KILLED BY LEAP OUT OF WINDOW

Adolph Bloem Plunges Into Street From Woman's Room

SHE SWALLOWS POISON

Second Victim of Mysterious Tragedy in Apartments in Critical Condition

Adolph Bloem, an electrical engineer of this city, died today in the Garretson Hospital as the result of a leap he made early this morning from the apartment of a young woman on the third floor of a house in Wallace street near Twentieth.

Mrs. William Fleming, the young woman, in whose company Bloem spent last night, is in a critical condition in the same hospital suffering from the effects of poison she swallowed following Bloem's act.

Bloem was married and lived at 7137 North Broad street. He was manager of the Walker Electric Company, Twenty-fourth and Callowhill streets. His wife reached the hospital soon after he was admitted.

According to Mrs. Fleming, she was introduced to Bloem a few days ago by a girl friend. They met last evening by appointment, she said, and went to several cafes.

Leaped to Street After Quarrel

About 1 o'clock this morning, the young woman continued, they proceeded to the Wallace street house, where she had a third-story front room.

"We quarreled after we reached the room," Mrs. Fleming is quoted by the police as saying. "Suddenly Mr. Bloem ran over to the window, raised the sash, climbed up on the sill and then jumped out. I ran over to the window and saw him lying on the sidewalk all huddled up.

"I feared I would be disgraced, so I got two or three poison tablets and swallowed them. That's about all I know, until you detectives came into the room and found me."

Shortly after 3 o'clock this morning the police of the Twentieth and Buttonwood streets station received a telephone call to the effect that a man had jumped from a window of the Wallace street house. Detectives Roney and Lindman found Bloem unconscious in the hallway.

They ran up to the third floor front room and found Mrs. Fleming lying on the bed moaning. Both Bloem and the woman were removed to the hospital.

Woman Separated from Husband

Mrs. Fleming, who is about twenty-four years old and attractive, has been separated from her husband nearly a year, it is said. She is employed in the inventory department of a store in Market street. It is said she came here three months ago from Erie, Pa., where her small son is living with her parents.

Bloem came to this city seven years ago from New York city. He and his wife have been living at the North Broad street address for several years. They were raising two adopted children.

CHARGE FRAUD IN REALTY DEAL

Couple Allege Swindle in Morton Property Transfer

Fraud in the transfer of realty is alleged in a suit entered today in Court of Common Pleas No. 5, by Finley C. Morris and Amy S. Morris, his wife, against Albert S. Wilson, Walter Preston and the Land Title and Trust Company. The suit is brought to recover $20,000 from the defendants named.

The statement of claim sets forth that the plaintiffs owned property in Morton, Delaware County, valued at $10,000. They employed Wilson to arrange for a transfer of the property for a number of small houses in Germantown. They alleged that through Wilson's dealings, he acting in conjunction with Preston and the trust company, the Morton property was transferred for the houses at a valuation of $10,000 and a mortgage of $38,000.

It is charged that there was false and fraudulent representations made for the purpose of cheating and defrauding the plaintiffs. They charge that on the same day the properties were transferred to them, Wilson purchased them for $5000, and then sold them for $10,000 when he was acting as agent and had the good faith and confidence of the Morrises. The plaintiffs aver that Preston and the trust company were partners to the deal and it could not have been carried out if it were not for them.

GERMANS BEG FOOD FROM U. S.

Note Unpublished Because It Was Not Sent to Allies

Washington, Dec. 20.—(By A. P.)—In spite of Secretary Lansing's emphatic admonition that such communications must not be addressed to the United States alone, the German Government has sent another appeal to the American Government for modification of the armistice terms, and for food. The receipt of the note was announced at the State Department today, with the explanation that it would not be made public because it did not differ from previous appeals and was in violation of the decision that communications must be addressed to all the governments associated with the United States in the war.

While it is realized that the situation in Germany is far from good, the persistent appeals are regarded here as a part of propaganda by which the authorities at Berlin hope to escape some of the result of defeat.

LIEUT. REVENES DECORATED

Former Philadelphian, Officer of "Lost Division," Wounded

Lieutenant Maurice S. Revenes, of the famous "Lost Division," who was severely wounded during the battle of the Argonne Forest and lay four days in a clump of woods before being taken to a hospital, has been decorated for gallantry.

He was formerly manager of the Metropolitan Opera House under Oscar Hammerstein, and later a dramatic critic in New York. Lieutenant Revenes is twenty-eight years old and lived when in this city at 3025 Diamond street. His mother, Mrs. Minnie M. Revenes, lives at 1917 North Thirty-second street.

A trench-mortar bomb exploded close beside him, he wrote in a letter to his mother, and he was severely injured. One leg was so badly shattered that a part of the foot and ankle had to be amputated. He has received letters of commendation from General G. B. Duncan, of his division, and from Captain Penson, of the French army.

JAIL SAILOR FOR AUTO THEFT

Intention to Return Car After "Joy Ride" Fails to Impress

Every one who unlawfully takes a motorcar, whether for the purpose of stealing it outright, or returning it to its owner after a ride about the city, must be punished for the offense, in the opinion of Judge John M. Patterson, in Quarter Sessions Court.

Frank G. McSween, a sailor in the United States navy, today pleaded guilty to taking the car of J. B. McCorkell, 520 Tioga avenue, for a "joy ride." He has served two years in the navy and just before was arrested. Judge Patterson sentenced him to six months in jail.

THREE INJURED AS CAR CRUSHES PASSENGER BUS

Refining Company Employes Are Victims of Collision on Elmwood Avenue

Three persons were injured and several others narrowly escaped death today when a westbound Elmwood avenue car at Sixty-third street struck a motor passenger bus carrying employes of the Atlantic Refining Company to Point Breeze.

The injured include:

William C. McKenna, 1545 South Fifty-third street, cut and bruised.

R. W. Hager, 5743 Sherwood road, bruised.

A girl passenger, who refused to give her name, was taken to the University Hospital.

Police say both vehicles approached the intersection at a rapid rate of speed. The driver of the bus said he thought the motorman intended to let him pass first and the motorman evidently was of the opinion that the car held right of way. The car struck the bus and turned it completely over. The screams of several girl passengers attracted nearby residents who extricated the riders with considerable difficulty.

Five Persons Die by Car's Plunge

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feet below. The car was lying bottom upward, the light still gleaming.

The body of Mrs. Baldus floated to the surface and the police pulled out the four others with the use of ropes. Statzenbach was still in the driver's seat, his hands clasped to the wheel.

The bodies were rushed to the Atlantic City Hospital where surgeons pronounced them dead. They were of the opinion that the five victims had been in the water for at least thirty minutes.

The bridge at Dead Man's Curve has been the scene of many accidents. It is about 300 feet in length and narrow like most of the other bridges on the only driveway into Atlantic City.

There is a sharp bend to the left at the Pleasantville end of the structure, and an equally sharp bend to the right at the approach from this city, which confuse drivers when they suddenly find the hundred feet wide driveway narrowed to a width barely a foot clearway between hulls and the guard rails.

RIBS BROKEN IN AUTO CRASH

Quartermaster's Car and Navy Motor Collide on Broad Street

Michael O'Connor, Locust street above Twelfth, received three broken ribs today when an army quartermaster's corps car in which he was riding was struck by a naval hospital automobile at Broad street and Washington avenue. The naval car was driven by a sailor named Henry McGee, who was unhurt.

McGee was driving north in Broad street, and a large motortruck driven by John Volpe, Twelfth street near Tasker, trying to pass, forced him to pull in front of the other car, which was going south. Volpe was arrested and taken before Magistrate Baker, at the Twentieth and Fitzwater streets station. He was released to appear for a hearing.

TREE FOR SAFETY DIRECTOR

Department Clerks Provide Balls, Toys and Lights

A huge Christmas tree laden with myriads of ball, toys and miniature incandescent lights, was erected today in the office of Director of Public Safety William H. Wilson by the clerks of the department under the direction of James H. Lambert, private secretary to Director Wilson. Among the clerks who participated in the decorating of the tree was David Ireland, who has four sons in the army. One of Mr. Ireland's sons was recently killed in action.

DRIVER HELD FOR CORONER

Negro, Whose Motortruck Killed Woman, Committed

John F. Hutchinson, a negro, 4129 Warren street, was held to await the action of the Coroner today by Magistrate Mecleary, for the death of Leona Ingram, twenty-one years old, 5523 Addison street. She was struck by a heavy motortruck which Hutchinson was driving. The accident occurred at Fifty-first and Spruce streets, while the young woman was alighting from a trolley car. The woman died in the University Hospital.

BLAZE INTERRUPTS DINERS

Restaurant Proprietor and Lodger Narrowly Escape Suffocation

Fire of unknown origin, which started in the cellar of the Home Restaurant, 1422 North Fifty-second street, damaged the establishment to the extent of $1000 at noon today and deprived a score or more of patrons, who were driven out by the smoke, of their meal.

J. B. Plotke, proprietor of the restaurant, and James Weaver, who were asleep in rooms upstairs when the blaze started, were awakened with difficulty and barely escaped suffocation.

STREET PLEA TO MAYOR

Northwest Business Men Want Them Repaired and Lighted

Mayor Smith was urged today by a delegation from the Northwest Business Men's Association to have the streets repaired and the lighting facilities improved in the section they represent.

Morris Douglas, president of the association, headed the delegation, which said the streets were in a bad condition. The Mayor promised to give the matter his attention.

LECTURES ON DEMOCRACY

Jonathan C. Day Speaker Tonight at Friends' Select School

Jonathan C. Day will lecture this evening at Friends' Select School, Sixteenth and Cherry streets on "New Voices in the New Democracy."

This will be the fourth of a series of lectures arranged by the T. Wistar Brown Graduate School of Haverford College, and the Friends' committee for social order.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

John P. Waltjen, 1048 Chelten ave., and Ruth A. Heidke, 1040 E. Chelten ave.

Alexander W. Lyles, 2028 Addison st., and Gertrude M. Gover 14 S. Van Pelt st.

Harry Cohen, 942 N. 7th st., and Rosa Schwartz, 430 Hoffman st.

Peter G. Leidneck, U. S. A., Ashland, Pa., and Margaret C. O'Brien, Rose Creek, Pa.

Harry T. Rickner, 2403 S. Garnet st., and Caroline Ott, 268 Bubcam st.

Martin G. Steck, Martinsburg, W. Va., and Leone G. Wertz Philipsburg, Pa.

Temple Scott, 1730 Naudain st., and Susan A. Hamilton, 1730 Naudain st.

Clarence R. Johnson, U. S. N., St. Louis, Mo., and Addell A. Thies, 1814 N. Lambert st.

William G. Mayo, 604 S. 19th st., and Mary Moore, 604 S. 19th st.

Matthew Register, Jeffersonville, Pa., and Margaret V. Jacobs, Camden, N. J.

Harry Feldstein, 22a Christian st., and Libby Torchinsky, 674 N. 12th st.

James F. Morzan, 4053 Ludlow st., and Ethel M. Price, 4400 Girard ave.

William Henry, 3106 Mt. Vernon st., and Irene Adams, 2118 Fitzwater st.

Zacharias Backer, Drammam, Norway, and Marie Carbone, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Edward N. Bennett, Pleasantville, N. J., and Viola M. Ladrm, 1855 N. 11th st.

Sam Coplinan, 610 Snyder ave., and Fannie Goldberg, 610 Snyder ave.

Henry A. William, 2012 Alder st., and Elizabeth Rheubottom, 2011 S. 20th st.

Robert A. Bowey, 1747 Annin st., and Della Parker, 2634 Arch st.

Antonio Vitale, 1820 S. 15th st., and Jennie Di Feo, 2840 Annin st.

Nathan Newstadt, 2544 S. 3rd st., and Lena Berlin, 1311 S. Lawrence st.

The Best during and after influenza. Horlick's Malted Milk, nourishing, digestible.—Adv.

NAVY AUXILIARY QUITS JANUARY 1

Mrs. Stotesbury Announces Organization of 16,000 Women Will Disband

FOLLOWS END OF WAR

Aid in Knitting for Men in Service Declared No Longer Necessary

The Navy Auxiliary of the Red Cross will disband January 1.

Its more than 16,000 members, many of them working girls, will be demobilized. No more work will be done after the close of the Red Cross rollcall drive for members Monday.

The organization was formed more than a year ago to supplement, with knitted garments, the comforts provided sailors by the navy.

Mrs. E. T. Stotesbury, chairman of the auxiliary, addressed the following statement to the newspapers:

"In view of the fact that the news has become prematurely public that the Navy Auxiliary is going to demobilize on January 1, you are asked to publish the following authoritative statement:

"The executive committee of the Navy Auxiliary and the chairmen of its various sections, whose members number 16,000, have unanimously voted to demobilize the Navy Auxiliary on January 1.

Reason for Disbanding

"Our reason for so doing is that the organization was formed for war work only, its purpose being to supplement by knitted garments the comforts provided for the men of the navy by the Navy Department.

"A great proportion of our members are working girls. For instance, in the Gimbel, Lit and Snellenburg stores alone there are 5000 members who stay after house to do their knitting for the navy.

"We have furnished 75,000 knitted garments, and, now that the war is over, it is undoubtedly a great hardship to the working girls to ask them to expend time and energy on work which is not absolutely necessary.

"The paymaster general of the navy approves our demobilization and assures us that no further aid is necessary. The Red Cross division headquarters in Philadelphia tells us that they have 50,000 sweaters in reserve and they also approve our ceasing this work.

"We therefore decided to demobilize January 1 rather than let our splendid organization disintegrate from lack of occupation.

"Please understand that our demobilization does not mean withdrawal from the Red Cross, as we will retain our membership and be ready on call any time to aid the navy.

"We are particularly anxious as loyal Red Cross members that our action should not adversely affect the Red Cross drive for membership, and therefore we decided not to announce our demobilization until after rollcall. We learned this morning that the news has reached the newspapers, and, being true, cannot be denied. We have therefore decided to make this explanation.

"MRS. EDWARD T. STOTESBURY,
"Chairman Navy Auxiliary, American Red Cross."

Five hundred men of the Baldwin Locomotive Works tendered an ovation to the workers of the Red Cross Christmas rollcall drive at a meeting today at Eighteenth and Hamilton streets. In their working clothes and with their hands and faces smeared with oil, the workmen listened attentively to the speeches of the women orators and afterward contributed liberally to the subscriptions.

The crowd was addressed by Edith Fell and Eleanor Schofield, both from England. The two women have just returned from the battlefront and told the workmen of hardships, desolation and starving condition of many people in the European countries. The women represented the families of the orphan children of France.

Another successful meeting was held at the Liberty Statue, where the principal speaker was E. J. Cattell, City Statistician. Following his address Mr. Cattell contributed five subscriptions for children of the Camden Home for Friendless Children, of which Mr. Cattell's father and mother were president and vice president, respectively.

The meeting at the statue was participated in by twelve children from the Northern Home. Attired in Red Cross uniforms, the little ones romped about the statue and made a "big hit" with the large crowd that attended the meeting.

BOY HELD AS FIREBUG

Blames "Nervousness" for Twice Igniting Roslyn School Property

After a hearing before Magistrate H. C. Williams, at Abington, Stanley G. Tilson, thirteen years old, was held for action of the Juvenile Court of Montgomery County, on charges of having caused two fires at the Miss Wood's private school, Roslyn. The first fire, a month ago, destroyed the barns and crops, causing a loss of $10,000, and the second fire, on Monday night, threatened the school buildings and endangered the lives of other children. Young Tilson has admitted he started the fires.

Suburban officials expect Tilson's father, a wealthy lawyer, of Pontiac, Mich., to arrive here today.

Young Tilson is said to be suffering from a nervous disorder. In his confession to Chief of Police Lever he asserted his only reason for starting the fires was "nervousness."

$3,000,000 TO BUY CANAL

Improvement of Chesapeake and Delaware Locks Also Provided

Washington, Dec. 20.—A three million dollar appropriation for purchase and improvement of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal will be included in the rivers and harbors bill to be reported to the House tomorrow.

Of this sum $2,514,000 will be used to purchase the canal and the remainder for making the waterway a twelve-foot sea-level canal. The committee today voted the appropriation into the bill.

The rivers and harbors bill also contains an appropriation of $2,500,000 for the Delaware River. This will be used to continue work of deepening the channel to thirty-five feet.

NINE WILLS IN PROBATE

Relatives Only Beneficiaries in Division of Small Estates

Relatives were the only beneficiaries in nine wills admitted to probate today. The wills are as follows:

Mary Wanger, 2359 East Dauphin street, $22,000; Albert H. Hennick, 150 Moore street, $14,000; Andrew Logan, 2112 East Clearfield street, $14,000; Mary Schwarz, 254 East Allen street, $9800; Edward Steere, 6182 Osceola street, $8700; Thomas R. Bradford, 1862 Frankford avenue, $7500; Annie Smythe, St. Agnes Hospital, $7500; Clayton D. Weaver, 6831 Delancey street, $7200; Sarah W. Boardman, 5729 Mascher street, $4500.

WAR VETERAN JOHNSON AND WIFE

Mechanic Theodore C. Johnson and his wife. He is a veteran of many wars who was permitted to come home for his convalescence and then arrested as a "deserter" from the Lakewood hospital

SOLDIERS RECOVER IN HOME OF MRS. R. M. CADWALADER

Officers Convalescing in Hospital at Camp Hill Call It Heaven, Praising Donor, Who Has Charge, and Helps Nurse Them Back to Health

(Photographs illustrating this article appear on the back page.)

If you can visualize the convalescent hospital for overseas soldiers that Mrs. Richard M. Cadwalader has established in her country home at Camp Hill, Pa., and sense the happiness of the twenty or more wounded veterans who are living there you are fortunate.

But if you lack that occult power, First Lieutenant Leonard J. Hibbard, veteran of Cambrai, Cantigny and St. Mihiel, is willing to aid you. He says the hospital is the most wonderful institution of its kind that he knows of; and, voicing the opinions of his comrades, he bestows upon the palatial institution a unique tribute by saying that "it's really heaven."

Describing this hospital is not an easy task, and at the outset the readers of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER must know that it is not to be regarded as the country estate of a rich man where soldiers are entertained.

It is nothing of the sort, but in reality a genuine hospital and listed at the War Department as U. S. A. Convalescent Hospital No. 1.

It is subject to the regulations and so-called red-tape of the army, but for a commander has drawn upon the fair sex and, being the owner of the property and sponsor for the hospital, Mrs. Cadwalader holds that coveted title.

Mrs. Cadwalader began her career as commander of an army hospital late in the summer, and, thanks to her untiring zeal and energy, is making a huge success of the job.

"I wanted to do something worth while," she said, when discussing her work today, "so gave my country home to the Government. It was my purpose to make it a general hospital, but an officer who came here from Washington to inspect the building said it would make an ideal convalescent home for officers. The Government selects the men sent here, and at present there are more than twenty who are regaining their strength among these rugged hills. Some remain for a few days and others for several weeks."

Mrs. Cadwalader, a very charming woman and a popular hospital commander, laughed when one of the wounded men saluted her. "They enjoy the home very much," she added, "and I am so happy to be here and in a position to serve them."

The Cadwalader estate is located on the crest of a noble hill, a few miles north of Glenside, and from this commanding position the service men enjoy a picturesque landscape.

The house, a big rambling structure that combines the country attractions of an English manor house, and the modern appointments of an American mansion, has been turned over, with the exception of a few rooms, to the men who wrote history over there.

There is nothing lacking that would add to the comfort of the wounded men. Even a moving-picture machine has been installed in the gymnasium, and new automobiles obtained for the soldiers' use.

Every soldier at the hospital is under treatment, but the cost for this medical attention and nursing, like the cost of food and everything else, is paid by Mrs. Cadwalader.

But you cannot write a story concerning this hospital without mentioning the human element in almost every paragraph for if ever the human element played a conspicuous role in the management of a government institution, it is played at U. S. A. Convalescent Hospital No. 1.

Mrs. Cadwalader is responsible for that, for from early morning until late at night she is on the job. Last summer she harvested great stores of fruits and vegetables and preserved them for winter use, and a peek at the store rooms today revealed hundreds of jars of jellies, mince meat, fruits and choice vegetables.

And the score or more officers do their share, too, toward keeping the human element in the forefront of all the activities. Hibbard, it will be recalled, was a famous sprinter in his days at Harvard, and besides being a good engineer officer, he is a genuine ace as a smile producer.

A year ago last June he went to France with the Eleventh Engineers.

That outfit while at work in the Cambrai section objected very strenuously when the Boche made a vicious attack on the British and, dropping their picks and shovels, got into the fight. That scrap was one of the first important engagements in which our boys figured, and many casualties resulted.

A short time later Hibbard was transferred to the First Engineers, and at Cantigny sustained a severe leg wound. Following his recovery he again went to the front, and on September 26 was put out of action when his regiment advanced upon a German stronghold in the St. Mihiel sector.

Among the officers at the hospital are Lieutenants A. W. Boone, Roxborough, Pa.; Robert T. Linehan, New York; F. B. Stokes, New York; A. P. Kivlin, North Attleboro, Mass.; L. S. Hiorans, Scranton, Pa.; Harry B. Young, Omaha, Neb.; A. J. McKay, Nashua, N. H.; Harold H. Street, Flushing, N. Y.; Robert S. Love, Worcester, Mass.; John B. Flood, New York; Samuel Strauss, New York; Homer M. Phillips, Pittsburgh; Henry Legg, Bernard C. Wolcott and Clifford Sample.

The officers are warm in their praises for the Red Cross and Salvation Army and cannot say enough for the men in the navy.

"The Red Cross," said Condon, "is a great organization and in France is doing a work that is beyond description. It deserves the support of every true American, and I must say the same thing of the Salvation Army."

LOSES $1000 PENSION TO CONFIDENCE MEN

Former Pennsylvania Switchman Puts Money in Box: Finds It Empty

One man's $1000 dollars may be another man's misfortune!

At least so thinks Joseph Connelly, who is seventy years old, a former switchman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, whose only visible income is a pension.

Connelly no longer has the money he had saved from the pension, but he has acquired a deep-rooted suspicion of "old friends" with whom he used to "work on the railroad."

Connelly, who lives on Thirty-ninth street near Market, met a man at Thirty-second and Market streets who shook his hand and beamed on him with great friendliness. He was an old coworker of Connelly's—so he said.

The two old friends went to the rooms of the gentleman with the long memory and there was still another former worker on the railroad.

One of the former switchmen just happened to have a pack of cards. A little game followed.

But you're wrong if you think Connelly sat in and was cheated out of his money. Connelly just watched.

One of the "old friends" was soon forced to "go to bank" to get more money.

Connelly stuck around a few minutes, then went home, promising to come back the next day. That was where he played his cards badly.

With all his pension money he went back next afternoon. He thought it wouldn't be a bad notion if he joined in the game.

They played "high card wins." Some one—not Connelly—suggested that each put $1000 in a little black Japanese box on the table in case the police drop in suddenly.

Some one—not Connelly—finally got tired and suggested that they find out where they stood and divide the winnings. Somebody else—positively not Connelly—suggested that they go out and get a drink, and carry the black box with them for safety. Connelly was to carry the box.

Coming down the stairs, one of the former switchmen disappeared. On the street the other disappeared. Connelly got the box.

FEDERAL PROBE JABS TRAIN SERVICE HERE

Begins Investigation of Complaints Against Schuylkill Division, P. R. R.

The United States railroad administration is investigating complaints of inadequate service on the Schuylkill division of the Pennsylvania Railroad. It announced this afternoon that complaints of similar service on other divisions would be treated in the same manner.

"Assertions concerning poor service on the Schuylkill division of the Pennsylvania Railroad were reported to me today," said C. R. Capps, traffic assistant to Regional Director C. G. Markham, "and I took immediate steps to investigate.

"An inspector has been assigned to that division and he will report conditions to me. If such evils, as have been pictured, really exist we will make every effort to correct them." The Schuylkill Valley division runs through the Bala-Cynwyd district.

The bulk of complaints against the service on the Schuylkill division relate to a suburban train that arrives at Broad street shortly after nine o'clock in the morning. Yesterday, according to the complainants, this train consisted of two cars, an ordinary coach, filthy and antiquated and a combination baggage and smoking car.

The cars were filled to the hilt with every day commuters and in addition carried a large number of women and children who came to the city to do their Christmas shopping.

At the beginning of the war the suburbanites, to expedite the movement of troops and supplies, expressed a willingness to have their railroad service curtailed. With the end of the war, division patrons argue there is no longer any need for wartime measures and they are asking for better service.

GAS IN CELLAR EXPLODES

Little Damage Done by Fire in Cobbler's Shop

A slight explosion followed by a fire occured at 742 Bainbridge street, a building occupied by Joseph Abrameson, a cobbler, today when gas from leaky pipes collected in the basement.

Fire engines extinguished the flames after slight damage had been done.

HERO ARRESTED THROUGH ERROR

Theodore Johnson, Home on Visit, Taken as Deserter

SEVEN TIMES WOUNDED

Soldier Four Times Decorated for Bravery Is Victim of Lieutenant's Blunder

Wounded seven times, gassed twice and wearing four decorations for bravery, Theodore Johnson, 5227 Girard avenue, came home to visit his wife only to be arrested on a charge of desertion, lodged against him through a mistake by a second lieutenant at the military hospital at Lakewood, N. J.

First placed in a cell at a police station here and then taken into custody by an armed military policeman, it was not until Department of Justice agents intervened that the error was rectified.

Johnson came home proudly several weeks ago to visit his wife. He had permission from his captain. On his shoulder was the Red Keystone, the mark of special citation given the Iron Division by General Pershing. On his breast were the Croix de Guerre, the French Fourragere, and the American Distinguished Service Cross. Three gold stripes on his sleeves were official recognition of his wounds. One of the seven wounds was a bayonet gash eight inches long which shortened his right leg.

Veteran of Three Wars

Besides the world war, Johnson is a veteran of service in three other fields—the Spanish-American war, the Boxer uprising, and the Haitian campaign. A scar four inches long on his left cheek is the mark left by the knife of a rebel in the fighting in China.

About a week ago Johnson was notified by the police of the Peach and Media streets police station that he was wanted for desertion. He was arrested and taken to the station, and his wife declares she was refused permission to see him. Then he was sent in a patrol wagon to City Hall, where Captain of Detectives Souder refused to lock him up because of his splendid record.

Captain Souder notified the Department of Justice, whose agents asked the Lakewood Hospital for instructions. An armed guard with orders for Johnson's arrest, signed by the second lieutenant, was the reply.

Immediate Release Ordered

Special Agent Leo Gorman, of the Department of Justice, was indignant. He reached Colonel Mason at Lakewood by telephone and explained the situation. Colonel Mason ordered Johnson released from the custody of the military policeman. Johnson will be allowed to report voluntarily at the hospital where the mistake will be rectified.

Johnson was a member of Company D, 109th Infantry, and he says that he is one of only four survivors of the company. He sailed from France on the transport Mount Vernon, which was torpedoed and had to put back to port.

On June 18, Johnson was reported killed in action. Since returning home, he has received forty-nine letters which were sent back from France marked "deceased."

One night Johnson was on duty in a listening post. In order to escape a German sniper he leaped into a shell hole, where there were two dead men. When daylight came he identified one as a marine and the other a German soldier.

U. of P. Will Honor Its Heroes

Names of 121 University of Pennsylvania alumni and undergraduates who died in the war will be placed on the "Monument of Honor" on the campus immediately, and memorial services will be held on University day, February 22.

STORM BREAKS IN SENATE PROBE

Reed Resents Mention of Hale's Collaboration With President

'REFLECTION ON WILSON'

Will Carry Protest Against "Evidence" to Floor of Senate

Washington, Dec. 20.

The expected storm in the Senate propaganda investigation broke today when Senator Reed, after vainly protesting against the admission of certain evidence, declared he would "voice his protest on the floor of the Senate."

"You have that right," replied Senator Overman, chairman of the investigating committee.

Reed's objection, which was one of many made by different members of the committee, during the day, was based on the propriety of admitting an article in the New York Call, commenting upon the acquisition of William Bayard Hale to the ranks of the supporters of Morris Hillquit. The article was published during the New York mayoralty campaign in 1917.

Collaborated With Wilson

The article stated in referring to Hale that he had collaborated with President Wilson in writing "The New Freedom."

"I protest against that. It is a reflection upon the President of the United States," declared Reed.

"I fail to see how anything Hale might do or say could injure President Wilson in the slightest," replied Deputy Attorney General Becker, of New York, who was testifying.

Becker contended that the article was relevant, as it showed that Hale was supporting the Socialist candidate in New York at the time he was in the pay of the German Government. This connection of Hale's with Germany had been testified to at a previous hearing.

"Let it go in," was Overman's verdict after considerable consideration.

Says Berlin Employed Hale

Becker said that Hale was employed by the Germans because of influence he was thought to have with the American people. His failure to exert any influence with the President on behalf of Germany was a great blow, he declared.

Lauritz Larsen, secretary of the National Lutheran Council, today introduced a letter written to Senator Overman, which was put into the record, protesting against testimony relating to German proclivities of its members.

"It is to be deplored that the impression has been created that it is a German or pro-German church," he wrote. Larsen declared that before we entered the war "the church officials encouraged support of the President in his efforts to keep the country neutral, and when our country entered the war the church rallied to the flag."

"What part any members of the church have taken in the pro-German propaganda they have taken as German sympathizers and not because they were Lutherans," he added.

ROB BANK; KIDNAP CHIEF

Yeggs Get $22,000 and Head of Police Force

Chicago, Dec. 20.—(By A. P.)—Five automobile bandits today robbed the Summit (Ill.) State Bank of $7000 in cash and $15,000 in Liberty Bonds, then diknapped the chief of police who pursued them and escaped in the direction of Chicago.

The same bank was robbed of $44,000 a year ago.

Bethlehem Organist Dies of Grip

Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 20.—George W. Gilbert, organist of the First Reformed Church and bookkeeper in a bank, succumbed to the influenza yesterday.

Evening Dress Mufflers and Motoring Scarfs—Silk or Woolen

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DEATHS

CONNELL.—Killed in action in France, Oct. 4, CARL J. CONNELL, son of John S. and Martha B. Connell, aged 19. Memorial services 11 a. m., Sun., Church of Redemption, 56th and Market sts.

HELP WANTED—FEMALE

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Here is a fine chance for the right woman, preferably 25 to 35 years of age, who is capable of handling girls; some knowledge of handling and operating machinery is essential, but familiarity with the Multigraph is not entirely necessary. In submitting your application give full description of your past experience and qualifications. Apply

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