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## WALNUT STREET RESIDENTS DEMAND END OF SPEEDING

### Recklessness of Motorists Along Highway West of 40th Street Called Dangerous Menace

The increasing tendency of motorists to make a speedway out of Walnut street west of 40th has aroused the indignation of residents of that section to such a pitch that a petition asking for better police protection is being circulated. The speeding is especially noticeable on the hill from 45th to 48th streets, on which is the West Philadelphia High School, where 4000 pupils attend. The motorists are said to go as high as 50 miles an hour up this hill, usually continuing their speeding toward 52d street, where they slow down for the heavy downtown traffic.

The recklessness of the drivers has caused many accidents. Within one week there were three smash-ups, two children struck and a woman killed, all the accidents occurring between 44th and 52d streets. The result of one of the accidents, in which Isaac, of 411 Walnut street, was badly injured, was the circulation of the petition condemning the present conditions on Walnut street and asking for protection.

Prominent persons living along Walnut street denounce with one accord the speeding as a "menace to the community," and suggest as a possible remedy the detailing of a motorcycle policeman to the neighborhood concerned to arrest all offenders. A member of the motorcycle club was stationed in that vicinity last summer at the request of the residents and while on duty made as many as 30 arrests a night, with the result that the practice of "letting them out" was greatly diminished. He was then returned and the motorists appear to have taken notice of the fact.

There are, of course, policemen patrolling that section on foot, but residents point out that they are unable to stop the machines or in most instances even get their numbers. A motorcycle policeman is also occasionally seen, but very seldom the petitioners, but so far his presence, which averages about once a week, has failed to have any effect on the drivers who are inclined to speed.

### Autoists Convert Walnut Street Into a Speedway

Go as high as 60 miles an hour up hill from 44th to 48th streets. Hundreds of children attending grammar and high schools at that point have narrow escapes daily.

Three smash-ups, two children struck and a woman killed within a few blocks in one week.

House on corner of 50th and Walnut streets struck several times lately, once having porch steps demolished.

Mothers take their children to school and call for them, in fear for their lives.

Petition started condemning conditions and asking for better police protection.

Superintendent of Police Robinson says force is sufficient.

Residents want special motorcycle officer detailed to arrest all offenders.

able to do anything, or else deliberately ignore it. At the time my boy was run down there wasn't a policeman on the scene for a half hour. I have had people come to me denouncing the conditions as a menace. We should have better police service, a motorcycle policeman to patrol the street. I have arranged a petition, which is being circulated, and I also intend to visit Director Wilson.

Select Councilman Ira D. Garman, who lives at 216 South 45th street, said today that he knew conditions were dangerous and that he would "do something." "Yes, there is speeding and there are accidents," he said. "Things should be corrected. A cycle policeman would, no doubt, do a lot of good, and I intend to see Director Wilson or Superintendent Robinson."

Dr. George A. Wilson, whose house on the corner of 50th and Walnut streets, has been struck several times by automobiles during collisions, emphatically condemned conditions. In one accident, part of his porch steps was taken away. No one in the household was injured.

### DANGER TO SCHOOL CHILDREN

Prof. Parker Schoch, principal of the Girls' West Philadelphia High School, said that the 3000 pupils in the high school and the 1000 in the Lee Grammar School were in constant danger from flying automobiles.

"We have had signs erected, warning the motorists of the school children, but the motorists do not do little good. The speeding is dangerous, and it is now hardly safe to cross the street. Something should be done, the regulations regarding speeding should be rigidly enforced. I have repeatedly warned the pupils of their danger. To watch the narrow escapes every day makes one think it a miracle that there aren't more accidents."

Mrs. Horace D. Fry, of 4824 Walnut street, a relation to City Controller Walton, also said the condition along Walnut street was dangerous. The danger to school children was great, she said, and conditions could be remedied greatly by a motorcycle policeman.

B. S. Leveger, proprietor of a drug store at 49th and Walnut streets, was most emphatic in denouncing the speeding motorists.

"I have had people come into my store gasping and in a highly nervous state from narrow escapes they have had," he said. "I have also seen women and children wait as long as 20 minutes before they dared to cross the street. Often I have sent my porter to assist them. The conditions are dangerous and deplorable. Nowhere in any other part of the city can such speeding be seen."

Superintendent of Police Robinson, when informed of the protests of the residents, said: "There is already one policeman stationed in that district and he is sufficient."

### MAYOR AND PARTY HAVING MERRY TIME

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ever—the language is their's—and they are rushing him from 9 a. m. until each midnight.

Coroner Knight, Thomas S. Boyle, Harry Dolinger, and James M. Hanleit, who are in the crowd, aren't the best exercisers in the world, and seem to be pretty well satisfied on the broad veranda of the Augusta Country Club's quarters where the Mayor is out on the links taking off weight.

Mr. Boyle is president of the American Bank, Broad street and Passyunk avenue, and is a close friend of Senator Vane. It is for his benefit his banking institution that the Mayor is in Philadelphia today. Yesterday admitted that he had suggested an increase in the number of banking institutions to receive active city deposits. The increase, if allowed, would permit the City Treasurer to make deposits in the American Bank.

On the way back to the Partridge Inn from the golf course, Mayor Smith brags about the weight he's taken off, and after dinner or luncheon, as it happens to be that afternoon, he weighs in and is a bit crestfallen to find he has gained a pound. He admits that he's eating "an awful lot."

All the men are accompanied by their wives, and Mrs. William H. Wilson, wife of the Director of the Philadelphia City, is here. They are delighted with the place, and they should be, for it is fine these days with the balmy spring weather that lets one go around comfortably in shirts sleeves and no coat.

Mayor Smith has made a particular hit as a dancer. As some Chicago guest at the hotel remarked, "He ought to be dancing enough." In Augusta at dinner time the men all wear tuxedos. That the first night they got there, and they came into dinner in full evening dress. At first it seemed as if they were a bit, but later they were glad, as they really did look nicer than any other group at the inn, and people certainly do dress here! The opera crowd isn't a circumstance to it.

Mayor "keeping in touch."

The Mayor pretends to be a little vexed that Philadelphia business takes some of the vacation time, though it's only play. He says he has to spend the first hour every day dictating answers to a stream of letters and telegrams that reach him. He says he is keeping in touch with affairs in Philadelphia, but isn't making up his mind to do anything special until he gets

### YOUNG SCULPTOR FLED TURK RULE TO SEEK ART AND LIBERTY HERE

#### 19-Year-Old Greek Who Won Stewardson Prize Never Saw Statue Until He Was 15



GEORGE DEMETRIOS

George Demetrios, a young Greek, who came to America to escape military service under the Turkish Government, has been announced as the winner of the Edmund Stewardson prize for sculpture.

Demetrios is the protégé of Charles Grafly, eminent sculptor and member of the faculty of the Academy of the Fine Arts. The young artist, who is 19 years old, lives at Mr. Grafly's home and has been working under his tutelage for several years. He completed an 18-hour test on Wednesday afternoon, his exhibit closed doors with 14 other sculptors.

When asked how he happened to dream of a sculptor's life and whether he had been inspired by the wondrous statues he may have seen as a child in his native land, Demetrios laughed and wiped his hands on his smock, the costume of the sculptor at work, and said:

"No, indeed, I never even saw a statue until I was between 15 and 16 years old. I was born in the northern part of Greece under Turkish rule. When I became of military age, the Turkish Government wanted to force me to serve—to fight for the Turks. I would not do that. I determined to come to the United States, because I had cousins here and because I had heard of the wonderful freedom from military service here. So I went to Athens. There I saw statues for the first time. I decided that I would try my hand at sculpture, embarked for America, landed in Boston, 2 1/2 years ago, and for a time I studied sculpture there. But when I heard of the fame of Charles Grafly, the sculptor here, I came to Philadelphia to study at the Academy of the Fine Arts."

Demetrios has been at the Academy three years. When he completes his course, he intends to open a studio, make statues for exhibitions and enter competitions.

He won third place in the Stewardson contest last year. This is the first year judges have not awarded second and a third place in the Stewardson contest.

and right there, according to some of the students at the Academy, there promises to be a clash of artistic temperaments.

The young sculptor declares that because the Academy has always awarded a second and a third honorary degree in the 13 years the Stewardson contests have been held, it should continue to do so. The statue submitted by Dr. Marquette Cockett, of Bryn Mawr, has excited great admiration among the students, who contend that mention should have been made of her work by the judges.

The others who took part in the contest were:

Miss Margaret Pew, Toledo, O.; Mrs. Laura B. Charman, Magnolia, N. J.; Miss Mary Keenan, Atlantic City; Miss Marie Todd, Landwood; Miss Lillian Baesler, Philadelphia; Miss Elsie Binna, Alfred, N. Y.; Winant Johnson, Indianapolis; Raphael Sabotini, Philadelphia; Wallace Kelly, Philadelphia; C. O. Jenny, Philadelphia; Fisk Hoyd, Bala; Hyman Ehrman, Philadelphia; and Miss Florence Tricker, Philadelphia.

### 17-YEAR-OLD WARRIOR RETURNS FROM FRANCE

#### Philadelphia Boy Who Fought for Allies Ready to Fight for U. S.



JOHN R. MURPHY

West Philadelphia can boast of a true young soldier of fortune. He returned to his home in this city after being badly wounded while fighting for the cause of the Allies in France, yet his one idea now is to battle for the Stars and Stripes in Mexico, if this country should happen to go to war.

John R. Murphy is the young soldier's name. He lives with his mother, Mrs. John Tacey, at 6112 Gray's avenue, and was formerly a clerk in the chemical works of Harrison Brothers, 55th street and Gray's Ferry avenue.

The lad is bashful about telling his experiences, especially when it comes to the fact that he ran away from home more than a year ago to fight. He is of English and Irish extraction. He was wounded by a shrapnel shell from a German aeroplane while in a skirmish at Susanna, France, which killed 10 men outright and wounded a score of others.

When the boy was picked up bleeding, the following letter was found in his pocket:

"In case of accident or death notify my mother, Mrs. John Tacey, 6112 Gray's avenue, Philadelphia, U. S. A., and give her everything I possess. Tell her I have done my duty in the cause I know to have been right—that being the destruction of the German nation and the overthrow of the tyrant."

The "good old U. S. A." seems uppermost in his mind now, however, and the lad's eyes are turned toward Mexico. "I don't want to go if there are only going to be a few skirmishes," he explained. "If there is any real fighting, I'd go in a minute." His mother said she was sure her son would do just what he said.

### CITY IN GRIP OF SNOW; SPRING 4 DAYS OFF

#### Coldest March 16 on Record. Warmer Later in Day, the Weatherman Says

The aftermath of the howling March winds, laden with snow, that swept the city is here today, which is the coldest March 16 on record.

With spring only four days distant, the city is in ice and snow-bound and the mercury is hovering about lower marks than they fell to pieces during the night. In the Northwest wind, although the sun began to shine before 9 o'clock and the mercury started to rise.

In the suburbs, where the wind reached a velocity of 30 miles during the night, the snow was piled high, and in places impeded railway traffic. Telegraph and long-distance telephone service was crippled. The storm, which swept northward through the State, barely skirting Philadelphia, endangered many vessels on the coast.

Traffic is heavy and little can be done by the Bureau of Highways except to sprinkle ashes, sand and sawdust on the ice and thin coating of snow. The street surfaces are frozen too hard to permit removal of the snow and ice.

The mercury reached its lowest, 15 degrees, at 6:30 a. m. This mark, by the way, is only one degree "off" of the low prediction for this morning. The forecast for today is warmer.

### TO SETTLE THOMPSON ESTATE

#### Creditors of the Late "Duke of Gloucester" to Get Dividend

The affairs of the late William J. Thompson, who was known as the "Duke of Gloucester," will probably be settled in the bankruptcy courts on April 4 after five years of litigation.

S. Conrad Ott, referee in bankruptcy, said today that a final meeting of creditors would be held on the date mentioned in the Camden County Courthouse.

The settlement of the estate was filed a week ago by Henry F. Stockwell, counsel for Henry J. West, trustee in bankruptcy. At the April meeting a final dividend aggregating 20 1/2 per cent will be declared.

Thompson went into bankruptcy in April, 1911, after filing an involuntary petition. He was adjudicated a bankrupt on May 8, 1911. He died in 1914. It is believed that his death was due largely to worry over his affairs.

### Police Station Matron Dies

Miss Annie Fitzpatrick, matron of the 28th District police station, 20th and Berks streets, died today in St. Joseph's Hospital. Miss Fitzpatrick was about 40 years of age. She was appointed to a position in the 10th and Buttonwood streets station about two years ago and was transferred six months later to the other station house. Miss Fitzpatrick became ill with the grip on March 7, and when pneumonia developed several days later, she was taken to the hospital.

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### EDISON PLAN TO BUILD SUBMARINES IN 15 DAYS

#### RIDICULED BY DOBSON

#### Naval Architect Here Says Inventor's Proposal Impossible of Realization—Calls Task Too Great

### DERIDES STANDARDIZING

Philadelphia naval constructors today unhesitatingly decided the statement of Thomas A. Edison, chairman of the Naval Advisory Committee, that he could build submarines within two weeks if given men, material and a proper plant. Mr. Edison made the statement at a meeting of the House Naval Affairs Committee in Washington yesterday.

Men who have devoted their lives to the perfecting of fighting craft today called the remarks of Mr. Edison "ridiculous." They pointed out that no amount of standardization could make it possible to complete a submarine in anything like the short space of time set by the inventor. They explained the difficulties of making submarine fighting craft even if the material were stored at hand for the entire vessel.

Mr. Edison stated that he could construct submarines in a fortnight if he were given a proper laboratory. He said he would at first construct four or five submarine vessels of the best known types. These vessels, he said, would be run until they fell to pieces. By this experiment, he asserted, he would be able to determine the ideal components for vessels of this type. This information in his hands, he stated, he would proceed to manufacture the necessary sections, giving the contracts to steel manufacturers throughout the country. The standardized parts, he said, could be stored at convenient places and when the necessity arose the vessels could be assembled in the short time mentioned.

"Mr. Edison knows quite as well as I do," said William A. Dobson, naval architect of the William Cramp & Sons Ship and Engine Building Company, and expert designer of fighting craft, "that he could not do what he asserts. The task is utterly impossible. The idea of a man of his standing making such a statement is utterly ridiculous."

"Even if the necessary material for a finished submarine were assembled in its entirety, no known method of construction could succeed in making the vessel within two weeks. The innumerable problems in connection with the construction of such a vessel are too involved to make such rapid construction possible even under ideal conditions."

"I need not go into the details of construction to prove the absurdity of such a statement as that attributed to Mr. Edison."

### Promenade Talk at Academy

Varying the plan which has been followed at the Academy of the Fine Arts in its Thursday afternoon talks on the exhibition, the gallery talk today will be a promenade affair. Miss Curtis Wager-Smith will be the speaker, and will take her hearers informally through the galleries, commenting on the pictures and sculptures on the walls. The party will start from Gallery B at 3 p. m.

### Britain to Tell of Taking Germans

WASHINGTON, March 16.—England is preparing a reply to the American inquiry as to the seizure of Germans from the American steamer China, plying between San Francisco and the Orient, the State Department was advised today.

### COW BREAKS RECORD; 28,436 POUNDS MILK

#### Yield of 1050 of Butter in Year's Test of a Holstein at Rome, N. Y.

UTICA, N. Y., March 16.—Cremello Topay Omsby Tobe, developed by B. T. Boyson, of Rome, N. Y., was announced today as a world's record-breaking Holstein cow. The cow has just completed a year's test, supervised by a Cornell expert, with a production of 28,436 pounds of milk and 1050 pounds of butter.

This shatters the world's milk production record by about 4000 pounds.

### PRETTY WOMEN DECOYS

#### Police Raid House After Victim Tells of Robbery by Siren's Accomplices

Beautiful women were used to decoy well-dressed men to the house at 327 North Marshall street, where, according to the police, they were pounced upon and robbed by a band of seven men. These men were arrested in a raid on the place.

Detectives think the men belong to a safe-cracking gang that is responsible for the \$5000 robbery at Thomas Martindale's grocery store, 10th and Market streets, a short time ago, and other big "jobs."

They gave their names as William Wilkinson, Fred Ludwig, George Gilmore, James Burns, John McGlade, Joseph Smith and William Achtenberg. Magistrate Heaton held each of them under \$500 bail at the 10th and Buttonwood streets station for a further hearing on March 23.

The raid was made by Detectives Doyle and Benz, of the "safe-cracking" squad, and Special Policemen Kearse and Titus. The police have been watching the house for two weeks.

They said the men hid behind portieres, and if visitors seemed to have money they sprang on them and beat them with blackjacks.

A guest came out covered with blood last night and said he had been robbed of \$28. The raid followed. The men were wrangling over the "spoils" and cursing because of its smallness, the police assert. No women were found in the house.

### Snow Ten Inches Deep at Syracuse

SYRACUSE, N. Y., March 16.—A snowfall of 10 inches today tied up road and rail traffic in and around Syracuse. The mercury showed 4 above zero at daybreak.

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