

SOLDIERS' MOTHERS TO ASSIST CHILDREN

Start \$50,000 Thank Offering Campaign for Destitute Influenza Victims

As a thank offering for the coming of peace, nearly 300 mothers of enlisted men, under the direction of the National Congress of Mothers, today began a campaign to raise \$50,000 to take care of Philadelphia children left destitute by the influenza epidemic.

The women so appreciated the release of their own sons from danger on the battlefield they were eager to demonstrate their thankfulness. When Dr. Wilmer Krusen, Director of Public Health and Charities, said there was no city fund to care for the hundreds of babies left destitute during the epidemic, the mothers of men in the service volunteered to raise an emergency fund. This will be known as the home aid fund and will be distributed by a committee consisting of Doctor Krusen, Mrs. Frederic Schoff, chairman of the National Congress of Mothers; Dr. Lida Stewart Cogill and a representative clergyman, who will be chosen later.

A small nursery has been fitted up in the window at 1432 Chestnut street, where some of the "epidemic orphans" will play each day from 12 to 2 o'clock. On the theory that the child can best appeal to the human heart, these little ones will be living demonstrations of persons who in some way or another were affected by the epidemic and are in need of aid. A city health nurse will take care of the babies in the miniature nursery. There will be games and puzzles for the little ones, and lunch will be served for them at a little table set with the sort of dishes and food children love.

Campaign workers, under the leadership of forty-seven captains, will make a house-to-house canvass of the city this week and members of the campaign committee will also visit the business section. They will turn in their reports at 2:45 o'clock each day at campaign headquarters, Sam S. Shubert Theatre building.

The executive committee includes: Mrs. Frederic Schoff, chairman; Mrs. William T. Carter, Mrs. G. B. Evans, Miss C. B. Cook, Mrs. O. D. Finlay, Miss Mary S. Garrett, Mrs. Joseph M. Gaxman, Mrs. John Grubel, Mrs. W. S. Jewell, Dr. Wilmer Krusen, Mrs. E. W. Lippincott, Mrs. William L. McLean, Mrs. Joseph P. Mumford, Mrs. N. Allan Stockton, Mrs. E. S. Thorne, Mrs. Jones Winter, Mrs. Maxwell Wyeth. The captains are: Mrs. Mary Dungan, Mrs. Ryne Monaghan, Mrs. Katie Souer, Mrs. T. Keiss, Miss Mercia Trenner, Mrs. E. Pond Cooling, Mrs. Durnbaugh, Mrs. D. Harkins, Mrs. S. Sperry, Mrs. A. Kramer, Mrs. Anna A. Major, Mrs. H. Baer, Mrs. C. Miller, Mrs. Lillian Whartnaby, Mrs. Walter Hall, Mrs. John Chambers, Mrs. Mary Quigley, Mrs. Anna Simendinger, Mrs. Matthew Elliott, Mrs. S. Carroll, Mrs. Anna Luckman, Mrs. Sarah Wise, Mrs. R. Leith, Mrs. Malotte, Mrs. Roy D. Ward, Mrs. Elizabeth Hamilton, Mrs. Sarah King, Mrs. Minnie Butterworth, Mrs. J. Frederic Page, Mrs. Frank Watson, Mrs. E. Yarnell, Mrs. W. M. Everhart, Mrs. Catherine McCarthy, Mrs. Laura Haggensbottom, Mrs. Albert Wood, Miss Anna Snyder, Miss E. P. Diekey, Miss Genette Faries, Mrs. Alfred Hand, Jr., and Mrs. W. H. Sulzer.



DISAPPEARED FROM HOME Mrs. Fannie Naple, wife of Abram Naple, 425 Greenwich street, a workman at the Cramp shipyard, who disappeared from home last May. Naple asked the detective bureau today to aid in the search for the woman. Mrs. Naple is twenty-seven years old.

FIVE SOCIALISTS PUT ON TRIAL IN CHICAGO

Victor Berger Among Those Accused of Violating Espionage Act

By the Associated Press Chicago, Dec. 9. The trial of Victor Berger, Congressman-elect of Milwaukee; Adolph Germer, national secretary of the Socialist party; Irwin St. John Tucker, William S. Gruse and J. Louis Engdahl, indicted under the espionage act, began in Federal court today before Judge Kenesaw M. Landis. They are charged with making speeches and distributing literature that had for their purpose the encouragement of enlistment of men in the military forces of the United States. Appearing for the indicted men today were Seymour Steadman, William A. Cunnou and Sam Johnson, of Chicago, and Isaac Edward Ferguson and Henry Koehms, of Milwaukee. The Government was represented by United States District Attorney Charles F. Clynne and his assistant, Joseph Fleming. The prominence of the men in councils of the Socialist party, whose opposition to the war was expressed in the platform adopted at the last national convention of the party in St. Louis, gives widespread interest to the trial.

LOCAL DRAFT BOARDS FINISH WORK TODAY

Records Ordered Completed and Sent to Washington This Afternoon

Local draft boards wind up their work today. An announcement to this effect was received from Harrisburg today by Philadelphia draft officials. According to Major W. G. Murdock, head of the State draft bureau, a message from Provost Marshal General Crowder, at Washington, directed that the work of compiling local board data in Pennsylvania be closed at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon. All local board reports have been called for at once. Exactly 2,067,342 men were registered under the draft law in Pennsylvania, according to a statement issued by Major Murdock. One board alone registered more than 25,000 and another between 18,000 and 19,000. The registration by the days designated is given as follows: June 5, 1917, 824,958, of whom 9513 registered late; June 5, 1917, 62,765, of whom 211 registered late; August 24, 1918, 14,078, of whom 386 registered late; September 12, 1918, 1,165,433, of whom 18,464 registered after the day set. Local board records are to be sealed, prepared for permanent filing and sent to the adjutant general at Washington. Histories of the draft boards and similar data will be deposited in Harrisburg.

FRIENDLY FIGHT FATAL

Man Held for Coroner Following Death of Companion

As a result of a friendly scuffle, Joseph Haebli, thirty-five years old, 832½ Harley street, in dead Operations performed for a fracture of the skull at University Hospital failed to save his life. He died last night. Harry Bacher, thirty-seven years old, who lived with Haebli, was held without bail today by Magistrate Harris, of the Thirty-second street and Woodland avenue police station, to await the action of the coroner. According to Detectives Quigley and Prutz, of the Sixty-fifth street and Woodland avenue police station, Haebli and Bacher had a friendly argument the night of November 28, at Eighty-seventh street and Eastwick avenue. They say Bacher pushed his friend, and before Haebli could recover his balance, he fell, striking his head on the street car tracks.



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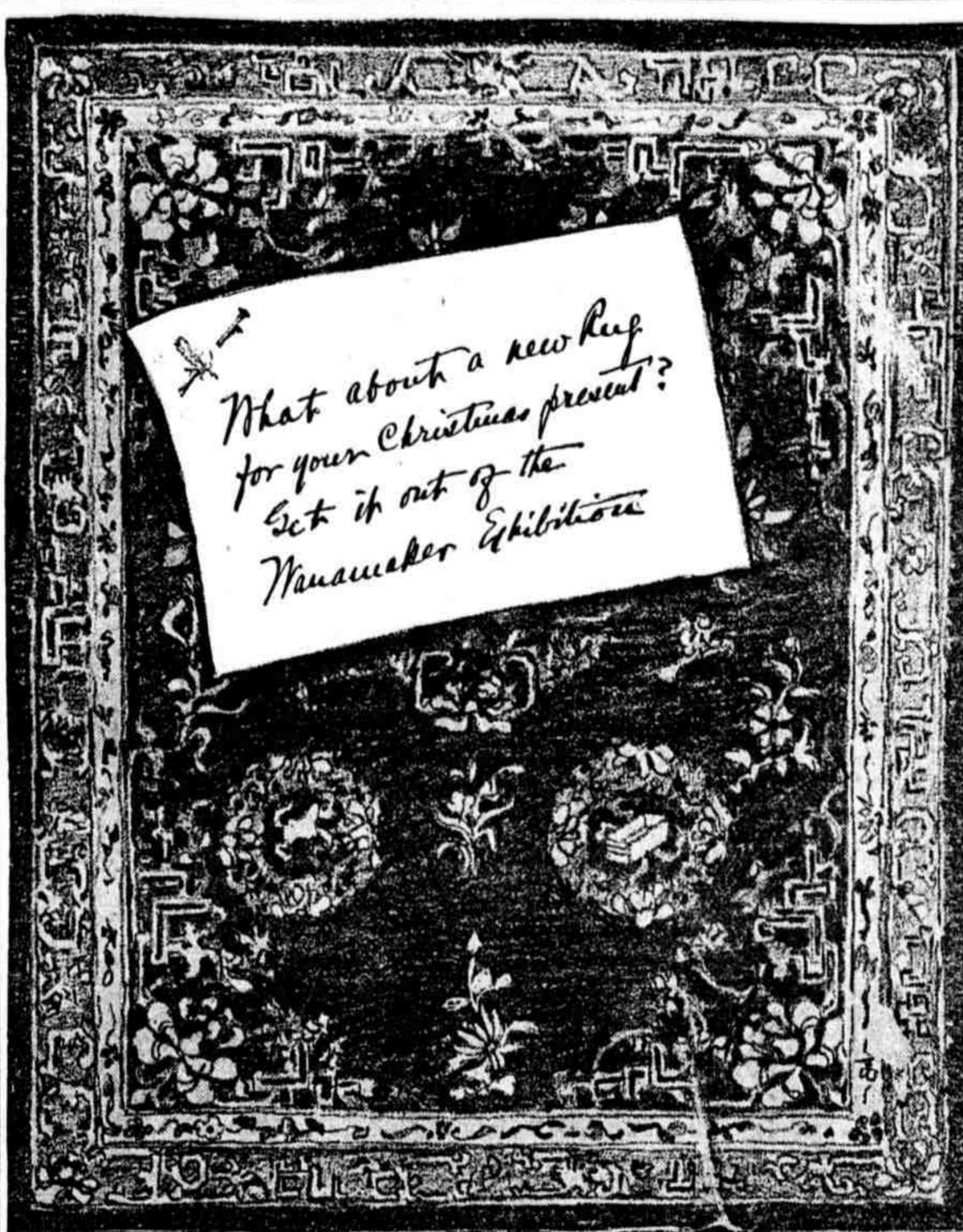
\$1,000,000 INTEREST DUE ON CITY CLAIMS

Funds Provided Only Cover Principal of Mandamus and Contract Items

Nearly \$1,000,000 in obligations arising out of active contracts and mandamus will remain unpaid by the city

until further authority is obtained from the capital issues committee. The authorization obtained some time ago merely converted principal in each judgment and provided for no interest for funds to cover new mandamus items. Controller Walton has issued a warrant of \$115,000 in favor of the Pennsylvania Railroad on account of work done as the city's share in grade-crossing removals. The city owes the same company \$384,000 additional in connection with track elevation work in Richmond. Officials failed to provide for many total payments. One instance of how the mandamus situation works out is shown by one big writ for \$500,000.

property taken between Twenty-third, Twenty-fourth, Hamilton and Noble streets for \$282,738. The property was placed on the city plan back in 1909 and the writ bears interest from that time. The interest total of \$426,416.52. In this case the principal will be paid. Killed in the Subway Peter McNaney, a trackwalker in the subway, was almost instantly killed under City Hall last night, when stepping out of the way of a westbound train he struck his head on a pillar and fell directly across the track. McNaney lived at 4714 Merton avenue.



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TO BURY MUNICIPAL WIRES

Electrical Bureau Plans to Extend Underground Cables

Radical changes and improvements in the Electric Bureau are outlined in a report just made public by Chief McLaughlin. The next twelve months will see many wires installed underground and the completion of much work delayed because of the war. From the first of the present year until October 1 a total of 26,123 feet, or approximately five miles, of service cable for the Police and Fire Bureaus was placed underground, and next year this footage will be materially increased. With a return of peace the proposed program to complete the power plant at City Hall will be carried out. Because of the difficulty in obtaining materials and the scarcity of skilled labor work on the plant has been delayed, although an effective measure of service was always maintained by the bureau in all of its activities. Other plans for the future call for the installation of new lines and extensions of present apparatus.

WOMAN LOSES CITY POST

Miss Genevieve Carr, who for many months has acted as publicity agent for the Board of Recreation, has been dropped, as her position was never ratified by Council.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

Carlton L. Wright, 3348 Lancaster ave., and Margaret Rochet, 3026 Sanson st. Henry Abrams, 217 N. Franklin st., and Mattie Pettit, 317 N. Franklin st. Arthur L. Williams, Rome, N. Y., and Marie L. Raymond, Rome, N. Y. Pauline Schwartz, 2005 S. 4th st. Charles L. Young, 1920 Locust st., and Elizabeth C. Nowland, 1807 Locust st. David Gibson, 411 Chestnut st., and Daisy Seymour, Washington, D. C. Samuel D. Derry, 1227 Harper st., and Anna E. Markey, 86 E. Armit st. Philip Rowan, 5168 Parkside ave., and Elizabeth E. Hill, 2200 Locust st. Sarah E. Brown, 2008 Naudain st., and Harvey Schaefer, 1814 N. 6th st., and Beulah Gibbs, 1st st. Harry J. Nantz, 3848 G st., and Anna C. Temple, 222 E. 12th st. Michael Verracchio, 805 Fitzwater st., and Joseph Cavalli, 118 N. Marshall st. and Joseph Perry, 314 N. Franklin st. Alfred D. Gilbert, 1400 E. P. st., and Edna L. Clark, Coatesville, Pa. Edward Gregory, 1405 Montross st., and Anna Hansen, 1027 S. 13th st. Robert H. Stuber, 1405 Montross st., and Letta E. Garrett, Providence, Pa. Robert H. Stuber, 1405 Montross st., and Letta E. Garrett, Providence, Pa. John Bellace, 516 Anchor, N. J., and Josephine Wernersbach, 540 Mantion st.

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