COMRADE SLAIN BY HOME GUARD

Palmyra Man, Head of Company Here, Mistaken for Thief

FIRST NIGHT ON DUTY

Frederick W. Monach, president of the Longstreth Optical Company, 232 Market street, and a member of the Palmyra Home Guards, was shot and instantly killed early this morning near the Palmyra High School, West Palmyra, N. J., by Perez McMahon, another Home Guard, when he was mistaken for a burglar who had come to rob the school of Red Cross receipts.

Last night was the first on which C. Morris Beck, chief of the Palmyra police, had stationed the Home Guards in the high school to ward off and possibly catch the robbers who had broken into the school Saturday night and escaped with about $10 of the collections made for the Palmyra Junior Chapter of the American Red Cross. The townsmen had recently equipped the Home Guards with new rifles, with which they had practiced diligently.

McMahon is the first lieutenant of the Home Guard organization and was in charge of the men who were stationed in the school house last night. Monach, one of the enthusiastic members of the guards, and a resident of Leconey avenue, Palmyra, was selected to be on guard at the school from 3 o'clock to 6 o'clock a. m. The First Lieutenant was scheduled to go off duty when Monach arrived.

Monach did not appear at the school until shortly after 4 o'clock. It was subsequently learned that the alarm clock at his home failed to go off. When he approached the school he walked quietly. According to the chief of police he knocked upon the window of the high school and waited for McMahon to come and open the door for him.

With McMahon inside the school was Joseph P. Seel, another member of the guard. Monach ran to the front door and the sound of his footsteps caused McMahon and Seel to suspect that some kind of a struggle was going on outside.

McMahon opened the door suddenly. For some reason, it is believed that Monach became frightened and ran down the road. Convinced that the fleeing man was a thief, who was probably responsible for a robbery at Moorestown yesterday, and intended robbing the school, McMahon fired six times into the darkness.

Both men then ran in pursuit of the supposed robber, but McMahon had gone but a few feet when he tripped over the body of Monach. He was dead, with a bullet wound in the neck. McMahon was heartbroken over the tragedy and immediately surrendered to the police.

He said that Seel also fired one of the shots into the darkness after the fleeing man. After emptying his own revolver, McMahon, according to the police, grabbed Seel's revolver and fired the shots remaining in the weapon.

Steel is not under arrest and is prostrated at his home. At a preliminary inquest today, it was shown that Monach's death was caused by a bullet from a Colt 45-caliber revolver, the style of weapon carried by McMahon.

Another inquest will be held in the case before Coroner Haskill Monday.

Dealers Defend Rent Increases

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should pay such a tax. He admitted he had no indication that there would be any taxes, but it was a "long shot" as a "safety first" measure.

Real estate men have apparently left no stone unturned to protect their interests since the opening of the war. The lease known as the "W lease," which has been in effect since May, 1917, is now being generally used because of the National Army draft situation.

The new lease is now used for men renting houses who are liable to military service or who have any intention of going into service. The renter signs an agreement waiving any right to refrain from paying his rent because of his military connections.

W. Gordon Smith, an Overbrook real estate man, today said that the new clause as regards military men was simply one "slipped in" for its general effect."

Victor H. Simon told of how he paid $30 monthly for his own home in Walton avenue, near Fifty-eighth, two years ago. Then came a raise to $32.50 and now, he declares, he must pay $37.50. In commenting on it he said: "If I don't like it, I can get out. The landlord gives me that privilege. Rents have been too low for the valuation in West Philadelphia, and are not high enough to pay for proper repairs."

"If a butcher wants to charge you 50 cents a pound for meat and you don't like it, you'll refuse to pay, won't you? Then you'll move on. Well, it's the same with houses."

Mr. Simon said that small houses renting in West Philadelphia at $17 had been increased to as high as $24. He said he thought the increase was "just."

Oliver A. McMullen, of 6025 Market, a real estate broker, said, "Some homes have always been rented too low. They are now where they ought to be, which gives the owner only a fair profit." He admitted that houses handled by him had had an increase of from $2 to $5 per month.

Tonight's public meeting will be held in the home of J. J. Fuchin, 5734 Pemberton street.

Fuchion is one of thirty-four house-renters in the 5700 block on Pemberton street who received notices from C. L. Roach, 113 South Fifty-second street, and C. E. Williams, 439 Real Estate Trust Building, notifying them that the purchase of the buildings had just been consummated and they would have to buy the houses or move.

Similar action is being planned by a number of tenants on Walton avenue, between Fifty-sixth and Fifty-seventh streets, according to David Mahoney, 5630 Walton avenue. Mahoney asserted that his rent had been raised twice since the first of the year.

Mahoney asserted that a score of renters had been forced to move from that section because of the demands of the landlords. The same story is being told in other sections of West Philadelphia.

Many of the renters declared that it was up to the city to protect them against increased rents, as Congress found it necessary to protect Washington employes of the Government by the passage of an act prohibiting increases in the District of Columbia, except under stipulated conditions. This act not only relieved the situation for the future, it forced landlords who had already increased their profits to refund a large part of the sums they had received.

Shortage Closes Steel Works

[illegible], O., March 23.—The freight furnace has closed twenty-four of the twenty-five mills at the Warren [illegible] Steel Company. The

S. S. WHITE OUTSHOOTS RAILROAD GUNNERS

Mrs. H. Roberts' of Pennsylvania Team, Smashes Forty of Her Fifty Targets

Although they were defeated by the representatives of the S. S. White Gun Club for the team score in a Trapshooter's League match at Fifty-ninth and Woodbine avenue this afternoon, the members of the Pennsylvania Railroad team gained some satisfaction in the showing of one of their team, Mrs. H. Roberts, who smashed 40 of her 50 targets defeating Mrs. H. Miller, of the S. S. White Club by three targets.

One of the largest fields of the season was on hand to shoot and some very excellent scores were turned in by both teams. W. Hammond, W. Wolsencroft and J. McKeane, all of S. S. White and Harry Sloan, of the Railroad squad broke 47 targets. Dr. Gray was only a step behind with 46.

Following is some of the scores:

S. S. White—W. Hammond, 47; W. Wolsencroft, 47; J. McKeane, 47; Doctor Gray, 46; Thompson, 45; Hoffman, 45; Williams, 45; Pratt, 44; A. Bowen, 41; Woodin, 44; Crantell, 44; Fountaine, 43.

Pennsylvania Railroad—H. Sloan, 47; J. Lafferty, 46; Kehl, 46; Armstrong, 45; Brown, 45; Peeples, 45; Wallace, 44; Fell, 43; Chew, 42; Withington, 41; Worthington, 39; Seebold, 39.

CLEARVIEW GUN CLUB DEFEATS CAMDEN, 461-456

Victors Take Undisputed Possession of Seventh Place in Trapshooters' League

The Clearview Gun Club took undisputed possession of seventh place in the Trapshooters' League this afternoon by defeating the representatives of the Camden Gun Club in a league match at Colwyn by the score of 461 to 456.

W. Benner and Haines, of the Clearview, smashed 48 targets, as did J. Winslow and Baughan, of the Camden Club. The scores follow:

CLEARVIEW		CAMDEN	
W. Benner	48	J. Winslow	48
Haines	48	Boughin	48
Willbank	47	Coleman	48
Eivler	46	Williamson	47
Foones	46	Parker	46
Fisher	46	Cook	46
Holynagle	45	Malbseg	45
Shusher	45	Bullock	43
Dietor	45	Snyder	43
Redman	45	Wagner	42
Total	461	Total	456

WILMINGTON TEAM LEADS

Meadow Springs Trails in League Shoots by 461 to 420

The Wilmington team held a big lead over Meadow Springs in a league shoot at Bellevue, Del., this afternoon and, with only a few more gunners to compete, led by 461 to 420. This victory will clinch second place for Wilmington in the league race.

C. C. Marshall, with a score of 48, was high gun for Wilmington, while Doctor Harvey's 46 was the best score among the Meadow Springs shots.

Rothacker Wins Beiderman Shoot

George Rothacker, of Philadelphia, won the weekly shoot of the Beiderman Gun Club held this afternoon at Cramer Hill, Camden, by smashing 42 of his 50 targets. Fuller was second with 41 and Clark third with 78. Some of the other scores follow: Berger, 39; Gilbert, 37; Stockton, 35; Kendrickson, 25, and Fletcher, 31.

SERGEANT ACCUSED ON BIGAMY CHARGE

U. S. Artilleryman, Home on Furlough, Arrested in Camden

James C. Hand, sergeant of artillery at Camp McClellan, Ala., was arraigned before Recorder Stackhouse in Camden today accused of bigamy.

Mrs. Sadie Smith, 422 Main street, Camden, who caused Hand's arrest, said that he married her daughter eight years ago and disappeared after living with her a short time.

Hand was arrested at 602 North Third street, Camden, where he was living with a young woman, who said he married her six months ago. She was formerly Elsie Goldenberg. The sergeant was home on a furlough and recognized on the street by a friend of the Smith family, who, it is said, was aware of his first marriage. Hand had nothing to say and was held in $500 bail for court.

COLONEL MAPES INJURED

Leader in Reform Politics Hit by Market Street Car

Colonel George E. Mapes, seventy-eight years old, of 1932 North Twenty-second street, is in Jefferson Hospital in a critical condition as a result of injuries sustained when he was knocked down by an eastbound Market street trolley car. He received a fracture of the collar bone and right elbow, besides bruises on the face and body.

Colonel Mapes has been for a number of years prominent in reform politics in Philadelphia and influential in State journalism. His injuries were subjected to an X-ray examination today.

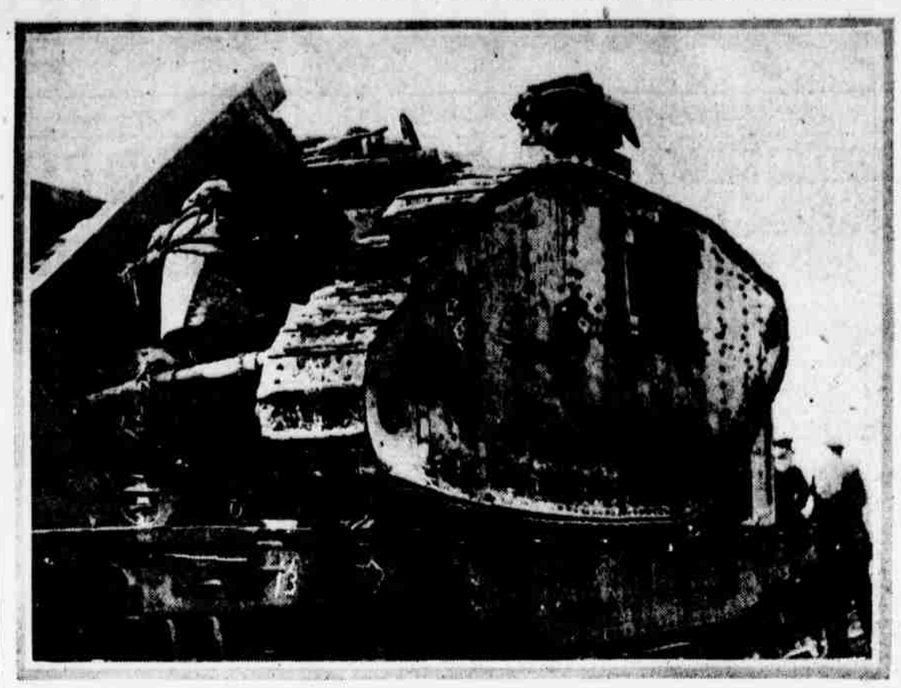
PAWNBROKER GETS SURPRISE

Applies for License and Instead Gets Summons for Court

When Morris Haas, who has conducted a pawnshop at 1127 Poplar street for many years past, attempted to obtain a renewal of his license today at City Hall, he did not get the license.

But he did get a summons to appear before Magistrate Watson, who, after hearing the evidence of the police, held him in $1000 bail for court on charges of receiving stolen goods and of other violations of the pawbroker license laws. Complaint against Haas was entered by Assistant District Attorney Taulane.

BATTLE-SCARRED BRITISH TANK ARRIVES IN CITY



The British tank Britannia, which was brought to this country to stimulate recruiting for the British and Canadian armies, is traveling across the United States with the play "Getting Together," which will be produced for the benefit of war charities at the Lyric Theatre next week. The Britannia, which was unloaded from a train at Frankford Junction today, will make its appearance in the center of the city next week. The Britannia carries six machine guns, weighs thirty-two tons and travels at the rate of from five to seven miles an hour.

BRITISH TANK CAPTAIN BRINGS MACHINE HERE

Haigh Tells Vivid Story of Experiences on Battle Front

"God! How I'd like to see every bloody boche lying dead in No Man's Land, curse 'em!"

So spoke Captain Richard Haigh, commander of the British tank "Britannia," as he leaned against the side of the big fighting engine of death as it stood on a flat car this morning in the Pennsylvania Railroad yards at Frankford. He held in his hand a newspaper and was eagerly reading the latest action on the west front.

"It says they took 16,000 of our men prisoners. I hope that's an exaggeration!" he exclaimed, turning to Gunner Alderman, who stood nearby. "It makes a man want to be back there, eh, old boy?" he queried, excitedly.

"This tank here," pointing to the now silent leviathan, "was in the very sector where fighting is now fiercest. In one of the battles of last May, this tank and its crew captured 393 boches and four machine gun emplacements."

Will Give Demonstrations

At this moment a railroader arrived with the information that the tank would be moved to a point near G street and Allegheny avenue, where it was to be unloaded and where later today demonstrations of its capabilities of travel over rough ground would be given.

"Is there a 'dump' at that place?" queried Captain Haigh. As the railroader looked puzzled, the captain laughed and said, "I guess you don't call them that here."

"Oh, you mean an unloading platform," answered the blue-overalled yardman. "No, there isn't."

"Well, we'll get her off some way or other," declared the commander of the tank easily, knowing that his machine would be equal to the emergency.

"What does a man feel like when he is going into action in a tank? Well, that is a matter that no one on the face of the earth can tell about. The only thing I can say is, go and try it for yourself."

This suggested to the captain some of his experiences while under fire.

Captain Reticent

It was with great difficulty that any information could be dragged from the youthful officer, who, despite the fact that he has seen four and a half years of service, is but twenty-seven years of age.

"There is only one thing that worries a man when he makes a tank attack," he said, eyes remote, as if once again he stood at his post inside the moving steel fort and heard the shriek of shell and the patter-patter of German machine-gun bullets against the steely sides of the attacking tank.

"What's that?" was the breathless query of the open-mouthed bystanders crowded around the car on which the tank stood.

"The only thing that bothers us, is" Captain Haigh replied, coming out of his reverie, "are we going to get to the trenches ahead of us. There is no room in a man's mind for anything else," he said, bending to light a cigarette."

As the big tank is by gender a member of the female sex, it is not surprising that "she" should agree to join a number of Philadelphia young women tomorrow morning at the north plaza of the City Hall to assist the fair patriots in an effort to boost the sale of war saving stamps. The tank is due to arrive at the plaza at 10 o'clock and will be on exhibition there all day. Mrs. E. C. Bendere will be in charge of distribution of plenty of literature advertising the war savings campaign and the sale of war savings stamps.

HOG ISLAND PILE-DRIVING TEAM SENDS CHALLENGE TO NEWARK

Captain Bill Gordon, Whose Men Drove Seventy-eight in 8.25, Would Meet Jersey Pounders for Side Bet of Big Barbecue Feed

THE gauntlet has been thrown down by the powerful pile drivers of Hog Island. They claim the world's championship in this strenuous art and will defend it against any one—even the drivers of Newark shipyard.

So says Captain Bill Gordon, head of the strenuous crew which drove seventy-eight piles into the soil at Hog Island in the remarkable time of eight hours and twenty-five minutes. It was the announcement recently of this exceptional feat that stirred the men at Newark. "But they will have to stir some," say Captain Bill and his crew, "if they want to get away with the honors in this line of action."

Bill's crew will drive against the Newark crowd in a long or short contest and let the losers set up a barbecue for the winners. The New Jersey drivers say they are willing, and it looks as though something is going to happen.

A rumor leaked out of Newark that [illegible] there was sixty piles in the [illegible] bedded seventy-eight. Captain Gordon said today that was merely an "appetizer." Incidentally he is suspicious. It is possible that Newark is sending out false figures to hide its real strength.

Incidentally, the fame which the head of the world's champion pile-driving crew enjoys has its drawbacks, says Bill. The crew was criticized by unpatriotic persons for its great activity. "A pacifist poet complained," said Bill, "that I had deprived song birds of their orchestra seats by putting so many trees away."

But such things do not deter Captain Bill and his coworkers. They are ready for the fray. Of course, it would be impossible to tote the huge piles from one shipyard to the other, but Bill has a plan which will simplify matters.

"Let one of our men go to Newark and make a record of what their men do in an hour," he says, "and then let one of the Newark fellows come here and watch what we do in an hour."

Incidentally, confidence reigns among Captain Bill's crew. And they're smacking their lips for the barbecue.

DRAFTED MAN GOES TO PRISON TO KEEP SACRED VOW TO ST. ANN

Mother Pleads for Young Man Who Accepted Two-Year Sentence Rather Than Submit to Operation—Case May Be Reopened

CATHOLIC priests at Camp Meade may prevail upon the Government to reopen the case of John Lyons, a Philadelphia selectman who has been sentenced to two years' confinement at Fort Jay, New York, forfeiture of all army pay and a dishonorable discharge from the service, because he refused to undergo an operation required to make him altogether fit for the army.

The priests have interested themselves in the case, because the boy's refusal is said to have been the result of a vow he and his mother made at the altar. He is a son of Mrs. James Lyons, 2646 Belgrade street.

Mrs. Lyons wrote to Camp Meade that seven years ago her son was in danger of death and that he was ordered by physicians to undergo an operation. The mother said that immediately she began to make novenas, or nine-day prayers, in the Catholic churches of Philadelphia and that she burned candles before various shrines as votive offerings, imploring divine intercession for the success of the operation.

A few days before the operation her son and she knelt before the high altar of St. Ann's Church and vowed that if the operation proved successful they would take it as evidence of divine intercession and that the son never would undergo another operation. The operation was performed and the boy recovered.

Mrs. Lyons said the charge of "slackerism" had crushed her and the boy; that he really wants to fight for his country, but that he could not violate his vow to do this.

Priests at Camp Meade, however, say that Mrs. Lyons has misinterpreted the teachings of the Catholic Church in this respect, as a vow that interferes with one's strict obligations is not valid, no matter how sincere the intention of one making it.

Although Mrs. Lyons insists that her decision to refuse to allow the boy to undergo the operation, even should the case be reopened, is irrevocable, priests at the camp said they would urge the mother to forget the vow she and her boy made under these circumstances. It is probable when this is done the mother will ask a reopening of the case.

CAMPAIGN STATEMENT COMING FROM SPROUL

Reception Tonight at Swarthmore Honoring Candidate for Governor

Senator William C. Sproul, candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor, who tonight will be a guest at a reception given in his honor by prominent residents of Swarthmore, announced today that he intends to make public certain statements regarding the campaign.

The reception will be held at the Strath Haven Inn, Swarthmore. Dr. Joseph Swain, president of Swarthmore College, will preside and among the speakers will be Samuel M. Vauclain, of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, and Lieutenant Governor Frank R. McClain. The Rev. Dr. Russell H. Conwell, president of the Temple University, is expected to attend and speak.

Charles D. Joyce, vice president of the Swarthmore National Bank, is chairman of the committee of 100 Swarthmoreans arranging the big reception. Many counties will be represented at the reception, including Lancaster, Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Berks.

CAMDEN MAKES PLANS FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Committee Named to Arrange for Appropriate Celebration

Preliminary plans for an appropriate observance of Memorial Day in Camden were discussed today by a citizens' committee at City Hall.

In addition to a parade of the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic, in which the school children will participate, there will be patriotic exercises at the First Methodist Episcopal Church at which numerous men of prominence will deliver addresses.

Officers of the committee which was appointed by Mayor Ellis are as follows: Chairman, Frank W. Tussey; Secretary, Charles M. Curry; treasurer, Clifford K. Beacon.

NAVAL OFFICER WEDS PHILADELPHIA GIRL

Lieutenant Patton and Miss Ruth Haertrich Married at Bride's Home

Lieutenant Robert V. Patton, U. S. N., and Miss Ruth Haertrich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Haertrich, of 4554 North Thirteenth street, were married at 11:15 this morning by the Rev. John P. H. Schweitzer, at the home of the bride's parents. Miss Eunelta Haertrich, a sister of the bride, was an attendant.

Lieutenant Patton is a native of Pendleton, Ore., and while a student in the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania, met Miss Haertrich. The couple left this afternoon for New York, where they will remain until Lieutenant Patton's ship receives sailing orders.

"WHITE WINGS" ARE DARK

Negro Women Employed by Pennsylvania Railroad at Ferries

Negro women as "white wings" and ferry boat porters is the latest innovation of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Pedestrians were surprised this morning to see, instead of the familiar figures of the husky male sweepers, negro women busily engaged in proving that the sidewalks and dirt could be divorced.

Fifty dollars a month is the sum negro women will be paid at the ferries.

SAY GERMAN PLOTTED TO BLOW UP HOSPITAL

Arrest Bares Alleged Plan to Destroy U. S. Medicines at Polyclinic

The arrest today of George Schultz, a German, of Sixth and Buttonwood streets, and his arraignment before Magistrate Watson on a technical charge of assault and battery on Angelo Barone, brought to light a supposed plot to destroy medicines for soldiers and to blow up the Polyclinic Hospital, where both Barone and Schultz were employed. Schultz was held in $1500 bail for further hearing.

The arrest was made by Sergeant Levy, of the Twelfth and Pine streets station, and the charge was brought against Schultz by Agent Carmen, of the Department of Justice. The assault charge, it developed, was arranged by Levy to assure the arrest of Schultz without causing suspicion among other Germans employed in the engineroom of the hospital, where, according to Levy, the plot was hatched.

Levy says that he heard of threats being made by Schultz and other hospital employes some time ago and arranged for Barone to start a "fake" fight with Schultz, so that he could arrest him and get him out of the hospital. He says that the plan was to put a high explosive into medicines being made at the hospital for the use of soldiers at the front, and that Schultz was the head of the scheme.

STOLE CHILD'S BEADS AND PURSE, IS CHARGE

Police Take Man Described as "Meanest Thief in Town"

Samuel Tolle, forty-five years old, of Eleventh and Locust streets, whom the police term the "meanest thief in town," was arrested this afternoon at Ninth and Market streets accused of stealing a pocketbook from fifteen-year-old Helen Waldron, of Conshohocken.

Detective Sergeant Ayres, of the Fourth detective precinct, arrested Tolle, in whom he says he recognized an old offender. When he saw Tolle deliberately pick the pocket of the child he arrested him and found the pocketbook. In the pocketbook were only a few beads and the child's carfare back to her home.

Havana Entries for Tomorrow

First race, three-year-olds and up, claiming, purse $400—Curis, 109; Elizabeth Thompson, 109; Twinkle Toes, 109; Sallie O'Day, 112; Dash, 112; Baby Cole, 112; Remarkable, 112; Piquette, 112.

Second race, three-year-olds and up, claiming, purse $400, 5 furlongs—Hazel, 100; Kicking Kid, 103; Moncreiff, 114; Bob Blossom, 114; Edmond Adams, 114; J. B. Harrell, 114; Seamloch, 114; Servia, 114.

Third race, three-year-olds and up, claiming, purse $400; 5 furlongs—Mr. Dooley, 100; Du Floss, 111; Cardome, 112; Lyndora, 112; Lady Capricious, 112; Miss Francis, 112; Proctor, 114.

Fourth race, three-year-olds and up, claiming, purse $400, 5 furlongs—Victrola, 107; Milbrey, 107; Violet, 110; Bunice, 110; Lady Snendthrift, 110; Briza, 112; Beverly James, 112; Marsenet, 112; Enver Bey, 112; Scrimmage, 112.

Fifth race, three-year-olds and up, claiming, purse $500, 6 furlongs—*Rapid Firer, 98; *Hard Gear, 102; *Neville II, 104; Fraziele, 104; Little Nephew, 105; Billy Joe, 107; Money, 107; Back Bay, 112; Eddie Henry, 113.

Sixth race, three-year-olds and up, claiming, purse $400, mile and 20 yards—*Harry Lauder, 99; Nashville, 102; Otisco, 105; Samuel R. Meyer, 111; Jack Hanover, 111; Canto, 113; Old Bob, 113.

Seventh race, three-year-olds and up, claiming, purse $400, mile and 50 yards—Zuzu, 91; King of the Scarlets, 93; *Frank Keogh, 97; *Peachie, 99; *London Girl, 106; Bright Sand, 108; *Bierman, 110; Harry Crown, 113; Balfron, 113; Charley McFerran, 113; Prince Philitheope, 113.

*Apprentice allowance claimed.

TAGEBLATT MEN TAKE NEW HOPE

Ruling of U. S. Judge in Civil War Days May Aid

DOES NOT WORRY KANE

U. S. Attorney, Prosecuting German Editors for Treason, Believes It Does Not Apply

A jury instruction made by a United States Circuit Court Judge in the early days of the Civil War, ruling that "words alone cannot constitute an act of treason," will be the principal argument used by attorneys defending the editors of the Tageblatt—Louis Werner and Dr. Martin Darkow—when the treason trial is resumed Monday before Judge Dickinson in the United States Court.

Poring over old law records, Henry J. Nelson, one of the attorneys for the defense, found the ruling by the merest chance. He stopped to read a jury charge rendered by a Judge Nelson, of the Circuit Court of the Southern District of Ohio, simply because he recalled him as a distant relative of his father. He and William A. Gray, chief counsel, regard the decision as the biggest point on which they will hinge the defense of the editors.

Government attorneys, however, when they learned of the plans of the defending attorneys, placed little importance on the decision. They expect to be able to convince the jury that it does not apply here.

With the resumption of the trial Monday, it is expected real blows will be struck at the editors, with the reading of all alleged seditious articles that appeared in the German language newspaper so far admitted in evidence. The first witness to take the stand Monday will be Leonard A. Peck, instructor of German at the Episcopal Academy. He had not finished his testimony when court adjourned yesterday until ten o'clock Monday.

Professor Peck is one of the translators produced by the Government, who converted many of the alleged seditious articles from German into English.

So far the jury has seen only the technical struggle between the lawyers to get the evidence in, and has been informed that news articles were taken from other papers by the Tageblatt editors and then changed from harmless news stories into strong pro-German and anti-American articles.

With the conclusion of Professor Peck's testimony, however, the full significance and purpose of the preliminary points made by the Government will be brought before the jury, as the work of reading the many translated articles will begin.

It is also expected that Judge Dickinson will instruct the jury Monday regarding whether the publication of the speech made by Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin, made in the Senate August 21, should be given consideration as an "overt act."

The La Follette speech was the one in which he assailed the wealthy men of the country and asked for a virtual conscription of wealth. The Tageblatt, however, "garbled" the account in its headlines, it is the contention of the Government.

DAMAGES AWARDED TO PROPETY OWNERS

Board of View Makes Report to Court of Common Pleas

John J. Green, William J. Kerns and J. Parker Norris, Jr., composing a board of view, today made their report to Court of Common Pleas No. 5 in the matter of the taking for park and playground purposes of two plots of ground.

Damages approximating $250,000 were assessed to owners of a plot of ground bounded by Tenth, Redman, Eleventh and Lombard streets. The awards will bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum from October 23, 1916, the time of the taking of the properties.

A board of view composed of the same men, with the exception of Charles W. Boger, who takes the place of John J. Green, also reported today in the matter of the taking of a plot of ground at Tioga street and Rising Sun avenue. The proprietor, Lemuel A. White, was assessed $3000, and the award will bear interest at 6 per cent from July 27, 1917.

GOOD PROGRESS MADE BY WOMEN WORKERS

Team Captains Report Collections of $2011 for Day at Luncheon

Today's reports of the team captains, in the ten-day campaign to raise $150,000 for the Philadelphia School for Women Christian Workers, at the luncheon held in the Bellevue-Stratford showed collections of $2441, making the grand total to date $36,705. Mrs. William Boyd, captain of team No. 5, brought for the fund $2011, which won the championship banner for the day.

Short talks were delivered to the campaigners by Mrs. Charles E. Bronson, Paul S. Leinbach and the Rev. William Hiram Foulkes.

Senate Passes Drastic Bill Against Flag Desecrators

Washington, March 23.—Six months' imprisonment or a fine of $500 was prescribed for desecrators of the American flag under a Senate bill passed this afternoon. The bill also provides that the bill shall not be used for advertising purposes or mutilated in any form.

Senator Gallinger (New Hampshire) asked if the bill would prevent the names of political candidates for office being attached to the flag in such manner that it be not defaced. Senator Chamberlain (Oregon), who introduced the bill, said no such prohibition was intended.

TOBACCO MERCHANTS URGED TO BUY BONDS

Patriotic Appeal to Trade Made by Head of Association

An appeal to cut out waste and invest all unemployed capital in Liberty Bonds was issued today by Charles J. Eisenlohr, head of the firm of Otto Eisenlohr & Brothers, 932 Market street, to all tobacco merchants throughout the United States.

Mr. Eisenlohr, who is president of the Tobacco Merchants' Association, pointed out the sacrifices made by those who have gone to the front, and asked the tobacco men of the country to subordinate all business interests to the cause of the war.

In his appeal he said among other things:

"I feel certain that in making the slogan of this association, in the present crisis of our country, 'The Winning of the War,' the entire industry will join with us in bending every effort to an early, complete and victorious ending of the war.

"It is for us, the noncombatants, necessary cogs, as we are, in the machinery of warfare, to do our bit, so that the brave boys at the front who are so valiantly giving their all to protect and uphold the honor and integrity of this country, shall not find themselves unsupported and unbacked by the host of non-fighters at home.

"We can indeed serve our country in this crisis in many different ways. We can invest our unemployed capital in Liberty Bonds, stimulate the sale of war savings stamps, help the Red Cross and other movements calculated to make the boys in the trenches a little happier and more comfortable. We can and should cut out all waste and economize in the use of such commodities as may be essential to the prosecution of the war. In other words, we must all make a supreme effort to serve our country to our utmost ability."

SOLD LIQUOR TO SAILORS TO HELP SICK MOTHER

Hog Island Workman Allowed to Go on His Oown Recognizance

In an effort to aid his mother, who was ill and without funds, Arthur Laughlin, twenty-three years old, of 549 East Cambria street, a workman at Hog Island, according to his own story, undertook to raise the needed money by selling liquor to sailors. He was arrested. United States Commissioner Long this morning held him in $500 bail. After hearing his story and discovering that he had not sufficient money left to get to work, Commissioner Long gave him a dollar and released him on his own recognizance.

Five other men who had been arrested on the same charge were held in $500 bail for court. They were George Freeman, nineteen years old, of 1539 Vine street; Walt Brown, twenty-nine years old, of Atlantic City; George Thompson, of Eleventh street, near Spring; Thomas Rowan, of Second street near Vine, and John Gordon, of Tenth street.

Peter White, of Wayne, Pa., was arrested on the same charge but was discharged when it was shown that he had taken no money for the liquor and that it was his first offense.

FAMOUS FRENCH FLIER TO THRILL PHILADELPHIA

Lieutenant Soachaire Coming From Washington in Plane to Aid Recruiting

To stimulate recruiting among the British and Canadian subjects in the United States, and especially Philadelphia, Lieutenant George Soachaire, attached to the French Aviation Corps, and decorated by the French and English authorities for downing twelve German planes, will fly on Monday from Washington to the Philadelphia Navy Yard at League Island.

Lieutenant Soachaire will maneuver his plane in the air outside League Island Tuesday morning, while the British tank Britannia, which arrived here today, occupies the attention of the spectators on the ground.

Among the many decorations which Lieutenant Soachaire wears are the Croix de Guerre, the French war cross, the French military medal, and the British military medal. He is also a member of the Legion of Honor.

He will remain in the city until Tuesday night, when he will fly back to Washington carrying the names of all the volunteers recruited during his visit.

AMERICAN LABOR CHIEF BRANDS "DIVIDE BELGIUM" STATEMENT

Calls German Publication a "False Fabrication" in Letter to Belgian Minister—Proud to Be in Full Accord With President Wilson

Washington, March 23.

BRANDING as a "false fabrication" statements from the German press that he had suggested the division of Belgium as the best way to end the war, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, has written to the Belgian Minister here pledging his "full accord" with President Wilson's war aims. The letter follows:

"My dear Mr. Cartier:

"You advised that you have received information from your Government that there is published in the press of Germany, attributing to me a statement that I suggested as the best solution to end the war, would be the division of Belgium upon the following basis:

"The north of Belgium to go to Holland, the south to France, in consequence of which France would renounce all claims on Alsace-Lorraine. You say, too, that the press in Germany published that I declared that ethnographically speaking there is no such a thing as the Belgian people. I have visited Belgium on two occasions and have found her people absolute and distinct with ability, [illegible] and character, and surely they have given a mighty good accounting of themselves, not only on the battlefields but also in the heroic resistance of the laboring classes against German outrages and tyranny.

"I am proud of being enlisted in the cause which shall make for the complete restoration of your outraged country and people. I, therefore, beg to assure you that not only have I never uttered such thoughts, but I have never had such thoughts in my mind. The whole story is another false fabrication made in Germany.

"I am proud to be in full accord with President Wilson and the war aims of the United States as so clearly set forth by him.

"I have the honor to remain,

"SAMUEL GOMPERS,
"President of the American Federation of Labor."

$150,000 Fertilizer Plant Burns

Concord, Mass., March 23.—The fertilizer plant of the Whitman & Pratt Rendering Company at Concord Junction was destroyed today by fire of undetermined origin. Representatives of

U. S. WON'T HELP HOUSE WORKERS

Director Eidlitz Warns Communities to Provide Homes for Men

NO CONTRACTS, PENALTY

Government's Appropriation Inadequate to Furnish All Dwellings Required

Philadelphia and other communities where war activities have greatly increased the number of workers and made the housing facilities inadequate are advised in a statement issued today by Otto M. Eidlitz, director of housing and transportation of the Department of Labor, that so far as possible the local interests should take steps towards sheltering the men and not rely entirely upon the Government to furnish houses.

Director Eidlitz, who is in charge of the plans for housing the Government workers, sounds a warning that no additional contracts for Government war work may be given to manufacturers here or in other localities where the employes are unable to find shelter.

It is quite reasonable for the Government to expect that communities which are benefiting by having Government contracts placed among their manufacturers and by reason of an increased population spending their earnings in that locality will make an effort to provide housing facilities and not depend entirely upon Government aid, Mr. Eidlitz asserts.

As means of relieving the housing situation he suggests that people who have never before taken in boarders now open up their homes to the workers; that available houses or institutions be converted into shelters for them, and that the transportation facilities to outlying districts be improved so that large numbers of the workers can go and come from homes at a distance.

His statement reads as follows:

"It is a matter of much concern to all governmental departments interested in housing that the various communities are getting a wrong idea as to the intent of the Government in connection with relieving the demand for housing in certain localities.

"Communities should realize that due to the high cost of building materials and labor, housing generally throughout the United States has been inadequate to meet even the normal growth of the various localities and, of course, the introduction of war work has accentuated this situation. However, it must be remembered that our situation is an emergency one, and that a community must do its utmost in the way of providing houses for industrial workers engaged in war work, through inducing those who did not formerly take in boarders to open their homes during this war emergency to these war workers.

"Furthermore, if there are any available houses or institutions which could be readily converted into reasonable housing for workers, this should be done.

"Again, if workers can be induced to come from outlying towns or hamlets and transportation can be improved to enable these workers to reach the industrial plants in the locality affected, this method should be employed. It may happen that a reasonable amount of temporary building may be introduced to meet the emergency and take the peak load.

"In any event, new houses should not be considered until every other means has been exhausted.

"It is also of vital importance to determine whether the products of the particular locality are immediately needed in the war program, and the order of importance.

"From all of which it must be realized that every community that can take care of itself should make every effort to do so before seeking Government aid, especially as the demand is much greater then the funds provided to meet it.

"If a community is benefiting through the fact that war orders are being placed among its manufacturers and indirectly through the fact that a larger population is spending its earnings in that particular community it is not unreasonable to ask that the community itself in this war emergency, shall make an effort to help itself.

"There is reason to believe that where a community is overloaded with contracts its chances for receiving additional governmental contacts is remote, as it naturally would be useless to offer additional contracts to a community whose manufacturers are already unable to find housing for their workers."

DEARDEN, REFORMER, STILL HEARTY AT 73

Head of United States Review Publishing Company Receives Congratulations of Friends

"Feel fine, still active, although I'm seventy-three years old today."

The voice was that of Robert A. Dearden, president of the United States Review Publishing Company and for many years actively associated in reform politics. For seventy-three years this active and energetic Philadelphian has watched the sands trickle downward in the glass of Father Time, and as he faces the seventy-fourth turning of the glass he is willing to bet the Ancient Reaper that he is still able to give him a tussle for many years to come.

He is celebrating the event simply with relatives and friends and receiving the hearty handclasps of many business friends and associates at his office with the United States Review Publishing Company.

Mr. Dearden is one of the board of managers of the Municipal League. He has served as delegate to several city and State conventions and as state chairman of the Keystone party. He is also a member of the American Academy of Political and Social Science. Mr. Dearden has been a member of the State Legislature at various times since 1885.

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March 24 and 31
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For Atlantic City and Other Points 7.50A
Account limited equipment available, the right is reserved to limit the sale of tickets to the capacity of the equipment.
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