



TO REVISE 1916 CITY ASSESSMENT UPWARD IS PLAN

Valuation as Fixed by Assessors Is Too Low Councilmen Say

INCREASE ONLY \$1,505,845 Decrease in First, Third and Fourth Wards Total Over \$100,000

Revision "upward" of the 1916 city triennial assessment as completed by the city assessors, will probably be made by City Council before it finishes sitting as a board of tax revision and appeals.

The net increase in city valuations as levied by the assessors totals only \$1,505,845. Councilmen generally declare that these figures as compared to last year's assessment is much too small, that decreases were made where the values should have been the same, if not increased.

Council, it is understood, is determined to exert every effort to keep the city mill rate for 1916 at nine mills if possible, certainly not more than nine and a half. To keep the mill rate down will be impossible unless the figures as submitted by the assessors, it is contended. This means that either the tax rate will have to be raised or the assessment revised "upward" considerably.

The city assessment as compiled by the assessors shows a total valuation of \$51,842,599 as against \$50,336,754 for 1915. This means an increase of \$1,505,845. However from this must be deducted a total of \$100,000, which represents the decreases in the first, third and fourth wards.

Where There Are Decreases In the fourth ward, Councilmen contend, there should be an increase rather than a decrease in property valuations. The decrease amounts to \$72,365. In the third ward the decrease is \$5,743. This is brought about, it is said, by the clearing away of the Mulberry and Fourth street "fire district." However, councilmen hold that the clearing away of the buildings should not be counted as a total loss in valuation in view of the fact that the district will be built up in the near future. Furthermore it is pointed out, the owners of the destroyed properties reaped considerable benefit from the insurance. The first ward decrease totals \$22,530. This is due in part to the inactivity of the old "Lochill mills" of the Pennsylvania Steel company and to the inactive

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Dies While Talking to Friend From Effects of Slow Acting Poison

Mrs. Simon P. Griffith, aged 32, 1322 Herr street, who died suddenly while talking to Mrs. Michael Shaffer, with whom she lived, committed suicide by taking a slow-acting poison, according to coroner Eckinger.

A physician who was called in could not account for the sudden death and coroner Eckinger ordered a post-mortem. Mrs. Griffith, a short time ago, narrowly escaped being burned to death while she was living in Regina street. At the time her husband was being sought by the police, charged with stealing an automobile, and was arrested a short time after. She is survived by her husband and a baby, Simon P., Jr. Funeral services will be held at the funeral home of C. H. Mauk, undertaker, Sixth and Keiser streets, the Rev. E. A. Pyles officiating. The body will be taken to Washington in the afternoon for burial.

400 Prepared to Join Pittsburgh Regiment

Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 15.—Leaders of the movement to form in Pittsburgh a regiment of secretaries Garrison's proposed continental army, announced to-day that some 400 men had already declared their intention of joining the organization which will be perfected at a meeting in Carnegie Music Hall on Wednesday night. The plan includes the maintenance of a summer training camp and winter quarters where the men can be kept fit and ready for action at all times. Back of the organization are the Pittsburgh business and professional men who spent a month at Pittsburgh last summer.

THE WEATHER For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair and colder to-night and Tuesday; freezing temperature to-night. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair and colder to-night and Tuesday; fresh northwest winds.

FAMOUS NEGRO LEADER, BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, DIES

Famous Negro Educator and Author Succumbs at His Tuskegee Home

166 OR 167 YEARS OLD



BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

Special to The Telegraph

Tuskegee, Ala., Nov. 15.—Booker T. Washington, foremost teacher and leader of the negro race, died yesterday at his home here near the Tuskegee Institute of which he was the founder and president. He was 56 or 57 years old. Hardening of the arteries, following a nervous breakdown, caused death four hours after Mr. Washington arrived from New York.

Accompanied by his wife, his secretary and a number of friends, he was taken to his home here.

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GOVERNOR WILL OPEN CONFERENCE

Welfare Meeting Will Bring Prominent Men to Harrisbury This Week

Governor Brumbaugh will open the third Industrial and Public Welfare Conference at the State Capitol tomorrow morning and the first addresses will be delivered by the Governor, Highway Commissioner Robert J. Cunningham and Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, Superintendent of Public Instruction. The sessions will last until Thursday evening.

An interesting feature of the conference will be the address of Warren H. Manning, the park expert, on the "Capitol Park and its Relation to the City of Harrisburg," to-morrow evening. This will be followed by a large attendance is expected. Most of the departments of the State government have brought in their field men to take part in the conference and for general meetings, over 200 having been brought in by the Highway Department alone. This department will have special meetings of its men twice a day in the House caucus room at the Capitol. The State Fisheries Department has also called in its men and the Public Service Commission will have all inspectors and other special men here for conferences with Chairman Ainey.

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Mighty Mean Thing For Her to Do, Wasn't It?

Miss Romaine Boyer, a pretty Central high school lass, and Mark Phillips, the gallant Tech youth who took her to the Bucknell-Gettysburg game Saturday, only saw the first half of the gridiron battle. As a certain well-known cereal manufacturer says, "There's a reason," and here it is: Right in the midst of the most exciting forward pass a big, burly, brass-buttoned, blue-coated policeman came up, got into the auto in which Mark and Romaine were to the game, and "think it off"—arrested Mark! Said he had stolen the car, and made him drive to the police station.

At the police station? Why, there sat Mrs. P. J. Phillips, of 1833 Market street, talking to Captain Thompson, acting chief of police. "O, did you take the car?" Mark's mother frowned. "You didn't ask me whether you could take either it or a girl to the game."

Now do you wonder that Romaine cried?

REV. HARRIS BUYS OLD SCHEFFER PROPERTY

The old Scheffer property at 23 South Second street, which for years has housed the Scheffer printing, has been purchased by the Rev. W. E. Harris, 1851 Whitehall street, for a price said to be close to \$25,000. In all probability a modern six-story building will be erected, but whether it is to be an office or apartment building has not yet been decided.

REINSTATE MAN WHO CRITICISED MARRIAGE PLAN

Assistant Postmaster Removed For Opposing Wilson's Engagement to Wed

NO OTHER CHARGE MADE

President Ordered Him Back to Position After Getting Facts in Case

Washington, D. C., Nov. 15.—President Wilson to-day instructed Postmaster General Burleson to reinstate George Burkitt, removed as assistant postmaster at Winnetka, Ill., because he criticized the President for his engagement to be married. The President qualified his instructions by telling the Postmaster General that Burkitt should be restored to his position if there were no other charges against him.

Announcement of this action was made to-day by Secretary Tumulty after a brief conference with President Wilson. It was said unofficially that the President entirely disapproved of discharging Burkitt for making the remarks ascribed to him.

Should Not Be Dropped In published correspondence between Burkitt and Postmaster Kloepfer, of Winnetka, it was stated that Burkitt had been given demerits for other things than the remarks about the President's engagement. That Burkitt denied. The President did not go into that feature in his instructions to Postmaster General Burleson, but made it clear that Burkitt should not

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HOLD DUANGO CITY

El Paso, Texas, Nov. 15.—Advices from Torreon last night stated that the Carranza forces commanded by the Arrieta brothers, are holding Duango City, Durango State, and that General Mariano Arrieta has been made Carranza governor of the State.

DEFENSE CONFERENCE MEETS

Washington, D. C., Nov. 15.—The National Defense conference of the Women's Section of the Navy League met for the first time here to-day. Hundreds of delegates were in attendance from throughout the country.

CAPTURE OF 8,500 SERBS REPORTED

Bulgarian Forces Take 7,000 Soldiers, Together With Six Cannon

Capture of 8,500 Serbians is reported by German headquarters in to-day's official statement. The Bulgarian forces operating in Serbia took 7,000 of these, together with six cannon. The Serbians continue to be driven back all along the line, it is announced. Berlin claims a somewhat decided success for German arms along the Sty river, general on Linsingen's troops have cleared the entire western bank of the river of Russians, it is declared.

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2 Boys Hit by Auto in Critical Condition

Struck by an automobile, owned and driven by Frank Adams, 602 Briggs street, two small boys were seriously injured just before noon yesterday, when they ran in front of the machine as it was entering the Market street subway at the Philadelphia and Reading railway side.

The injured boys are: Jacob Leib, aged 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leib, 1296 Walnut street, fractured skull, bruises of the body. Mahlon Leib, aged 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Leib, 10 North Sixteenth street, fractured skull.

Unconfirmed Report Says Adriatic Has Been Sunk

New York, Nov. 15.—There was a report this morning in maritime circles that the steamship Adriatic which left Kymassi, Greece, on October 18, for Philadelphia, and passed Tarifa, Spain, October 19.

The White Star liner Adriatic arrived in Liverpool on November 11 and was not scheduled to leave for New York until November 24. Later a report became current on the maritime exchange that it was the Adriatic of the White Star Line that was in trouble. The other steamship Adriatic, bound for Philadelphia from Kymassi, should be about in mid Atlantic to-day.

Officials of the White Star Line said this morning that they had no information regarding the Adriatic other than that she had arrived safely last Thursday in Liverpool. They did not credit the report.

H'B'G GIRL FIRST WOMAN TO FLY IN ECUADORIAN SKY



MISS PAULINE SHEAFFER

Guayaquil, Ecuador, S. A., Nov. 6.—With a holiday crowd of ten thousand wildly-cheering Ecuadorians as spectators, Miss Pauline Sheaffer, a plucky American girl from Harrisburg, Pa., to-day made a successful aeroplane flight with Clodomiro Figueroa, the daring Chilean aviator, thereby becoming the first woman in Ecuador to ride in the air.

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WANT TO START MARRIED LIFE RIGHT? GET WEDDED AT PAXTANG

Burgess Smallwood Will Perform Ceremony Free, Pay For License and Give First Couple \$5 in Gold

Burgess Thomas W. Smallwood, of Paxtang, retires from his office on January 1. Since the borough's incorporation the "mayor" has had various duties to perform, such as signing new ordinances and issuing orders for the welfare of the community. In fact he has done all that the burgess of a small borough is empowered to do with the exception of performing a marriage ceremony. And this is just what he wants to do.

He explained to-day that in addition to having the honor of being the town's first burgess, he wanted to

SCHOOL PAYMENT IS FALLING SHORT

State Funds Will Not Permit of Rapid Sending Out of Checks to Districts

Unless there is a pronounced spurt in the revenues of the State before the close of the Commonwealth's year on November 30 the official year may end without the whole of the school appropriation being paid. Under the school code the school appropriations were payable in July, but it is doubtful if \$3,000,000 has been paid out. Payments have been made as the money was in hand and several times the issuance of checks has been suspended because of the low state of the general fund.

State Treasurer Robert K. Young.

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Pursuit of Serbs Is Pushed Along Entire Front, Berlin's Claim

Berlin, Nov. 15. (by wireless to Sayville).—Announcement was made by the war office to-day of the capture of 8,500 Serbians with 12 cannon. Of these 7,000 prisoners and six cannon were taken by the Bulgarians. Pursuit of the Serbians is being continued all along the front.

PUT BAN ON SPEECH

Copenhagen, Nov. 14, via London, Nov. 15.—Nearly 3,000 persons who had gathered to-night at a hall where Erling Blomson, son of the Norwegian dramatist, was to deliver a lecture upon the impressions of the war he had gained on three fronts, refused to permit the speaker to go on with his address.

HERE LADIES! ARE YOUR SPECIAL 10 COMMANDMENTS

Thou Shalt Place No Club Before Thy Home Says Dr. Smucker

WHAT? NO VAIN SHOW!

Musn't Harass "Thy Tired Husband"—Poor Dear!; and No Whist Prizes!

A unique set of laws governing women were given by the Rev. Dr. Clayton Albert Smucker, pastor of Stevens Memorial Episcopal Church, last evening in the first of his series of one man joint debates.

Speaking on "Perils and Rules of Conduct for Mothers," Dr. Smucker laid down the following "ten commandments":

- I—Thou shalt have no man except thy husband.
II—Thou shalt place no club, social circle, pleasure organization or missionary society before thy home.
III—Thou shalt not waste thy husband's substance on gay raiment and vain show.
IV—Thou shalt not let the petty vexations of the household disrupt the family harmony and harass thy tired husband.
V—Thou shalt not feed thy family with idle gossip and neighborhood scandal.
VI—Thou shalt not fret thyself because thy neighbor's house is greater than thine, neither shalt thou declare to thy guests nor put up prizes at thy whist parties, lest thy moral advice to thy sons and daughters become a mockery.
VII—Thou shalt not serve punch to thy guests nor put up prizes at thy whist parties, lest thy moral advice to thy sons and daughters become a mockery.
VIII—Thou shalt not pronounce thyself delighted to see an unwelcome caller, neither shalt thou declare to the conductor that thy 13-year-old child is of half fare age, lest thy heart become hollow and thy soul utterly false.
IX—Thou shalt not wear showy dresses over shoddy underwear, nor shine with imitation jewelry, lest thy children be given to sham and false pretense.
X—Thou shalt not allow thy Bible to gather dust, and thy attendance upon divine worship to be governed by caprice or the state of the weather, lest the altar fires of thy heart go out and thy children become Godless.

AUTO ON MAN'S NECK FOR HOUR, HE STILL LIVES

Two Men Pinioned Under Car When It Turns Turtle at Newville

SAVED BY MOTORIST

Didn't Dare Lift Car From One Man For Fear of Killing Other

Pinioned under their automobile after it skidded and overturned at the crest of a treacherous hill near Newville, last night, Henry Bender and Roy Shaner, of the Union Sales company lay helpless beneath the machine for more than an hour before being rescued.

Freight Engine Strikes Team at Newport Grade Crossing

Newport, Pa., Nov. 15.—What might have proved a serious and perhaps fatal accident occurred on Saturday at the railroad crossing at the warehouse of F. M. Snyder & Co. Curtis C. Flurie, drayman, and Harvey Ritter, cattle dealer, of Loysville, were crossing in a wagon drawn by two mules when the engine of a local freight, which was doing some shifting, came along and struck the team just as it was crossing. One mule was killed instantly, the second was so badly injured that it was shot to relieve it of its misery, and the wagon was knocked to splinters. The two men were thrown out and landed under the warehouse, which stands on stilts.

BLOUGH BROTHERS TO ENLARGE

Harrisburg. — Brough Brothers Manufacturing Company to-day obtained a permit to erect a four-story brick addition to its present factory in Fulton street, just south of Reily, costing \$10,000.

MONEY FOR QUAY'S CHILDREN

Beaver, Pa., Nov. 15.—Judge Richard S. Holt in court here to-day ordered that the principal and interest in the hands of the trustees of the estate of the late Senator Matthew Stanley Quay be paid to his five children. The amount was announced as \$47,163. The court also ordered that in the distribution payment of \$4,000 annually to A. G. C. Quay was to be considered. The decision was the outgrowth of a friendly suit instituted by the heirs to determine the meaning of a clause in the will. Senator Quay died in 1904.

EMPEROR GOING TO CONSTANTINOPLE

Rome, Nov. 14, via Paris, Nov. 15.—Travelers arriving from Constantinople confirm the report that Emperor William is expected there. Great preparations are being made for a triumphal reception.

NEW ORDERS ON MILEAGE BOOK

Washington, Nov. 15.—A nontransferable railroad mileage book, sold under conditions that it would be forfeited if presented by any other than the original purchaser, may not be forfeited if presented by the purchaser himself for transportation of another person, the Supreme Court so held to-day.

SAYS DARDANELLES "WERE WORTH IT"

London, Nov. 15, 5 P. M.—In his speech in the House of Commons to-day Mr. Churchill declared that if any operations in the history of the world were worth carrying through with sustained fury and utter disregard of life, the operations at the Dardanelles "were worth it."

ROBERT C. DRAYTON DIES

Philadelphia, Nov. 15.—Robert Coleman Drayton, financial vice-president of the Pennsylvania Mutual Life Insurance Company of this city, died suddenly at his home here to-day from a heart attack. Mr. Drayton was prominent in social circles of Philadelphia. He was 57.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Joseph Paul Durbin, city, and Edith Mary Zimmerman, Camp Hill.