

### FIRST WARD SHOWS BIRTH DECREASE

Surprising Condition Revealed at Conference of Public Health Workers

### MAYOR STATES HIS VIEWS

The birth rate of the crowded First ward, in South Philadelphia, is falling off in surprising manner.

This surprising situation was disclosed at a meeting of public health workers last night in the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Third and Reed streets.

The decrease in the birth rate was shown in a survey of the First ward by the Health Bureau, Mayor Moore, who spoke at the meeting, said regarding the health survey figures.

"We are hopeful that the federal census will show a great increase in our population. It is predicted that we have 2,000,000 people here now. But these health reports from the First ward, where we have a large foreign-born population, are worthy of consideration."

"The problem is one to which Theodore Roosevelt referred when he gave utterance to his famous 'race suicide' delirium. It is the same old story which confronted France prior to the war, when the birth rate fell off so deliberately as to menace her supremacy when the big family army of Germany struck its heavy blow."

"We drafted 5,000,000 men to help France and our other allies, but it is reported that 1,000,000 of the 5,000,000 were in some way unfit, physically or otherwise, for the service. This is our problem for mothers and fathers, as well as for all good citizens. Are we becoming so extravagant, so pleasure-loving and so profit-seeking that we do not care whether our manpower continues or not? The Department of Health should be encouraged in bringing the people together in a community spirit, to talk over these health problems."

"In wards like the First, the Second, the Third, the Fourth and the Fifth, we have a vast foreign-born population. They are here and their lives and livelihood should be encouraged thoroughly to Americanize themselves. If we withdraw our encouragement and assistance from them, they may continue to speak their own language, and some of them may develop prejudices against our institutions. As a rule they develop large families and their children should be encouraged."

"This is one of our big problems, a problem for the Department of Health, which is now at work among the mothers and the children, as I have indicated, and it is a problem for the Department of Public Welfare, which is now being organized under Director Tustin, to do what it can, with the assistance of good citizens, to develop among the foreign-born a lively and sympathetic interest in American ideals."

The meeting was called for the benefit of the mothers of the First ward and was addressed by the Rev. H. Cresson McHenry, secretary of the City Missions; Chief Vogtson, Department of Health, and Dr. Herbert I. Hartman, chief of the Division of Child Hygiene.

**MARQUISE VISITS RELATIVES**  
Former Miss Myra Dick at Nephew's Chestnut Hill Home

The Marquise de Breveire d'Alaincourt is visiting her nephew, Laugherus Bullitt Dick, and Mrs. Dick, of Chestnut Hill. She was formerly Miss Dick, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Franklin A. Dick, and is the sister of William Alexander Dick, also of Chestnut Hill.

This is the Marquise's first visit to America in ten years. She arrived in this country in January and will return to Paris the first week in April.

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### ROBBERY PLANS FAIL

Boys Knock Over Shelf of Canned Goods and Are Caught

Several hours' vigil in a barrel and the efforts of jimmying a window went for naught when two boys, fourteen years old, knocked over a big shelf of canned goods in the Whitaker Bakery, 4365 Crossen street, early this morning.

The crash attracted the attention of the chief of a restaurant next door and the boys were arrested.

The boys gave their names as Charles Jasker, 4320 Silverwood street, and Charles Stefomski, 4314 Terrace street. They were sent to the House of Detention.

Jasker and Stefomski told Patrolman Green, of the Manayunk station, who arrested them, that they went into the restaurant next to the bakery early in the evening. They stole a lap robe and coat. These they used to hide themselves in a barrel in a garage in back of the restaurant until they made their unsuccessful attempt to rob the bakery. The Whitaker bakery was robbed last summer.

### WOMAN HELD FOR THEFT

Jailed With Babe for Alleged Fur Coat Larceny

A woman who carried a crying babe in her arms was sent to prison in default of \$500 bail today when arraigned in Central Station for the alleged larceny of a fur coat, valued at \$325.

Mrs. Ida Gold, 167 Locust street, near State second, the defendant, according to the police, took the coat from a Market street department store. A store clerk, today, for another coat valued at \$225 was found in her home police alleged.

Mrs. Gold, according to the testimony before Magistrate Brown, bought a \$305 coat Saturday in the department store. It was alleged she switched the \$305 coat for a more expensive garment and later visited the store twice, each time exchanging the coat she stole for one of higher value.

### GIVE SECOND CONCERT

Tioga Choral Society Presents "The Legend of Don Munio"

The Tioga Choral Society repeated its ninth winter concert last night at St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church, Broad and Venango streets. The concert was first rendered February 5, but inclement weather prevented many from attending.

"The Legend of Don Munio," by Dudley Buck, was presented and a chorus of women's voices sang several numbers. Solists were Miss Emily Stokes, Hagar, soprano; Miss Edna Smith, contralto; Royal P. MacLellan, tenor; and Louis J. Howell, baritone. The accompanist was Mrs. H. C. Martin. The concert was directed by James Hartzell.

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### STEEL MAN GIVES CAUSES OF UNREST

Whiting Williams, After Practical Experience, Says Workers Must Be Understood

### WANT SECURITY, HE AVERS

Danger of joblessness, fatigue and ignorance of employers' character and inexperience are the fundamental causes of industrial unrest, in the opinion of Whiting Williams, vice president of the Hydraulic Pressed Steel Co., of Cleveland, O., who addressed hundreds of students of commerce and industry at the University of Pennsylvania yesterday afternoon.

After many had tried to determine what is on the worker's mind today, and after many arguments, largely theoretical, were advanced, it remained for Mr. Williams to delve down to the fundamental causes of present-day industrial unrest. This he did by pointing out and spending a seven-month "apprenticeship" in steel plants, shipyards and coal mines, on one range and in railroad roundhouses, a worker among workers.

As a result of his long and intimate contact with those who furnish the impetus energy essential to the operation of basic industries, Mr. Williams has reached the conviction that three things are on the worker's mind and the personal cause of the strikes and other industrial disturbances prevalent throughout the nation and the world.

These are: the pre-occupant importance of having a job, the terrible danger of being forced into joblessness; the inability of some between tiredness and temper; between fatigue of body and mind, between weakness of muscle and will, and the almost complete ignorance of the average worker as to the

plans, purposes, ideals and character of his employer.

"The workers want security of life and work," said Mr. Williams, "and in the main they feel that capital has done a better job of insuring it to them than any other system, but so long as wars and uncertainties continue they will be vastly more willing to listen to the man who advocates a new system. Unrest today is further aggravated by the hunch that the high cost of living has gotten the better of us, by the feeling that there is profiteering in the land, and the belief that something is being pulled off in Europe of which the workers are ignorant."

Although he believes that the employer has much to do that he has not previously done to curb industrial disturbances, Mr. Williams declared that he does not hold the unions and the workers blameless, but thinks those on both sides of the issue must set their houses in order. Both, he declared, have been suffering from "eye-boomeritis," have been too much engrossed in removing the beam from the other's eye. The unions, he said, must take into consideration the rights of the public and of the employers as well as of the workers before industrial peace can be proclaimed.

"The average worker is trying to lead a reasonable and logical life, in as normal and wholesome a manner as his occupation and living conditions will permit," said Mr. Williams. "He is not Bolshevik in the main. When he will become such, it ever, depends upon you and he."

"The average man does not want to upset things, to take over the management of industry. He wants a steady, good, decent, interesting job. We should try to get to him, to meet him where he lives, after we are sure we have got our own house in order. This is so true to harden our hearts and clench our fists. What every one needs is a cool head and a warm heart. It is time we stopped fuming and raving about the 'scops. We couldn't get along without them, for they are doing work we would not do at any price."

**M. G. HARRISON RECOVERING**  
Widely Known Horseman Undergoes Minor Operation for Old Injury

Mitchell G. Harrison, widely known horseman and amateur farmer, is recovering from a minor operation to the University Hospital.

The operation was necessitated by an injury he received in a riding accident several years ago. Mr. Harrison is a brother of Charles Curtis Harrison, Alfred C. Harrison and William W. Harrison. His mother was a sister of the late Dr. S. Weir Mitchell.

**Driver Injured in Collision**  
Joseph Zeislaich, forty years old, 710 North Eighth street, a driver for the firm of Swift & Co., meat packers, sustained a fractured right leg this morning when a collision with a trolley car threw him from his wagon. The accident occurred on Arch street between Eighth and Ninth streets. Zeislaich was taken to the Jefferson Hospital.



# What stylish men will wear this spring

There's one thing pretty certain; careful buying is going to be the style this spring. Men who want to make their money go farthest are going to get good, all-wool quality; such clothes save because they last several seasons.

The general tendency is toward the plain, single-breasted sacks; one, two and three buttons; with no fancy features. The coats will depend on designing skill for the style; that takes real art and real tailoring.

When it comes to the lines of the clothes you will find lower openings shown in coats and vests; lapels are lower and have square notches. The coats are longer.

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