

### 600 DINERS IN PERIL AS HALL FLOOR SAGS

Excitement at Prospect Park When Room is Plunged in Darkness

### GAS FUMES RELEASED

The second floor of Masonic Hall at Prospect Park, Delaware county, sagged suddenly last night under the weight of 600 men assembled for a banquet, wrenching gas pipes loose and throwing the place into darkness as the men stampeded for exits.

The rush for the stairs was halted by Henry Talbot, an official of Prospect Park Lodge, No. 578, of the Masonic order, which held the banquet. Mr. Talbot ordered the crowd to distribute their weight, instead of milling about in the middle of the floor.

This expedient, which was obeyed instantly, prevented a collapse of the floor. In groups of ten, after the immediate danger had passed, the members filed from the room until it had been emptied.

The members had gathered on the second floor prior to sitting down to the banquet prepared on the first floor of the building, formerly a church. They had checked their hats and overcoats and were gathered in groups in the big room when they felt the floor sinking. Timbers cracked and gas pipes snapped. Gas began flowing into the room. Those nearest the door rushed out, but the crowd was so dense that a struggling mass formed in the middle of the floor. The incident, which it tightened the nerves of many present, did not affect their appetites. After the lights had been restored and it was evident that the second floor would hold, the men went on with the banquet.

Mr. Talbot was congratulated by his fellow Masons for his presence of mind and for having prevented a disaster. When the lodge bought the church, flooring was laid to make an upper room, used principally for initiatory purposes. Prospect Park is near Media.

### VISITING NURSE INJURED

Machine Hits Wagon as She Answers Woman's Call

Hurrying to the home of a sick patient, Mrs. Christina Ziegler, of 3510 Sunnyside avenue, a member of the Visiting Nurse Society of the Twenty-first ward, was seriously injured when the machine she was driving smashed into an ice wagon at Manayunk and Locust avenues.

Mrs. Ziegler, who looks after the poor in the northwestern part of the city, received a telephone call that one of her women charges was in labor. Jumping into her machine she was hurrying to the woman's house when the accident occurred. The nurse was taken to the Memorial Hospital suffering from internal injuries, shock and bruises.

### POST TO ELECT OFFICERS

Legion Men Also Plan to Hold Christmas Celebration

The regular meeting of the Oscar H. Gruber Post, 152, American Legion, will be held Tuesday, December 14, when the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held. Nominations will be received by Post No. 152, James D. Moore, 6429 Jefferson street, Germantown, up to the night of the meeting.

Plans for a smoker in the near future are under way, and the welfare committee of the post is also making preparations for spreading Christmas cheer through some of the local service hospitals.

### MORRIS TO SPEAK TONIGHT

U. S. Envoy Will Address Members of Business Science Club

Roland S. Morris, United States ambassador to Japan, and John Barrett, former director general of the Pan-American Union, will be the speakers tonight at a dinner to be held by the Business Science Club of Philadelphia in the Hotel Adelphia.

Mr. Morris will discuss matters of international importance touching the Far East and Mr. Barrett international questions in the hemisphere.

### TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

Robert Mayo, 422 1/2 Locust st., and Marie Williams, 1226 N. 18th st.; Ben Cohen, 308 Ritten st., and Ida Petel, Philadelphia; Antonio Encarnacion, 613 Spruce st., and Anna Ricci, 1349 Locust st.; and Sivan Rosenthal, 6720 N. Broad st., and Anna M. Pizarro, southwest corner of 47th and Sanson sts.; Robert Katz, 3216 Locust st., and Freda M. Lerner, 41 Emily st.; Robert McLoughlin, 1713 River st., and Ellen P. Kizer, 4808 Josephine st.; Rosa di Giacomo, 2124 W. Toronto st.; Edward Oshobashian, 332 N. 11th st.; Annie Michien, 532 N. 11th st.; William E. Perini, 2209 Tuller st.; and Margaret Barr, 2824 R. Cumberland st.; Edward J. 219 North American st.; and Leannetta M. McCarthy, 719 North American st.; James M. McGovern, 6111 Baynton st.; and Sarah E. Lasey, Mount Airy; Pa. Lewis Chernow, 207 Chestnut st.; and Elena Abruzzese, 427 Centre st.



MISS SARAH COOPER MISS MARGUERITE LORD Miss Cooper is president and Miss Lord vice president of the Three Arts Club Auxiliary, which will give an elaborate costume ball in the ballroom of the Rittenhouse Hotel on December 10

### FISH WIN OVER ART

Aquarium Greater Attraction Than Academy Masterpieces

Philadelphia evidently prefers an ordinary live fish to a great work of art. A statement made by a New York artist, in which he claimed that the "fish gazers" of that city outnumber the art admirers six to one, found a parallel here, but only in the proportion of ten to seven. In other words, the aquarium holds the odds over the Academy of the Fine Arts in the popularity contest.

Instead of being an unknown quantity as to its location in Philadelphia, some believe, the Aquarium had 252,000 visitors from January 1 to December 1 of this year. No definite figures for the same length of time were obtainable from the Academy, but it was said there that the attendance varies between 170,000 and 200,000 a year.

### DOCTOR RESENTS ARREST

Says He Was Waiting for Car. Hearing Today

Dr. Henry A. Steecker, 1318 Pine street, was arrested at Thirteenth and Market streets last night by Reserve Patrolman Landy on a charge of driving a motor car without a license. He said that he was merely waiting for a car at the proper place, and because he refused to move to a point further down the street Landy arrested him.

### Cement Price Cut

Under action taken by a number of leading mills of the Lehigh region, the price of cement delivered in Philadelphia has just been reduced from \$4.93 a barrel to \$3.73. Since there is a refund of \$1 on bags returned and the freight is fifty-three cents, this means \$2.23 net to the mills, a reduction of twenty-four cents from the \$2.50 that has been prevailing. It said the leaders of the industry hope for \$2-cement next summer if the prices of coal and labor should warrant such further reduction which, it is believed, would stimulate the building industry and general construction, as well as highway extension. The Lehigh cement region extends from Berks, N. J., across Northampton and Lehigh counties to Evansville in Alaska.

### Boy at Play Hurt by Auto

Struck by an automobile while playing in the street near his home, Robert Hardie, nine years old, of 2920 Hawthorne street, Frankford, was taken to the Frankford Hospital yesterday, suffering from concussion of the brain. After taking the boy to the hospital in the machine which struck the child, Alfred Steiner, who gave his address as 4809 Mulberry street, surrendered to the police of the Frankford station.

### WILL CALL WOMEN FOR 1921 JURY DUTY

Names Are Placed in Wheel for First Time in History of Philadelphia

### TAKEN FROM VOTERS' LIST

Names of women will be placed in the jury wheel today for the first time in the history of Philadelphia. They will serve in 1921.

The eligibles for jury duty, men and women, were selected by the jury board, consisting of the fifteen judges of Common Pleas Courts and Sheriff Lamber-ton.

It is not known exactly how many women's names were selected for the jury wheel. Fourteen thousand men were needed this year to fill the juries. The names of the eligibles are taken from the lists of assessed voters, furnished by the county commissioners.

Under the procedure the printed lists submitted by the county commissioners are divided into wards and then each ward is bound in a separate volume. The number of assessed voters in each ward are calculated and the number of persons to be selected for jury service in each ward apportioned.

There are forty-eight wards in the city, and under the plan for the selection of jurors each member was given three wards from which to select names for jury service. The names marked off by the judges and sheriff were then placed upon cards and later in the presence of members of the board will be placed in the wheel from which names will be selected for service as needed.

Two lists of the names of persons selected by the judges are made. One is filed with the prothonotary of the Common Pleas Court and the other with the clerk of the Supreme Court. The wheel containing the names of jury eligibles is then placed in the custody of the sheriff. The key to the wheel, however, is in the custody of the prothonotary. Considerable interest is being taken by lawyers, judges and laymen in the 1921 jury service in view of the fact that women for the first time will serve. In view of the lack of adequate accommodations for women in the courts some legislative action may be necessary to meet the new condition.

### Nine Wills Admitted to Probate

Nine wills were admitted to probate and ten inventories were filed in the register of wills' office today. Emma M. Blackburn, 923 Boyer street, who died November 24, left her entire estate of \$81,000 to her children, James M. Dobbin, 3803 Locust street, left \$50,000, and John Filbert, 1524 North Gratz street, bequeathed \$34,000 to his heirs.

Other wills were probated as follows: David J. Weidner, 1501 North Twelfth street, \$7300; Michael McGrody, 2923 Richmond street, \$9000; Lewis J. Rabinovich, who died in the Jewish Hospital, \$13,000; George J. Scovinn, 4826 North Sydenham street, \$7225; John Duggan, 510 North Forty-first street, \$5947; and Emily J. Coppuck, 6446 Saybrook avenue, \$10,900. Inventories filed were: Louis Schmidt, \$11,850.70; Anne P. W. Bible, \$20,648.11; Julia C. Goll, \$17,209.84; George W. Haslet, \$44,830.24; Eliza A. Grove, \$5848.30; Martha P. Woodin, \$3304.03; Sarah J. Wilson, \$15,839.36; Sarah J. Sheppard, \$93,661.48; Winston B. Ives, \$5825.54; and Mary S. Dunn, \$8011.76. Letters of administration were granted for Mary McMonie, \$8340 Pine street, \$9000; and William P. Kissenmeyer, 813 North Newkirk street, \$4000.

### Woman Dies on Street

While walking on Market street near Fortieth with a friend last night, Margaret Palmer, twenty-five years old, of 4131 Ludlow street, collapsed. She was taken to the Presbyterian Hospital, where she was pronounced dead, apparently from heart disease.

### Activities of Students at University Today

12:30 o'clock—All-University assembly, Weightman Hall.  
1 o'clock—Undergraduate Council meeting, Library.  
1 o'clock—Germantown High School Club meeting, College Hall.  
7 o'clock—Philomathean Society meeting, College Hall.  
8:15 o'clock—Combined Musical Clubs concert, Germantown Cricket Club.

### WAR WOMEN MEET

Board of Overseas Legion Plans Work for Coming Year

The advisory board of the Women's Overseas Legion met this morning at the Civic Club. The meeting, which was held to discuss ways and means to carry on work during the coming year, was presided over by Mrs. Oswald Chew, president of the organization. Other officers are Mrs. D. Braden Kyle, vice president; Miss Sophie Norris, secretary, and Miss Lucy B. Duhring, treasurer.

The Legion, which was organized last June, is composed of the women in the city who served overseas during the war. It has for its object the maintaining of patriotic traditions and the spirit of comradeship engendered by wartime experiences, and also purposes to further patriotic work.

The society aims to foster the feeling of friendship between the allies by every means in its power. There are at present seventy-five members of the Philadelphia Legion. Similar organizations have been formed in other large cities and it is expected that eventually the Women's Overseas Legion will be nationalized.

### RAPS ANTI-VIVISECTIONISTS

Dr. John B. Deaver Says Experiments Are for Human Welfare

Dr. John B. Deaver, professor of surgery at the University of Pennsylvania, denounced anti-vivisectionists before the American College of Surgeons at Buffalo, N. Y., today. Dr. Deaver said vivisection is needed as carefully and with as little pain as operations on humans.

"Any one who promotes legislation designed to hinder the battle against human disease deserves to die a premature death," Dr. Deaver asserted. Dr. Franklin H. Martin, secretary general of the organization, said the question was "a case of experimentation either upon animals or children."

### PASTOR SUPPORTED IN DIVORCE ACTION

Wife of Dr. Adams, Former Philadelphia Clergyman, Believed in Atlantic City

### RENOVATES HIS OWN HOME

The Rev. Dr. George D. Adams, former pastor of the Chestnut Street Baptist Church, this city, and now pastor of the First Baptist Church, Mount Vernon, N. Y., who is suing his wife for a divorce, alleging unfaithfulness, has the united support of his congregation.

Mrs. Adams, who is said to be living in a cottage at Atlantic City, N. J., apparently has little sympathy among the members of her husband's flock. "The congregation is with him solidly," said J. K. Clark, chairman of the board of trustees, and Charles A. Payer, chairman of the board of directors.

Deep sympathy for Dr. Adams was expressed by members of his congregation, a very fashionable one, today. They said he had kept up relations with his wife as long as possible and that the parting had come only after conditions had become intolerable to him.

The pastor, who is sixty years old, a few years older than his wife, sued for divorce on November 24 of last year, but it just became known publicly yesterday. He was cleaning his automobile in his garage when seen today. Despite his advancing years he is a member of the local carpenters' union and recently renovated his home at 48 East Second street, Mount Vernon.

"It's an old story—a year and a half old," he explained. "That is why I am sorry anything came out." When asked if he thought his congregation would stand by him to the end, he replied: "You can rest assured they will, otherwise I would not be here enjoying myself."

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### GETS 2 YEARS FOR ROBBERY

Man Pleads Guilty to Attack on Taxicab Passenger

Judge Finletter, in Quarter Sessions Court today, sentenced Frank Hilton, of New York city, to a term of not less than two years nor more than two and one-half years in the Eastern Penitentiary on a charge of robbery.

The defendant pleaded guilty to being one of three men who, after investigating Dominick Vadiola, of Brooklyn, into a taxicab on the night of September 8, robbed him of \$900 at the point of a revolver on the Parkway and then ejected him from the automobile. The defendant's two companions are still fugitives.

Russel C. Myers was sentenced to not less than eighteen months nor more than two years in the Eastern Penitentiary, and his companion, John Sharp, was sentenced to not less than two years, on a charge of larceny. Sharp had been arrested once before. The two defendants pleaded guilty to stealing an automobile belonging to Ernest E. Sheridan, of 255 South Fifteenth street, on November 3. They were apprehended in Birmingham, Ala.

### LEGION POST TO ELECT

State Fenibles, American Legion Post 142 will elect officers and change by-laws to conform to the new constitution Wednesday evening. Commander Walter C. Rhoades was appointed on the county bonus parade committee by Reserve Vice Commander David Simpson. The post will participate in the bonus parade December 11 and will carry its new national colors recently presented by the Old Guards, City of Philadelphia.

### U. S. TO CARE FOR TEETH OF VETERANS

Dispensary to Be Opened Here by Federal Health Service Bureau

### WORK WILL BE DONE FREE

Equipment of a complete dental dispensary is being made at the Public Health Bureau, 140 North Broad street, in amplification of the government's plan that all ex-service men shall be given any essential dental treatment free of cost.

With conduct of this dispensary under full sway, directed by Dr. F.

Irvin, district superintendent for Pennsylvania and Delaware, the work of the bureau will be facilitated, and the necessity for service of a number of field dental surgeons in the city will be dispensed with, as all work will be handled at the dispensary. Additions are being made to the field force in counties surrounding Philadelphia, several appointments having been made recently. Under the plan now effective ex-service men are entitled to dental services, and on filing their application with the appointed examiner in their district this work is done free of cost to the service men. Opening of the new dispensary in North Broad street will permit the treatment of many additional hundreds of men.

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