

WIFE OF FIREMAN HAS LONELY LOT

System of Constant Duty Gives Husband Little Time at Home

COMPANIONSHIP UNKNOWN

A brief letter, received by the Evening Lengan, and written by a fireman's wife,

I am at a loss to find words suf-ficient to express the deep apprecia-tion of myself and that of our four chiltion of myself and that of our four chil-dren for your kind and very valuable publicity given in behalf of the city fremen. My husband has been a mem-ber of the Bureau of Fire for the last fiteen years, and what lonely fifteen years they have been for wives and children of the members of the Fire Bureau and what a great difference it would make to us all. If the efforts of the men, ably assisted by the Evening Ladden, were to eventually prove and LEDGER, were to eventually prove suc-

"Fifteen lonely years!" On the roster of the Bureau of Fire there are veterans of a thousand battles with flame, whose service more than doubles the period of loneliness more than doubles the period of loneliness complained of by the wife and mother quoted above. And the patient helpmates of these scarred and grizzled men who have attested their devotion to duty these thirty years or more! These women, likewise, grown wrinkled and gray with the advanc-ing years, continue today, as they have done through the days that have grown

nan must respond with his company and his drugs. service at the fire ground may hold him there well past the limit of his meal period. there well past the limit of his meal period. "I got the drug habit eight years ago In such event the waiting wife and children can only hope that "father will be I joined a show in Duluth, Minn. The man-

The fireman's day off duty-one in every mix-is subject to similar interruption, so that the plans for a weekly outing too frequently come to naught through the interruption of duty.

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pay therefor.

Federal and State departments operate under that system, as do the larger corporations and private employers. Workmen of all grades enjoy it. The letter-carrier and the policeman are permitted to thare the day with their families. Only "the fireman is forgot." He is the public's servant in its hour of direst need and his master may demand that service at any hour of day or night. Therefore he must be at his station, ready for the call to duty, prepared to sacrifice life or limb, as he already has put behind him the domentic happiness that his fellow-worker rightfully cherishes.

"Fifteen lonely years" are actually forty-five years in a fireman's career if measured comparatively to those of other public servants. The fireman and the fireman's wife realize their wearying drag and lonely passage.

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"What a great difference if would make to us all"—the 800 and more wives whose husbands are included in the Bureau of Fire. The difference to the citizen tax-payer in granting the request of his fire-inen-servants would amount to possibly twenty-five cents a year for every resident of Philadelphia, whose lives and property the fireman constantly protects.

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Find Man's Body in Creek ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 27. — Searching parties organized in Absecton to seek Charles Kingsberry, forty-three years old, who disappeared on Christmas Day, found his body under a bridge in that town late restorday. He lost his way while going home at night and fell into Absecton Creek. Everal purpose heard cries for help, but were unable to rely where they came from

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ADDICT UNFOLDS DOPE'S HORRORS

'Fiend,' Rising From Depths With George Long's Aid, Tells Story

DRUGS GIVEN SHOW GIRLS

Same for the first time in eight years. That much can be said right now for Samuel Green twenty-four years old formerly one of the brightest comedians on the vaudeville stage. Whether or not Green's familites will remain balanced depends upon his ability to win a battle against craving for narcotic drugs. He is making that fight under an able chieftain. George Lorg, superint malent of Inasmuch Mission and a informed "dope fiend."

A few days ago, Green emerged from the "iwilight alsop" treatment at the Polyclinic Hospital. The "twil ght sleep" treatment is a new "dope cure" devised by Dr. John H. W. Rhein, narcotic drug expert. Green was three days under that cure, and when he came forth with a clear mind and a fighting desire to win back his health and self-respect, he unfolded a story of the drug scourge in Philadelphia that would be unbellevable had it not been investigated and found true.

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Here are some of the things Samuel Green told a representative of the Evening Ledger concerning the narcotic drug traffic in this city:

Philadelphis is the most wide-open dope city in the United States.

This city is the gateway of the drug traffic of the country.

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Green, himself, has helped to paste the labels on the bottles, and he received for compensation a "shot of dope."

More than 5000 persons visit different sections of the Tenderioin dally to obtain their supply of "dope" from the peddiers. This does not include the thousands who are visited by the peddiers daily in other sections of the city.

Many Philadelphians with responsible places in life are dope users. He knows personally of five so-called reputable physicians who take their morphine daily; he knows four Philadelphia lawyers who are cocaine fiends. They practice regularly at the Philadelphia bar.

Many members of burlesque shows that visit Philadelphia do their acts under the influence of cocaine. Some managers insist upon the chorus girls' taking cocains before they "go on." The drug gives them "pep."

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"hit the pipe" in these places every night.

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grown wrinkled and gray with the advancing years, continue today, as they have done through the days that have grown into decades, to watch and pray in patient hope that the sound of the alarm bell which summons their husbands to risk their lives that others may live may not sound the abrupt knell of their own widowhood and the orphaning of those who call him father. The areman's wife sees none of the glazour that so stirs the public as the shining apparatus, with its helmeted crew linging to its sides, speeds through the city streets on its errand of rescue.

At home she sits with her little ones about, silently praying that those "fifteen lonely years" may not terminate in a fatal catastrophe to the domestic life which her husband's avocation has never permitted her and families of her friends and neighbora. Twenty-one hours out of every twenty-four every member of Philadelphia's Hupau of Fire must spend on duty at the station to which he is assigned. Three hours a day are granted for his meals-provided attendance at fires does not curtail this brief allowance. Often it occurs that an alarm in his district sounds a few minutes before his meal hour. The fireman must respond with his company and his service at the fire ground may hold him.

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ager of the show gave me a charge of cocains so I would have pep; all of the girls in that show were charged with the stuff. They could dance and sing like persons possessed. There were twenty-four girls in that company and a 'leading lady.' Folks out in front saw a snappy show, all right; but they didn't know 'coke' was producing it. A lot of shows right here in Philadelphia are made snappy in just the same way.

Thus pass the "fifteen lonely years" which in many cases have lengthened themselves into twice fifteen in the homes of Philadelphia's firemen.

EIGHT-HOUR RULE IGNORED

Municipal government rules provide an eight-hour day for city employes, or salary based upon that system. Public sentiment supports this view as just and equitable, both in the matter of working hours and pay therefor.

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Girl Breaks Through Ice; Saved by Boy Lancaster, Pa. Dec. 27.—Reba, the

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"I ats only five meals in that time, and my weight ran down from 160 to \$5 pounds. When the dope ran out I went out for more and collapsed.

"The twilight sleep treatment seems like a dream. For three days I seemed to float around in an unreal world. I had all serte of terrible haliucinations. I imagined that I was trying to use a hypodermic needle and the needle was plugged up so that the dope could not get through to my arm. The pictures on the walls of the room seemed to sing, and once I was cartain that a lithograph of George Washington walked out of the frame and walted about the room in a most unlightfield manner. Than I thought that cops were watching me through the kaybeles; I would conceal imaginary dope tablets in my stocking and hang the stocking out of the window.

"But I came through it all right. I have my craving; it makes me went dope right now to talk about it, but I am going to fight it through.

"Iall walls are no har to the dope distributors. When I was in Moyampraning prison swatting trial, a girl used to come there and silp me my morphine via the morphine tablet on my lower lip. The guards never sot wise.

"Most everybody in the Tenderion has chandened boose for dope. I know peddlers down there who are making for-tumes."

Green told his scorplin the pressure of

WHERE THE PENN-OREGON FOOTBALL GAME WILL BE PLAYED



This is the entrance to Tournament Park, Pasadena, Cal., toward which the Red and Blue team is now traveling in order to meet the husky University of Oregon eleven on New Year's Day.

FAMOUS OLD LETTER TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION

Descendants of Robert Morris to Sell Communication He Got From John Paul Jones

A letter, highly important from the view-point of the historian as well as the col-lector, written by John Faut rones to Robdescendants of the Revolutionary financier.

The communication remained in the Morris family for generations without the

knowledge of the public. It is now in the hands of Stan. V. Henkels, 104 Walnut street, to be sold at auction on January 16. With it will be sold several other old letters, including one written to Morris by Alexander Hamilton. The documents give intimate insight into the political intrigues and jealousies, friendships and gossip of Revolutionary times.
So valuable is the collection that it has

been insured against fire for approximately \$50,000. It is being guarded with most complete caution against theft at the Hen-kels establishment.

The letter from Commodore Jones to Rob-ert Morris tells how the naval officer was presented with a sword by Louis XVI, and contains a lengthy defense of Bentamir Franklin against the attacks upon him by Arthur Lee. Describing the incident at the French

Describing the incident at the French Court, the hitherto unpublished letter says:

"I have deferred writing you since my return to this Kingdom, because I had ordern myself to return in the Alliance immediately to Philadelphia. I was under a necessity of going to Court in April to procure the free sale of the Soparis and our other prises, and was received by the Royai Family, Government & People, with that open-armed Affection that so nobly marks the Character of this generous Minded Nation; His Majesty ordered a superb Sword to be made for me with an Inscription in Latin on the Blade, that would do honer to the greatest Admiral in History; The King directed his Admiral in History; The King directed his Minister to write a special letter to the President of Congress, expressing in the strongest terms his personal esteem toward me, with his entire approbation of my Con-duct, particular desire to promote my future success and to see me again at his Court,

On the machinations of Lee against Franklin and Lee's antagonistic attitude toward himself, Jones says: "I am convinced that Mr. Lee has acted

in this matter merely because I would not become the Enerity of the venerable, and Wise, and good Franklin, whose Heart as well as Head, does and will always do honor to human nature. I know the Great and Good in this Kingdom better perhaps than any other American who has appeared in Europe, since the treaty of Alliance; and if my testimony could add anything to Franklin's reputation, I could witness the uni-versal veneration, and esteem, with which his name inspires all ranks; not only at Versallies and all over this Kingdom, but also in Spain, and in Holland, and I can add from the testimony of the first Char-acters of other Nations, that with them, envy itself is dumb, when the name of Franklin is but mentioned."

Victim of Gas Poisoning Last Seen Alive One Week Ago

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 27.—J. Gilbert Skinner was found dead in his home, 931 East Seventeenth street, last night, from gas

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 27.—Reba, the ten-year-old daughter of Reuben Wenger, of Leaman place, broke through the ice on a stream near that place while sled-ding. Sanford Krider, fourteen years old, jumped into the kcy water and rescued girl



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NEW JERSEY TEACHERS FIGHT POLITICAL RULE

Six Hundred State Association Members, Mostly Women, Meet at Shore

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 27.—Six hundred lew Jersey school-teachers, ninety-five per cent of them women and the great majority oung and very earnest about the future of public education, are here in their newest dother and smartest hats for the sixtysecond annual convention of the New Jersey Teachers' Association. Sessions opened this afternoon in the High School auditorium with an address of welcome by Mayor Harry Bacharach, who said it never had been his good fortune to meet a finer-look-ing audience, and was promptly greeted with a round of fronic applause, led by the pretty "ma'ams." Ex-President William Howard Taft, who

is to arrive late this afternoon to address the convention this evening, will be the lion at a reception at the Hotel Dennis after the night session. This will be brief, for Mr. Taft is to be the "whole show."

EDGE DISAPPOINTS There was much disappointment this afternoon over the nonappearance of Governor-elect Walter E. Edge, who was expected to assure the teachers that they might count upon him as an ally in the big fight to be fought at Trenton this winter over the tenure-of-office bill. The Governor-elect's acceptance was only tentative, and he found it impossible to break a prior engagement.

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How to keep New Jersey's schools free from domination of local school board politics is the big question confronting the convention. School directors in the cities and rural districts have organized and will ask the Legislature to make the period ask the Legislature to make the period during which a teacher shall be subject to transfer or summary removal for any cause whatever five instead of three years. Under the present law no teacher who has served for three years in any community can be disturbed except for legal cause established at a public hearing by evidence which will stand judicial inspection. WOMEN TO DOMINATE

Women will run the convention this Women will run the convention this week, just as they ran it from start to finish last year, even if they did relent at the wind-up and select a mere man, Frank H. Lloyd, of Perth Ambey, for president; another, Edwin S. Richards, of Elizabeth, for vice president, and a third, H. J. Neal, of Phillipsburg, for secretary. A woman, Miss S. Ida MacMahon, of Trenton, does all the hanking for the association. Women

the banking for the association. Women also high every office and committee posi-tion for the teachers' retirement fund, which is the veteran instructors' annuity system.

HORSE CARS TIED UP; GOTHAM IN DISORDER

Pearl Street Choked by Crowds Reading Bulletin of Quaker City Somnolence

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Horsecar traffic n Pearl street was fied up today when rowds stormed a bulletin board upon which ras chronicled from hour to hour the attiwas chronicled from hour to hour the attitude of Philadelphia's population toward the
French marine from Bordeaux, who has
slept twenty-seven weeks without hesitating. The news from the Quaker City
was dispatched to the outlying districts
about 6 a. m., but failed to reach Manhattan until about 10 a. m.

At noon the space in front of the bulletin oard was crowded. Some of the throng ushed up out of idle curiosity or just to rel at home when being mammailed. But feel at home when being mammauled. But by far the greater portion of the mob was composed of professional song-writers, colyumsts and cartooners, who never miss a bet in the matter of gleaning in fresh and unhackneyed humorous fields.

Shortly after noon a delegation from the Home for Aged and Infirm Jokesmiths arrived in a stagecoach. Among the arrivals was the man who first asked why a chicken crossed the road. The man who initially

crossed the road. The man who initially extracted humar from a mother-in-law was ill with influenza and could not join the pilgrims. In the midst of the bevy of old fellows was a foral wreath, very fresh and very heartful very beautiful.

"What is that?" the head of the delegation was asked. "That," he replied, reverently, "is a trib-ute to the memory of that humorous pioneer who first accused Philadelphia of somno-lones."

"What happened to him?" "Poor old soul, he died ten years ago. But it was inevitable—I mean his death—for he was one hundred years old when he passed away."

Along Broadway, where trenches have been dug for the protection of the inhabitants against a new idea, there was considerable rejoicing, as the trenchermen freely admitted that the josh from Philadelphia was entirely mature enough to turn loose upon the Manhattanese.

At a p. m. the builetins were stopped by the "Society for the Prevention of Undue Metropolitan Excitement"! A digorder closely resembling a riot ensued. The police were for a while quite powerless against the charging horde of light verse writers, jokesmiths, sporting chroniclers and comic supplement artists which surged angrily over the pavement denouncing the stoppage of the builetine and orying: "Give us a chance! Give us a chance!"

In his official statement the police officer who checked the disorder described the af-fair as a "food riot" and dwelt at length upon the ferocity of the assembled humor-ists.

HEAVEN FOR MONKEYS, PROFESSOR CONTENDS

H. G. Walters, Langhorne, Says Pet Has a Soul and an Hallucination

s under the impression he is being hounded by some one—this, according to the simian's master, Professor H. G. Walters, who also ascribes to his pet, a soul, a love for its master 'dearer than that of a woman' and a rabid thirst for coffee. 'This little marmoset monkey," said the

"This little marmoset monkey," said the professor, swinging the beast to his shoulder, "does not carry its brains in the usual place, it carries them in its soul. The monkey knows that the room and the world exist outside of his skin. If my monkey has no soul, then no church member has a soul. I tell you that my Darwinian heaven is big enough to let in the souls of monkeys as well as those of human beings."

The professor believes in teaching psychology in classrooms by means of monkeys and parrots.

"This," he says, "is a sure way to inculcate on the minds of youths tenderness toward animals and at the same time teach them the fundamentals of psychology."

the animal down and holding him like an infant, "that this little marmoset has more mental power than a great many Philadel-

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The professor indicated that he might send his pet to Philadelphia sometime. Philadelphia is twenty-four miles from Langhorne and situated on the Reading Railroad.

MAN RESENTS INSULT TO GIRL AND IS KILLED

Stabbed Through Heart by One of Four Men-Friend Wounded

WHEES-BARRE, Pa., Dec. 27.—An in-sult, alleged to have been offered by four young man to a group of girls and buys aving a party at Plymouth, ended in the nurder of John Romanofaky, twenty-four years old, of 365 Salaburg street, Thy-Ignate Cynowitch, twenty-three years old, of 120 Notingham street, Plymouth, was stabbed in the back and is seen ously wounded. | After a twelve-hour search, police has

night arrested Joseph Miller, of 480 State street, Larksville; William Keefe, of 481 State Street; William Bart, of 442 State street, and Frank Morgan, of Carver street, Plymouth.

While no evidence has been presented against these men, it is alleged that they were in the vicinity at the time of the crims and the Coroner has ordered them held for hearing.

With Misses Helen Mells and Martha Orlis, Romanofsky and Cysowitch were on their way home from a celebration of Christmas at the house of a friend. They were met en Nottingham street by feur men. One of the four is alleged to have made an insulting remark to the girls, and when Romanofsky remenstrated against the action he was stabed through the heart, it is alleged. His companion endeavored to assist hi mand a knife was plunged through his back. The girls terror stricken ded The girls, terror stricken, He the scene and the assallants escaped.



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