

S. STOTSBURY PRAISES DEAD HERO

Wealthy Banker's Wife Writes Letter of Sympathy to Mrs. Laskowski

EACH HAS SON IN WAR

Mother of Humble Birth Lost Boy When Jacob Jones Went Down

A letter from Mrs. E. T. Stotsbury, the wife of the richest banker in Philadelphia, to Mrs. William Laskowski...

Mrs. Stotsbury herself has a son in the navy. Her son, H. E. Cromwell, who graduated at Annapolis after a special course last year...

Mrs. Stotsbury's letter was as follows: My Dear Mrs. Laskowski:

Please accept my heartfelt sympathy in your great sorrow—on behalf of an obscure saloon keeper in Camden, expressing the sympathy of one mother to another in the death of a son who has given his life for his country...

I hope you will find time to visit the headquarters of the Navy Auxiliary, at 225 South Eighteenth street, where a warm welcome awaits you from the committee in charge.

Believe me, cordially yours, EVA STOTSBURY, (Mrs. E. T. Stotsbury).

Mrs. Laskowski, who was born in Germany and whose son was known in the navy as William E. Laskowski, secretary of the Pennsylvania Cold Storage Law, in an effort to boost prices according to R. M. Simmers, special agent of the State Food and Dairy Department...

MEATS HELD IN STORAGE TO BOOST PRICE, CHARGE

Food Agent Simmers Says Law Is Violated Despite Effort of the Federal Administration

Vast quantities of beef, pork, poultry and other meats have been held in cold storage houses in Philadelphia in violation of the Pennsylvania cold storage law...

Despite the conference food dealers here have been having with county and state representatives of the Federal food administration here, in an effort to lower the high cost of foodstuffs, the meats have been held, Mr. Simmers said.

A report of the conditions existing here has been made to Washington by Simmers. Jay Cooke, recently appointed food dictator for Philadelphia County by State Food Administrator Heinz, refused to comment on the charges, saying that the situation was before the proper authorities at Washington.

Woman Overcome by Gas

Marie Sheridan, forty-seven years old, occupying a room at 821 North Twelfth street, was found overcome by gas by other roomers early today. She had failed to detect a leak in the gas fixture. At the Roosevelt Hospital it was said her condition was not serious.

The Waiter says:

"Because of the increasing demands of our patrons for MORNING SIP Coffee, it is now a permanent part of our menu."

In the red can

At all Grocery and Delicatessen Stores

McClelland & Son

Philadelphia and Chicago

MRS. EP. LEY'S PLEA HEHEED BY BOARD

\$1200 Awarded to Policeman's Mother—Widow's Charms Bar Similar Claim

An echo of the Fifth Ward primary election tragedy was heard today before the Workmen's Compensation Board when Mrs. Theresa Eppler, of 5116 Marlborough avenue, mother of Policeman George A. Eppler, who was murdered by a New York gunman, was granted \$4 per week for 300 weeks in a lump sum. In addition, \$100 was allowed for funeral expenses.

Mrs. Eppler made her plea on the ground that her dead son was her chief support and because of her advanced years. There was no objection on the part of the city and the board granted her request. Since Mrs. Eppler has been receiving a compensation of \$4 per week since October 10 she will receive about \$1200.

A young and pretty widow, with a sixteen-month-old child to support, is not eligible for a lump sum if she desires to "start a home."

Complications might ensue, through the young lady's attractiveness, the members believed, and she might marry again.

This popular ruling arose over the request of Annie Gunkel, of Bethlehem whose husband Frank was killed at the Bethlehem Steel Company's plant. A total compensation of \$4000 was granted her and \$1000 to Mrs. Gunkel, however, asked that her share, \$2500 be granted in a lump sum so that she could purchase a property and start a boarding house.

The members of the board said the pretty young widow, who is twenty-three years old, they believed, she was granted an immediate amount of \$200, however, to pay some minor debts.

Harry A. Mackey, chairman of the board was asked today regarding the status of wounded soldiers who are given employment in industrial plants. Some employers have raised the question of their liability in case of accidents to these men.

Mr. Mackey declared that the employers take such men on their own responsibility and that they will be held liable for any injury the men might sustain.

U. S. WILL BUILD RARGE FLEET FOR WATERWAYS

Shipping Board Sets Aside \$3,600,000 to Provide Tugs and Carriers on Mississippi

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The Shipping Board today launched a new program that calls for building of large fleets of barges and tugs to ply inland waterways. The board announced it had approved the recommendation of its legal department that directors of the Emergency Fleet Corporation properly can make an allotment out of funds appropriated by Congress for that purpose.

The board immediately set aside \$3,600,000, to be expended jointly by the army and the general manager of the fleet corporation for building twenty-four barges and four tugs on the Mississippi River. Contracts for the new craft are to be announced within a few days.

STARTS TRUCK EXPRESS DETROIT TO SEABOARD

Government to Begin New Experiment in Freight Transportation Tomorrow

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 12.—The Michigan war preparedness board announced today that tomorrow morning twenty-eight automobile trucks will leave here loaded with munitions for an Atlantic port. Two tank cars carrying gasoline, lubricating oil and anti-freeze mixture will accompany them.

The trip marks a new era in transportation of freight, it being the Government's intention to continue this line even after peace is established, and to build repair shops along the route.

Captain Bronson, quartermaster's department, with seventy-nine enlisted men, will have charge of the train.

Crushed to Death by Trucks

Caught between two automobiles, one of which had been sidetracked by a trolley car, James McKinley, twenty-five years old, of Twenty-second and Oxford streets, was crushed to death yesterday.

QUICK WORK SAVES LIFE

Man Pinned Under Auto Before Approaching Train Rescued by Friend

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Dec. 12.—The auto of Harry Mohr, of Northampton, skidded on an icy road today and tumbled down a thirty-foot bank on the tracks of the Central Railroad in front of an approaching train. Lemly Hoff, who was in the car with him, jumped on the trunk of the bank.

By a superhuman effort Hoff worked the light auto from the track, so the locomotive only stripped off a wheel. Mohr, who was pinned under the auto, was badly bruised, but will not die.

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OLD SANTA TO VISIT LITTLE FRENCH FOLK

Gifts and Letter of U. S. Tot Will Result in Christmas Cheer for 600

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 12.—Santa Claus is going to visit all the little French children under twelve years of age within a certain large area of war-torn France this Christmas, thanks to a little six-year-old American girl in a southern State.

Six hundred little orphans whose fathers have fallen in battle and whose mothers have just emerged from the horrors of life in French territory held by the Germans are included in the group of children who will discover this year that the sound of big guns cannot scare away old Santa Claus.

"Daddy," wrote the little Southern girl, "I am sending you this letter with some little colored pictures I made. Won't you please give them to the little girls and boys whose fathers were killed in the war and maybe will have no Christmas?"

"Daddy," happened to be the Quartermaster Colonel of one of the first American divisions landed in France. In physique he is a little man, but he has a big heart.

"The letter simply knocked me off my feet. I hadn't been thinking about those poor little kids before. That letter was what started us doing things."

TROLLEY-AUTO SMASH BADLY HURTS WOMAN

Broken Axle Causes Street Car to Jump Track and Ram Parked Machine

A broken front axle of a trolley car on Thirtieth street at the corner of Market today caused the car to leave the track and collide with an automobile parked on the curb, resulting in the death of a woman and the injury of another.

There was a moment of silence among the men, and then, without a word, two dived into the sea. Both found spurs to which they clung. They were cheered by the sailors on the raft while they battled with the sea.

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Miss Law is in Washington preparing to make a number of flights for the benefit of Congress. A bill to give her a commission in the aviation corps of the navy is pending in the House.

OFFICERS OF AMERICAN RED CROSS RE-ELECTED

Christmas Membership Drive Expected to Swell Organization Ranks to 10,000,000

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—All officers of the American Red Cross were re-elected at a meeting of the General Board here today.

According to the report of Elliott Wadsworth, acting chairman of the Central Committee, the Red Cross now has 325 chapters and 6,355,000 members. Mr. Wadsworth outlined plans for the Christmas membership drive, which is counted upon to bring the membership up to 10,000,000. The report of John Skelton Williams, the treasurer, covered only seven months since Congress changed the Red Cross fiscal year to end June 30, and contained no figures.

W. Frank Persons, director of civilian relief, sketched the work of the Red Cross in relieving distress at Haifa, in the San Salvador earthquake and the China floods.

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MARIONETTES PLAY IN UNIQUE MOVIE

New Essanay Feature, "The Dream Doll," Acted Almost Entirely by Puppets

By the Photoplay Editor After nearly two years of preparation, Howard S. Moss, a student of novelties in motion-picture productions, has completed his first Essanay five-reel feature, "The Dream Doll."

This picture is enacted almost entirely by fourteen-inch dolls. Although Mr. Moss has produced "Essanay" a number of one and two reel doll motion pictures, this is his first attempt at an hour-long production. He devoted six months to the making of it.

"I have always been interested in toys, as I have in the motion-picture art. Mr. Moss said to the puppet director recently that two years ago the possibilities of making dolls act, by methods which I believe cinema photography would permit, came to my mind."

"I immediately bought a collection of doll characters. These were built on my own design, and the initial lot were largely experimental. For although I knew what the requirements would be, yet I did not then know just how to obtain them."

"For weeks I worked in a locked room, experimenting with the dolls—ascertaining the possibilities, as far as their animation was concerned. And what I discovered these first few weeks formed the nucleus of my system of filming 'The Dream Doll.'"

"JACKIES" JUMP FROM RAFT TO SAVE MATES

Admiral Sims Reports New Story of Heroism in Jacob Jones Disaster

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—"The raft is too heavily loaded," said the officer in charge of one of the pontoons that Jacob Jones was torpedoed and sunk.

"If we all stay on we'll all go down." There was a moment of silence among the men, and then, without a word, two dived into the sea. Both found spurs to which they clung. They were cheered by the sailors on the raft while they battled with the sea.

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LLOYD GEORGE DEFERS SPEECH ON WAR AIMS

Premier to Make Statement Before Christmas Recess, Bonar Law Announces

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Premier Lloyd George will make a statement on the war before the Christmas adjournment of Parliament. "Chance" for the Exchequer Bonar Law made the announcement in the House of Commons late today. It has been expected that the Premier himself would speak, and that he would outline very fully the war aims of England.

This is the second postponement of a speech by Lloyd George. He had been scheduled to address lawyers at Gray's Inn last week, but the engagement was cancelled owing to a severe cold which the Welsh statesman suddenly developed.

Lloyd George spent the week-end at his country home, and his friends brought word back to London early this week that he had been planning a speech which would restate Britain's aims in the war and which would be preliminary to his complete acquiescence in President Wilson's war aims, to a joint war aims statement on behalf of all the Allies.

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"TILE TRUST" MEN UNDER JOINT BOND

Twenty-one Contractors and Dealers Are Held in \$21,000 "Blanket Bail"

Twenty-one contractors and retail tile dealers, present and former members of the Philadelphia Tile, Mantel and Grate Association, were held under \$21,000 joint bail today by Judge Thompson, in the Federal Court, on a charge of conspiracy to restrain trade in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. After an extended argument, during which the government asked that each defendant be held under \$2500 bail, and counsel for the defendants petitioning the Court to release them on their own recognizance, Judge Thompson fixed a joint bond of \$21,000 under which each defendant enters that amount of security for the others.

The tile men are charged with having violated the law in making agreements with manufacturers throughout the country to sell tile only to members of the association, and with the Tile Setters' Union to furnish union labor to no one not affiliated with the organization. It is charged that they endeavored further to restrict trade by refusing independent dealers admission to the association, as a consequence of which nonmembers were unable to do a competitive business.

In a similar prosecution against a combination of manufacturers and retailers in Chicago, \$10,000 bail was fixed for the local defendants were fully able to furnish \$2500 each, a greater number of them, their counsel stated to the court, were merely journeymen, who could not supply this amount of bail.

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ANOTHER U. S. SOLDIER WOUNDED ABROAD

Three Additional Deaths From Natural Causes Reported to War Department

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Another American soldier in France has been severely wounded in action and three have died from natural causes, the War Department announced today, as follows: Wounded—First Lieutenant Edgar W. Young, McKenny, W. Va., medical corps attached to the British forces.

Dead—Corporal E. C. Evans, Palmyra, Tenn., December 9; Private L. M. Slaw, Columbia, Mo., November 29, and Private J. A. Morris, Fond du Lac, Wis., drowned December 4.

BULLET WOUND FATAL

Lewis Cleot, of 1163