

INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE FIREBUG CAUSED 7 BLAZES

State Fire Marshals Investigating School Fires Discover New Clues

Seven incendiary fires within a year in a district less than a half mile long and four blocks wide is causing the police and State Fire Marshal's Department much concern. Efforts are being made to place the seven torches in the hands of one man or one gang of men.

Investigations thus far in connection with the fires at the Shimmell, Vernon and Forney school buildings have brought to light a number of clues. It became known that an attempt had been made to burn the Forney school at two places. The newest evidence was discovered in the room of a toilet in the boys' side of the cellar. There a quantity of charred waste was found. This had burned itself out before it had a chance to ignite the woodwork. A track of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad runs a half block away from the school and it may be possible that the waste was taken from the journal boxes of some freight cars. Greasy fingerprints were found to-day on the window and window sash through which entrance to the building was gained.

There is some supposition, too, that a man and a woman may be implicated in the fires but all efforts to substantiate this theory thus far have failed. It was learned, too, that besides the two men seen loitering about the Vernon building Wednesday night, a man and a woman with an automobile were also seen. An automobile, carrying a man and a woman, was also seen near the Shimmell building the night of the fire. That the real aim of the firebugs was the destruction of the Vernon building is the belief of investigators now. They point out that any person familiar with the building would know that a fire started in the woodpile would not lead to the destruction of the building. They say the fire there was only intended to get the fire companies of the district in action at some other point so that the fire in the Vernon school would be given a chance to grow. Their belief continues that the fire at the Forney was intended to take some of the companies away from the Vernon building but that at that place the plan of the firebugs miscarried.

BURLESQUE AT ORPHEUM OBSCENE

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that information had been made by him against the theater management and said: "I know nothing about it." Surprise was expressed at Windsor's denial of the responsibility for making the information, in view of Horner's statement and the fact that Detective Windsor brought the complaint. Mayor E. S. Meals this afternoon was called on the telephone and asked if the information against the theater people was in line with his announced policy for a clean city. Mayor Meals said: "I know nothing about the charges. If Detective Windsor has made the information, he has done so because of a violation of the law. One of my purposes in establishing the bureau of detectives was to place the work of keeping the city clean in the hands of the police. Detective Windsor is carrying out his instructions."

Asked if it was the intention to stop burlesque shows, Mayor Meals said: "We will stop no shows that come within the law. That matter is with the bureau of detectives. We want clean shows, and if a production is found otherwise, it is the duty of that department to know what to do."

Hetrick and Geistwhite Renew Former Partnership

Lawrence A. Hetrick who was formerly associated with George W. Geistwhite in merchant business, has again joined forces with Mr. Geistwhite and the new firm with an old clientele has resumed business at 19 South Fourth street. Since retiring from the firm two years ago, the business was continued by Mr. Geistwhite at 22 South Fourth street until the recent fire destroyed the building then owned by Mr. Hetrick. The temporary quarters were secured at 23 South Fourth street, but the new store at the corner of Fourth and Blackberry is one of the best lighted stores in the city and is equipped with the most modern glass cases which are stocked with the latest in fabrics for the Spring styles.

Mr. Hetrick was for twelve years associated with the Baltimore Evening Clothing Store, six years as manager and a member of the firm until he retired ten years ago to go into business for himself. Mr. Geistwhite, who was an associate in the same store, joined Mr. Hetrick and for eight years the two conducted the merchant tailors' establishment in South Fourth street. They were well known to the men of Harrisburg and their years of experience in tailoring makes a desirable combination which should prove a valuable asset.

Spinsterhood Often a Girl's Own Fault

"It is often the girl's fault that she does not get married," says a young man in the December issue of the *Woman's Home Companion*, who gives his opinion of the modern young woman as his reason for remaining single.

"She'd expect me to keep up the same pace," he says. "She'd expect to live in the style her parents can afford, to dress and live as well as any of her neighbors. The same impulse which makes the girl of to-day demand the same sort of attention from a man that her richer girl friends receive will keep her poor husband's nose on the grindstone, once she lands him. I tell you it's the extravagant demands of the man himself that frighten off the man. Mind you, I do not say there are not exceptions. But group the girls, and you see the attitude which frightens off the man of moderate means, or moderate salary, or a position as yet insecure."

ARRANGING TRADE TRIP
Plans for the annual trade excursion of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce were further advanced to-day at Altoona. The secretary, E. L. McCollin, with A. E. Buchanan, division passenger agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad, are in that city to arrange accommodations.

ONE COMMITTEE ON HIGH SCHOOL

Board of Control Adopts President Stamm's Suggestion For Problem's Solution

ACCEPT CHAMBER'S OFFER

Whole Directorate Plan Dropped; Boyer Makes Report on Burned Schools

Harrisburg's new high school problem is a step nearer solution. The School Board at its regular meeting yesterday afternoon unanimously adopted President A. Carson Stamm's suggestion for the appointment of a single committee of five directors to seek such information and advice on the question as can be obtained. This committee will incorporate its recommendations as to site, type of structure, cost and ways and means of raising the funds in a comprehensive report to the directorate.

The board also accepted the offer of assistance from the Chamber of Commerce, which has named a committee for the purpose, including William Jennings, Arthur D. Bacon, William M. Donaldson, Francis J. Hall and E. A. Heffelfinger.

New Committee Soon

President Stamm intimated that the new high school committee will be named in the very near future. The directorate's committee will be empowered to seek the advice of all experienced citizens. Other organizations were urged to follow the Chamber of Commerce's lead, as the board will want all possible help in this matter.

Director Werner rather favored the enlarging of the committee to include the school board of directors. Director Houtz endorsed this plan, too, but the directorate, after considerable discussion, dropped the full board idea as being too unwieldy.

Boyer Busy Man

The mysterious fires in three school buildings which got the city by the ears during the last few days were discussed yesterday and the directorate took definite steps to insure the new Shimmell building for \$24,000.

State Officials Report

Removal of waste paper and inflammable material from basements and storerooms where their presence might endanger the structure, the need of hand rails on some stairways, guards for switchboards and machinery were among the minor suggestions made to the board by the State inspectors. Fire drills were recommended.

Combine Colored Night Schools

The colored night schools in the Calder and Wickersham buildings will be combined into a single school, to be taught by John P. Scott. Miss Edna Bowers will be in charge of serving as athletic director for the girls of Central high school. The death of Miss Eitel Hall, a teacher in the Camp Curtin building, created a vacancy which was filled by the selection of Miss Ruth Parthenore. The board formally appointed Miss Nora M. Koons, Plainfield, N. J., and Harry K. Baisbach, Palmyra, as the instructors in the continuation school. Permission was given the Christ Lutheran Sunday School to use the auditorium of the Shimmell building for an entertainment on February 22. This is the first time the auditorium was used for such a purpose.

BALKANS LEAD IN WAR INTEREST

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to admit that there has been any break in the negotiations. A Berlin dispatch early to-day, however, quoted a Cologne newspaper as conceding that obstacles had arisen during the negotiations and that there had been a refusal of a part of the Montenegrin army to lay down its arms.

Peace Move For Belgium

Of the field of war in Asia, dispatches late last night from Petrograd claimed further successes for the Russian against the Turks. The Russian official statement declaring that the Turkish army in the vicinity of Erzerum had been defeated and was being driven precipitately to the protection of the Erzerum forts.

Benjamin H. Ritter Dies in Milk Wagon at New Cumberland

[Special to the Telegraph]

New Cumberland, Pa., Jan. 22.—Shortly before 6 o'clock this morning Benjamin H. Ritter, a well-known dairyman, died suddenly in his milk wagon while serving his customers. Mr. Ritter left his home in Fifth street at an early hour to go over his route, accompanied by two boys, Nile Dessenberger and Frank Updegraff, who assisted him in his work. While driving along the street the boys noticed Mr. Ritter drop forward in the wagon and immediately summoned help and was taken to a nearby house. Dr. J. H. Young was called, but when he arrived he pronounced the man dead. Mr. Ritter was 41 years old and survived by his wife, who worked a farm in York county for several years, but about three years ago moved into New Cumberland and built a home in Fifth street. He then started a milk route and has been conducting it since.

J. Fred Haas, Long Time Resider, of City, Dies

J. Fred Haas, hotel proprietor for a number of years and one of the oldest Germans of the city, died at 2 o'clock this afternoon at his home, 599 Race street, aged 66 years. He is survived by his son, Harry W., proprietor of the Grape Hotel, and two stepdaughters, Miss Carrie Schweitzer and Mrs. Charles Dieckey.

JAPAN PLANNING NAVAL EXPANSION

Will Build Superdreadnaught, Two Cruisers, One Destroyer and Three Submarines

Tokio Jan. 17.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—One superdreadnaught, two cruisers, one destroyer, three submarines and two special service ships constitute the program of naval building for Japan for the coming year. Admiral Kato, minister for marine, explained the naval expansion project before the budget committee of the Diet yesterday in response to an interpellation. The battleship will be about the same type as the Fuso and Yamashiro, which was recently launched, and will carry twelve 14-inch guns and six or seven 6-inch guns. The battleship will have a speed of 23 knots. They will probably be in the nature of light scout ships. Their armament has not yet been decided. The submarines will have a displacement of seven hundred tons each, a speed of 18 knots on the surface and 10 knots in the water and will carry one gun.

Admiral Kato asserted the view that the war in Europe would necessitate any considerable alteration in the naval armament of the great powers. He fully recognized, he said, the effectiveness of aircraft and submarines as weapons of offense as demonstrated in the present war, but he believed that these facts hardly affected the position of the battleship as an engine of war. If the Kaiser's warships dared not venture from their own sheltered waters it was because of the powerful British squadrons awaiting them outside. The absence of any great naval engagement in Europe might lead to the very great difference between the British and German navies. As for submarines, however, actively they might work their activities were confined within certain limits and, more than others, hardly be expected to place the great battleships hors de combat. The minister said that equipment was now being provided on ships against air attacks. He was confident that the dreadnaught remained the basic unit of great navies.

EXECUTION OF GERMAN SPY.

This remarkable photograph, taken "somewhere in France" and slipped by the British censors, shows the execution of a German spy by a British firing squad.



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TARIFF BIG ISSUE IN 1916 CAMPAIGN

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ers and our industries." It should be adequate, he held, to carry its full share of the cost of national defense and general enough to protect the country from what will follow the war.

When the Governor was asked what he thought would follow the war he said: "First, there will be a cessation of war orders, and, secondly, the great masses of products of a returning industrialism in Europe will flood our markets and menace our prosperity. The Governor asserted that the quick creation of a merchant marine, by subventions if necessary, was essential to national preparedness because trade opportunities were great. The Governor has long been an advocate of development of trade with South America and in talking about it he said: "The time to get a commanding place in trade with the great countries to the south of us is now. We must act now to get it and to hold it when the time of stress comes. The time to hold it is coming and the tariff will then support our new and enlarged markets. This is plain national wisdom and Republican duty."

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Some silk gowns, furs, and other articles of wearing apparel are divided among relatives and friends, and bequests of \$100 each were left to the Children's Industrial Home, the Home for the Friendless and the Ridge Avenue Methodist Church, of this city.

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STEAMER FORCED BACK INTO PORT

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pouring when she reached port, it was believed the fire was under control. Officers and members of the freighter's crew said that, so far as they knew, no explosion preceded the fire, which was hurriedly tackled and extinguished. When asked if there was any evidence indicating the fire had been of incendiary origin the officers said "it was too soon to make an investigation and declined to comment upon the unusual features of the blaze."

Norton, Lilly & Co., agents for the *Sygnia*, later stated that the freighter did not carry any munitions or highly inflammable material, the cargo consisting chiefly of steel, railway car parts and wire.

Origin Mystified

Members of the *Sygnia's* crew who covered the hatch of the forehold yesterday said there was no indication that it was early yesterday evening before one of the watch saw smoke seeping from around the hatch. The cover was hurriedly removed and the cause of flames could be seen a great quantity of smoke rose from the hold. The captain and officers were mystified convinced that the origin of the blaze and it was decided to put back at once.

Owing to the tightly packed mass of steel beneath the decks, the crew of the freighter found much difficulty in fighting the blaze and in attempting to enter the hold. It was impossible to locate the center of the fire or to learn the nature of the material that was burning and for that reason the fire continued to pour steam into the hold for several hours.

The *Sygnia* will be docked, partly unloaded and thoroughly examined to determine the cause of the blaze. Steel rails and various forms of structural steel were said to be in the bottom of the hold, while on top of this material was a large amount of railway car parts, chiefly steel car parts, for assembling in Russia. It could not be learned whether the vessel had any munitions aboard.

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JEWISH RELIEF DAY JANUARY 27

Governor Brumbaugh Issues Proclamation Asking State-Wide Observance

LOCAL COMMITTEE ACTS

Young People Volunteer as Subscription Solicitors; Edict in Pulpits

Thursday, January 27, will be observed throughout the State and nation as Jewish war relief day in accordance with proclamations issued by Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh and President Wilson.

Governor Brumbaugh yesterday issued his official edict on the subject. The Jewish people of Harrisburg and vicinity will respond generously to the appeal and the day's observance will be arranged by the recently organized Jewish war relief committee of Harrisburg. Forty or more of the younger Jewish people of the city have volunteered their services as solicitors and they will make a house to house canvass.

The Governor's proclamation will likely be read in the various church pulpits to-morrow.

David Kaufman, chairman and Morris E. Jacobson, treasurer, of the Jewish war relief committee in this city will receive subscriptions personally or by mail.

Governor Brumbaugh's appeal to the people of Pennsylvania follows: "Whereas it has been convincingly established that there are 9,000,000 Jews in the countries now involved in the great war, and that the great majority of these people through, no fault of their own, are homeless, without food, shelter or clothing, and that, therefore, they are in such immediate need of relief that it behooves all good citizens to hear their cry of human suffering; and

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