

SILK THIEVES FIGHT POLICE WITH GUNS

Wagon Containing \$2500 in Goods Recovered After Battle. Robbers Escape

LOOT REMAINS UNCLAIMED

Some wholesale silk store or warehouse was robbed last night, but the owners do not yet know it. This is the conclusion of the police after the capture of a wagon loaded with about \$2500 worth of silks and tapestry early today. No one has appeared to claim the supposed loot of the robbers, who escaped after a revolver battle with the police.

About 3 o'clock this morning Patrolmen Manuigan and Deveney, of the Forty-second precinct station, noticed a wagon drawn by a two-horse team on Lancaster avenue near Forty-eighth street.

Deciding to investigate the cause of the early use of the vehicle, they called to the driver to halt. In reply several shots were fired from the wagon. The policemen returned the shots.

Four men jumped from the wagon and ran toward the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks, firing at the policemen as they ran. The fugitives disappeared after crossing the tracks.

Inquiry showed that the wagon belonged to a teamster living near Forty-fifth and Aspen streets. He said he did not know who had taken out his vehicle during the night.

Seek Air Photographers

Twenty-six photographers are being sought here for the service of the navy. A new school of aerial photography has just been opened at Anacostia, D. C.

BENEFIT FOR ACTORS AT FORREST TODAY

National Endowment Fund is Aided by Performance Here

The warmest-hearted profession in the world held a benefit performance at the Forrest Theatre this afternoon as an aid to raising Philadelphia's share of the Actors' National Endowment Fund.

Actors the world over look after the failures and the sick and needy of their profession. In the old precarious days an actor who was fortunate enough to be drawing a salary would always help out a poorer brother artist who was proudly and gamely trying to make his last few dollars cover a multitude of expenses. Today the more successful of the profession are taking more adequate, if less intimate and picturesque, means of providing for the players who have scouted and fettered their little hour upon the stage without any satisfactory monetary results.

Thirty-eight years ago Lester Wallick, Joseph Jefferson, Edwin Booth and other great actors of the day met on the stage of Wallick's Theatre in New York and established the Actors' Fund of America. Since then the needs of the organization have enormously increased and now, for the first time, the public is being called upon to provide an adequate endowment fund.

There was something reminiscent of the great, and the lovable, pathetic, laughable little great of the brotherhood of actors about this benefit this afternoon. It called up the hope and the striving, the ambition and the hardships of all who have ever walked the vanished boards, the laughter, the despair and the immortal camaraderie of the sock and buskin. All the past of grease paint and wigs and warm hearts lived again when the curtain arose on this greatest "song" to the brother out of luck that the profession has ever known.

Ship Recruits to Leave for West

A party of twenty-three young men who enlisted in the navy here will leave tonight for California, where they will receive their training. The recruits will march through the city this afternoon, accompanied by the band of the U. S. S. Nevada.

AMERICAN The Balanced Six

"MILES OF SMILES"

Will meet your ideals of beauty, richness of appointments, power, quality and stamina

American Sedan Sixlet & Touring Cars ready for immediate delivery

PENN AMERICAN MOTOR CAR CO. 2041 Market Street

The Christmas Gift of Distinction— a Beautiful Lamp

Lovely new lamps of exclusive, original design abound at the Electric Shop, Tenth and Chestnut Street

A new section is devoted particularly to the better class of lamps—in an attractive setting where you can readily appreciate the beauty and color value of each lovely lamp.

This display runs the whole gamut from simple Colonial to elaborately carved Chinese Chippendale. Whatever your choice, you will find it in this new Lamp Shop and at prices as low as anywhere for this class of merchandise.

A Colonial chair lamp in dull silver and velour—designed by Stanford White—is \$55. An especially good Satsuma, picturing the story of the Thousand Wise Men, is \$150. Then there are some lovely Cloisonne lamps at \$65; some original designs in hand-carved mahogany floor standards at \$40 and \$65, with attractive, soft, hand-rubbed finish; and some silver polychrome and gold floor lamps which are distinctly unusual.

Two of the most admired pieces are dull blue Chinese vases, mounted in silver, with very lovely flat shades of a soft salmon pink with a deep luxurious fringe. The price is \$195 each and they may be bought separately.

The wise individual will make his lamp selection early—while the stock offers large variety and before the holiday-busying crowds strain shopping facilities. Prices range from \$1.50 for an imported candle shade to \$200 for a Chinese Chippendale floor lamp with shade to match.

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IF YOU HAVE PROPERTIES WHERE SUCH CONDITIONS EXIST

we will take full charge of their future management and make them sanitary and comfortable so that you can still realize a reasonable return. Address our superintendent, Frederick C. Feld, 613 Lombard street, and we will inspect the properties and confer with you.



Group of tenements and small houses improved and managed by the OCTAVIA HILL ASSOCIATION for the owner. A summer school, swings, sandpile and plants are features of the playground in the summer for the use of the 43 families.

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AIMS AND METHODS—If you did not read our big announcement in the Public Ledger yesterday, Thursday, Dec. 4 (morning and evening), setting forth our aims and methods, we shall be pleased to send a copy.

Address requests for information to Frederick C. Feld, superintendent, 613 Lombard Street, Phila., or call at our office. Stock subscriptions should be sent to Howard Butcher, Jr., treasurer, Real Estate Trust Building, Philadelphia.



Bring Out the Best in Your Children

YOU surround your children with every beautiful thought and action known to you. You want their lives to be sweet and clean—so that in years to come they may retain the influence of that beauty which you so carefully instilled into their minds and hearts—a lasting memory of the love and happiness that made up their home.

Harmony—contentment—and happiness—does not necessarily mean having a piano. But having an Estey Player Piano does multiply the joys of your home and adds to its harmony and contentment, at the same time infusing into the minds of youth all that is good and beautiful in music.

Let us demonstrate the wonderful possibilities of the Estey Player-Piano for you. Interesting booklet explaining our easy-payment plan mailed upon request.

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This Store is open until 6 P. M. every day up to Dec. 24, 1919

BLAUNERS

A Fine Sale of 1000 Coatees and Sports Coats

16.75 — 22.50 — 25.00



We could call this a phenomenal Sale, according to the values we are giving, but we do not use such terms in everyday advertising of our sales.

But we would like you to see these Coats and then shop them in any store in the city, and you will find them from \$5.00 to \$15.00 higher than our Coats. We want you to see this for yourself, and if you find we exaggerate, we don't want you to buy our Coats.

This Lot Includes Sports Coats and Coatees

- Black Plush
- Muskrat Fur Fabric
- Pressed Plush
- Kerami
- Polo Cloth
- Pom-pom Cloth
- Leatherette
- Beaver Plush
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Not one popular mode has been omitted in this Sale of fur fabric and cloth models with Kit Coney, Beaverette or Sealine Collars. Every Woman and Miss can find her style from this amazing variety!

200 Long Coats of Bolivia 25.00

All the new swagger models in fashionable shades, with large, handsome Sealine shawl collars. Interlined and silk lined.

Blauner's Downstairs Store

175 Suits Reduced 29.75

Value 35.00 Velour, silvertone and serge in smart styles. Sealine trimmed.

35.00—45.00

Silvertones, velours, broadcloths and Full-Wool jersey. Reduced from 42.50 and 50.00. Blauner's Second Floor

Suits

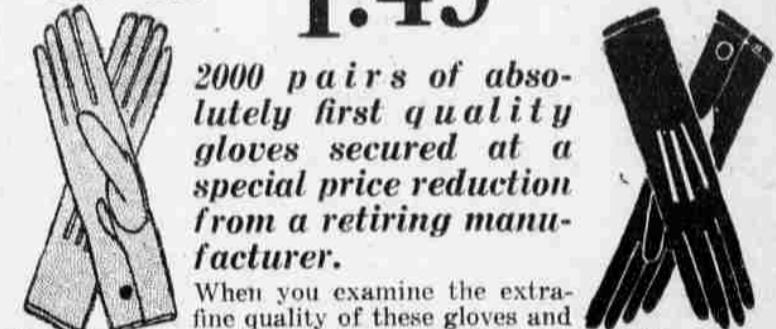
Worth 22.50 to 25.00. Well-made Suits of Oxfords, herringbone and serge, in the smartest styles and newest colors. 15.00

High class Suits, valued from 35.00 to 45.00—rich velours and silvertones, sports tweeds and Oxfords, tailored wool poplins. 25.00

Downstairs Store

GREAT GLOVE SALE

Values 2.50—3.00 1.45 Values 2.50—3.00



2000 pairs of absolutely first quality gloves secured at a special price reduction from a retiring manufacturer.

When you examine the extra-fine quality of these gloves and their perfect workmanship shown in pique and fine inner-seaming, you'll agree that you're getting a truly remarkable glove bargain. Heavy brown cape gloves—pearl grey dress kid gloves—white washable kid and white washable doeskin. Every pair saves you 1.00 to 1.50. Blauner's Main Floor

BLOUSE SALE

An Extraordinary Purchase of 500 Exquisite Net and Georgette Blouses to Be Offered at Prices That Are Half the Actual Value of These Blouses. Fine Christmas Gifts!

3.00 5.00

Values 7.00—8.00 Values 8.00—10.00

At 3.00 is offered a remarkable purchase of some of the handsomest net blouses of the season in every fashionable suit shade, embroidered in artistic contrasts, finely tucked and satin trimmed.

At 5.00 are Georgette Blouses of super quality; every color, every mode; beading, embroidery, braiding, two-tone combinations. Blauner's Main Floor



Skirts 10.00

Values 14.75—16.50 Just 100 of these extraordinary Skirts at this low price. Serges, plaids, Baronet satins and Kumsi Kumsas.

Third Floor

Dresses 9.94

Serges and Cotton Tricotines Tailored and tunic style. Serges—embroidery, novelty stitching and silk tassels.

14.96

Velvets, satins and serges in the newest modes of the season. In many shades.

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