

FRENCH INVADERS MARCH CLOSE TO ESSEN; DEMOCRATS AT DOVER PLAN PARTISAN RAID

DEMOCRATS SCHEME RAID ON OFFICES; REPUBLICANS HOLD

Plan to Legislate Out Tax Commission, Reduce Salaries of Workmen's Compensation Commission—Would Cut Pay of County Office Holders and Abolish Coroner. Wipe Out State Detectives, Highway Police and Create Constabulary

WOULD CHANGE HIGHWAY AND CITY ELECTION BOARD

Staff Correspondent. STATE HOUSE, DOVER, Jan. 9.—Drastic steps are to be taken by the Democratic Legislature in carrying out what the members claim to be a program of economy and efficiency. This program as now outlined includes the abolishing of the heavy slashes in salaries and reorganization of at least two departments now controlled by Republicans to make them bi-partisan.

In proposing this program the Democratic members say it is carrying out the pledges made in the party platform on which they were elected last fall and the individual campaign pledges made by the present Democratic members of the Legislature previous to the election. The Democrats have a majority in both houses.

The first announcement of the program came late yesterday afternoon following a two hour conference of the Democratic steering committee of the Senate and House had with the advisory committee appointed some weeks ago by the Democratic State party. The advisory committee had previously held a conference at the law offices of James H. Hughes, a member of the committee. This committee suggested a program to the steering committee. It is understood members of the steering committee look with favor on this program. The next step will be the holding of a separate caucus of the Democratic members of each house when the steering committee will make a report. If the program outlined is approved and there is every indication it will be, bills will be drawn and introduced to carry out the suggestions. The suggested program follows:

- 1. Abolishing of the present Tax Department created under a law passed two years ago and providing for the work of collecting the tax to be done through the State Treasurer's office.
2. Reducing the salary of the three members of the Industrial Accident Board under the Workmen's Compensation law from \$2,500 a year to \$2,000 a year and mileage and providing for minority party representation on the board. It was said by some of the Democratic members that they had heard reports the board held but 11 meetings during last year for which each

WOMEN JURORS FOR SUICIDE INQUESTS

Coroner Charles A. Taylor has summoned three women jurors for tonight to hear evidence in the three suicide cases scheduled for this time. The inquests are on the deaths of Charles H. Mason, Joseph Laughlin and Isaiah Wilmer, all believed to have been suicidal.

Rev. Dr. Robert Watt to Give Up Work For Year

The Rev. Dr. Robert Watt, closing his second term as superintendent of the Wilmington District of the Wilmington M. E. Conference, making thirteen years in all, has upon the advice of his physicians decided to take a year's release. The strain of the past few years has made great drafts upon his nervous system and decision is based upon this fact and the advice of competent physicians. Dr. Watt has had some flattering

THE WEATHER. WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—(United Press.)—Weather forecast: Delaware and Maryland. Rain this afternoon partly cloudy and colder tonight with freezing temperature Wednesday fair and colder fresh and strong northwest winds.

TODAY'S TEMPERATURE. At the Evening Journal Office. 8:00 A. M., 27 12:01 P. M., 41 1:00 A. M., 39 1:00 P. M., 42

SUN AND TIDE. Sun rises 7:25 A. M. Sun sets 5:52 P. M. High water 1:12 A. M. 5:53 P. M. Low water 3:09 A. M. 1:09 P. M.

LOST. LOST—About November 25, rabbit dog, black, white and tan. Reward if returned to 1484 Riverside Ave. 249-21. (Continued on Page Seventeen.)

RECEIPTS OF AUTO DEPT. SET FORTH

Secretary Benson Shows Receipts of \$38,107 Since June, 1921

ARREST THIEVES AND RECOVER STOLEN CARS

Staff Correspondent. DOVER, Jan. 9.—Total receipts of the Secretary of State's office under the motor vehicle act passed two years ago from the time that it became effective June 1, 1921, until December 25, 1922, were \$38,107.51, according to a report submitted to both houses of the Legislature this morning by Secretary of State Benson.

This report is not made in reply to a Senate resolution adopted yesterday by the Senate, as the report was prepared before Senator Murphy offered the resolution. The Senate resolution calls for a detailed report of receipts and expenditures under the above act generally known as the titling act, and also the number of clerks employed under the act with their salaries. The report submitted by Secretary Benson today tells of the carrying out of the provisions of the act and gives the total receipts and expenditures.

Secretary Benson went to the Senate this morning and conferred with Senator Murphy and Senator Hardisty relative to Senator Murphy's resolutions. He explained that if (Continued on Page Fourteen.)

HEAVY PENALTY ON AUTO DRIVERS

Those Who Flee After Accident to Face Fine or Imprisonment

LOOK AFTER VOTERS IN "NO MAN'S LAND"

Staff Correspondent. DOVER, Jan. 9.—Should a bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Hardisty this morning become a law, an automobile driver who has caused an injury to a person or property and leaves without stopping to give his name or residence will be severely dealt with if afterwards caught and convicted. It is thought that such a law will deter careless drivers who have caused an accident from speeding out of the way without finding out the extent of the damage, as is often the case now. The bill provides for a fine up to \$500 or imprisonment up to two years for the first offense, and imprisonment up to five years and the revoking of the automobile license for the second offense.

HICKMAN MAY BE NEW WILMINGTON P. M.

Special to The Evening Journal. WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Leroy W. Hickman, Frank B. Wilson and Charles A. Rustolph have been found as the three eligibles for appointment as postmaster of Wilmington, Del., by the Civil Service Commission. It is generally understood here and in Wilmington that Senator L. Heister Ball of Wilmington will recommend Mr. Hickman as his first choice for the appointment.

IRISH-AMERICAN HALL OFFICERS

Francis E. Lynch was elected president of the Irish-American Association, at its annual meeting in Irish-American Hall, Sixth and French streets, last night. Other officers elected were: Vice-president, James Hayes; secretary, Edward Melchior; directors, Patrick Mulrooney; Thomas P. Brennan; Edward L. Kearney; James Hayes, Neal B. Kelly and Frank M. Seiver. Mundy Bros. Sell Furniture.—Adv. Phone 4426.—Adv.

Coue Sees Perfect Race in 1973



Coué in action. Sketched by Artist E. R. Higgins

BY EDWARD THIERRY (Copyright, 1923, NEA Service.) NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Here is told Emile Coué's vision of the future.

It is a dazzling vision erected on the promise of the world's millions receding indefinitely. "Every day in every way I am getting better and better"—and really meaning it. This is what M. Coué sees ahead: "A race of people near human perfection is possible. All who want to do it and will do it, can do it—get better and better. In every way means literally in every way—mentally, morally, physically. "Specifically then? The bright vision of the future is in taking out of insane asylums and prisons immense numbers of people who do not belong there." M. Coué does not talk much of this ambitious dream. But those close to him tell you it is the subject nearest his heart. Since his arrival in America he has not spoken of it publicly, even under Mr. Ball's plea for clemency, squadrons of newspaper reporters. Publicly he gave this advice:

"Never pronounce these words: Difficult, Impossible, Stronger than I, Cannot." Explaining, he says that imagination (which says "I cannot") always wins against will power (which says "I will"). And, he adds, what really counts is the unconscious being that works all the time, either under one's own mastery or outside of it. "What, then, will people be like 50 or 100 years from now?" M. Coué's tongue twists under his newly acquired English and in this strange language the little French pharmacist does not express himself well, except in his prepared and carefully rehearsed speeches. So, at this question, his interpreter came to the rescue. "Ah, 50 or 100 years from now you will be what you train your unconscious being to be by conscious suggestion. Ne c'est pas? Superlatively good in every way—even to being better editors, better artists—yes—if, indeed, you grow better and better every day. But you must really mean to be. And—by your own mastery of yourself."

ARMED TO MEET "GANG," HIS PLEA

Samuel Conti Tells Weird Tale to Explain Private Arsenal

COURT HINTS \$500 FINE AND JAIL TERM

Samuel Conti, Philadelphia, formerly of this city, who was arrested about three weeks ago when about to board a train at French street station, explained to Judge Hastings in Municipal Court this morning, that he carried the two revolvers and extra ammunition, which were found in his possession, to protect himself from probable attacks of a local "gang" antagonistic to him. Conti who was represented by J. Frank Ball, pleaded guilty to a charge of carrying concealed a deadly weapon. Judge Hastings, after hearing Mr. Ball's plea for clemency, continued the case until Saturday and informed the attorney that he would not consider imposing a fine of less than \$500 and costs and that he might not even remit a prison sentence. Detectives Riley and Pierce called as witnesses by Mr. Ball, testified that about last April, after a man had been murdered in South Wilmington, Conti told them that he would have to leave the city, apparently fearing an attack from a band of men. The detectives, in answer to a question of Assistant City Solicitor Green, said Conti was this morning on a charge of insanity.

SAY McDANIEL IS OF UNSOUND MIND

Special to The Evening Journal. WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—E. Paul McDaniel, of Wilmington, Del., who several weeks ago rode to the White House in a taxicab and demanded an audience with President Harding, was given a hearing in police court this morning on a charge of insanity. McDaniel did not appear himself, but an interne at the Washington Asylum Hospital, where he is confined, testified that McDaniel is of unsound mind. He was no other witness represented. McDaniel will be given another hearing on January 16.

VICTROLAS REPAIRED

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BOYCE BOOSTS SUSSEX HIGHWAY

Congressman—Elector Declares Seaford-Reliance Road Important Link

UP TO LEGISLATURE, DECLARES BENSON

Special to The Evening Journal. DOVER, Jan. 9.—Prominent among 150 advocates of the construction of a new State highway between Seaford and Reliance, who appeared yesterday afternoon before the State Highway Commission, were Congressman-elect William H. Boyce, former State Senator Edward Dutton and Postmaster Willey, Seaford. Judge Boyce declared the road was a most important connecting link, none was more needed in Sussex, and it would benefit large number of citizens as well as serve a large section now without improved roads. Brief addresses also were made by Oliver A. Newton, of the Sussex County Highway & Improvement Commission; S. T. Smoot, Galestown. (Continued on Page Fourteen.)

FEAR OF THE LASH CHECKS AUTO THEFTS

Very few complaints have been received by the Bureau of Police so far this year of stolen automobiles, that class of thieves evidently preferring to operate where the whipping post is not in use. So far this year, automobile thieves have made a record in Philadelphia, 119 cars having been reported stolen since the beginning of the year, with a total valuation of \$200,856, according to reports received by the Bureau of Police.

Captures Large Otter

Special to The Evening Journal. MILFORD, Jan. 9.—Charles Stormer caught a large otter on the bank of the Mispillion river yesterday. The animal was found in a muskrat trap. Otters are scarce in this section, but Mr. Stormer had the luck to catch one last year in the same locality.

BIDS ON SCHOOL FOR CLAYMONT

Number of Offers Received by Board Now Being Tabulated

SCHOOL AUXILIARY TO REVIEW FINANCES

At a meeting of the Claymont Special District Board of Education last night a number of bids for the new school building were received and opened. The bids now are being tabulated at the offices of the Delaware School Auxiliary, duPont building. The bids, it was stated, ranged high and were mostly over the price limits. By making combination of bids offered by contractors for different portions of the work, it is hoped an award may be made. A \$275,000 bond issue was floated to build the new school, which will be located on Franklin avenue, Claymont. It will contain 19 rooms and provide accommodations for 250 pupils. The building will be \$86 feet long and 68 feet wide. In addition to class rooms it will contain an auditorium and gymnasium. A special meeting of the Delaware School Auxiliary Association has been called for 11:30 o'clock Thursday morning, in the offices of the association. Dr. Joseph H. (Continued on Page Fourteen.)

PENNA. AUTOISTS FINED BY SQUIRE

Robert E. Watson, 2235 South Seventeenth street, Philadelphia, and Joseph Leavely, of McKinley, Montgomery county, Pa., were fined \$10 and \$15, respectively, by Magistrate Black yesterday afternoon, for operating motor vehicles with 1922 tags. They were arrested by Lieutenant McVey, of the State highway police. These were the first fines imposed for that offense in this city this year.

SEE THE MOVIES TOMORROW

Invitations to the Movies are extended to six persons today through our Classified Advertising Department. Look through the classified ads, and if your name is there come to the Journal office and receive free tickets for two (war tax paid) to see the special production, Clara Kimball Young in "The Hands of Nora" at the Majestic and "The Pride of Palomar" at the Queen, Wednesday night, see page 17 today.

FIND GERMANY IN DEFAULT; FRENCH TROOPS ADVANCE

Britain Casts Only Vote in Reparations Commission Against Attitude of France. Mighty War Machine Massed Along Rhineland Awaiting Poincaré's Announcement of Nation's Plans Thursday

MAY THROW CUSTOMS BARRIER AND COLLECT FOR REPARATIONS

PARIS, Jan. 9 (United Press)—A perfectly definite way, through the regular official diplomatic channels. BERLIN, Jan. 9 (United Press).—An advance guard of French troops, under General Degoutte, has arrived at Kettwig, near Essen, according to a dispatch from the latter city. Citizens of Essen were surprised that the French did not enter last night. Railroads and hotels were ready to receive them.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (United Press)—Officials of the State Department today expressed amazement at the reported statement from the French foreign office that the French Government had not received in any way the proposal of the United States for an international committee to reach a German reparations figure.

The highest officials of the department reiterated today what they said yesterday in two press conferences at the department, that the proposal of Secretary Hughes had been sent to the French Government, although informally still in President Harding and his cabinet are scheduled to meet at the White House today and it is highly probable that the French move into the Ruhr and the advisability of bringing home American troops as recently requested by a Senate resolution will be foremost subject to be discussed. Whether or not orders are issued within the next few days for withdrawal of the American forces in Germany, the government had made it clear that under no circumstances will they become involved in any trouble resulting from the French seizure of Germany's principal industry. (Continued on Page Sixteen.)

AMERICANS HOLD ALOOF IN INVASION

Cabinet Considers Withdrawal of U. S. Troops From Rhine

BRINGING ABOUT WORSE EUROPEAN SITUATION

By A. L. BRADFORD, United Press Staff Correspondent. WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—With the President described in diplomatic quarters as similar to the crisis in 1914 that developed the world war, the United States government today considered recall of the American troops of occupation from the Rhine. President Harding and his cabinet are scheduled to meet at the White House today and it is highly probable that the French move into the Ruhr and the advisability of bringing home American troops as recently requested by a Senate resolution will be foremost subject to be discussed. Whether or not orders are issued within the next few days for withdrawal of the American forces in Germany, the government had made it clear that under no circumstances will they become involved in any trouble resulting from the French seizure of Germany's principal industry. (Continued on Page Sixteen.)

CARRY WOMAN TO HER DEATH ON SCAFFOLD

Mrs. Thompson and Bywaters, Youthful Lover, Hanged in London

SHE UNCONSCIOUS AT TIME OF EXECUTION

LONDON, Jan. 9 (United Press).—Mrs. Percy Thompson, half swooning, was hanged at 9 o'clock this morning at Holloway jail for murder of her husband, October 4. At the same hour, in Pentonville prison, Frederick Edward Bywaters, her lover, found jointly guilty of the crime, was hanged. Hundreds gathered in chilly rain outside the prisons awaiting the single solemn clang of the death bell that announced the executions. One woman bore a placard: "Murder cannot be abolished by murder." Mrs. Thompson, who made vain appeals for clemency to the last, was the first woman executed in England in fifteen years. Only officials were permitted to witness the hangings. High board fences had been erected about the scaffolds and the public saw nothing of the executions nor of the (Continued on Page Fourteen.)

HARD COAL RECEIPTS SHARPLY DECLINING

Shipments of anthracite to Wilmington have been declining steadily the past week, it was stated today by Robert D. Kemp, City Fuel Distributor. Whereas the ration of anthracite and substitutes in the bins of local dealers last week was approximately 2,000 pounds of hard coal to 1,500 of substitutes, the figures now have been reversed. This means that consumers will have to use substitutes as much as possible, in order to make the anthracite go as far as possible. Mining companies and jobbers also report that they see no possibility at present of increasing the output of anthracite or of increasing the allotments of fuel to Wilmington above the 60 per cent. fixed by the Federal Fuel Commission and the Pennsylvania Coal Commission. For Clover Dairy Safe Milk phone 1540-1541.—Adv.

ACCUSED OF GETTING GOODS BOYS STOLE

William Woods, who conducts a saloon at 14 East Second street, was held in \$1,000 bail for a hearing on Friday on a charge of receiving stolen goods, consisting of cigarettes, cigars and candy, that are alleged to have been stolen by three boys from the Union News stand at French street station. The three boys are now in the custody of the Juvenile Court. Woods was also arrested yesterday, together with his bartender, Charles H. Emmons, a charge of selling liquor on a warrant sworn out by Frank E. Haley, special agent for the Law and Order Society. They were held for a hearing before Magistrate Black.