P. R. R. URGES CUT FOR SIGNALMEN

Reduction in Wages of 15 to 25 Per Cent Proposed at Pittsburgh

MEN TO MAKE REPLY TODAY

By the Associated Press

Pittsburgh, April 2.—A wage reduction of [illegible] signalmen was proposed today [illegible] Brotherhood of Railway Signalmen by officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad [illegible].

The reduction [illegible] approximately from 15 per cent to 25 per cent would affect about 1750 men on the system, [illegible] the signal supervisors [illegible]. The present rate [illegible] eighty-[illegible] cents an hour.

Signal maintainers in charge of interlocking plants [illegible] would [illegible] one-half cents. [illegible] was proposed as the reduction for maintainers of plants [illegible] less than 100 [illegible] assistant maintainers, assistant signalmen and all helpers.

All other signal [illegible] and signalmen [illegible] reduction of twenty cents an hour [illegible] plan, and leading [illegible] foremen [illegible] receive a differential of [illegible] an hour above the rate of the [illegible] rated [illegible].

A recess was taken at 11 o'clock until 2 [illegible] representatives [illegible] give the officials an answer [illegible].

The meeting was the second of a series of wage conferences Pennsylvania officials have [illegible] the employes' representatives. The first held Wednesday last, resulted in a disagreement when the maintenance of way, structures and unskilled forces rejected proposed wage cuts of from 10 to 25 per cent.

In presenting the plan the officials declared the rates established by the United States railroad labor board, under decision No. 2, July 20, 1920, were not longer "just and reasonable."

15,000 BUILDING WORKERS END STRIKE IN BAY STATE

Men Agree to Return Monday, Pending Arbitration

Boston, April 2.—(By A. P.)—The strike of 15,000 workers in building trades, in effect since January 1, ended here today. The United Building Trades Council accepted the state board of conciliation's $1 an hour proposition pending arbitration. All the men will return Monday, it was reported.

Cleveland, April 2.—(By A. P.)—Representatives of twenty-one building trades unions, comprising the Building Trades Council, with a membership of 35,000 men, voted unanimously last night to oppose wage reductions.

Moundsville, W. Va., April 2.—(By A. P.)—Two hundred miners here last night decided to accept a 10 per cent wage reduction, effective today. This is the first break in miners' wages in the West Virginia Eastern Ohio field.

Scranton, Pa., April 2.—(By A. P.)—The 600 employes of the Scranton Railway Co., who recently demanded an increase in wages and who turned down a suggestion of the company that they accept a cut in wages, [illegible] voted yesterday to renew the present wage scale for another year.

Delay Opening Reading Shops

Reading, Pa., April 2.—Contrary to expectations, the Philadelphia and Reading Railway's locomotive shops in this city, which have been idle for the last [illegible] weeks, will not reopen on Monday. A notice has been posted that the plant will remain closed until April 11. This is the second extension [illegible] of idleness.

Steel Company Cuts Wages 20 P. C.

New Castle, Pa., April 2.—(By A. P.)—Announcement was made today by Superintendent W. [illegible] of the Standard Steel Car Co. that a 20 per cent reduction in wages has been made effective April 1. Approximately 800 men are affected by the order. The local plant has been operating during the present depression.

To Reopen Coatesville Steel Plant

Coatesville, Pa., April 2.—[illegible] Monday. [illegible] two mills, No. 1 [illegible] and No. [illegible]. They have been closed [illegible] year.

Phoenix Rolling Mills to Reopen

Phoenixville, Pa., April 2.—The entire [illegible] Iron [illegible] Monday, April 4. The [illegible] about 500 men, who have been idle a number of weeks.

U. S. HOSPITAL IN MISSOURI

Home for Disabled Soldiers Has Been Leased by Government

Excelsior Springs, Mo., April 2.—(By A. P.)—A [illegible] for disabled soldiers [illegible] in the United States [illegible] here [illegible] today [illegible] in Washington.

[illegible]

PAINTS PERSHING PORTRAIT

Cahill Completes Job for $1,000,000 Legion of Honor Palace

Washington, April 2.—(By A. P.)—Arthur Cahill, San Francisco artist, has just completed here a life-size portrait of General Pershing which will hang in the Legion of Honor Palace to be erected in Lincoln Park, San Francisco.

The portrait was painted under commission from Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Spreckels, of San Francisco, who gave $1,000,000 for the memorial building.

The building also will house war picture collections given by Belgium and France and a large number of canvases depicting the American armies in France, in addition to portraits of allied leaders.

THE ELEVATION OF CARDINAL DOUGHERTY IN SPLENDID PICTURES First photographs received in America showing impressive ceremonies in the Vatican in Next Sunday's Pictorial Section of THE PUBLIC LEDGER.—Adv.

Victim of Trick, Intruder's Excuse

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years old, five feet seven inches tall and wearing a salt-and-pepper overcoat and felt hat, then suggested, "I think he's in the house now. Why don't you go in?"

"I walked to the south side of the house," Mr. White said. "While I was looking to see if the rear door had been opened, the man in front of the house disappeared.

"Just then a [illegible] fellow came out of the house. He later said his name was Nugent. He pulled on a pair of gloves, and told me he had been looking over the house. I asked him what he had been doing. He said he came out to Oak Lane for a ride, was walking along Eleventh street when he saw the front door of the Erskine home open. He said he had gone into investigate.

"I told him that was a poor explanation. Then the police patrol, summoned by Mrs. Eberz, arrived, and Nugent was arrested."

Different Story Told to Police

He told a different story to the police. He said he was walking along Old York road when a man addressed him and asked the direction to Oak Lane.

When the stranger learned Nugent was looking for work he offered to give him employment.

"Come along to my house and I'll see what I can do for you," the stranger told Nugent, according to his story.

He led the way to the house at the southeast corner of Eleventh street and Sixty-[illegible] avenue. Inside the storm doors of the front entrance, Nugent said, the man declared he had forgotten his keys. He then drew a steel bar from under his coat and forced the front door. Nugent said the man told him to be seated, and continued to the second floor. Later he came down, told Nugent he would return in a minute and then left.

"I waited several minutes and then walked out just in time to be arrested," said Nugent.

The steel bar with which the door was forced was found in the hallway of the house.

Value of loot obtained by the man who escaped will not be known until members of the Erskine family make an inventory of their belongings. Miss Pearl Erskine is in California, and Miss Madeline Erskine has been living at the St. James Hotel.

Nugent will be taken to Central Station to determine whether he has a police record. A description has been obtained of the man who entered the house with him.

BANDIT SUSPECT, SHOT IN YORK, MAY BE PHILA. MAN

Detective and Neighbor Will Attempt to Make Identification

John Dereng, of 2837 Salmon street, will go to York, Pa., with Detective Mahaffey, to try to identify the body of the suspected automobile bandit shot there yesterday, in a [illegible] with the police, as that of Frank Woodland, of this city.

Papers on the body indicated that the dead man was Frank Woodland, and that he lived at the Salmon street address. Dereng, who also lives there, told the police today that the man known as Woodland, whose real name was John Drozwski, had been gone for about a week.

The shooting of the man supposed to be Woodland followed the refusal of [illegible] at a store [illegible] to pay for gasoline [illegible] had just bought. The [illegible] for the tires, but [illegible] and [illegible] in the car was [illegible] another was wounded. The car in which the men rode was [illegible] later in the day. It belonged to William B. Fox, of 1728 [illegible] street, and was stolen from Fifty-ninth and Oxford streets Thursday night.

A [illegible] card belonging to Daniel Colero, [illegible] North Eighth street, and [illegible] at 1508 [illegible] street, Logan, was found [illegible] of Woodland. This is believed to indicate the [illegible] in the car yesterday [illegible] with a [illegible] of bandits who [illegible] several days ago [illegible].

TO HONOR DEAD RECTOR

Oak Lane Church to Unveil Memorial to Rev. Walter Jordan

A [illegible] will be [illegible] tomorrow morning at St. Martin's [illegible] Church, Oak Lane.

A bronze tablet in memory of the late Walter Jordan, who was rector of the parish for twenty-nine years, will be [illegible] by Thomas M. Baines, [illegible] of the church for many years. The [illegible] will be consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Philip M. Rhinelander, bishop of Pennsylvania, the balance of a mortgage amounting to $2000 having been [illegible] also as a memorial to the late Mr. Jordan. The present rector, the Rev. Dr. Llewellyn N. Caley, will be assisted by Bishop Rhinelander. The [illegible] will also dedicate [illegible] business [illegible] given at Easter in [illegible] of the parish.

Plans are being prepared for enlarging the church and for additions to the parish house.

MRS. HARDING AWARDS PLUM

Former Music Pupil of First Lady to Be Revenue Collector

Washington, April 2.—Mrs. Warren G. Harding [illegible]

Mrs. [illegible] of Buffalo, N. Y., [illegible] of the Harding [illegible]

[illegible]

Girl Cut in Fall Through Skylight

[illegible] of 2515 Spring Garden street, was [illegible] the roof of her home yesterday afternoon and fell through the skylight. She landed on a [illegible] which toppled over. The girl went to [illegible] pieces of broken crockery and glass. She was severely lacerated and was taken to the Presbyterian Hospital.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

[illegible]

Frank Hughes, 1920 N. [illegible] st., and Catherine Geraghty, 1667 S. [illegible] st.
Harry C. Graber, Molton, N. J., and Elizabeth S. Evans, Gitardville, Pa.
Herman W. Coltrum, 2407 N. 30th st., and Freda Ingber, 1751 N. 33d st.
Howard Anderson, 2248 E. Cambria st., and Florence M. Bremer, 1825 E. Hazzard.
Henry H. Wapils, Oak Patch, Ill., and Marjory D. Graf, 1455 Master st.
Hjolman A. Johnson, Wildwood, N. J., and Hannah M. Erickson, Wildwood, N. J.
William L. Dean, 4529 Mulberry st., and Gladys W. Foster, 3603 Benner st.

COAL MINES FLOOD IN ENGLISH STRIKE

Frantic Appeals Made for Navy Men to Prevent Permanent Damage

TRAIN SERVICE RESTRICTED

By the Associated Press

London, April 2.—Six British coal mines, left to the mercy of inrushing waters in the strike of miners and pump men, have already been flooded, and some are said to be in such condition that they may be permanently wrecked. Four of these mines are in South Staffordshire, one in the forest of Dean, county of Gloucester, and one in Flintshire, Northeastern, Wales. Several of the [illegible] pits in the Lancashire district, and in the Rhondda valley, Wales, are in imminent danger, and in most of the other coal districts of the island clerks and volunteers are manning the pumps.

Scores of telegraphic appeals reached the government yesterday, asking that sailors be sent to help fight against the floods of water pouring into the mines. Various coal dealers' associations are publishing appeals in newspapers calling upon volunteers with engineering experience to lend assistance. The government apparently is taking grave view of the crisis and is laying plans to deal with emergencies.

Restrictions of train service will begin next Wednesday and a cut of 20 per cent will be made effective before the end of next week if the coal strike continues.

Washington, April 2.—(By A. P.)—Duration of the British coal miners' strike is expected to be short, according to the best opinion in England, Commercial Attache Dennis, at London, advised the Department of Commerce today. Funds of the Miners' Federation are low, the message said, adding that the strike was not supported by public opinion.

McFadden Maid Freed in Gem Case

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country and return to France. I wish I could say I [illegible] work."

Weeks Issues Statement

The two former employes joined their counsel, Mr. Weeks, who was associated with George Maurer, an attorney of this city. Shortly afterward Mr. Weeks issued this statement:

"We are naturally very much gratified over the discharge and complete vindication of both Blanche Magnit and Madame Auberlet. In all proceedings to date it has been a very noticeable fact that not one scintilla of evidence has been adduced by counsel for the prosecution indicating that either Madame Auberlet or Blanche Magnit was in any way connected with the disappearance of the jewels, or that there was the slightest justification of [illegible] for their arrest.

"Mr. Bell's prosecution of this has been characterized from the start by bluff, bluster and blunder and a combination of shifting and inconsistent attitudes. At first, Mr. Bell declared he had ample evidence upon which to hold the defendants. When the case came, he was unable to support this declaration by even the slightest proof.

"Mr. Bell declared that the district attorney was the real prosecutor in these proceedings, contradicting this attitude, he [illegible] the district attorney in the background and took full charge of the preliminary hearing, and conducted the habeas corpus proceedings throughout. At the hearing in the habeas corpus proceedings in Madame Auberlet's case, he declared that he was the attorney for the prosecutor, and then made a [illegible] excuse and denial of that within [illegible] minutes."

Calls Bell Hard Loser

"In addition, [illegible] everything was going against [illegible] he endeavored to divert attention from his own shortcomings by calling names. If there has been any display of asininity in this case I am entirely content to leave it to those who were present at the habeas corpus hearing and heard Mr. Bell both on and off the witness stand to decide for themselves on which side that asininity appeared. Mr. Bell is a very hard loser."

Reardon, a private detective, in his testimony [illegible] went over the same ground he covered at the former hearing. He said the maid told him she had taken lingerie from Mrs. McFadden's room on the morning of October 5, the day the jewels disappeared.

Reardon testified that statements made by Miss Magnit conflicted with statements made by Madame Auberlet when the [illegible] were questioned separately about their movements the night before the jewels disappeared.

BAKER MYTH AGAIN REVIVED

Texan, Representing Families of Same Name, Investigates Claims

The latest [illegible] of the mythical "Baker estate," which has given visions of great riches to hundreds, was today [illegible] George L. [illegible], of Houston, Tex., to this city, [illegible] nothing.

Mr. [illegible] told Romaine C. Haseltine, [illegible] of the Bureau of Legal Aid here, that he represented a number of people named Baker in Texas, who made claim on the estate. He returned home to tell these clients the truth about the estate—that it is a myth and nothing more.

Tradition, handed down through generations, has it that the estate was founded by Colonel Jacob Baker, of Revolutionary War fame, to whom the government was supposed to have given 650 acres of land in the center of Philadelphia. If true, this fictitious character would own City Hall.

PRAISES BOYS AS PUPILS

Educator Says They Are More Ambitious Than Girls

"Boys have more ambition than girls," Owen D. Evans, director of continuation work of the State Department of Education, told a class of continuation teachers in the Hollingsworth School, Fifteenth and Locust streets, this morning. The occasion was the first of a series of ten Saturday morning lectures on continuation teaching to be given there.

"Diplomas should be given to part-time pupils," was another of Mr. Evans' statements. "At the present time there are 10,000 part-time pupils in this city," he continued, "and this creates a crying need for more continuation schools and teachers."

In conclusion, Mr. Evans urged a greater introduction of vocational training course in the continuational [illegible]

UNIVERSITY JURY SAYS MANAYUNK SHOE-SHINE ARTIST WINS THE $100

Nick Delfonse Will Give the Money to Fund for Construction of New Parish High School in Neighborhood

One Hundred Dollars Daily

For the best Last Line Supplied by Any Reader of the Evening Public Ledger to the Incomplete Limerick Which Appears Below

RULES OF THE LIMERICK CONTEST

1. Contest is open to any one. All that is required for you to do is [illegible] send in your last line to the Limerick, using for convenience the coupon printed below. Please write plainly, and be sure to add your name and address.
2. All answers to the [illegible] which is printed below must be received at the office of the Evening Public Ledger by [illegible] Monday, [illegible] Postoffice box number given [illegible] Answers left at the office of the Evening Public Ledger will also be admissible.
3. The winner of the ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR prize for the best last line to each Limerick will be announced one week after the Limerick is printed.
4. In case of ties, $100 will be awarded to each successful contestant.
5. The decision of the judges in each Limerick contest will be final.

THE WINNER OF TODAY'S CONTEST WILL BE ANNOUNCED ONE WEEK FROM TODAY

Cut Out and Mail

EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER,
TO THE LIMERICK CONTEST
P. O. Box 1575, Philadelphia.

LIMERICK NO. 96

Down South, under wonderful skies,
An actor declared, "I surmise
I could be a screen star,
But I wouldn't go far—

....
(Write your answer on this line)

Name ....

Street and No. ....

City and State ....

SEPARATE SLIPS!

To make consideration of individual ideas easier, hereafter send each one on a separate slip with your name, address and telephone by which you may be reached.

Today's winner was picked by a jury selected from the Newman Society, University of Pennsylvania, at a smoker in Houston Hall. See photos on back page. Monday's winner was selected by the Senior and Intermediate Young People's Societies, Seventh United Presbyterian Church, Orthodox and Leiper streets, Frankford, at an entertainment in the church.

Seventeen University of Pennsylvania students awarded today's limerick prize to Nick Delfonse, who runs a bootblack stand and pool parlor at 122 Jamestown street, Manayunk. Nick has had just four years' schooling and considers that he has brought distinction to the Manayunk district in a manner befitting a college graduate.

"You can tell them for me," said Nick, "that I knew these awards were on the square, and I intended to keep on trying all along until the contest ended."

"Just say I'm Nick, the bootblack, and that my two brothers black boots at the same place. My brother has been writing these out for me, because I don't write very plain. I used to try song writing, but didn't get so very far with it."

Nick, who is Italian, has to thank a jury that was composed largely of Irish-Americans for their decision. It begins to look, too, since they were college people, as if disgruntled individuals who said people's "friends" were getting "all the shots" had better crawl into their holes and pull the holes in after them.

Nick has been sending in lines for a long time, sometimes in bunches of half a dozen or more. Some have been "spank." Some fair. The line on which he wins today was similar in idea to that offered by scores of fans, but it was eminently put that one couldn't forget it. It sounded like *something one would say*. You could fairly see the old man's eye twinkle as he spoke it to the nifty "cheerette."

It is probable that Nick may never see even one of the jury who awarded him the prize. They were all dumbfounded to hear about him when his submission was looked up and the name given them. "Probably wears one of these fancy two-button coats," said one of the jury.

However, we're pleased to say he was wrong. Nick had on a man's apparel when he appeared to have his photograph taken.

The proceeds of his winning line, Nick says, he will give to Father Murphy, of St. John the Baptist parish, to help erect a new high school.

Having hoboed around the country considerably, and having finally gone into business for himself about twenty months ago, Nick believes it is time to become a regular citizen and contribute to things.

You will find the names of the jury in full under their photograph on the back page. The winner:

**NICK DELFONSE,
122 Jamestown Street,
Manayunk.**

His winning limerick:

Limerick No. 90

*A [illegible] down on the farm
Confided she'd [illegible] no alarm,
Said old Mr. Brewster,
"Why, bain, the rooster*
Will call up a chick that has charm."

He received twelve votes and was No. 10 on the ballot. Other lines were:

No. 1. **"Will cro-cus words at four-o'clock, marm."** Josiah F. DuBois, Woodbury, N. J.

No. 2. **"Crows eggsactly at dawn, hens his charm."** Elizabeth Greenhalgh, Clifton Heights, Pa.

No. 3. **"Can make you rise faster than barm"** (brewer's yeast). Miss Annabel Weinstock, 985 North Marshall street.

No. 4. **"He'd spur you to thrifty ways, marm."** Mrs. Katherine Leonard, 711 Bottonwood street.

No. 5. **"Might suspect you intend him some harm."** John Longworth, supervising architect's office, Treasury, Washington.

No. 6. **"Will crow till he's 'horse,' 'giddup, marm.'"** Mrs. Harry C. Godshalk, Royersford, Pa.

No. 7. **"Is a sage on the 'thyme,' my dear marm."** E. B. Martin, Huntingdon Valley, Pa.

No. 8. **"Gets his cornet and bugles with charm."** E. C. Lindenmoyer, 1829 North Warnock street. Four votes.

No. 9. **"Crows on time without setin'—ask marm."** M. O. Bader, 102 West Nineteenth street, Wilmington, Del. One vote.

Nurse Disappears With Alleged Crook

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Meaney, admitted forging checks [illegible] promised to make good the amount collected on them. He failed to keep his word, according to his father-in-law, and disappeared.

A warrant was sworn [illegible] Walker's arrest.

Mr. Meaney, at his own [illegible] then investigated Walker's actions during the last [illegible] months. What [illegible] in his own [illegible] my daughter [illegible] her husband $700 with which to [illegible] books and take up the study of [illegible]," said Mr. Meaney. "But [illegible] of using the money for the [illegible] Walker went about spending the [illegible] having a good time around the city.

"In view of the latest developments I fear that he merely married my daughter to get possession of whatever money she had. I am afraid she will [illegible] with harm at his hands. That's why I am anxious that the police find both of them as soon as possible."

Shortly after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Walker went to live at the home of a Mrs. Henner, 1520 Overington street, Frankford. On the night of the day that Walker was accused of forgery Mrs. Henner said she found Mrs. Walker talking on the telephone and she appeared to be greatly agitated.

Shortly after 1 o'clock on the morning of March 1 the couple left the Henner home and have not been seen since.

The missing nurse is five feet [illegible] inches in height, weighs 135 pounds, has chestnut brown hair and is of pleasing personality. She took several silk dresses and long coats with her.

Detectives McManus and Scanlon of City Hall, are working on the case.

GROWS NEW CIGAR PLANT

Harvard Professor Breeds Tobacco Called Round Tip

Cambridge, Mass., April 2.—(By A. P.)—What is claimed to be the first plant actually made to order according to specifications listed in advance has been developed by Prof. Edward M. East, of Harvard, for the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, at New Haven, Conn.

The new plant, known as Round Tip, is a cigar-wrapper tobacco combining, it is claimed, the desirable qualities of several existing varieties and none of their defects and possessing several worth-while characteristics unknown in the older varieties. It was produced by a scientific application of the laws of heredity, with the investigation of which Prof. East has been identified for many years.

IRISH POST TO LORD TALBOT

England's Leading Catholic Layman New Lord Lieutenant

London, April 2.—(By A. P.)—Andrew Bonar Law's unexpected retirement as lord privy seal, and from government leadership in the House of Commons, has led to a complete reconstruction of the government on a much larger scale than had been expected. The most remarkable appointment is that of Robert S. Horne to the chancellorship of the exchequer. In Parliament only two years, he succeeds to the most important position in the cabinet after the premier.

Appointment of Lord Edmund Talbot as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland is extremely interesting. He will assume office at the beginning of May in order to issue writs for the elections under the home rule act.

Lord Edmund is the leading lay Roman Catholic in the Kingdom and the first Catholic to become Viceroy of Ireland.

The London Times refers to Lord Edmund Talbot as "the most popular chief Unionist whip for a generation."

BURGLAR ALARM WORKS

Warns Patrolman and Intruder in Store Subdued After Fight

A burglar alarm at the store of Jacob Finkelbaum, at 226 Market street, rang at 1:30 o'clock this morning. Patrolman Rushton, of the Fourth and Race streets station, was notified. Rushton, Detective Clay and a detail of police broke in the front door, just in time to see a man run to the cellar.

They followed and caught a Negro behind a pile of boxes. The man was subdued after a stiff fight. He gave his name as Henry Miller, twenty years old, of Wilmington. He was armed with a hatchet, a carving knife, a pair of wire cutters and two screwdrivers.

JURYMAN DENIES 'BOOTS' VAMPED HIM

Thinks Girl 'Very Lucky,' but Declines to Discuss Verdict Further

OBLIVIOUS TO COY GLANCES

"She didn't vamp me, and she never could. No, indeed, not 'Boots!'"

This was the reply of Harry Melbourne, 1500 Sellers street, juryman at the trial of Sue "Boots" Rogers, freed yesterday of complicity in the murder of Henry T. Peirce, when asked if the woman had "vamped" the twelve jurors.

"If I'd had my way there would have been a different story to tell," he continued. "'Boots' is a lucky girl—a very lucky girl."

Asked to explain the unexpected acquittal which has caused much comment, Mr. Melbourne shook his head and uttered a laconic "rather not." He refused to tell how many ballots had been taken or whether there had been any conflict of opinion among the jury, other than his intimation of his own feeling.

"Do you think 'Boots' really 'vamped' the rest of the jury?" he was asked.

"I can't speak for them," was the reply. "Once I caught her trying to catch my eye, but I simply ignored her. I devoted my attention to the testimony and scarcely looked at the girl except when she was giving her own testimony."

Mr. Melbourne is a man of about thirty-five, tall, trimly-built and well-groomed. He showed a marked disinclination to talk about the feelings of his eleven colleagues, but was emphatic in his denial of "falling for" the reputed coquettish eyes of the Rogers woman.

John Kauffman, 3049 Frankford avenue, another juror, said the twelve men judged the case before them only, and did not deal with any thing in the past of the defendant. Kauffman conducts a pool room at the address mentioned and was formerly a prize fighter.

"What do you think of the verdict?" he was asked. "It was O. K.," he replied. "It was perfectly right. My mind is satisfied on that point."

"Did 'Boots' vamp you?"

"Oh, no! She is some kid! We were not judging her on what she did in the past, but on the case before us. Yes, she is some kid."

"Boots" and Husband Go South Next Week

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But I took good care of them, as a surprise for dad and Ross. You know, one of the best things about getting home was to be able to get a good bath again. It certainly is good to be here with all those I love."

"Boots," weary after the train ride late at night—she left Broad Street Station on the 3:25 train this morning with her mother and husband—slept late this morning. Mrs. Planovsky, a motherly woman, radiating happiness over her daughter's acquittal, received the visitor who came to see the daughter.

Little Julius, Jr., made his appearance a few moments after his mother had answered the bell of the apartment. "I'll go bring 'Woss,'" volunteered the small boy, and a moment later returned holding his big stepbrother-in-law by one finger. Ross had the same happy smile displayed by the mother.

"It was terrible—that suspense of waiting yesterday," he said simply. "I sat there in the courtroom when the jury came in, just hunched up in my seat, with every nerve on edge. I guess a good many other people felt the same way I did. That last moment before the foreman said 'Not guilty' was the longest and most trying in my whole life.

"When I heard that my wife was free I just relaxed and sank back in my seat. I felt a dozen hands on my shoulder. A good many of those around me knew the stake I had in that jury's verdict, and they congratulated me quietly. It was a fine thing."

An Old Shipmate

"Then on the way over to New York a brakeman on the train came up to me and said, 'Excuse me, but aren't you Ross Rogers?' I looked at him a second time, and recognized an old shipmate. We had sailed together in the merchant marine, and I hadn't seen him in four years. It was like a greeting from home. He comes from my own state of Texas. He shook my hand and told me he had read of my trouble, and congratulated me. I felt you [illegible] me feel fine.

"We came in very quietly. The family were all asleep except Mr. Planovsky, who was waiting for us. We didn't wake them. I'm [illegible] am tumbling in this morning, and there certainly was a happy [illegible] all around. Come along and let Sue [illegible] tell the rest."

Ross Rogers' plans for the future are of very definitely formed. The main thing will be to get far away from the old atmosphere and the old acquaintances and the memories which mean [illegible] bar to happiness. He [illegible] through with the sea and will get a job down in Texas.

"I don't know what it is going to be," he said, "but I know I'm going to get a job that will keep us [illegible] to make Susie happy. That's the main thing with me."

BOOTS HIKES IN MUD, HIGH HEELS AND ALL

"Boots" Rogers had [illegible] immediately after the jury [illegible] from yesterday, while the crowd [illegible] looked on in disapproval that suspended when Joseph O'Arlo [illegible] Moss, the "drunken boob" of the party concerned in the Peirce murder, was sentenced to eighteen months in jail and a stiff fine.

Her rattle-brained gayety reasserted itself, however, when she and her mother went with an aunt, Mrs. William Anderson, to the latter's home at Darby, where they remained until train time early this morning.

It had been announced that "Boots" and her mother and husband would go immediately to New York after she was set free. They did make a start, but it was only to throw reporters off the trail.

They all got on the train, after making sure that it stopped at West Philadelphia station. Most of the small army of newspaper men following at their heels turned back when the party took the train. The few who stuck had the satisfaction of seeing "Boots" and the rest pile off the train at West Philadelphia, and followed them to a trolley car bound for Darby.

Misses the Limelight

The car was jammed with men returning from work standing in the aisles. Most of them were reading evening papers, deep in accounts of the last hours of the trial and the girl's acquittal. Though there were pictures of the girl in the papers, no one realized that she was there in the midst of them. Boots, when reminded of this afterward, seemed a bit disappointed. "I think a few of them must have known me," she said, "one of the pictures was very good."

The party got off the car at Seventy-third street and Tinicum avenue, a great distance from the Anderson home, hoping evidently to "lose" the reporters. They trudged through the muddy roads in the gathering darkness. "Boots" was wearing her new black satin slippers, with high ankle straps and higher French heels. She had a hard time walking over the rough and muddy roads, and complained a great deal. "I'm about dead," she remarked to her aunt time and again. "How much farther is it?"

The evening was growing chill and "Boots" was wearing the light coat which she had when she was arrested. It was suggested she put on her mother's long cloak, which she was carrying. "No, I'm not cold," she said, "but it is getting cold. It's most cold enough for my gray squirrel coat. You know I have a lot of pretty things. Ross Rogers has been keeping them for me."

"Boots" was asked if she felt much relieved at the jury's verdict.

"No Case Against Her"

"No," she said, and rolled her eyes and shrugged her shoulders. "No—they had no case against me. There wasn't any need to worry. I used to be sorry for mother, though, when she was on the other side of the bars from me and though I was light-minded about the case. But you see I knew that there was no need to be worried. That's my disposition, not to worry."

The girl pulled out the little pair of rubber boots that was given her during the trial yesterday. "I'm going to keep them," she said. "You know Ross Rogers gave me that name of 'Boots.'"

Though "Boots" was not surprised at the jury's verdict, she admitted she thought her lawyers were "wonderful." "I had the greatest confidence in my attorneys," she said. "I knew he would do whatever he said he'd do."

"Boots" expressed sympathy for Moss, whom she helped send to prison by her testimony. "I'm very sorry for him," she said, "he's just a poor boob. I don't see that he got a raw deal, though. He didn't fare so badly. He won't hold a grudge against me.

"I'm not so sorry for Peter D. Treadway. I sort of think he got what was coming to him. I don't know whether Treadway will hold it against me. I'm not so sure he won't, even after twenty years."

She was asked how she had come to marry as quiet a lad as Ross Rogers.

"I think Ross married me to protect me. You know I was so young that I just couldn't settle down."

$200 Week Offer on Stage

"Boots" admitted she had received a tempting vaudeville offer. "A Philadelphia producer came to my lawyer," she said, "and offered to pay me $200 a week, from the time I got free. You know the 'notorious Marie Rogers' would be quite a drawing card. It was a great temptation to go on the stage. It's hard to settle down after all the excitement. But you know how my hubby feels about that. But if I ever get him away to sea again——" Boots winked expressively.

Though she is not going on the stage, "Boots" says she is going to write a book. "It won't be about this case, but about conditions down at Moyamensing. When I get through writing what I know, a lot of people down there are going to lose their jobs."

"Good," said she was mighty glad there were no women on the jury. She doesn't seem to like women very well.

The girl was still trudging along in her high heels, weary and footsore, but varying her complaints and her loquacity with occasional snatches of song. When she came to a smooth spot in the road she would dance a few steps of the way. "I just love to dance," she said. "I have to be a dancing all my life. People don't know it, but I used to entertain in Philadelphia as a dancer."

Widow of Slain Man Sees No Justice in Trials

"I don't believe justice was shown," said Mrs. Henry T. Peirce. "I don't believe justice was shown in any of the trials—of Treadway, Moss or the girl. The girl got off because there were no women on the jury. It isn't so much this case, but the effect it will have on all future murder cases. It makes murder easy. But I'm glad it's all over. I'm tired."

Druggists Bar Beer at Fountains

Any one who orders a strawberry sundae in a drug store this summer will have to drink it. For that is just what they will receive. Such an order, given with a wink to the druggist or the white-coated knight of the fountain will mean nothing. A decision was reached by members of the Retail Druggists' Association, 1025 Arch street, last night, not to handle beer in any form—all legal rulings against the eighteenth amendment notwithstanding.

Injured by Fall in Home

As a result of a fall down stairs in his home on Poplar street near Third, last night, Vincent J. Trevisski was probably fatally injured. He has a badly lacerated scalp and fractured spine. He was removed to Roosevelt Hospital.

LEGIONARIES GET ARMISTICE HOLIDAY

First of Bills Advocated to Foster Patriotism Passed and Signed

M'CALL POST TO DANCE

A bill has passed the State Legislature and been approved by Governor Sproul, making Armistice Day, November 11, a legal holiday in the state. This measure, fostered and strongly supported by the American Legion, will commemorate the services of the state's sons in the world war. It is the first of a number of measures at Harrisburg that have been drafted through the efforts of the Legion and is an earnest of the success of others, which will provide for the betterment of ex-service men and the fostering of patriotic effort in the commonwealth.

Saturday evening, April 9, the Howard C. McCall Post will hold a dance at the First Pennsylvania Cavalry Armory, Thirty-second street and Lancaster avenue. Tickets can be obtained from the post headquarters at the Free Library, Fortieth and Walnut streets, or from P. S. McCalla, in charge of arrangements.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the post held a meeting last Friday evening at which the following officers were elected: President, Miss Reba Stewart; vice president, Mrs. Charles T. Marshall; secretary, Mrs. D. M. Ferguson; treasurer, Mrs. W. M. Corlies.

The inspector general of the American forces in Germany, Colonel W. H. Hay, a member of Benjamin Franklin Post, No. 405, has just communicated by letter with the post, wishing them success in their present drive for new members. Colonel Hay is one of the many active members of the post whom force of circumstances compels to keep in touch with post activities by correspondence. Letters are being received from all over the world, Tokio, London and Paris, by the post here from active members, who are coming across with suggestions, information or seeking news.

Kensington Post, No. 68, has opened its summer home at Pleasant Hill Park. Many of the members already having made plans to spend their week-ends there. The post staged its annual dance and concert in Mercantile Hall last night.

GOVERNOR SPROUL VETOES THE DUNN VETERAN BILL

Class Legislation and Unconstitutional, Executive Holds

Harrisburg, April 2.—Governor Sproul has vetoed the Dunn House bill to amend the Philadelphia city charter so that it shall be mandatory upon the Civil Service Commission to adopt a rule giving preference to men and women who served in the world war regardless of whether their names rank first or second or not in Civil Service examinations. The Governor says "the bill is class legislation and obnoxious to the provisions of the constitution."

"We all desire to further the interests of our brave defenders, but we must be mindful of the constitutional limitations imposed upon us and of the principles of right and justice in dealing with matters affecting them as with all others," the Governor added.

The Governor also vetoed the House bill extending charters of corporations, saying it is special legislation relative to manufacturing corporations, and the Senate bill allowing killing of dogs chasing poultry.

KILLS GIRL IN PARK

"Lovesick" Man Sought by Police of San Francisco

San Francisco, April 2.—(By A. P.)—Thirty police officers, with bloodhounds today were endeavoring to trail a man who last night shot and killed Miss Alice Byxbee, of Fresno, Calif., while she was passing through a park on her way to a party. A companion, Miss Virginia Thompson, said the man rushed from a clump of bushes, crying: "I am a lovesick man, I could kill both of you."

Girl Seriously Hurt by Motorcar

Estella Macarska, nineteen years old, of 3241 St. James street, is in a critical condition in the Hahnemann Hospital as the result of being run down yesterday afternoon by an automobile at Fifteenth and Race streets. Her skull was fractured and she sustained internal injuries.

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