

**MRS. HORTON EAGER TO AID WAITE; PECKS REPUDIATE DOCTOR**

"Studio" Companion Anxious to Cheer Him as Wife Signs Statement Condemning Physician

**I AM SORRY FOR YOU!**

NEW YORK, March 30.—With the faith of his own mother shaken to a point where she only declares, "He could not have been himself when he did it," Dr. Alvin Peck, son of Mrs. John E. Peck, today has but one friend left whose faith and affection for him is unchanged.

She is Mrs. Margaret Horton, Waite's dear and emotional companion in the days of the luxurious Plaza Hotel "studio." Though troubled by severe examinations by deserting friends, Mrs. Horton's keenest distress is over Doctor Waite's unfortunate position. She wants to see him and cannot. She wants to tell him her faith in him is absolute and unbound-

ed. She wants to sing to him the songs which gladdened their studio days. It is:

There was no rose in all the world till you came;  
No rose until you smiled upon life's sea;  
No rose until the world till you spoke;  
No hope until you gave your life to me.

With a big red rose, a gift from her, to look at, and with the song sung to her softly, she thinks Doctor Waite would be uplifted from his sorrow and made cheery once more. He now has a note from her to comfort him.

It is addressed "Dear Doctor" and reads:

I am oh, so sorry for you. I know you are absolutely innocent. Be brave and strong. I shall come to see you tomorrow.

"I know that he is not a murderer, and I shall believe in him forever and ever," Mrs. Horton told friends, her eyes flashing. "If he admitted the crime in his confession, which I doubt, he must have been drugged at the time so that he didn't know what he was saying. They have offered me \$250 a week to sing and I shall spend every cent of it for him."

The repudiation of Doctor Waite by the Peck family was made public in a written statement signed by Mrs. Clara Peck Waite, wife of the accused man; Percy Peck, her brother; Mrs. Catharine Peck, sister of the murdered millionaire, and Mrs. Percy Peck.

The statement said that rumors saying the Peck family would furnish money for Waite's defense are false and that the family is interested only in seeing justice done.

**WILSON STRIPS COPS OF BRAIDS AND TITLES**

Police Force Too Much Like South American Army, Director Rules

The gold braid must go. There are too many officers and too few privates in the city police force. The force is getting to look like a South American army, in which lieutenant generals are abundant and common soldiers few. Such was the spirit of an order that went out from Director of Public Safety Wilson's office today.

There are a lot of sergeants who are acting lieutenants, for instance. They are wearing lieutenants' uniforms. They must go back to sergeants' clothes. After today no "acting" of any kind can wear anything but the uniform of his own rank.

There are clerks in City Hall who go about with gold braid incrusted all over their attire; it must be peeled off. Some of them wear stripes like officers. The stripes must go; they confuse visitors and they confuse city employees, too.

Then there are imaginary titles, two or three of them, the holders of which wear gold braid—they dress up like majors. The imaginary titles were abolished today—Director. We'll see what they do now, as he did not want to leave away the imaginative titleholders. It was learned that there were men working in van stables who dressed as lieutenants.

And there are a host of unearned badges which will be weeded out as rapidly as they are found.

**Hurt Last Day on Job**  
To lose the fingers of his right hand just as he was about to be promoted to a responsible position at the Atlantic Refining Company's plant is the fate that befell Harry Weyman, 21 years old, of 101 West Street, yesterday afternoon, as a result of his hand coming in contact with a big saw in the Belmont wagon shop of the firm.

**Gets Receptionist Extension**

The trouble in Mexico was recognized today by Judge Thompson, in the United States District Court, when he granted an extension of four months' time to John O. Shea, receiver for the International Lumber and Development Company, to operate the property of the company in Campeche, Mexico.

**Fall on Street Fatal to Aged Man**  
Samuel H. Brumback, 69 years old, died today in Howard Hospital from injuries received yesterday. He was on his way home to 101 South 15th street, and at 15th and Bainbridge streets was seized with vertigo, falling and fracturing his skull.

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**WILLS \$5000 TO GEORGIA**  
Public Schools of Columbus Remained by John McIlhenny

In disposing of an estate valued at more than \$100,000, the will of John McIlhenny, 212 West Uptown street, Pelham, leaves \$5000 to the public schools of Columbus, Ga., with the provision that the interest be used to purchase college scholarships for white boys.

The will, probated today, leaves the estate to Bernice B. McIlhenny, the widow of the testator, and her children.

Other wills probated were those of William R. Overman, New York city, which in property bequeaths disposes of property valued at \$23,000; Laura T. Hoyt, \$201 Girard Avenue, \$11,500; William Britton, 5038 Willow Avenue, \$300; Rosanna Feltlow, 3250 Hazelwood Avenue, \$100; Rachel MacDonald, 3218 North 31st street, \$100; Edridge Tomlinson, Academy road, \$8000; Sarah C. Berglin, 1627 Summer street, \$7000; Aaron Henton, 4270 Ridge Avenue, \$6000; Catharine Cook, 1849 Franklin North, \$7000; Rebecca L. Hagan, 1947 North 7th Street, \$3178; Elizabeth Fishlow, Atlantic City, \$2100; William R. Sieff, Atlantic City, \$2100, and Isabella D. Blehl, 1837 Diamond street, \$2000.

The personal effects of the estate of Jacob B. Cottman have been appraised at \$65,039.12; Andrew Weinstein, \$267,47; Elmer Jenkins, \$2478.51, and Mary Johnson, \$2389.89.

**MAN GOES WILD; SHOOTS NEGRO AS COPS LOOK ON**

Brings Victim to Police Station as "Pickpocket," Wounds Him. Had Burglar's Kit

A man who "went wild" in the 12th and Pine streets police station this morning pulled a 32-caliber revolver in Sergeant Tolland's office, and shot a negro who was brought to the station house to have locked up a "pickpocket."

Three other shots were fired by the man and endangered the lives of policemen and detectives who were crowded about him.

He gave his name as Jesse Hessington, said he was 30 years old, and had no home.

Hessington has been arrested before his criminal record, as given by the police, as follows:

May 6, 1911. Arrested for aggravated assault and battery. Discharged.

October 19, 1912. Larceny. Bill ignored by Grand Jury.

October 19, 1912. Carrying concealed weapons. Discharged.

June 3, 1914. Convicted of assault and sentenced to 18 months in prison by Judge Wilson.

January 10, 1916. Arrested for disorderly conduct. Sentenced to jail for three months.

Hessington first came to the attention of the police shortly after 8 o'clock this morning, when he marched a negro, James Simmons, 30 years old, of 1134 Rodman street, before House Sergeant Tolland, he said.

He was being questioned, Hessington admitted that he was not a policeman, and when it was announced that he, too, would be held for a hearing before Magistrate Bersch, he drew the revolver and fired the four shots.

The first shot cut across the breast of District Detective Sheller, the second struck the negro full in the chest, the third apaled a bullet of Policeman Butler and the fourth shattered a tumbler on the opposite side of the room.

Hessington was "knocked out" by a blow under the chin from Policeman Butler and was rushed to the Pennsylvania Hospital with the negro, who is said to be in a serious condition.

After being treated at the hospital Hessington was released before Magistrate Bersch and held without bail to await the result of Simmons' injuries.

When the prisoner was searched a notebook with many peculiar entries was found.

Most of the notes were disconnected.

One page was the following "No. 97222,

5:30 time. Martindale store. Break Stronghold, 18th and Market, Philadelphia. Jesse Hessington, 200 Spruce street, authorizer."

In view of the notes in the book the police believe that Hessington knows something about the robbery of the safe recently in the store of Thomas Martindale.

The prisoner, according to the police, shot a man in 1914 and served a sentence of 18 months for the deed. A full kit of burglar's tools and a number of prayer books were found in his pockets.

DOCK AT FORT MIFFLIN

Bill in House Gives City Right Build Road on Government Reservation

**By a Staff Correspondent**

**WASHINGON, March 30**—Means by which the city of Philadelphia may obtain a right of way over the Government military reservation at Fort Mifflin and permission for the erection of a dock will be made as a part of the proposed sewage disposal system which the city outlined in a bill introduced by the House today by Congressman Vare. The measure was introduced following several conferences Mr. Vare had with Chief Chester E. Albright, of the Bureau of Survey on the question.

The bill provides that the city be permitted to construct a paved roadway under which sewage conduits may be placed and a wharf on the dock.

Under the terms of the bill, the city will return the land provided that the city remove the old earth battery which the road will pass through and level the entire portion of the reservation west of the old fort. The wharf and outlet are necessary for the completion of the sewage disposal plant.

The question is one in accord with the views of the War Department.

**COUNTER-PROPOSITION MADE BY P. R. R. WOULD CUT SOME MEN'S WAGES**

Trainmen Are Told That the Company Believes Present Rates Adequate and Liberal to Employees

**WILL CONSIDER DEMANDS**

A counter-proposition which would materially reduce the pay of certain classes of railroad employees was made today by S. C. Long, general manager of the Pennsylvania Railroad, to representatives of the four brothers of railroad employees who were combining to demand a readjustment of \$60,000 trainmen in all parts of this country and Canada, demanded a readjustment of the wage schedule, giving them an eight-hour day and time and a half for overtime.

The same reply was either handed or mailed to similar committees in other cities by representatives of the 458 railroad involved, who are working in conjunction with the Pennsylvania railroad in agreeing to arbitration, but it was said,

"I recommend," said Daniels, "that 7500 enlisted men, 2500 apprentices seamen, 2150 hospital corps men and 2000 marines be added to the navy. This would make 14,150 additional men, bringing the total personnel of the navy to 67,000."

"The General Board last July recommended 16,000 additional men. In November, the board recommended an increase of 14,000 men. When I made this estimate for 14,150 men, last October, I had only the July recommendation before me."

"The officers of the navy who have testified here have given only their personal views. Some of them have figured on the basis of every ship in the navy being in constant commission. This is not in accordance with the policy of the navy. When a ship goes to the navy yard, they contend, it should maintain its full quota of men. To this I have two objections: first, to have such a large force; second, to have so many ships in commission as to require a large number of officers to perform what would be highly demoralizing; third, they should be put on an active vessel, so their training would not relax. For these reasons the department has adopted the policy of having only 40 per cent of the crew on active duty."

"Former Secretary von Meyer left only 33 per cent of the men on ships in active service."

Secretary Daniels stated that in spite of the large percentage of re-enlistments, it was difficult to maintain the full quota of enlisted men. Only one out of six applicants is accepted because of the difficulty in getting the desired type, he explained. The enlistments of 12,875 men, for example, were made in the last year.

"Your request that this company join in a concerted movement with other roads will be given consideration and you will be advised of the decision as soon as practicable."

"The present standards of rates and working conditions have been very largely modified by mediation and arbitration, and the company feels that they are adequate and even liberal to the employees. This company has no desire to change either the existing rates of pay or the working rules, nor to reduce the earning possibilities of the employees under their existing rules, but inasmuch as your proposal contains demands which are contrary to the existing methods and practices on which the schedules have been built up, this company hereby gives notice in conformity with the schedules now in effect that in connection with and as a part of the consideration and disposition of your proposals, the same shall be open for consideration and disposition of revisions in the existing rules or practices therewith governing compensation in the classes of service affected by your proposal."

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Appointment of 25 civilian aviators, each year for five years, as well as continuing assignments of naval officers to the aviation corps.

Appointment of civilian educators at Annapolis so that a majority of the 90 there would be fit for active service.

Daniels emphasized the recommendation for appointing civilian engineers.

"The navy is the only institution in America that is not specializing," he said.

Asks \$150 for Death of Dog

Suit to recover \$150 damages for the death of an English setter was filed today by Daniel J. Gore, 2107 South Chestnut street, against the Eastern Paving Company, in the Municipal Court. It is alleged that the dog was struck and killed by a motor-truck of the defendant concern at 58th Street and Washington avenue on December 30. The driver of the car, it is stated, saw the dog and could have avoided striking the animal if he had used care and skill. Gore declares that his setter had a blue-ribbon pedigree, and was well trained and a good field dog.

Fire Clay Only in Night Dress

Members of the family of J. H. Went, State road, Narberth, fled to the yard in their nightclothes when fire was discovered early today in a closet on the second floor. The Narberth Fire Company arrived quickly and extinguished the flames. It is believed that the fire was caused by mice nibbling at matches in clothes in the closet.

8 Arrests; Guilty One Unidentified

Eight arrests to find the one noisy disturber failed to reveal the culprit today, but, whoever he is, he was put under \$300 bail to keep the peace.

An uproar in a motion picture theatre, on Main street above Carson, Manayunk, last night, was traced by the police to a group of eight youths. But that is as far as the discovery went. So the eight were arrested. Moderate price, at the Manayunk station, released them in ball this morning.

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