

**DRINK-BRED CRIME
HERE LESS IN 1919**

Superintendent Robinson Attributes Increase in Violent Offenses to After-War Unrest

HOSPITAL RUM CASES SAG

Minor crimes and misdemeanors have decreased greatly since war prohibition became effective, although major offenses, such as highway robbery and crimes of violence, have increased over former years, according to Superintendent of Police Robinson.

"Even though the major crimes will show an increase over previous years," the superintendent stated, "this is simply a world-wide phenomenon, due to after-the-war unrest. Every city in every country in the world has or is experiencing it, and it will continue for some time. Crimes traceable to drink, however, show a tremendous decline since July 1."

The superintendent said prohibition does not affect the more serious crimes for the reason that automobiles, hand-dits and other hold-up men do not drink.

"They may take a little while 'off duty,'" he said, "but none of them ever drinks before starting out on the commission of a crime."

The superintendent's statement as to the lessening of misdemeanors traceable to strong drink is borne out by the records of the Philadelphia General Hospital, and of Moyamensing Prison. In September, 1917, more than 250 men and women came to the hospital to be treated for alcoholism. Last September the number had dwindled to sixty-one.

Superintendent Cook, of Moyamensing Prison, commenting on a reduced number of misdemeanors, said:

"The ten-day men and the persons charged with disorderly conduct, in nine cases out of ten was due to strong liquor, are mighty scarce around here."

"Our convict department at Holmesburg is comfortably filled, however, and while our average is 500, we now have 700 convicts up there."

Police and prison officials believe the major crimes would be even more numerous were it not for the lengthy sentences being imposed by the courts on such offenders.

Deaths of a Day

Mrs. Margaret Corby

Mrs. Margaret Ellen South Corby, a sister of ex-Magistrate Thomas W. South, chief clerk of the board of mercantile appraisers, died yesterday of pneumonia, after a brief illness of ten days' duration, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George B. Scattergood, 5422 Chestnut street.

A sister, Mrs. Kate South France, died of the same disease on Christmas Day at her home, 1233 1/2 Lengrove street, Frankford, and was buried on Monday.

Margaret Ellen South and Edward Corby and Ida Corby and Thomas W. South were married at a double wedding in Cincinnati August 1, 1877. The Corbys were brother and sister, as were the Souths.

Mrs. Corby is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Scattergood and Mrs. Bentley Wales Rice; a grandson, Miss Eleanor Rible; an even more prominent Thomas W. South and Harry South, and two sisters, Mrs. Belle Jones and Mrs. William Sheddinger.

Paul Swartley

Paul Swartley, of 2119 North Eleventh street, who was prominent in Masonic circles, died yesterday. Before his health failed several years ago, Mr. Swartley was manager for the Union News Co., in the Reading terminal. He was born thirty-one years ago in Rogersford, Pa., and his mother and a sister, Miss Swartley, live in this city. He was survived by his widow, a little daughter and a brother, Edward Swartley. Mr. Swartley, a thirty-second degree Mason, was a member of Palestine Lodge, No. 470, Philadelphia Consistory. In 1904 Temple and other organizations.

Andrew Miller

New York, Jan. 1.—Andrew Miller, sixty-two years old, one of the owners of life and among the foremost of American sportsmen, died of heart disease at his home here yesterday. Coincident with announcement of his death came news from New Jersey stock farm that his famous racehorse, Roamer, broke a leg and had to be shot yesterday morning.

**DIVORCE SUITS HERE
IN 1919 SET RECORD**

2886 Suits Filed and 1301 Petitions Granted—Marriages Also Hit Top

BUSIEST YEAR IN COURTS

Marriages and divorces during the past year made a record over the preceding year. Incidentally the divorce cases contributed to the busiest year in the history of the courts.

There were 19,800 marriage licenses issued during the past year, an increase of 2023 over the preceding year. On the other hand, 2886 divorce suits were entered in the Common Pleas Court in 1919. This is an increase over the 1918 record by 1088. Of the number of divorce cases filed, the majority of which were filed by women, 1301 were granted.

Towards of 25,000 civil suits, judgments and other legal proceedings were filed in the Common Pleas courts in 1919. Common Pleas Court No. 5, which handled 4747 cases, was the busiest of all. Court No. 1 tried 4227 cases; Court No. 2, 4400 cases; Court No. 3, 4212 cases, and Court No. 4, 3970 cases. Court No. 6 received all petitions for the appointment of election officers, and the handling of all matters pertaining to the primary and general elections. This accounts for that court's tremendous business.

The report of Henry F. Walton, prothonotary, showed for the year 1919 total receipts of his office of \$449,890.59 for that year, and added to this was \$33,432.68 received by him as clerk of the Municipal Court. He has not yet compiled a report for the past year, but it is known to have been a prosperous year for his office. The receipts for the month of December alone amounted to \$23,000, which is considered a very good showing.

UNCLE SAM LOWERS TAXES

Levy on Incomes Drops and War Profit Assessments Expire

A reduction in the income tax provided for in a bill passed by Congress in 1917 will take effect this year. The rates will be reduced from 6 per cent to 4 and from 12 per cent to 8. Last year everybody with an income above \$1900 a year and up to \$4000 paid 6 per cent. This year they will pay 4 per cent. Those with incomes above \$4000 and more than \$10000 paid 12 per cent last year and this year will pay 8.

Surtaxes on incomes above \$5000 a year remain as usual, ranging from 1 per cent up to 65 per cent. War profit taxes will die a natural death. The normal corporation tax is reduced from 12 to 10 per cent. Excess taxes are also reduced.

French Cross to Trolley Employee

Charles N. Baldwin, who is employed in the office of the Philadelphia and West Chester Traction Co., at Lancaster, can wear the French war cross with a star today. The French consul presented the Croix de Guerre to Baldwin yesterday for bravery at Belleau Wood.

The Strawbridge & Clothier January Sales

THE January Sales start to-morrow. Prices average somewhat higher than in former January Sales, yet the benefits are greater than ever from the viewpoint of TRUE ECONOMY, for value must be judged by prices in their relation to cost of production. And, judged on that basis, the values are very exceptional. The reason is that we own the merchandise at lower prices than it would cost to duplicate it.

COMPETITIVE striving and the desire for continued growth can be depended upon to keep prices to the lowest possible level, as far as retail distribution is concerned. Raw materials cost from two to four times as much as in 1914. The wages of skilled labor in all lines have increased. Considering these and other related facts, it is easy to see that the prices in our January Sales are WONDERFULLY LOW.

Great Variety and Extraordinary Values in the January Sale of Clothing for Men

More than a quarter of a million dollars' worth of Clothing—a large portion of our great stock—will be in this ANNUAL WINTER SALE at much below our regular prices. The greater number of these remarkable lots are from our season's stock, marked at REDUCED PRICES, while the remainder are purchases of months ago which have just arrived, to be sold at prices as low or LOWER THAN WE SHOULD HAVE TO PAY for them to-day. In fact, throughout the vast accumulation of Clothing in the Sale—

January Sales Prices are About Present Wholesale Value

In the Sale are large quantities of Clothing from the Stein-Bloch Company, Hart, Schaffner & Marx and the manufacturers of the well-known "Alco" Clothes, and from several other reliable houses—Clothing of standard quality, correct, up-to-date fashion—models for men of conservative taste and a wide assortment of smart styles for young men.

- Men's Suits—Now \$36.50**
Hart, Schaffner & Marx and "Alco" Suits, in smart styles for men and young men.
- Men's Suits—Now \$46.50**
Hart, Schaffner & Marx, Stein-Bloch and "Alco" Suits, in a great variety of styles.
- Men's Suits—Now \$34.50**
Flannel Suits of "Alco" make. Men's and young men's styles, in blue, brown and green shades.
- Men's Suits—Now \$31.50**
An excellent selection of attractive Suits from our regular reliable suppliers—smart styles and fabrics.
- Men's Suits—Now \$23.00**
Well-made Suits of trustworthy, good-looking fabrics and in excellent styles—at less than wholesale value.
- Men's Suits—Now \$26.50**
Suits of mixed chevrons in the greatly desired dark neat patterns and colorings.
- Overcoats—Now \$58.50**
Hart, Schaffner & Marx Overcoats, of finest fabrics, in handsome styles and finished with rich linings.
- London Overcoats, \$68.50**
Thexton & Wright London-made Overcoats, in the smartest styles authenticated by Englishmen of good taste.
- Overcoats—Now \$36.50**
Stein-Bloch and "Alco" Ulsters and Ulsterettes for men and young men.
- Overcoats—Now \$46.50**
Stein-Bloch and "Alco" Overcoats—Ulsters and Ulsterettes and neat, plain styles. Excellent fabrics and rich linings.
- Overcoats—Now \$31.50**
Ulsters, Ulsterettes and plain Overcoats, in a variety of fabrics and styles for men and young men.
- Overcoats—Now \$23.00**
Conservative Chesterfield Overcoats, of dark Oxford fabrics, well tailored.
- Overcoats—Now \$26.50**
Ulsters and Chesterfield Overcoats—the former including a plentiful supply of sizes and proportions for larger men.
- Fur-Lined Coats—\$275.00**
Hart, Schaffner & Marx Overcoats—shells of fine overcoatings, lined with northern muskrat and with fine beaver collar.
- Fur-Lined Coats—\$155.00**
Shell of dark mixed overcoating, with lining and collar of fine fur in harmonious shades.
- Fur-Lined Coats—\$65.00**
Overcoats, lined with natural muskrat and with collar of Persian lamb.
- Fur-Lined Coats—\$185.00**
Shell of fine black cloth, with lining and collar of rich, lustrous natural fur.
- Fur-Collar Coats—\$47.50**
Excellent fabrics, in Ulsterette styles, with collar of genuine fur.
- Fur-Collar Coats—\$67.50**
Ulsterette Overcoats, of neat, dark mixtures, with harmonious collar of lustrous fur.
- Fur-Collar Coats—\$95.00**
Hart, Schaffner & Marx Overcoats, of splendid dark fabric, with collar of genuine beaver.
- Leather Coats Reduced**
Overcoats, reversible—cloth and leather—now \$38.50, \$37.50 and \$46.50. MacInaw-length Coats, lined with corduroy—\$22.50.
- Youths' (Long Trousers) Suits**
Suits especially designed for the young man of 16 to 19 years—now \$18.50, \$29.50 and \$41.50.
- Men's Separate Trousers**
Well-tailored, of neat, dark fabrics—now \$6.75, \$7.75 and \$8.75.

50,000 Yards of Silk Under Price

TWENTY-FIVE DIFFERENT LOTS of plain and fancy Silks at prices which represent present wholesale value and less—that's the plain, brief, true statement of what the January Sale of Silks has in store for you! It is a really wonderful opportunity for saving. The price of raw silk and cost of manufacture are much higher than ever before, and Silks are high-priced as compared with a few years ago, but all of the Silks in this Sale are MUCH BELOW OUR REGULAR PRICES, and most of them are LESS THAN PRESENT MILL PRICES.

We cannot give detailed descriptions to-day, but the Sale starts TO-MORROW with WONDERFUL VARIETY and WONDERFUL VALUES. Practically every kind of plain-colored, fancy and novelty-weave SILK, SATIN and VELVET now in demand is in this Sale.

Remarkable January Reductions On Women's Winter Suits and Dresses

As is our custom, in January we effect a complete clearance of all that remains of the winter season's stocks, regardless of the desirability of the individual garments, and of the fact that the longer wearing season is still ahead. Women who are accustomed to wait for this Sale, will find the usual high satisfaction in their selections and in the substantial savings in dollars which this event always affords:

- Fine Suits, Now \$175 to \$375**
Elaborate Three-piece Costumes, of chignon velvet, duvetine and velveteen, embroidered and handsomely trimmed with fur. Also Two-piece Suits, of duvetine, glove-suede and peachblow, in exclusive models, beautifully fur-trimmed.
- Suits, Now \$100.00 to \$150.00**
Of frost-glow, duvet de laine, velveteen and chin-chilla satin, some embroidered, some fur-trimmed.
- Suits, Now \$80.00 to \$95.00**
Of peachblow, velour, imperial, yalama cloth, tricotine and velveteen, some embroidered, some fur-trimmed, some finished with smart leather belt.
- Suits, Now \$50.00 to \$75.00**
Practical Tailored Suits and more elaborate models, of various fashionable fabrics, including stripes and checks. Extra-size models in this group.
- Suits, Now \$47.50 to \$75.00**
Velveteen Suits, in black and navy blue, some belted, some plaited, some flaring from the waistline, also models on semi-fitted lines. Some fur-trimmed.
- Suits, Now \$22.50 to \$42.50**
Of whipcord, silvertone, wool velour and tweeds; belted and semi-belted, and some on more tailored lines.
- Afternoon Dresses, Now \$40.00**
Satin Dresses, in redingote style, with long-line bodice and tie belt; trimmed with clustered tucks and finished with tucked crepe Georgette vestee.
- Afternoon Dresses, \$42.50**
Of Paulette and sylvanette, made on long, straight lines and in peplum effects, some beaded and embroidered.
- Afternoon Dresses, Now \$50.00**
High-class models, of crepe meteor, ratelasse, satin, crepe Georgette, tricotette and Paulette. Tunic, blouse and straight-line effects, some models with long, graceful draperies.
- Dresses, Now \$22.50 to \$250.00**
Of serge, tricotine, Oxford cloth, velour checks and Poiret twill. Redingote, straight-line and draped models; plain-tailored or elaborately beaded or embroidered. Some very fine Duvetine Dresses included.
- Evening Dresses, Now \$45.00**
Beautifully draped and double-skirt styles, developed in beautiful materials, and including the lovely high colors and delicate shades as well as black.
- Evening Dresses, Now \$50.00**
Velvet and shimmering taffetas, strongly featuring artistic draperies, and ostrich and floral trimmings.

Many Elaborate Evening Gowns in the Sale at \$90.00

Elaborate Gowns, of silver cloth, moire silk, net, taffeta and metal brocade, in triple-skirt and draped effects, with much trimming of ostrich and gold lace.

The January Sale of Muslin Underwear An Economy Event of Importance

The Great January Sale of Muslin Undergarments, all Silk Undergarments, presents exceptional opportunities to save. Six months ago we started preparations for this important economy event with the result that PRICES OF MERCHANDISE IN THE SALE AVERAGE ONE-THIRD LESS THAN PRESENT RETAIL VALUES. Values are practically equal to those of last January—an achievement accomplished in spite of the great increase in the cost of Undergarments during the year.

Remarkable, also, the variety of designs included. All the most desirable effects, in cut and in trimming, from the simplest to the most elaborate.

Such a collection of Muslin and Silk Undergarments we are proud to present as representative of the exceptional savings that have made our January Sale an economy event of unusual importance.

Undergarments of Nainsook, Cambric, Crepe and Flesh-color Batiste Undergarments of Flesh-color or White Crepe de Chine & Wash Satin, Extra-size Undergarments, including Cotton and Silk

A Manufacturer's Sample Line of Muslin Undergarments At a Saving of One-fourth Night Gowns, Envelope Chemise and Petticoats, daintily trimmed

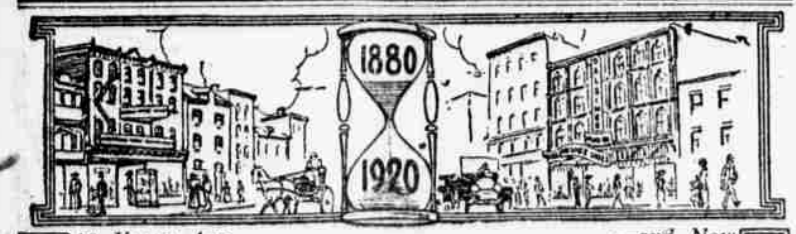
ALSO JANUARY SALES OF—

Thousands of good Corsets of Well-known Makes, Under Price. Smart Petticoats of Silk and Cotton, at Substantial Savings. Hand-Embroidered Philippine Underwear, Good Values. Exceptional Values in Infants' and Children's Muslin Underwear. Women's House Dresses, Bath Robes and Kimonos, at Worth-while Savings.

Exceptional Values in Fine Linens

Linens at less than market prices have been among the most attractive of our January Sales for years. But this will be the MOST UNIQUE SALE of Linens we have ever had—an event such as would not be possible in any other store. More than one hundred large ocean packing cases of REAL LINEN fabrics, bought long ago, but only recently shipped and just taken from the Custom House, are in the Sale beginning TOMORROW. This is of great importance to every housekeeper who welcomes the opportunity to again procure beautiful household Linens at moderate prices. Based upon present and recent costs of production, these Linens are WORTH TWENTY-FIVE TO FIFTY PER CENT. MORE than our January Sale prices.

The Sale includes 8,800 Linen Dinner Cloths; 26,000 yards of Linen Table Damask; 7,000 dozen Linen Napkins; 200 hemstitched Linen Damask Cloths and Sets; 1,000 dozen fine Linen Damask Towels; 4,600 dozen Linen Huck Towels, and 54,000 yards of Linen Toweling. All these at much less than present market value.



A New Year brings new opportunities for the House of Dalsimer to serve its many patrons

Forty years of fitting feet is the enviable record of Dalsimer, the largest and most fully equipped shoe house in Philadelphia. Five floors of fine footwear, over a thousand styles, a fit for every foot, a price for every purse. An efficient staff of shoe experts assures satisfaction, and Dalsimer reputation guarantees style, quality and economy.

'TIS A FEAT TO FIT FEET
Dalsimer
THE BIG SHOE STORE
1204-06-08 Market St.

Other Prominent January Events Starting To-morrow

\$50,000 WORTH OF BOYS' CLOTHING REDUCED. FINE FURS UNDER PRICE. 10,000 WAISTS AT A SAVING. MORE THAN 1000 WOMEN'S COATS AT CLEARANCE PRICES. JANUARY VALUES IN THE MISSES' WEAR STORE.

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