THE WEATHER
Fair tonight and Sunday; slightly cooler tonight; gentle westerly winds.
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

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WOUNDED MAN HERE MAY BE REWARD SUSPECT

Mining Company Booklet Found in Pocket Causes Sensation

BELIEF GROWS HE IS MISSING "JACK" SOUGHT

Declares, However, He Got Bullet in Arm During Strike Disturbance

"MUGGED" BY BELSHAW

"Don't Do That and I'll Tell All," He Says When Fingerprints Are Taken

A mysterious prisoner, with a bullet wound in his arm, is under heavy guard at the Samaritan Hospital, while Lieutenant Belshaw, head of the Murder Squad, seeks to identify him as the missing "Jack" of the New York Ward murder mystery.

The prisoner says he is John Cieuso, twenty years old, of Greensburg, Pa., formerly of Wakefield, Mass. One reason why the police think the man may know something about the killing of Clarence Ward by Walter S. Ward, May 16, in New York, is that a booklet issued by the Ward Baking Company was found in his possession. Walter S. Ward, an officer of that corporation.

The wounded "man of mystery" was taken from his cot in the Samaritan Hospital this morning, brought to City Hall and subjected to a severe cross-examination by Lieutenant Belshaw and some of the experts of the Murder Squad.

Lieutenant Belshaw took him to the detention room to be "mugged" and had his fingerprints and measurements taken.

"Don't do that," said the prisoner, "and I'll tell you all."

The detectives pretended to agree to his demands, though both photographs and fingerprints were taken, and Cieuso made a brief statement.

He Was Once a Detective

"I worked for the De Noon Detective Agency in New York City," he said, "and also was employed by the Coal and Iron Company, at Scranton."

"How did you get your wound?" Lieutenant Belshaw asked.

"I got shot during some strike disturbance," he answered.

The effects found on the prisoner were examined with great care. At the Ward Baking Company office the detectives found a scrap of paper bearing the name and address of Mrs. William Marsh, 510 Liberty street, this city.

A detective was sent to see Captain Marsh. It turned out that he runs a detective agency and specializes in finding men for strike duty. Captain Marsh saw the prisoner, but did not recognize him. The captain was able to explain how Cieuso got his name and address.

The detectives at City Hall continued their questioning of Cieuso for some time, but without breaking him down. He insisted that he had told the truth about his identity and the manner in which he received his wound. He finally was put in a patrol and taken back to the Samaritan Hospital, still under heavy guard.

Lieutenant Belshaw has sent the photograph, finger prints and a minute description of the prisoner to District Attorney Weeks, at White Plains, New York, one of the investigators delving into the slaying of Peters is coming to Philadelphia today for a look at the prisoner here.

Lieutenant Belshaw shakes his head when questioned about the case. Disguised Detectives Liebrant and Golden say they know nothing about the man's movements. There is no question, however, that the police are convinced that they have made an important arrest.

"We know he has been in some kind of a jam," said Detective Golden. "His wound speaks for itself, however. It would be fair to infer that he is afraid to tell the truth about how he got it, or he would have explained it before now."

The wound is in the upper arm. Apparently the man treated it himself, or he did receive medical attention at it has had none for some time.

The arrest of Cieuso was made at

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DEMANDS SOVIET WITHDRAW TERMS

Poincare Won't Go to Hague Unless Russians Alter Stand

Paris, June 3.—(By A. P.)—Premier Poincare, in a memorandum to the Powers invited to The Hague Conference on Russian affairs, including the United States, demands that the Russians withdraw their last memorandum submitted at the Genoa conference and abandon their claims for damages on account of the participation of the Allies in military operations against the Soviet power, otherwise they will not participate in the conference.

Poincare declares the reconstruction of Russia depends upon the revival of agricultural production, which cannot be obtained without a change in regime that would assure the rights of the peasants of their labor.

The Premier holds that the memorandum confirmed the attitude of the Russian Government with respect to restoring the property of foreigners, indemnify owners for damages, or recognize the Russian debts. (The original Russian memorandum at Genoa was withdrawn by them after allied objection to it had been expressed.)

Reply to this memorandum, with the conditions, are expected from the Powers to which it is addressed.

CLOTHES TO SUIT EVERY PURSE
Suits for commencement may be found in our stock for the Assortment classes at $15 and $20.—Adv.

Mathilde to Wed Despite Court, Father's Aide Says

"Mathilde McCormick and Max Oser will marry regardless of any decision by an Illinois court," according to Dr. Robert Moore, of this city, who is personal representative abroad of Harold F. McCormick, her father.

"Any one who knows Oser knows he is not an adventurer, but is sincere in his affection for Mathilde despite the difference in their years," said Dr. Moore. "He is a perfect gentleman, and has won the confidence of all of Mathilde's friends who have met him."

Dr. Moore expects the wedding to take place in Paris, if an injunction is granted in Illinois. The French law provides, if parents are divorced and either one refuses permission for the child's marriage, it is necessary only to serve notice of demand through a lawyer on the recalcitrant parent, which has the full force of legal consent.

EX-PRESIDENT ASKED TO RULE CHINA AGAIN

Li Yuan-Hung Was Deposed in 1917—Sun Strangely Silent

Peking, June 3.—(By A. P.)—Li Yuan-Hung, deposed from the presidency of China by the militarists in 1917, was invited late last night to resume that office. The invitation came from the members of the Cabinet of Hsu Shih-Chang, who resigned the presidency yesterday.

Continued silence on the part of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, head of the Canton or Southern government in China, toward the rapid-fire changes of the last few days is evoking anxiety.

The aim for which Dr. Sun has announced repeatedly that he was fighting is an accomplished fact, the last vestige of unsanctioned government in Peking having passed away late late night with a decree issued by the Cabinet of Hsu Shih-Chang, announcing its own entire lack of legal authority and its reorganization merely as a committee of citizens to carry on the government until a successor to Hsu should be in office.

HEIRLOOMS STOLEN

Old Coins Taken by Thieves in Ridge Avenue House

Thieves who entered the home of H. S. Eves, at 1504 Ridge avenue last night, ransacked the house and stole jewelry, cash and old English coins to the value of $300.

According to the police of the Twentieth and Buttonwood streets station, Eves and his family were out when the intruders gained entrance through a jimmied rear window.

TO INSURE P. E. CLERGY

Bishop Rhinelander to Be a Director in Church Corporation

Bishop Philip Rhinelander will be one of the directors of the new Church Life Insurance Corporation now being organized by churchmen in New York to provide life insurance at cost to Episcopal clergymen.

The insurance plan is an addition to the general pension program of the church, and has as its specific object the provision of protection in after life for such lay workers of the church as are not eligible to receive pensions. It will be available also to the ministry, however.

SEE PARADE, BUT FORGET ABOUT MARRIAGE LICENSE

Parson Waits Until Adams County Couple Obtain Document

York, Pa., June 3.—Lloyd W. Herring and Miss Anna Louise Baker, of Arendtsville, Adams County, were so much interested in the parade of school children to the National Cemetery at Gettysburg that they forgot to obtain their marriage license, and were belated eight hours having the ceremony performed, which was set for 10 o'clock in the morning.

The young people, however, secured the license and the Rev. D. T. Koser, pastor of the Lutheran Church at Arendtville, awaited their return from the county seat and performed the ceremony.

BRIBERY IS CHARGED

Druggist Accused of Offering $50 to Dry Raiders

United States Commissioner Manley held William Silverman, a druggist at 2507 South Seventh street, in $2500 bail today, charged with having attempted to bribe a prohibition agent.

According to the authorities, Silverman, after his place was raided last month, went to Goff's home and offered him $50.

WARNING GIVEN MATHILDE'S DAD

Judge Calls on Father to Act as Guardian and Parent Should

MOTHER DROPS LEGAL FIGHT ON WEDDING

Court Advises McCormick to Consider Carefully His Stand on Oser Nuptials

Chicago, June 3.—The court fight against Mathilde McCormick's international marriage to Max Oser ended abruptly in less than two minutes' proceedings in Probate Court today, when Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick, the girl's mother, withdrew her petition for a restraining order to prevent the wedding.

Judge Henry Horner granted the motion of Mrs. McCormick's attorney, Charles S. Cutting, that the petition be dismissed without question, and added that Harold F. McCormick, divorced husband of Mrs. McCormick, would be appointed Mathilde's legal guardian without further delay.

He made it plain, however, that he would expect the father to execute his trust "as a guardian and a parent should," and that he would also expect Mr. McCormick to "take into consideration all the points in Mrs. McCormick's answer," which was interpreted as a warning that Mr. McCormick should consider very carefully his attitude toward Mathilde's marriage to Oser.

The petition withdrawn by Attorney Cutting today was contained in Mrs. McCormick's answer to the application of her daughter for appointment of Mr. McCormick as Mathilde's legal guardian.

No Next Move

The answer charged that Oser sought the marriage, hoping to obtain "large sums of money and financial gain," and deplored the disparity in ages between the two. Oser is forty-four.

Asked what the next move would be, Mr. Cutting said there "wouldn't be any next move."

Harold F. McCormick, Mathilde's father, yesterday retired as president of the International Harvester Company. He was made chairman of a newly created Executive Committee, and Alexander Legge, who started with the reaper concern as a salesman in 1891, was elected president.

On the Gold Coast, the retirement of Mr. McCormick started sensational rumors that he would hasten to Europe to assist at the marriage of Mathilde to Oser, or that he would hurry to Paris to become the husband of Ganna Walska, beautiful grand opera singer.

It was learned that while Mrs. McCormick has dropped her legal fight to prevent the wedding of her daughter, John D. Rockefeller, the grandfather, has commenced a different line of action through his daughter, Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick, to prevent the coming wedding.

Rumor has it in Chicago that the resignation of Harold F. McCormick, as dominating head of the harvester company, was forced by the oil king. This is the first of a series of reprisals by Mr. Rockefeller toward Mr. McCormick because of his approval of Mathilde's marriage to the Swiss horseman.

Employs Detectives

Mr. Rockefeller, it was also authoritatively learned last night, had commissioned a firm of private detectives abroad to make an exhaustive investigation into the reported love affairs of Oser with other American heiresses. It was also learned officially that the wedding will not take place until Mr. Rockefeller receives the report of the investigation.

An ultimatum has been served both on Mathilde and her father to the effect that if the wedding takes place before John D. Rockefeller receives the results of the investigation abroad, Mathilde will be cut off without a penny. John D. Rockefeller has been quoted several times as saying that none of his wealth would ever be taken abroad. Oser, on the other hand, according to cabled reports, declares emphatically that the wedding will take place no matter what the obstacles.

FAIR WEATHER NEXT WEEK

Temperature Somewhat Above Normal Also Predicted

Washington, June 3.—(By A. P.)—Weather outlook for the Middle Atlantic States for the week beginning Monday:

Generally fair; temperature somewhat above normal.

Author Dead

"MARION HARLAND"
Famous writer who is dead at the age of ninety-one. Her real name was Mrs. Mary Terhune

'MARION HARLAND,' AUTHOR, 91, DEAD

Mrs. Terhune, Famous Writer, Continued Literary Work in Old Age

WRITER OF COOKBOOKS

"Marion Harland, Maker of Homes," Her Epitaph

It is not as a novelist, writer or traveler that Mrs. Mary Virginia Terhune hoped that her name will be remembered. Three years ago she said that she wished the characterization should be "Marion Harland, maker of homes."

At that time she sent the following message to the women of America: "Homemaking, in the highest and best sense of the word, is woman's incommunicable birthright. And her glory she may not give to another."

By the Associated Press

New York, June 3.—Mrs. Mary Virginia Terhune, who wrote under the name of "Marion Harland," died at her home in this city late last night, after a short illness. Although she wrote a number of novels, she was perhaps best known as the author of numerous cookbooks and volumes on etiquette.

She was a native of Virginia. She married the Rev. Edward Payson Terhune in 1856. He died in 1907. She was the mother of Christine Terhune Herrick, with whom she collaborated in "The National Cook Book"; Virginia Terhune Vandewater, with whom she collaborated in "Everyday Etiquette," and Albert Payson Terhune, the writer.

Mrs. Terhune, who was ninety-one years old, devoted her life to literary pursuits and continued to write for publication in her old age. A few years ago articles from her pen appeared in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER and attracted wide attention.

"Marion Harland" was born in December, 1830, in Amelia County, Virginia, and lived there for twelve years, after which she moved to Richmond. She was married in Richmond to Edward Payson Terhune, a Northern clergyman, in 1856, and the first years after her marriage were spent in Charlotte Court House, Va., the shire town of Charlotte County and the center of the choicest and most aristocratic life that even Virginia could boast in those prewar days.

From Charlotte Court House Mrs. Terhune went to Newark, N. J., where her husband had been called to a large church, and there she was most active in church work, becoming the first president of the Women's Christian Association of New Jersey, which later

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POSIES GALORE READY

Lansdowne Will Award Prizes at Annual Flower Show

The thirteenth annual show of the Lansdowne Flower Association will be held today in the Twentieth Century Club Auditorium at Lansdowne.

There will be a showing of purebred and hybrid roses, peonies, garden flowers, such as Canterbury Bells, fox glove, forget-me-not, Iris, Larkspur and poppies, and of vegetables and fruits.

One section, showing garden flowers, wild flowers, climbing roses and miniature gardens, has been opened to children.

A New Story of Married Life By Booth Tarkington

YOU know persons who are tempted to gossip about the neighbors across the way just as Will and Bella do in this delightful human tale by the author of "Gentle Julia," "Penrod" and "Seventeen." His newest short story is called "US," and will appear complete in next Saturday's Evening Public Ledger.

This is the first of a series of sparkling yarns written around the everyday experiences of husband and wife by the best writers of modern fiction. They are brand new, never having been published anywhere before. One story complete every Saturday in addition to all the regular features.

DO YOU NEED A BABY CARRIAGE, OR A stove or anything else for the home? Perhaps it's in the For Sale column today on page 13.—Adv.

WOMAN IS SLAIN IN PARK TRYST

Companion of Victim Declares Three Youths Attacked Them at Wilkes-Barre

HER HUSBAND REFUSES TO MAKE STATEMENT

Mrs. Bridget Halliday Apparently Lived Happily With Spouse at Ashley

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., June 3.—The murder of Mrs. Bridget Halliday, thirty-three years old, wife of Charles Halliday, while she was, it is said, meeting Gustav Anderson clandestinely in Hollenbach Park late Thursday night, has started city police, detectives and State Police on the hunt for three youths, said by Anderson to be responsible for the crime.

A bullet pierced the woman's heart and she died instantly. Anderson is being held, not charged with the murder, but as a material witness.

Mrs. Halliday, who had been living with her husband at Ashley, met Anderson by appointment early in the evening. When in the park they were attacked by the youths, according to the story Anderson gave the police, one of whom shot Mrs. Halliday.

He and Mrs. Halliday strolled about the center of the city until 8 o'clock, Anderson said, and they boarded a trolley car and went to the park about 11 o'clock.

Says Youth Shot Woman

They were sitting on the grass in a lonely section of the park, he says, when three young men walked by. They returned in a short time and one of them shouted at the couple and another drew a gun.

Anderson claims that a shot was fired when he asked why the gun was drawn, and when he continued to protest he was rapped over the head with the butt of a revolver and rendered partly unconscious.

As he regained his senses, he says, he saw Mrs. Halliday trying to get up, and then, he says, another shot was fired.

The bullet passed through her heart, and, as he leaned over her, he said, she breathed her last.

Police are inclined to believe Anderson's story. A mark on his head bears out his claim that he was struck over the head with the revolver.

Has Meager Description

He was able to furnish only a meager description of the three young men. One of them, he said, was named "Billie." One was wearing a dark suit, while another had on a light-colored sweater and wore glasses.

The police yesterday used trained bloodhounds of Troop B, State Police, to try to trail the youths. The bloodhounds went only about 100 feet from the scene of the shooting, however, and then returned to the spot.

Mr. and Mrs. Halliday had been living in apparent happiness. Anderson admitted that he had been meeting Mrs. Halliday clandestinely for the last five months. He is a neighbor of the Halliday family.

Mrs. Halliday's husband was shocked to learn that his wife had been carrying on the clandestine friendship. He has refused to make any statement to the police, who had the woman's body sent to his home.

About the only clue that has been furnished to the detectives so far is the caliber of the cartridge, and at that the authorities are not sure whether the gun used was a .38 or .45 caliber.

BROADHURST SUES SYMON FOR $50,000

Playwright Seeks Damages for Alleged Assault on High Seas

Baltimore, June 3.—(By A. P.)—Counsel for George Broadhurst, New York playwright and theatrical producer, who yesterday caused the arrest of John B. Symon, wealthy business man of San Francisco, on a charge of assault on the high seas aboard the steamship Colombia, filed suit in the Superior Court today against Syman for $50,000. In the declaration the dramatist recites that he sailed from the Pacific Coast on May 5 last, and when the vessel was nearing Havana, on May 26, he was attacked and so badly beaten by Symon that his life was despaired of.

Symon yesterday was released by United States Commissioner Supplee under $5000 bond for the action of the Federal Court.

At the hearing Broadhurst testified that Symon attacked him because he had objected to a noisy disturbance in an adjoining stateroom occupied by Symon.

Neither Mr. Symon nor his counsel would discuss the case today. The attorney said Mr. Symon would remain within easy distance of Baltimore to respond at once to any call requiring his presence here.

LADY ASTOR LAUDS VICTORY OF PINCHOT

Tells Friends in England Women Broke G. O. P. Machine

Political events in this State were among the most lasting impressions Lady Astor received in the United States, according to what she has said since returning to England.

One friend, who was curious to know what American women are doing with the vote, received the following reply:

"They are breaking up the party machine. In Pennsylvania, where the Republican party machine was said to be stronger than anything in the world, the women broke it, and through their efforts a very progressive man was selected as the Republican candidate for the State governorship."

AGREE ON FORD OFFER

Differences Between Manufacturer and House Committee Settled

Washington, June 3.—(By A. P.)—An agreement between W. B. Mayo and J. W. Worthington, representatives of Henry Ford, and a majority of the House Military Affairs Committee members on differences in the fertilizer plants of the committee's plan and the offer of Mr. Ford was reached today in an executive meeting of the committee.

Nazimova Is Subpoenaed for Valentino Hearing

Russian Actress Identified as One of Photo Group at Scene of Two-Day Honeymoon

Los Angeles, June 3.—A subpoena for Mme. Alla Nazimova, Russian actress, calling for her appearance as a witness in the hearing of Rodolph Valentino, moving picture star, to determine whether he must stand trial on a bigamy charge, was issued after yesterday's session.

The charge against Valentino grew out of his marriage on May 13 at Mexicali, Mexico, to Miss Winifred Hudnut, the California statutes providing that a marriage performed outside of the State of a person having a husband or wife living can be prosecuted as bigamous if subsequent marital relations within the State can be proved. Valentino secured an interlocutory decree of divorce from Miss Jean Acker last January, but a final decree cannot be entered until next January.

Testimony offered yesterday was to the effect that the couple returned from Mexico to Palm Springs, Calif., on May 14 and occupied a cottage there until May 15. Mrs. Romal de Lugo, a chambermaid, and Paul Van Chevitoke, its lessor, said that another woman stayed there part of the time. Van Chevitoke, who testified Valentino was his best friend, alluded to the woman as a "friend of ours."

Mrs. Lugo identified a picture as that of the other guest. Persons in the court room said they recognized the picture as that of Mme. Nazimova. Van Chevitoke said Mrs. Valentino and the woman friend occupied adjoining rooms in the cottage and that another was used by Valentino. He said that the party came to Los Angeles May 16, Valentino spending that night with him.

"The next day I saw Mrs. Valentino at her home and drove with her and Mr. Valentino to Pomona, where Mrs. Valentino took the train for New York," he said.

"Why did she go to New York?" counsel asked.

"I think she was advised by the Lasky Studio," replied the witness. "Mrs. Valentino told me they advised her to avoid publicity."

ALLA NAZIMOVA

Mexico Scoffs at Diaz Bogie-Man

Mexico City, June 3.—(By A. P.)—Stories of plans for a revolution in Mexico with General Felix Diaz as the leader are discredited in official circles and by the newspapers. If Diaz is already in Mexico, as implied in dispatches from New Orleans last night, his presence has not been reported to the War Office.

LAST-MINUTE NEWS

BASEBALL SCORES

WASHINGTON							—
ATHLETICS (1st)							—
PHILLIES	0	0	3	0	1	0	—
BROOKLYN (1st)	0	1	0	1	1	0	—

Ring and Henline; Ruether and De Berry.

RUSSIAN FUGITIVES REACH BULGARIA ON RAFTS

VARNA, BULGARIA, June 3.—The survivors of hundreds of Russian families fleeing from Odessa and the Crimean ports are arriving here in small boats and on rafts equipped with sails. Many are succumbing in their efforts to escape from Russia, some of the frail croft being wrecked. Others perish by hunger and thirst, typhus and the exposure to the elements.

BELIEVE REED'S BALLOON PASSED ERIE

ERIE, PA., June 3.—What may have been the missing navy balloon piloted by Lieutenant W. F. Reed was believed to have passed by Erie last night at a distance of several miles out on the lake.

BANDITS BURN WAY TO BANK VAULT AND GET $7600

FARWELL, MICH., June 3.—Robbers early today burned a hole in the vault of the Farwell State Savings Bank here with an acetylene torch and escaped with $7200 in Liberty Bonds and $400 in money. A druggist observed four men drive to the bank, unload their torch equipment, unlock the bank door with a skeleton key and burn away the vault door. Before officers could be summoned the thieves had fled.

LAWYERS SEAL LIPS OF BALM CLAIMANT

Kathryn Lloyd to Tell of William Alexander Brown's Wooing Only in Court

WON'T LET TONGUE WAG

Miss Kathryn M. Lloyd, attractive stenographer, who is suing William Alexander Brown, a wealthy attorney, for breach of promise, said today she is going to keep quiet until the matter is heard in court.

"I know it shatters one of the precedents of womankind," she said, with the merest flash of a smile, "but I am going to keep my little tongue silent. My lawyer told me to."

Miss Lloyd is twenty-six years old and lives with her widowed mother at Highland and Strafford avenues, Lansdowne. She works in an office in the Land Title Building.

Mr. Brown is fifty-six years old. He has a combination residence and law office at 3937 Locust street. The suit for $30,000 was filed yesterday.

Miss Lloyd is of medium height and has chestnut hair. She and Mrs. John Hunter Lloyd, her mother, occupy a second-floor apartment in a cozy yellow house known as "The Mansion."

"I presume Mr. Brown has his version of this affair," she said, "but I also have mine. It will be made public in due time."

This was as far as the determined young woman would go. Attempts to learn her theory of the sudden

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EYRE IS STILL BOSS IN CHESTER COUNTY

W. H. Clark, Combine Man, Beats Major Groff for Committee Head

RESULT COMES AS SURPRISE

State Senator T. Larry Eyre, one of the leaders of the defeated State Combine, retained his grip on the Republican Committee of Chester County today when the members met for organization.

William H. Clark, Eyre's candidate for the county chairmanship, was elected by 178 votes to 63 votes obtained by Major John C. Groff, of Goshen, who led the fight against the State Combine leader.

The outcome of the meeting was regarded as a surprise, as the anti-Eyre forces felt confident they could rip the State Senator out of the control he has exercised over Chester County for years.

The meeting was held in the Century Club in West Chester with Eyre, sartorially resplendent as ever, presiding. Thomas Jones, of Phoenixville, placed Mr. Clark's name in nomination, while George R. North, of Lyndell, performed a similar service for Major Groff.

The County Committee has a membership of 127 men and 127 women and all but thirteen members attended.

DO YOU WANT A JOB? THERE ARE plenty of them advertised in the Help Wanted columns today on page 20.—Adv.

MAJOR ON TRIAL FIGHTS FOR IDEA DESPITE BLOWS

Malcolm W. Nicholson Faces Court-Martial at Camp Dix in Unyielding Spirit

CHARGES OF PRUSSIANISM IN ARMY BEGAN TROUBLE

Wife Ill, Plea to Delay Action and for Furlough Are Refused

THREE OFFENSES NAMED

Officer Says After First Session He Will Strive On to Change System

Court-Martial Charges Against Major Nicholson

Charge 1—Absence without leave.

Charge 2—Violation of ninety-fifth article of war, in making an alleged false statement.

Charge 3—Violation of ninety-sixth article of war, by writing a letter to President Harding, given to the public press, without first being submitted to the Secretary of War.

"I'm only surprised they did not charge me with burning down an orphanage or piracy on the high seas," declared Major Malcolm Wheeler Nicholson this afternoon at the close of the first session of his court-martial at Camp Dix for writing and publishing his charges of "Prussianism" in the army made to President Harding.

The Major's trial on charge of absence without leave, of making a false, evasive and deceitful statement about the authority for his leave, and writing to the President over the head of the Secretary of War, began at 9 o'clock this morning.

He was placed on trial in spite of a plea for a postponement of twenty days. This he desired because his wife is seriously ill in Boston, and her physician has sent for him, and because his civilian counsel could not be present.

Considered Plea, Then Refused

The court considered his plea and, upon the request of the trial judge advocate, refused to grant his request. The Major declared he proposed to continue to fight on to the end, as he was fighting for a principle and for his brother officers, most of whom sympathize with him.

The presiding officer at the trial, held at divisional headquarters, was Colonel Orrin R. Wolf, of the Eighteenth Infantry. Lieutenant Colonel Allen J. Dreer, Sixth Field Artillery, was trial judge advocate, and Major Godfrey R. Fowler, Twenty-sixth Infantry, represented the defense. Lieutenant Colonel John L. Bond, of Governors Island, was the legal member of the board.

Major Nicholson's indignation over the treatment accorded him was expressed in a statement he made after the morning session of the court was adjourned. His statement follows:

Raps Whole Attitude

After the morning session the defendant said:

"The only thing I have to say about these charges against me is to express a slight wonder that the charges of burning down an orphanage or committing piracy on the high seas were not added. I am held here for trial at a time of sickness in my family, and when my attorney cannot be here to defend me.

"I applied to the military authorities at Governor's Island for leave to go to my wife, whose physician telegraphed me to come. This leave was refused. I applied to the Secretary of War. I have received no answer. I protested to the Court at going to trial at such

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"$1,000,000 RAIN" STAYS

Crop-Saving Showers Continue, but Sun Will Shine Tomorrow

The "million-dollar rain" of the last two days continued today and mild weather is promised for tomorrow.

The thorough drenching has been referred to by farmers, home gardeners and fire wardens as the "million-dollar rain" because of its beneficial effects on crops and the quenching of forest fires in both this State and New Jersey. Thousands of farmers and gardeners have seized upon the wet days as ideal ones to set out thousands of acres of young plants.

From City's Workshops To Bryn Mawr Colleges

A CINDERELLA story, this! The story of striving little working girls who, for a summer's season, will leave shop and office and mill to study in one of the wealthiest and most exclusive women's colleges in the world, Bryn Mawr.

Among these girls are several Philadelphians, and the story of their patient hopes and aspirations, their ambition for higher education and what they plan to accomplish when they have it will appear in a full-page article in Monday's Evening Public Ledger.

Plea of Rich Theft Victim Saves 8 Youths From Prison

"They're Not Criminals," Says Mill Owner of Youths Who Admitted Robbing Factory. Sobs Greet Unexpected Request

"These boys are not criminals, and I don't want them to lead a life of crime. Give them another chance," pleaded Harry Sarfert, a well-to-do mill owner, for the release of eight young men, former employes, charged with stealing hosiery from his establishment at Kensington avenue and C street.

Tears glistened in the eyes of the prisoners as they listened, and there was general amazement when they were discharged.

The men were arrested yesterday following an investigation of several days by Detective Walters. The case was so strong against them that all confessed. They had no expectation of mercy and looked forward to doing a long term in the penitentiary.

When they arrived at Central Station this morning everything seemed set for a speedy trip to jail.

The mill owner looked at the men without any sign of forgiveness and they returned the glance.

When William A. Gray, counsel for the prisoners, announced, "I understand Mr. Sarfert does not want to prosecute," the defendants plainly were surprised. It was evident, however, they did not share Mr. Gray's optimism.

When Sarfert took the stand there was an intense stillness. It seemed like an hour before he spoke. A smile gave place to the serious expression of his face and then he made his appeal for the young men's liberty.

When Magistrate Renshaw said, "You are discharged," the eight prisoners stood for a moment as though stunned. Then their shoulders seemed to square as they realized they had another chance.

They turned to their former employer and tried to thank him. A strong handclasp was the nearest thing to any expression at their command for the moment.

Those who were discharged are Oswald Rogers, Frank Demuro, East Adams street; Thomas Flinn, Oxford and Wakeling streets; James Hulme, Cambria and Fairhill streets; Charles Derry, East Adams street; Roy Ramsey, Montgomery avenue and Ingersoll street; Albert Upton, East Salem street, and Fred Stein, Arcadia street.