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Washington, March 17.—Fair and clear tonight and Thursday.											
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30-YR. TERM ASKED AS BERGDOLL FAILS TO MAKE DEFENSE

Judge Advocate Brands Slacker "Despicable Coward" and "Skulking Liar"

Judge infers he's ready to battle Weinberger

Likens Defense Counsel to Judas—Says Desertion Crime Is as Bad as Murder

Bergdoll Almost Faints at Prosecution's Demand

In demanding a thirty-year term for Grover C. Bergdoll today, Judge Advocate Cresson said: "Bergdoll's crime was committed during wartime and he is subject to wartime punishment—any punishment a court-martial may decree."

Bergdoll almost fainted when he heard the recommendation of the judge advocate.

Colonel Cresson called Bergdoll a "skulking liar" and a "despicable coward," and the draft dodger dined at the epithets.

By a Staff Correspondent

Governors Island, N. Y., March 17.—At least thirty years in prison and a dishonorable discharge from the United States army in the punishment demanded for Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, millionaire draft-dodger and deserter, now being tried by court-martial.

Lieutenant Colonel Charles C. Cresson, trial judge, made that recommendation in a masterful summing up of evidence in the prosecution.

Bergdoll up as a deserter, who, he said, which was equal to murder.

Bergdoll was designated as a "skulking liar," a "despicable coward" and a physically healthy person whose present health some real American boys now may be paying by lying buried in Flanders field or walking about this country a cripple for life.

Mother Weeps, Leaves Room

At one time Colonel Cresson's indictment of Bergdoll became so scorching that Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll, his mother, got up and left the courtroom, tears appearing in her eyes as she left.

She was later pointed out by Colonel Cresson as a "lame duck" who, he said, intruders in her home with a six-shooter, while her miserable son lay half-clothed and hidden in a window-blind.

The court-martial of the Philadelphia millionaire began on March 4 in Corbin Hall, Governors Island, Eastern Department headquarters. The prosecution consumed eight days in presenting its case, ending on Monday.

The defense was given a day's grace to gather its forces to refute the evidence offered.

D. Clarence Gibbon, Bergdoll's family lawyer, sprang a surprise by announcing that the case made out by the government was so weak that no formal defense would be offered for Bergdoll.

This announcement was made after it was learned that five of the six witnesses subpoenaed for the defense had refused to appear in the slacker's behalf.

Afraid of Being Railroaded

Bergdoll was given a chance to take the witness stand or enter testimony in his own defense.

He refused, but later presented a report of his action, in which he said he ran away through fear of being "railroaded" into a tough job in the army by John P. Dwyer, secretary of the Overbrook draft board.

He said he believed he could have gotten a "soft" berth in any branch of the service if he had paid Dwyer a sufficient large sum of money.

The statement was taken and presented to the trial board for the consideration of the members.

Colonel Cresson began his address to the court-martial at 11:25 o'clock. At one time he was stopped by a heated objection by Harry Weinberger, Bergdoll's chief counsel, to whom he had clearly referred by innuendo as "a human jacky skulking along the sidewalk of New York ready, like a Judas Iscariot, ready to do anything to combat the law for a few pieces of silver."

Weinberger flushed and got up and demanded that the colonel retract his statement. "I did not mention the name of the defendant," Colonel Cresson said, "but if the show-ups, let him hear it."

"And I may say," he added punningly, "that Mr. Weinberger can find me on this island any time he wants after this court-martial is over."

Weinberger did not answer the indictment, the culmination of a long series of verbal clashes between the two.

Recalls Deaths in France

There never was a more perfect and absolute induction than that of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll by the Overbrook draft board.

Every T was crossed and every I was dotted, because the draft authorities knew what kind of a person they were dealing with.

"What good young American lies buried in Flanders field, because Grover Bergdoll was a deserter?"

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Sowing Seeds in Danny

It is an unusual title for a story. Well, that's all right.

It is an unusual story.

Nellie L. McClung tells it interestingly.

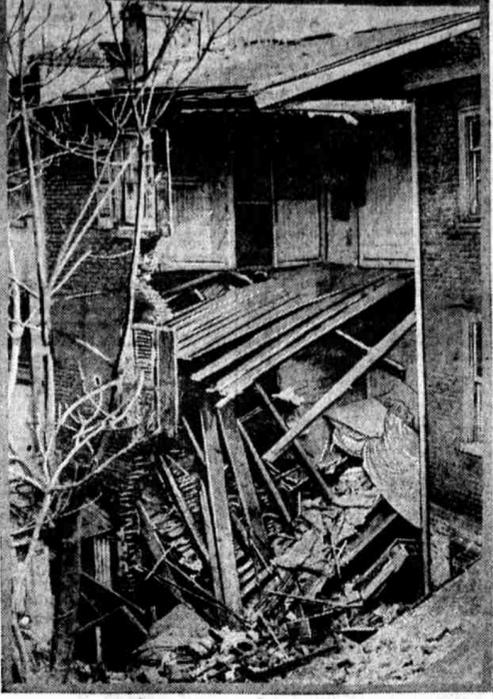
It begins today.

Turn to page 12.

And read the first installment.

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THREE-STORY HOUSE COLLAPSES



This picture shows the ruins of the house at 1510 North Bodine street, following collapse of the walls today. Nine persons who were in the house at the time escaped serious injury.

NINE ESCAPE DEATH IN HOUSE COLLAPSE

Lives of Six Adults and Three Children Endangered as Home in Bodine Street Is Wrecked

The entire rear of a three-story brick house at 1510 Bodine street collapsed at 5:30 o'clock this morning as six adults and three children were asleep on the two upper floors. All escaped serious injury.

The house was occupied by Martin Wolf, his wife Roxanna and their three children, Eliza, nine years old; Martha, five years old, and John, two years old. The Wolf family were in the front and middle bedroom of the second floor.

On the third floor were boarders, John Wolf, a cousin of Martin Wolf; John Henning and Michael Emorch and John Emorch, brothers.

Three Taken to Hospital

Three of the occupants required hospital treatment after the crash. Eliza Wolf, her mother, Mrs. Wolf, and her daughter, Eliza, were suffering from shock and were sent to St. Mary's Hospital. John Wolf received a sprained ankle and was sent to the same hospital.

When the rear wall crumbled, leaving a great hole that recalled stories of Zephrin's fall, the three floors were left standing as were the remaining walls. The back rooms simply disappeared, furniture falling into a heap with masonry and beams into a rear alley.

Patrolman Michael Smith, of the Front and Master streets station, was near the house when he heard the roar of the falling wall. He summoned a firetruck. Firemen ran a ladder to the second floor and carried Mrs. Wolf down. She was afraid to go down the stairway.

Children Carried to Safety

Martin Wolf, assisted by Patrolman Smith, carried the children down the stairway out to the street. The children, Eliza, Martha and John, were cared for by neighbors.

Police and inspectors of the building bureau began an investigation soon after the crash. According to police of the Front and Master streets station, the dwelling should have been condemned long ago.

VENTNOR APARTMENT BURNS

Fire Wrecks Interior of the Austin Tenants Escape

Atlantic City, March 17.—Fire wrecked the interior of the Austin, one of the most fashionable apartment houses in Ventnor City, about 3 o'clock this morning.

Mrs. Edward Crosta, owner of the building, discovered the fire after she had been aroused by smoke. She endeavored to telephone the Ventnor fire station and found the Hanes had put the phone lines out of order.

When neighbors ran to notify the firemen Mrs. Crosta roused her tenants. All made their escape. With the aid of Atlantic City companies the fire was brought under control. The apartment house, which it started, but the greater part of the building suffered from water and smoke. The damage is placed at \$500.

CHILD HELD IN KILLING

Coroner Follows Law in Case of Girl, 12, Who Shot Sister, 10

Coroner Knight today held Grace Albright, twelve years old, 232 West Highland avenue, Chestnut Hill, for the action of the juvenile court as the result of the death of her little sister, Mary, ten years old, whom she accidentally shot in their home, March 5.

The action of the coroner was called for by law.

Mary and Grace were playing in their home two weeks ago when Grace found a revolver, owned by her father, Conrad Albright, a letter carrier. She started to play with the weapon and it was discharged. A bullet entered Mary's abdomen and she later died in the Chestnut Hill Hospital.

Grace was paroled in the custody of her father.

Passenger Earnings Grow

Gross passenger earnings last year, according to the report, showed an increase of 13.84 per cent over 1918. Those earnings last year totaled \$24,730,589.51, in addition to receipts from the operation of \$1,299,929.91.

Expenses last year exceeded those of 1918 by \$4,000,000. The cost of conducting transportation alone increased

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When you think of writing, think of the Evening Ledger.

CURB CRIME, PLEASE TO METROLOGISTS IN MAYOR'S WELCOME

"I Know There Are Bandits in City Hall and All Walks of Life," He Warns Conference

DRUG EVIL GAINING GRIP; HIGH IDEALS AIM, HE SAYS

George W. Burnham Greeted Conferees as Layman—Hits Opponents of "Drys"

Calendar of Business at Methodist Conference

1. a. m.—Formal opening, with welcome by Mayor Moore on behalf of the city. George W. Burnham on behalf of congregation. Business session followed.

2. p. m.—Women's Home Missionary Society anniversary. The Rev. Dr. Daniel M. Brummitt, editor of the Epworth Herald, spoke on "Americanization."

4. p. m.—Pentecostal service, conducted by the Rev. Dr. Charles M. Boswell.

8. p. m.—Conference Claimants' Entertainment and Banquet. The Rev. Dr. Charles R. Oatley, Chicago, and the Rev. Dr. J. D. C. Hanna, speakers.

Mayor Moore, greeting the Methodists at the opening of their 133rd annual conference today in Wharton Memorial City Hall, said that he had finished stronger than the law to reach the people and stamp out crime.

He spoke of the lawlessness that has followed the return of the city, but he knew there were bandits in City Hall.

George W. Burnham, prominent layman, welcoming the ministerial delegates after the mayor had finished, condemned the "wolves in sheep's clothing" who are endeavoring to bring about a return to the use of alcohol.

Mayor Moore was introduced by Bishop Berry. In opening his address, the Mayor referred to his newspaper days, and told of an assignment to "cover" a Methodist conference. The Mayor then took up the theme of his discourse, "The Creed of Selfishness."

"How often people are misunderstood," he said. "It is not always an easy task to satisfy people who do not hold a position a little above the average. The little creed of selfishness creeps in everywhere. The municipal officials are criticized because he didn't do this or that, but he did this or that. The same is true in the ministry."

"We must sometimes look into our own hearts, even though we are charged with being politicians, and sometimes we find this spirit to criticize and condemn."

High Lights in Report of Rapid Transit Co.

The Future—New lines and extensions to be built with city funds should be planned to supplement, extend and increase the carrying capacity of the present system.

If new lines are planned wisely, adequate accommodations should be provided at cost slightly in excess of the \$23,000,000 originally planned for the city's transit program.

The Frankford "L" should be ready for operation as part of Market street system during the winter of 1920.

The greatest good to the greatest number determines every decision in the matter of service to the public.

There now exists an undistributed surplus of \$4,482,532.78, earned under the Stotesbury-Mitten management.

Finances—Gross earnings in 1919, \$36,030,510.42; expenses, \$24,303,829.40; net earnings from operation, \$11,645,690.02; fixed charges, \$9,929,813.22; surplus, \$1,715,876.80.

Continuance by the Rapid Transit Co. of a basic five-cent fare apparently assured for the present, if the company's annual report made a public today.

Stockholders of the company held their yearly meeting this morning at Eight and Dauphin streets, in the first session of the directors since the dissolution of the voting trust established in 1911.

Twenty-one shareholders, representing 446,222 of the 600,000 shares, authorized, were present at the session, with William M. Coates in the chair.

The meeting was called to order at 11:26 a. m. and was over in fifteen minutes.

William J. Montgomery, wholesale grocer, and president of the Eighth National Bank, and William Y. Trippe, a lawyer, were elected to the board of directors. They succeeded E. E. Ingham and J. J. Sullivan, Jr., who declined re-election.

The annual report was presented but was not read. The stockholders ratified the actions of the directors of the last year. No direct reference was made in the report to a maintenance of the five-cent fare, described as a "religion of mine" last year by Thomas E. Mitten, president of the company. But in discussing the physical valuation of the company's property now under way the report states:

"The company has since proceeded with the preparation of such valuation, and from the result thus far obtained is assured that the property has been so valued and increased during the period of this management as to make the value of the used and useful property well in excess of the amount necessary to support present charges."

The charges referred to are the operating costs, rentals paid underlying companies and fixed charges required by the city.

"Thought that the company was preparing to ask for an increased fare," given color recently by a statement by Samuel M. Clement, Jr., public service commissioner, that if extensions were to be made to the company's system more revenue must be obtained.

Mother Collapses When Case Goes to Pardon Board

By a Staff Correspondent

Harrisburg, Pa., March 17.—After arguments had been presented to the board of pardons today in behalf of John Morrison, sentenced to electrocution during the week beginning April 5, the mother of the condemned man, who with her husband, a New York policeman, sat through the argument, collapsed from grief.

"My son, my poor son," she sobbed, as she was carried away.

Morrison and his brother, James, robbed a jewelry store in Kensington, in 1919. They shot the jeweler, wounded him, and later John shot and killed the man's brother, who was pursuing the brothers after the hold-up in Philadelphia, on May 14, 1919, to be electrocuted.

Morrison was a dope addict and was not responsible for his actions when he shot Martin. Lieutenant Governor Biddleman, member of the board, interrupted with the observation that Morrison's father, knowing him to be a drug addict, should have had him confined.

A commutation for Samuel Coles, colored, of Philadelphia, sentenced to electrocution for the murder of Detective George Williams, was urged by C. S. Patterson, Jr., on the ground that Coles had shot in self-defense. Coles shot and killed Williams after a brawl in a saloon near Sixteenth and Broad streets, Philadelphia.

Coles's date for electrocution has been fixed for the week beginning April 5.

PLEADS FOR SON'S LIFE

Big and plump and proud he was, and his red waistcoat was a flame of color against the soggy mid-March landscape.

He was the Main Line's first robin of the season, and when he appeared this morning Narberth's drab little sparrows ceased chattering in awe as their bright-colored eyes fell upon his magnificence.

Dignity in his bearing, mode in his dress, this gentleman of the spring stepped about with a staidness which was a delight to behold, and now and then a burst of melody from his well-trained throat brought bright visions of buttercups and sunny pastures and violets and spring.

The weather today was in keeping with robin's advent. The temperature at 1 o'clock was 49, and sunlight ahead which is a new spring paper supply for the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER.

The arrival of these vessels will help to relieve the paper shortage which has obliged the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER to omit temporarily some of its features. We are hopeful of an early return to normal conditions.

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Belated Telegram Opposes Use of Name in New Hampshire

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AVOID EUROPEAN ENTANGLEMENTS, HOOVER WARNED

Letter to President Written Last April, Just Published, Shows His Stand

FEARED ALLIED SCHEME TO "USE" UNITED STATES

Only by Holding Aloof Could America Vitalize League, Food Chief Said

Washington, March 17.—Herbert Hoover's opposition to committing the United States to undefined and unlimited engagements abroad is shown in a letter which has come into the possession of the Washington Bureau of the PUBLIC LEDGER.

It was addressed to President Wilson at the Paris Peace Conference on April 11, 1919, and disposes of the charge that Mr. Hoover is an "internationalist" first and an American afterward. Copies of the letter have been in the hands of certain confidants of the former food administrator for some time.

The object of Mr. Hoover's letter to the President was to utter a protest and a warning against the consummation of American membership in the various commissions provided for by the treaty of Versailles. Mr. Hoover declared in effect that if the United States participated in those commissions the inevitable result would be the involving of this country into incalculable military and economic adventures. He said "I have the conviction that it would be contrary to the wishes, as it would violate the traditions of the American people."

Questioned Allied Purposes

Mr. Hoover asserted pointblank that American participation in the war was bent on compelling our co-operation for purposes of their own, and he urged the President to defeat those aspirations. Mr. Hoover pleaded that by detaching itself from the palpable European and Asiatic machinations could the United States perform its part in converting the League of Nations into a "strong and independent court of appeal that will have authority."

Otherwise, Mr. Hoover argued, the league would "simply be a few words in a treaty around an armed alliance."

The concluding portion of Mr. Hoover's letter is a prophetic dip into the future as revealed by pending events in Europe. "That revolution in Europe is by no means over," and then he admonished President Wilson against "trying to win a pyrrhic victory around an armed alliance."

Text of Hoover's Letter

The text of Mr. Hoover's letter follows:

Dear Mr. President—Your economic program has been before the question of whether the United States should continue membership in the various commissions set up under the peace treaty. I should like to lay before you my own views on this subject.

I feel strongly that any continuation of the United States in such an allied relationship can only lead to vast difficulty and would militate against the efficiency of the League of Nations. My reasons are as follows:

First, These commissions are primarily to secure the enforcement of reparations and other conditions imposed upon the central empire. As the United States is not calling for any form of reparation, that requires continued enforcement of our present obligations, missions would appear to be for one of the following purposes:

(a) To give moral and political support to the allied governments in measures generally for their benefit. It cannot be conceived that in the prostrate condition of the enemy the Allies will require any special assistance to enforce the terms of the peace. The enforcement of the United States will be leading itself to the political and financial interests of other governments during peace, a situation that must be entirely repulsive to our national interests, traditions and ideals.

(b) Another objective might be that

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SNAP WILSON LAUGHING

Photographed for First Time Since Becoming Sick

Washington, March 17.—(By A. P.)—Photographers were permitted to take their first pictures of President Wilson today since his return from his western trip last September.

The President was photographed as he left the White House grounds on his fifth automobile ride since he went to bed, in October, "a very sick man."

He was accompanied by a number of House police officers and several newspaper picture operators and photographers to set up their machines at the southwest gate and as the President's automobile came out the chauffeur slowed down. The President laughed at the camera men when they hurriedly changed their positions so as to get additional pictures.

The motor came out of the White House gate the President saw several spectators with green, and this reminded him that it was St. Patrick's day. He was wearing no green, and remarked to Mrs. Wilson that he had to do so was an oversight. When he returned to the White House he found in his study a vase of green roses and carnations.

PARDON FOR SAMUEL F. WHEELER IS ARGUED

Application for a pardon for Samuel F. Wheeler, Philadelphia lawyer convicted of embezzling, was argued before the Board of Pardons in Harrisburg today.

SENATE BLOCKS VOTE ON IRISH FREEDOM

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Hastening to clear the way for final action on the peace treaty, the Senate today choked off a St. Patrick's Day debate on the Irish question by tabling, 54 to 31, a proposal to declare by reservation that Great Britain should proclaim Ireland free.

HELD AS STOCK SWINDLERS

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REIGN OF TERROR GRIPS GERMAN KAPP TO RETIRE

Mysterious Woman Tries to Visit Former Kaiser

Amerongen, March 17.—(By A. P.)—Considerable excitement was caused here on Sunday by an attempt by a mysterious German woman to visit former Emperor William. She appeared at the gates of Bentinck castle, but was denied admittance and later had a conversation with the emperor's son, leaving a bouquet of flowers for Count Hohenzollern.

There were rumors that her name was Kapp, which is the name of the chancellor of the new German government, but there is no confirmation of this report as yet.

The former emperor is still engaged in sawing wood and has not been permitted to leave the castle even for a visit at Doorn since Saturday.

HUNDREDS SLAIN IN TWENTY-FOUR TOWNS AS SPARTACANS BEGIN UPRISINGS

AGITATION FOR SOVIET AS REBEL REGIME FALLS

Machine Guns Bark in Berlin

59 Killed in U. S. Army Occupation Zone

NOSKE FORECASTS ORDER

Official Announcement Made That Rebel Chancellor Will Resign

By the Associated Press

Berlin, March 17.—It is officially announced that Chancellor Kapp at 1 o'clock this afternoon decided to resign.

Paris, March 17.—(By A. P.)—The Wolfgang Kapp, the new German chancellor, and General von Loettwitz, his military lieutenant, have decided to retire from the direction of German governmental affairs unconditionally, according to a dispatch received here from Frankfurt quoting advice to the Gazette, of that city.

The Frankfurt advices assert that Doctor Kapp decided to resign after negotiations with independent Socialists, led by Doctor Cohn, in which the latter had threatened to attack the new government forces with armed workmen.

Hundreds Slain in Clashes

Sanguinary fighting continues throughout Germany and conditions, already chaotic, have been growing worse. Hundreds have been slain in various armed clashes. According to the latest dispatches the military movement has resulted in bloodshed in twenty-four German towns.

While there is little doubt that the revolutionary movement headed by Doctor Kapp has been a fiasco, the general strike weapon which the Ebert regime has been obliged to use against it is causing the country into greater confusion.

Spartan demonstrations coincident with the reported crumbling of the revolutionary regime have added to the country's distress. In Dresden, according to a Berlin dispatch today, independent Socialists and communists in Germany have commenced a violent agitation in favor of a soviet republic and an alliance with soviet Russia, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co.

Spartan elements have seized the opportunity to stir up as much trouble as possible. According to reports, the activities of these "stormy petrels," fifty-nine killed in U. S. Army zone.

Fifty-nine persons have been killed and upward of a hundred wounded in disorders at Treves, in the American zone. According to reports of Coblenz, according to advices received here, the Spartans are reported to have risen in Dresden, where a clash with troops is declared to have resulted in a casualty list of 100 dead and 300 wounded.

Fighting in Breslau, Hamburg and Kiel is reported. The demonstrators whose activities have resulted in clashes with the army are reported to be apparently Spartans. In Dresden they hostilities there the casualty list totaled seventeen killed and wounded. Big trucks are constantly passing through Berlin streets loaded down with armed soldiers, who point their guns in the direction of the sidewalks.

A Berlin message reiterates the report that Field Marshal von Hindenburg sent a telegram to Doctor Kapp asking him to resign immediately in the event the old government agreed to hold new elections.

Ludendorff's Adviser Slain

A Wolf Bureau dispatch from Berlin states Colonel Bauer, confidential adviser of General Ludendorff, has been assassinated. The general strike is effective over nearly all of Germany.

There is no doubt the Ebert government, appalled by the economic consequences of a prolongation of existing conditions, is negotiating, if not with the coterie led by Doctor Kapp, at least with conservatives who have been active in the restoration of order as rapidly as possible may be brought about, but how far political parties are masters of the situation is not clear. The next few days will demonstrate whether it is possible to stem the tide of revolutionary Germany.

Gustave Noske, minister of defense of the Ebert government, is confident of his ability to restore normal conditions in Germany within a comparatively brief time.

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BIND, GAG, ROB GUEST IN HOTEL

2 Armed Men Tie Up Victim in Early Morning Robbery and Escape With \$500

PULL PISTOL, STOP FIGHT

Two armed robbers attacked Charles Bartram in his room at a hotel near Twelfth and Filbert streets at 5 o'clock this morning, and after binding him with fire-escape rope and gagging him with a towel, took \$500 from his suitcase and escaped.

Bartram, who is in the habit of arising early, heard a faint crunching noise in a corner of his room. The curtains of the windows were high, and through the somewhat hazy daylight he saw the form of a man standing in a corner.

Bartram rolled over in bed as though tossing in his sleep. On reaching the edge of the bed nearest the man he suddenly sprang up and seized the intruder by the throat.

The men fell to the floor. Bartram managed to rise on one knee and clasped the wrist of the robber as the latter pulled a revolver from his coat. As he was bending the man's arm back a door, connecting with an adjoining room, opened and another man entered. He was armed with an automatic revolver. Walking quietly to Bartram he said, "Put up your hands without any fuss, you'll regret it."

With the odds against him Bartram complied. While the new arrival "covered" him the first robber cut down the rope used as a fire-escape and bound Bartram's hands and feet. A towel was then forced in his mouth and he was thrown on the bed.

"Now lay there and be good," said the robber with the automatic. He searched the clothing of Bartram which hung on a chair, but failed to find enough money to satisfy him.

One of the men then stood by the door with his revolver drawn for any emergency while the other searched Bartram's suitcase. About \$500 was found in this. The man who made the search folded the notes carefully, placed them in the inside pocket of his vest and whispered to his pal: "I got everything worth taking; let's get."

The men then quietly returned to the adjoining room, closed the door and went softly down the stairway. They passed out through the front door as though nothing had happened.

Bartram managed to roll from the bed and reach the door of his bedroom. He kicked his feet against the door and attracted the attention of a bellboy. The boy released him and Bartram notified the police.

FALLS 4 STORIES; WILL LIVE

Youth Escapes With Broken Nose and Fractured Arm

Milton Hood, seventeen years old, fell four stories from a scaffolding at 108 Church street at 10:30 o'clock this morning, and landed in the street.

He escaped with a broken nose and fractured elbow. At Jefferson Hospital, his condition is not considered serious. He was laying brick when he lost his balance.

MACHINE GUNS BARK IN BERLIN

Machine-gunning was heard in Berlin between 11 and 12 o'clock last night, says a message from the German capital. Yesterday a detachment of soldiers passed through the Brunnenstrasse, taking a hand in using "Hell" Dir in Siegenstrasse. Workmen immediately charged the troops and a skirmish ensued, in which a number of men were killed and others wounded, the message said.

Troops last night fired upon the populace at Berlin, one dispatch says. Yesterday, in a clash in front of the palace at Potsdam, twenty persons were killed and many others wounded. In a similar clash at the town square in Schoenberg, twelve persons were killed.

At Spandau sixty-nine persons, nearly all workmen, were reported killed, and the fighting is continuing.

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Two Massachusetts Men Involved in Oil Security Charges

Springfield, Mass., March 17.—(By A. P.)—A. Judson Young, a stock broker of this city, and James Currie, of Holyoke, were arrested last night on charges of larceny in connection with an alleged stock swindling scheme.

The complainants are Robert Hynd and several young women of Holyoke, who aver they purchased oil stock from Mr. Young through Mr. Currie, who was acting as Young's agent and were promised large returns, which they failed to receive.

Mr. Young was released under \$2000 bail, and Mr. Currie is being held in lieu of bail.

SEEK TO SAVE CITY MONEY

Plans to Check Mandamus System Will Be Made at Meeting Today

Plans to stop the evils of the present mandamus system will be discussed this afternoon at a meeting of civic trade and business organizations at the headquarters of the Philadelphia Real Estate Board, 1126 Walnut street.

Under the present mandamus system an average of from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 is being taken from the city treasury annually.

Mayor Moore, City Controller John M. Walton and Alva B. Johnson, president of the Chamber of Commerce, will be among the speakers at the meeting.

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