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ALLIES REOPEN DIKES TO HALT DRIVE ON YSER

Threatening German Advance From Dixmude Impeded by Extension of Inundated District in Flanders.

Kaiser's Big Guns Bombard Nieuport in Coast Advance. French Claim Gains in Argonne Region.

The Allies are again cutting the dikes along the Yser, according to the official statement of the French War Office this afternoon, in order to check the German drive from Dixmude, which had assumed serious proportions. That the Allies' lines at this point were menaced was apparently indicated by the fact that heavy reinforcements have been sent to the British army, and Field Marshal Sir John French is reported to have taken personal command at that point.

With the land south of Dixmude inundated a forward movement of the heavy guns that the Germans have massed there will be difficult. In the meantime, however, a renewal of the attempt to push along the coast is indicated by the fact that the Germans are bombarding Nieuport. Their artillery is also active farther south, and Ypres is again being shelled.

At other points on the Franco-Belgian lines there has been relatively little activity. In the Argonne, attacks by the Germans have been repulsed and slight gains are claimed by the French. In the Woevre the Germans have attempted a forward movement, but with "insignificant results," according to the French communique.

Turkish troops captured the Russian town of Ardamitsch, 30 miles southwest of Batum. British territorials have been rushed into Egypt to oppose the Turk advance there.

Re-formation of the Russian centre in the great conflict between the Warthe and Vistula Rivers has become necessary on account of the resumption of the German offensive in the vicinity of Lodz and Lowicz. A battle is reported to be raging at Lask, southwest of Lodz, where the Germans have brought fresh forces from Kalisz with the design of penetrating the Russian centre. Fighting is also reported at Walbron and Novo Radomsk, in the neighborhood of Lodz, but in these actions Vienna announces victory for the Germans and Austrians. The Berlin statements are to the effect that the Poland situation is well in hand and discount recent intimations of a vast Russian victory, soon to be officially announced.

Emperor Francis Joseph has had Belgrade presented to him as a gift commemorating the 66th anniversary of his accession to the throne of Austria-Hungary. The Austrian advance to Valjevo, south of the Servian capital, opened the way for a movement against that city, which is again in the hands of the enemy.

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FOG DELAYS TRANSPORTS BRINGING MARINES HOME

Three Vessels Bearing Men From Vera Cruz Drop Anchor in Bay.

The City of Memphis was the first of the three United States transports carrying marines from Vera Cruz to the Philadelphia Navy Yard to find her way through the dense fog and pass the Delaware Capes. She arrived at Breakwater last night.

The mist, however, was too thick to risk coming up the river, and the vessel is anchored off Over Falls Lightship. It is expected the City of Denver and San Marcos, the other transports, will arrive in the bay some time today. It is doubtful if any of them can reach the Navy Yard before tomorrow morning.

They should have arrived here several days ago, but were held up by bad weather and mechanical trouble on the San Marcos. For days the Navy Yard operators have been working overtime answering telephone calls from anxious wives, sweethearts and mothers of the boys who took Vera Cruz. Many of them have come from a long distance to greet the marines when they land, and have been greatly inconvenienced by the delay.

The fog this morning was not nearly so dense as it had been for the last two days. Shipping moved slowly in the early hours, and will gradually resume normal conditions with the dissemination of the mist.

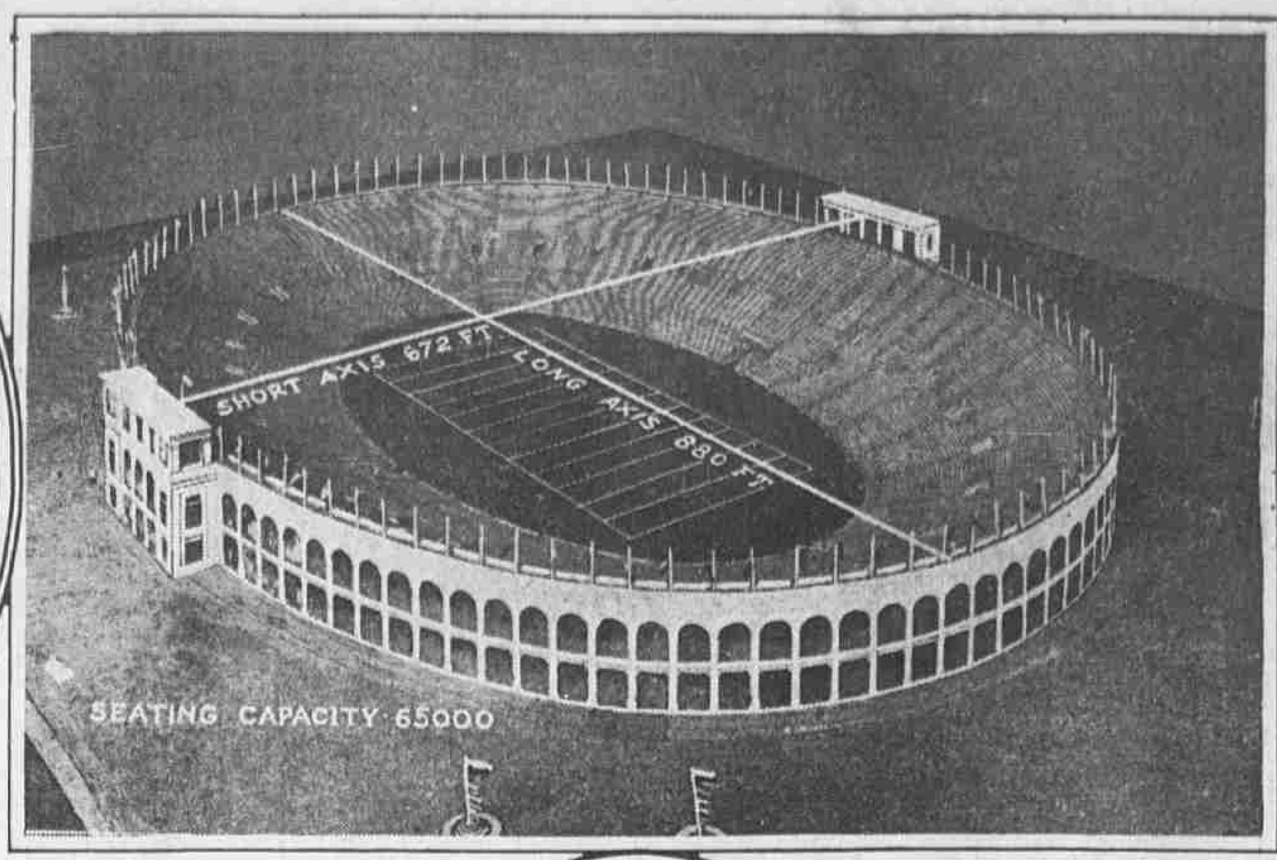
THE WEATHER

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Cloudy and unsettled today. Diminishing fog. Colder tonight and tomorrow.

For details, see page 2.

PROPOSED NEW STADIUM, MAP OF SITE AND ADVOCATES

E. J. BERLET



ELLIS GIMBEL

Above is a tentative model of the athletic stadium proposed for Philadelphia. The cross indicates the site proposed in Fairmount Park. The heavy lines indicate the car routes thereto.

R. R. DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THIS CITY IS COMMUTERS' CHARGE

Proposed Increase in Rates Aimed at Philadelphia Alone—New York Enjoys Immunity.

Investigation of the comparative passenger rates in this city and New York proves that if the proposed tariff increase, which the railroads have agreed upon, is permitted to become effective December 15, Philadelphia will be the victim of extraordinary discrimination on the part of the three railroads touching this city.

While all three railroads running into Philadelphia will exact a general increase in fares to all points, they have announced an additional sweeping increase in commutation rates affecting this city particularly. Not one of the roads running into New York city has expressed intention of advancing the rates for commutation service there.

Apparently the Pennsylvania, the Philadelphia and Reading and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad companies, not content with the general increase in passenger tariffs planned throughout the East, have agreed to saddle upon the backs of Philadelphia commuters an additional tax of many thousands of dollars annually.

This flagrant injustice on the part of the railroads, the indignant commuters here declare, is nothing more or less than a deliberate hold-up of Philadelphia, and is only possible, they say, because it has been concurred in by all three railroads.

The Transit Committee of the United Business Men's Association and the Executive Committee of the Commuters' Association, will take up this phase of the rate fight at a meeting Saturday morning at 1429 Chestnut street. It is probable they will arrange to present proof of discrimination against Philadelphia before the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission at the formal hearing here next Thursday.

The commutation rates now in force in New York city from points more than seven miles outside of the city, are lower than the present rates for a corresponding distance here. Within the seven-mile limit, the New York rates now are slightly higher than the present Philadelphia rates. But should the proposed increase become effective here, both within and outside of the seven-mile limit the Philadelphia rates will be much higher than those in New York.

NEW YORK KEEPS 50-TRIP TICKET.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has a 50-trip commutation ticket in use in New York, very similar to the one scheduled for withdrawal here. No word suggesting either the increase in price of this ticket in New York or its withdrawal there has been heard, although the discontinuance of the ticket in Philadelphia is one of the most bitterly contested points in the commuters' fight.

F. D. Underwood, president of the Erie

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE READY

Executive Will Deliver It to Congress in Person Next Tuesday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—President Wilson today put the finishing touches to his annual message to Congress. He will deliver it in person at a joint session next Tuesday. It is understood this is the most lengthy of the Wilson messages and that the chief feature is an appeal to Congress to expedite legislation so that an extra session of the next Congress will be unnecessary.

While details are lacking it is known the President will urge, in addition to the various appropriation bills, that Congress complete the previously recommended conservation legislation and take action on a plan for rural credits.

STRAW BAIL MEN SENTENCED

Edward Hanley Gets Four Years and Frank Wallin Two.

Two of the most notorious men connected with the "straw bail" cases were sentenced to several years each in the county prison this morning after hearings in the Court of Quarter Sessions. The men are Frank Wallin and Edward Hanley, alias "Diamond Tooth Eddie."

Judge Ferguson sentenced Wallin to two years. Hanley was given four years by Judge Barratt. Both men have been in custody since last July.

EDWARD HARRIS ELECTED CAPTAIN OF PENN TEAM

Varsity Right Tackle Will Lead Red and Blue Football Team During 1915 Season.

Edward Harris, right tackle of the Penn football team for the past two year, was today elected to succees "Al" Journeay as captain of the Red and Blue gridiron warriors for the season of 1915.

Harris, a junior in the engineering department, and during his freshman year played fullback on the first year eleven. He is 22 years old and weighs 200 pounds.

He is one of the most popular men in college and belongs to the Zeta Psi fraternity. Before entering Penn he played fullback for the Episcopal High eleven. He was captain of that team for two years.

LAMAR FOUND GUILTY; SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS

"Wolf of Wall Street" Impersonated Congressman Palmer to Defraud Morgans.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—David Lamar, known as the "Wolf of Wall Street," was found guilty in Federal Court this afternoon of impersonating Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer with intent to defraud J. P. Morgan & Co. and the United States Steel Corporation.

Lamar was released on $10,000 bail and his counsel was given 30 days to file a writ of error.

Counsel for the defendant moved that the verdict be set aside on the ground that it was contrary to the law and the facts. Judge Sessions overruled the motion, and sentenced Lamar to two years imprisonment at Atlanta.

Lamar was convicted after Judge Sessions had instructed the jurymen they must decide whether in impersonating Mr. Palmer over the telephone Lamar had done so with intent to defraud. Counsel for the defendant contended that his client had used Representative Palmer's name in a "personal" and not in an "official" sense.

AUTO'S VICTIM UNIDENTIFIED

The identity of a woman who died in the Hahnemann Hospital as a result of injuries sustained when she was struck by an automobile at 9th street and Ridge avenue, on November 30, has not been determined.

Mrs. Emma Clarke, 1318 South Front street, said the body was that of her daughter, Catharine. Yesterday she reappeared at the Morgue and said her daughter had returned home. Although the body has been prepared for burial, it will be held at the Morgue awaiting identification.

BIG NAVY BLOW AT PEACE, DAVID STARR JORDAN SAYS

Chancellor of Leland Stanford Addresses Unitarians in Germantown.

"A larger navy for the United States would mean a serious blow for world peace," said Dr. David Starr Jordan, chancellor of Leland Stanford University, today in addressing the Philadelphia League of Unitarian and Other Christian Women at the Unitarian Church, Greene street and Chelten avenue.

"The effect of a great navy on the Pacific coast would be, sooner or later, to irritate Japan, who intends to knock the chip off our shoulder if we place one there," said Doctor Jordan.

He said the Japanese were aggressive enough to contest the supremacy of the Pacific if this country made preparations for fighting them. The great hue and cry for a large navy, he said, was the work of politicians.

"We must prepare for peace by peaceful means. The United States is the peace centre of the world, and the peoples of Europe are looking toward our shores for the solution of their tragic problem."

The speaker, whose subject was "The Reconstruction of Civilization," outlined the world peace movement as directed against military efficiency. He said that neither Servia, Austria, Russia, France, Belgium nor England was responsible for the war, and that the only evidence he had that Germany was not responsible was contained in letters from German friends. In his opinion, England was not actuated by envy of German commerce.

Doctor Jordan will address the members of the Neutral Committee of the Red Cross Society at the home of Mrs. J. B. Lippincott, 1712 Spruce street, tomorrow morning at 11:30 o'clock. Tomorrow night he will speak at the First Unitarian Church, 21st and Chestnut streets. His subject will be "The Concern of American Commerce and Finance in the European War."

AUTOPSY CLEARS MYSTERY IN DEATH OF YOUNG NURSE

Coroner Finds Alma Smites Died From Natural Causes.

Deputy Coroner Ward announced this afternoon that an autopsy by a Coroner's physician showed that Miss Alma E. Smites, a young trained nurse who was found dead in her room at the Bushill Sanitarium, 1709 Green street, under peculiar circumstances, had died from natural causes. It was found that the young woman had been suffering from [illegible] kidney trouble.

This clears up the mystery which at first surrounded the death. When found, the body was lying on the floor wrapped in blankets and the electric light was burning.

When the death was reported to the police it was recalled that Miss Smites had lodged a complaint on Monday that her handbag, containing $25, had been snatched by a thief at Broad street station that day.

Miss Smites, who lived at 114 Chapel street, Macon, Ga., came here from that city three days ago to take up nursing at the sanitarium. A search of her room showed that she had nearly $10 cash, several small articles of jewelry and a bankbook showing deposits in a Macon bank for more than $100.

LAST MAN TO DIE BY NOOSE IN CITY HANGED IN PRISON

State Takes Life of William Abel for Murder of Twelve-year-old Thomas Kane.

The gallows claimed its last victim at Moyamensing prison at 10:02 o'clock this morning, when William Abel, 39 years old, was hanged for the murder of 12-year-old Thomas Kane, of 2466 Memphis street. Abel was pronounced dead at 10:23 o'clock by three physicians.

The body was taken away by Emil J. Le Bright, an undertaker, of 4351 Main street, Manayunk. Burial will be at the Leverington Cemetery Saturday morning.

Abel died repentant. For hours before the time came for the march to the scaffold the man sat in cell No. 15 with the Rev. J. Francis Behrens, of the Fiftieth Baptist Church, chanting the 23d Psalm and reading many times over the 14th chapter of John.

At 10 o'clock the door of his cell was opened and Abel, his hands fastened behind his back, started to walk to the gallows. The clergyman accompanied him to the foot of the structure. Members of the sheriff's jury and the newspaper men distinctly heard the man intoning the psalm.

The murderer stepped on the trap without a tremor and stood erect, while the black cap was fastened over his head. Examination of the body when it was cut down showed that the neck was not broken, but death was apparently instantaneous. The physicians were Drs. Thomas C. Morton, Chester Wilkinson and Joseph Baldi.

Sheriff Acker left the corridor in which the gallows was constructed as Abel stepped on the trap, and did not witness the hanging. Before the murderer left his cell he told the clergyman that he felt confident of going to heaven. He sent messages to his wife and daughter, saying he would meet them again. As he reached the bottom of the scaffold steps he turned to his spiritual adviser and said:

"I shall meet you in heaven."

It was announced by Sheriff Acker that Abel is not the last man to be hanged in the State, but the last in Philadelphia County. Murderers sentenced to the death penalty hereafter will die in the electric chair.

Among the city officials who witnessed the hanging were Captain of Detectives Robert D. Cameron, Lieutenant William B. Mills, of the Reserve Squad, and Detectives Emanuel, Belshaw and Ulrich.

LACKAWANNA COUNTY HAD ITS LAST HANGING TODAY

John Chimielewski Died for Killing Carbondale Policeman.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 3.—John Chimielewski was hanged in the yard of the Lackawanna County prison here this morning for the murder of Policeman William F. McAndrew, of Carbondale, the night of January 16, 1913, in Dickson City.

With no sign of fear or nervousness, Chimielewski walked rapidly from his cell to the scaffold. The drop fell at 10:15, and eight minutes later the body was cut down. Although the execution was announced by Sheriff Phillips to be private, more than 100 spectators witnessed it. Mayor E. B. Jermyn was selected as a member of the sheriff's jury, but he failed to answer the summons.

Chimielewski, who was 21 years old, shot and mortally wounded McAndrew in attempting to escape arrest for robbery. McAndrew's brother, John J. McAndrew, witnessed the hanging, which was the last in Lackawanna County.

DREKA. Individual Christmas Cards. 1121 Chestnut Street.—Adv.

CHEERS AND TEARS GREET MARINES FROM VERA CRUZ

"Soldiers of the Sea" Land at League Island—Two Other Transports Due Tomorrow.

Grim tragedy and sorrow tempered the reception totday, of the marines who returned from Vera Cruz and disembarked from the transport San Marcos at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. Two other transports, the City of Memphis and the Denver, are anchored off the Breakwater, laden with battle-marked members of the heroic force which landed at the Mexican port. They will steam up to the navy yard early tomorrow morning.

Another appropriate tribute to the gallant heroes is the roomful of mail that awaits them at League Island. It is said that there is more mail there now than has ever been there before. It fills an entire room. When it was learned that the marines had been ordered to leave Vera Cruz, the postal authorities sent the mail to League Island instead of to the Mexican port.

For two of the nine days required to make the run up the coast the transports had been groping their way through a thick curtain of mist. They were hovering off the Delaware Capes yesterday at a slow speed because of the fog. Lowering skies and intermittent showers greeted the men in the Delaware River and Bay. They were glad to get on shore, that the voyage was ended, and that they were now to enjoy a furlough of 30 days.

TEARS AND CHEERS.

Tears mingled with cheers as the battle-scarred sailor-soldiers arrived. From the faces gazing over the rails of the transport there were missing many who had worn smiles as they gayly steamed away months ago to fight for their country.

Written indelibly in the history of the nation are the names of many of those who were absent. Some fell in the fight to gain possession of Vera Cruz. Some were the victoms of snipers. Others had been summoned to answer the last roll call by disease. Among them were commissioned officers, non-commissioned officers and privates.

THOUSANDS MEET HEROES.

Thousands were on the water front and in the smaller craft in the river as the San Marcos came in sight. She steamed up the river gracefully and docked at the foot of Broad street at League Island.

The 3d Regiment, one artillery battalion and horses and stroes were aboard.

"HUMOROUS" ICEMAN STARTS VAIN QUEST IN CITY HALL

Tells Stenographer of "Suicide" and Search for Body Follows.

The rumor of a "suicide" in City Hall today had detectives, attaches of the coroner's office and a squad of City Hall guards searching in corridors of the building for the body of a man who was said to have ended his life. After a search of the entire building the sleuths and others who engaged in the suicide hunt arrived at the conclusion they had been the victim of a practical joker.

When the suicide rumor was run down it was traced to an iceman who delivers at offices on the seventh floor. The iceman vouchsafed information to a stenographer that a suicide had been found on the sixth floor.

"Don't breathe a word about it," was the parting word of warning to the stenographer. She kept the "suicide" a secret—until one of the other typists arrived and then told the story.

A moment later the phone bell in Captain Cameron's office tinkled and the head of the detective bureau was told of the "suicide."

Captain Cameron called in several of his men and told them to investigate the matter and then got in touch with City Hall guards and coroner's detectives, who were asked to assist in the investigation.

IMMIGRANT BLOWS OUT GAS

Saved From Death by Prompt Use of Pulmotor.

An immigrant who blew out the gas in his room at 1108 Latona street, narrowly escaped death early this morning. He is Tony Tocca, an Italian, and he has been in this country only two days.

Mrs. Jennie Merrill, landlady at the Latona street house, smelled gas about 2 o'clock this morning. With the help of other boarders she smashed the lock on Tocca's room. The pulmotor was used to revive him at St. Agnes Hospital and he will recover.

PLANS FOR BIG CITY STADIUM SHOWN TODAY

Four Complete Sets in Hands of Committee—Cost to City Would Be About $300,000.

Convention Hall and New Commercial Museum Also Cared For—Jovian League Indorses Movement.

Detailed plans for a municipal stadium, the largest in the United States and for use in all national outdoor gatherings, were made public today at a luncheon of the Jovian League in the Hotel Adelphia by E. J. Berlet, chairman of the Philadelphia Army and navy committee.

Members of the league received the idea enthusiastically. An effort will be made to have an ordinance providing for the stadium introduced at an early meeting of Councils. A 60-inch model of one of the structures, designed by Ballinger & Perrot for the committee, was on exhibition today. The stadium would cost about $300,000. It is estimated that rentals would repay to the city the cost within six years.

The stadium plans include a disposition of the Convention Hall problem and their construction of a new Commercial Museum on the Parkway. Expert architects have drawn plans for four different types of stadiums. They would accommodate from 65,000 to 100,000 persons. The site suggested is on ground north of the Pennsylvania railroad tracks, east of the Girard avenue bridge and within 100 yards of the Schuylkill river. Engineers have approved of this stadium. Stations on the Pennsylvania and Reading railroads, which run nearby, would accommodate out-of-town crowds. Assurances that these stations would be built have been given the Army and Navy Committee.

SOLVES MUSEUM PROBLEM.

According to the committee's plan the Commercial Museum would be located on the Parkway and one of the present museum buildings near the University of Pennsylvania would serve as the convention hall and exhibition building. The other buildings, the committee suggested, would be turned over to the University. Convention experts, according to Mr. Berlet, declare that few conventions are attended by more than 700 or 800 delegates. He points out that the larger hotels are able to accommodate these gatherings. What is needed, he says, is an exhibition hall near a railroad in which heavy machinery and other equipment could be shown. One of the Commercial Museum buildings, he asserts, would fulfill this purpose and the others would be useful to meet the rapidly increasing demands of the University.

On the stadium project Mr. Berlet had much to say. Four complete plans are in the hands of the committee and work could be started on any one of them by advertising for bids. There is the coliseum model reproduced in a plaster cast at the meeting. This follows the Yale bowl idea to the extent of excavating for the field and putting the lowest rows of seats beneath the ground level. The field itself would measure 518 feet by 310. A quarter-mile track would encircle the field.

Another plan is the mushroom type, an elliptical field flattened at one side and with the lower seat below the surface level. This type, designed by Henry Reinhold, Jr., would be advantageous for stage productions, as the flat side would accommodate 65,000 persons closer to the stage than would be possible with an oval field. Another idea is that for the double-deck stadium of concrete and steel built on the surface without excavating. Objections to supporting pillars for the upper tier have been eliminated by cantilever construction planned by Ralph E. White, the architect. All support for the balcony would come from projections beginning at the sides and back of the lower seats. The double-deck stadium, Mr. White urges, would give protection to the lower seats.

CEMETERY SITE ABANDONED.

Mr. Berlet and the Army and Navy Committee have been working on the plans for nearly a year. Every possible site was investigated, and finally the com

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POSTMASTER ARRESTED

Charged With Reporting Business in Excess of Real Amount.

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 3.—William M. Hambleton, postmaster at Wakefield, was arrested today on a warrant from United States Commissioner Howard J. Lowell, Lancaster, on the charge of making false returns to the department, having reported canceling a larger amount of stamped letters daily than he did, his recompense being based on the number canceled.

He has been held for a hearing.

DENTIST FINDS MOTHER DEAD FROM ESCAPING GAS

Mrs. Mary Cunningham Asphyxiated in Her Kensington Ave. Home

Mrs. Mary Cunningham, a widow, [illegible] Kensington avenue, was found dead from gas poisoning today in a bedroom of her home. The police believe that she was awakened early this morning by the strong fumes of gas and tried to get to the window when she was overcome.

When the physicians of the [illegible] Hospital arrived at the house with a pulmotor in response to a call from [illegible] Cunningham, a dentist and son of the dead woman, they said she had been dead for at least four hours. The body was found by the woman's son.

From all appearances Mrs. Cunningham had failed to turn off the gas [illegible]