

BUILDER DENIES WIFE'S ALLEGATIONS

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OTHER CITY NEWS BRIEFS

Wholesale denial of the allegations of the wife has been made by Samuel W. Traylor, head of the Traylor Building Company. Mrs. Traylor has brought suit to recover alleged securities from him valued at \$2,000,000.

F. L. Smith Heads Penn Charter Frederick L. Smith has been appointed headmaster of the William Penn Charter school to succeed Dr. Richard Mott Jones, who died on Wednesday.

Draft Clause in Lease The first lease closed in this city which provides for cancellation in case the lessee's name is drafted has been closed with L. S. Berger by Maxbaum Bros. & Co., who are representing Frank Hardart, for the property at 1840 Market street.

Broker to Drive Ambulance in France Gardner Cassatt, well-known broker, 2125 Walnut street, has been selected to drive a motor ambulance for the American Red Cross.

Guardman Hit by Automobile Police Banks, twenty-six years old, of 1818 Lehigh street, was struck by a skidding automobile driven by M. H. Maxwell, 41 South Forty-eighth street, at Market and Ruby street last night.

Boy Badly Hurt by Motorcycle Eight-year-old Donald Gerson, 623 Ferry street, Camden, was run down by a motorcycle at Ferry and Belmont avenues and dangerously injured last night.

Priest Gets Professorship Archbishop Prendergast has appointed the Rev. Dr. Leo McGinley to a professorship in the St. Charles's Seminary, Overbrook. Doctor McGinley is a brother of Bishop McGinley of the Philippines.

Dr. Richards to Study War Conditions Dr. Alfred N. Richards, of the University of Pennsylvania faculty, will leave Philadelphia for England soon to take up physiological investigation work connected with the war under the British Medical Research Committee.

Prizes for Philadelphia Babies Two Philadelphia babies landed the first two prizes in the annual baby show at Atlantic City yesterday.

Denies Italy is in War for Gain Dr. Vincenzo de Santo, of the Italian commission to the United States, in a lecture at the University of Pennsylvania last night denied that Italy joined the present war for gain.

Travel Keeps Up Despite War In spite of the efforts of many committees to curtail passenger traffic on the railroads as much as possible during the war, local railroads report more resort and general travel than ever before.

State to Watch Potato Supply The state public safety committee has started a survey of the potato production of each county in the state, with the aim of providing storage facilities to prevent hoarding, due to careless shipping, from disturbing market conditions.

Must Explain Flag on Mattresses The discovery of the imprint of the American flag on mattresses covering the Norwegian steamship Terrier, in the drydock for repairs, has caused a number of workmen, collector of Port William H. Berry will ask Captain Thoren to explain, before he sails from this port, the coverings came from and how the flag was secured there.

Reading Moves Two Offices Here In line with the economy movement of the Philadelphia and General manager, Dr. D. J. Dine, Jr., son of the system's president, has moved their offices from Reading to the Terminal here.

\$40,000 Loss in Warehouse Fire Fire caused a loss of \$40,000 at the warehouse of Gill & Co., York street between Arthropo, avenue, yesterday, and destroyed the neighborhood when it threatened to set fire to a tank containing 14,000 gallons of crude oil.

Glenide Home Defenders Meet A patriotic meeting in the interest of the Glenide Home Defense League, of which Mayor Smith is an active member, was held in front of the Reading Railway station at Glenide last night.

Italiano Votes to Oust Baldi Executive committee of the Circolo Italiano, a social organization, unanimously voted last night to return to him \$500 which he had taken from the grounds of the Circolo.

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FROM A CARTOONIST'S VIEWPOINT



Satan—The time has come, I think! From the Sydney Bulletin.

LIVES AS MAN 12 YEARS; FEARS DRAFT, IS SUICIDE

"Samuel Ackerman" Had Been Married and Divorced During Her Career

TOLEDO, O., Aug. 3.—Fear that she might be apprehended as a slacker and the army physical examination disclose the twelve-year secret of her sex was believed by the police today to have caused "Samuel Ackerman," a woman, to end her life by drowning.

For twelve years "Samuel Ackerman" had posed as a man, successfully supporting himself and for a time a "wife" through a man's work. But the army draft threatened exposure. Though only twenty-nine years of age, she did not register. Police believe the idea of "becoming a woman" again was repugnant to her.

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RUSSIA DISSOLVES FINNISH LANDTAG

Revolutionary Government Refuses to Recognize Independence Decree

PETROGRAD, Aug. 3.—The Provisional Government has refused to acknowledge Finland's independence law, and has, instead, issued a manifesto dissolving the Landtag and appointing a general election on Oct. 1, 1, declaring that the Government, when the Landtag meets, will submit its own law regulating Russo-Finnish relations.

Hold Candy Sale for Red Cross

Four dollars and nineteen cents was turned over to the Red Cross Society today by Miss Eleanor Snyder and Master William MacLean Raynor.

Montana Laborers Back to Work

BUTTE, Mont., Aug. 3.—Night shifts at some of the larger mines of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company will be resumed either today or tomorrow.

ALLIES TO START BALKAN CAMPAIGN

Italy's Resentment Cools as Entente Promises Support Against Austria

U. S. REMAINS SILENT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—Big offensive operations in the Balkans against the Teutons will come soon, Allied agents here said today. This development is a result of recent conferences here and abroad among Allied diplomats and bears more or less directly on Italy's recent demands for more active work against Austria.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—To offset the "evil influences that are at work" President Wilson today wrote to Representative Dyer, of Missouri, to express again his confidence in the loyalty of most citizens of German blood in this country.

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