Y. W. C. A. LODGING LIST UNDER FIRE

Girls Sent to Objectionable Homes, Asserts Woman Prober

"UNDESIRABLE PLACES"

Charges that girls arriving in Philadelphia who appealed to the Young Woman's Christian Association for assistance in finding quarters have been sent to objectionable boarding houses, and that a report to the organization containing this information was ruled "out of order" when an attempt was made to present it, have been made by Miss Edith Dudley Sheldon, secretary of the Philadelphia Bureau of Boarding Houses.

Miss Sheldon says she has kept on file a list of the names and addresses of the young women who have been so "misdirected," together with memoranda of conditions found by the girls at the places in question. At least seven of the houses on the list of the Y. W. C. A. are "undesirable places," Miss Sheldon declares, and fully one hundred visiting girls have been directed to such places in the last three months.

Mrs. Joseph A. Hudson, president of the Y. W. C. A., declined to comment on the charges and denied herself to newspaper men.

Mrs. A. S. Smith, 3236 Powelton avenue; Mrs. August Pohlman, 5143 Race street, and Mrs. William Simpson, Jr., Overbrook, members of the board of managers, were asked about the report of Miss Sheldon. All said that it was the first information of the kind that has reached them, and refused to discuss the allegations made. To discuss such a matter was an offense to them, they said. They said great care was always taken to recommend places that were respectable. They said it was up to Miss Sheldon to prove her statements with real evidence. They are convinced, they said, that there is some malign influence at work to injure the work the Y. W. C. A. is doing. The methods of the Y. W. C. A. need no defense as time will prove, they said.

Mrs. Hudson has repeatedly stated, said Miss Sheldon, that "the organization ceases to be responsible for girls as soon as they pass the door." This theory of management, she averred, had been so impressed upon the under secretaries and other paid officials that when girls applied to the Y. W. C. A. for rooms, whether by day or by night, they were handed the available list and advised to call at the addresses.

"In other cities the Y. W. C. A. is doing a splendid work in helping to house girls who have recently arrived," said Miss Sheldon. "This work has won the approval of the Government. Accounts have been printed of the excellent war work done by the national Y. W. C. A. Thus when a girl or young woman comes to Philadelphia, her first thought is that the Y. W. C. A. is both her clubhouse and a reliable source of information in the matter of lodgings.

"The Philadelphia association has failed utterly in this latter respect. It is not indorsed by the Chamber of Commerce and with good reason. It makes no adequate attempt to learn anything of the rooming houses where girls and young women are sent."

The Kensington Branch of the Y. W. C. A. has completed plans for a mass-meeting. The date was changed from Monday, April 22, to Saturday, April 20. The meeting will be held in Witherspoon Hall and the principal speaker will be Robert D. Dripps, former Director of Public Safety.

It was decided to send out 1500 printed invitations to representatives of various civic and social organizations. The membership was assured that members of the Chamber of Commerce will attend the meeting unofficially to hear the statements of mismanagement of the Philadelphia Y. W. C. A. under Mrs. Hudson's administration.

At this meeting there will be a musical program and it is probable that Miss Nan Dohner and Miss Laura Muselman, the two girls who precipitated the present crisis when they refused to obey a managerial mandate evicting them from the Kensington home, will be introduced to the audience.

PHILADELPHIA OFFICER IS WOUNDED IN FRANCE

Captain W. G. Gribbel Is Son of Former Union League President

Captain Wakeman Griffin Gribbel, one of the wounded American officers now in a French hospital whose name appears on a recent casualty list reported by General Pershing, is the eldest son of Colonel John Gribbel, of Wyncote, formerly president of the Union League, and has a home at 319 West Moreland avenue.

Captain Gribbel received his commission in the gas and flame section of the Thirtieth Engineers last September and sailed for France in the latter part of December.

Mrs. Gribbel prior to her marriage was Mrs. Margaret Latta. They have four children, three of whom are suffering from the measles. The Gribbel home is under quarantine.

Mrs. Gribbel said yesterday that she had received a letter from her husband last week. It was written before the big German drive started, and although he did not reveal the position of the regiment he stated that he was on the front.

His brother, Lieutenant John Bancker Gribbel, is at Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., attached to the 107th Field Artillery.

THE GIANNINI RECITAL

Italian Soprano Assisted at Debut by Sister

Euphemia Giannini, soprano, made her local debut at a largely attended concert last evening in the Academy of Music, assisted by her sister, Dusolina Giannini, contralto, and her father, the celebrated Italian tenor, Ferruccio Giannini. Howard Rattray, violinist, and Raymond Masino, pianist.

Miss Giannini comes from a well-known musical family. Her early training was received from Philadelphia masters and several seasons ago she went to Italy, where she had the advantage of coaching from Rosina Storchi and other eminent teachers. She made successful appearances in opera in Italy.

Her homecoming revealed a voice of power and flexibility, well handled and capable of dramatic expression. Among her numbers were the "Mi Chiamano Mimi" from "La Boheme" of Puccini, "La Mamma Morta" from the "Andrea Chenier" of Giordano, the "Cavatina" from "Traviata" and "Ebben M'andro lontan" from Catalini's "La Wally." Her sister has a voice of excellent timbre and effective production. The two sang the "Flower Song" from "Madame Butterfly" and a war song, in English "There's a call for you and me." Their English diction in solo and duet was admirably clear. The program was opened by the Cesare Battisti band, Signor Alfonso Rossi, conductor, which played excerpts from "Semiramide" and the Allies' national hymns.

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Street Sergeant Corcoran's Son Sends Word From Front Americans Are Far Superior

"Gee, Dad, but this is a great life; we have the best of the Germans at every turn."

That's just one of the many interesting sentences in a letter of Private James A. Corcoran, Jr., of the United States Engineers, Company E, now in France and seeing active service near Toul.

Young Corcoran is a son of Street Sergeant Corcoran, of the Sixty-fifth street and Woodland avenue police station. The boy is nineteen years old. He enlisted in this city last May and went to France in August. Since that time he has seen three months' active service. He says the American soldiers are so far superior to the Germans that they have puzzled them. Their spirit of happiness and cheerfulness under the most trying conditions is a source of great concern to the Germans, who, on the contrary, are not pleased with the very best conditions which trench warfare offers.

DISTRIBUTION PLANT WORK RUSHED BY U. S.

Fifteen Hundred Men Filling Old Washington Park With New Buildings

More than 1500 men are at work constructing the buildings for the distributing station being erected at Washington Park on the Delaware for the Government. About 500 are carpenters and mechanics and the others are laborers. There are also about 200 teams at work excavating and hauling dirt, and the activity displayed shows that the Ordnance Department is rushing the work as rapidly as possible. The old park site, where thousands of people enjoyed themselves daily during the summer months, looks like a manufacturing town, and every man who visits there in search of work is put to work as soon as he arrives.

There are about forty small frame buildings erected and many more are going up. The work is being done by MacArthur Brothers, a New York firm, and the high wages being paid to laborers and mechanics is bringing men to them in droves. Next to the old hotel is a restaurant for employes. Surrounding the entrance of the old park are small buildings used by the officials and employment office. Out along the riverfront, on newly made land, are eight small buildings, with many more going up.

HOWELL WINS FAVOR AT FIFTH RECITAL

Baritone Assisted in Excellent Program by Nina Prettyman Howell, Violinist

Lewis James Howell, the sterling baritone, added to laurels previously earned at his fifth annual song recital, given last evening in Scottish Rite Auditorium. His varied and excellent program, in which he had the assistance of his wife, Nina Prettyman Howell, violinist, was applauded by a large audience. Mr. Howell has traveled far along the road of artistic achievement since the decade or more ago when he was the Wagner in "Faust," at the first performance of the Philadelphia Operatic Society. He has sung abroad since and was the premier baritone in the Montreal Opera Company and also has concertized extensively.

His program was strikingly original in its revivals and its novelties. An unusual group included three Italian songs, Millelotti's "Povero Marinar," Legrenzi's "Che Fiero Costume" and the pastoral from Veracini's "Rosalinda." His operatic arias were as unhackneyed, including "Un dì, m'era di gioia" from Giordano's "Andrea Chenier" and "Pescator, affonda esca" from Ponchielli's "La Gioconda," a welcome departure from the fine but overworked "Prologo" from "I Pagliacci" which every baritone, nearly seems to think he must sing at every concert. "Woo thou thy Snowflake" from Sullivan's almost forgotten grand opera, "Ivanhoe," also had interest. Mr. Howell sang with great gusto a group of "spirituals" and also in English Gilbert's setting of "The Pirate Song" adapted from "Treasure Island," Cadman's "Requiescat," Protheroe's "The Pilot," and other numbers of merit and fresh interest.

His voice is a baritone of true quality and exceptional flexibility. He has the capacity of being either lyric or dramatic as his number requires. His production is easy and effective and his enunciation clean cut and intelligible.

Mrs. Howell offered as her major piece the Tschaikowsky concerto, already heard here three times this season, played by Heifetz, Elman and Jacobinoff. Her performance of the canzonetta was especially appealing. She also played the Kreisler "Tambourin Chinois," Rehfeld's brilliant "Spanish Dance," Maud Powell's transcription of "Deep River" and Cecil Burleigh's tone poem, "The Oaks." Mrs. Howell has a most satisfying tone, ample technical equipment and a genuine sympathy for the moods of her numbers. She won a distinct success.

29TH INDEPENDENTS TO MEET

Ward Committee Issues Call to Protect City's Good Name

The Twenty-ninth Ward Independent Republican Alliance will hold a mass-meeting in the Owls' Hall, 2800 Girard avenue, at 8 o'clock this evening. The meeting is called in the "interest of the good name of the city and State."

The committee in charge of the meeting is Richard Weglein, Albert Foster, Louis Trefz, Theodore White, Harry Heidelberger, John Haber, John J. Carr, Henry J. Hartmann, A. F. Dalk, Jr., Eugene J. Magnin, Louis Schick, Collin Coats, Harry Schaeffer, William Worthington, Eugene W. Youngken, John Brenner, Edward F. Roberts, George A. Vhost, George Steidle, Dr. Ellwood S. Hubbs, George Keehfuss, August Heinzleman, Sr., John Scheetz.

Miss Fraser, War Author, to Speak

Miss Helen Fraser, of the national war savings committee, London, and author of "Women and War Work," will give a lecture at the Garrick Theatre, Friday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, under the auspices of the British-American war relief fund. The subject will be "Women's Part in Winning the War." Miss Fraser will be introduced by Miss Helen Taft. Admission will be by card, which may be obtained at 1428 Walnut street.

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PHILADELPHIA LAD AT FRONT

Private James A. Corcoran, Jr., of the United States Engineers, at the entrance to his dugout on the Lorraine front. He is a son of Street Sergeant Corcoran, of the Sixty-fifth street and Woodland avenue police station.

WOMAN HAS 'BULLET' TO AID LIBERTY LOAN

It's a Psychological Affair and Temple University Girls Will Use It

That the average American citizen may better appreciate some of the responsibilities which the United States Government has undertaken, Mrs. Benjamin Cramp, of 1616 North Park avenue, will conduct a minute canvass of several districts, explaining and asking the residents to subscribe to the third Liberty Loan or give suitable reason for not doing so.

Mrs. Cramp has invented what she terms "A psychological bullet" and says that where the bullet land success is its reward. Mrs. Cramp, incidentally, is the first solicitor in the new campaign to launch psychology in an effective manner against would-be loan dodgers.

In company with twenty girl students of Temple University and one of the French "aces" she will invade every district in Philadelphia and set the inhabitants thinking by presenting evidence of the contributions their neighbors subscribed.

"Surely psychology and initiative, coupled with the average prowess that distinguishes the American woman, will return victorious at the termination of the campaign," asserted the inventor of the "psychological bullet."

"Make the American people think of what really would happen were we to lose this war and have the German Kaiser emerge a victor, and in nine cases out of ten they will subscribe for a Liberty Bond.

"We just must get results, and nothing can stop us from adding to the war chest of the Government. The girl students will carry a massive banner showing how many bonds we have sold in this manner and I know every American who is able will be only too glad to help boost the figures."

Mrs. Cramp hopes, also, to unveil any parties evidencing indifference in any manner toward the Liberty Loan, and in this way pro-Germanism will be exposed and treated accordingly, she says.

CHINESE GEMS OF ART GIVEN TO UNIVERSITY

Specimens of Many Periods at Harrison Hall Make Collection Greatest

Some of the most notable gifts in the history of the University of Pennsylvania Museum, all specimens of Chinese art of the highest standards, have just been received and Harrison Hall, in the Museum now contains the greatest collections of Chinese art to be found in any one place in the Western world. Most of them are unique and their money value is hardly to be fixed. Many Chinese visitors come long distances to see this extraordinary collection.

Most prominent of the new gifts is a bronze statue of Kwan-yam, the Buddhist goddess of mercy, which is entirely covered with gold by some hand process. This is one of the few specimens of art which are dated. It was made in 557 A. D., and is only thirteen years ahead of the great stone statue in the Museum which it resembles so closely that it is surmised the latter is designed from the gold-bronze statuette just received. The latter has a history in China that is complete, according to an appreciation given by the Pennsylvania Gazette. It was so highly esteemed that at one time it is reported a high official in the Chinese empire hired robbers to steal it, but they were caught.

Finally the late Viceroy Tuan-Fan secured it by building a new monastery and temple for the monks. After his recent death it passed into the hands of dealers, was purchased by a New York man at a very high price and given to the University Museum.

Another noble specimen of bronze art is a great bowl of rare artistic value.

ORDNANCE MEN FINISH STUDIES AT WHARTON

Hundred Who Took Seventh Stores Course Leave for Arsenal at Augusta, Ga.

One hundred enlisted men of the ordnance department of the United States army left Philadelphia today for Washington, en route to the arsenal at Augusta, Ga., where they will remain for a six weeks' course of intensive training. The men took the seventh military stores course at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, under the direction of Lieutenant L. Williams.

The men answered roll-call at 8:30 o'clock this morning with their luggage ready to entrain. They received their final inspection and review before their commander, Lieutenant Williams.

These men are the first who were ordered to Wharton School in uniform. The stores courses were first instituted at Wharton by the Government. Lieutenant Williams is now receiving applications for the eighth course, which will open at the University April 29.

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NEW RULES EXPEDITE DELIVERY OF FREIGHT

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Philadelphia First to Adopt Plan to Help Both Railroads and Merchants

Rules providing for radical changes in the method of handling less-than-carload lots of freight in Philadelphia have been approved by the Director General of Railroads and will go into effect May 1.

Under these rules the present free time period of two days will be reduced to one day under authority granted by the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission to the carriers, permitting them to put into effect a tariff providing for this on five days' notice.

The commercial emergency committee on transportation of the allied trade bodies, acting upon the suggestion of George Wharton Pepper, chairman of the committee of public safety for the Commonwealth, held a series of conferences with representatives of the railroads, the shippers and the Philadelphia Team Owners' Protective Association, at which the rules which go into effect May 1 were agreed upon and submitted to Director General of Railroads McAdoo for approval.

Data collected by the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and presented to the commercial emergency committee formed the basis on which the rules were made.

These rules provide for the segregation by the carrier of incoming freight, in less than carload lots, in such a manner that teamsters will be able to receive it with the least possible delay. Consignees and team owners are required, under these new rules, to remove all segregated freight on the day of arrival, which dates from the next 7 a. m. after receipt by messenger or telephone of notification. Freight for any consignee not called for by 6 p. m. on the last day of the free time period is to be sent to a public warehouse at the expense of the owner.

Public team owners must file with the carriers a bond relieving the railroads from responsibility for loss or injury to property entrusted to their care for delivery to consignees or warehouses.

An important provision in the new rules is that inbound freight packages must be marked with the name and address of the shipper, the street address of the consignee or the name of the teamster to whom the package is to be delivered and the specific freight station at which delivery is desired.

Philadelphia thus becomes the first city in the United States in which this radical departure for expedite delivery is established, and the opinion was expressed by members of the commercial emergency committee that the plan of having May 1 would ultimately become a national delivery system.

The commercial emergency committee on transportation of the allied trade bodies is composed of representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, the Commercial Exchange, the Bourse and the Board of Trade. Ernest T. Trigg, president of the Chamber of Commerce, is chairman of the committee, Mr. Atlee Pomeroy is vice chairman and Mr. N. H. Keith, general secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, is the secretary, being from P. Albrecht, president of the Bourse.

Lecture for Engineers' Club

The Engineers' Club of Philadelphia will hold a special meeting in Witherspoon Building tonight. "The War and the Eastern Question," will be the topic of discussion and will be illustrated by lantern slides. Dr. Morris Jastrow, Jr., librarian of the University of Pennsylvania, and professor of Semitic languages, will direct the discussion.

CITY'S DEPARTMENTS EXPLAIN NEEDS TODAY

Heads Must Explain to Finance Committee Why They Ask More Money

Every department head of the city government today will present his needs for loan funds for the remainder of the year to the Councils' Finance Committee. Upon the showing they make rests the plan to increase interest rates and sell city bonds to the extent of $5,500,000 in June.

A considerable amount of the $17,000,000 loan money now under contract will not be needed, as much of the work will be stopped by Government orders. Chairman Gaffney, of the Finance Committee, is of the opinion that the $4,500,000 of consolidated loan funds on hand will be sufficient for all needs, unless the Government finally decides to permit the city to complete the Frankford "L" and to continue putting under contract other undertakings.

Other members of the Finance Committee agree that bond sales should be kept to the lowest possible figure during the continuance of the war, and the fact that Mayor Smith is back of the plan to continue sales has not prevented the committee making an investigation of its own as to needs.

Skidding Bicycle Kills Man

Nicholas Tuffo, twenty-two years old, of 320 East Rittenhouse street, died today at the Germantown Hospital as a result of a fractured skull, sustained when he was thrown from a skidding bicycle last Saturday.

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