

MYSTERY BURNS HOME AFTER OCCUPANTS FLEE

Woman, Frightened by
Stranger's Actions, Leaves
House, Which Soon After
Is Wrapped in Flames.

A man, whose suspicious actions led Mrs. Benjamin H. Rebe to take her 10-month-old baby and with Mrs. E. W. Bennett, a lodger, leave the Rebe home at 603 H street, Lawndale, is believed by the police to have set fire to the house, which burned to the ground shortly after the departure of its occupants early today.

Mrs. Rebe, whose husband is employed at night in a downtown bakery, told the police of a queer-looking man, seen prowling about the house after Rebe went to work at 11 o'clock last night. The actions of the stranger annoyed her, and with her child and Mrs. Bennett she left the place shortly before midnight.

She had been gone barely 20 minutes when Horace Prohmer, a neighbor, who teaches school at Third and Mifflin streets and who was on his way home, told her the house was on fire. At the same time William Criss, of Lehigh and H streets, saw smoke coming from the place and turned in an alarm.

Engine companies from Tacony, Bustleton, Frankford and Holmesburg responded but were unable to save the house, which is a 2-story frame structure.

Cowering with her child in the glare of her blazing home, Mrs. Rebe watched the house burn to the ground. Neighbors tried to comfort her, but the woman was hysterical with fear. She frequently said she was in terror of the strange man who she believed set fire to the place.

Friends, when they first saw smoke coming from the rear of the Rebe house, entered and were able to save some of the lighter pieces of furniture.

The house was owned by Mrs. Mary Fale, of Manayunk. Mrs. Rebe's mother-in-law was sent for and arrived home shortly after the destruction of his home. He said this was the second time within two years his house had been set on fire.

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REFUGEES THROU VIENNA FLEEING "RUSSIAN HORROR"

Public Buildings Used for Wounded
From Galician Front.

VIENNA, Oct. 2.—While every train to the north is carrying troops to strengthen the Galician front, every train returning is filled with wounded Austrian and Galician refugees fleeing from what they call the "Russian horror."

The wounded are coming in such large numbers that some have had to be cared for in a section of the Parliament Building. All the churches and schools, which have been turned into temporary hospitals, were filled some time ago. The residence of Archduke Leopold Salvator, which stands next to the American Embassy, has been turned into a hospital.

The city has been unable to care for all the Galician refugees and thousands are being sent to towns south and west of Vienna.

TRIES SUICIDE IN CELL

Prisoner Twice Attempt to Hang
Himself by Suspenders.

Arthur Brown, of 235 Oakford street, twice attempted to commit suicide in a cell at the Twentieth and Federal streets police station, last night. He was saved both times by the vigilance of Turnkey Young and Patrolman Kennedy. After the second attempt to end his life Brown was shackled and watched all night. This morning Magistrate Briggs sentenced him to serve three months in the county prison.

Brown was arrested yesterday, accused of disorderly conduct. Last night Turnkey Young heard a doer coming from the cell. He investigated and found Brown suspended by a strap to the upper bar of the cell. The prisoner repeated the operation an hour later by endeavoring to hang himself with a rope formed by his suspenders and necktie.

ITALIAN LINER ARRIVES

Stampalia Brings But 54 Passengers.
War Hurts Business.

Bringing 54 cabin and 12 steerage passengers from Naples, Genoa and Palermo via New York, the La Veloce Line steamship Stampalia docked this morning at the Municipal Pier on Vine street. Captain Laverio reported an uneventful voyage.

The few arrivals on board the Stampalia is evidence of what Leonora, usually the liner from Italian ports, can do when the war is on.

COW AND ROPE CAUSE DEATH

Animal, Becoming Fretful, Bruises
Man's Hand and Tetanus Develops.

A piece of rope and a fretful cow caused the death of Albert B. Fox, 26 years old, of Lancaster, Pa., who died in the German hospital today.

Several days ago Fox was leading his cow to pasture and bruised his hand when the animal became fretful and kicked the rope. He paid little attention to the injury, but blood poisoning set in and he died here from tetanus.

BRITISH RELEASE U. S. CARGOES

Prize Court to Deliver Shipments
Consigned to This Port.

Importers here were glad to learn today that the British Prize Court had decided to release the German steamship Scheepke, which was captured while bound here from India with thousands of goat skins. The owners of the cargo feared it would not be released and the Prize Court for immediate action.

American cargoes, captured in German ships are to be delivered as rapidly as possible. It is understood that each vessel will arrive in charge of a prize crew and after discharging the cargo will return to an English port to be sold as a prize of war.

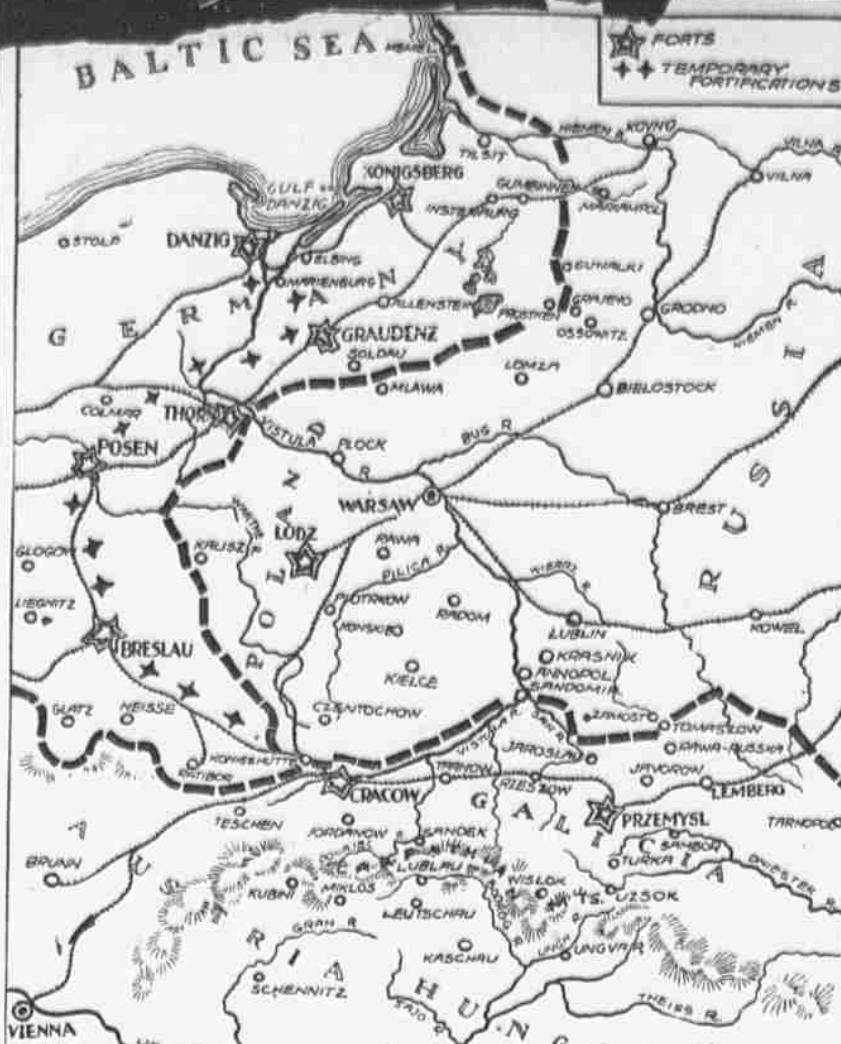
BIG MEAL CAUSES HIS ARREST

Man Charged With Highway Robbery
Had Ordered Elaborate Meal.

David D. Ancona, 37 years old, no home, was held without bail by Magistrate Tracy in the Eleventh and Winter streets station, this morning, on the charge of highway robbery.

While returning to his home, last night, William Hume, 25 years old, 133 North Street street, declared that D. Ancona knocked him down and took \$5 from his coat pocket.

Ancona was taken by Street Sergeant Burgess, but when taken to the Eleventh and Winter streets station, an elaborate meal was found in his stomach.



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INTEREST MAKING SAFETY CARNIVAL A BIG SUCCESS

Many Children, High School Students
and Teachers Visit Exhibit.

The Carnival and Convention of Safety has met with great success as an educational factor because of the interest displayed on the part of many children, high school students and teachers, who have visited Convention Hall, Broad street and Allegheny avenue.

Special invitations were issued to all the district high schools yesterday at the suggestion of Dr. William Jacobs, Acting Superintendent of Schools, and students turned out in large numbers for both afternoon and evening sessions. The program this evening will be devoted especially to mothers, who will be admitted free. Lantern slides will show safety methods for use in case of accidents.

An exhibition of the work done in tented camps by the Camp Fire Girls of America will be one of the features this evening. Children from the Widener Home for Cripples and inmates of the Pennsylvania Institute for the Deaf and Dumb will attend the carnival this afternoon as guests of the Home and School League.

FIGHT ON TROLLEY CAUSES PANIC AMONG PASSENGERS

Police Arrest Ringleader of Band
Who Started Trouble.

Fighting in a street car at 15th and Norris streets early today, when a crowd of roughs tried to prevent two policemen from arresting one of their number, created a panic among the passengers during which several persons were cut by flying glass. Several of the band plunged through the windows in an effort to escape. Three men were arrested.

They are James O'Donnell, 330 North 24th street; James Judge, 170 Arlington street, and Le Roy Bush, 122 Arch street. At a hearing in the 24th and Berks streets police station, Magistrate Morris held O'Donnell in \$500 bail for court, and sent Judge to prison for ten days. Bush was discharged as it was testified he tried to act as peacemaker.

STUDY OF SPANISH ADDED TO HIGH SCHOOL COURSE

Dr. Jacobs Announces Changes in
English and Other Studies.

English studies in the elementary schools will be changed as a result of a conference held at the Normal School, at which Doctor William C. Jacobs, Acting Superintendent of Schools, presided. Doctor Jacobs announced today that he will appoint a committee to draft a new English course.

The new course will pay more attention to the correct speaking and writing of English and less to the technical side of the study, according to Doctor Jacobs. Spanish courses will be added to the curriculum of several district high schools as a result of requests for such courses made by numerous pupils within the last few months. George Wheeler, Associate Superintendent of Schools, expressed the opinion today that the demand for Spanish is due to the movement for increased trade with South America and also to the opening of the Panama Canal.

Students of stenography in the district high schools are especially anxious to learn Spanish. Within the last few days the requests have been numerous from both boys and girls.

PEACE ENVOY WILL SAIL

Professor Battin Leaves Tomorrow
For Europe to Aid Abolishing War.

Prof. Benjamin F. Battin, of Swarthmore College, will sail for Europe tomorrow, as the special envoy of the Christian Peace Union, with the mission of building up an organization designed to abolish war through the teaching and promulgation of Christianity.

Professor Battin's work will be conducted in accordance with plans decided upon at a meeting held last week at the summer home of Andrew Carnegie, at Lake Mohonk, New York. J. Allen Baker, M. P., chairman of the British Council for Promoting Friendly Relations Between Nations, attended the meeting.

Professor Battin will conduct his campaign by visiting prominent educators of Europe to try to interest them in the plan, after which branch offices will be established in the capitals of Europe. Plans will be devised also whereby diplomatic correspondence will be conducted in such a manner as to permit the newspapers and the public to get a more intimate insight into international relations.

Mrs. Paul Cret Nursing Wounded

Letters have been received from Mrs. Paul Cret by friends in Philadelphia announcing that she is nursing the French wounded in Lyons. When her husband, who is a member of the French army, was enrolled for active service, Mrs. Cret decided that she, too, would aid her country. She joined the Red Cross corps and was sent to the military hospital at Lyons. Mrs. Cret is the wife of Prof. Paul Cret, of the Architectural Department at the University of Pennsylvania. They were traveling in France when war was declared.

ITALIAN SWINDLER AGAIN WORKS SMOOTH GAME

Fleeces Countryman Out of \$80 and
Escapes Capture.

A swindling Italian who preys upon his ignorant countrymen caught his third victim at Broad Street Station this morning, and as a result the police have redoubled their efforts to capture the man. The name of the victim was withheld by the police and the Italian Consul, to whom he was sent for aid.

According to the story related to the police, the stranger is an Italian laborer from Western Pennsylvania. He was on his way back to Italy to join his wife and child following the receipt of a cablegram setting forth that the wife is dangerously ill. When he reached Broad Street Station today he had \$50 in cash.

A well-dressed countryman accosted him as he walked into the train shed, and described himself as an agent for an Italian Protective Society. The swindler declared that strange Italians frequently are robbed when they arrive in the city and said that the object of the society was to protect them.

He then produced a number of engraved papers covered with seals as credentials. His society, he said, ran a bank in which Italians could place their money until they needed it. The bank paid seven per cent in advance, he said.

Impressed by the suave manner of the swindler, the laborer gave up his \$50. The swindler then offered to show him to the Italian Consul, but as soon as the two got into the crowd outside Broad Street Station the man disappeared. Then the laborer became suspicious, notified a traffic policeman and was sent to the detective bureau.

The police say that this is the third case of this kind within a month. A sharp watch has been kept at Broad Street Station, but each time the thief has managed to elude the detectives. A description of the man has been obtained, however, and from now on the watch will be redoubled.

The victim of the swindling game was chiefly worried because he feared he would be unable to get back to Italy, but it is understood that the Italian Consul will send him to his native land.

MAN BEATEN AND STABBED

Found Unconscious In Street After
Mix-up With Former Lodger.

Stabbed in the abdomen and suffering from bruises on the head, Medes Brunovich, 35 years old, 219 Cherry street, was found unconscious this morning at Ninth and Cherry streets. He was removed to Hahnemann Hospital.

According to Brunovich, he wandered into a Greek restaurant near Ninth and Cherry streets late evening looking for a former lodger who owed him money. Brunovich declares when he demanded payment the man stabbed him.

Special officers of the Eleventh and Winter streets station arrested Downward Hedges, 35 years old, of 120 North Ninth street, on the charge of stabbing Brunovich. Hedges was held in \$500 bail for court by Magistrate Tracy.

PAIR HELD FOR ROBBERY

Accused of Beating Man and Stealing
His Valuables.

Joseph McCarson, 22 years old, of 1724 South Ringgold street, and William Casey, 20 years old, of 1225 South 21st street, were arrested this morning by Special Police-men McIntyre, of the Twentieth and Federal streets police station, on a charge of assault and battery and highway robbery.

According to the police, the men held up Bernard O'Connor, of 2346 Garrick street, on September 22 at 23d and Locust streets, and after beating him, stole his gold watch and chain and other valuables.

KAISER'S PERSONAL ORDER BROUGHT VON HAUSEN HOME

"Shake-up" of Staff Due to "Bad
Strategy," Is Berlin Rumor.

BERLIN, Oct. 2.—Constant and apparently well-grounded reports prevail here that the Kaiser has shaken up his General Staff and replaced at least one general at the front, because of the bad strategy and worse tactics which have compelled the Germans to fight again to recover French territory which they once held, especially around Rheims.

General von Hausen, formerly Minister of War in Saxony, is the general mentioned as having been deposed and replaced by the Kaiser's personal orders. He commanded Army No. 3, also known as the Army of Saxony. He has been succeeded by General von Einem, formerly War Minister in Prussia.

While it has been generally known that Von Hausen had been replaced, it was said that his illness was the cause. But Berlin has now heard that it was the Kaiser's dissatisfaction with this general's operations in the field that caused the change, which resulted in his withdrawal from the front and the appointment of Von Einem to succeed him.

The bad three weeks that Germany has had in France, after her earlier successes, have created a feeling of doubt in the capital, but just as this feeling was beginning to shake the confidence of the country in the final outcome the news of the achievement of the submarine, 7-9 under Captain Weddigen, in sinking the Aboukir, Hogue and Cressy, came to restore a measure of confidence and dissipate the gathering doubts.

UNITED STATES TROOPS TO STAY IN MEXICO

Evacuation of Vera Cruz Indefinitely
Postponed.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—The evacuation of Vera Cruz, originally scheduled for October 1, today was delayed until October 11 at the earliest, and it is probable that the American troops will not leave the Mexican port for some time after that date, on account of the uncertainty of the situation in the interior.

Following the receipt of dispatches indicating that the Villa revolt is gaining ground in the north of Mexico, Consul General Launing, of the American Legation, requested Major General Winterspoon, chief of staff, not to move the troops for some time. Instructions accordingly were sent to General Funston and the American troops to remain in the city until after October 11.

War Department officials today admitted that the actual date of the evacuation of Vera Cruz is "very problematical." It depends not only on the result of the various revolutions now in progress, but on the outcome of the peace conferences scheduled for next week, and on the willingness of the leaders in Mexico to accept the Carranza government at the port of Vera Cruz.

The official explanation for the delay in the evacuation is that "the details of the shift of the Civil Government cannot be successfully worked out in a short time."

FATHER BELIEVES MISSING BOY WAS KIDNAPPED

George Barnes and Money of His
Employer Strangely Disappeared.

Kidnapped and whirled away in an automobile is what happened to George Barnes, 16 years old, 12 North 5th street, according to his parents. He mysteriously vanished last Thursday night on his way to deposit money belonging to his employers.

The boy was employed as a clerk by Charles Pomerantz, delicatessen dealer, 52d and Walnut streets. During the past two months he had been sent daily to the West Philadelphia Bank, 53d and Market streets, to make deposits. He had \$100 in cash and several checks when he disappeared.

Wearing a white coat and apron, the boy left the store last Thursday morning. He had received instructions from his employers to return at once after making the deposit. When the boy failed to return his employers made inquiries at the bank. They were informed by the receiving teller that he had not been there.

In the alarm of the last night the boy is described as about 5 feet 2 inches tall, weighing about 125 pounds, freckled face and dark eyes.

"My boy was honest and was well pleased with his position," said Mr. Barnes. "I feel sure that he was put into an automobile and taken away by men who wanted to get his money."

AUTO MANUFACTURERES EXPECT IMMENSE BOOM

Prediction Made That Output Will
Quadruple When War Is Over.

DETROIT, Oct. 2.—Conservative estimates of the increase in export business anticipated by manufacturers of medium-priced automobiles when the European war is brought to an end read like the wildest kind of optimism, remarks H. M. Jewett, president of the Paige-Detroit.

Mr. Jewett believes American producers have underestimated rather than overestimated the actual demand for cars in the old country as a result of the war.

Yale University's Funds Increase

NEW HAVEN, Oct. 2.—The annual report of George Parmly Day, treasurer of Yale University, shows total gifts and bequests for the year ending June 30 of \$1,013,848.73, as compared with \$1,418,333.84 for the previous year. The net increase in funds is \$565,245.74, against \$1,041,880.47 for last year.

As a teaching organization, the university closed the year with a deficit of \$779,400. Total investments amount to \$14,224,258.58.

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WORKMEN TRAPPED AS FLAMES SWEEP FACTORY

Attempt to Save Clothing Nearly
Proves Fatal.

Fourteen men were nearly suffocated today when they rushed back into the burning half-mattress establishment of Nathan Wagman, 1715-17 South Eighth street, to obtain clothing left in the upper stories. They had barely reached the second floor when choking clouds of smoke from burning hair enveloped them.

Firemen realizing the plight of the men dashed into the building and brought the unfortunate workmen to the street.

The fire started in the stock room of the factory, where quantities of hair used for stuffing mattresses is stored. Two men were in the room at the time. They were Joseph Chapman and Oscar Wagman, son of the proprietor of the place. It is thought spontaneous combustion is responsible for the fire, as smoking is not permitted.

Chapman and Wagman dashed from the room, and, going up to the second and third stories, warned the other employees. These ran to the street.

Because at first there did not seem to be much fire in the building, the men who had come out minus their coats and hats, with one accord, dashed back into the building to recover them.

Just as they reached the second floor choking clouds of smoke rolled up the stairway from the burning hair room. The men were trapped. Fireman hearing their cries and realizing the danger led the party to safety.

Many persons living in the rear of the burning building hurried articles of furniture from windows. Mothers clutching children ran for safety. Hundreds congregated in the streets.

The flames destroyed the lower portion of the mattress factory, and caused damage estimated by Mr. Wagman at between \$200 and \$300.

The delicatessen store of L. Gottlieb, 1713 South Eighth street, was also damaged by smoke and water.

THIRTEEN DOCTORS APPLY Brisk Competition for Post of Resi-

dent at General Hospital.

Thirteen physicians took the civil service examination today for the \$4000 position of chief resident physician at the Philadelphia General Hospital. Dr. Joseph S. Doane, formerly superintendent of the Miners' Hospital, at Shamokin, who has been serving provisionally as superintendent, was included among the applicants for the permanent position.

The rule that applicants for city positions must be residents of Philadelphia was waived for this examination.

Following the death of Dr. Henry Sykes, former chief resident physician of the Philadelphia General Hospital, Dr. William H. Walsh, former superintendent of the Municipal Hospital for Contagious Diseases, performed the duties at the General Hospital for several months.

CRACK THE WHIP GAM PROVES FATAL

William Quick Crashes Into
While Roller Skating.

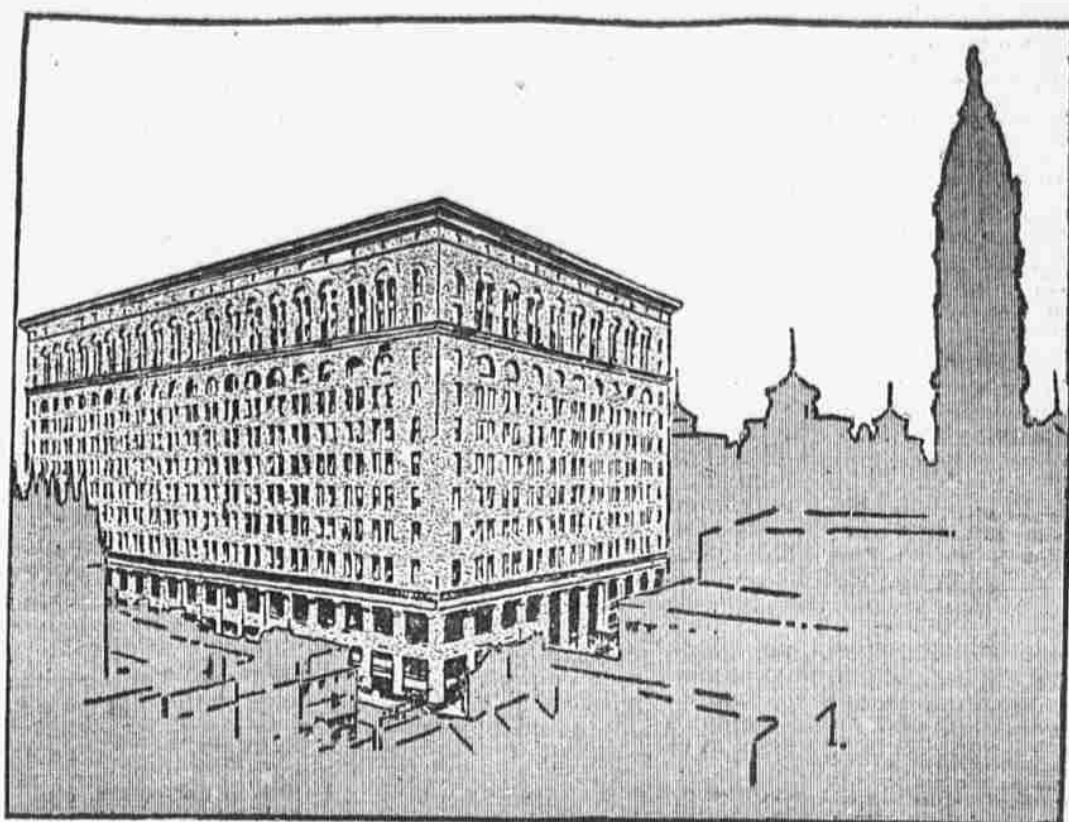
Skating in the street is responsible for the death of William Quick, 18 years old, 2337 Turner street, who crashed motorcar at 24th and Oxford while playing a game of "crack the whip." He died in the North General Hospital.

Howard C. Pearce, who was driving automobile into which young Quick plunged, was held without bail this morning by Magistrate Morris to await the coroner. Witnesses say he is to blame.

Quick, with other lads, was last night on 24th street. He was boy in the "crack the whip" game. He was going at a terrific pace when the motorcar approached. He was able to stop, and Pearce had no time to avoid the onrushing boy. The lad plunged into the mud guard of the automobile and fell to the ground. He had a deep cut in his side and was injured internally.

At the hearing in the 24th and Oxford streets police station Magistrate Morris took occasion to speak of the danger of young people skating in the street. He said the Department of Public Safety should take means to prevent a reckless pastime.

Store Opens 8.30 A. M. WANAMAKER'S Store Closes 5.30 P. M.



The Grand Organ Plays Tomorrow at 9, 11 and 5:15

One Man and His Rugs

A certain man has a very fine conceit in his collection of Oriental Rugs. Indeed, he had a new house built and specially made fireproof to the end that what he regards as his treasures may be secure.

When he was in this Oriental Rug Store a few days ago, he told us that he had rugs displayed in his home as we have them in this store so that he might fully enjoy them.

And he said that rugs were a very great part of all that made his life worth while, and that sometimes when he returns home and goes amongst his fine pieces and looks into the magic depths of their incomparable colorings, the delight which he feels becomes ecstatic, almost intoxicating.

It was good to hear a man of that kind say that he knew of no collection of rugs on sale to compare with that which we have now in this store. He was moved to say this largely by the assortment of rare and unduplicatable pieces which we have been unbaling for some days past, and which will be one of the unique features of the

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