

# CHARGES PARENTS LURED WIFE AWAY

## "She Loves Me," Says Veteran, Asking Heart Balm of Girl Bride's People

### AND SHE SEEKS DIVORCE

Henry J. Atkinson, Jr., twenty-three, a wounded overseas veteran, 2102 Anna street, brought suit today against his wife's parents for \$25,000, claiming alienation of his wife's affections.

According to Atkinson's story, he and Bertha Landsberg, seventeen, daughter of Frank and Emma Landsberg, 2000 Ellsworth street, eloped to her, 2000 Ellsworth street, 1921, and they were married. They returned to his home and lived happily together for about six weeks, when she deserted him.

Atkinson claims his wife is still in love with him and he with her, despite the fact she brought a suit for a divorce against him on September 6, in Common Pleas Court No. 2, charging cruelty and barbarous treatment. He has asked for a bill of particulars in the divorce action, according to the thought that he at any time failed to provide for her and treated her with anything but love and affection.

He says immediately after the wedding her parents disowned him with religious reasons, but continued to get messages to her through a colored servant and relatives who called on the young couple. On November 15 young Atkinson returned from work to find his wife had left him. She had placed all the money he had ever given her on the bureau and also left behind every article of clothing and everything else he had bought her, but there was no note or explanation.

Atkinson claims his wife is being concealed by her parents, who are endeavoring to break up the union so she may marry a man of their choice. He has not seen her since she left, but is certain she is at her parents' home, which is only a block from his own.

### NAME COUNCIL OFFICERS

**Boroughs Hold Annual Election. Engineers Appointed.**

Boroughs of Lansdowne, Glencolden, Upper Darby, Collingdale and Norwood have elected the following officers to their respective Councils.

Lansdowne—F. Rees Phillips, president; Evan E. Bartleson, treasurer; Glencolden—Charles F. Eggleston, president; E. M. Bonsall, secretary. The borough treasurer and engineer will be chosen Monday night.

Darby Township—T. Rammusca, president; E. Rouleton, clerk. Collingdale—James S. Carpenter, president; Joseph M. Dougal, clerk; Elmer Sellers, treasurer; Morton Z. Paul, solicitor; and Alonzo H. Yocum, engineer.

Norwood—Charles S. Higgins, president; A. W. McCalland, secretary; John H. Beans, treasurer, and Charles Baker, engineer.

### NOVAK FAMILY AIDED

\$22 Additional Is Forwarded to Would-Be Suicide

The EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER acknowledges the receipt of \$22 additional for the aid of the family of Paul Novak, 4202 Cresson street, Manayunk. The United Charities Company contributed \$10; the same amount was given by Mrs. Katharine F. Harrigan, and Charles Garlick sent \$2. The money has been forwarded to Novak.

Today a week ago, Novak, destitute and unable to get work, attempted suicide by jumping into a canal in Manayunk in order that his wife might collect his life insurance and buy food and clothing for herself and the Novak children.

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### TUGS HELP FIGHT FIRE ON SCHOONER AT WHARF

Friendship, Docked at Locust Street, Damaged by Flames

United action by city fire tugs and several engine companies saved the three-masted schooner Friendship from probable destruction last night at Locust street wharf. Just as the first mate was about to turn in for the night he saw a thin curl of smoke coming from a rear compartment.

He opened the door leading to it and was driven back by a tongue of flame. He attracted other members of the ship who were on shore by ringing the ship's bell. While several members of the crew fought the flames with a hose others summoned the fire department and the fire tugs.

The tugs were on the scene first and soon had three streams of water on the blaze. The city firemen arrived shortly and directed several streams on the ship from the land. During the height of the blaze the name "Friendship" stood out glaringly. In view of the quick response to the rescue this was prophetic. The fire was extinguished with small loss.

### RAN TO WRONG RESCUERS

Man, Burned as Still Explodes, Finds Heroes Are Dry Agents

When David Merrin ran from his home, 613 Leithgow street, yesterday afternoon with his clothes ablaze, he ran up to Prohibition Agents Rogers and Carmen, who, after beating out the flames, found that his clothes had been ignited by the explosion of a still in his home. He then sent to the Pennsylvania Hospital.

The agents are now seeking his brother Joseph, said to have been a partner in the miniature distillery found in the home. Firemen say the blaze was caused by the explosion of a twenty-five-gallon still. Agents said they found another still in the house of the same capacity, together with eighteen barrels of mash, twenty-six gallons of moonshine, labels, bottles and coloring matter.

### MRS. J. E. BAUM WINS SUIT

Sons and Daughters Share in \$300,000 Verdict in Omaha

Mrs. J. E. Baum, widow of J. E. Baum, of this city, and her two sons and two daughters have won a decision in the Omaha Probate Court which will net them \$300,000.

Mrs. Baum has asked a rehearing on \$300,000 worth of claims which had been allowed against the estate of the late J. E. Baum. David Baum, of Omaha, brother of J. E. Baum and administrator of the estate, was the defendant. The Court revoked its former order admitting the claims, which now again must be presented to the Court for acceptance.

### FINGERPRINTS A CLUE

Police Hook to Trace Robbers Who Took \$9000 From Home

Robbers who obtained jewelry and negotiable securities, valued at \$9000, from the home of James Morgan, Harwood Park, Upper Darby, left numerous fingerprints through which police hope to trace them.

The robbery occurred Wednesday night while Mr. and Mrs. Morgan were away.

### Woman Reported Missing

Mrs. Sadie Gallagher, 332 North Twenty-third street, has been reported to the Missing Person Bureau of the Police Department as having left her home yesterday. Her relatives know no reason for her departure.

### BEST CAT IN THE WORLD

See photograph of Siest Eobe, famous cat in Muzzle section of next Sunday's PUBLIC LEDGER.—Ad.

# MYSTERIOUS BLAST THWARTS FIREBUGS

## Awakens Woman and Kerosene-Soaked Doorway Is Found Ablaze—Damage Slight

### OIL HIDDEN ACROSS STREET

An attempt to burn down the store and dwelling of Mrs. Mary Scario, 2515 Oakdale street, was frustrated this morning by an unexpected explosion which awakened the two occupants of the house, after unknown criminals had poured coal oil over the front entry and set the place afire.

Mrs. Scario, who is about sixty-five, was awakened shortly after 2 o'clock this morning by a heavy explosion. She awakened Samuel Rocci, a boarder who slept on the same floor. He doubted her story, thinking she was dreaming, but finally consented to go downstairs and see what the trouble was.

Rocci found the front entry was in flames, and a large crowd of neighbors collecting. At this time William Walton, who lives at 2524 Oakdale street, joined the group, carrying a gallon jug which had contained kerosene. He said he had found it hidden in his doorway. A strong odor of coal oil around the blazing entry and the speed with which the flames spread led the police to believe the place had been saturated with the inflammable liquid before the match was set to it.

The cause of the explosion could not be determined. There was no evidence of destruction, although many neighbors heard it. The only damage was from fire, and that slight, due to the quickness with which the attempt was discovered.

Mrs. Scario said this morning she was at a loss to know why any one would make such an attempt. She has no enemies, she says, and has received no black-hand letters. She says she is not wealthy and depends on her modest grocery and the boarder for a living.

### FATHER KILLED BY TRAIN, BUT CHILD IS UNHURT

Three-Year-Old Girl Falls Between Rails and Escapes Injury

A man was killed by a train at Roebing, N. J., last night, but the three-year-old child he was carrying in his arms rolled between the rails and was unhurt when the train passed over her.

The man killed was Hippolit Stankevics. The baby, Helen, disappeared as he fell and in some manner was tossed over the rail between the front and rear trucks, and was found unhurt when the train was brought to a standstill.

Stankevics had gone to the Pennsylvania Railroad station with his baby, wife and other members of the family, intending to take a train for Camden. Witnesses say he attempted to board a moving train, but being hampered by the child in his arms, was only able to seize the hand rail with one hand. He lost his balance and went under the wheels.

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### HOLD 4 AS BLACKMAILERS

Nabbed by Police on Suspicion of Having Threatened Boarder

Police arrested four men at the home of Sylvester Dialqueeni, 358 North Simpson street, last night, on suspicion of having sent a Black-Hand letter to Vincent Demarco, who lives with Dialqueeni, demanding he pay his landlord \$80 or "suffer the consequences."

Demarco kept the letter secret several days, but, fearing an attack, informed police at the Sixty-first and Thompson streets station. A detail of police went to the Dialqueeni home and lay in wait. When Dialqueeni arrived with three others they were arrested. The men gave their names as Michael Conno, Tenth street near Montross; Sonny DiSani, Ninth street near Carpenter, and Michael Samanaro, Carpenter street near Ninth.

### Postpone Police Test

A written examination for applicants to fill sixty vacancies on the police force was postponed today until January 18. Some 4000 men are applying for the positions. For some time police surgeons have been making physical examinations at the rate of several hundred a day. Physical qualification is necessary before an applicant can take the written test.

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\$40 Suits and Overcoats repriced \$32	\$65 Suits and Overcoats repriced \$52
\$45 Suits and Overcoats repriced \$36	\$70 Suits and Overcoats repriced \$56
\$50 Suits and Overcoats repriced \$40	\$75 Suits and Overcoats repriced \$60

Finer Overcoats are also repriced as follows: \$80 qualities are \$64; \$85 reduced to \$68; \$90 to \$72; \$95 to \$76, and \$100 to \$80. (The Overcoat prices apply to garments in our Clothing Department, and also the English coats sold in our Specialty Shop on the third floor.)

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