancel the French debt to the United States provided England in turn cancels the French debt to Great Britain and at the same time enters a definite agreement with the American Government to ultimately pay the British debt to America.

This suggestion was made informally to a certain important American now in London and it will probably be presented directly to Mr. Hughes, the American Secretary of State, in the course of the present week.

Great Britain is said to look favorably on the cancellation of the French debt due her provided the United States cancels the French debt to America. It is the belief of British officials that the United States would be willing to at least attend a conference at which such a proposition could be thoroughly discussed.

**Payment in Fifty Years**  
It was also stated in American circles that the definite agreement to pay the British debt to the United States could or might be accompanied by a proposal for a long period of interest-free payments which only interest would be paid. It was explained that this was on the theory that the United States was primarily interested in securing the immediate payment of the British debt, rather than an immediate settlement.

In conference quarters it was the general view of France has indicated her willingness to give up military penalties in return for the cancellation of debts by the United States and Great Britain and would be ready also to give a long moratorium on the French debt.

The proposed adjournment of the conference of Premiers would begin tonight and extend for eight days. It is designed to avert an open rupture between England and France over the question of German reparations. The adjournment has been virtually decided on.

The British Cabinet rejected the measure of France for the Ruhr district upon which Premier Poincare insisted. Prime Minister Bonar Law informed Premier Poincare that British public opinion was overwhelmingly opposed to any military measures against Germany.

Poincare had made a demand for the occupation