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## ROBBERS STAB AGED WOMAN, ATTACK GIRL

Assailants Escape Police in Morris Road Case and Also in City

### NO REVENUE IS YIELDED

An aged widow is suffering from a stab wound in the breast inflicted by robbers when they failed to find any money in her home, and an 11-year-old girl was attacked by a masked man as she was washing the dishes in her home, 3068, Ruth street.

Mrs. Ella Erskin, sixty-two years old, the widow, is in a state of nervous collapse, and the wound may prove fatal because of her age.

Mrs. Erskin, who lives alone, on the Morris road between Fort Washington and Ambler, was awakened about 2 o'clock yesterday morning by the glare of light on the first floor. She believed the place was on fire, and going downstairs saw two men ransacking the place.

"I'll shoot you," she said to the intruders.

One of the men grabbed her and held her while his companion went upstairs.

She had no money.

Mrs. Erskin's captor threatened her if she did not tell where she kept her money, but she persisted that she had no money.

Her captor called to the man upstairs, saying, "Come on, there's nothing here." Then he went out.

When the second robber came down he demanded that she tell him where her money was concealed. Mrs. Erskin reiterated she had no money, and she slashed her with a knife and ran out the door.

She fainted after the knife thrust and on recovering consciousness staggered to the road, where she waited until an automobile came along. Mrs. Erskin told her story to the driver, who placed her in the machine, speeded to Ambler and summoned Dr. D. H. Shelly.

One of the assailants was white, and Mrs. Erskin thinks his companion was a negro.

The state police have been notified and are searching for the men.

Mrs. Erskin is known throughout the section. For a number of years per-sons of Ambler have assisted in caring for her, giving her clothing, fuel and food. She did a little washing and from time to time worked in Ambler homes.

Threatened Girl

As little Ida Wall was alone washing the dishes in the kitchen of her home last night the door was suddenly opened. A tall man, his features concealed by a black mask, and a revolver protruding from his pocket, entered.

Ida shrieked, telling her if she made a sound he would kill her.

The thug grabbed the girl. She fought and screamed for help. Her cries aroused the neighborhood, and the man dashed out the door, throwing his mask off.

Patrolman Kneller, of the Belgrade and Clearfield streets station, and neighbors searched for the attacker, but he eluded them.

The girl told her story to District Detective Kelley, and a search is being conducted. No attempt at robbery was made.

TWO CITY SOLDIERS DEAD

Eight From City Wounded in Casualty List of Today



LITTLE CANY SMITH

## FATHER SOBS GRIEF AS CORONER HIDES

Inquest Places Responsibility for Death of Little Girl on Carelessness

Coroner Knight reprimanded Richard J. Smith today for allowing two revolvers to lie around where his children could play with them, as the result of which his six-year-old daughter, Cany A. Smith, was killed yesterday.

"Let this be a lesson to the entire city," the coroner said. "Revolvers bought for protection should not be allowed to lie around where they can be picked up by children. This man meant no wrong, but his own negligence was killed because of his neglect."

Smith admitted the fault and broke down and cried.

"Look," little Cany said to her two sisters yesterday, as she backed against a wall and put the revolver to her head, "I'm going to kill myself."

She pulled the trigger and dropped dead. The revolvers were found by the girl and her sisters under the pillow of their parent's bed.

The mother, Mrs. Richard Smith, left the three children in the Smith home, 6114 Glenmore avenue, while she went downtown to do some shopping. Molly, nine years old, was busy sweeping the kitchen when Cany and Joe, aged three years, went upstairs.

The two children soon returned, Cany with the loaded revolver in her hand, and showed it to Molly.

Before Molly's warning was heard Cany had pulled the trigger.

Molly and Joe ran to the street screaming as soon as they saw Cany fall and neighbors came to their assistance.

The father was called from his work at the J. G. Brill Company's plant, but the mother did not hear of the tragedy until she arrived from her shopping trip.

CAPT. GALE HARBOR MASTER

To Record Sea Commerce of Atlantic City Port

To insure an authoritative record of the commerce in and out of the harbor of Atlantic City, city commissioners at the seashore have appointed Captain George B. Gale to fill the office of harbor master.

Captain Gale is "Admiral" of the large fleet of the Atlantic City Yachtmen's Association, and one of the best known skippers on the Jersey coast. During the summer seasons of twenty years he has "sailed" thousands of Philadelphians in his big yacht.

His duties as harbor master will include also the assignment of anchorages for all visiting craft, among which it is expected will be many craft of the Philadelphia yachting organizations, now that amateur skippers need no longer fear lurking U-boats off the Capes.

Secretary Asks News of Nephew

Washington, April 19.—A request to soldiers of the Twenty-eighth Division for information relative to Private Ronald W. Dunsmore, of Company L, 111th Infantry, son of Mrs. W. Dunsmore, of Curwensville, Pa., has been made by W. B. Wilson, secretary of labor, as uncle of the missing soldier.

Club to Honor Men in Service

The Poor Richard Club has started a fund to place a suitable memorial in bronze in the clubhouse for the twenty-nine members who served in the army or navy in the world war. Howard C. Story is chairman of the committee. The club will also give a banner, in the 111th Cavalry soon coming the week of May 12 to the twenty-nine members.

## EVANS ASKS AID FOR CHARTER BILL

Holds Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce Not Alive to Need

SAYS "INTENTIONS GOOD"

The aid of the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club and kindred organizations in behalf of charter revision is urged in a statement issued by Powell Evans, chairman of the publicity committee of the charter-revision committee.

His statement follows: "Recently published remarks of the principals of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, City Club, Rotary Club and Poor Richard Club indicate admirable purpose with respect to bettering government here, but also indicate clearly that these spokesmen do not yet realize the essential need of the passage in order to achieve this better government."

"It cannot be stated too often that, no matter what man may be selected as our next chief executive, or what men he may appoint under him, or what men may be elected to the City Council, the present legal structure of our government is now so hampered by restrictive acts and so inefficient in its functioning that no administration—no matter how good or capable they may be—operating thereunder can possibly accomplish proper results. For instance, the city cannot do its own street cleaning and ash and garbage collection and disposal, and can only contract for this work for one year. Having regard for all the abuses and failures that this system has produced for many years past, it is therefore essential that our next administration be free from this hampering system, and such freedom can only be secured by obtaining it from the present Legislature."

"Further, it is impossible to successfully manage the finances of the city under the act of 1879, for the many reasons that the charter committee has made clear."

"It will be impossible for the next administration decently to govern this city as long as policemen, firemen and city employees and officials under the civil service can indulge in political activity and are subject to political control and assessments. It is therefore essential for better government in the future that a real civil service act be obtained from this Legislature."

"Further, the present large two-chamber Council has demonstrated conclusively that no future administration in this city can function properly with Councils as now constituted."

"Considered from every angle of fact and experience both in and without this city, the inevitable conclusion is reached that Philadelphia needs the substance of the charter bill as a basis and essential step for achieving better government here. Later will come the equally vital question of selecting and electing proper men to perform under this new charter."

Store's Chorus Rehearsals Progress

Rehearsals for the Victory concert to be given by the Strawbridge & Clothier Chorus at the Academy of Music Wednesday evening, April 30, are progressing smoothly. Fifty members of the Philadelphia Orchestra have been engaged, and these soloists will participate: Mae Ebrey Hotz, soprano; Mabelle Addison, contralto; Walter Pontius, tenor; and Florio Wisliza, baritone. A series of twelve tableaux interspersed with the musical numbers will be a feature of the concert, which briefly portrays the country's progress.

Made Chaplain of Battleship

The Rev. Thomas S. McGrath, formerly assistant at the Catholic Church of Holy Trinity, New York, has been assigned by the government as chaplain of the battleship Alabama at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. Father McGrath was recently chaplain of the Pelham Bay Naval Training Station.

## ELOPING GIRL WEARS SOLDIER'S UNIFORM

Detective Detains Pretty Wheeling Miss, Then Assumes Role of Cupid

### APPEALS TO HER MOTHER

Even detectives have hearts that will soften, though lovers defy irate parents and army laws and perchance come into the arms of the law.

Witness the case of Detective Le Strange, who is "burning up" the wires between this city and Wheeling, W. Va., to get the consent of a mother for the marriage of her daughter. And, though chances are remote, he hopes to turn a runaway match into a regular marriage, though duty made him temporarily break up the affair.

The crisis occurred last night when Acting Detective Letzing noticed a soldier, who appeared very effeminate, at Thirteenth and Market streets. The soldier was so much so that the detective decided to investigate.

Girl in Army Uniform

The soldier answered in a woman's voice, so he removed his hat and lo, there was a beautiful head of dark hair. He arrested "him."

When taken before Le Strange for questioning, it turned out that "she" was Miss Virginia Crox, nineteen years old, of Wheeling, W. Va. Between sobs the pretty young woman—detectives avow she is all of that—revealed a romance which simply made LeStrange sorry he hadn't gone in for the ministry.

Near her home was a soldiers' training camp, she said, and there she met and fell in love with Private Oscar Leymeister, of Orwigsburg, Pa. When he was discharged from the army the couple decided to marry.

Her mother, Mrs. Virginia Morgan, who married a second time, objected, so four days ago, Miss Crox stole off and went to visit her intended husband's people. The couple decided to elope.

"We borrowed a uniform for myself from a friend of his," she said "and came to Philadelphia in different seats on the same railway train. We were looking for a minister to marry us, when the detective arrested me. Oscar was walking a few feet in front of me so that no suspicion would be aroused. Won't you let us find a minister and be married?" she pleaded.

Couldn't Resist Appeal

Le Strange could hardly resist the appeal of her brown eyes. He had to turn her over to the matron, Mrs. Margaret Cooper, and hold her as a runaway.

This morning, however, Leymeister came in looking for his intended wife. They met in the detective bureau. The meeting was rather affectionate. Le Strange listened to the soldier's story. It agreed with the girl's. "Well," he said, "you can't get married in those clothes. Besides, the bride has to have her mother's consent."

Then a happy thought struck him. He revealed it to the couple. A few minutes later Miss Crox was back with the matron. A telegram was off to Wheeling pleading for the consent of the mother. It was signed by Le Strange. Leymeister, meanwhile, was off to the nearest railroad station—he is going back to Orwigsburg to get the bride's clothes.

As Le Strange put it—"There is hope."



LIEUTENANT M. SEGAL

## BROUGHT RELIEF TO YANKS

Jewish Welfare Board Reached Even Isolated French Villages

"All dressed up and nowhere to go," Lieutenant M. Segal, just returned from the army of occupation in Germany, says of his visit to an isolated little village in France, where he expected to be bored to death by loneliness.

"I was beginning to feel a storm of gloominess ahead of me, for what on earth were we going to find to do here, I thought. We had been informed we would probably spend time immeasurable there. When my depression was at its height, like a vision, I saw the 'J. W. B.—Make Yourself at Home' sign over a hut."

In talking of his experience with the work of the Jewish Welfare Board, Lieutenant Segal became enthusiastic. "There's where it meant real service. Not in the big city, where all the philanthropic organizations seem to center, but in this little lonely village of ours, where the boys had no more than a freight station for entertainment. The boys surely are everlastingly indebted for the noble work of the Jewish Welfare Board."

Lieutenant Segal went overseas August, 1918. He saw active service in France until the armistice, and then went to Germany with the army of occupation. His entire stay "over there" was about eight months, and he asserts he has "not had enough of it." He lives at 316 Reed street.

## THOMAS JENKINS BURIED

Last Rites of Masonic Order Mark Funeral of Old Member

Thomas C. Jenkins, for thirty years active in Masonic lodges in this city, who died Thursday, was buried with full Masonic rites this afternoon from his home, 3212 Race street.

Mr. Jenkins was one of the oldest members of the Meridian Sun Lodge, was a Knight Templar, Mary Commandery, and a member of Lu Lu Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Louisa P. Jenkins, and three children—Louis, Russell and Captain Thomas E. Jenkins, now in France with the aviation service.

## HAPPIEST EASTER HERE WITH WAR CLOUDS GONE

Somber Sundays of Two Battle-Ridden Years Fade Into Gray Background as Real Miracle Day Dawns for World

The happiest Easter since 1914 will dawn tomorrow. For four years the Easter season has been clouded by war. America joined the Allies on Good Friday, 1917, and spent two Easter Sundays under the cloud.

Good deeds, religious devotion and the happy Easter traditions of children and their elders will all find place in the celebration of the day.

At the University Hospital, 3400 Spruce street, the Abrahamson Christmas and Easter committee has planned a special dinner for all the patients. Blossoming plants will be put in each ward and the children will be given Easter eggs. Mrs. A. R. Evans, of Ardmore, is in charge of the Easter arrangements.

### Joy for Shut-ins

The Shut-in Society is planning to send a greeting to each of the 1000 shut-ins who cannot take part in the church services or march in the Easter parade. Groceries and fruit and special dainties will be sent to each one and automobile rides will take some of the children into the parks.

By a canon law made effective last year, Lent ends at noon today in the Catholic churches. Holy Saturday will be observed by the blessing of Easter water and its distribution to the people. Churches have prepared elaborate services with Easter music to celebrate the resurrection and sermons to remind

the world of the first Easter day will be preached from all Christian pulpits. At home, children will again indulge in the luxuries forbidden by the war. There will be nests with chocolate covered eggs bearing the name of the little girl or boy whom the Easter rabbit has remembered again after two years' forgetfulness. And bright colored hen's eggs will appear once more in abundance on breakfast tables.

### Peace-Time Colors Flame

The fashions that have been neglected in the thrift of war economy will take on new life tomorrow. New dresses

and hats will appear, provided the weather permits, and bright colors will displace the somber utility shades that have dulled the outlook for the last few years.

Broad street and Rittenhouse Square will see the return of the fashion parade and the trees and bushes are already in leaf to serve as a background of spring for the enthusiastic photographer.

U-BOAT NEAR COAST

Captured German Craft Reported Off Nantucket, Bound for N. Y.

Boston, April 19.—The naval communications office here established radio communication last night with the U-111, one of the captured German submarines which are being brought to this country.

The messages indicated that the submarine was near Nantucket Shoals Lightship, and was bound for New York.

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