

## MANY CANDIDATES FOR LEGION OFFICE

New County Committee Will Elect Chairman Soon. Carr Won't Run

### PLAN CHEER FOR WOUNDED

Although a month will elapse before the new Philadelphia county committee of the American Legion will be organized by the department, a committee of members is planning a number of social events for the purpose of organizing several new posts in the city and county. The committee is headed by Stewart J. Carr, representative of the Howard B. McCull Post, No. 20, and chairman of the subcommittee on Americanization.

Frank W. McLean, of Herbert Warner Post, No. 70, the chairman of the First Legion district.

H. Eugene Hines, of David W. James Post, No. 182, who acted as alternate on the committee that drafted the constitution providing for the present organization here.

Thomas Moore, of Frankford Post, No. 211, holding seven posts in the northeastern section of the city, are among the candidates.

The present county chairman, George Wentworth, is announced to be a candidate for the chairmanship, but he will not be a member of the new county committee.

There is some talk of the candidacy of Carl Sachs, commander of Egan Post, No. 188, present vice chairman, for the chairmanship.

Legion posts are giving their earnest support to the city-wide program to provide a bright Christmas for the disabled veterans in the hospitals. J. M. Hamilton, commander of the Scribner Grand Post, No. 329, declared today that his post will assist generously. One of its plans is to obtain a large supply of cigarettes and cigars for distribution.

### THREE FIRES REPORTED

Flames Are Extinguished With Slight Losses

Three fires late last night and early this morning resulted in slight damage to property. At 10 o'clock a fire of unknown origin was discovered in the cellar of the home of J. H. Brooks, a Negro, at 1112 South Chestnut avenue. It was extinguished with a slight loss.

A fire in the storehouse of Max Halpin, 1517 21<sup>st</sup> Pine, Brown avenue, also did some slight damage before it was extinguished.

Fire in a second floor room in the home of Stephen Wilburn, 2245 41<sup>st</sup> street, did \$250 worth of damage shortly after 1 o'clock this morning. It was started by a curtain blowing across a lighted gas jet.

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## TODAY'S MYSTERY STORY

By PHILIP FRANCIS NOWLAN

### Yesterday's Mystery Solution

HARVEY HUNT argued that the thief in the case of "The Substitute Ring," counting on the possibility that the theft would be discovered when Mrs. Wallis went back for her ring, and that when she saw Mrs. Wallis wearing the substitute ring without any apparent suspicion, she would experience a feeling of relief after anxiety which she would not be able to conceal from a person watching particularly for it.

If she were an experienced criminal this might not be the case. But Harvey Hunt was convinced that she was not, both from Mrs. Wallis's statement as to the social standing of her guests and from the fact that the thief had bungled the job in not obtaining the exact size of the ring and in neglecting the inscription when she had the substitute made.

He made it a point to watch each woman in turn as Mrs. Wallis passed among her guests. He was natural also that an amateur thief should confess upon accusation, and agree to return the ring in exchange for immunity.

### Can you explain these— CAT PRINTS

"Here's a set of fingerprints you won't find in the police files," Harvey Hunt took a photograph out of the folder and tossed it across the table to his friend.

"Why—er—what's the point, Hunt?" asked Dikane. "They look to me like the tracks of some animal."

"These," said the criminal investigator with a laugh, "are the fingerprints of the out in the Turnpike robbery case. It was no fault of the police that they got the right man for it. Just bad luck. They missed the cat prints entirely. It was way back in 1905 and they weren't keen on hunting fingerprints then as they are today."

There was a lot of excitement caused in certain criminal circles, about that time, by a rumor that a yegg called Red Schotter—a queer character—had a net cat that used to stand guard for him while he amputated doors from safes. Schotter got a lot of notoriety by it, which finally reached the police and caused his undoing. But that is another story.

"Old man Turnpike, you know, was quite a collector of rare goods. He kept them in a specially built safe in the library of his home. One morning he found the safe door ripped off its hinges and the goods gone. He called in the police, who looked the job over, decided

you'd call it a hee!, a little straight snark, shading off toward the front.

"I made it a point to hunt up Schotter right away. He was sore when I told him what I suspected and why. We compared the photograph with the cat's feet, and found the whorls and loops the same. But Schotter established a complete alibi for the animal. It hadn't been out of his room for weeks, and the only person who had visited him there recently was Slick Mangold."

"I was going to tell the police about it in the morning, but that night they arrested Mangold anyhow, so I didn't bother. His trial and conviction were not sensational, except for the flood of profanity on his part which flowed all through it and earned him an extra year, and the fact that the cat prints were not mentioned at all, and he did not dare mention them himself."

"You got justice, as Harvey Hunt did, how and why the cat's foot prints came to be on the Turnpike table? The answer will appear tomorrow."

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### Owner Gets Paul "Death Car"

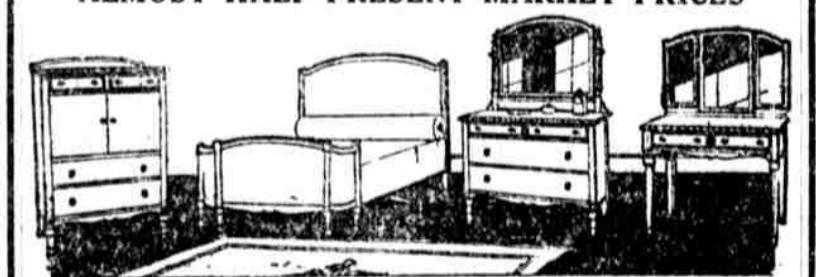
The "death car" which figures largely in the case of David S. Paul, the Camden bank messenger, who was slain on October 5 and his body buried in a shallow grave near Tabernacle, Bur-

lington county, has been returned to its owner, Willet Lippincott, a garage proprietor, Frank J. James, who is indicted with Raymond Schuck for the

murder, claimed the ownership of the car, but Lippincott sought a writ of replevin, which was granted by Judge Pinecast in the District Court.

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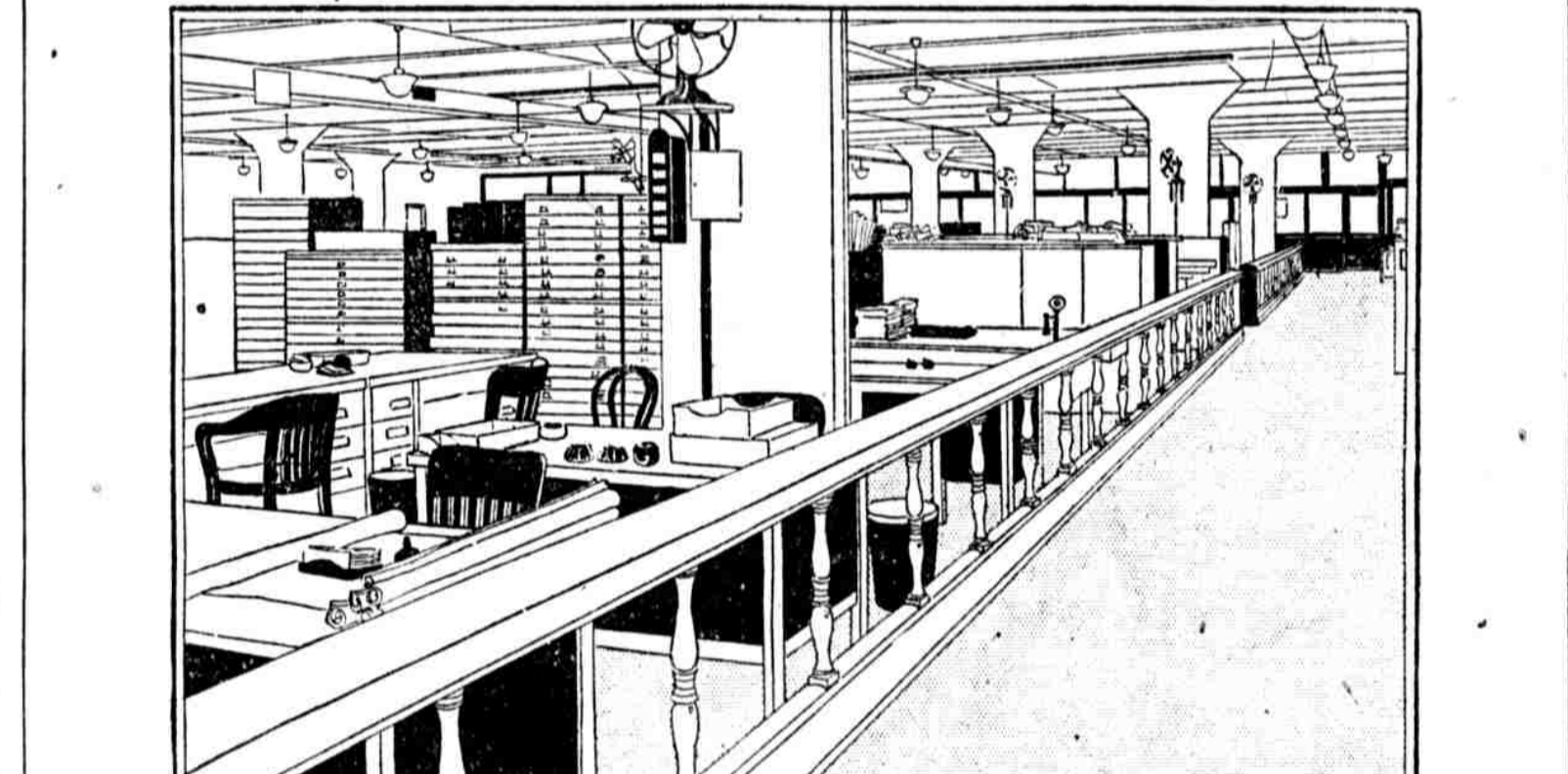
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