

# Evening Public Ledger

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**THE WEATHER**  
Rain tonight and Sunday; colder to-night; much cooler Sunday; probably frost Sunday night; increasing winds.  
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5
61	58	55	52	49	46	43	40	37	34

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**PATROLMAN SHOT BY TRUG IN AUTO WITH TWO GIRLS**

Assaultant Flees, but Is Later Arrested—Companions Are Held

**OTHER MEN ARRESTED LATER AS CONFEDERATES**

Patrolman William H. Hasseler was shot in a revolver duel with a man believed to be leader of a gang of automobile thieves at Tioga and H streets, early this morning. Hasseler is dying as a result of a bullet wound in the chest in the Episcopal Hospital.

Richard Baileys, suspected of being the assailant's assistant, and two other men who were with him, were arrested. All were in an automobile driven by Baileys. They were taken to City Hall and will have a hearing before the District Judge.

The girls are Lillian Wychiller, nineteen years old, of Twelfth and Master streets, and Grace Milford, twenty years old, of Twelfth and Master streets. Both are pretty and well dressed.

Some of the men who were arrested are John McCann, eighteen years old, of Thirtieth and Montgomery streets, and John Mittolla, nineteen years old, of Thirtieth and Montgomery streets.

Two other men, who were arrested at the girls' apartment at City Hall, also were arrested. They are believed to be the men who were arrested at the girls' apartment.

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**THIRD MARRIAGE WANING. HAMMERSTEIN HOPEFUL**

Predicts Breaking Nat Goodwin's Record in Search for Perfect Wife

New York, April 16.—Three matrimonial fiascos have not discouraged Arthur Hammerstein the least bit. The theatrical producer still thinks marriage is a great institution and he admits that when Mrs. Hammerstein No. 3 is again Claire Nagel, as rumor says she is soon to be, he will not hesitate long before taking on No. 4.

In a talk with a reporter yesterday the son of Oscar recalled a "bet" he once made with much-wed Nat Goodwin. Hammerstein's contention was, he said, that there would ultimately be more former Mrs. Hammersteins than there were ex-Mrs. Goodwins. Hammerstein said:

"So far I've been married three times. Each marriage has been a failure. Claire Nagel at times is the most angelic woman in the world. I never had a wife. I was more interested in the days of our courtship were the happiest of my life. She was a real girl. I found her a good little sport and a fascinating companion."

When we were married she seemed to me to be a girl who knew what she had made a mistake—again.

It was a question of temperament. I don't know what to talk about that, but Claire's temper was well-tempered. Hammerstein married Miss Nagle June 9, 1919.

**SHORE MYSTERY DEEPENS**

Detectives Now Believe Enemies Killed Hotel Clerk

Atlantic City, April 16.—Police officials say that further investigation, while deepening the mystery surrounding the death of Heinrich von Bickler, storekeeper at the Hotel St. Charles, now led to the belief that the man was a victim of enemies with motives apart from robbery.

The body of von Bickler, a German alien, known here for three years under the name of Henry Buehler, was found on an ash heap in the outskirts of the city by a trolley crew. The skull was crushed. It is known that the man carried a large sum of money at the time he was killed.

I am positive that Buehler was not killed where his body was found," said Captain Malsed. "He was murdered and his body carried to where it was found, or he was struck by an automobile or trolley car near where he was found."

The murder theory is borne out by the fact that there were no bruises on the body except on the head. The man's clothing was not soiled as it would have been if dragged by trolley or automobile.

**HIS WILD WEST TOO WILD**

Man Held in Jail After Shooting Out Lights

William McGonigle, twenty years old, Pine street near Fifty-eighth, was held in \$1000 bail for a further hearing on the charge of shooting out the lights of the De Lane street stage on Tuesday night. McGonigle had been arrested following a Wild West scene in the neighborhood of Stanley Ruchmurski, front street near Fifty-eighth, where McGonigle was arrested by District Attorney Martin Kenney as he was driving a taxicab chauffeur to drive McGonigle to the hotel.

The head of the chauffeur, Aviator Kenney, 150 North Ruby street, when he arrived, McGonigle was alleged to have ordered Ruchmurski's saloon drunk and to have refused to drive himself by driving off the electric bulbs and terminating other customers.

**A TOUCH OF COLD ON WAY**

Weatherman Says Frost Will Follow Rain

Weather is to have one more inning. The bite of the business of the last days of the weather bureau's forecast, frost is expected to arrive tomorrow. The prognostication states that rain will follow and tomorrow will be accompanied by a drop in the temperature which will make a decided change.

The weather will be increasing steadily with a strong wind. The cold wave will extend all along the Atlantic coast, it is predicted, and also penetrate into the interior.

**Never Equaled Men, Noted Essayist Says—Too Unimaginative and Literal**

Jane Austin Is Only One That Deserves the Name—Edith Wharton Ironic

Women are too literal, too unimaginative to equal men as humorists, according to Miss Agnes Repplier, recognized as the leading woman essayist of America and a clever humorist.

In this belief Miss Repplier agrees with French critics who have long had a "Salon des Humorists" where, for the first time, feminine signatures were noticed. The critics said not a single of laughter scene is smiling evoked by the feminine conception of humor, and now they are trying to explain why.

The Philadelphia author sat in the drawing room of her home, 2111 Pine street, as she discussed the question of humor. A fluffy white cat tossed her yarn ball about the rose-colored hangings of the door. Miss Repplier leaned back in her rose-brocaded chair and ran quickly through the list of women writers trying to choose one who could be considered a clever humorist.

"No," she said, "women have never equaled men in this line. Whether they are never tried or whether they really are not capable of true humor is an open question. I do not agree, however, with the Paris editor who observes women know nothing of intelligence or logic; the factors necessary to provoke laughter. It is not lack of intelligence nor narrow-mindedness, although as men these women are as intelligent as men."

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Hospital Physicians Fear Hydrophobia Will Develop

A mad dog bit Francis Landy, nine years old, near Second and South Nineteenth streets, at 10:30 o'clock today. Physicians at St. Agnes' Hospital, where the boy was taken, fear hydrophobia may develop.

The dog ran from the home of its owner, George Hicks, 2118 Darius street, into Nineteenth street. It tore madly along, snapping at persons it passed, but did not tear the flesh of any but the Landy boy. The sight of the animal, frothing at the mouth, threw the neighborhood into a panic. It was at Jackson street Patrolman Finnelly, of the Fifteenth street and Snyder avenue station, shot the dog dead.

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