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## HAND-MADE BULLETS FOUND UNDER ROOTS OF OLD TREE

May Have Been Concealed There From British Eyes by Continental Soldiers Over Hundred Years Ago

Independence Hall Museum Curator, However, Thinks They Were "Planted" by Some Fake Curio Vender

FIFTY hand-moulded leaden bullets, buried before the thirteen original states had won their freedom, were uncovered today while workmen were digging around the roots of the "Old Elm" which the wind blew down in Independence Square last week.

The bullets appeared white with the luster of a hundred or more years. They were discovered about six feet underground, two feet under the roots of the ancient tree.

Many years ago some Continental soldier, perhaps this is not true if, as Curator Jordan believes, these bullets were planted since the tree tumbled over by some progressive business man who saw lucra in the sale of fake Revolutionary bullets to innocent tourists—some Continental soldier, perhaps, secreted them in a bag which had long since decomposed, under the roots of a young elm tree, in order that the prowling English might not find them. Bullets were scarce in those early days. They were not manufactured so readily as they are today. Each man made his



BULLETS FOUND UNDER ELM

own bullets in his own Bullet-mould and guarded his ammunition carefully. The old tree, then a weak sapling, was to mark the place where the bullets were buried. Perhaps the Continental was killed in the service of his country, perhaps he just forgot. Anyway, the fifty bullets have never seen the light of day these long years until this morning, when the earth digger turned them over.

That is, provided Mr. Jordan's conviction is wrong; that these bullets have been "planted" there within the last few days, to furnish a dividend to some broker in antiques and curios.

To Welcome Returning Patrolmen Plans to welcome home the twenty-five men from their ranks who are now with the American army in France are being formed by the 225 reserve patrolmen of Philadelphia. Each man will be asked to contribute approximately \$10, and upon the soldiers' return they will be given a dinner at the Hotel Walton. One of the features of the welcome will be the presentation of gold medals to each of the returned soldiers.

### ARTIST-OFFICER TO SPEAK

Captain Harding Also Will Exhibit Many Official War Sketches

Captain George Harding will talk on "Artists' War Work at the Front" this afternoon at 4 o'clock before the Philadelphia Art Alliance, 1823 Walnut street.

Captain Harding is one of the few official artists appointed by the United States Government to accompany our armies to the battlefields of France. He has brought home many interesting tales of his experiences. Illustrating his talk and giving point to his remarks is the accompanying comprehensive exhibition of the drawings made by the official artists from the beginning of the war until very recent times, shown for the first time in Philadelphia. The exhibition will continue until April 27.

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## ANCIENT FALCONET IS EXHIBITED HERE

Cannon From 16th Century Brought From Philippines and Placed in Museum

MAY HAVE BEEN MAGELLAN'S

A falconet, which is a sixteenth century cannon, has just been placed on exhibition in Independence Hall. It was presented to the city by Congressman C. W. Edmonds, who secured it in the Philippines in a recent visit there on government business.

The falconet, which now stands in the corridor of Independence Hall, is the finest example in this country of this earliest piece of artillery, says Curator Jordan, who is in charge of the state house buildings. "It is a type of ancient Spanish cannon which very possibly might have been taken to the Philippines by Magellan, when he made his trip around the world. Columbus, too, carried such pieces of ordnance in his caravel."

The falconet fired a ball which weighed about a half pound. It was discarded when infantry firing pieces were invented in the latter portion of the sixteenth century.

The ancient gun has metal work of rich ornamentation. The carriage, which is of wood, is not the original carriage, but it is the exact replica of the carriages which were used in the early centuries. The gun was one of three which stood in the courtyard of one of the government buildings in the Philippine archipelago.

### Fire Horses Stroll—City Out \$1000

Two more false fire alarms in the northeast last night brought the total of false alarms in that section to eight since Saturday night. Each false alarm costs the city about \$500. The two alarms last night were turned in from Meadow and Hawthorne streets, Frankford, and from Richmond and Westmoreland streets.

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### KILLED CROSSING TRACKS

Glenside Woman Steps Into Train's Path at Willow Grove

Mrs. Mary Snodgrass, of North Glenside, was accidentally killed last night when she ran directly in front of a Reading Railway train as it was leaving Willow Grove Station. The woman's view was obstructed by a freight train. Mrs. Snodgrass, who was thirty-two years old, was visiting friends near Willow Grove.

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New double-breasted models extremely snug at the waist with welt seams cutting off the flaring skirts; single-breasted models, ditto; one-button sack coats with slender lapels and slenderer waist lines; bell sleeves, new cuff treatments and button arrangements — pockets cut crescent shape, or vertical or slanting, or regulation with regular flaps to them.

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## SUFFRAGISTS CROWD TO STATE GATHERING

Registration at Fiftieth Conclave Here Promises Big Representation

HOLD BANQUET TONIGHT

Suffragists from all parts of the state crowded the headquarters of the Pennsylvania Woman Suffrage Association in the Finance Building today, as delegates registered for the fiftieth annual convention of the organization. The business sessions of the convention will open in the Bellevue-Stratford tomorrow morning. The annual banquet which opens the conference will be held at 7 o'clock this evening at the Bellevue-Stratford.

Preparatory to the business of tomorrow, Mrs. J. O. Miller, president, called a meeting of the executive board today. Among the board members present are Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Robert M. Beach, of Bellefonte; Mrs. James P. Rogers, of Warren; Miss Anna Denton, of Luzerne; Mrs. H. Talbot Peterson, of Pittsburgh; Mrs. Louis L. Smith, of Stratford; Mrs. Edward Parker Davis, Mrs. George A. Pierson, Mrs. George A. Dunning and Miss Mary J. Stewart, of Philadelphia, and Miss Henrietta B. Lyon, of Williamsport. Mrs. Medill McCormick, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt and Mrs. Richard Aldrich, noted national suffragists from New York, were expected to arrive this afternoon.

Following is the program for tomorrow: Formal opening of the convention at 9:30 a. m. in the South Room of the Bellevue-Stratford. After the president's address there will be reports read from the various committees and a general discussion. Campaign policy, finance and amendments to the constitution will be among the matters discussed.

Following luncheon, members of the convention will reassemble in the South Room and listen to the following addresses: "The Status of Armenian Women," Mrs. Brenda Papanian; "The Woman's Medical College," Dr. Martha Tracy, dean, and "The Teachers' Salary Bill," by a speaker to be announced later.

### YOUTHFUL FIGHTER BACK

Corporal, Still in Teens, Wears Three Gold Chevrons on Each Arm One of eight survivors of his company, Corporal William J. Bendiere, of 5820 Walnut street, has just returned from overseas after nearly eighteen months in France with the Yankee division, known also as the Twenty-sixth of New England National Guardsmen.

Although he was but seventeen when he enlisted, Bendiere was in all the hard fighting. He was wounded twice and gassed and saw hard service at Chateau-Thierry, St. Mihiel, Argonne and Verdun.

He told today of several of his experiences. He recalled having worn his gas mask once at Chateau-Thierry for twenty-one hours. On another occasion he led a detail of twenty men through a heavy bombardment to bring back "chow" to his company. Eight were killed and five wounded before they got the "chow" up. He brought back several medals won in athletic contests in the A. E. F. after the armistice.

W. J. BENDIERE

SEEKS 'LONG GONE' CHINESE \$1000 Bond Seemed Liberty Bond to 47 Celestials—Looker Liked Only twenty-eight of the Chinese seamen at liberty under \$1000 bail to appear for deportation tomorrow on a steamship from New York have surrendered, and it now appears that the government will be forced to enter suit or collect the bail of the missing Celestials. Twenty-five of the men are out on bail. Ordered to surrender on Saturday, a report from New York yesterday revealed only twenty-four had surrendered in that city and four in Gloucester. The Department of the Bureau of Immigration at Gloucester yesterday served final notice on the bonding company and private bondsmen that the men must surrender before tonight or suits will be entered.

### Lectures on Government

The organization and work of government will be the theme of a lecture to be given under the auspices of the University Extension Society this afternoon at 4 o'clock in Witherspoon Hall. This is the second lecture in the course on "Political, Social and Economic Problems of Today," by Professor William Starr Myers of Princeton University.

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MRS. MEDILL McCORMICK Who will be one of the speakers at the Pennsylvania Woman Suffrage Association banquet tonight.

## CAMDEN MUMMERS IN LOAN PARADE

Interesting Costumes and "Stunts" Promised Here by 400 From Across River

Camden will send 400 mummery to join the Philadelphia New Year shooters in the Victory Loan parade of April 19. Announcement that the South Camden New Year Association and the East Side New Year Association would take part in the parade was made today by H. Bart McHugh for the committee which is arranging to put a mummery parade on Broad street for the first time on any other day than January 1. Ellsworth Pearson, for the East Side Camden Club, and W. H. E. Steel, for the South Camden Club, promise some interesting costumes and stunts from across the river.

The committee, which Judge John M. Patterson heads, expects at least 1500 mummery in the parade.

Aid for the Victory Loan will be given at the Shubert Theatre, where Walter Catlett, of the "Little Simplicity" company, will give a talk between the second and third acts. Hope is expressed at the theatre that more than \$1,000,000 will be raised at the Shubert.

### Merchantville Man Falls Dead

Alvin Miller, 731 Prospect street, Merchantville, N. J., dropped dead early this morning when walking along Maple street. Coroner Pratt said death was due to apoplexy. Mr. Miller was an expert accountant with a Market street firm. He was one of Merchantville's best known citizens.

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