

# 19 LEGION POSTS ORGANIZE WOMEN

### Auxiliaries, Formed in Nearly Third of Units, Called Important Features

## AID IN SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Nineteen women's auxiliaries of American Legion posts have been organized in Philadelphia.

This means that nearly one-third of the seventy-six posts in the city have auxiliaries with them, organizations of women who are assisting in the development of the Legion.

The auxiliaries represent an important phase of Legion activities. The Legion, in order to fulfill its purpose in the community, must develop its social life and must provide entertainment for its membership.

William J. Murdock, state adjutant of the Legion, declared today that the women's auxiliaries are insuring the success of many of the posts throughout the city and state. This same view is shared by George Westworth, county chairman, and National Commander Franklin D'Olier.

The Philadelphia posts which have women's auxiliaries are:

- | Post No. | Name of Post       | Commander              | Name of Auxiliary      |
|----------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1        | Henry H. Houston   | James W. P. Patterson  | Mrs. W. P. Patterson   |
| 2        | Princeton          | Mrs. Clarence Wasley   | Mrs. Clarence Wasley   |
| 3        | Wm. P. Fanning     | Mrs. Wm. P. Fanning    | Mrs. Wm. P. Fanning    |
| 4        | Herbert Warriner   | Bertha H. Scott        | Bertha H. Scott        |
| 5        | Sgt. Jas. J. Barry | Mrs. Mary E. Bailey    | Mrs. Mary E. Bailey    |
| 6        | St. John           | Mrs. Helen J. Duffy    | Mrs. Helen J. Duffy    |
| 7        | Shubin-Buehbaum    | Mrs. Lillian Martin    | Mrs. Lillian Martin    |
| 8        | Wm. D. O'Neil      | Mrs. Francis G. Fisher | Mrs. Francis G. Fisher |
| 9        | George H. Inhof    | Mrs. J. P. Greenwood   | Mrs. J. P. Greenwood   |
| 10       | C. F. McManamy     | Mrs. J. W. Rutin       | Mrs. J. W. Rutin       |
| 11       | Maneto             | Mrs. Nicholas          | Mrs. Nicholas          |
| 12       | Brenton-Cracken    | Mrs. Frances Hagarth   | Mrs. Frances Hagarth   |
| 13       | Texas Post         | Mrs. Isabella Stax     | Mrs. Isabella Stax     |
| 14       | Loan               | Mrs. H. J. Keyser      | Mrs. H. J. Keyser      |
| 15       | Olin               |                        |                        |

B. Franklin Pepper Post, No. 425, will hold its first fall meeting at its headquarters in Chestnut Hill, September 10. Commander Andrew F. Quinn, Jr., stated today that the enthusiasm for the Legion is increasing constantly in Chestnut Hill.

Walter M. Gearty Post No. 315 met last night in the First Regiment Armory, Broad and Callowhill streets, and took up the question of the inauguration of the new ritual provided by the national organization.

The Oscar H. Gruber Post No. 152 will hold its first fall meeting Tuesday evening, September 14, at the Chamber of Commerce. Final arrangements will be made for the fall activities. The post expects to be one of the busiest and most active in the city this fall.

## SCOUTS BACK TOMORROW

### American Delegates to London Returning on Transport

New York, Sept. 3.—Announcement was made last night by the Boy Scouts of America that the United States delegates to the international contest of Boy Scouts of the world in England, will arrive here late tomorrow on the transport Princess Matoka. The delegation, which comprises 301 Boy Scouts and fifty-six scout masters from 101 American cities, has been the guest of the French and Belgian Governments.

## GYPSY MOTH IN SUBURBS

### Camden Environs Invaded by Destroyers of Fruit and Nut Trees

Collingswood, N. J., Sept. 3.—Hundred of fruit and nut trees here and in other suburban places of Camden county are being attacked by what is said to be the gypsy moth, and they are doing much damage. If the county agricultural agent, Samuel Foster, of Haddonfield, finds after an investigation the moth is invading back yards and farms there is a possibility of some action being taken at once in efforts to exterminate the pest before it spreads.

Even in forests and parks and along shaded avenues in different municipalities, thousands of webs are already spun containing myriads of tiny worms that eat foliage and newly grown bark.

The first sign of these pests in many instances is found on the trunk of trees, where it appears that the moth larvae has been deposited, which later appears as a large bunch of woolly worms resembling tiny white caterpillars. Slowly they creep up the trees in bunches, and out on branches they spin their web and change their shape into green worms.

## 20 P. C. OF WOMEN ENROLL

### Sections in Montgomery County Show No Woman Registration

Noorristown, Pa., Sept. 3.—Returns made by assessors from 112 districts in Montgomery county show that only 15,900 women registered, which is about 20 per cent of the women eligible to vote. One-third of the registration of women occurred in the First Legislative District. Narberth registered 917 women, the Weldon district of Abington 407 and the Ardmore district of Lower Merion 220. Additional returns are expected from Lower Merion and Cheltenham districts. Not a single woman was returned as registered in the West district of Douglass and both districts of Franconia township, all in the Perkiomen valley. The returns for Harrisburg were not all in, but the indications are that about 2100 women registered, which is about half the number eligible to vote.

## BENEFICIARIES ARE SOUGHT

### Missouri Judge in Search of Brothers Who 'Lived in Pennsylvania'

Harrisburg, Sept. 3.—Judge John W. Coats, of the Probate Court of Platte County, Mo., has written to Secretary of the Commonwealth Woods asking him if there is any way of finding Samuel and Francis Kilpatrick so that they can receive 400 acres of farm land. The judge says that their brother, John Kilpatrick, gave the land to his wife upon his death and upon her death it was to go to his brothers, who "formerly lived in Pennsylvania." No one seems to be able to locate the brothers and the land is in the possession of the authorities awaiting the appearance of the beneficiaries of the will.

## STATE RULES ON SUFFRAGE

### Election Bureau Decides Woman Takes Husband's Civil Status

Harrisburg, Sept. 3.—The State Bureau of Elections yesterday heard the case of a Harrisburg man who had married a Canadian girl three years ago and who asked if his wife could be registered. The board held that without naturalization she became an American when she married and is entitled to be registered.

Another case was that of a Stetson woman, born in this country, who married a foreigner. She loses her right to be registered as the wife of an un-naturalized man. When he becomes naturalized she will be entitled to vote.

## \$45,000 Killing Made by Toomey

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"field" that made his winning virtually impossible.

The Girard avenue game was a big one, but I've seen Toomey make them all take a back seat when it came to laying out his money. He continually seemed to be pushing fortune for a great killing.

"Almost invariably, he lost. He was a good loser, never whining, no matter what the amount lost. He would pocket the 'consolation prize' in the form of a \$20 bill from the house and leave in a taxi."

But local crap tables were not the only ones visited by the high-fiving secretary. Specially arranged games at Atlantic City exacted their toll.

"I've known Toomey to play in a five-handed crap game in Atlantic City with everybody but him working with the house," a local sporting man said today.

"The stage would be set when he entered. The other five, with great rolls of bills before them, apparently played with a 'sky limit.' This would induce Toomey to play even higher than usual.

"With crooked dice and the other five men working with the house and Toomey getting drunk on free booze, the answer was the same always.

Toomey lost. I know he lost \$8000 there in one day."

The "shillablers"—men working with the "house"—would be paid off by the manager and the proprietor would pocket the difference, Toomey's friend said.

"Honest John," a game in which the player bets he can pick a higher card than the dealer from several piles on the table, also got some of the Toomey money, it is said.

The dealer has the advantage in that he wins all ties. Toomey, it was said, frequently bet up to \$100 in games where \$10 is a big bet.

Officials of the company do not believe Toomey's story that he lost all the money gambling, and are making efforts to force him to tell the whereabouts of money they believe he has hidden.

Although Toomey never dressed flashily, he always carried a cane when attending gambling games. He acknowledged few introductions and rarely spoke to such acquaintances afterward.

Several of the gamblers who are said to have gotten most of the money lost by Toomey on the races, "Honest John" and craps, returned to the city last night from Saratoga. One of the gamblers who was assistant bookmaker at a poolroom near Thirteenth and Filbert streets, where Toomey lost much of his money, heard of his former client's arrest for the first time.

"I am not surprised," this gambler said. "We all knew it would come sooner or later, in fact I am surprised that he was not discovered long before this."

This gambler, when he heard that Toomey was in jail in default of \$25,000 bail, started at once in an effort to raise the money. Most of the gamblers, however, have had wind of the affair and are at the Belmont track, and those who were approached, while evidencing a desire to help Toomey, declared that most of the money won from the accused embezzler had been lost by them at Saratoga.

"Knowing that an effort will be made to recover some of the money they won from Toomey, do you think that those chiefly responsible will return to Philadelphia to stay?" the gambler was asked.

"Certainly," he replied, "although they will probably take in the meeting at Havre de Grace first. You can no more keep those fellows away from Philadelphia, where the picking is soft, despite the 'quarantine,' than you can keep a murderer away from the scene of his crime."

operators with every advance have been pocketing as much additional.

The anthracite coal operators have never lost a penny as a result of granting an advance in wages to their operators. They not only raised the price of coal to meet the demand, but doubled and tripled it to their own profit.

**Coal Profiteers Kings of Tribe**

The coal profiteers are the kings of the tribe. Food and clothing extortionists are pikers compared with them. Food profiteers are tin horn sports compared with an Al Canfield in his game of calculated rapacity.

And yet they have managed to escape public condemnation or public investigation. Mr. Attorney General Palmer and his amended Lever act to the contrary notwithstanding. I quote here the figures paid by the consumer who gets his coal delivered in the cities of this region. Compare them with the price charged in Philadelphia:

In July, 1918, at a time when the coal trade was usually in a somnolent, or at least in quiescent condition, the price suddenly jumped from \$4.50 to \$4.80 a ton. By September it had been

pumped up to \$5. War was in the air and prices began to climb.

The February, 1917 saw another boost, this time to \$5.50, and by December it had gone to \$6.65 a ton.

In January of 1918 the price had leaped to \$9.25, and in September of that year it had risen to the heretofore unheard-of price of \$6.50.

A ton of 2240 pounds brought \$8.45 in February, 1919, and in December of that year the price went to \$9.10, or \$3.75 for the short ton of 2000 pounds. It will thus be seen that, by a gradual increase in price to the consumer the coal captains of invested capital have piled Pelion on Ossa, so far as the price of hard coal is concerned. Here is an additional though rather negative reaction on the subject:

**Prosecution Threat Made**

"Rogers L. Burnett, United States district attorney for this federal district, stated today that he was prepared to bring about the arrests of any coal operators or dealers in the twenty-two counties of this district who increase the prices of coal.

"I take it," said District Attorney Burnett, "that the commission which made the award granting the miners an increase of 17 per cent was granted to the mine workers as an exhaustive study of the coal situation and that when that commission set forth that the increase in wages warrant an increase in coal prices the consumer it was stating a fact. It will keep a close watch on the prices in this district through the various agencies at my command. I will make thorough investigation of any bona fide complaints filed with me relative to increases in the price of coal."

The tremendous profits of the coal operators have never attracted the attention of the government. The great boost was in April, when \$1 ton was added. This gave them a profit after deducting the amount to be paid the miners of \$22,000,000. When the announcement of the freight rate advance was made by the railroads recently another increase of thirty cents went into effect.

If the government is as solicitous District Attorney Burnett declares, it does it not force the operators to turn to the people the vast sum taken from them since last April?

## Coal Consumers Profiteers' Prey

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holder, has been paying every penny of advance in wages granted the miners by the operators. In addition to this, the


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