ALL CITY MOURNS MERCHANT'S DEATH

Religious and Business Leaders Acclaim Mr. Wanamaker as Man of Highest Aims

"CANNOT BE REPLACED"

Men prominent in all lines of endeavor today joined in expressing deep regret at the death of John Wanamaker and praising his life as one that has left the world better for his having lived.

Officials of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was an active member, and leading dignitaries of other churches alike declared him to have been one of the leading lay figures in religious activities in the United States; business men praised his ability as a merchant and his remarkable career as one of the leading forces in the development of modern merchandising.

Everywhere great surprise and regret were expressed at Mr. Wanamaker's death. Many could hardly believe first reports of it, recent bulletins from the bedside having been optimistic as to his recovery.

With those prominent in national and city activities, many employes of the Wanamaker store joined in giving vent to their feelings at the loss of their chief. Among those who expressed regret at Mr. Wanamaker's death were:

Governor-elect Pinchot: "In Mr. Wanamaker's death Pennsylvania has lost one of its greatest citizens. During his active, long and pre-eminently useful life he was recognized not only in this State but also throughout the Nation as a man who set the public interest in the first place, and whose ready and powerful aid was generously given to all good causes.

"Mr. Wanamaker was not only a national but also an international figure, not merely because he had held high and honorable public office, but also because he ranked as a private citizen with the most conspicuous leaders of the thought of the world. His fight for the senatorship, although he lost it, may fairly be called the beginning of the movement for better politics in this State. Mr. Wanamaker's death removed one of the great figures of the Commonwealth. The whole State feels his loss."

Mayor Moore: "No native Philadelphian has stood out as conspicuously for more than half a century as John Wanamaker. His business career extended over more than sixty years throughout which he was original, progressive and constructive. Carrying the business, which he established at Sixth and Market streets to the great central station which he established at Thirteenth and Market streets, and then on to New York, to Paris and to other cities, he easily became the greatest merchant in the world. Having attained this unparalleled distinction, it is difficult to estimate adequately the effect of his life work upon the whole city, now grown to a population of 2,000,000, where, as a boy, he began his labors in a brickyard for a few cents a day.

"At this hurried moment it would be almost impossible to enumerate the activities of Mr. Wanamaker apart from those relating to his great business. He was the founder and main prop of Bethany Mission and the religious work growing out of it in the various sections of the city. His religious associations were many. His international associations were widespread, some of them arising out of the Centennial Exposition of 1876, of which he was the last surviving director. It was this wonderful experience of nearly fifty years ago that made him the prime mover in the proposal to fittingly celebrate the Sesqui-Centennial of 1926, although in recent months he had been unable to give it his personal attention.

"His national associations began largely with the Harrison Administration, when he was Postmaster General, although he kept in touch with every Administration to the present. Mr. Wanamaker as Postmaster General was the founder of the pneumatic tube service, and it was he to whom credit must be given for the establishment in the United States of the free rural delivery—a boon to the farmers and rural population which cannot be overestimated.

"I suffer a personal loss in the death of Mr. Wanamaker. From the beginning he was a firm friend and supporter of the present city Administration. He was one of the first men I consulted before entering actively upon the campaign. There was an old tie which interested Mr. Wanamaker, in the fact that my mother was of the same class which Mr. Wanamaker as a young man attended in the John Chambers Presbyterian Church."

Cardinal Dougherty: "The death of Mr. Wanamaker will be a shock and loss, not only to Philadelphia, but also to our entire country. His career is a proof of the opportunities given Americans of intelligence and strong character. It was by his own labor and grit that he arose to the front rank of the men of our times.

"His influence in Philadelphia has been so vast and various that it cannot be measured. He had been a leader in business and social life for more than half a century, and his name is a household word throughout the land. His death is a personal grief to me."

The Rev. Dr. Russell H. Conwell, president of Temple University: "A statesman, a merchant general, a faithful patriot, a true friend, a Christian gentleman, a student and lover of mankind—John Wanamaker.

"All classes, including rich and poor, wise and unlearned, of schools, churches, synagogues, lodges and societies, will miss him. A great man has fallen. The nation bows its head and weeps."

The Rev. A. Gordon MacLennan, pastor of Bethany Presbyterian Church, which was founded by Mr. Wanamaker: "John Wanamaker will be missed by us, not because of his greatness in the financial and business world, but because he was a real father to so many of our people.

"He has been loved as few men have been loved. It will be impossible to fill his place.

"Mr. Wanamaker was the founder of the Bethany Presbyterian Church and was senior elder. He founded the church sixty-five years ago with a small Sunday school on South street, and has been active superintendent of the Sunday school since its establishment."

Bishop Garland: "John Wanamaker was a warm personal friend, for whom I had a high regard and personal affection. Though he was a Presbyterian, all churches were proud to claim him, and we always found him to be interested in every good work. As the leading merchant of the world he maintained high standards in his business, and never became so engrossed that he neglected his duties in the church or lessened his interest in the affairs of his community. We all feel his death as a personal loss."

Bishop Neely, of the Methodist Episcopal Church: "I have always regarded John Wanamaker as a great man, one of the greatest men of Philadelphia. He revolutionized the retail business and lifted up Philadelphia and a large part of the country. He was not only interested in business, but also in a great many things concerning the people.

"As Postmaster General he showed ability to manage a large number of people. I am sorry personally to hear of his death. I have known him for a long time and have watched him with interest. He was a product of Philadelphia and was a great honor to our city and will be greatly missed."

Jacob Lit, of Lit Brothers: "Mr. Wanamaker was the foremost merchant in the world. He set an example for other merchants to follow. He being the pioneer in the retail business, all others followed him in it."

The Rev. William P. Fulton, stated clerk of the Philadelphia Presbytery: "John Wanamaker was our most distinguished Presbyterian elder. His death is a great loss to the Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia and the Church at large. At the time of his death he was the vice moderator of the Presbytery of Philadelphia and a member of the Board of City Missions and Church Extension in Philadelphia. For more than sixty years he had been actively identified with the work of the Presbyterian Church in this city and was a generous contributor to all Presbyterian enterprises, homes, orphanages and hospitals.

"He was the organizer and founder of Bethany Collegiate Presbyterian Church and Sunday School, Twenty-second and Bainbridge streets, which for many years has had the distinction of being the largest in membership of any church or Sunday School in the whole denomination. With this church are associated Bethany Temple, at Fifty-third and Spruce streets, and John Chambers Memorial Church, Twenty-eighth and Morris streets.

"He was president of the Philadelphia Sabbath Association, president of the Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association and of the World Sabbath School Association. He was largely identified with State and National Christian Endeavor Union and the Y. M. C. A.

"The work he has done has not been confined to this city, but has reached out to foreign lands as foreign missionary enterprises. We all feel that his loss to the Church has been irreparable. He had been a great and loyal worker all these years."

Josiah H. Penniman, acting provost of the University of Pennsylvania: "In the passing of John Wanamaker not only Philadelphia, but also the United States, loses one of its most distinguished citizens. His leadership in many departments of human activity made him a citizen of the world. In business, in religious work, in philanthropy and in public life he was an outstanding figure. He was undoubtedly one of the world's greatest merchants. To the Government he gave his thought as a Cabinet officer. To the humblest person in his employ he was a true friend."

Edgar Fahs Smith, provost emeritus of the University of Pennsylvania: "I am deeply grieved to learn of Mr. Wanamaker's death. He was a personal friend of mine. He was a man in whom I had the greatest confidence. America has lost one of her most commanding figures."

The Rev. Dr. L. S. Mudge, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States: "Mr. Wanamaker was one of the greatest laymen the Presbyterian Church has known in this generation. He was noted throughout the church for his loyalty to worship and work. He was most generous in his gifts to foreign missions, contributing very largely to the general funds of the board and also making donations for the support of special mission stations. He was also widely known because of his splendid leadership in religious education. The church has certainly lost one of its most distinguished and noble laymen."

William Rowen, president of the Board of Education: "It is with sadness that I received the news. I have been associated with him for many years and have found that association one of the pleasantest happenings of my life. He has been a great factor in the city and has done a great deal to advance the moral and spiritual life of the community. He has always been interested in education and held a warm spot in his heart for the teachers and children who attended our public schools. His death is a great loss."

Samuel M. Vauclain, president of the Baldwin Locomotive Works: "I can only express sorrow. The death of John Wanamaker is like the passing of a nation. John Wanamaker was the greatest merchant of the country, or of the world, for that matter. He was in a class by himself, one of the greatest men the world has ever produced, and it will require a long time until we will have anybody who will ascend to the status he occupied.

"The loss is so gigantic that it is not possible for mere words to express it. It will require a long time to realize what the loss will mean to this community and to the United States."

Jules Mastbaum: "I was greatly shocked at the news of the death of Mr. Wanamaker. I have known him for a great many years and consider his death an irreparable loss to the country, State and city. He was undoubtedly one of the greatest men who ever lived and the community will feel the loss greatly."

Joseph W. Catherine, vice president Board of Education: "Mr. Wanamaker was keenly interested in the affairs of the board," said Mr. Catherine. "As chairman of the Finance Committee he gave a great deal of time and energy to educational affairs. I am able to look back with great pleasure on the many pleasant occasions when we have to discuss the business of the educational system. His loss will be keenly felt in all corners of the city."

Wanamaker Store Did Not Open Today

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ness, who was fond of going about among the departments seeing for himself the disposition of the stock and the general conduct of the store.

The first notice the employes had of the decision to close the store was the order to draw the blinds on the doors and display windows. The salespeople were notified then that the store would not open today, and that they would be given notice when to return to work.

The employes stood about in little knots and groups after they received word of Mr. Wanamaker's death, talking it over anxiously. They dispersed gradually to their dressing rooms, putting on their hats and coats and leaving the store.

There was almost as much excitement outside the store as within it. The traffic patrolmen at Thirteenth and Market and Thirteenth and Chestnut streets were besieged with queries. The windows of the store, especially at this Christmas season, attract the eyes of countless persons going to work before the store opens. To see the blinds drawn today aroused the curiosity of hundreds, who sought an explanation from bystanders and the traffic men.

Notification of the reopening of the store will be given through the newspapers.

WANAMAKER COUNTRY HOME IN JENKINTOWN

Mr. Wanamaker spent a fortune in building and beautifying this estate, where he spent most of his time during the spring, summer and early fall. It is one of the show places of Jenkintown

CHARGES FRENCH WANT RHINELAND

Lloyd George's Former Secretary Bares Versailles Secrets to Contemporary Club

TELLS OF INVASION FEAR

Some of the things that happened "behind the scenes" at the Versailles conference in 1919 were unveiled last night by Philip Kerr, former private secretary to Lloyd George, in a speech at a meeting of the Contemporary Club in the Bellevue-Stratford.

Mr. Kerr upheld the statement of M. Clemenceau, in reply to a statement by Lloyd George, that the French view was not annexation of the Rhine frontier.

"The French thought," said Mr. Kerr, "that human nature would not change. France was invaded twice by Germany in fifty years. They thought it was apt to happen again unless we could make arrangements to prevent it.

"They wanted the next invasion to start from the other side of the Rhine. The next time they wanted German soil invaded—not French."

At this statement the audience broke into prolonged applause.

The subject under discussion was "Are We Drifting Toward Another World War?" The speakers, in addition to Mr. Kerr, were M. K. Zia Bey, whose father was Turkish Ambassador to Italy, and Arthur Ballard, editor of "Our World."

Mr. Kerr, although denying the correctness of the Lloyd George charge concerning the desire of the French at the Peace Conference to "annex" German territory, made it plain that the letter of their wishes amounted to just such a seizure.

In refering to the Lloyd George-Clemenceau controversy, Mr. Kerr reminded his audience that he was present at the conference in Paris when the treaty was being framed.

"M. Clemenceau is perfectly right in that the French view was not annexation of the Rhine frontier.

"The plan they advocated was to leave the Rhenish provinces a part of German territory, but to separate them politically. The French desired that in the occupied area the control of the railroads and bridgeheads be under Allied control. The result of such an arrangement would be to provide France with a big barrier which Germany would have to clear before invading again.

"Neither the British nor the Americans would accept the French militarists' view that another German invasion was absolutely inevitable. We told them that if Germany recovered sufficiently at any time to make a war of revenge she would claim she was making war to recover what was taken away. We reasoned that the world would say that Germany was right and that the world would give her her sympathy instead of giving it to France.

"The French replied in effect: 'It is all very well for you people who have distance and the sea to protect you. We live next door. We should be given a guarantee by the United States and Great Britain that they would come to the aid of France if invaded by Germany.'"

The discussion following the merging was brief. The chief statement questional was Mr. Bullard's assertion that "Old Clemenceau was right when he said that we were quitters." The truth of the statement was denied by Prof. Theodore J. Grayson, of the Wharton School. Another speaker from the floor was Clinton R. Woodruff.

FOURTEEN MOTORCAR LICENSES ARE CANCELED

Thirteen Lose Privilege Because of Intoxication

Harrisburg, Dec. 12. The State Highway Department yesterday revoked owners' drivers' licenses of a dozen automobilists who drove their cars while intoxicated. The department's list of revocations follows:

Herbert Wise, of Hanover; Casper Durat, Beans, Somerset County; J. E. Reid, of New Castle; Ernest Lynn, of Beaver Falls; C. J. Farmer, of Beaver; Philip Tingley, of Cooperstown; Mearl S. Wentz, of Cly, R. D. 1; C. D. Cummings, of Franklin, R. D. 6; John R. Barnes, of Franklin; Russell Sweetapple, of Clintonville; Harry Birch, of Washington, and Robert Harris, 816 Lombard street, Philadelphia.

William Ferguson, 1414 North Broad street, Philadelphia, accused of operating a machine while intoxicated, has not applied for a license. He cannot obtain one until December 6, 1923. Louis Richtarsesik, of Brockwayville, was convicted of operating a car under registration plates other than those issued for the car and his license was revoked. The paid driver's license of G. C. Domres, of Franklin, was revoked after he was convicted of having driven a car while intoxicated.

Names placed on the department's blacklist were Stanley Bogeli, of Kingston; Cleaver D. Artley, of Lemoyne, and Valiriani Cibattoni, 3633 Long-

FAIL TO FIND FLIERS

Every Air Unit on 1500-Mile Border Helps in Search

Nogales, Ariz., Dec. 12.—No trace of the missing aviators was reported today by Captain R. G. Ervin, who returned here with four planes from the interior of Mexico, where they scouted yesterday in search for Colonel Francis Marshall and Lieutenant C. L. Webber. No attempts were made to land in Mexico. The squadron flew low and "gridironed" a wide area eighty miles across the border.

Brigadier General Howze, of Fort Bliss, announced that a reward of $100 would be paid any person not connected with the military service who may find the lost plane or one or both passengers. Every aircraft unit in the United States service along the 1500-mile border now is engaged in the search.

SPEED AND SAFETY, XMAS MAIL SLOGAN

Outside Space Leased for Handing of Holiday Parcel Post Matter

MORE COLLECTIONS IN RUSH

To assure the public safe and quick handling of Christmas parcel-post packages, Postmaster Kemp announced today he had leased in the Gomery-Schwartz Building, Twenty-third and Market streets, 25,000 square feet of floor space to handle parcel-post business exclusively from December 15 to 30.

In addition to increased working space for the 5,000,000 pieces of extra Christmas mail expected here, the Penn Square station is being rearranged to speed the handling of from 40,000 to 60,000 letters an hour. Further to impress the public with its necessary part in speeding the mail service, 300,000 circulars are being placed in as many homes with instructions as to how parcels should be wrapped and addressed and giving the latest dates for mailing packages here to insure delivery before Christmas.

Two hundred and eight mail trucks are running about the city with the slogan: "5,000,000 pieces by December 21. We can handle them if you assist US" and "Mail early. It means a Merry Christmas to US." Slogans are being thrown on the screens in all the motion-picture theatres. To reach the children squads of them are being brought from the schools every day to hear talks by the Postmaster.

"Beginning at 9:15 A. M. there will be a collection every two hours, but instead of carrying it to the various stations, at the present, it will be brought to the central offices and railheads direct, according to locations," said Mr. Kemp. "Mail from Point Breeze, Middle City, West Philadelphia, West Park, West Market, Kingsessing and Paschall stations will be brought to Penn Square station. From Passyunk, Southwark, Central Office district and S. O. K and E stations consignments will go direct to Central Office, and from North Philadelphia, Nicetown and Fairhill to North Philadelphia Station. The arrangement will speed up outgoing mail, as well as mail for city delivery.

CUT OF $111,900 MADE IN BUDGET ESTIMATES

House Committee Adds $440,000 for Administering Maternity Act

Washington, Dec. 12.—Recommendations of the budget bureau that only $800,000 be appropriated for administering the Sheppard-Towner Maternity and Infancy act during the coming fiscal year were disregarded by the House Appropriations Committee, which in reporting the annual supply bill for the departments of commerce and labor yesterday increased the item to $1,240,000.

The total carried in the bill for use by the Commerce and Labor Departments was $25,807,101, or upward of $100,000 more than last year. Despite the increase in the maternity and infancy provision, the committee said that by moderate cutting the total for both departments was $111,900 less than budget estimates.

KILLS WIFE AND SELF

Murder and Suicide Follow Quarrel Over Marital Separation

Harve, Mont., Dec. 12.—By A. P.—John H. Hays, a rancher near here, killed his wife and himself early today, according to a story told officers by his 15-year-old son.

The death left six children orphans. The 15-year-old boy, the oldest, fled into the night with the mercury 30 degrees below zero in search of help, while the two youngest slept soundly.

The shooting resulted from a quarrel over a separation between his father and mother, the boy said.

EDUCATIONAL BILL BACKED BY WOMEN

Twelve National Organizations Discuss Separate Department at Conference

25,000,000 SPONSOR PLAN

Washington, Dec. 12. — Declaring that 25,000,000 persons in the United States favor a separate Department of Education in the President's Cabinet, Miss Charl O. Williams has come to Washington as field secretary of the National Education Association with the major purpose of furthering this project.

In her office in the headquarters building of the National Education Association, Miss Williams said that, far from being stagnant, interest in a Department of Education was growing by leaps and bounds.

"We had a meeting here yesterday of representatives of men's and women's organizations indorsing this project. Those represented were the National Education Association, General Federation of Women's Clubs, League of Women Voters, National Council of Women, W. C. T. U., American Federation of Labor, National Federation of Musical Clubs, National Committee for a Department of Education, International Council of Religious Education, National Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teachers' Association, National Physical and Education Service and the Bureau of Social and Educational Service of the Grand Lodge of Masons, New York."

Organizations Divided

However, it must not be concluded all these organizations are necessarily back of the Sterling-Towner bill, which not only creates a separate Department of Education in the Cabinet but authorizes a yearly Federal appropriation of $100,000,000 to be divided among the States for educational purposes upon certain conditions.

Indeed, most of the organizations are willing to compromise by accepting what has been heralded as President Harding's reorganization plan. This plan creates a Department of Education and Public Welfare, education being its primary function.

At Sunday's meeting it was decided to find out what, what in Congress and in the President's mind. Has the President dropped his avowed intention of pressing the reorganization scheme? His failure to mention it in his message to Congress would indicate he had. In that case, shall we ask Senator Sterling and Representative Towner to resurrect the Sterling-Towner bill?

That is the dilemma facing those urging the Federal Government to give more attention to education, and that is the puzzle Miss Williams is expected to clarify. She declared herself as being most enthusiastic over her new task.

Was County Superintendent

"It means securing for the children of the Nation what I was able to do as Superintendent of Shelby County, Tennessee," was her explanation.

Miss Williams resigned from that post to come here. She has been accustomed to handling a yearly appropriation running to a million dollars and had a staff of thirteen clerks to run the details of her office. But to qualify her still further for her present task of national importance Miss Williams was last year's president of the National Education Association, which comprises about 200,000 school teachers and other educators in the United States. She is a young woman in the early thirties.

Miss Williams also is a member of the Foreign Relations Committee of the N. E. A. It has called a world conference on education, June 28 to July 6, in San Francisco. Dr. Augustus O. Thomas, Superintendent of Schools of Maine, is chairman.

OKLAHOMA TROOPS CALLED OUT IN MOTORCAR THEFTS

Officials Who Are Investigating Robberies Ask for Protection

Oklahoma City, Dec. 12.—Two officers and ten men of the 179th Infantry, Oklahoma National Guard, were ordered to Madill last night by Charles F. Barrett, adjutant general to protect State and local officials there investigating the operations of a gang of automobile thieves.

The guardsmen were ordered to the Marshall County town as the result of an urgent appeal from R. E. Lee, Assistant Attorney General, who reported conditions at Madill were grave and that threats had been made against the lives of officers engaged in running down automobile thieves.

Blair Coopson, of the State Highway Department, has reported the recovery of twenty-two stolen cars in and near Madill. State officers complained they were not receiving co-operation from Marshall County officials.

Madill, Okla., Dec. 12.—There is no need for troops in Madill, Sheriff Glenn, of Marshall County, said last night. He said requests of State officials, working here, for protection were "ridiculous."

CLIENTS ACCUSE MISSING LAWYER

Two Charge William J. Lawson Pocketed Money Given to Him in Trust

WILL BE DISBARRED

William J. Lawson, former Philadelphia lawyer and "divorce specialist," who disappeared more than a year ago, will be disbarred and his name stricken from the rool of attorneys for this county.

This was decided upon by President Judge Shoemaker and Judges Bartlett and McDevitt, after they studied the report made by the Board of Censors of the Law Association.

A petition for disbarment was presented with the report on the unprofessional conduct charged against Lawson. For the first time since his disappearance became known evidence was made public pointing to a motive for his absence.

Clients His Accusers

The complaints were made by two of Lawson's former clients for which he attended to payments on mortgage loans and the placing of similar encumbrances. These complainants are Eleanor J. Brown, owner of 5747 North Woodstock street, and Jesse T. Hoekstra.

The former went to Lawson to pay off a mortgage and testified that for that purpose she gave him $1824. The attorney took the money and gave her a receipt in the name of the holder of the mortgage, whom he represented.

The mortgage, however, was never paid off, according to the woman, and she said she did not get her money back.

Hoekstra told the censors he entrusted $5400 to Lawson to be invested in mortgages on a Woodstock street property adjacent to that owned by the woman complainant. Lawson is alleged to have pocketed this money; also Hoestra testified Lawson had admitted to him he had used the money for his own benefit, but that he would repay him. Subsequently, it is charged, he did turn over to Hoekstra $1100 still due and unpaid. It was on these two charges of embezzlement and misappropriation, attorneys for the censors explained, that the Law Association moved for disbarment.

His Affairs in Tangle

When Lawson suddenly departed from this city the affairs of his office were found in a tangled mess, according to his associate. Lawson boasted of having 300 divorce cases a year which netted him more than $30,000 in fees.

But when he left town a number of the applicants for divorce appeared and said the attorney had taken fees from them, but never pushed their cases. Lawson had a number of estates in the Orphans Court, but as far as could be learned he did not take a dishonest penny in their settlement.

HAYS TELLS OF ARREST BY VINTONDALE GUARD

Declares Operator Ordered Armed Men to "Throw Them Out"

Ebensburg, Pa., Dec. 12. — Arthur Garfield Hays, of New York City, counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, was the principal witness in the trial yesterday of five men indicted for assault and battery when Mr. Hays was arrested in Vintondale, Pa., while attempting to hold a public meeting during the coal strike last spring.

The defendants are L. L. Ambogast, an official of the Vinton Colliery Company; Richard Esiasis, Harry McArdle, John Butella and James Dempsey, company mine guards.

Another move to test the "right of public assemblage and free speech in Vintondale" was made by the United Mine Workers while the trial was in progress. They obtained a rule directing the colliery company to appear in court January 4 to answer the petition.

Mr. Hays testified he went to Vintondale with representatives of the United Mine Workers to hold a meeting. He said Mr. Arbogast told the armed guards to "throw them out." Others in the group then took hold of him, he said.

Almost immediately, Mr. Hays said, John Bartella, whom he described as chief of the Coal and Iron Police, said: "You fellows had better get out of here," and two mounted Coal and Iron policemen rode into the group. Mr. Hays was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct and later released.

Mr. Hays' testimony was corroborated by John Geyer, of Chicago, and Carence Lock, of Philadelphia, members of the party.

MORE INDUSTRIAL DEATHS

November Fatal Accidents Are Double September's

Harrisburg, Dec. 12.—By A. P.—Renewed industrial activity, including mining operations, caused more fatal accidents reported to the State Compensation Bureau in November than in any recent month, the number being twice that of September. The Spangler mine disaster added eight deaths to the total of 246. There were 166 mine fatalities, sixty-six in industry and twenty-eight on railroads and other public utilities.

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BALTIC STATES DEFY RUSSIANS

Demand Signing of Non-Aggression Pact Before Armament Is Cut

By Associated Press

Moscow, Dec. 12.—A joint declaration signed by Poland, Latvia, Esthonia and Finland, demanding the signing of a non-aggression pact before the technicalities of armament limitation are considered has resulted in a critical situation in the disarmament conference, according to a statement issued by the Foreign Office.

The border state delegations look upon this declaration as an ultimatum which may result in the collapse of the conference because Russian officials have let it be known that Russia will not sign a non-aggression pact until an agreement has been reached on limitation of armaments.

After Russia's proposal to cut the armies 25 per cent had been conditionally accepted, a dispute arose between Russia and Poland regarding the strength of the Polish Army. Russia contended that Poland's military force, according to figures submitted to the League of Nations last June, numbered 293,000 men and that it should be reduced on this basis to 214,000. Poland held out for an army of 280,000 men in 1923.

In the declaration of the border states it is insisted that the latter figures should be accepted by Russia without discussion and that a commission of experts who would work out a plan for limiting armies should be appointed after a non-aggression pact has been ratified.

HOPE FOR FAIRMOUNT DAM

City to Undertake Construction as Soon as Money Is Made Available

The city will undertake the construction of the new Fairmount Dam as soon as appropriation of the necessary funds is made by Council. The Mayor yesterday received a letter from Theodore Justice, member of the Park Commission, calling attention to the dangerous and dilapidated condition of the present dam. Mr. Justice termed it a menace.

The Mayor replied that he had referred the subject to Council on several occasions, the last a week ago. He said that Council had evinced its desire to make the appropriation and that the Department of Public Works would undertake the construction of the dam as soon as the money was made available.

FUNERAL SPEEDS TRIAL

Purse Snatcher Indicted and Convicted When Victim Explains Haste

Herman Shore, who snatched a woman's handbag, containing $50, last Saturday, was indicted yesterday and several hours later was convicted by a jury before Judge Gorman in the criminal division of the Municipal Court. Sentence was deferred until Friday, pending investigation by the court into the youth's record.

He was accused by Mrs. J. T. Connell, 612 Carmen street, Camden, of taking her handbag from her arm while she was waiting for a boat at the Chestnut street ferry house.

The trial of Shore was expedited when Mrs. Connell told Assistant District Attorney Alessandroni she had to go to Washington to attend her grandmother's funeral.

VOLSTEAD DEFENDS HIS STAND ON DAUGHERTY

Declared Committee Decided Not to Insert Charges at Present

Washington, Dec. 12.—Representative Volstead, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, yesterday denied charges of bad faith made against him by Representative Keller, of Minnesota, in connection with the committee record of hearings in the Daugherty impeachment case. Mr. Keller Sunday accused Mr. Volstead of omitting his letter outlining his charges against the Attorney General, and criticized him for not including the name of Chief Justice Taft in a list of witnesses.

Mr. Volstead asserted there was discussion in the committee, in the presence of Mr. Keller, as to whether the charges should be inserted in the record at that time, adding Mr. Keller understood the text of the accusing letter might not be printed until later. He said he made it plain to Mr. Keller he would abide by the wishes of the committee.

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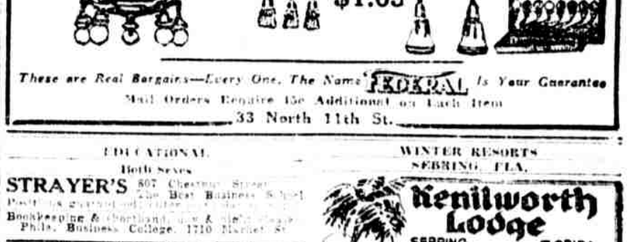

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