

CONCERT TONIGHT AT METROPOLITAN

Strawbridge & Clothier Chorus of More Than 150 Voices in Nine Program.

The annual concert of the Strawbridge & Clothier Chorus, for which preparations have been under way for two months, will be given tonight in the Metropolitan Opera House. The program comprises the charming and tuneful cantatas, "The Swan and the Skylark" and "The Rose Maiden." The affair promises to be an artistic triumph in every respect.

COURT CLERKS LOSE FEES

Money Collected in Naturalization Cases Will Go to Counties. Justice Stewart, in the Supreme Court today, rendered a decision, declaring that counties of the State, and not their court clerks or Prothonotaries, are entitled to a proportion of all the fees collected in naturalization proceedings.

Young Woman Saves Burning Home

The bravery of Emma Mitchener, a guest at the home of Charles H. Elliott, of 311 Montgomery avenue, saved the house from probable destruction by fire today. On being awakened by smoke, the young woman saw a lace curtain ablaze and tore it from the window.

Turk Sent on Peace Mission

BUCHARA. April 25.—Osman Nizami, former Turkish Ambassador at London, is on his way to Berlin, having been entrusted with a secret mission in connection with Turkey's desire to conclude a separate peace. He also will visit Rome.

VILLA PORTRAYS FEROCIOUS FIGHTING AT CELAYA

Its Sanguinary Character Horrified "Even Those Familiar With Warfare."

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Fighting so bloody as to horrify even those familiar with warfare marked his forces' recent struggle with General Obregon's Carranzistas at Celaya, declared a report from General Villa received at his junta here today.

BLUE MONDAY STRIKES AGAIN

Deprives Sam Smaller of Clothes, Breakfast and Good, Cold Water.

The changed temperature of the day has not obliterated its business. How would you like to discover that your wife had carefully collected all your spring and summer suits and sold them to the old clothes man? And then had just as carefully packed all your other apparel away in a trunk? That is what happened to Sam Smaller.

Mrs. Smaller was amazed when he appeared for breakfast this morning in his pajamas. "Don't stand there and gape," he growled. "They're the only things you've left me. I can't find a pair of trousers or a coat and vest to save my neck. If you think I'm going to pry open my trunk early Monday morning, you're mistaken."

"You'll have to wait a while for your breakfast," said Mrs. Smaller. "The plumber came here this morning and turned the water off, and, in turning it off, he had to turn the gas off first."

"It's the first time I've ever heard of gas and water running through the same pipe," said Smaller. "I suppose we can't have any butter because it's the 26th of the month. If the plumber doesn't object, I'll phone to the restaurant in the next block and tell them to bring up my breakfast."

He tried the phone, but there was no answer, for the restaurant was closed on account of a death in the family.

Gossip May Prevent Wedding

Mrs. Lena Strup, of 3214 Miller street, the 69-year-old fiancée of William Silcox, 61 years old, of 3466 Edgmont street, threatens to call off the ceremony unless gossip about the wedding ceases. Mrs. Strup, indignant at the publicity given her engagement, said: "If things don't change mighty sudden I'll back out. I was married twice before and I never had all this fuss and gossip about it. I don't have to get married. I'm able to support myself." Silcox had nothing to say about his approaching nuptials.

SPECIMEN BALLOT

PROPOSED LOAN BILL

Toward the Construction of a Subway Railway in Broad Street, from League Island to Olney Avenue, with the necessary branch lines northeast and northwest from Broad Street, and the Construction of an Elevated Railway, from Front and Arch Streets to Rhawn Street.

A Cross (X) marked in the square at the right of the word YES indicates a vote FOR the Loan.

A Cross (X) marked in the square at the right of the word NO indicates a vote AGAINST the Loan.

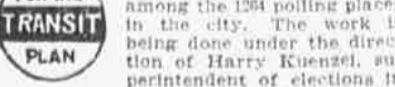
LOAN OF SIX MILLION (6,000,000) DOLLARS. Shall the Corporate Authorities of the City of Philadelphia be authorized to increase the indebtedness of the said City, in the further sum of Six Million (6,000,000) Dollars? YES X NO

TRANSIT LOAN VOTE

BALLOTS SENT OUT

Half Million Distributed Among 1264 Polling Places for 250,000 Electors.

More than half a million ballots for use in the special election Thursday, when the people will vote on the proposed \$5,000,000 transit loan, are being distributed today among the 1264 polling places in the city.



The ballots are uniform in size, with the exception of those for use in the 25th, 26th and 34th Wards, where councilmanic vacancies are to be filled. In these cases the ballots are six inches longer and the names of the councilmanic nominees appear above the transit loan proposal.

Approximately 250,000 citizens are qualified to vote at the special election, according to the estimates of the Board of Registration Commissioners. At the general election last November 272,000 citizens were registered and duly qualified to vote. This number has been decreased by at least 20,000 by deaths, changes of residence and other causes.

Friends of the "Taylor transit plan" were surprised to learn today that City Solicitor Ryan has prepared a proposed amendment to the constitution which would increase Philadelphia's borrowing capacity to 10 per cent, as designed by the pending Vane amendment, but which would make the money available for all purposes, instead of for port and transit improvements, as provided by the Vane amendment.

In substance this amendment is the same as that advocated by Senator McNichol some weeks ago, which was attacked by all supporters of the Taylor plan as fatal to the comprehensive program of transit development about to be begun here. Following the public hearing February 11 before the State Senate

IDENTIFY WOMAN SUICIDE

Wife of Pennsylvania R. R. Employee Kills Herself in Park.

The young woman who leaped to her death from the Strawberry Mansion trolley bridge in Fairmount Park on Saturday afternoon has been identified as Mrs. Mabel Bowers, 124 Locomotive street, wife of an employe in the paymaster's department of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Mrs. Bowers fractured her skull when she struck one of the piers of the bridge.

According to the husband of the woman, who was 25 years of age, she had been suffering from a nervous breakdown. When her parents, who made their home with her, became alarmed over her absence Saturday night, they asked Frank P. Bowers, 125 Locomotive street, to go to the Morgue and look at the body of the young woman who committed suicide by leaping from the bridge. He identified the remains.

DEAD RATS IN BOMB-LIKE BOX

Police Think It Explosive and Pass It on to Fire Marshal.

Fire Marshal George W. Elliott today officiated at the opening of suspicious packages found by a patrolman on a doorstep in South Philadelphia and supposed to be a bomb.

Removal of the outer wrappings disclosed a cigar box. The cigar box was then allowed to rest in a bucket of water for the regulation length of time, and after wet blankets had been wrapped tightly around the mysterious bundle the lid was pried off by the fire marshal.

The investigation disclosed two sewer rats, which, the marshal says, had been dead for at least two weeks. The deceased rats completely filled the box. Patrolman Louis Mintz found the box on the doorstep at 422 South 8th street. It was addressed to "Michele Romano, Monrose street, city." The parcel was sealed with red wax. Lieutenant Samuel Ellis, of the 7th and Carpenter streets police station, sent the package to the fire marshal to be opened.

TOAD LEADS TO ARREST OF 3

Youths Attempted to Place It in Hair of Several Girls.

An innocent toad which hopped about Hunting Park enjoying the summer sunshine yesterday afternoon proved the undoing of three young men and caused them to spend last night in the 35th street and Lancaster avenue police station. The direct charge against the three youths was that they attempted to place the toad in the hair of several young girls in the park.

The trio, who gave their names as John Little, 29 years, 278 North Front street; William McGrath, 15 years, 245 Park avenue, and Wilton Well, 19 years, 241 North 25th street, were arrested by Park Guard Hartline and Sergeant Rogers. They were released by Magistrate Boyle this morning after a severe reprimand.

Samuel Gold, 19 years, 531 Mifflin street, who was accused of making improper remarks to girls in Fairmount Park yesterday, was sentenced to 10 days in prison by Magistrate Doyle.

LINER BRINGS 186 SOULS

Dominion Delayed by Dock Strike To Take War Cargo.

The American Line steamship Dominion docked at the Washington avenue pier today after a delay of more than two weeks at Liverpool caused by the dockmen's strike in that port. The Dominion is the only American Line steamship not commandeered by the British Admiralty; the others, notably the Merion and Haverford, are now serving as transports to France.

The liner carried 56 cabin and 140 steerage passengers on the trip just completed, the greatest number brought to this port by any vessel in the last four months. Among the cabin passengers were Mrs. Nora E. Smith and her daughter, Miss E. A. Smith, and her daughter, Miss M. E. Smith, all of 2118 Ridge avenue.

After discharging a small cargo of general merchandise, the Dominion will take a capacity cargo of foodstuffs and war supplies. The return voyage is expected to begin on Saturday.



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