GOSSIP OF THE STREET

PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION MAKES RAILROAD BONDS SCARCE

Higher Prices Offered Fail to Bring Out Any Large Amounts—Gossip of the Street

EVER since the President's proclamation taking over the railroads there has been a very active market for the sale of high-class railroad bonds. The investment houses which make a specialty of such securities say that there are plenty of buyers with few sellers; in fact, that the order of a few days ago has been completely reversed. They assert that there are no offerings coming out in response to their bids, and that it looks as though those who have good railroad bonds are now of the impression that they rank with Government securities if they are not at present a quasi-Government security, at least for the period of the war. Prices, it is said, are advancing steadily, and it is even said that there are many inquiries for the bonds of railroads which have been almost inactive for some time past. Some houses predict a demand shortly for all classes of railroad bonds, even for second and third mortgage bonds, for which there has been no demand.

Railroad equipments are just beginning to respond to the situation, but reports from concerns that deal largely in this class of security indicate less activity than with the regular longtime bonds. At the same time such equipments as are being offered are bringing higher prices.

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There are certain railroad bonds which have been quoted on the market around 60 and 65 or even less which are being snapped up by shrewd buyers, who see that there need be no fear about the interest being paid on these securities.

Government Provides for Railroad Maturities

The report from Washington to the effect that Secretary of the Treasury and Director General of Railroads McAdoo had given a decision that the United States Government would meet all the maturing railroad bonds and notes when they become due was the one thing needed to sweep away every vestige of doubt on this burning question and to settle the last financial problem which has been the cause of worry for some time past among the holders of railroad securities. During the coming year upward of $200,000,000 of these obligations will mature and for a long time past the problem of financing them had become a nightmare. The most important case was the New Haven road, with its $45,000,000 of notes coming due in April; and for months past, in fact, ever since the flotation of the first Liberty Loan, when the Government virtually monopolized the financial market, it was felt that the Government would have to come to the New Haven's rescue. It was natural, therefore, that the New Haven shares should experience a sharp advance on the announcement that the Government will provide for the liquidation of these notes.

Stock Dividends Not Guaranteed

There is an important point which was brought out in a discussion on Saturday in a downtown broker's office and that is that the Government does not guarantee railroad stock dividends, but it does guarantee net income. One broker remarked that the Government said that current dividends may be continued, which was very different from saying that they will or must be continued. There is nothing so far in the plans for taking over the roads which supersedes the rights of the boards of directors of the various roads and it will be up to them to use the funds which will be turned over to them by the Government as "guaranteed net operating income" as they see fit, just as is now the case with the English roads. If the operation of the roads turns out to be as successful as is now anticipated, both physically and financially, the directors may find that they will have the opportunity to build up a surplus in many instances during the period of governmental operation.

What Action Will Congress Take?

One of the subjects most freely discussed in financial circles is the attitude which certain members of Congress will take in regard to the railroad program. Some bankers believe that there will be a move on the part of some members to delay the passage of the needed legislation to put into practice the President's plan for the Government guarantee of compensation.

Not that any of those who have expressed opinions on the matter have the least doubt as to the final outcome, but they fear that long-drawn-out debate and needless wrangling will create a new doubt and uncertainty among security holders and may thus offset the good feeling created by the President's proclamation.

On the other hand, many well-known financiers said they would not be surprised if Congress would patriotically rise to the occasion and put the matter through with unusual dispatch.

Peace Talk Not Considered Seriously

It is surprising how little effect the peace talk which has been so prevalent for the last week has had on the market. No one seems to regard it seriously. It is the general opinion that all this talk from Russia is of German inspiration and that there is no responsible government in Russia. The reported abdication of King Ferdinand of Rumania did not cause a ripple, as both Russia and Rumania are considered as out of the war completely for some time past.

One prominent banker, in discussing the outlook, remarked that the internal conditions of the Central empires, according to the most authentic reports, were as far as he could see the greatest evidence of an early peace. "Not revolution in Germany," he said, "but evolution, will bring the results, and evolution is hard at work in "that country among Germany's commercial men, who are looking to their future."

"Levy on the Rich," Says London Journal

A heavy levy on the rich classes is the method which is strongly and seriously urged by the Statist, of London, England, as a means to redeem after the war at least a portion of Great Britain's stupendous war debt, which, as this well-known journal says, they will be fortunate if it does not exceed five billion pounds sterling—about $25,000,000,000, the interest on which at 5 per cent would be $1,250,000,000 annually. The Statist goes on to say that supposing that the mere interest of the debt amounts to $1,250,000,000 per annum and that in addition the nation's ordinary expenditures considerably exceed $1,000,000,000 what, it asks, will be the condition of the country with this crushing yearly burden of $2,250,000,000?

The Statist dismisses the idea of adding to the taxes of the middle and working classes when the interest rate alone amounts to $1,250,000,000 and proceeds to map out its plan of solving the difficulty by a heavy levy on the wealthy as follows:

"We confess we see no satisfactory way of materially reducing the debt in the lifetime of the generation which has incurred it but by a levy upon the wealthy. Of course if the wealthy seriously object that is out of the question. Nobody would propose to tax a particular class if that class strongly remonstrated. But we confess we do not believe that the wealthy would oppose the proposition when all the considerations are clearly set before them. We may mention, in support of our opinion, that the other day when a discussion on the subject was raised in the House of Lords one peer declared in favor of a levy upon the rich and there was no very strong outcry from the rest of the House."

Electric and Gas Utilities in 1917 and 1918

The features sharply defined in the electric light and power and gas industries during 1917 are:

First. The highly essential nature of these industries under war conditions as well as during peaceful times.

Second. Extraordinary demands for additional service by munition plants, mines, shipyards, refineries, cereal mills, packing plants and establishments producing other necessities.

Third. Increased operating expenses, due to unprecedented prices for coal, labor and supplies.

Fourth. Inauguration of a period of higher service rates to meet increasing expenses and destruction of the fallacy that public utility rates cannot be readily advanced to conform with changed conditions.

Fifth. Creation of new sources of investment capital, despite unusual difficulties in financing extensions and improvements.

Sixth. The imperative need for immediate water-power development on the widest practicable scale.

Each successive month of the war brings into clearer relief the economic functions performed by the electric and gas companies in the saving of time, of labor, of fuel and of capital. With more than one-half of the industrial power of the country already supplied by these organizations they are being called upon in increasing measure for effort of the most vital kind.

The central stations burn only about 50 per cent of the coal required for individual power plants. Electric motors are among the greatest aids to speed and the saving of man power in any factory or shop. The factory that buys energy does not have to invest capital in its own power plant. Gas replaces coal and oil at a saving in many industrial operations. Its by-products are used in explosives.

These are some of the reasons why the electric and gas industries performed at least 25 per cent greater service than in any preceeding year and why they must continue to expand as an indispensable factor in national efficiency.

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS OF THE P. O. S. A.

S. Washington Dickerson

District presidents of the Patriotic Order Sons of America here seen are (front row, left to right): W. G. Hartzell, second; Benjamin S. Clark, sixth; Joseph Paley, fifth; L. John Boyd, seventh. (Back row, left to right), Robert Thompson, eighth; Alexander Shearer, Philadelphia-Bucks County; John H. Wieand, eleventh; William Bateman, ninth; Earl P. Tanner, fourth; Irvin R. Diehl, twelfth; H. K. Nonemaker, first.

PROGRESSIVE AND ST. JOHN'S, A. O. M. P.

Leading Assemblies in the Order Make Joint Records for Year

The happy thought which brought into association the working elements of the big St. John's and Progressive Assemblies, in close fraternal spirit if not in great numbers, at the last meeting in the year of No. 28 must mark a note in the history of both bodies. The primary object of No. 4 was to "round up" for the record of the year the candidates secured after the meeting of the assembly, and the object of No. 28, which had postponed its meeting from Christmas night to Thursday night, was to extend the opportunity for joint initiation.

Each assembly had two candidates to whom the buttons were effectively presented by Solicitor Taylor, deputy. On the left of Master Artisan Ammlung stood a Christmas tree, with all the trimmings, and on his right hung a service flag with forty-four stars, which was particularly interesting to the twenty-five members of the marine corps from League Island. Recorder Donnelly announced that there were now fifty-six St. John's boys in the service from nearly all of whom letters of greeting and thanks for Christmas gifts sent by the assembly had been received.

A discussion between Brothers Kehr, Bartholomew and Ridenour over the advisability of holding the annual banquet, involving the disappointment of the ladies, resulted in the passage of the motion by the inspector to authorize the committee to prepare the event.

There being no opposition in the nominations for officers, these brothers were declared elected, after the deposit by the recorder of a combined ballot: Master artisan, E. A. Bartholomew; superintendent, Victor I. Ridenour; inspector, Norman L. Force; recorder, W. W. Donnelly; cashier, Howard Jones; trustee, three years, J. Walter Reed; medical examiners, Drs. Charles A. Bigler, William C. Mitchell, Harvey C. Masland, Charles E. Ruffell, Louis B. Heimer, A. H. Friedman, Benjamin F. Discroad, Jacob K. Marks.

The representatives and alternates to the M. E. Assembly who served last year were renominated by Brother Maloney, and accepted as follows: Representatives W. W. Donnelly, W. C. Mitchell, J. T. Fisher, W. H. Kehr, C. C. Sticker, Francis Bibus, William B. Pollock, A. M. Ostertag, William A. Purks, C. C. Ammlung, E. A. Bartholomew, J. B. Gillies, John D. Migeot, Frederick Olsen, James Ibinson; alternates, Harry Walter, Sr., V. I. Ridenour, Fred W. Hoch, Howard Jones, Charles H. Lee, William H. Janney, Harry Heidelberger, L. B. Heimer, Walter B. Hays, E. W. Townsend, George W. Neiman, James T. Hall, R. H. Hopkins, W. H. Wanger, J. K. Marks.

Director Joseph B. Wiswell, of Progressive, responding to the call of the master artisan, presented his compliments, referred to his interest and associations in No. 28 and hoped that No. 4 would carry away some of the enthusiastic progressive spirit which marked the conduct of the session.

The assembly then closed in due form and the gavel turned over to Brother Force, chairman of the subcommittee on entertainment. The Rev. R. E. Johnston, of St. John's, who is most excellent chaplain, as well as pastor of the Twenty-ninth Street Methodist Episcopal Church, delivered a highly patriotic address. Another great treat was furnished by the Rev. Frank Gray, effervescent with youthful fire and patriotic spirit in describing his work in the Y. M. C. A. service at Camp Meade, exhibiting samples of the mess utensils and narrating the practical operations there. He minimized the value of the service which his uniform represented compared to that of the marine and soldier who go to lay down their lives for their country. Doctor Johnston added a tribute to the work of Brother Gray.

Appropriate numbers by the augmented vocal quartet and chorus singing of popular songs interspersed the proceedings. Amid the dense smoke from cigars that had been generously distributed Brother Thompson presented to each of the marines, on behalf of the assembly, a tobacco pouch with accessories.

The delegation from No. 4 was composed of Master Artisan George W. Gray, Superintendent Ellwood Hubbs, Recorder William C. Kammerer, Joseph B. Wiswell, George W. Williams, Samuel Fritz, Thomas Seeds, William Gallagher, Edward Harshaw, Walter and Allen Clark, Edward Butsch, Joseph Bentz, John Young, Charles Gray and H. S. Furness, whose satisfaction and pleasure at the evening's hospitalities were enhanced by the personal glad hand of the old "warhorses" Jim Maloney, Wes Kehr, Doc Sticker, Bob Thompson, Griz. Donnelly and others.

Adelphi Assembly entertained a delegation of Oak Lane Assembly, headed by Master Artisan Voorhees, for a final "round-up" of candidates, each producing one applicant, to whom the buttons were presented by Editor Mayor in a short, advisory talk. Brother Phil Arnold read letters and telegrams of greeting and experiences from several of the boys in camp and appealed for individual contributions of $1 to a fund for the care of these absent memberships. He presented also resolutions of sympathy on the death of Dr. Walter G. Conrad, the first case in the order so far recorded as charged to war conditions.

The election board, composed of Brothers Hale, Shunk, Hilliard and H. D. Smith, announced the election of these officers, James B. Clarke having withdrawn as a candidate against Recorder Lipsey: Master Artisan, William P. Wallace, Jr.; superintendent, Philip N. Arnold; inspector, Fred M. Bickhardt; recorder, John Lipsey; cashier, T. George Harper; trustee, James B. Clarke; medical examiners, J. L. Van Tine, W. C. Chessman, William H. McKeever, Samuel Moss, J. W. Busch.

The nominations were: Representatives, James B. Clarke and Philip N. Arnold; alternates, William P. Wallace, Jr., and H. W. Davis.

Brother Voorhees responded to call by expression of terse sentiment and recitation of a humorous verse aptly appropriate to the times.

Recorder Lipsey presented to Brother Arnold as a personal reward for producing a candidate a live turkey, which was put up at auction through Brother Frank Treston, attired in the garb of Santa Claus. The bidding ran from $1 up and was "knocked down" to Brother Voorhees for $4.25, who disposed of the bird by chance tickets at 25 cents each, netting $13.25, the whole amount going to the Red Cross fund. Brother Fred Gorin was the winner.

The trimmed Christmas tree, the vocal numbers by Union Assembly's quartet, chorus singing led by Brother Bickhardt, a good female vaudeville show and "smokes" were features which atoned for a little lack of "pep," unusual for this usually live, young assembly.

Lehigh Assembly had about sixty members present and initiated two candidates, making the total for the year twenty-two. Deputy Jack Lipsey presented the buttons. An impressive memorial service was held for five members answering the country's call—H. Rowland Gross, William C. Schofield, Albert Oldfield, Arnold R. Kerth and Blake R. McGinness. The quartet, headed by the conductor, each carrying a lighted candle, representing an enlisted member marched around the room, singing "Come, All Ye Faithful." The candles were placed on the altar and Chaplain J. William F. Addison offered prayer and made a short address.

The Rev. Howard C. Cooper, in eloquent expressions, appealed to the members to become identified with the Red Cross Society.

Sweaters and scarfs, knitted by the members' wives and mothers—Mrs. James E. Brinkerhoff, Mrs. Robert G. Watt, Mrs. S. M. Lewis, Mrs. George E. Eilber and Mrs. William Stringfield—have been sent to members in camp.

There being no opposition, the following officers were unanimously elected for next year: Master artisan, George B. Bureaw; superintendent, J. Raymond Smith; inspector, Warren H. Schaffer; recorder, L. E. Knapp; cashier, Harvey Randolph, Jr.; trustee, S. Howard Lewis; medical examiners, H. W. Banks, A. H. Clegett, George A. Hopp, O. C. Large, William Hartz.

The election board—Louis Frommer, James T. Hammer, Frank W. Welker and William E. McFadden—was extended a rising vote of thanks for their efficient service.

Nominations were: Representatives, J. Bickley Jackson, C. Herbert Rumer, Reuben A. Heitz, two to be elected; alternates, J. William Paddison, Robert G. Watt, J. Griffith Stringfield, Reuben A. Heitz, J. Raymond Smith and Albert F. Jones.

The attendance prize was won by J. Griffith Stringfield. The entertainment committee sprung a surprise by presenting a box of candy to each one present.

Spartan Assembly had a meeting full of the Christmas spirit and everybody seemed to be in good humor, enjoying plenty of music, singing and good "eats." Brothers Andress and Stevens rendered several selections on the cornet and Brother Elliott, the noted baritone sang "Silent Night" and other numbers in his pleasing way. Recorder Adam Wilson carried home to his "better half" the attendance prize, a chest of silver. Brother Hammell exclaims: "Now, boys, come out! Who knows but it may be an automobile for the prize some night." Master Artisan L. M. Rile was on the program for recitation, but owing to his loss of voice he was excused.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Master artisan, Srivan Braun; superintendent, H. C. Budens; inspector, Frederick Budens; recorder, A. H. Wilson; cashier, Charles A. Jackson; medical examiner, Dr. H. C. Bruner; trustee, H. Braulisam.

Dorian Assembly had out of six petitions two candidates—Lawrence Connolly and Robert Joyce—who presented themselves for initiation, Deputy Kolb presenting the buttons. Chairman Funk, of the entertainment committee, distributed to the members as a surprise Christmas bags of juvenile delights, and there was a merry time with toys and tin horns.

The officers selected were: Master artisan, G. W. Yeager; superintendent, C. W. Shuster; inspector, A. H. Woodward; recorder, Frank P. Sanders; cashier, A. B. Eddowes; trustee, N. E. Preiz; medical examiners, R. B. Newton, S. N. Graham. The nominations were: Representatives, E. Y. Funk, Lewis K. Walker, John A. Reilly; alternates, E. C. Gerhart, S. S. Painter, A. E. Frantz, H. C. Gerhart.

Union Assembly was aroused to enthusiasm by the inspiring address and presentation by Deputy Sticker of a service flag with stars representing fourteen members called to camp. The new officers will be: Master artisan, Samuel Tisch; superintendent, Earle Walker; inspector, William P. Gross; recorder, Samuel Winkworth; cashier, Walter M. Eisenbrey; trustee, H. Weber.

Fox Chase Assembly, after a highly satisfactory meeting, rounded up several holdover candidates and obligated them on Saturday night at the home of Brother W. E. Berry, completing about double the quota assigned to this baby assembly. Deputy Harry Kendig, who has been a faithful and helpful servant of the assembly, is delighted with the report he will be able to make to the M. E. master artisan and with the prospects for the coming year.

These officers were elected: Master artisan, Charles G. Knight; superintendent, W. Grant Cromwell; inspector, H. J. Jacobs; recorder, H. L. Buckley; cashier, Albert Karl; medical examiner, Dr. Otis A. Vromm, Jr. The nominations were: Representative, H. J. L. Jacobs; alternate, W. E. Berry.

ROYAL ARCANUM

Festal Sessions of Local Councils and Dining Club Dinner Dance

Philadelphia Council held its Christmas session in the Parkway Building with the hall appropriately decorated and the festal spirit prevailing. The council excluded all references to rates and membership, reserving all time for seasonable talks, which were interspersed with patriotic music and awarding of gifts to the loyal members of the council. A strong appeal was made to support all movements identified with the human war service with particular reference to the Red Cross. A delegation from Guarantee Council paid a visit later in the evening. The speakers were Past Regent Edwin Boileau, Edwin Newton, Charles R. Baines, Maurice Allaun and Grand Orator W. J. Stokinger, who also served in the drawing of the lucky numbers for gifts to members. Other visitors present were D. D. G. R. Daniel L. Stewart, I. D. Maize, Edgar C. Seeley and Samuel Forsheimer, of Guarantee Council.

Guarantee Council met with Past Regent Edward Boileau in the chair. The representative called attention to the dining club's Christmas dinner-dance and Liberty Bond drawing of the Associated Councils on January 5. The application of Max Henerici was read and a committee appointed to visit the applicant. Several members announced the prospects of a few candidates for the January meeting. The special committee appointed to meet a similar committee from a sister council for the purpose of drafting terms of consolidation made a detailed report, which was adopted in its entirety. The members were urged to attend the next meeting, on January 8, which promises to be the most important in years in point of attendance, initiations and special business and visitations.

The Royal Arcanum Dining Club held its annual Christmas dinner-dance at the Bingham Hotel on Friday. A splendid gathering of the leading spirits of the order, with their wives and friends, and festal decorations presented a beautiful scene in the banquet room. An unusual number of young folks graced the occasion and all were kept busy on the dance floor by a splendid orchestra. Grand Regent James E. Norton, of Reading, accompanied by his wife and son, were the special guests of the evening. Major W. C. Weiss, of Bethlehem, the grand secretary, enjoyed every minute of the festivities. Two of the most active couples on the floor were Supreme Representatives Arthur B. Eaton and Newton E. Roedel and their wives. Others were Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stokinger, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Walter, D. L. Stewart and Charles G. Frowert, Jr., of the grand regent's staff. The officers of the club are: J. B. Culbert, president; Edwin Newton, vice president; Bronte Greenwood, secretary, and D. L. Stewart, treasurer. The committee in charge of the entertainment were C. G. Frowert, John Nieman and Robert Clymer.

Charles E. Beury, a lawyer connected with the office of William A. Glasgow, Jr., who was in Russia in the last six months investigating the Armenian situation, will be present at the Associated Councils's meeting on January 5 at 9 o'clock to relate some of his experiences. He was a guest of the Russian army and traveled under its protection. He was in the Transcaucasian district studying the condition of the remnant of the Armenian people for the committee furnishing relief to those sufferers. He was in Kiev and Moscow during the revolution. Together with William T. Ellis, of this city, he traveled over 40,000 miles on his trip. When we realize that Russia is almost three times the area of our own country and its population is close to 200,000,000 people we should be interested in this great world's infant struggling to attain a freedom that has been denied it for a thousand years.

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION, P. O. S. A.

New Force for Progress of the Order—Monster Service Flag New Year's Day

The district presidents of the Patriotic Order Sons of America located in Philadelphia met at the State camp headquarters and organized as an association. R. John Boyd, of the Seventh District, was elected president, and Robert Thomson, of the Eighth District, was made secretary. Others present were: District No. 1, J. M. Nonemacker; District No. 2, W. G. Hartzell; District No. 4, Earl P. Tanner; District No. 5, Joseph Palley; District No. 6, Benjamin H. Clark; District No. 9, William Bateman, Sr.; District No. 11, John H. Wieand; District No. 12, I. R. Diehl, and Philadelphia-Bucks District, Alexander Shearer.

After Brother Washington Dickerson had taken a photograph of the district presidents in a group they then took up the discussion of district matters, and many important suggestions were noted. The association adjourned to meet Saturday afternoon, February 2, at State camp headquarters.

One of the suggestions meeting the approval of the body was that offered by District President R. John Boyd to the effect that all the presidents of different Philadelphia districts write a letter to State President Moyer setting forth the accomplishments of the old year with the hopes and ambitions for the new year.

District President Shearer, of Philadelphia-Bucks district, reported that his camps were all using a special prayer for the benefit of the soldier boys. This is a suggestion that will undoubtedly have the consideration of all the district associations at their January meetings.

A very important meeting of the eighth district has been called for January 14 at the hall of Camp No. 533, 2630 Columbia avenue, by District President Robert Thomson. Refreshments will be served.

On January 7 the district president will install the officers of Camp No. 336; on January 8, the officers of Camp No. 478; on January 10, the officers of Camp No. 293; on January 4, the officers of Camp No. 291; on January 14, the officers of Camp No. 533, and on January 21, the officers of Camp No. 389. Excellent rolls of officers have been elected for the ensuing terms and much is expected of them.

A service flag 8 by 12 feet will be raised over the State camp headquarters of the Patriotic Order Sons of America tomorrow afternoon by the State executive committee, with the assistance of a committee appointed by the Progressive Association, representing the camps of Philadelphia. The State executive committe consists of Gabriel H. Moyer, State president; John W. Harper, State vice president; Robert R. Clauser, State master of forms; Irwin S. Smith, State treasurer, and Charles Brumm Helms, State secretary. The committee from the Progressive Association consists of Edward R. Durborrow, R. John Boyd and Milton M. Haas, State conductor. Brother Durborrow will act as chairman of the meeting, and addresses will be made by President Moyer, State Secretary Helms and Claude T. Reno, State camp building trustee. The exercises will commence at 2:30 p. m., and music will be furnished by the Keystone Commandery Band, of West Philadelphia. The public is invited, as well as the membership. The service flag will bear the numbers under a large white star of 12,547, which represents the members of the orders from Pennsylvania who have been called to the Government service.

The first annual meeting of the Past Presidents' Association of Philadelphia was held at State Camp headquarters. A large delegation was present and John Hanlon was called to the chair, vice Brother Morris May the president, who has enlisted in the service. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, John Hanlon, of Camp No. 101; vice president, Frank G. Credick, of Camp No. 481; recording secretary, John Holt, of Camp No. 161; financial secretary, William Armand, of Camp No. 236; treasurer, Howard M. Davis, of Camp No. 485, and guard, Alonza M. Porter, of Camp No. 187. The next meeting of the association will be held the second Saturday evening in February. Every past president in Philadelphia is urged to attend. State President Moyer will address the organization and refreshments will be served.

The association is sending the following letter to all the camps in Philadelphia:

"The Past Presidents' Association is in a position to supply your camp with an initiatory team for the initiation of candidates, and we suggest that you get a class of candidates together, set a night at least fifteen days in advance and request the chairman of the committee, Frank Creditt, 6218 Buist avenue, to supply the team. We believe that every man will appreciate our order to a greater extent if he receives the full initiatory work, and this offer is made to those camps which do not have a degree team of their own to perfom the full work."

Camp No. 332, which meets at 1317 North Broad street, has organized a fife and drum corps of twenty-two members, under the leadership of Brother George Woelpper, who was connected for nine years with the Second Regiment Field Band, N. G. P. Any member of the order who would like to connect with this organization can apply any Tuesday evening to Brother Woelpper at State Camp headquarters. It is desired to get fifty members for this organization.

Since the war advisory board met in the Senate chamber at Harrisburg the subcommittees then appointed have been strenuously at work to carry out the instructions of the State Camp. The committee on names and addresses, of which State Secretary Helms is chairman, is securing the names and camp addresses of all the members of the P. O. S. of A. enlisted in the service of the Government. This is proving to be a most difficult task, due to the fact that many of the subordinate camp secretaries cannot locate the men, and in some cases are not putting forth the proper effort to do so. It is the purpose of the committee to compile a correct list of all these men, so that they can be placed upon the archives of the order, and every effort will be made to do so previous to the meeting of the next State Camp.

The committee on soldiers' comforts, of which Colonel W. W. Schank is chairman, and Commander-in-Chief MacFayden secretary, entered into contract with a Philadelphia house to furnish all the enlisted brethren a comfort kit for Christmas. This has been done, and the many letters being received at State headquarters prove that the boys are happy in the thought that the camp at home has thought of them. The December issue of the Camp News, the official organ of the order, edited by Harry H. Weikel, of Camp No. 688, is perhaps the most beautiful and interesting issue ever published. This has also been sent to the enlisted men at great expense.

The secret service committee, of which Past State President Wells is chairman and David B. Lynd secretary, is looking for those individuals who are making statements detrimental to the best interests of the Government, and are getting very satisfactory results.

In order to help recruiting, the committee on campaign and speakers, of which State President Moyer is chairman and State Secretary Helms is secretary, has started its campaign with vigor. Arrangements have been made whereby the P. O. S. of A. will co-ordinate all its activities with the War Department in the recruiting service; that is, it will supply the speakers. The Government will make all the other arrangements.

FRATERNAL LOYALTY

The Magnitude and Influence in War of Universal Brotherhood

It is estimated that fully one-half of those who are in the service of Uncle Sam are affiliated with one or more fraternal or beneficial orders or societies. They learned the lessons of patriotism, loyalty, democracy and fraternalism alike at the altar in the lodgeroom and they learned it so thoroughly that they will never forget it, no matter where they go or how trying the conditions to which they may be subjected. With them all the hallowed associations which cluster around the home are also embodied in our beloved country and its sacred institutions which make for and uphold all that is really worth while in this land of freedom and opportunity.

At this time, when the very foundations of law, order and civilization itself are rocking, fraternalism is the refuge of safety for the worth-while peoples of all the world. It was not by mere accident, therefore, that President Wilson, Secretary McAdoo and the other officials entrusted with the mighty responsibility of keep the ship of State in safe waters sent for the fraternal leaders and, after consulting them with a freedom and openness possible only in a spirit of absolute confidence and brotherhood on the part of both, adopted and promptly acted upon their advice and disinterested counsel.

The world has never seen a greater or more noble spectacle, and it means that to a very large degree the responsibility of steadying the rocking world rests on fraternalism and the teaching of its founder. That they will stand in this crisis in much the same category as did the knights of the Dark Ages is certain.

This is why it is imperative that the celebration and fraternal jubilee in Philadelphia in the last week of August, 1918, shall be made a world event worthy of the occasion and the cause as well.

The great conclave at Independence Hall on one day during the conventions of the National Fraternal Congress of America and the National Fraternal Press Association, and the presence of vast numbers of fraternalists from all sections of the country, as is sure to be the case, will be a world event of the first magnitude and importance. This will be true whether there is war or peace at that time.

In view of the whole-hearted manner in which President Wilson has received and consulted the fraternal leaders he will, of course, be asked to be the honored guest and principal speaker on that occasion. President Gerard, Secretary Futch and the other officials of the congress, as also the fraternal press and the officials of all fraternal and beneficial orders and societies in this country, totaling fully 10,000,000, with 40,000,000 dependents, are all splendidly enlisted in the noble effort of the making of the forthcoming occasion in Philadelphia in the last week of August all it should be.

The city authorities have manifested their desire to co-operate fully and it is likely that a great arch to patriotism, fraternalism and democracy will be erected at some central point, and it may be a permanent one.

Deaths

ADAMS.—Dec. 29, HARRISON T. ADAMS, aged 76. Relatives and friends invited to services, Wed., 12 o'clock, Oliver H. Bair Bldg., 1820 Chestnut st. Int. Arlington Cem.

ALBRIGHT.—Dec. 26, BENJAMIN D. ALBRIGHT, D. D., husband of Annie B. Albright, aged 75. Relatives and friends invited to services, Mon., 7:30 p. m., residence of son-in-law Mahlon A. Funk, 718 N. 40th st. Int. Lansdale, Pa.

ANNAHEIM.—Dec. 28, JOHN A., son of Barbara and late John Annaheim (nee Koenig), aged 28. Relatives and friends, employes P. R. T. Co. (Luzerne barn), all societies of which he was a member, invited to funeral, Wed., 8 a. m., 3304 Gransback st. High mass Church of the Ascension 10 a. m. Int. private. Auto funeral.

BALLINGER.—Near Marlton, N. J., Twelfth Month 28th, DAVID T. BALLINGER, Sr., husband of Sarah B. Ballinger, aged 66. Relatives and friends invited to funeral, Third-day, First Month 1st, 2 p. m., near Marlton, N. J. Int. Eldridge Cem. Conveyances will meet 10:30 a. m. train from Market st. ferry, Phila., at Elmwood road station.

BERGEY.—Dec. 30, SAMUEL L., son of Elizabeth and late Seth Bergey, aged 48. Relatives and friends, William H. Schneider Lodge, No. 419, F. and A. M.; Damascus Lodge, I. O. O. F., invited to funeral services, Wed., 11 a. m., David H. Schuyler Bldg., Broad and Diamond sts. Int. private. Lawnview Cem.

BETHKE.—Dec. 30, FREDA C., wife of John F. Bethke, aged 57. Residence, 1432 S. 21st st. Due notice of funeral will be given.

BELLEIJEAU.—On Dec. 30, 1917, DOUGLAS, Sr., husband of Katherine S. Belleijeau, in his 65th year. Relatives and friends, also members of I. O. O. F., No. 296, and all other societies of which he was a member, invited to funeral services, Wed., 2 p. m., at his late residence, 2445 N. 20th st. Remains may be viewed Tues., after 8 p. m. Int. private.

BELZER.—At Elizabethtown, Pa., Dec. 28, ADAM BELZER, aged 81. Relatives and friends, Kensington Lodge, No. 211, F. and A. M.; Peskewah Tribe, No. 220, I. O. R. M.; Fidelity Lodge, No. 138, I. O. O. F.; Glass Bottle Blowers' Asso., No. 4, and Bramble Club, invited to funeral services, Thurs., 2 p. m., apartments of William Rowen, 307 E. Girard ave. Int. Cedar Hill Cem.

BOWEN.—At Germantown, Dec. 29, HARRIET M., widow of Colonel George K. Bowen. Funeral services residence of son, Russell H. Bowen, 221 W. Hortter st., Tues., 11 a. m. Further services home of William Purnell, Palmyra, N. J., 2 p. m. Int. Morgan Cem.

BRADY.—Dec. 29, CATHERINE, widow of Michael Brady and daughter of late John and Ellen Haver. Relatives and friends invited to funeral, Wed., 8:30 a. m., 2949 N. 4th st. Solemn requiem mass St. Veronica's Church 10 a. m. Int. private. Auto funeral.

BROWN.—Dec. 29, CHARLES L., husband of Anna Brown (nee Murphy) and son of James F. and Katherine C. Brown (nee Canning), aged 25. Relatives and friends invited to funeral, Wed., 9:30 a. m., parents' residence, 2514 S. 19th st. Solemn requiem mass St. Monica's Church 11 a. m. Int. Holy Sepulchre Cem. Auto service.

BROWN.—Dec. 29, ZIBIAH, daughter of late William and Malinda Brown. Relatives and friends, Neptune Circle, No. 141, D. of L., invited to funeral, Wed., 1 p. m., 813 N. Uber st. (near 19th and Brown). Int. Northwood Cem. Remains may be viewed Tues. eve. Auto funeral.

BRUSHMAN.—Dec. 28, FRANCIS L., husband of Anna M. Brushman (nee Sweeney), aged 25. Relatives and friends invited to funeral, Wed., 8:30 a. m., brother-in-law's residence, Thomas Erskine, 2325 S. 13th st. Solemn requiem mass Church of the Annunciation 10 a. m. Int. Holy Cross Cem.

BURGOYNE.—Of cerebro-spinal meningitis, Dec. 29, CHARLES J. BURGOYNE, of Yeadon, Delaware Co., Pa. Services and int. private.

BURNS.—Dec. 29, BRIDGET, wife of Daniel Burns, aged 54. Relatives and friends, B. V. M. Sodality, League of Sacred Heart, Altar and Rosary Societies, Father Mathew T. A. B. Society, invited to funeral, Wed., 8:30 a. m., 4607 Germantown ave. Solemn requiem mass St. Francis Assisi's Church 10 a. m. Int. Holy Sepulchre Cem.

CARROLL.—Dec. 29, BRYAN (BERNARD), husband of Mary Carroll (nee Murphy). Relatives and friends invited to funeral, Wed., 8:30 a. m., 211 Chestnut ave., Ardmore, Pa. Solemn requiem mass St. Colman's Church 10 a. m. Int. St. Denis's Cem. Auto funeral.

CARRYL.—Dec. 29, CAROLINE M., widow of William Harrison Carryl, at 29 W. Johnson st., Gtn. Int. private.

CARTER.—Dec. 29, ELIZABETH WRIGHT, wife of Albert Carter. Relatives and friends invited to services, Tues., 8:15 p. m., 2316 Fairmount ave. Int. private.

CASEY.—Dec. 30, PATRICK, husband of Annie E. Casey (nee Monahan). Relatives and friends invited to funeral, Wed., 8:30 a. m., 6243 Addison st. (63d and Pine). Solemn requiem mass St. Carthage's Church 10 a. m. Int. St. Michael's Cem., Chester, Pa. Auto funeral.

CLEARKIN.—Dec. 29, PATRICK J., husband of Ellen Clearkin, aged 48. Relatives and friends, Holy Name and Sacred Heart Societies of Church of Ascension, Bricklayers' Union, invited to funeral, Thurs., 8 a. m., 850 E. Ontario st. Solemn requiem mass Church of Ascension 10 a. m. Int. Holy Sepulchre Cem. Auto funeral.

CORR.—Dec. 30, MARGARET AGNES, daughter of John J. and Margaret Corr (nee Black), aged 11. Relatives and friends, pupils of Mott Public School and Union Tabernacle Sunday School, invited to funeral services, Thurs., 2 p. m., 2216 E. Firth st. Int. North Cedar Hill Cem. Remains may be viewed Wed., 8 to 10 p. m.

COOK.—Dec. 29, ARCHIBALD, husband of Elizabeth Cook. Relatives and friends, Phila. True Blue, L. O. L. No. 59; employes Wm. Steigerwalt's shoe store, 1424 Chestnut st., invited to funeral, Wed., 2 p. m., 728 N. 13th st. Int. Mt. Moriah Cem. Remains may be viewed Tues. eve. Auto funeral.

COX.—Dec. 29, at 1219 Locust st., MARY FULLERTON, widow of James Sitgreaves Cox, aged 82. Funeral services St. Stephen's Church Tues., 11:30 a. m. Int. private.

CRAIG.—Dec. 30, THIRZA ANN, wife of Harry J. Craig. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, Wed., 2 p. m., 106 Baltimore ave., Clifton Heights, Del. Co., Pa. Int. Fernwood Cem. Remains may be viewed Tues., 8 to 10 p. m.

CRESSON.—Dec. 30, CALEB CRESSON, aged 78. Due notice of funeral.

CROWN.—Dec. 30, MARTHA, widow of John Crown. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, Wed., 10:30 a. m., residence of daughter, Mrs. B. L. Compton, 148 W. Manheim st., Germantown. Int. private. Auto service.

DONNELLY.—Dec. 28, EUGENE J., husband of Susie M. Donnelly (nee Dougherty). Relatives and friends, B. V. M. Sodality, St. Vincent de Paul's, Holy Name and Sacred Heart Societies of St. Monica's Church, Brownson Council, No. 995, K. of C.; L. O. O. M.; Sailmakers of League Island, invited to funeral, Wed., 8:30 a. m., 2520 S. 12th st. Solemn mass of requiem Church of St. Monica 10 a. m. Int. St. Ann's Cem. Auto funeral.

DOOLEY.—Dec. 28, JOHN DOOLEY, formerly of Wilmington, Del. Relatives and friends invited to funeral, Wed., 8:30 a. m., residence of Francis T. [illegible], [illegible] st. High requiem mass [illegible] Church 10 a. m. Int. Holy Cross Cem.

DOUGHERTY.—Suddenly, Dec. 28, S. ROBERT DOUGHERTY, formerly of Pottsville, Pa., husband of Elizabeth Dougherty. Relatives and friends invited to funeral, Wed., 7:30 a. m., residence of sister, Mrs. Samuel R. Russell, 121 N. 33d st. High requiem mass St. James's Church 9 a. m. Int. Pottsville, Pa. Train leaves West Phila. Station 11 a. m. Pottsville papers please copy. Auto funeral.

DRANSFIELD.—Dec. 27, JAMES, husband of late Mary Dransfield (nee Nelson). Relatives and friends, Court Fairmount, No. 41, F. of A., invited to funeral services, Wed., 1:30 p. m., son's residence, Joseph Dransfield, 3124 Almond st. Int. Mt. Moriah Cem.

DUFF.—Dec. 30, JOSEPH J., husband of Mary A. Duff (nee Duffy) and son of Catharine and late James Duff, at late residence, 2222 S. 15th st. Due notice of funeral will be given.

DUHRING.—Dec. 30, at 200 W. Mermaid lane, St. Martins, the Rev. HERMAN L. DUHRING, D. D., aged 76. Due notice of funeral will be given.

DUTTON.—Dec. 28, JOHN S., son of late Benjamin F. and Louise Dutton, aged 66. Relatives and friends, Washington Camp, No. 293, P. O. S. of A.; Belmont Council, No. 190, O. I. A.; Thomas B. Smith Republican Club, Postoffice Protective Assn. of Phila., invited to funeral services, Wed., 2 p. m., 2501 W. Cumberland st. Remains may be viewed Tues., 7 to 9 p. m. Int. private. West Laurel Hill Cem.

EHRKE.—At Bates Mills, N. J., Dec. 29, CLEOPHA EHRKE, wife of Charles H. Ehrke, aged 57. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, Wed., 2 p. m., Bates Mills. Int. Berlin, N. J. Train leaves Market st. ferry for Waterford 10:25 a. m.

EMMONS.—Dec. 29, THOMAS J., son of Bridget Webster and late James Emmons, aged 38. Relatives and friends and all societies of which he was a member, invited to funeral, Wed., 7:30 a. m., mother's residence, 5543 Jane st., Germantown. High mass at Immaculate Conception Church 9 a. m. Int. Holy Sepulchre Cem.

ENGLE.—Dec. 29, MARGARET A. ENGLE (nee Sutcliffe). Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, Wed., 1 p. m., parlors of Arthur M. Stetler, 6006 Ridge ave. Int. private. Friends may call Tues., 7 to 9 p. m.

FAYER.—At Cedar Brook, N. J., Dec. 29, LAURA M., wife of Thomas A. Fayer, aged 61. Relatives and friends invited to funeral, Wed., 8:30 a. m., Cedar Brook, N. J. Requiem mass Sacred Heart Church 9:30 a. m. Int. adjoining cem. Train leaves Chestnut st. ferry 7 a. m.

FAIRBROTHER.—Dec. 29, THOMAS A., husband of Margaret E. Fairbrother (nee Smith). Relatives and friends, Robert Morris Council, No. 41, O. I. A.; employes Eastern Penitentiary, invited to attend funeral, Wed., 2 p. m., 2417 W. Allegheny ave. Services Church of St. James the Less 2:45 p. m. Int. adjoining ground. Friends may view remains Tues., after 7 p. m.

FIET.—Dec. 29, IDA, widow of Conrad Fiet, aged 78. Relatives and friends invited to view remains, Mon., 7 to 9 p. m., 2034 N. Howard st. Int. private, Tues., Bethlehem, Pa.

FITZPATRICK.—Dec. 29, JOHN, son of late John and Jane Fitzpatrick. Relatives and friends, 20th Ward Republican Club, invited to funeral, Wed., 8:30 a. m., 1421 N. 12th st. High requiem mass St. Malachy's Church 10 a. m. Int. Holy Cross Cem. Auto funeral.

FLAHERTY.—Dec. 29, WILLIAM, husband of late Mary Flaherty. Relatives and friends invited to funeral, Wed., 9 a. m., 1426 N. Conestoga st. Int. Hillside Cem. Omit flowers.

FLYNN.—Suddenly, Dec. 30, WILLIAM, husband of late Sarah Flynn. Relatives and friends invited to funeral, Thurs., 8:30 a. m., residence of son-in-law, George E. Barr, 5052 Summer st., West Phila. Solemn requiem mass Church of Our Lady of Victory 10 a. m. Int. Holy Cross Cem.

FORD.—Dec. 29, ELLEN, widow of Samuel Ford, aged 87. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, Wed., 2 p. m., residence of son, Wilson Ford, 904 W. Susquehanna ave. Int. private.

FOX.—Suddenly, Dec. 27, GEORGE W. FOX, Sr., husband of Annie Fox. Relatives and friends, Star of Hope, Shepherds of Bethlehem, Lodge No. 5; Dyers' Union, No. 1, Local 172, invited to funeral, Wed., 1 p. m., 3058 Aramingo ave. Int. Hillside Cem., via funeral car. Remains may be viewed Tues., after 7 p. m.

FOX.—Dec. 29, PATRICK, husband of late Annie Fox. Relatives and friends, employes of Smedley & Bro., invited to funeral, Wed., 8:30 a. m., 2612 Orthodox st., Frankford. Solemn requiem mass St. Joachim's Church 10 a. m. Int. St. Dominic's Cem. Auto funeral.

FRAKE.—At Mt. Holly, N. J., Dec. 29, G. DAYTON, husband of Alice E. Frake, aged 37. Relatives and friends invited to funeral, 21 Green st., Mt. Holly, N. J., Wed., 2 p. m. Friends may call Tues. after 7 p. m.

FROEHLICH.—Dec. 29, JULIUS FROEHLICH, husband of Minnie Moll Froehlich (nee Geiger), aged 65. Relatives and friends, Workingmen's Sick and Death Beneficial Society, Deutsch Amerik. Arbeiter Unterst Verein, George Hammer and William Erb Yearly Beneficial Societies, employes of the Phila. Tageblatt, invited to funeral, Wed., 2 p. m., 1229 W. Lehigh ave. Int. Germantown Crematory. Friends may view remains Tues., 7 to 9 p. m.

FULLER.—Dec. 30, MARY A., widow of William H. Fuller, of Springfield, Pa. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, Wed., 8 p. m., residence of son, Floyd M. Fuller, 623 Lincoln ave., Moore, Pa. Int. private.

GALLEN.—Dec. 29, JAMES J. GALLEN, Sr., husband of Mary A. Gallen (nee Friel). Relatives and friends, Directors of the Cedar Building Asso., invited to funeral, Thurs., 8:30 a. m., 1219 N. 60th st. Solemn high mass of requiem Church of Our Lady of the Rosary 10 a. m. Int. Holy Cross Cem.

GIBERSON.—Dec. 28, WILLIAM, son of late Joseph and Elizabeth Giberson, aged 67. Relatives and friends, Wingohocking Tribe, No. 33, Imp. O. R. M., invited to funeral services, Wed., 2 p. m., 4533 Leiper st., Frankford. Int. private, North Cedar Hill Cem. Remains may be viewed Tues., 7 to 9 p. m.

GILFILLAN.—Dec. 28, WILLIAM P., husband of Margaret H. Gilfillan and son of Mary and late Frank P. Gilfillan, aged 45. Relatives and friends, American Star Lodge, No. 405, I. O. O. F.; West Phila. Assembly, No. 8, A. O. M. P., invited to services, Tues., 2 p. m., 58th and Summer sts. Int. Arlington Cem. Friends may call Mon. eve.

GORMLEY.—Dec. 29, CATHARINE CECELIA, wife of John J. Gormley and daughter of late Charles and Catharine Hoffner (nee Englefritz). Relatives and friends invited to funeral, Wed., 8 a. m., 1226 S. 26th st. Solemn high mass of requiem St. Anthony's Church 9:30 a. m. Int. Holy Cross Cem.

HALL.—Dec. 30, H. VINCENT, husband of Emily F. Fredericks and son of Harry V. and Mary Hall. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, Wed., 2 p. m., 708 S. 55th st. Int. private.

HAMILTON.—Dec. 28, MARY HAMILTON (nee Hamill), widow of Charles Hamilton. Relatives and friends invited to funeral, Wed., 8:30 a. m., from 147 W. Palmer st. Solemn requiem mass, St. Michael's Church, 10 a. m. Int. New Cathedral Cem. Auto funeral.

HANNIGAN.—Dec. 29, NORA, wife of Patrick Hannigan and daughter of Catharine and the late Peter Fergus, Westport, Drummin, County Mayo, Ireland. Funeral, to which relatives and friends, B. V. M. Sodality and League of the Sacred Heart, are invited, Thurs., 8 a. m., 141 Emily st. Solemn mass of requiem Church of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel 9:30 a. m. Int. Holy Cross Cem. Auto funeral.

HANSON-CONROY.—Dec. 28, SALLIE C. CONROY, wife of Patrick J. Hanson and daughter of late James and Ann Conroy. Relatives and friends, all societies of which she was a member, invited to funeral, Wed., 8:30 a. m., 2721 E. Lehigh ave. Solemn requiem mass St. Ann's Church 10 a. m. Int. New Cathedral Cem.

HARLEY.—Dec. 28, JOHN E., Jr., husband of Elizabeth Harley and son of late John and Anna Harley, aged 44. Relatives and friends invited to funeral, Wed., 3 p. m., 955 Locust ave., Gtn. Int. Greenmount Cem. Remains may be viewed Tues., 8 p. m.

HARMER.—SARAH E., widow of the Hon. Arthur C. Harmer, at the residence of her daughter, Miss Howard S. Reeside, Washington, D. C., aged 86 years. Due notice of funeral will be given.

HARNER.—Dec. 29, FRANKLIN HARNER, son of late Asa P. and Hannah A. Harner, aged 60. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, Thurs., 1:30 p. m., Burlington pike, Pensauken township, N. J. Int. Colestown Cem. Autos will meet Trenton trolleys leaving ferry 12 and 12:30 p. m. at Burlington pike.

HARTZ.—Twelfth Month 28th, son's residence, Joseph J. Hartz, LYDIA ANN, widow of William D. Hartz, aged 82. Relatives and friends invited to funeral, Fourth-day, First Month 2d, 11 a. m., 550 N. 5th st. Int. private.

HARTZELL.—Dec. 29, MILTON F., husband of Otilla Hartzell, aged 56. Relatives and friends, Phila. Lodge, No. 54, L. O. O. M.; St. Paul's Castle, No. 37, K. G. E., invited to funeral services, Wed., 1 p. m., 908 Boston ave. Int. private, Chelten Hills Cem.

HAWKINS.—At 4124 Pennsgrove st., Dec. 30, FRANK H., husband of Lizzie C. Hawkins. Due notice of funeral.

HEDSON.—Suddenly, Dec. 30, JANE DeBOER, daughter of Elias and Rosie Hedson (nee Delevie), aged 5. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, Tues., 2 p. m., residence of parents, 1229 N. 52d st. Int. private Har Nebo Cem. Kindly omit flowers. New York and Baltimore (Md.) papers copy.

HITCHNER.—Dec. 30, EMMA H. HITCHNER (nee Hogan), wife of Frank G. Hitchner, aged 47. Relatives and friends invited to funeral, Thurs., 11 a. m., 3105 Westfield ave., Camden, N. J. Int. private, Bethel Cem. Remains may be viewed Wed. eve.

JAMES.—Dec. 30, ISAIAH JAMES, aged 78. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, 6920 Boyer st., Germantown, Wed., 2 p. m. Int. private. Remains may be viewed Tues., after 4 p. m.

JOHNSON.—Dec. 29, LAURA M., wife of Thomas H. Johnson (nee Hamilton), aged 56. Services, private, 2 p. m., 1665 Wakeling st., Frankford. Int. Cedar Hill Cem.

KAIGHN.—Dec. 28, HELEN KAIGHN (nee Pancoast), widow of David B. Kaighn, aged 60. Relatives and friends invited to funeral, Tues., 10 a. m., 278 Kaighn ave., Camden, N. J. Int. private, Evergreen Cem. Omit flowers. Remains may be viewed Mon. eve.

KARABASZ.—Dec. 29, ROMAN E., husband of Margaret M. Karabasz (nee Keelan), aged 25. Relatives and friends, Vesper Boat Club, employes City Controller's office, invited to funeral, Wed., 8:30 a. m., parents' residence, 1518 N. 4th st. Solemn requiem mass St. Peter's Church 10 a. m. Int. Most Holy Redeemer Cem. Auto funeral.

KELLY.—Dec. 29, EUGENE, son of Patrick and Catharine Kelly (nee Woods), aged 4. Relatives and friends invited to funeral, Wed., 2 p. m., parents' residence, 931 Tree st. Int. Holy Cross Cem.

KINGSTER.—Dec. 29, GEORGE M., son of Catharine and late Jacob Kingster, aged 31. Relatives and friends, employes Swift & Co., invited to funeral services, Mon., 8:30 p. m., 1249 W. Firth st. Further services and int. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Wed. afternoon.

KIRK.—Seventh-day, Twelfth Month 29th, suddenly, ELLEN ELIZABETH, widow of William G. Kirk. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, 10 Tenby road, Llanerch, Del. Co., Pa., Fourth-day, First [illegible]

KITTS.—Dec. [illegible], [illegible] Jacob Kitts. Due notice [illegible] given from residence of [illegible] Aaron J. S. Globe, 132 [illegible] wyn, Pa.

LEEMON.—Dec. 30, JOHN, [illegible] and late Louis Leemon. [illegible] friends invited to funeral, [illegible] m., mother's residence, [illegible] High mass of requiem St. [illegible] 10 a. m. Int. Holy Cross Cem.

LEEWRIGHT.—Dec. 29, LAURA, [illegible] George Leewright, aged 84. Due [illegible] funeral will be given from Peebles [illegible] kle sts., Roxborough.

LINVILL.—Twelfth Month 28th, [illegible] JAMES LINVILL, 26, son of Walter [illegible] Adaline P. Linvill, aged 18 months. [illegible] neral at 2 p. m., Second-day, [illegible] residence of parents, 645 N. [illegible] st. [illegible]

MESSERVE.—Dec. 30, FREDERICK [illegible] of late Frederick W. and [illegible] Barr Messerve.

MACKENZIE.—Dec. 30, RIDA [illegible] INGTON, wife of H. Darragh Mac[illegible]. Relatives and friends invited to [illegible] services, Wed., 11 a. m., 216 St. [illegible] square, West Phila. Int. private.

MARKS.—Dec. 29, JOHN, Jr., [illegible] of Tillie Marks, aged 61. Relatives [illegible] friends invited to funeral, Thurs., 2 [illegible] 3319 N. Ellis st. Int. Greenmount C[illegible]

MASON.—Suddenly, Dec. 30, MAR[illegible] wife of H. Victor Mason, aged 23. [illegible] tives and friends invited to funeral [illegible] Thurs., 2 p. m., residence of fat[illegible] law, Thomas S. Mason, 715 Mickle st., [illegible] den, N. J. Int. private Harleigh C[illegible] Friends may call Wed. eve.

McCOLLOUGH.—Dec. 29, [illegible] THOMAS P., son of late William and [illegible] E. McCollough, aged 49. Relatives [illegible] friends invited to funeral, Sat., 2 p. m., 1549 S. 29th st. Int. private. Mt. Mor[illegible] Cem.

McGEE.—Suddenly, Dec. 29, THOMAS [illegible] son of William V. and Margaret E. [illegible] (nee Wade), aged 19. Relatives and friends invited to funeral, Wed., 8 a. m., re[illegible] of parents, 454 Leedom st., Jenkintown. High mass Immaculate Conception Ch[illegible] Jenkintown, 9:30 a. m. Int. Holy Sepulchre Cem.

McGETTIGAN.—Dec. 29, JOHN, [illegible] of Mary McGettigan (nee Stanton). [illegible] tives and friends invited to funeral, [illegible] 9 a. m., residence of brother-in-law, [illegible] Archibald, 312 9th st., Gloucester City. Int. private St. Mary's Cem.

McKELVEY.—Dec. 29, JANE, [illegible] of late Daniel and Bridget McKelvey, [illegible] Killygordon, County Donegal, Ireland. [illegible] tives and friends, Altar and Rosary Society, invited to funeral, Wed., 8:30 a. m., [illegible] Thompson st. Solemn requiem mass Ch[illegible] of Our Mother of Sorrows 10 a. m. [illegible] Holy Cross Cem.

MILLER.—Dec. 29, ROBERT G. MILLER, 718 S. 49th st. Relatives and friends invited to services, Wed., 12:45 noon, Oliver H. Bair Bldg., 1820 Chestnut st. Int. private, Media, Pa.

MINK.—Dec. 29, HENRY E., husband of Anna M. Mink and son of John and [illegible] Sarah A. Mink. Relatives and friends invited to services, Wed., 2 p. m., 2616 [illegible] eral st. Int. Mt. Moriah Cem. Friends may call Tues., 7 to 9 p. m.

MORRIS.—Dec. 29, JOHN S., son of Do[illegible] nick S. and Mary E. Morris (nee Con[illegible]), aged 33. Relatives and friends, Junior [illegible] publican Club, Harry Davis 38th Ward Republican Club, invited to funeral services, Thurs., 2 p. m., parents' residence, [illegible] Lambert st. Friends may view remains Wed., 8 p. m. Int. Greenmount Cem. Auto funeral.

MORROW.—Suddenly, Dec. 29, JOHN [illegible] son of late William and Jane Morrow. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, Wed., 8:45 p. m., 2244 Catharine st. [illegible] West Nottingham, Cecil Co., Md., Thurs.

PARVIN.—Dec. 28, JAMES D. PARVIN, husband of Amelia Parvin (nee Curr[illegible]). Relatives and friends, Fame Castle, No. [illegible] K. of M. C.; employes of Western Union T[illegible] Co., invited to funeral services, Wed., [illegible] p. m., 5103 Torresdale ave., Frankford. Int. private. Remains may be viewed Tu[illegible] eve.

PIERSON.—Suddenly, Dec. 29, MARY [illegible] wife of Charles W. Pierson and daughter of late Charles S. and Letitia Clark. Due notice of funeral will be given.

PITTS.—Dec. 28, SAMUEL, husband of Mary Pitts (nee Markey). Relatives and friends, members of Friendly Union [illegible] B. M. and P. I. U., No. 3, invited to services, Wed., 2 p. m., 79th and Island rd., Eastwick ave. Int. Mt. Moriah Cem. Remains may be viewed Tues. eve.

REID.—Dec. 28, THOMAS P., Sr., husband of late Margaret Reid (nee Carey), Clonmel, County Tipperary, Ireland, formerly of 1906 Ingersoll st. Relatives and friends invited to funeral, Wed., 8:30 a. m., 2018 Brandywine st. High requiem mass St. Francis Xavier's Church 10 a. m. Int. Holy Cross Cem. Auto funeral.

RINES.—Dec. 29, WILLIAM FRANK, husband of Ella Rines, aged 50. Relatives and friends, Absarka Tribe, No. 101, I. O. R. M., invited to funeral services, Wed., [illegible] p. m., residence of son, Frank J. Rines, 402 N. 55th st. Int. Fernwood Cem.

RUSHTON.—Dec. 29, GEORGE, husband of Anna Rushton (nee Pigott) and son of late John and Margaret Rushton, aged [illegible]. Relatives and friends invited to funeral, Wed., 3 p. m., 2619 N. 4th st. Int. North Cedar Hill Cem. Remains may be viewed Tues. after 8 p. m.

SCHMID.—Dec. 28, ADELBERT, husband of Mary Schmid (nee Glaser), aged [illegible]. Relatives and friends, members of [illegible] Hancock and Bicentennial No. 1, Ben. Societies, employes of Emil Wahl Mfg. Co., invited to funeral, Wed., 8 a. m., [illegible] Reese st. Requiem mass St. Bonaventure's Church 9:30 a. m. Int. Holy Sepulchre Cem. Auto funeral.

SEDELL.—Dec. 29, JOHANNA E., [illegible] of late Elias E. and Catharine Sedell. Relatives and friends, Women's Guild of Church of St. Luke, invited to funeral services, Wed., 2 p. m., brother-in-law's residence, Edwin J. Agnew, 2010 E. [illegible]. Further services Church of St. Luke [illegible] p. m. Int. private, North Cedar Hill Cem. Remains may be viewed Tues. eve. Auto service.

SETTIG.—Dec. 30, GUSTAV A., husband of late Jennie L. Settig. Due notice of funeral will be given from 411 N. Wilton st.

SHIBE.—Dec. 30, WILLIAM H., husband of Amelia M. Shibe and son of late John and Mary Shibe, aged 64. Relatives and friends, Ella K. Pilling Temple, No. [illegible], O. of U. A.; employes of Spalding & [illegible] Reach warehouse, invited to services, Thurs., 2 p. m., Oliver H. Bair Bldg., 1820 Chestnut st. Friends may call Wed. eve.

SHIVERS.—Dec. 29, CHARLES SHIVERS, husband of Bessie Shivers (nee C[illegible]) and son of William A. and Anna C. Shivers, aged 38. Relatives and friends, employes of [illegible] T. M. Co., invited to funeral services, Wed., 2 p. m., 2730 Garfield ave., Camden, N. J. Int. Colestown Cem. Remains may be viewed Tues. eve.

SKELLY.—Dec. 28, at Norristown, Pa., ELIZABETH, wife of James Skelly. Relatives and friends invited to funeral, [illegible] Farm, State Hospital Grounds, Wed., [illegible] m. Int. St. Patrick's Cem. High mass St. Patrick's Church 9:30 a. m.

SMITH.—Dec. 29, HARRY T., husband of Eva B. Smith (nee Benner), aged 39. Relatives and friends, Mellia Lodge, No. 295, [illegible] and A. M.; Aeolian Council, No. 17, F. P. [illegible] invited to funeral services, Wed., 2 p. m., 4519 N. Camac st. Int. Ardsley Cem. Remains may be viewed Tues. eve. Auto service.

SMITH.—Dec. 29, 3d ave., and [illegible] Highway, Audubon, N. J., IDA, wife of Harry T. Smith. Relatives and friends invited to services, Thurs., 1 p. m., Oliver H. Bair Bldg., 1820 Chestnut st., Phila. Int. private. Friends may call at residence, Audubon, N. J., Wed. until 9 p. m.

STOMMEL.—Dec. 30, the Rev. HENRY STOMMEL, P. R., aged 75, director of St. Alphonsus's Church. Relatives and friends, the reverend clergy, invited to funeral, Thurs., 9:30 a. m., St. Alphonsus's Church. Divine service will begin 9:30 a. m. Solemn requiem mass 10 a. m. Int. Holy Redeemer Cem., via funeral car.

SYRAD.—Suddenly, Dec. 24, JOSEPH [illegible] (Royal Flying Corps, Ft. Worth, Tex.), husband of Katie H. Syrad (nee Grosser), aged [illegible] 50. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, Tues., 2 p. m., 6205 Vine st. Int. Ardmore Lutheran Cem.

TAYLOR.—Dec. 30, WILLIAM J., husband of Ada N. Taylor (nee Needham). Relatives and friends, Gothic Lodge, No. 519, [illegible] and A. M.; employes of Recorder of Deeds office, and all other organizations of which he was a member, invited to attend funeral services, Wed., 1 p. m., 2439 N. 6th st. Int. private Northwood Cem. Auto funeral.

THOMPKINS.—Dec. 29, JOHN L., husband of Bridget F. Thompkins. Relatives and friends, Holy Name and Altar [illegible] of Our Lady of Mercy Church, invited to funeral, Wed., 8:30 a. m., 2536 N. [illegible] st. Solemn requiem mass Our Lady of Mercy Church 10 a. m. Int. Westminster Cem.

THORN.—Dec. 29, MAGGIE ANN, [illegible] of James L. Thorn, aged 74. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, [illegible] 1 p. m., residence of son-in-law, Harry [illegible] Wiltshire, 314 Friends ave., Camden. Int. Fernwood Cem. Friends may call Tues. eve.

VIRDEN.—Dec. 30, WILLIAM L., husband of Emma Virden and son of late William H. and Rebecca Virden (nee [illegible]). Relatives and friends, employes of U. [illegible] of 25th Ward, invited to funeral, Wed., 2:30 p. m., 1530 S. 24th st. Int. Ar[illegible] Cem. Auto funeral. Remains may be viewed Wed., after 7 p. m.

VOLKMAR.—Dec. 28, WILLIAM [illegible] band of Emma P. Volkmar (nee [illegible]) and son of Bertha and late William [illegible] mar. Relatives and friends, employes of [illegible] Mfg. Co., all organizations of which he was a member, invited to funeral service, [illegible] 2 p. m., 2362 E. Gordon st. Int. [illegible] Friends may call Tues. eve.

VOORHEES.—Dec. 29, HELEN [illegible] TON, daughter of A. H. and C[illegible] Voorhees. Relatives and friends, [illegible] pa Sigma Sorority, class of 191[illegible] Phila. High School; Class of 191[illegible] Normal School, invited to services, [illegible] 2 p. m., 668 N. 41st st. Int. private. [illegible] may call Tues., 7 to 9 p. m.

WALL.—Dec. 29, DANIEL, [illegible] of Eleanore Franks Wall. Relatives and friends, employes Station A, U. [illegible] invited to funeral, Wed., 8 a. m., [illegible] Taney st. (28th and Bainbridge sts.) [illegible] mass of requiem St. Anthony's Ch[illegible] a. m. Int. Holy Cross Cem.

WEAVER.—At Woodbury, N. J., [illegible] GEORGE WEAVER, aged [illegible]. Int. [illegible] at Odd Fellows' Cem., Phila. [illegible]

WHITE.—Dec. 30, ANNA [illegible] widow of Hunter S. White (nee [illegible]). Relatives and friends invited to funeral, [illegible] 2 p. m., [illegible] Bergen st., [illegible] N. J. Int. Harleigh Cem.

WILSON.—Formerly of Atlantic [illegible] J., Dec. 29, HATTIE, wife of [illegible] Relatives and friends invited [illegible] services, Tues., 1:30 p. m., [illegible] daughter, Mrs. Monroe [illegible] st. Int. private. Auto service.

WINDLE.—Dec. 30, CLARA [illegible] of Caleb T. and Emma L. Windle. [illegible] tice of funeral will be given. [illegible]

WISCHAN.—Dec. 30, [illegible] WISCHAN (nee Braun), widow of F. Wischan. Residence, 145 W. [illegible] ave., Germantown. Due notice [illegible] will be given.

WITTY.—Dec. 29, CHARLES [illegible] of Elizabeth Witty, aged [illegible] Int. at convenience of family. [illegible]

WOOD.—Dec. 30, [illegible] MARSHALL, wife of John [illegible] tives and friends invited [illegible] Wed., 2 p. m., [illegible] Preston st. Int. [illegible]