

### DEATH OF MOTHER AND BABY ACCIDENT

Child Thought to Have Opened Jet of Gas Heater While Playing With Toys

### SUICIDE REPORT IS DENIED

While playing with her Christmas toys four-year-old Mary Schmidt is thought to have accidentally turned the stop of a gas heater and caused her own death and that of her mother at 925 West Toga street yesterday.



MARY SCHMIDT  
Four-year-old child who played with a gas jet, causing her own death and that of her mother, Mrs. John Schmidt.

### DEFENDS SCANTY ATTIRE

Morality Has No Relation to Clothes, Says Dr. Seton

Pittsburgh, Jan. 6.—"Why wear clothes?" asked Dr. Ernest Thompson Seton, the celebrated naturalist, who is filling a week's engagement at a local theatre as a vaudeville artist, giving talks on nature.

"Sex morality," went on Dr. Seton, in answer to his question, "has no relation to clothing. The costumes of the women of today are the most sane in the history of the race since the dawn of so-called civilization."

"In Turkey, where more clothing is worn by the women than in any other country on the globe, the morality of the people is the lowest."

"I finished work at the John Bromley & Sons' lace-making plant about 5 o'clock," he said, "and was anxious to get home to my family. When I reached the house and rang the bell, not receiving a response, I wondered, but wasn't particularly worried."

"Then I tried the back door and several windows, and began to feel that something was wrong. My hands were shaking as if I had fever, when I finally broke the lock of the front door and rushed in."

Tragedy Confronts Father  
"There was Mary—my wife—lying across the bed in our first-floor bedroom, and beside her on the floor was little Mary. The room was filled with gas, so that I could hardly stand it. I finally found where it was coming from—the jet of a small gas heater—and turned it off."

"I picked up little Mary and ran with her over to my brother-in-law, John Moran, at the same time calling the Samaritan Hospital. I tried to revive my wife, but when the ambulance came from the hospital the doctors said that there was no hope. Both of my dear ones were dead."

"I cannot understand why this tragedy has come to me. We had only been married five years and we were so happy, especially with little Mary to keep my wife company during the day. And now all of a sudden everything is gone that was worth living and working for."

Suicide Theory Scouted  
Mrs. Ellen Moran, the dead woman's mother, was equally unconsoled this morning. She and other relatives were inclined to scout the suicide theory as having no foundation in reason.

Their belief is that the little girl, while playing with her toys near the gas heater, turned on the jet.

This theory is borne out in the fact that Mrs. Schmidt was cooking the evening meal. Meat and vegetables burned on the stove, and potatoes partly seared were on the kitchen table.

It is believed Mrs. Schmidt smelled gas while engaged in her cooking and ran to investigate. Her health had not been of the best, and the fumes are thought to have overcome her as she reached the front room and saw the little girl stretched on the floor. The mother got only as far as the middle of the room when she collapsed on the bed.

City Treasurer's Report  
The report of the city treasurer for the week ending yesterday, follows: Receipts, \$2,458,115.49; payments, \$1,282,925.85; balance, fund including sinking fund, \$10,500,444.25.

### MEN CAVEN 'FIRED' TO LEARN REASONS

Public Works Director Will Make Charges of Inefficiency Specific

Specific charges of inefficiency will be filed with the Civil Service Commission by Director of Public Works Cameron against Water Bureau employees recently marked for dismissal.

This move will be made in consequence of the return by the commission of dismissal cards on which inefficiency was given as the reason for the discharge of the men. The commission wants to know in just what respects the men under the ban are inefficient. The commission's action, it was first believed, might halt Mayor Moore's plan to weed out disloyal and inefficient employees. But in the Public Works Department today it was stated the officials have plenty of facts to back up their charges of inefficiency.

In some instances men dropped from the Water Bureau will be placed on preferred lists. They were "let go" because of lack of funds, according to public works officials. When enough funds are available these men will be taken back, it was said.

Civil Service Commissioner Neeld, in discussing the return of the "inefficiency" dismissal cards, said: "Inefficiency" will not be accepted as a general charge. The charge of inefficiency must be more specific. It must give time and place of the inefficiency, and be more specific as to the character of the inefficiency.

According to the Civil Service Commission the placing of the dismissed Water Bureau employees on a preferred list was due to the commission being informed that the dropping of the men was due to the lack of funds. By its action the commission virtually removes from these men any imputation that may have been occasioned that their being dropped was because of any fault in them.

# IMPORTANT

A January Sale of Shoes for Men at \$7.75

Some folks are talking about "turning the clock back." We're doing more!—turning the clock forward to the time when prices will reach sane and sensible levels—an example of Dalsimer progressive policy! This price, for example, cannot be duplicated—quality considered.

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### TO HAVE ARTILLERY AT PENN

A battery of field artillery will be organized among the students of the University of Pennsylvania, as a part of the reserve officers' training corps at the University. The battery also will become a part of the Second Regiment Field Artillery, National Guard of Pennsylvania. A similar battery has been a feature at Yale University since before the Civil War.

### Officers expected to be in charge

the battery will be Captain Joseph Lewis, class of 1915, law; first lieutenant, Newbold Drayton, '08, civil engineering, and second lieutenant, J. Lindsay, '22, civil engineering.

Furriers and Milliners  
**FORBES**  
1115 CHESTNUT ST.  
(OPPOSITE KEITH'S)

## Manufacturers' Cancellation Sale

### Fur Prices Cut More Than 1/2

The stocks of four great New York Fur Manufacturers, which we bought at our spot-cash offer of 50 cents on the dollar, together with our own rich stock, which we have included in this Sale at these new low prices. Furs cannot go any lower than these, because the rock-bottom price has been reached on each one, plus an actual loss which the manufacturers take and which we take in an effort to offer Furs of the Kind You Want at the Prices You Are Willing to Pay. See these values tomorrow.

A Small Deposit Reserves Purchase—Payments to Continue at Convenient Intervals

### Fur Coats and Wraps at 50c on the Dollar

French Seal	Self-Trimmed, 30-in.	195.00	94.50	Hudson Seal	Beaver Trimmed, 30-in.	445.00	222.50
Hudson Seal	Self-Trimmed, 30-in.	225.00	112.50	Scotch Mole	Self-Trimmed, 32-in.	550.00	275.00
Brown Marmot	Self-Trimmed, 30-in.	225.00	112.50	Scotch Mole	Self-Trimmed, 36-in.	595.00	297.50
Nat. Muskrat	Self-Trimmed, 30-in.	245.00	122.50	Hudson Seal	Skunk Trimmed, 36-in.	645.00	322.50
Brown Marmot	Raccoon T'm'd, 30-in.	245.00	122.50	Hudson Seal	Beaver Trimmed, 36-in.	645.00	322.50
Brown Marmot	Oppos. T'm'd, 30-in.	245.00	122.50	Nat. Squirrel	Self-Trimmed, 30-in.	645.00	322.50
French Seal	Self-Trimmed, 36-in.	295.00	147.50	Nat. Muskrat	Self-Trimmed, 45-in.	645.00	322.50
Nat. Muskrat	French Seal T'm'd, 36-in.	295.00	147.50	Hudson Seal	Wrap	Self-Trimmed, 695.00	347.50
Nat. Raccoon	Self-Trimmed, 30-in.	295.00	147.50	Hudson Seal	Skunk Trimmed, 40-in.	695.00	347.50
Nat. Muskrat	Beaver Trimmed, 30-in.	345.00	172.50	Nat. Raccoon	Self-Trimmed, 40-in.	695.00	347.50
Nat. Raccoon	Self-Trimmed, 36-in.	345.00	172.50	Hudson Seal	Beaver T'm'd, 40-in.	695.00	347.50
Nat. Raccoon	Self-Trimmed, 40-in.	375.00	187.50	Scotch Mole	Self-Trimmed, 30-in.	695.00	347.50
Hudson Seal	Self-Trimmed, 30-in.	395.00	197.50	Nat. Muskrat	Raccoon Trimmed, 40-in.	745.00	372.50
Nat. Muskrat	Raccoon Trimmed, 40-in.	395.00	197.50	Scotch Mole	Self-Trimmed, 45-in.	750.00	375.00
Nat. Muskrat	Self-Trimmed, 45-in.	445.00	222.50				

Extra Special 24.50 Choker Scarfs Natural Squirrel and Jap Mink animal effects. 12.50	Extra Special 145.00 Australian Nutria Coat 36 inches long. 74.50	Extra Special 49.50 Aust. Seal Stoles 12 inches wide, 72 inches long. Soft, lustrous skins. 24.50
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FORBES—1115 Chestnut St., Opposite Keith's

### JANUARY SALES

Joseph S. Darlington & Co.  
1126-1128 Chestnut Street

### Women's Fine Black Gloves at Lowered Prices

In order to meet the present demand for fine merchandise on a new price level, we have still further lowered the prices on all French Black Kid and Suede Gloves.

Those who of necessity must wear black soon find that there is no economy in cheap Black Gloves, as to give good service a Black Glove must be made of specially selected skins, be properly dyed and be new stock as blacks deteriorate more quickly than white or colors.

We include Black Gloves stitched with white which many women find look particularly well with bright-colored suits. All of these mentioned are our own French make and have been imported within the past few months.

- Darlington Best Quality P K Kid; now \$5.50 a pair.
- Darlington 2-clasp P K Kid; now \$5.00 a pair.
- Darlington Special 1-clasp P K Kid; now \$4.25 a pair.
- Darlington Special 1-clasp Embroidered P K Kid; now \$4.75 a pair.
- Two-clasp French Overream Kid; now \$4.25 a pair.
- 16-button Black Suede; now \$10.00 a pair.
- 12-button Black P K Kid; now \$9.00 a pair.
- 6-button black P K Kid; now \$5.75 a pair.

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### Black Taffeta at \$1.85 a Yard

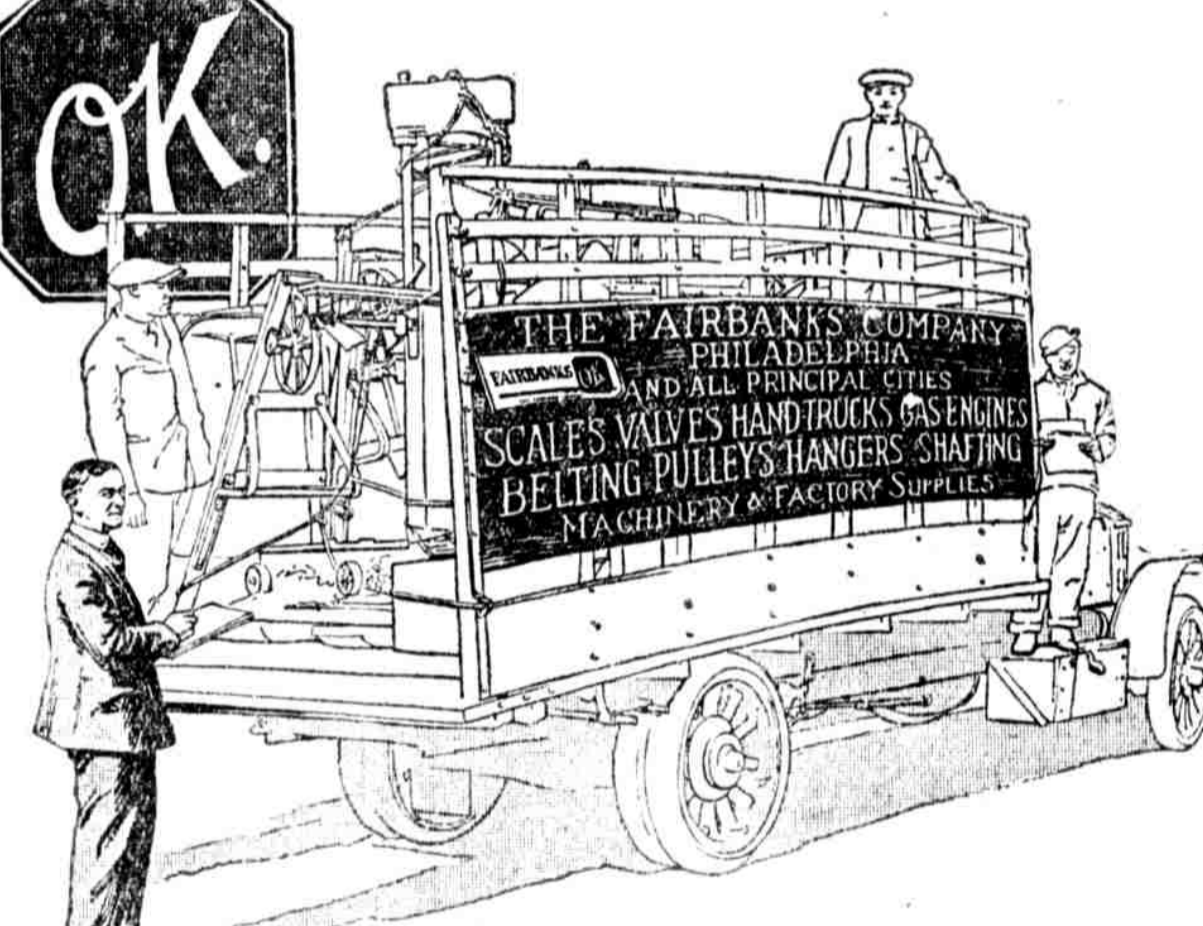
There is only a limited supply of this excellent-wearing high-grade Taffeta, 35 inches wide, which has been selling for \$3.00 a yard. You can get the material for a new dress or waist at low cost if you get your share of this at \$1.85 a yard.

### All-Wool Tricotine at \$3.95 a Yard

What could make finer spring apparel than this Navy Tricotine? All-wool, 55 inches wide, smoothly woven and a perfect shade of navy. Same Tricotine which was selling recently at \$6.00.

### Excellent Values in Cotton Goods

New White Goods, Imported Gingham and other materials all priced at much less than last spring.



Here's a load of Fairbanks Goods for you!

WHEN you order a scale from one house, a wheelbarrow from another, a big machine tool from a third, you have three orders to place, three shipments to check, three bills to pay.

When you put them all on one order to Fairbanks, you cut out a lot of detail, and get better and faster service all along the line.

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The FAIRBANKS Company

## Reconstruction Values are so Convincing, Our Store is the Busiest in Chestnut Street

THIS forward step into the New Year, which has brought the entire stocks of the William H. Wanamaker Store to its thousands of customers at prices based upon their costs in the markets today, instead of the war prices which we paid to produce them, has met with a very hearty welcome!

We are very glad to place our quality stocks of every kind on sale to buyers who are proving so appreciative. What we lose in profit, we shall gain in good will!

Every Imported Overcoat in the Store—They were \$45 and \$50. All are now.....	\$29	All our Rich Worombo Overcoats which were \$125 and \$135 are now marked.....	\$85
Whole stock of famous Aquasutum (London made) Overcoats. Were \$90 to \$100, cut to.....	\$68	A few typically English Overcoats made by John Gray, the London tailor. Were \$90.....	\$68

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