

MOTHER HAS UNCANNY WARNING OF SUICIDE

Mrs. Rhoda Elton Wakes at Dawn Convinced of Some Disaster in Home

Mrs. Rhoda Elton, of 403 North Fifty-fifth street, is not a spiritualist, nor is she persuaded to become one. She does not believe in telepathic communication. Indeed, she has never given a thought to any of the so-called psychic phenomena. She has heard that women are sometimes highly intuitive, but so far as her own experiences have gone she does not know what intuition is.

This is why Alfred Elton, her husband, with all his grief today over the death of their twenty-two-year-old son, Wilford B. Elton, is puzzled and bothered with an uncanny feeling of awe.

At 5:30 o'clock this morning he was awakened by Mrs. Elton. She had suddenly awakened at that hour and was wide awake. There was cold perspiration on her face and wide-eyed and breathless, she shook him.

"Al," she said, "there is something wrong in this house. There is something wrong. Get up and go and see."

Brought from deep slumber so suddenly Mr. Elton was surprised into doing her bidding immediately, before reason could argue against it, as it would have done, he said, ordinarily. So he got up and went all through the house.

When he reached the rear of the first floor and approached the door of the laundry, he detected a very slight odor of gas. He unlocked the door, and as he pushed it in he discovered that gas had been stuffed into the cracks about it. Turning on a light, he found that there was "something wrong in the house."

Sitting against a washboard which had been placed against the door, was an improvised pillow. Wilford, their son, dead. A tub, fastened and tied securely with string to a jet above the laundry sink, hung down near his son's head, telling of suicide.

When Mrs. Elton learned of the death she was shocked and dazed. She is in bed today, nearly prostrated. Neither she nor her husband can find a reason for their son's act. He seemed happy, they said, last night.

SUBWAY WORKERS FILL CONCRETE PILINGS TO BRACE CITY HALL



On the right, the vertical wall is part of the foundation of City Hall under the south corridor. In order to reinforce this against the shock and vibration caused by passing trains, wooden troughs are sunk at intervals into which concrete is placed and allowed to harden.

MORE PAY FOR GARMENT STRIKERS, ARBITERS SAY

Increase of Ten Per Cent for Workers by Week, Decision of Board

An increase of ten per cent to all workers by the week was awarded today by the Arbitration Board appointed to consider the grievances of the striking garment workers. The increase will be based upon present wages with the proviso that in no instance shall such an increase be less than \$1 a week.

In the questions submitted by the workers the following requests were made: That those who lay, mark and cut good receive \$23 per week; senior assistants \$18, and junior assistants \$12. Pull-fledged cutters, who do pattern grading, are to receive \$27.50. It was also urged that those who received no increase since January 20 get an increase of \$2 a week, and such as have received an increase of \$1 or more after January 20 receive an increase of \$1.

An increase of fifteen per cent in the earnings of piece workers, and specified as request No. 3, was also asked by the strikers.

In summing up its decision the board said among other things:

The board is of the opinion that it is imperative for a proper determination of these questions that its recommendation of January 20, 1916, that a wage board be created, be carried out and that it perform the duties at that time defined, and therefore directs that such a wage board be at once created, proceed upon its duties and make its report on the question of fixing a minimum wage scale for cutters and assistant cutters to the arbitration board, said arbitration board to decide the question of minimum wage for cutters and assistant cutters, such decision to become effective September 1, 1917, and the decision of the arbitration board on the question of minimum wage for all other classes of week workers to become effective December 1, 1917.

In lieu of said requests, however, and in order that some immediate relief be afforded to those included therein, the arbitration board awards an increase of ten per cent, based upon present wages, to all week workers, with the proviso that in no instance

shall such increase be less than \$1 a week. The third request is denied because the board is of the opinion that the remedy lies in the hands of the piece workers under the provisions of the findings of the board of arbitration as of January 20, 1916, dealing with the creation of a price committee and the appointment of adjusters, and that said price committee and adjusters are fully empowered to settle any differences which might arise as to the price to be paid to piece workers.

In determining this question, however, it is the opinion of the board that the price committee and the adjusters should take into consideration the present high cost of living as well as the labor entailed.

This decision becomes effective as of the date of approval.

Approved January 31, 1917.
THOMAS B. SMITH,
W. H. WILSON,
J. M. PATTERSON,
GEORGE W. HANNEY,
N. I. STONE.

Both sides will abide by the decision of the board.

Second Seattle Bank in Trouble
SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 31.—The German-American Mercantile Bank failed to open its doors today. It was closed following the failure yesterday of the Northern Bank and Trust Company.

Woman Hit by Driver Acquitted
A woman hit by a driver, Mrs. Elizabeth A. MacNeal, 2615 South Boulevard street, was acquitted today of being responsible for the death of seven-year-old Isabella A. MacNeal, 2615 South Boulevard street, who was struck by an automobile at Eighteenth and Rhine streets last August. Witnesses identified Mrs. Jackson, but she proved before the court that she was at home at the time of the accident, although she admitted passing the scene a half hour before.

Fire in New York Skyscraper
NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—A fire which started in a shaft in the twenty-story Empire Building, 71 Broadway, this afternoon shut off all lights and telephones in one-half the building, and smoke drove employees from offices throughout most of the first eighteen floors. Damage was slight.

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BLOODED HORSES DIE IN FIRE WITH HOSTLER

Keeper Fights in Vain to Escape From Barn Near Rose Tree Hunt Club

MEDIA, Pa., Jan. 31.—George Donan, of Bryn Mawr, hostler for George N. Saportas, of New York, was burned to death in a fire which early today destroyed the barn on the farm of Samuel G. Mathues in Upper Providence township, near the Rose Tree Hunt Club. The loss was \$50,000.

Twelve hunters and three other horses were burned, as were also four cows, two dogs, farming implements and large quantities of feed, hay and straw.

The cause of the fire is not known. Because of the limited stabling capacity at the Rose Tree Hunt Club, Mathues was boarding horses of members of the club in his new barn.

In the stable when the fire occurred were eight horses owned by George N. Saportas, of New York, two owned by William Kerr, of Trainer, this county; one by A. Reeder Chambers, of Trenton, and a hunter and three farm horses owned by Mr. Mathues.

Donan was in charge of the Saportas stables, and slept in the barn. He was evidently awakened by the smoke and tried to fight his way from the barn, as his charred body was found lying close to a door. The horses are estimated to be worth \$30,000.

Last Day to Pay Revenue Tax

Today is the last day on which those subject to the revenue tax created by the act of September 8, 1916, may file reports with the Collector of Internal Revenue. The tax includes the corporation excise tax which levies at the rate of fifty cents for each \$1000 of the fair market value of corporation stock. "It is a new tax," explained Collector of Internal Revenue Ledret, "and should not be confused with the war tax act of November 23, 1914. It assesses brokers, theatres, movies, museums, billiard and pool halls, bowling alleys and cigar and cigarette manufacturers. Billiard and pool halls are assessed at the rate of \$5 a year for each table. Payment was due January 30, 1917."

LAX METHOD ADMITTED BY PRISON INSPECTOR

Shurts Tells Jersey Probers All Cells Were Not Visited Weekly

TRENTON, Jan. 31.—That a strict interpretation of statutes was not followed by the prison inspectors was revealed today at the opening of hearings by Governor Edge's prison inquiry commission.

Nelson B. Gaskill was named as counsel for the commission. Governor Edge is sitting with the probers. Jacob Shurts, president of the prison inspectors, was the first witness. He was asked if the acting prison inspectors visited the cell of each convict once a week, as the law requires. He said he had never interpreted the law in that manner. Shurts and Harry F. Jones, another inspector, are acting inspectors, and Gaskill asked if the intent of the law was not to have acting inspectors persons not connected with the prison in any way. He did not so understand it, he asserted.

Gaskill also asked if the object of the law was not to allow the convicts to make complaints to disinterested persons. Shurts asserted that all protests were received and he did not know of any one's being punished for making complaints.

"Are the cells furnished with Bibles, as the law requires?" Shurts was asked.

First he replied that he supposed they were, and then he modified his answer by saying that all were not.

Failure to comply fully with the law which requires school equipment also was brought out. That a question arose over jurisdiction in granting paroles by inspectors and the Board of Pardons was admitted by Shurts.

"Do you think that that is a good thing?" Governor Edge asked.

"No, but there was never any trouble on our part," he answered, explaining that the prison inspectors were liberal in their views. Shurts asserted that he had been a member of the prison board for twelve years, but he had never witnessed a medical examination of a prisoner. Shurts thought a segregation of convicts if they were suffering from disease should depend on the kind of ailment. He said he still held the view that the State-use system was inimical to the interests of the State, because the State

institutions do not take up the goods. In three months he believed the convicts could make enough socks and underwear for the State's 30,000 dependents. He said that the storerooms were filled now.

"We ought to have our orders for summer underwear now," he said, "but we have not."

Henry F. Hillers, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, wanted to know if the inspectors had not been unable to fill orders.

"Not that I am aware," he replied.

N. J. Charter for Supple Milk Co.

TRENTON, Jan. 31.—A certificate of incorporation was filed here today by the Supple Milk Company, of Pennsylvania, to do business from an office on North Carolina avenue, Atlantic City. The capital stock of the concern is \$5,000,000, while the amount issued is \$1,500,000. The president of the corporation is C. Henderson Supple, of 5665 Wynnefield avenue, Wynnefield, Philadelphia.

Delaware for Uniform Laws in States

DREXEL, Del., Jan. 31.—Senator Gormley today introduced a bill providing for the appointment of a commission to act with like commissions of other States to make the laws of the various States uniform. Senator Pool introduced a bill to increase the pay of the members of the General Assembly of Delaware from \$5 to \$10 a day, and \$12 a day for the presiding officers.

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THIEVES GET VARIED LOOT

1340 Pounds Australian Wool and Three Autos Among Day's Thefts

From wool to automobiles runs the Philadelphia thief's taste, according to robbery reports made to the police today.

Thieves stole four bales (1340 pounds) of Australian wool valued at \$500, from the warehouse of Philip Godley, 123 South Swanson street; \$70 worth of jewelry from the home of George B. Myers, 1216 North Tenth street, and three automobiles, belonging to H. P. Smith, 342 Market street; Dr. Herman B. Cohen, 933 Lindley avenue, and C. H. Aubrey, 1135 West Indiana avenue. Smith's machine was recovered by the police.

TEIPER MUST SERVE TERM

Justice Refuses Reasonable Doubt Writ for Murderer

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 31.—Justice Brown today denied an application for a writ of habeas corpus in the case of John Edward Teiper, charged with the murder of his mother. Teiper will be taken to Auburn in a day or two to begin serving a twenty-year sentence.

Today was the anniversary of the Orchard Park road tragedy, in which Mrs. Agnes M. Teiper, a wealthy widow, and her son, Frederick C. Teiper, were murdered, and a daughter, Grace J. Teiper, was beaten almost to death.

Elkton Marriage Licenses

ELKTON, Md., Jan. 31.—Marriage licenses were issued here today to James F. Meehan and Rose Conway, Charles R. Fritz and Ellen Bourie, Peter H. Batten and Lena Shertlage and Russell Monahan and Catherine Keegan, all of Philadelphia; Homer R. Sparks and Elva K. Bennett, Wilmington; James S. Iceeman and Anna M. Veiker, Baltimore; Cecil Walker, Chester, and Mattie G. Preston, Havre de Grace, Md.; Hugh McGlynn and Marguerite Ferguson, Norwood, Pa.; George A. Hohn and Florence E. Jones, Fort Deposit, Md.; Olat Peterson, Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Myrtle Leman, Washington, D. C.; J. Alvin McCauley, Galena, and Madeline Rowan, Cecilton, Md.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

Newell E. Booth, Chester, Pa., and Isabel C. Jenkins, Kitchen's lane, Germantown; Gordon Bantz, 1918 S. Orleans st., and Annie M. Jackson, 2418 S. Orleans st.; John A. Bunnell, 1237 S. 51st st., and Mary A. Corey, 1423 S. 51st st.; Alexander J. Chesle, 4218 Viola st., and Helen C. Williams, 3218 Grand av.; Joseph Sulowski, 3250 Gaul st., and Victoria Kencul, 4231 S. 51st st.; Emil Fitzpatrick, 348 Pennsdale st., and Elizabeth Harris, 2410 S. 51st st.; Frank G. Lohmeier, 1937 W. Somerset st., and Fannie E. Aschenbrand, 1037 W. Somerset st.; Joseph J. Peckham, 2428 N. 10th st., and Blanche Cohen, 2428 N. 28th st.; Ernest G. Erikson, 4120 S. 51st st., and Mary A. Street, 5120 S. 51st st.; James Campbell, 119 W. Chelton av.; Margaret Murray, 207 W. Chelton av.; Joseph Bland, 4915 Lincoln av., and Alma Knox, 2441 S. 51st st.; William Probert, 2618 S. 12th st., and Susanah Walsh, 2618 S. 12th st.; John Wintersteen, 3011 B st., and Anna Levin, 3006 Arbor st.; George M. Jones, Oak Hill, W. Va., and Eleanor B. Hopkins, 1908 S. Rittenhouse sq.; John F. Hannon, 1408 S. Calmar st., and Mary B. Maguire, 148 Kingsley st.; Albert Brodsky, 1213 N. 10th st., and Sarah H. Rovino, 2443 S. Darien st.; Frederick W. Glicker, 606 Cayuga st., and Florence Martin, 244 N. 11th st.; Clement Morris, Salem, N. J., and Gertie Simmons, Salem; Michael Gallagher, 2250 Woodbine av., and Rose Dunne, 2224 S. 10th st.; and Esther Feldman, 601 N. 11th st.; Adam Surovic, 2250 Tilton st., and Ellie Ford, 1928 S. 11th st.



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