

## LEGION WILL OPEN OFFICE FOR MAIMED

Medical Aid to Be Given Disabled Soldiers in Downtown Bureau

### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE APR. 16

An office in the central part of the city for the benefit of disabled ex-service men and women will be opened by the committee on disabled soldiers and medical aid of the American Legion.

This announcement was made last night by Dr. William E. Baker, chairman of this committee, at the meeting of the county committee in the City Club, 313 South Broad street, Philadelphia.

Mrs. Thomas Robins presented to the representatives of the seventy-eight posts of the Legion a request to assist in the movement for the purchase of the house in which Theodore Roosevelt was born. She said it was about to be sold for factory purposes. It is proposed to raise \$1,000,000 in the country for "Roosevelt House," the apartment house for Pennsylvania being \$25,000. This sum, it is hoped, will be raised through \$1 subscriptions.

The Legion drive for members will be launched with a mass meeting in the Academy of Music Friday evening, April 16. Speakers will include Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., of New York; Franklin D'Olier, national commander of the Legion; Governor William C. Sproul; Mayor J. Hampton Moore and others. There will be meetings in all districts during the ensuing days of the canvass, the various posts co-operating in the district rallies.

"One purpose of the central campaign committee," declared Thomas F. Meenan, the chairman, "will be to create a thorough understanding of what the Legion is and what it stands for. A speakers' bureau has been organized, with Randolph W. Childs as chairman, to outline cogent reasons why every man should join the Legion."

There was presented to the county committee last night a request from Mrs. John C. Norris, chairman of a special committee of the Emergency Aid of Pennsylvania, to plan for the construction in the American Church of the Holy Trinity of Paris a war memorial. The war memorial plan includes an annual memorial and anniversary day service; two tablets to America's and Allies' dead; forty tablets to the combat divisions—infantry, ambulance corps, aviation, engineers, American Red Cross and welfare organizations; standards and flags; complete gold star records open to all.

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### 23 GRADUATE AS NURSES

Three girls will graduate from the Pennsylvania Hospital Training School for Nurses tonight. The exercises will be held in the assembly room of the hospital.

In the graduating class are three Philadelphians. They are Misses Mary Conly, Mabel Kaufman and Harriet M. Lucas.

Dr. Francis R. Packard will make an address on the "Old Historical Hospital." He will refer to the Pennsylvania Hospital.

### MAY EXEMPT POSITIONS

Civil Service Commission to Hold Public Hearing on Jobs

The Civil Service Commission will hold a public hearing Wednesday, April 21, at 11 a. m., in Room 876, City Hall, to consider placing the following positions in the exempt class:

Superintendent of police; salary, \$4,000; incumbent, William B. Mills; Assistant superintendent of police; salary, \$3,000; incumbent, George Temple.

Physician-in-chief, Department of Public Welfare; salary, \$4,000; incumbent, Dr. Blair Spencer.

### CITY SEEKS 69 DRAFTSMEN

The Department of Public Works plans an advertising campaign to obtain sixty-nine draftsmen needed in the Bureau of Surveys. The pay of the position ranges from \$1,400 to \$2,000 a year. It is difficult to obtain competent men, it is said, because private employment offers higher wages. The decision to advertise for men was made at a conference between Director Winston and Chief Webster, of the Surveys Bureau.

### Sentenced for Assault

George Lavates, Second and Pearl streets, Camden, was sentenced to from two to seven years in state prison today by Judge Kates on a charge of murdering assault on Clayton Hartman, a foreman in the cabinet department of the Victor Talking Machine Co.'s plant, where Lavates worked. The assault came as the result of an argument between Lavates and Hartman over the former's work. Hartman was in the Cooper Hospital for several months.

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### FRAT BROTHERS DO TRICK

Fraternity brothers of Lewis J. ("Bunny") Servais, a student at the University of Pennsylvania, have talked

him into a complete recovery from a disease akin to the sleeping sickness.

For three months members of the Sigma Phi Epsilon have been working in relays and have talked to their brother at least sixteen hours each day in the University Hospital.

Deeds of athletic prowess, long lectures on studies, monologues on prohibition, love-sick talk about their girls—all have helped keep Servais awake. Today the surgeons pronounced him out of danger and said the "talking cure" was the cause.

It was the most tiresome sort of work. Often weary from their studies and athletic activities, the men kept everlastingly at it.

Servais is the 115-pound intercollegiate champion wrestler. At a dual match at Cornell last January he was thrown heavily, but gamely resumed and won. Upon his return to Philadelphia Servais complained of dizziness and soon lapsed into a state of coma, with symptoms similar to those of sleeping sickness.

Surgeons diagnosed the ailment as paralysis of the twelve cranial nerves, forming a pus condition at the base of the skull.

There was but one hope of saving the young athlete's life. It meant death if he were allowed to remain in a state of coma. To keep his faculties working sixteen hours a day meant steady conversation. Surgeons and nurses noticed that when conversations were taking place with his hearing he remained awake. Therefore, the problem of producing talk.

Servais's home is in Carney, Mich. He was coxswain of the varsity eight in 1918, and was to have graduated that year, but forsook college for army service. He was given a commission. Upon returning to school he again took up athletics and soon won his wrestling crown.

### TO HOLD JOB CONFERENCE

Council Expected to Agree on Number of Employees and Pay

A conference for the purpose of reaching an agreement on the number and salaries of employees of City Council will be held on Monday afternoon. At that time it is probable that a compromise schedule of employees will be presented.

Richard Weglein, president of Council, will make known what his program will be in the naming of men for the posts. It is understood that the Vares will be recognized by the retention of several of the less important employees.


A conference was held yesterday afternoon in the office of Mr. Weglein, and was attended by Francis F. Burch, Independent; James A. Develin, Independent; Charles B. Hall and Joseph F. Gaffney, friends of the Vares.

Amputate Girl's Foot

Katy Goldsmith, six years old, of 939 North Sixth street, who was struck by a southbound Sixth street car, in front of her home, as she was crossing the street, is in a serious condition at the Roosevelt Hospital, and is not expected to live. She was so severely injured that physicians found it necessary to amputate her right foot last night in an effort to save her life.

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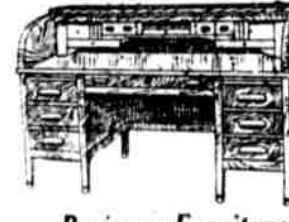


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