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Municipal Financiers See Shortage Between \$4,000,000 and \$6,000,000

RETRENCHMENT OR TAX?

One of Two Methods Needed to Solve Vexing Problem

The city of Philadelphia is beginning the The city of Philadelphia is beginning the pear 1816 with an operating deficit in its system of finatices greater than any which city financiers have had to face sine; 1878, when the municipality, with out-standing obligations of nearly \$11,000,000, was forced to appeal to the Legislature, with the result that the far-reaching "pay-as-you-go" act, designed to curb municipal extravagance, was passed. The summer of the second double of the second

municipal extravagance, was passed. The causes of the present deficit, accord-ing to officials in City Hall, are many and cumulative, but the immediate results and the solution of the problem for the future are concrete matters which the Mayor, the City Controller, the Finance Committee of Councils and others who control the city's budget are seeking to meet in a series of conferences and com-mittee meetings which are being held afmost daily.

In plain figures, as shown in the Controller's annual report, the current ex-penses of the city for 1915 were consider-ably more than \$2,000,009 greater than the abiy more than \$2,000,000 greater than the total of the various revenues for the same year. Compared with the previous year, the operating expenses of the municipal machinery increased by \$1,625, 006.30, while the revenues increased only \$411,206.06. The estimates of the city's revenue for the present year, as compared with the needs of the various departments, show that the discrepancy for \$106.60, and the back and the back of the states of the states of the set of \$100.50, and \$100.50, \$100. 1316 between the bedit and the credit columns will be far greater.

The difficulty last year was bridged in part and temporarily by a loan on the revenue yet to be realized in 1918. Coun-climen admit that this was in direct con-travention to the spirit of the act of 1859, but they add there was no alter-native. But mortanging the future in-come has even a present disademetars for this year the city financiers must add the horitage from 1915 to the operat-ing deficit for the present year.

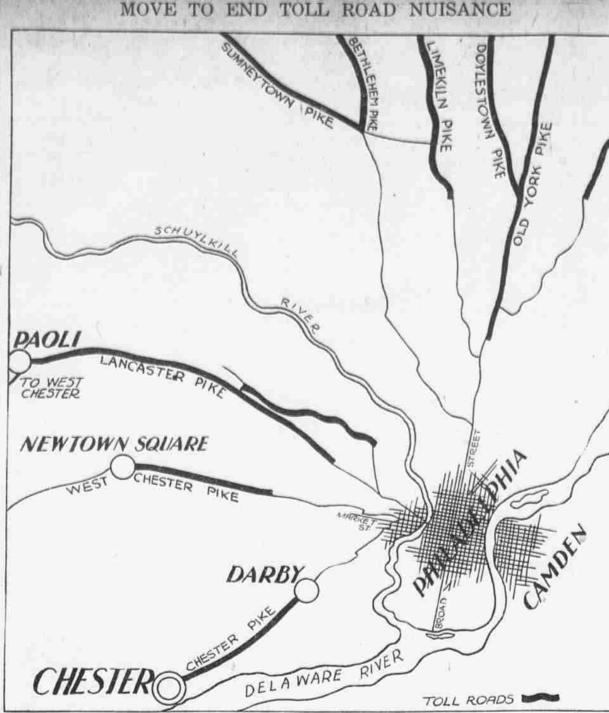
TWO METHODS POSSIBLE It is estimated by members of Councils' Preace Committee that the expenses of running the machinery of the municipal government for 1916 will exceed the known revenue by an amount variously judged from \$4,000,000 to \$6,000,000 this including the 1915 deficit.

The problem therefore is: How shall the city's books be made to balance? There are only two solu-tions offered.

The first is to prune salaries, re-The first is to prune salaries, re-trench in all incidental expenses of the city and county departments. This in theory, it is admitted, could end the debit column to meet the eredit. But in practice it is impos-able, the city authorities all agree. The other solution is then to in-frease the city's source of revenue to meet the expenses. And the problem before the city offents and councils is how to do this fairly ad with the burden of the increase equitably distributed.

Although the 1915 Legislature passed mabling legislation to permit an increase In the city's borrowing capacity from 7 to 10 per cent. on taxable property, which translated in terms of dollars means about \$27,000,000, this additiona! borrowing enpacity is available only for permanent public improvements, and for the present it is limited to transit and port improvements.

Further, it has been the policy of the Further, it has been the policy of the city officials to meet current expenses from current revenues. In other words, the various city departments must be self-supporting and leans shall be floated only for permanent public improvements. The first important departure from this rule was in 1879, when, faced with outstanding obligations of \$11,000.000 and a per capita debt of above 350 the Logislature cap



State Highway Commissioner Cunningham opened negotiations yesterday with the Lancaster Avenue Improvement Company, of Philadelphia, for the purchase of the part of Lancaster pike from City Line, Overbrook, to Paoli. He also announced he would open n gotiations for the ultimate purchase of the four turn-pike companies on Old Bethlehem pike, from Philadelphia to Allentown. The map shows the toll road arteries radiating from Philadelphia which hamper traffic.

Shows

"YELLOW BRASSERS," NINE BARELY ESCAPE **BOY THIEVES, LOOTED** DEATH IN GAS FUMES Little Boy, Staggering to Porch, Saves Five Overcome Stole Plumbing Fittings to Get in House "Swell Eats" and Go Nine persons narowly escaped death by coal gas early today. Six of these arc members of one family. All the per-sons overcome were discovered in time to to the "Movie"

make recovery possible. When a little boy staggered out on the porch of his home early this morning and fainted he attracted the attention of

and fainted he attracted the attention of two young girls and thereby saved the girls called Patrolnan Keck, who hastened to the boy's house, at 5246 Kipp atreet, where he found all the mem-hers of the family lying about on the floor, unconscious from the gas. Every new memoer must do a ob" alone before he stands in. "job' The policeman summoned Dr. Richard J. Swohnda, 145 Feat, Mark Dr. Keep your mouth shut all the time. J. Swoboda, 142 East Allegheny avenue, who worked for nearly an hour over the family before he was able to bring them back to consciousness. According to the

Always stick to the same story. Don't trust nobody. Don't mix in with kids. We've no time for guys that use

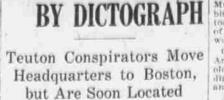
Rules for Admission

DEMOCRATS PLAN **4-DAY CONVENTION** DOWNTOWN SCHOOLS National Conclave to Sit From

June 14 to June 17, Inclusive. No Night Sessions

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 9.—Despite the fact that President Wilson is virtually certain to have a runaway for the nomination at the Democratic convention here in June, the conclave will be in session four days. This was learned today from reliable sources, indicating the subcommittee on arrangements of the National Committee had agreed to a program leading from DWELLINGS ALSO ROBBED had agreed to a program lasting from Wednesday until Saturday night, June I4 to 17, inclusive. The subcommittee con-tinued its sessions at the Hotel Jefferson to "Yellow Brassers"

It was also learned that night session will be tabooed. It is planned to adjourn each evening between 5 and 6 o'clock until 11 the next morning. The opening session will be called to order at noon. It was hinted these plans might be changed should the Democrats now atrayed from the fold attempt to kick up



AIR OF MUCH MYSTERY

SECRET SERVICE

TRAPS PLOTTERS

Conferences in Office Building Overheard - British Ambassador Gave Information

BOSTON, Feb. 5. — That alleged German agents, chiefly active against Canadian and American munitions plants, have changed their headquarters to Boston was reported today, following activities of Secret Service men here.

Secret Service men here. On information believed to have been furnished by Ambascador Sir (Seil Spring-Rice, Federal Agent Schmidt trailed the suspected men to a Milk street office and stated it is said in making dictagraph records of conferences held there Sat-urday afternoon and Sunday. It is be-lieved that the conversations thus secured led to the hasty denarture of John Howied to the hasty departure of John How ard, assistant to Schmidt, for Canada.

That the alleged German agents who That the alleged German agents who are under Federal espionings went to their remeasure in a Milk street building in a limousine owned by a prominent Boston man, whose name is said to be known to the authorities, was bearied to-day. This man is said to be in such a position that he can buy quantities of dynamite without causing suspicion. So memory are the Enderal authorities

So serious are the Federal authorities taking the publicity given the investiga-tion of alloged alotters that they prob-ably will add the Grand Jury to probe into the source of information.

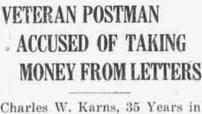
The source of information. Utimost secrecy has surrounded the in-cidents and Agent Schmidt refuses even to listen to reports that he was conduct-ing an investigation or that dictagraph records had ever passed through his bands. However, because of the sudden "visits" of Collector of Customs Edmind Billings and United States District Attor-ney Anderson to Washington added inter-est has been given the situation.

Because other parts of the country had become too hot for conferences, it is hinted that Boston was picked for further moves against Canada.

So far there are two versions of how the suspected German agents came under nvestigation.

Policemen calling at the offices along State street and attempting to sell tick-cis to their annual ball are said to have walked into an office where a group of out on tables. The policemen, after ask-ing their sale and being hastily ushered from the place, became suspicious and reported the incident.

The other version is that "assistants The other vestor is that assistent of the British agency stumbled upon men in Boston they had known in other cities as being German sympathizers. Their report to the British Embassy is said to have led Ambassador Spring-Rice to inform the federal authorities



U. S. Service, Said to Have Confessed Rifling the Mail

SON ILL IN HOSPITAL

Grief over the illness of his son and th

J. V. THOMPSON **GIVES \$10,000 BAIL**

Financier's Bond

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 2-Josiah'y

hompson, Uniontown banker, who yes,

terday was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury on 17 counts for violation of the

national banking laws, surrendered is the Federal authorities this morning and

furnished \$10,000 ball for his appearance

t the May term of United States Court. When notified of the indictment years

When notified of the indictment years day Thompson arranged to come to Pitta-burgh today and surrender himself, with attorneys and bondsmen he came to Pittsburgh this morning and furnised bond. His bondsmen are Frank & Mas-kell, Charles E. Gorby, Samuel Otsu, Patrick J. Reagan and Minor Boughas, all of Fayette County, Mr. Markell is a Connellsville banker, the other bosts men being business men.

While the bond calls for his appear, ance here in May. It is not thought the case will be tried then, as it is expected. Thempson will ask for a postponement, but he will have to appear and renew

CHICAGO, Feb. 5. - George William Mundelein, the youngest Catholic Arch-sishop in the United States, was installed oday as head of the Chicago diocese, one of the largest and most influential in the yorld. Uniontown Banker and Busis ness Men Go on Indicted

World. Ceremonies attending the installation of Archbishop Mundelein, who is 42 years old, were attended by hundreds of church dignitaries, including Papal Delegate Bon-

CHICAGO'S NEW ARCHBISHOP

Mgr. Mundelein Youngest Churchman

of His Rank in United States

Archbishop Mundelein succeeds the late Archbishop Quigley.

BUFFALO MAN INDICTED FOR MOTHER'S MURDER

John Teiper Accused of Killing Parent and Brother in Auto

BUFFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 9.-John Ed-ward Teiper, young business man, college graduate and former football star, must stand trial on the charge of first degree murder.

murder. An indictment charging him with killing his mother. Mrs. Agnes M. Teiper, on January 26, was returned today before Justice Marcus in Supreme Court. Teiper was immediately arraigned and

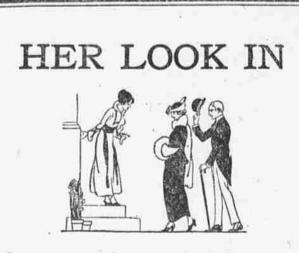
Young Men Form Church Club

Young men of ite parish of St. John the Evangelist, läth street above Chest-nut, have formed a club to promote the moral, thysical and social welfare of ita members. The Rev. William J. Leilou is apiritual director. Officers are: Edward 4 Leonard, president; A. Edward Garvin, vice president; John Leaby, recording secretary; John Hellman, trensurer, and Frank A. Treland, sergeant-at-arms.



* bond

Michael Larkin, is years old, was found dead today at the bottom of a flight at stairs at his home, 148 North Franklas street. His back was broken, and it is believed that he fell down the stairs after a stroke of apoplexy, brought as by the exertion of elimbing to the fourth floor. Larkin lived in the Franklas street bouse with his two sons, both of whom are actors.



One woman loves to look into other women's homes and see how they are furnished. All right. The LADIES' HOME JOURNAL lets her look into two or three hundred other women's homes every year.

Another woman

likes to go into the shops and see the new things. All right again. The LADIES' HOME JOURNAL has a new department to which twenty clever women, who go into the best shops at the last moment, send whatever they see! Over five hundred ideas in a year!

debt of above \$50, the Legislature per-mitted the city to float a \$10,000,009 hond laster for contingent expenses. The law was then fixed so that debts

The law was then fixed so that debts must be paid as contracted. For years there was no difficulty in doing this. The eity's income met the city's expenses and there was a balance to be applied to permanent public improvements. In the five years ending with 1911 there was a balance sufficient to permit \$4,559563,63 from current revenue moneys to be used for permanent public improvements.

BIG DEBT ACCUMULATED.

But from January 1, 1912, to September 0, 1915, when the Controller made his 30, 1915, when the Controller made his annual budget statement, instead of a balance for public improvements, loan moneys to the amount of \$4.318.637.22 had been required to meet current expenses of the departments.

With this amount likely to increase each year the city authorities at the begin-ning of the new Administration deter-mined that a halt must be called and a

mined that a halt must be called and a new policy adopted. In addition to facing an annual oper-ating deficit the city financiers at the beginning of the Smith regime found themselves facing unexpected obligations of upwards of \$25,000,000, due to a decision of the State Supreme Court. The Court in a Pittsburgh case held that all the lands taken for city purposes at once become a bedt upon the city in so far as their purchase price is concerned. This decision makes it possible for the Courts to issue mandamuses against the city for the amounts involved in the respective the amounts involved in the respective actions

Under a recent order of Controller Walthey are entered against the city and are bearing interest at 6 per cent, which is generally satisfactory to the holders of the mandamuses.

No mandamuses will be paid until a undamus fund is provided in a councilmanic lean, which will not be authorized until the exact amount of the city's burrowing espacity is ascertained and the financial problems Mcing the city's finan-gars have been solved, at least in part.

N. Y. Artist Wins Gold Medal

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Corner at 54th and Market Sold

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story of John Korching, 42 years old, the father, he was awakened early when his wife fainted and fell heavily to the floor. He said he was dizzy, and all he remem-bers is the strong smell of coal gas. When he fainted it was found by the police that each of the family had been aroused in turn and fainted. Finally Philip, 9 years old, awoke, and when he saw what had happened he stumbled

back to consciousness.

building to summon help.

help.

Stay by yourself when you're not with the gang. Don't hang around cigar stores.

done

-From confessions made to po-lice by the "Yellow Brassers."

downstairs and was not overcome till he reached the porch. The second household overcome by coal "The Yellow Brassers," otherwise the oy robbers of "The Neck," are no more, "Chink" Levia, their leader and his 10 chink Levis, their leader and his 10 followers were sent to prison today after robbing eight school houses, the police say and a score of dwellings in the southern section of the city. The lost amounted to several hundred dollars and gas early teday was that of A. H. Twibill, a lawyer, with offices in the Frank-lin Building. He was aroused at his home, 850 North 19th street, shorily after 4 o'clock by the pungent fumes. He woke his aunt, Miss Ellen Holland, 76 years old, and a servant, Mary Walsh, 59 years old, and then attempted to leave the buildings were badly damaged in many bui the raids. The robbers' last job, which was "pulled off" at 1323 South Clarion street, proved

Mr. Twibill fainted twice before he on at ices south charton street, proved to be the last straw. At this place the juvenile thieves attempted to steal a gas meter. The house was unoccupied but the gas had not been turned off. When one of the boys held a candle too Mr. Twibill fainted twice before the reached the street—once in the vestibule of his home and again on the fron' porch. A bread wagon passed and an automobile, but the driver of each ve-hicle evidently thought Mr. Twibill atomobile, our thought Mr. Twibin icle evidently thought Mr. Twibin runk and did not heed his cries for elp. Finally he succeeded in arousing the succeeded in arousing close to the meter there was an explo-sion. The flames spread quickly and only the prompt arrival of firemen saved the a neighbor, who summoned Policeman Moffit, of the 20th and Buttonwood house from destruction. Members of the gang, acting as lookouts, saved the two boys who worked "inside." streets police station. Miss Holland and Mr. Twittill were taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, where the

TEST FOR MEMBERSHIP.

latter was soon revived and discharged. It was necessary to stand a rigid test Miss Holland's condition is said to have or initiation to become a member of the organization. The test consisted of "do-ing a job" alone. On accomplishing this passed the critical stage and she is expected to recover. Investigation showed that a defective furnace caused the encape of the coal the new member was admitted and given a nickname to suit his general characteristics gas. Mrs. Blanche McAllister, 41. of 4923 Olive

"Chink" Levia, the police say, directed

"Chink" Levia, the police say, directed all operations. He sent boys in advance to get the lay out of the "cribs" which were to be "cracked," and the job was usually pulled off a few hours later. The round-up of the gang was due to the work of District Detectives Smith and Osterheldt, of the lith street and Snyder avenue police station. They found a cap in the cellar of the gas meter job. Later they learned the identity of the owner and corraled most of the gang in an empty house near lith and Dickinson streets, where they were planning a big

treets, where they were planning a big heft.

theft. One at a time the boys were exat ined and finally one confessed. This led to confessions by several others. "Chink," the leader, it is said by the police, was the last one to "own up." The gang took the title, "The Yellow Brassers," because they made a specialty of stealing brass wherever possible. This brought the best prices from the junk dealers. It was learned today that sev-eral dealers, who bought the stolen mate-rial, will be arrested. "Most of the bodie was blown in." ar-Snow, in big, damp flakes that melter as soon as they struck the wet earth, began falling today at noon, after several apparent efforts which took the form of

apparent efforts which those the form of rain and hall. It may continue until nightfall, it was said at the weather bu-reau, but it "will not amount to much." The morning grow slightly cooler at 11 o'clock when hall began to raitle on rooftops. The hall soon changed to show. With the temperature 35 degrees, very few of the flakes survived although in winds it snowed heavily. "Most of the boodle was blown in." ac-cording to one of the boys in "movies" and "swell cats." For a time the young-sters lixed on the fat of the land and turned up their noses at the meals at home. Spaghetti dinners in the Italian section and feasts in the Chinese restau-rants were a part of the social program. By way of variety, considerable time was spent in poolrooms.

guids it snowed heavily. The weather is so unsettled, Forecaster Blins said, that he was surprised that it should snow. After the two-day cold wave passed off, he explained, it left an unsettled condition throughout the east-ern part of the country, scattering rain and snow in traces in various sections of the Bust None of the money brought in by the loot was ever spent in clothes.

Dog Bites Benefactor

The dog she fed and petted every time he appeared bear her home jumped up and bit Mree Anna Brenner in the face today as she was leaving her house, isi West York street. Rower, a colle owned by John M. McIntyre, Howard street above York, increated Mrs. Hrenner's month and nose at severely the was taken to the Spimorel Hospital

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a row on Wilson's renomination. Booms for the temporary chairmanship of the convention continued today. Speaker Champ Clark was mentioned as a possibility. With Senators Stone and Reed he is the third Allssourian in the field. The gossips also had Senator J. Hamilton Lewis, of Illinois, in a re-ceptive mood for the honor of dropping the first gavel.

CAMBRIA STEEL DEAL REVEALED TO PUBLIC

Midvale Company Announces Details of Purchase and Distribution of Stock

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.-The Midvale Steel and Ordnance Company announced this afternoon that the purchase of Cam-bria Steel Company stock at \$81 a share would be arranged in the following man-

The Midvale Steel and Ordnance Company will issue and sell to the Guaranty Trust Company and Lee, Higginson & Co. \$50,000,000 of the 20-year 3 per cent, collateral trust and singing fund bonds, collateral trust and sinking fund bonds, convertible into the company's stock at any time at \$100 per share. The company will issue to its stock-holders, at \$50 per share, \$25,000,000 of treasury stock, which offer already has been underwritten by a syndicate. It was also announced that a contract had been made, with Messers. Stotesbury, Donner and Replogie for the acquisition of so much of the stock of the Cambria Steel Company, at \$81 per share, as may be deposited with Drexel & Co. by Feb* ruary 15.

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HELD FOR "FIXING" EVIDENCE

Leon Del Monte, Claims Adjuster, Accused of Coaching Witnesses

Cused of Control witnesses Leon Dei Monte, "adjuster of claims," was held under \$1000 bail today to await the action of the Grand Jury. He is ac-cused of having coached Pietro Martella, 907 South 12th street, and Vincenzo Simone, of the same address, in a story the two men told in a claim for dam-ages against the Philadelphia Rapid "Grandit Company.

anait Company Transit Company. Martelia is a bottler and claimed that his wagon, driven by Simone, had been demolished and he and his driver in-jured when the wagon turned out for a trolley to pass. The trolley was alleged to have run into the wagon without warn-

Transport on the car testified that simone's horse was frightened by a lo-comptive and ran into the car. Mar-tella and Simone were also indicted for the Grand Jury.

KILLS WIFE; CUTS DAUGHTER WILSO

Luzerne Farmer, Just Reconciled, Attacks Family

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Peb. 2.-John Hayes, 50 years old, a farmer living near Shickshinny, sliled his wife early today by shashing her throat then attacked his adopted daughter and escaped. Hayes and his wife had been suparated since last Decomber. An adopted daugh-ter, Halan Dardon, If years old, had mails ber toome he the meantime with

desire to obtain money in order that the hest medical attention could be had for him, led Charles W. Karns, a letter car-rier, attached to the middle city station. to open letters and extract money from thom after a clean record of 35 years' homorable service in the employ of the United States Government.

Karns is said to have confessed his theft when accused today by postal in-spectors, who had been watching his actions, and who had placed letters con-taining money into the mails to see if he would be tempted.

Karns is 60 years old. He entered the Karns is 60 years old. He entered the mail service when 25 years old and con-tinued to wear the gray ever since. Dur-ing all that time, said officials today, he has been an efficient, trustworthy em-ploye, and was regarded as one of the most dependable men in the Middle City station.

Recently reports have come to the headquarters of the Postmaster that let-ters passing through the Middle City station, on 17th street above Chestnut, have been opened. Inspectors set to work, and, after investigation, fastened their suspicions on Karns.

They arrested him today, shortly after the 11 o'clock distribution in the centre of the dity, and accused him of having open-ed five letters, extracting \$2 from each one of them. The postal inspectors said that Karns took the letters from the racks of other men, in order to divert suspicion from himself. The arrest was made by Postal Inspector Matthew Mc-Vickar, Jr.

"I took the money because I was half razy over the illness of my boy." Karns is declared to have said when questioned. He said that his son. 27 years old, was aeriously ill in the Jefferson Hospital.

The gray-haired man was a pathetic figure when brought before United States Commissioner Edmunds. He was held in \$1000 ball for court.

Karns lives at 2512 Carpenter street.

HIGHWAY BID REJECTED

Estimates for Moorestown Pike Improvements to Be Received March 1

The Camden County Board of Free-bolders today rejected the bid of W. Penn Corson, road contractor, for the repaying of Moorestown pike from 38th atreet, Camden, to the Pensauken line. Corson was the lowest bidder for the work, but the members of the board say that his bid contained conditions which did not comply with the requirements of the State Highway Department. Bids for the work on Moorestown pike will be re-

the work on Mooreatown pike will be re-opened on March 1. The board accepted the bid of John R. Bates for repaying one and one-half miles of Glenioch road. Bates' bid was 25.277.

TOO LATE FOR CLASEIFICATION

DEATHS

VILSON.- Suddenly, at Burlington, N. J. on Petruary 5, 1916, JAMES Willdon, in his Will year. Functol survice at St. Many's Church, Burlington, on Friday, February 14, at Scop p. m. Interment, St. Mary's Church-yard. Kindly omit flowers.

HELP WANTED-FEMALE

orvitce diff. Young girl about 16 years of age; address stating age. P 921, Longer Office.

HELP WANTED-MALE

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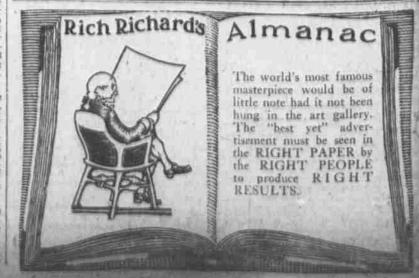


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street, was overcome this morning by gas escaping from a faulty jet She was found by members of the family and sent to West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospi-

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