# CHILDREN BREAK WITH STILLMAN

## Banker's Eldest Son Violently Upbraided Father for Action Against Mother

## DIVORCE SUIT HANGS FIRE

New York, March 16. — Besides charging his wife with infidelity and her youngest son with illegitimacy, James A. Stillman, president of the National City Bank, in his divorce action demands the custory of their three other children—Anne, James and Alexander Stillman.

This was learned for the first time yesterday through the gradual leakage of facts about the suit, despite the efforts of counsel on both sides to preserve its secrecy. It was learned also that the father's action in making his sensational charges against his wife and her youngest son has estranged the whole family from him.

The daughter, Anne Stillman, who is nineteen years old and is attending a finishing school, is said to be the only one of the children who visits her father. She goes to see her father and mother both, but is sympathetic with her mother. The next child, James, seventeen, who goes to a preparatory school in New York, has broken with his father altogether, and no longer sees or communicates with him.

Alexander, eleven, is with his mother at Lakewood. The boy Guy, a little more than two years old, who is the principal figure in the case because of the allegation of illegitimacy, and the inheritance of millions involved, is also with his mother.

It was learned that the whole household, servants included, was broken up when the trouble between Mr. and Mrs. Stillman came to a climax last March.

## GUIDE HOTLY DENIES STILLMAN'S CHARGES

Montreal, Quebec, March 16.—Fred Beauvais, the guide named as correspondent in James A. Stillman, president of the National City Bank, New York city, in his divorce action against Mrs. Anne Urquhart Stillman, emphatically denied yesterday the truth of the banker's allegations.

"It is a lie, and I can prove it," he said when found by newspaper men here. "This case has been what you call in camera, behind closed doors, private, kept from the public press for five months now. The only idea of making the charges public was to give Mr. Stillman a chance to prove his lying allegations against me. He can't do it, and he knows he can't do it. That's all I have to say."

Fred Beauvais is a well-built, good-looking young man, five feet ten inches in height. He speaks with a cultured voice and uses good English. He resented the suggestion that he was an Indian, and said he came of an old French-Canadian family and had documentary evidence to substantiate his claims of descent.

Beauvais spoke in the most affectionate terms of James Stillman, the Stillman's seventeen-year-old son, who is understood to have taken his mother's side in the controversy, and on several occasions during his conversation, he pointed with a gesture of pride to a photograph of the boy which stood on the mantelpiece.

The guide appeared to be in prosperous circumstances. His rooms were well furnished, and he was well dressed.

## GIRL LOST IN CHINA

### Uncle Here Unable to Find Her Town on Map. So Plea for Funds Fails

A girl is lost somewhere in China. Her uncle, Herman Solnicki, of Moscow, who is in this city on law business, learned that fact last night when he received a cablegram from a little town in the Far East. The girl stated she was without funds.

The girl escaped from Bolsheviists in Poland and fled through Siberia. She learned her uncle's whereabouts through telegrams from aunts in Austria, Poland and Germany. Mr. Solnicki, however, cannot find on a map the Chinese town she names. Chinese officials know of no such place, and so he has been unable to assist her.

Mr. Solnicki is the plaintiff in a case heard yesterday in Common Pleas Court No. 2. He, through his agent, purchased 156 cases of leather from John H. Evans & Co., 119 Arch street. He claims to have paid for them by draft, but political conditions in Russia caused the Philadelphia National Bank to hold the goods awaiting final settlement. On the falling of leather prices the goods were sold. Solnicki is suing for return of either the money or the merchandise.

## ROBS ERRAND BOY OF $200

### Stranger Used Old Trick and Messenger Loses Silk Dresses

A young man making stole a package containing silk dresses worth more than $200 from Hymie Hymowitz, 521 De Lancey street, a fifteen year-old errand boy for S. Beckman & Co., manufacturers of dresses, Jumper and Cherry streets.

The boy was about to cross Arch street with the package when the man stopped him and asked for the location of the nearest telegraph office. He told the boy he had to get two packages from a clothing firm at Eighth and Arch streets.

"I'll give you a dollar if you get those two packages for me," said the man, as he promised to watch Hymowitz's package. The boy agreed and went to the address given him and asked for "Mr. Jones," but was informed no such person worked there. He hurried back and found the stranger and the package were gone. The boy reported to police of the Eleventh and Winter streets station, crying throughout the telling of the tale.

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## *University Activities Scheduled at Penn Today*

1 p. m. — Luncheon Northeast Club, Houston Hall.
5 p. m.—Meeting junior class officers and council Houston Hall.
8:15 p. m.—Concert Philadelphia Orchestra, Weightman Hall.

## FIRST SEWER BONDS WIN IN HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP

### Proposal to Abandon Ancient Drainage System Carries by Large Vote

The people of Haverford township, at a special election yesterday, declared for the immediate installation of a modern sewer system.

Haverford township is one of the few first-class townships in Pennsylvania which still has the ancient method of cesspool drainage. For years the sewerage question has been agitated and the township commissioners yesterday presented the question of creating a bond issue for a system of sewers.

For a week meetings had been held in various districts of the township at which the commissioners, headed by Horatio G. Lloyd, chairman, brought forcibly to the notice of the citizens the immediate necessity of a modern drainage system.

Those in favor of the movement carried on intensive campaigns of instruction, with the result that there was a large turnout of the voters, in which the women kept pace with the men.

In the Llanerch, Preston, Coopertown and Oakmont districts, the vote in favor was almost 6 to 1. The only districts that returned a vote against the movement for the progress and better health of the township were the Eagle and Southeast districts, which are composed mainly of farming interests.

The vote of the districts follows:

| | For | Against |
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| Coopertown | 8 | 59 |
| Eagle and Manoa | 7 | 37 |
| Llanerch | 340 | 58 |
| Oakmont and Brookline | 305 | 75 |
| Preston | 292 | 30 |
| Southeast | 82 | 100 |
| Totals | 1082 | 374 |

## MAID AND GEMS VANISH

### Mrs. Edward Off Misses Jewels When Servant Disappears

Mrs. Edward Off, 4202 Walnut street, is mourning the loss of a new servant girl and $2000 worth of jewels. Both disappeared yesterday while the mistress was out shopping.

Mrs. Off reported to the police of the Thirty-second street and Woodland avenue station this morning that she had hired the girl on Monday. The new domestic seemed to be a treasure, working diligently the day she came to work, and reporting again next day. Mrs. Off went out early yesterday after the servant had arrived, and did not return until 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The house was silent and deserted. Mrs. Off was suspicious and looked around to see if anything was missing besides the domestic. She found her jewel box gone. Among other things it contained two fine diamond rings, a string of pearls and a platinum diamond pin. The police would not divulge the domestic's name, which they say was assumed.

## MARRIED 53 YEARS

### Sergeant Thomas Chadwick and Wife Have Reception at Home

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Chadwick, 2012 Fitzwater street, are observing the fifty-third anniversary of their marriage this evening with a reception at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chadwick were married March 16, 1868, by the Rev. J. W. Smith, pastor of the old Spruce Street Baptist Church. Before her marriage Mrs. Chadwick was Miss Mary Elizabeth Rees. They have five children living and twenty-two grandchildren.

Mr. Chadwick is a house sergeant at the Twentieth and Fitzwater streets station house. He is the oldest active member of the police department, having been appointed fifty-four years ago by Mayor McMichael. Sergeant Chadwick is a veteran of the Civil War and served in the Twenty third Pennsylvania Volunteers.

## SHAMROCK WITH US AGAIN

### Nineteenth Annual Free Distribution of Plants Takes Place

The old custom—the free distribution of Shamrock plants as a token that St. Patrick's Day is with us once more—is being observed in Philadelphia today.

This is the nineteenth year that the little green plants have been given away by Lit Brothers. The distribution began yesterday, continued today and will go on tomorrow, which will be St. Patrick's Day.

This year 85,000 of the plants are being distributed in the auditorium of the store. The plants are grown in this country from seed brought from Belfast.

# MOTHER AND SON HELD IN MURDER

## Body of Youth Had Been Identified by Family as That of Their Boy

## $24,000 POLICY IN CASE

By the Associated Press

Warsaw, Ind., March 16. Developments at a coroner's inquest held last night and investigations by detectives in the case of the youth found fatally injured on a railroad crossing near here Saturday resulted in the arrest of Mrs. Lydia Decker and her son, Virgil Decker.

The body of the youth was identified as that of Leroy Lovett, of Elkhart, Ind., and following the inquest the coroner issued a verdict that Lovett had been murdered by an unknown person. Mrs. Decker's arrest followed her testimony before the inquest at Bourbon, near here, when she repudiated her identification of the body, which she together with other members of her family had steadfastly maintained was that of her son Virgil. She admitted the body was that of Lovett, whom she said she knew well.

Virgil Decker, who, it is said, was last seen with Lovett a few hours before the body was found, and who bears a marked resemblance to him, was arrested in Marion, Ind., at the time the inquest was being held. He is being held pending action of the local authorities. On being questioned by the authorities, where he had been Friday, Saturday or Sunday, he said he "didn't know." He said he had spent Monday night at the home of his uncle in Marion. He denied he had been near the scene of the tragedy the day it occurred.

The authorities have indicated there would be more arrests made today in the case, which is said to be one of the strangest ever to come to the attention of authorities here.

Virgil Decker was known to have been insured for $19,000, some of the policies containing clauses providing for double indemnity in event of accidental death, bringing the policies to $24,000, payable to his brother Fred.

An investigation being carried on pointed to the fact that the boy had been murdered and that the body had been placed on the track to cover up the crime. It had first been thought the young man had been struck by a train.

It was brought out at the inquest last night, that there had been ill-feeling between the Decker and Lovett families. There was no indication, however, that this had anything to do with the murder. It was also pointed out that should the Deckers claim that the body of the murdered victim was Virgil Decker and had Decker's whereabouts not become known, that Fred Decker would have benefited to the extent of $24,000.

Officials, however, gave no indication of what action they intend to take against the two persons held, or of what charges they intend to file against them. The only statement made was that there would be more arrests in the case shortly.

## DREAM WARNED OF DEATH

### Wife Had Premonition of Shipyard Accident, Fatal to Two

In a dream Monday night Mrs. Emily Denny, of 730 Birch street, Camden, had a premonition of the death of her husband, Herbert Denny, who was one of the painters killed when they fell fifty feet from a steamship at the New York shipyard, Camden.

"I dreamed we were out in a rowboat," she said, as she told of the dream today. "The water was very muddy. We were near a great high structure of some sort. I could not tell whether it was a ship or a building. As we looked at it my husband said, 'That is where I work, up there.' It gave me a shiver and I exclaimed in my dream, 'Something awful might happen if you fell from there.'"

Mr. Denny was thirty-eight years old. The men were working in a lifeboat on the top deck of a big ship. It fell fifty feet.

### Convent Benefits by Will

Wills probated at City Hall today included those of Samuel F. Woodhouse, 1417 Sellers street, $60,000, bequeathed to relatives; Adolphine H. M. Guentner, 5731 Lancaster avenue, $11,000; Joseph Kautt, of Stonehouse lane, $16,000; Johanna Brown, who had lived at Magdalene Convent, left $4600, of which $1500 is to go to St. Joseph's Preceptory in Norristown and the residue to Magdalene Convent; Anne Irwin, died at St. Agnes' Hospital, $5000; Caroline M. Johnston, 5017 Irving street, $6850. Inventory of personal estates filed included those of Daniel Mahan, $10,820.84; Charles A. Keep, $1687.31, and Michael Christ, $7117.43.

## *Condition of Highways Throughout State Today*

Lincoln highway (Trenton to Chambersburg)—Fair in Bucks, Lancaster and the eastern part of Franklin county; elsewhere good.

William Penn highway (Easton to Chambersburg) Good except one mile of road under construction in Lehigh county near Allentown, which is impassable.

Baltimore pike (Philadelphia, Media, Kennett Square and Oxford)—Good.

Philadelphia and Reading pike—Good.

Lancaster and Harrisburg pike—Fair in Lancaster county; good in Dauphin.

## UPPER DARBY GETS 'MAYOR'

### Samuel F. Rudolph Named Manager. Is 22 Years Old

Samuel F. Rudolph, twenty-two years old, was elected general secretary and manager of Upper Darby township last night, a new position which gives him supervision over the township's affairs and virtually makes him Mayor of Upper Darby.

Rudolph was chosen for the position which pays $3000 a year, over six other candidates. The vote of the township commissioners was 7 to 5 in his favor after all but one other aspirant had been eliminated.

The new official is a recent graduate of the Upper Darby High School and lives at Curdington. Lately he has been employed as a draftsman at the Belmont Iron Works, this city.

### Camden Memorial Day Body Named

Mayor Ellis, of Camden, today announced the appointment of the special committee for Memorial Day exercises. It includes: Frank Pussey, David Jester, James Hewett, Jacob Mentz, Frank Sheridan, Edwin Neiland, Charles M. Curry, Robert J. Fields, A. Fishman, Otto Marino, M. B. Corning, W. H. Sayres, Jr., Francis Bailey, William Schmid, D. B. Peterson, Charles Walker, Major W. S. Price, F. T. Floyd, Dr. William Alss, Donald White, Edward Hallowater, Joseph Drew, Captain Harry Day, Richard Ransey, S. G. Waters, R. E. Riley, James A. Pearce, John A. Cline, George Johnson and Henry Elliott. This is perhaps the last Memorial Day committee to be appointed by the Mayor, as the exercises hereafter will be in charge of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

### HELD ON LOTTERY CHARGE

Howard Whittaker, of Walton avenue near Fiftieth street, was arrested yesterday at Twenty-fourth and Green streets, charged with selling lottery tickets, and was today held in $500 bail by Magistrate Renshaw. He sold tickets at ten cents each, it is charged, for weekly drawings of prizes which he is alleged to have said totaled $543,000.

### Drug Suspect's Trial Delayed

The trial of "Izzy" Ginsberg, alleged notorious drug peddler, on the charge of having in his possession and selling narcotics, was today postponed before Judge Quigley in Quarter Sessions Court until next Monday on motion of Attorney John R. K. Scott, counsel for the defendant. A physician testified Ginsberg is under treatment in a hospital in Germantown for the drug habit and his present condition is such if he were compelled to come to court there would be grave danger of collapse.

# LEGION POST BACKS ADDITION TO PARK

## W. B. Dixon Members Favor Acquisition of Fort Washington Extension

## DISCUSS PENDING BILLS

The legislative bill providing that appropriations be used for the acquisition of land within the boundaries of the Fort Washington extension of Fairmount Park, has been announced by William Boulton Dixon Post, American Legion. Members of the post expressed the opinion that the park should be extended and the extension opened before the sesquicentennial celebration in 1926.

Plans are being made for a special meeting March 24, when District Deputy Commander George Ross will be a guest.

Soldiers' legislation was discussed at the monthly meeting of the Henry H. Houston Post, held at the Germantown Boys' Club. Addresses were made by Past National Commander Franklin D'Olier and Samuel A. Whitaker, member of the State Legislature from Chester county. Other guests included the legislative committee of the Philadelphia Chapter, National American War Mothers, of which Mrs. Joseph Park is chairman.

The annual spring dance of the post will be at the Pelham Club, Germantown, April 11. A "lucky number" dance will be a feature. Invitations have been extended to all the posts in the city.

Members of the ladies' auxiliary of the Frank F. Sullivan Post made $102.81 at a rummage sale in the Navy League room at Darby.

The Stern-Price Post 417 will have its regular meeting at the P. O. S. of A. Building, 4317 North Broad street, March 24. Adjutant Morris H. Starr resigned and from indications there will be several aspirants for the office.

The ladies' auxiliary of the post will give a novelty cake dance Saturday evening, at the Turngemeinde Hall, Broad street and Columbia avenue.

## MATINEE MUSICAL

### Dr. Wolle Lectures and Dr. Matthews' Prize Composition Is Heard

The two chief features of yesterday afternoon's meeting of the Matinee Musical in the Rose Garden of the Bellevue-Stratford, brought out a large attendance. These were a lecture on the B minor mass of Bach, delivered by Dr. J. Fred Wolle, director of the Bach Choir of Bethlehem and the first performance of the prize-winning composition "Consolation" for organ, harp, violin and cello, written by Harry Alexander Matthews, one of the honorary members of the Matinee Musical. The prize was the annual one offered during 1920, by the club.

Dr. Wolle spoke for about forty minutes on the detail of the B minor mass, illustrating the great work at the piano, and going into detail in each of the six divisions of the composition. His address was most illuminating and gave the hearers a clear idea of this greatest of all choral works.

Mr. Matthews' composition is lyric in character and shows not only a fine fund of melody and skillful workmanship, but also a thorough knowledge of the resources and the capabilities of each of the four instruments employed. It was admirably performed by Mr. Matthews at the organ, Bertrand Austin, cello; Dorothy Johnstone Baseler, harp, and Lucius Cole, violin.

Besides these numbers a special chorus composed of twelve of the best voices in the club gave d'Indy's cantata "St. Mary Magdelen," directed by Mrs. Linch and with Elizabeth DeBow Thompson as mezzo soprano soloist, and Mr. Baseler, harp. Erna Smith Varwig, and Maude Hanson Pettit, sopranos, also sang, the latter with organ and string accompaniment.

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For the third time in less than a year window smashing thieves robbed the jewelry store of Louis Nelson, a jeweler, of 1105 Broadway, Camden.

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# READING SINGERS SCORE IN CONCERT

## Choral Society Gives Annual Program—Ovation for Zeckwer and His Compositions

*Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger*

Reading, Pa., March 16. Another triumph was scored last evening by the Reading Choral Society at its annual concert, assisted by Camille W. Zeckwer, of Philadelphia, composer of "The New Day," a prize-winning orchestral work which was sung by the society. The local singers' efforts illustrated the progress they have made this season under the direction of N. Lindsay Norden, conductor of the widely known Mendelssohn Club, of Philadelphia, the concert marking the close of Mr. Norden's first year here.

The regular accompaniment for "The New Day" is piano, four hands, but Mr. Zeckwer also wrote special string parts for the Thaddeus Rich Quartet, which participated in this evening's event. All the numbers were enthusiastically received by a large audience and the concert was the musical affair of the season. The numbers included the following:

By the chorus: "The New Day," Zeckwer; "Dusk of Night," "The Brook," two Russian choruses by Arkhangelsky, arranged and edited by M. Lindsay Norden, conductor; two Norwegian choruses, "Norway, Norway," Schiner, and "Olaf Tryggvason," Reifsnider, Elizabethan Pastoral.

The Thaddeus Rich Quartet, in addition to accompanying "The New Day," played the following selections: Quartet Opus 10, Debussy, Tres Doucement, Assez Vif; quartet Opus 2 in A major, Ravel, Allegro, Allegro Scherzando, Tema Con Variazioni, Finale, Allegro; quartet, violin, viola, cello, piano in E minor, Zeckwer, Allegro Energico et Ben Marcato, Intermezzo, Chinese, Moderato.

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