

PHILADELPHIAN HEADS
FRENCH AID COMMITTEE

Grayson M. P. Murphy, Head of Guaranty Trust, Will Study Needs

APPOINTED BY RED CROSS

Will Re-establish Destitute People of Districts Laid Waste by Retreating German Army

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Grayson M. P. Murphy, vice president of the Guaranty Trust Company, of New York, who has offices at 421 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, was selected today by H. P. Davison, chairman of the Red Cross War Council, to head the committee to visit France and investigate the needs of the devastated country districts.

Mr. Murphy was selected because of his executive ability and will have as his associates, not yet named, men especially qualified to decide what shall be given the people to re-establish them.

The War Council will undertake at once the relief of residents of those parts of France from which the German forces have been driven. The situation in these regions is terrible. Homes have been destroyed, agricultural implements piled up and burned, fruit trees and vines damaged beyond repair.

As the situation was described today, the people in these regions have not even knives, forks and plates, and are utterly destitute. It is the intention of the Red Cross War Council to rebuild the houses, supply agricultural implements and generally to put the people on their feet again.

PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING OPENS TOMORROW

"Christian Patriotism" the Theme of Discussion at Afternoon Conference of Friends

The Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Race Street Friends will begin tomorrow morning at the Fifteenth and Race streets meeting house.

The meeting of ministers and elders will be held both morning and afternoon.

At 5 o'clock there will be a conference under direction of the Young Friends' movement, at which the different phases of "Christian Patriotism" will be discussed. In the evening the Rev. Norman M. Thomas, of the American Baptist New York, will deliver the third lecture in the William Penn series. Subject, "The Christian Patriot."

On Sunday morning the large meetings for worship will be held in the Race street and Cherry street meeting houses, and, if necessary, an overflow meeting in the Central School lecture room. In the afternoon will be the annual meeting of the First-day Schools, when Ebenezer Russell will give an address on "The Value of Religious Education."

The regular business sessions will begin on Monday morning at 10 o'clock and 2:30 in the afternoon, and will continue daily until Friday.

"JOE" LEITER PILES UP MILLIONS IN MAY WHEAT

Grain Pit Speculator, Once Loser of \$10,000,000 in Cornering Finance, Reputed Big Gainer

CHICAGO, May 11.—Joseph Leiter, who, with his father, is reputed to have lost \$10,000,000 in trying to force the world's wheat supply in 1898, has "come back" in May wheat, it was reported today.

Leiter's earnings in the last few months are estimated at \$3,000,000 by persons in close touch with wheat pit operations. He is said to have been secretly in the market since August 2, 1916, when May wheat sold at \$1.57. Yesterday it reached \$2.15, the highest figure in history.

Acting on a tip that the Government would intervene in the food situation, Leiter is said to have been selling recently at enormous profits. His agents, as fast as they disposed of May delivery, are said to have been buying July and September.

Agents of the Allies, principally Great Britain, are also said to have cleaned up between \$10,000,000 and \$15,000,000 in the Chicago pit.

Jesse Livermore, who became a member of the Board of Trade a month ago, is reported to have made between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000 in May wheat.

Carnett Heads U. of P. Base Hospital

Dr. Edward Martin, member of the Council for National Defense, has notified heads of the Masque of American Drama that he had turned over the directorship of the University Base Hospital to Dr. J. B. Carnett. Doctor Martin, as head of the University of Pennsylvania Department, must remain at the University. The University base now needs only \$15,000 to complete its equipment, and it is expected this will be obtained from the Masque, which is to be staged all next week at the Botanical Gardens.

Police Sergeant's Home Robbed

Thieves succeeded in stealing \$50 worth of jewelry from the home of Sergeant Charles Wolf, of the Bolgrade street station, who lives at 1921 East Cambria street. The intruders were frightened away by the sergeant's wife, and in their haste overlooked a handbag containing \$400 in cash.

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QUITS STAGE DURING WAR

Mme. Johanna Gadske, the Metropolitan soprano, has announced her decision to withdraw, for a time at least, from the stage, on which she has spent most of her career. As a leading German star she has, in some quarters, encountered personal criticism growing out of the war.

GADSKI QUITS STAGE BECAUSE OF CRITICISM

Opera Singer Retires Temporarily and Resents What She Calls Unfair Attacks

Personal criticism growing out of the war and alleged unjust criticism has caused Mme. Johanna Gadske, soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Company, to retire temporarily from the stage.

In a statement addressed to the public she said that as a leading German star she had been outrageously and unjustly attacked in some quarters because of the war between the United States and Germany. Mme. Gadske also said she had been frequently misrepresented.

Her statement follows: "I feel the time has arrived when I must defend myself once and for all in the campaign which was begun against me after an alleged interview in 1916.

At that time I thought it beneath my dignity to make a denial, and was unfortunately advised to remain silent. Later, however, I have been again too outrageously and unjustly attacked, so that I feel compelled in justice to myself and my friends to contradict these falsehoods and calumnies.

I herewith emphatically deny to have ever said, done or even felt anything against this country, or any of its representatives.

My career was practically started and made in the United States, and who knows better than I what I owe to the prevailing conditions it is perhaps the Metropolitan stage, and ask the public to accept this statement from me as final and to resent any more comments about me personally, as such might lead to further misrepresentations.

Hoping with all my heart that the numerous friends whom I think I have made in these many years of earnest work will continue to believe in me and will remain my loyal friends as I remain theirs, with sincere gratitude.

JOHANNA GADSKI

"NO SEPARATE PEACE" PACT DOES NOT BIND U. S.

Lansing Denies Agreement, but States Nation Is in War Till Victory

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The United States is bound by no agreement not to make a separate peace with Germany. It will not make peace, however, until Germany is vanquished and peace comes to all the Entente Allies.

This was the announcement today of Secretary of State Lansing. Asked if the nation had been pledged to make no separate peace, in the State Department's conferences with Arthur James Balfour, head of the British mission, and ex-Premier Viviani, head of the French mission, Secretary Lansing said:

"The question of an agreement on this subject never was raised in the conferences. The United States is bound by no agreement whatsoever. You may feel assured, however, that until world-wide peace is restored the United States will entertain no suggestions of peace from Germany, no matter what terms are offered."

BARKEEPER MUST PAY FOR DEATH OF PATRON

\$5000 Verdict for Woman, Whose Husband Fell From Saloon, Sustained by Court

Judge Barrett, sitting in Common Pleas Court today, refused to grant an award of \$5000 damages, obtained by Mrs. Mary McFisher against a saloonkeeper who was said to have told her husband so much liquor that he fell going out of the saloon and fractured his skull, dying later. The verdict was against Cornelius Quinn, of a street and Alshoberg avenue, saloonkeeper.

In reviewing the case, Judge Barrett said that there was no evidence to show that the dead man was either intoxicated or a hard drinker. He also said that an experienced bartender ought to be able to detect what is easily visible to a little child.

"If McFisher," said Judge Barrett, "was intoxicated when he fell out of that door, he must have been visibly affected by intoxicating drink, which the bartender ought to have noticed, and because he did not, he was negligent and the defendant was liable, as the intoxication, the jury found, caused the injury resulting in McFisher's death."

\$8,000,000 TAX IDEA SCORND BY KITCHIN

House Leader's Enthusiastic Constituent Sent to Janitor With Plan to Raise Trifle

WASHINGTON, May 11.—As an illustration of the tremendous figures in which Washington officials are thinking when it comes to taxation, the story is going this morning in Washington of how an enthusiastic constituent of House Majority Leader Kitchin, of North Carolina, approached the congressman, saying: "I have a brand-new tax idea which will raise money from a hitherto neglected source."

"How much will it raise a year?" asked Mr. Kitchin.

"Eight million dollars," the enthusiast replied.

"Tell it to the janitor," was said to have been Mr. Kitchin's comment.

SINN FEINER ELECTED, MUDDLING IRISH ISSUE

Home Rule Put Further Away by Success of Redmond For for Commons

LONDON, May 11.—The Irish situation has again become badly muddled. The election of Joseph McGuinness, a Sinn Feiner, now in prison, to a vacant seat in the House of Commons, has put home rule further off than ever, in the view of most writers.

The Times's Dublin correspondent says the election is regarded as a strong blow against John Redmond, Nationalist leader. The district in which McGuinness was elected has been a Nationalist stronghold.

The Morning Post declares that the people now know that the Sinn Fein stands for an open break and the establishment of an Irish republic.

GIRL KILLS GIRL, POLICE SAY, OVER LOVE OF BOY

13-Year-Old Miss of Chicago Declares, However, Chum Shot Herself

CHICAGO, May 11.—Doris Anderson, a thirteen-year-old schoolgirl, awoke in a cell at the South Clark street police station today a murderess—in the eyes of the police.

They believe she shot and killed Grace Hagmann, also thirteen years old, her chum, in a quarrel late yesterday over the love of Reinhard Fleck, a fourteen-year-old schoolboy. Either that or she entered a suicide pact with her playmate, then became frightened when the time came to end her own life.

Doris says that Grace shot herself and that she struggled to prevent her. The police say she has given them several conflicting versions of the shooting. The little girl has remained calm since her arrest and seems to resent only the persistent questioning.

Grace was killed in a basement away. A revolver bullet struck her in the back, passed through her body and came out through the right breast. She died without gaining consciousness.

Mrs. Louis Gum, at whose home the shooting occurred, heard the shot a run to the doorway. Doris was standing over the body of her chum. Mrs. Gum did not see a revolver.

"Grace has killed herself," Doris cried. "I tried to stop her. I'll run for a doctor."

Mrs. Gum carried the wounded child to her home where she died half an hour later. Police Sergeant Bohan found Doris walking along the street several blocks from the scene about an hour afterward. At the station house the nation found two revolvers in her waist. One of them was an empty shell.

"We wanted to scare Reinhard Fleck," said Doris, "and I happened to mention that my papa had a revolver. I took it out of a bureau drawer. Grace wanted one, too, so she borrowed one from my papa. It was all empty and the trigger was broken."

"We dropped into Gum's yard for a moment. Grace had the loaded revolver then."

"I'm going to shoot myself," she said. I began to scream and she pointed the revolver at her head. I pulled her arm behind her back. Then the gun went off. Grace sank to the ground and held out the revolver.

"I killed myself," she said. "Here take this."

The police declare there were no powder marks on Grace's clothing and from the position of the wound she could not have shot herself. No formal charge will be lodged against Doris until after the coroner's inquest today.

Two Billion Foot Lumber Order

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The special committee of the Southern Pine Association after four days' conferences with the Federal sitting board and other authorities has about completed final details. It is said semi-officially, for the largest order for materials ever known to the lumber industry.

To meet the war requirements for wooden ships, army barracks and other purposes the Government has contracted for the purchase of more than two billion feet of southern pine. It is understood that the aggregate price will be between \$35,000,000 and \$40,000,000.

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FITZ NEWBOLD, SOLDIER, WILL WED MISS PEPPER

Off to Fort Niagara Training Camp, He Announces Engagement at Station

There was a real romance aboard the "Red Special" last night although but few on the train or the crowd in the Reading Terminal knew anything about it.

But a few hours before he left for Fort Niagara, the engagement of Fitz Eugene Dixon Newbold was announced to Miss Charlotte Eleanor Pepper. Miss Pepper and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wharton Pepper, of 1720 Pine street, went to the Terminal to say goodbye to young Newbold.

Mr. Newbold is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Emile Newbold, of Laverock, Chester, Pa. His older brother, Arthur James Newbold, Jr., who, several years ago married Miss Margaret Yarnall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlton Yarnall, also left for the camp last night.

FIRM TO CELEBRATE

Weimer, Wright & Watkins Company to Mark 42d Anniversary

The forty-second anniversary of the firm of Weimer, Wright & Watkins Company, Inc., shoe manufacturers and jobbers, 55 South Second street, will be celebrated tonight by a theatre party.

The 275 employees of the factory and store will meet at Reading Terminal and march in a body to Kelly's, where the first balcony will be occupied. William H. Weimer, Jr., president; Robert G. Weimer, secretary; P. B. Cowdick, treasurer, and other officials have charge of the event. War-time activities prevent the usual celebration, which in former years consisted of entertainments and dances.

CHARGE UNDUUE INFLUENCE

Seek to Set Aside Deed of Trust Disposing of \$10,000 Estate

LANCASTER, Pa., May 11.—A bill in equity has been filed here to obtain upward of \$10,000 which Miss Lettie M. Smith, of Christiana, on March 16, 1914, devised to Frank M. Trout, who is one of the defendants, together with Annie C. William, 116-year-old, Chester, Elwood, Clarence, Ferris, Sarah and Alice Trout, and Michael Harsh and J. B. Weaver, the latter two being deacons of Longenecker's Mennonite Church, and Charles B. Lehman, Recorder of Deeds.

The allegation set forth in the bill is that the deed of trust was obtained by fraud, through undue influence. Miss Smith being mentally incompetent. June 21, 1916, the Court declared her weak-minded and Charles S. Stokem was appointed her guardian. The bill states that the deed of trust gives certain legacies to the Trouts after Miss Smith's death, the balance to go to Longenecker's Church. Recorder Lehman is named in the bill so that he be restrained from receiving any transfer of the property.

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