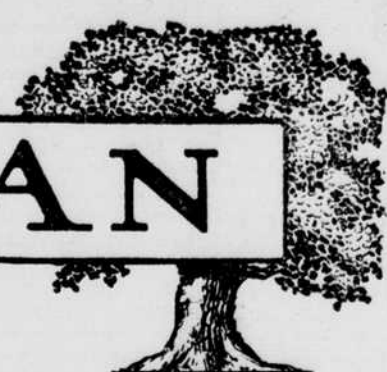


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Finds tongues in trees, books in running brooks,
Sermons in stones, and good in everything.
—As You Like It



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CORKER FACES WHITE IN FORT LEE; REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS TO HAVE OLD-FASHIONED CONTEST

Both Parties Name Candidates—The Old Crowd Still Strong—White Hesitant, Diffident, Almost Coy, Positively Hasn't Got the Time, but Accepts on Urgent Plea—Corker Willing Enough—Kerwin Gets Nomination by Hair—Not an Issue Yet Named.

The voters of Fort Lee will have an opportunity of voting for a full set of borough officers at the coming election. Both parties have had public meetings at which tickets were completed. Last week Wm. J. Mahoney, chairman, the Democrats met at the Whiteman street school. There was a good attendance and as no one would come forward Councilman Aikens placed the name of ex-Mayor Edward White in nomination.

Nothing doing! Mr. White said he appreciated the compliment—indeed he did. Nothing could be more appealing than the kind offer to make him Mayor again, but he just couldn't do it—he really couldn't; his business would not permit such a thing. You positively just must excuse him.

But the crowd wouldn't have it that way. "You've just got to do it, Ed," someone said.

"No, sir, can't, can't! Don't ask me. I hate to refuse, but I must." Then Mr. Aikens begged again that he "MAKE THE SACRIFICE," and well, it isn't necessary to tell further what happened. So Mr. White is on the ticket for Mayor. The other officers nominated were: Edward Cavanaugh, assessor; Otto Stoll, collector; Harry Cook and John Vogel, councilmen.

At the Republican meeting Tuesday evening Samuel J. Corker, who called it to order, asked for nominations for chairman, and Charles T. Logan, editor of the Palisadian, was chosen. He thanked the audience for the compliment of being called to preside and made a short address, saying among other things:

Ladies and Gentlemen: I don't know what influence was exerted to bring me up here tonight to act as chairman of this meeting. I really have not any business to be here in point of fact. It was a case of being drafted. The longer I live in this borough, the more convinced I am that it is past finding out. Not that the people here are different from those of other communities, but Fort Lee is inured by instinct to politics. I think really that all Fort Lee babies as soon as they learn to lisp their first words are taught politics. Everybody here is a politician. You may laugh at this, but don't do it. It is a serious matter. I think that the actual facts in the case are that Fort Lee knows more real politics and can put more things over than Trenton or Washington. The social side of Fort Lee is very agreeable to me. I like the people and I think that in many of the circles of this borough the simple tastes of the residents are very appealing to my ideals. There are many interesting romances and charms of personality about people who live here that are not only unusual but very interesting.

But, getting back to this mysterious thing surrounding the political atmosphere here, I feel that it is surcharged with mystery. That is, it is a mystery to those who do not know how things come about. Well, most things around here don't come about. They just happen. It does not make any difference what right thinking people want—it never happens their way. I have been in the borough over 13½ years and from the beginning up to now I have been fooled. I built a house in Palisade at the cost of \$11,000 in 1905. "How much will the tax on this property be?" I asked Henry Douglas who built the house and sold the property. "Oh, \$40 or \$50. Not over \$50 anyhow," he said. That first year my tax was \$70 and it has been going up and up and up until now it has gone into the clouds and is nearly seven times \$70. I have thought out every way possible to get things changed so that these disconcerting moments would not come to me and these inequalities in our governmental affairs would not exist. Those of you who have kept track of such matters understand, of course, quite well that assessments have long been muddled up. I used to be a member of the Borough Club and at one time they appointed an equalization committee to fix values on some basis of equality and justice. For a long time the celebrated 9 acres of Sanford Ross property bore an assessment of \$25,000. Everybody knew that it was worth more than ten times that sum. The Borough Club raised it to \$94,600, which was acceptable to the County Board, but you know when property is assessed it is legal to go before that august body and if you have a smart attorney make an appeal and get the figures reduced in many cases. You know what happened to that historic Sanford Ross property assessment move. The assessment went to smash so suddenly and so fast that the county commis-

GEO. NOFFKA FOILS BANDITS; SAVES \$5,000

Mrs. Kate Noffka Also in Car When Hold-Up Is Attempted; Many Shots Fired.

An actual hold-up that rivals those of motion picture fame took place in Grantwood on Monday morning when several bandits in an auto tried to relieve George Noffka of \$5,000 he and his mother, Mrs. Kate Noffka, were taking to the Cliffside Park National Bank.

Mr. Noffka and his mother left their home about 10 o'clock in a large sedan en route to the bank to make the deposit of the week-end receipts from their concessions in the park. He drove down Grant avenue and onto Anderson avenue and drove south, turning in on Gorge road, where four men in another car drove up alongside of Noffka's car and leveling guns on the occupants ordered him to pull up to the side of the road and stop. Noffka feigned an attempt to obey orders, but instead stepped on the gas and shot forth. The other machine did likewise and was soon alongside of him again. Another car was coming in the opposite direction and Noffka attempted to pin the bandit car between the two, but the



GEORGE NOFFKA

oncoming car stopped and pulled to the right. Still under cover of the bandits' guns, Noffka zigzagged his car until he reached Palisade avenue, where he turned to the right. The pursuers then fired several shots, one of which hit a tire and the other glanced from the machine. Noffka sped to the Cliffside police station, and the bandit car continued on Gorge road and could be seen keeping pace with the Noffka car, both roads running parallel for some distance.

Several Cliffside police got into Noffka's car and gave chase in the direction the bandit car had last been seen, but unfortunately a tire blew out as a result of the bullet which had pierced it and the chase had to be abandoned.

The police as yet have made no arrests, but it is understood that they are working on several clues. A car answering the description of the bandit car was found abandoned in Shadyside last Tuesday morning by the North Bergen police. The owner was traced, and it was discovered that he had reported the car as stolen. George Noffka is a veteran of the World War and has seen much service in the trenches overseas. He is a tall, fine looking chap and is to be complimented upon his nerve and quick thinking, which saved the money in his possession. A few more George Noffkas and there would be less bandits.

This is the second time he has foiled an attempt to rob him. Two years ago several men tried to relieve him of \$12,000 on his way home from the park. On this occasion the men jumped on the running board of the car only to be shoved off by the plucky veteran, who continued on with the \$12,000 in receipts.

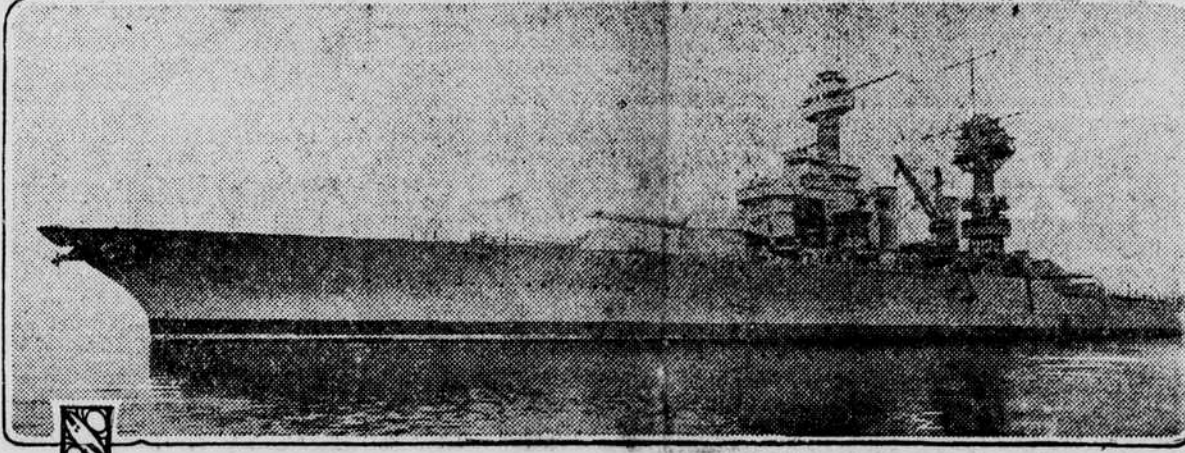
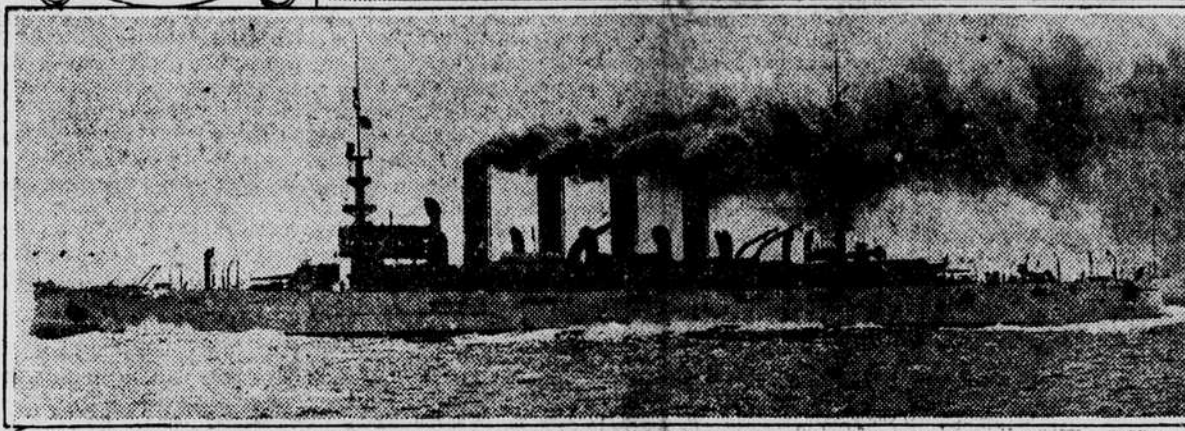
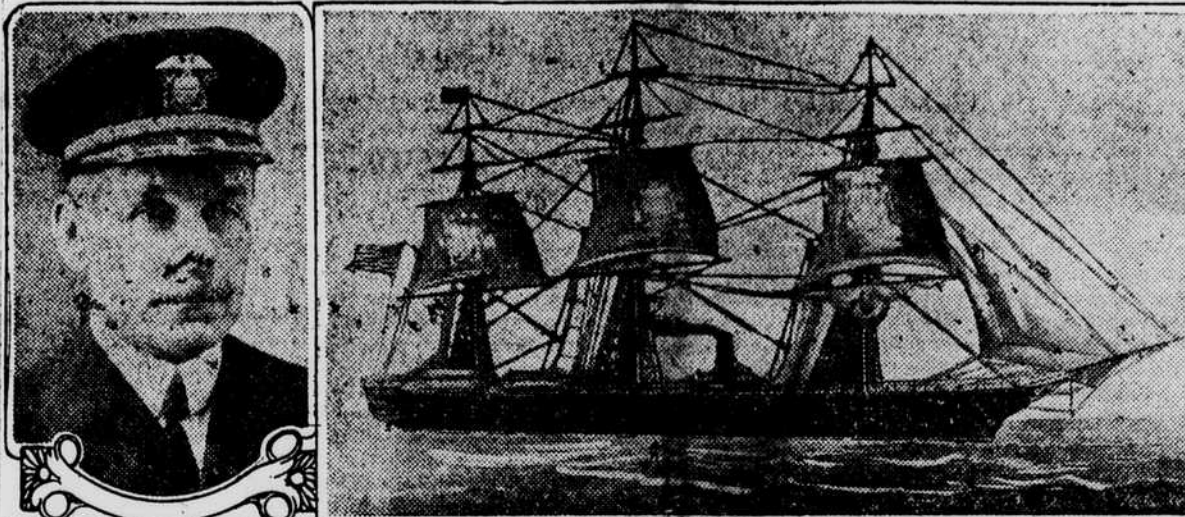
Auto Hits Fence Near Playgrounds

A large sedan owned and driven by Edward Link of Brooklyn crashed through the fence on Route No. 10 near the Palisade playgrounds on Monday last.

Mr. Link was returning from Wood-cliff Lake and lost control of the car because the steering knuckles got caught. The front of the machine was badly damaged.

Smoker Stories for Example. Necessity may be the mother of invention, but there are a lot of stories invented that there is no necessity for.—Boston Evening Transcript.

Colorados Make History in U. S. Navy



Top, left—Captain Rowan Belknap, U. S. N., commanding officer of the Battleship Colorado. He entered Annapolis Naval Academy in 1887, served in the Spanish War, Philippine Insurrection, and Boxer Campaign; decorated for services in connection with the Messina earthquake relief in 1909; commander of mine-laying and mine-sweeping branch of Atlantic Fleet 1915-1917; promoted to Captain, May, 1917; awarded Navy Distinguished Service Medal for service in connection with fitting out and afterwards commanding the American Mine Laying Squadron in the Northern Barrage Operation in the North Sea; commanded Battleship Delaware 1919-1920; recently on staff of Naval War College.

Top, right—The first "Colorado." This was a 3,400-ton steam frigate with 40 guns, named for the Colorado River and launched June 19, 1865, at the Navy Yard, Norfolk, Va. The sponsor for the ship was Miss Nannie Sedden Dornin (Mrs. Joseph N. Barney), daughter of Captain Thomas A. Dornin of the U. S. Navy.

The U. S. S. "Colorado," first, in 1861, took part in the attack on Pensacola, Florida. In 1862 the vessel engaged four Confederate steamers off the S. W. Pass. In 1863 the "Colorado" engaged in all bombardments and attacks on Fort Fisher.

Center, right—The "Colorado," 2nd. This is a 13,680-ton armored cruiser, named for the state of Colorado, which was launched April 5, 1902, at the yards of the William Cramp & Sons' Ship and Engine Building Company, Philadelphia, Pa. The sponsor for the ship was Miss Cora M. Peabody (Mrs. James Crafton Rogers), daughter of James Hamilton Peabody, Governor of Colorado. The vessel is 502 feet long, her beam length is 69 feet and her draft is 24 feet.

Bottom—U. S. S. Battleship "Colorado." This battleship, the finest in the world and one of the last to be constructed by the United States for many years in accordance with the Arms Conference Treaty, is nearly completed and will go into commission on August 30 at the New York Shipbuilding Yards, Camden, N. J. She is propelled by Westinghouse turbo-electric system. In striking power, rapidity of action, facility of control and thoroughness of protection, the Colorado surpasses all other capital vessels now afloat.

BERGEN COUNTY FOR PUBLIC SERVICE PLAN

Mayor Cadien on Committee That Appeared Before P. U. Commission: Strikers' View.

Twenty-four Bergen county municipalities were represented at the meeting called by Mayor Baldwin in Hackensack on last Monday night and all but four favored the plan of the Public Service Corporation for settling the strike.

A committee was appointed to appear before the Public Utility Commission at the meeting held in Newark last Tuesday morning to voice the general sentiment of the people of Bergen county.

Those appointed to the committee were: Chairman, John C. Cadien, mayor of Cliffside Park; F. W. Sheafe, mayor of Rutherford, and Peter Cella, representing Fort Lee.

It is possible that Governor Silzer will take a hand in the affair if some action to actually run the trolleys is not started in the immediate future.

William Wepner, chairman of the committee of employees, shifted the blame for the lack of service from the motormen and conductors. He said they had accepted the company's offer of a 20 per cent wage increase and were ready to go back to work at any time.

"So far as the Public Service Railway Company's employees are concerned, no strike exists," he remarked. "No longer is the company battling its men. It is battling the public."

Sweet Is Youth. There is a feeling of Eternity in youth which makes us amends for everything. To be young is to be as one of the immortals.—Hazlitt.

CO-OPERATION ASKED BY POST ON SEARCHES

West Grantwood Sewer Proposal Discussed; Grantwood Theatre to Be Inspected.

A recess meeting of the mayor and council of Cliffside Park was held on Tuesday evening, and Collector Post appeared before the council in person and asked that body to pass a resolution relieving him of responsibility for errors made in future tax searches that resulted from the mixed up condition of the present records. He stated that he would make just as few searches as possible until the work on the new maps is completed. The resolution was introduced and passed.

Councilman Siegrist suggested that it would be well to go slow on the sanitary sewer proposal providing for new sewers in Grantwood and Palisade which would empty into the Ridgefield sewer. He stated that the real need was a storm water sewer and he doubted whether the sanitary sewer proposition would relieve matters to any great extent.

Councilman Woodcock brought up a matter relative to the possible fire hazard that exists in the Grantwood theatre, calling the council's attention to the fact that there was a hardware store beneath. He also mentioned the fact that there are but two exits and the seats are loose. After a short discussion the matter was referred to the fire and water and police committees, together with the building inspector to investigate.

An Oddity of Berlin Traffic. Police in Berlin, Germany, direct traffic with tiny trumpets instead of whistles.

AUTO KILLS ROSE LEONE OF CLIFFSIDE

Driver Held for Manslaughter; Father, a Widower, Frantic When He Receives News.

A very sad accident which resulted in the death of thirteen-year-old Rose Leone of 207 Cliff street, Cliffside, happened early last Sunday evening when the little girl was crossing Anderson avenue at Cliff street and was run down by an auto driven by John Steiner of 175 Palisade avenue, Union Hill. Steiner was arrested and is being held on the charge of manslaughter by the Cliffside police.

A number of passersby were witnesses to the accident. It seems that the child started to cross the street and in about the center of the road Steiner's car ran directly into her. An ambulance was summoned and the victim was rushed to the North Hudson Hospital, where Dr. Eagan pronounced her dead upon arrival, giving as the cause internal injuries resulting in a hemorrhage. She was then taken to Darke's undertaking establishment.

After being notified that one of his children had been killed, Joseph Leone was frantic for fully an hour and did not know which of his four daughters had been the victim. He rushed to the hospital and then to the undertaker's, where little Rose was identified. The father is a widower and he has cared for the four girls since his wife's death several years ago.

Ancient Alarm Clock. The first alarm clock made its appearance in 1420, and its owner was a councillor of Milan. His clock sounded a bell at a stated hour, and at the same time a little wax candle was lighted automatically.

WHO WILL YOU HAVE FOR YOUR NEXT MAYOR, WHELAN, KENNY OR MARINI? THEY ARE THE THREE CANDIDATES

Take Your Choice of J. MacDonald, Siegrist, Aiken, Lawlor and F. Weiss for Councilmen, Post or Stein for Collector; Ten Candidates to Fill Four Offices.

CADEN AND SIEGRIST CLASH AT MEETING

Mayor Leaves Chair in Rage, Then Comes Back and Conducts Meeting.

About eight o'clock last Monday night Mayor Cadien called the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council to order and told the clerk to call the roll. Only Councilman Siegrist and the Mayor answered present, but just at that moment Councilmen Woodcock and Meyer arrived, making a quorum. The Mayor said he had to go to Hackensack to attend the meeting of the Bergen County mayors and Mr. Meyer asked if he was going to represent the community would he express his views; but was told that it was none of his business, to which remarks Mr. Siegrist objected.

Upon the motion of Mr. Meyer the clerk was instructed to write the Board of Health concerning the progress made in the West Grantwood sewer matter.

The Mayor again stated he had to go to Hackensack, and Mr. Siegrist suggested that he go ahead. He left the chair about 8:35 and Mr. Siegrist took his place, but Mayor Cadien remained in the room. Messrs. Marini and Dietrich arrived and Mr. Siegrist was called to the phone, so Mr. Woodcock took the chair. Two gentlemen were holding conversation with the clerk and at this point the Mayor rushed up, resumed the chair and wanted to know what the men were talking about. He was told in a polite way and the meeting proceeded, the Mayor asking if there were any important communications, whereupon the clerk said he had a letter from Collector Post.

"That can wait until tomorrow night," said Siegrist.

"Yes, that can wait," added Meyer. "Read it," retorted the Mayor. "You fellows know what's in it. I don't."

Siegrist and Meyer said they didn't know what was in it.

"Why, then," asked Cadien, "do you say it can wait?" And Meyer replied he could guess what it was about.

The letter was read and the Mayor turned to Siegrist and asked if he wanted a copy of the letter, and Siegrist said, "No."

"No, you've got one," said the Mayor raising his voice.

Siegrist sprang from his seat and stormed: "How dare you say that?"

"Oh, I can tell you some things. You would be surprised," snapped Cadien. "Yes, that's a song," said Siegrist. "You know nothing."

"Oh, you would be surprised," repeated the Mayor, smiling sarcastically.

"That's all bosh!" Siegrist replied in disgust.

So the meeting proceeded with little accomplished, except an exchange of personalities between His Honor and Councilman Siegrist and ended shortly with a motion for adjournment.

Cliff. B. and L. Asso. Elects Officers

The Cliffside Park Building and Loan Association held a meeting on last Thursday night for the purpose of electing officers.

The following officers were elected: President—Justus Hattmeyer. Vice President—Herman Goemann. Treasurer—William Franz.

Directors—Messrs. Hattmeyer, Goemann, Franz, Banville, Mahoney, Marini, Nagle, Dyer, Accomando, Stetka, Leeger, Fragalai and Dr. Hellstern.

The association plans to hold their meetings the third Thursday of each month in the office of Mr. Banville in the Marini building at 349 Palisade avenue in Cliffside.

Post Discovers Old Account of \$3.96 The collector of the borough of Cliffside Park, Herbert L. Post, has discovered another old account of the borough's that has been lying in Palisade Trust and Guarantee Company, of Englewood, since February 24, 1904 (nineteen years). It is a part of the Board of Education fund amounting to \$3.96.

This is the fifth account that Mr. Post has "unearthed," and he says he may find a few more within a short time.

After a period of comparative quietude the political sky in Cliffside Park blazes forth this week with quite a number of bright luminaries in the firmament. Hats have finally been cast in the ring, ten of them so far, as follows: For Mayor, Edward Kenny and Joseph Marini on the Republican ticket and Joseph Whelan on the Democratic ticket; for Councilmen, John MacDonald, G. Siegrist, James Aiken and John W. Lawlor on the Republican ticket and Fred Weiss on the Democratic ticket; for Collector, Herbert L. Post and C. M. Stein on the Republican ticket.

The information is absolutely authentic and was gathered from the several meetings that were held the past few days. A Republican meeting at Stetka's Hall on Wednesday night, a Democratic meeting at the same place on Thursday night and a gathering of citizens at the home of Herbert L. Post on Thursday night.

Few were present at the Republican meeting on Wednesday evening. However the meeting developed into an intention to run for collector stated the ball rolling by calling on Mr. Kenny to say a word or two. He responded and told of his intention to run for Mayor and stated that this time his platform would carry a plank for the constructive development of the borough, stating that two years ago he ran on a platform which pledged economy in the administration of borough affairs and that the policy he advocated had been followed out by the present Council Board.

Mr. Marini briefly announced his candidacy for the office of Mayor.

Herbert Post in making known his intention to run for collector stated that he was in a position to show the people of this borough that he had saved many times his salary since he has been serving and he felt he could fill the job as well as any one in town and maybe a trifle better because of the experience this brief term has afforded him.

Walter Stein, speaking for his father of the latter to run for the collector-meeting held in Stetka's on Thursday night.

Robert Todd was present and addressed the assemblage, pointing out his fitness for office of Freeholder for which he is running and left the impression that he was going into office, if elected, with a determination to get a fair distribution of state highway money for this section of the county.

Samuel Corker, the Republican candidate for Mayor in Fort Lee, was called upon and responded with an interesting talk on matters that were of mutual interest to both boroughs and to the welfare of the Republican party.

Mr. Renkin, president of the Cliffside Democratic Club, presided at the meeting held in Stetka's on Thursday night. The gathering endorsed Joseph Whelan for the Democratic candidate for Mayor.

The meeting at the home of Mr. Post was an enthusiastic one and a number of prominent citizens took part in the discussion of what would be the most expedient and best thing for that particular group to do. No candidates were endorsed. Among those who addressed the meeting were Duncan McClave, Seymour Sears and Mrs. Warren.

This is the story to date and, of course, each week will bring forth new developments as all factions are planning for weekly meetings. The next meeting of the Cliffside Republican Club will be held in Stetka's Hall on next Wednesday night.

Man With "Dumb Smile" Missing

William Kilchewke of New York City reports to the Cliffside police that his cousin, John Grabowski of 235 Oakdene avenue, is missing.

Grabowski is but 28 years old though his cousin says he looks fully 35 and has a light complexion, dark brown hair, weighs 155 pounds, and is about 5 feet 10 inches in height. He formerly boarded at the above address and has not been seen for about a month. He is a war veteran and suffers from shell shock. According to the police records he "always has a dumb smile."

Police Captain Frank Borrell says that the United States Treasury Department has had a representative in the borough for the purpose of locating Grabowski, in order to pay the sum of \$2,500 due him from the government.

Ideal Government. The proper function of a government is to make it easy for the people to do good, and difficult for them to do evil.—Chadwick.