

# LEGION MUST WILL GET NEW MEMBERS

Teams Want 319 Recruits for Post 319—Banquet for Winning Squad

BAL MASQUE FEBRUARY 20

A man-size membership drive, with the slogan: "319 members for 319" has been launched by Toga Post, 319, of the American Legion. A novel campaign plan has been adopted, and the largest membership in all enrolled in an effort to put it across.

Post 319's method is based on the system of fourteen competitive teams. Each team will be pitted against its fellows in an effort to get the largest number of new members. The team that wins in the largest total will have the pleasure of figuring as guests of honor at a banquet, the expenses of which will be paid by all the other teams.

There are a number of special inducements for new members, not the least of which is the offer of all costs in connection with the membership, including initiation fees, subscription to the weekly, and other charges, under the flat figure of \$5.

The second annual ball of the Fourth Naval District, Post No. 195, will take place next Monday night, February 20, at the Bellevue-Stratford. More than 2000 guests are expected to attend, and all available dancing space in the hotel will be required for their accommodation.

Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton, commandant of the Navy Yard, is honorary chairman of the event; Brigadier General Littleton W. Tazewell Waller is vice chairman, and Henry W. Pencock is acting treasurer.

The committee includes William H. Cremer, chairman; T. J. Young, Paul Will, Hugh J. Darley, Herbert Stern, Adolph Stern, F. D. Dagit, R. J. Nelson and Samuel Walker.

The officers of the Navy Yard will give the second of their series of dances on the evening of Friday, February 24. The affair, which will be held in the Paulding Club, will be a ball masque.

## SAILORS JAM BREAD LINE

10,000 Fed at Seamen's Church Institute in Two Weeks

Ten thousand sailors have joined the bread line at the Seamen's Church Institute, Second and Walnut streets, where more men are fed daily than at any other place in the city.

For two weeks the unemployed seamen of the port have been besieging the institute to such an extent that it has been almost impossible to feed and house them. All funds for relief soon were exhausted and the institute was at the point of suspending the soup kitchen when an anonymous person, signing a letter A. M., sent \$500 for relief work. This will feed the men during the present week.

"The money came almost as a gift from heaven for the 1000 men out of work here," said the Rev. Percy R. Rockman, acting superintendent of the institute. "The institute, now a member of the Welfare Federation, has been unable to make a public appeal for funds for this relief work. Few persons know how many hungry men are walking the streets today. We have fed about 10,000 the last two weeks. With the \$500, which I feel sure was given by a prominent Philadelphian just leaving for Europe and one who realized something of the value of the work of a sailor, we can feed hundreds."

## PEPPER'S STAND FLAYED

Friends of Irish Freedom Condemn Vote to Seat Newberry

Condemnation of the action of Senator Pepper in voting to seat Truman H. Newberry, in the United States Senate, was voted last night at a meeting of the Casement Branch, Friends of Irish Freedom, of which James B. Given is president.

A resolution says in part that whether the amount expended in the primary before Newberry's election was slightly more or less than \$105,000, the sum was excessive. The expenditure of such large amounts in behalf of a candidate, the resolution continues, either with or without his knowledge, is "contrary to sound public policy, harmful to the honor and dignity of the Senate and to the interests of the people of a free government, and such excessive expenditures are hereby severely condemned and disapproved."

## SMOKING COSTS LIFE

Sleeping Lodger Fatally Burned When Cigarette Stub Ignites Bed

A lodger in a North Franklin street rooming house was fatally burned yesterday as a result of a fire, when a cigarette stub dropped from his hand in bed after he had fallen asleep. He is George Fisher, thirty-five years old, who roomed at 417 North Franklin street.

Fellow lodgers responding to screams of pain coming from Fisher's room discovered smoke pouring from beneath the door. Forcing an entrance they found the mattress ablaze and the floor burning and Fisher by this time unconscious, encircled by flames from the bed. A fire alarm was thrown in and Fisher was taken to the Hahnemann Hospital, but died before he reached it. The fire was extinguished with slight damage. Fisher's body was taken to the morgue, as police were unable to locate his relatives.

## "BEST SCHOOLS" FOR PHILA.

Dr. Broome Tells of Progress to Men of Northeast

"Public Schools and the Public School" was the subject of a discourse by Superintendent of Schools Broome at a meeting last night in the Ambler Theatre, Frankford avenue and Bergrant street, attended by about 500 men, representing the Protestant churches of the northeast.

Dr. Broome spoke of the rise of the public school in America, which is the only nation in the world, he said, where all classes are taught in one school. In other countries, he said, the schools are divided into three classes. The public schools, he said, are the backbone of American democracy.

Speaking of the needs of the schools he said twice as much was spent last year by the United States on battle-ship education as the Philadelphia public schools, he said, can be made the best in the nation, and he proposed to make them so by 1920, the year of the centennial.

## Gwan-to-Bed Stories

—By J. P. McEVROY

The Touching Tale of Aloysius Alligator ONCE upon a time, dear children, there was a darling little family of alligators who lived where darling little families of alligators live when they want to live there. (Johnny, get off the piano.)

There was Papa Alligator, Mamma Alligator and their sweet little son, Aloysius Alligator. One day as Mamma Alligator and Aloysius were playing pat-a-cake on their sun porch, they heard a loud report which sounded for all the world like a tire blowing out. "It sounds for all the world like a tire blowing out," said Mamma Alligator, "doesn't it, Aloysius?" Little Aloysius replied: "You tell 'em, mamma," after which touching colloquy they resumed their pat-a-cake, and the loud report, "Litter! Litter late than later for Papa Alligator."

BUT alas! Papa Alligator never came home, and Mamma Alligator had to take in washing and run an elevator to keep herself and Aloysius from starving to death. (Dorothy, if you have any influence with the baby you would mind asking him to stop chewing the dog's ear? The dog and object.) Several months later, as Aloysius Alligator was basking in the sun, a tourist from Waukegan snuck up behind him, captured him and sent him to a friend of his in Chicago, who owned an animal store, because he thought Aloysius would make a cunning little pet.

Naturally this was against Aloysius' wishes. Imagine how YOU would feel to lose your father and then be snuck

up on bedstead and sent to an animal store. Well, that's just how Aloysius felt about it. Now, sir, they put him in a little glass tank of water and set him in the show window where all the passers-by could see him and make curious remarks about the calluses on his cuticle as they rubbed at him through the glass.

WHEN one day a man came down the street, carrying a suitcase, it seemed to Aloysius there was something familiar about the suitcase. Just as the man stopped in front of the show window Aloysius took one long, staring look at the suitcase. "Oh, papa," he cried in touching alligatorish tones, "Oh, papa, how you have changed!" And that's the end of the story. Gwan to bed.

## CLUB IN OPERA BURLESQUE

Boosters' Organization Aims to Feature Synchronized Ballet

A burlesque on grand opera is included in the program of musical merriment which the Boosters' Club will offer at its annual celebration in the ballroom of the Bellevue-Stratford on February 23. Another feature will be a more or less synchronized ballet called "Quest for Happiness." It was arranged by Mrs. E. T. Butterworth, who will direct the entertainment. Ethel Potter Brooks and Robert A. Jack will appear in a song cycle called "On the Rhine River."

The forthcoming celebration is one which the Boosters' Club gives annually on Washington's Birthday or as near that holiday as is possible. Special costumed and scenery have been arranged for this year's production, which is promised will be the most elaborate the club has ever undertaken.

## WOMAN DIES OF POISON

Mrs. Dietz Resisted Efforts of Physicians to Save Her Life

After taking poison, Mrs. Tillie Dietz, thirty years old, 2527 North Canaan street, died in the Women's Hospital Saturday night. She was the

wife of Edward J. Dietz, a baker, and leaves three children.

The young mother resisted efforts of physicians at the hospital to save her life and asked them to leave her alone. Following the birth of a baby, Edward, Jr., a year ago, she was a patient in the Philadelphia Hospital and was in ill-health for some time.

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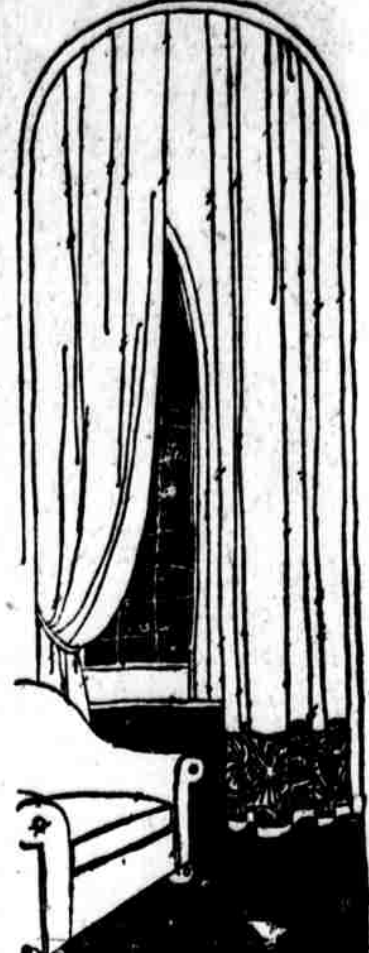
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## Deborah Sagan

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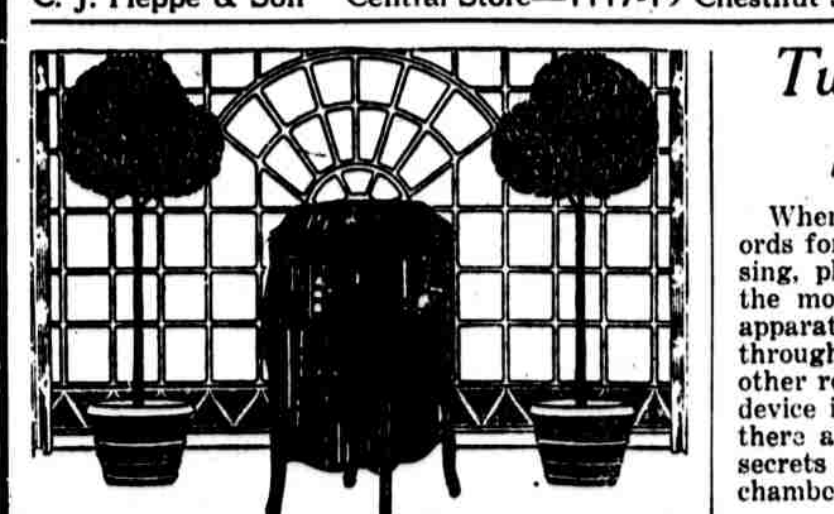
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