

TRUANT FIANCE IS CLAIMED BY WIFE

Dr. Vermilye Silent as to Wedding Tangle.

DESERTED 'BRIDE' SPURNED

Hospital Patient Refuses to See Girl Left at Altar.

NO EXPLANATION GIVEN

"I Have Nothing to Say," Is Jotted on Back of Card Requesting Statement to Reporters.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Dr. William Gray Vermilye, who failed to appear Christmas day to marry Miss Ruth M. Keeney at Monson, Mass., and a patient in the Cumberland-street hospital, refused to make any comment tonight when informed that his wife had been located in Harrisburg, Pa., where she is living with a daughter.

Information that Dr. Vermilye and his wife had lived in Brooklyn, but Mrs. Vermilye had gone to Harrisburg six months ago to visit her daughter and was still there.

Miss Keeney Leaves Hospital. Miss Keeney, who has also been a patient in the hospital since last night when she fainted and became hysterical because of her refusal to see her or explain his failure to appear for the wedding, left the institution today. She and her father again attempted to interview Dr. Vermilye, but he refused to see them.

When hospital officials, who say the physician is there to undergo a slight operation, informed newspapermen that he would see no one except relatives, they sent Dr. Vermilye the following note:

"Your wife, said to be located in Harrisburg, Pa., has made charges which perhaps you would be glad to clear up. Will you please make a definite statement and clear up the whole matter?"

Doctor "Has Nothing to Say." Dr. Vermilye's reply, which was written on the back of the note, said: "I have nothing to say."

When Mrs. Zindell, who lives at the Vermont home on Pacific street, was asked if it was true that the physician had a wife, she said: "It is. Her name is Mrs. William Gray Vermilye and she is at present staying with a daughter at Harrisburg, Pa."

"Had Dr. Vermilye and his wife lived here with you?" "Yes," she responded. "Mrs. Vermilye left this house about five months ago because her husband was in the service."

Vermilye Divorce Is Denied. "Have you ever heard of Dr. Vermilye or his wife getting a divorce?" "No; so far as I know they are still married."

Mrs. Zindell said she did not know Miss Keeney, but had heard she was a well educated girl.

When questioned further as to whether there was any doubt as to the woman in Harrisburg being Dr. Vermilye's wife, Mrs. Zindell replied: "I have no doubt at all but that she is his wife."

Mrs. Vermilye, it was learned tonight, is the second wife of the physician, his first wife having died.

MRS. VERMILYE IS SILENT Comment on Husband's Plan to Wed Another Withheld.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 28.—Mrs. William Gray Vermilye, who says she is the wife of the Brooklyn physician who disappeared Christmas eve, when supposedly on his way to wed Miss Ruth M. Keeney of Monson, Mass., and was subsequently found in a hospital, declined tonight to make any statement in regard to Dr. Vermilye's activities.

Major E. R. Baines, her son-in-law, said that Mrs. Vermilye had never heard of Miss Keeney before learning of her intended marriage.

Major Baines said that Dr. and Mrs. Vermilye were married in 1895.

IMMIGRATION FLOOD HITS ELLIS ISLAND

THOUSANDS CLAMOR AT NEW YORK'S GATES.

Police and Coast Guards Are on Duty to Relieve Unprecedented Condition Now Existing.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—More than 3000 immigrants are clamoring at the gates of New York for admission into the United States. Ellis Island is congested and many hundreds of the incoming passengers will be detained on board steamships for examination.

Immigration inspectors and special boards of inquiry have found it necessary to work day and night to relieve unprecedented conditions. In the meantime hundreds of friends and relatives of the detained passengers from all over the country have assembled here impatiently awaiting the release of the immigrants.

Police and coast guards are on duty at the piers and the Ellis Island ferry entrance to hold in check the crowds which gather at the gates daily. Several attempts have been made by friends and relatives of the detained passengers to storm the piers in an effort to reach the ships.

Immigration officials claim that their work is delayed to a large extent on Ellis Island because of the congestion there due to the detention of a large number of radicals and undesirable, held for deportation.

The greater number of the immigrants detained are Italians. It was stated that several hundred Greek passengers also are held.

DRY MEASURE IS DEFIED

New Jersey Provides Bill for Own Enforcement.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 28.—The preamble of the bill authorizing the sale of beer and light wines in New Jersey was made public tonight by State Senator Thomas Brown, who will introduce the measure at the next session of the legislature.

The preamble set forth that the state of New Jersey has not ratified the eighteenth amendment, doubts that it was passed in a constitutional manner and intends to disregard the "volstead act" and pass an enforcement bill which will be supreme within the limits of the state.

Senator Brown said the theory upon which Governor-elect Edwards and his supporters are working is that the eighteenth amendment gives equal power to congress and the states in the enforcement of prohibition and that the congressional enactment applies only where there is no state law in effect.

D'ANNUNZIO IS OBSTINATE

Resistance Demanded to Insure Guarantees to Annex Fiume.

FIUME, Dec. 28.—Armed resistance to the last market of bread and that of blood" is Gabriele d'Annunzio's latest decision in demanding further guarantees from the Italian government to insure the annexation of Fiume to Italy. The situation is at a stronger deadlock than ever by reason of the soldier-poet's unshakable obstinacy to remain in Fiume until his demands are met.

The national council has reversed its decision to accept the government's offer to permit d'Annunzio to support D'Annunzio, who with a large following of legionnaires, still remains master of the situation inside the city.

RUSSIANS PLOT TO KILL

Plans to Assassinate American Oil Company Officials Bared.

LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 28.—Agents of the Russian bolsheviks at Tampico "proposed the assassination of managers of all oil companies, superintendents of all oil companies and other high personages, with the object of bringing about international difficulties," according to Friday's issue of El Universal, a Mexico City newspaper.

The newspaper published a Tampico dispatch saying Mexican special police there arrested two Russians, confessed agents of soviet government, who are suspected of being accomplices of the persons directing the distribution of propaganda proposing the assassinations.

COSTS UP 82 PER CENT

Wage Earners' Living Comparison Made With July, 1914.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—An increase of 82.3 per cent in the cost of living for American wage-earners between July 1914 and November 1919 was shown in a statement issued by the national industrial conference board today. This represented an advance of 10.4 per cent since November, 1918, 14.5 per cent since March, 1919, when prices dropped temporarily, and 5.8 per cent since last July.

The increase in the cost of five major items in the family budget since July, 1914, was as follows: Food 92 per cent, shelter 38, clothing 135 per cent, fuel, heat and light 48 per cent and sundries 75 per cent.

DEATH DRINK RING 'KING PIN' CAUGHT

Source of Poison Liquor Traced to New York.

PHILADELPHIA SPECIALISTS REPORT PROMPT CURES. Patient Suffering With Paralysis Jumps to Feet When Phonograph Record Is Played.

FIVE IN BAND ARE ARRESTED

Undertaker Taken in Net; Reports of Deaths Grow.

WOOD ALCOHOL IS USED

Makers Said to Have Received \$1050 Barrel for Compound Sent to Chicopee.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Federal agents late tonight arrested five men who they claimed were the heads of an organized band which has been responsible for the recent widespread sale of wood alcohol concoctions through five states. One of the men arrested was described by the government agents as "the kingpin of the ring." Two of the men in custody were described as New York business men.

For ten days, since the first fatalities were reported from wood alcohol poisoning, Colonel D. L. Porter, supervising revenue agent for New York, and H. R. Dobbs, special federal agent, have been working on the theory that the poison which has caused scores of deaths throughout New England and New York, originated in this city.

Arrests Widely Separated. The arrests tonight were made in widely separated parts of the city.

Three of the prisoners arrested are Adolph Panarelli, a wine and liquor dealer; John Romanelli, an undertaker; and Samuel K. Saleeby, a drugist.

Panarelli said: "I am glad you got me. I will tell all I know."

Panarelli, according to Dobbs, said he had a friend named Salsberg in Hartford, Conn., who asked him to get some liquor for Christmas. He then got in touch with Saleeby, the drugist.

"King Pin" Is Accused. When the drugist was taken into custody, according to Dobbs, he accused Romanelli of being the "king pin" of the wood alcohol traffic.

Dobbs claims he traced Romanelli to a store in Brooklyn where 50 men were found playing cards.

According to Dobbs, Panarelli, after his arrest said: "For God's sake don't send me to Connecticut. I don't want to be lynched. I am an innocent man. My name has been published in all the papers and it would mean certain death."

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 28.—Beverages containing wood alcohol or other poisonous ingredients have caused the death of approximately 20 persons in Augusta and Richmond counties during the past four months, the coroner said.

JAZZ MUSIC IS USED IN EASTERN SURGERY

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FAMILY OF 34 INTACT

No Deaths Occur in Four Generations; Pair Married 50 Years.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 28.—(Special.) An unusual family is that of Mr. and Mrs. John Wels of Overland Park, St. Louis county, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary December 12, and among whose descendants, the fourth generation, there has never been a death. Five sons, two daughters, 31 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren have been born, and every one of them is living.

Both were born in Luxemburg, Wels is 73 years old and his wife is 69. Gustave and Henry, the older sons, were born in Rheims, France, and christened in the historic cathedral there. The other children were born in St. Louis where the couple came in 1877. Wels is a maker of steel safes, having devised the first one made in Belgium, in 1867, at Mons, scene of one of the first engagements of the war.

CANADIAN WHEAT RISES

Price of Manitoba Grain to Mills Lifted From \$2.30 to \$2.80.

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 28.—Effective today the Canadian wheat board has ordered that the price of Manitoba wheat to mills in Canada be raised from \$2.30 per bushel to \$2.80 per bushel in store at terminal elevators at Fort William or Port Arthur. Another regulation increased the maximum wholesale price of government standard spring wheat flour from \$14.50 per barrel to \$15.15 c. o. b. cars Montreal.

James Stewart, chairman of the board, said today that in order that the consuming public may have advantage of the supply of cheaper flour in the United States, permits will be issued for the import of the American product.

DEBUT MADE UNDER GUARD

Secret Service Men Accompany Governor's Daughter.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Two secret service agents in formal dress attended the presentation to society yesterday of Miss Harriet Lowden, second daughter of Governor and Mrs. Frank O. Lowden, as the result of the receipt by the governor of a threatening letter. It was disclosed today. Postoffice inspectors believe the author was an anarchist.

The governor was threatened for "mixing with the enemies of society"—the plutocrats and the capitalist class.

PRESIDENT OBSERVES SIXTY-THIRD BIRTHDAY

DAY SPENT QUIETLY; HEALTH MUCH IMPROVED.

Mr. Wilson Takes Walk and Reads Hundreds of Greetings Sent by Officials and Friends.

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TULSA, Okla., Dec. 28.—A boy believed by Chief of Police Robert Anton of Collinsville, Okla., to be the missing "Billy" Dansey of Hammon, N. J., is not the Dansey boy, according to Tulsa police tonight by Chief Anton and Chief of Police Allen of Tulsa.

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PERSHING LAUDS SCOUTS

General Tells Lincoln Boys of Remaining Opportunities.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 28.—In a short address to the Boy Scouts tonight General John J. Pershing commended their efforts during the war and told them the future held opportunities for continued activities. He mentioned the work of the scouts in France and also had praise for the Y. M. C. A., whose efforts abroad, he said, were worthy of highest commendation, and the results accomplished, particularly after the war, listed to overestimate.

General Pershing was voted a life membership in the Lincoln Y. M. C. A. tomorrow he will address the G. A. R. veterans.

During the afternoon General Pershing visited a hospital and spent some time at the bedside of Fred N. Alexander, a Lincoln boy, who served two years in France with the 157th infantry of the 38th division. Alexander was badly wounded in the battle of the Argonne.

General Pershing congratulated him on his valiant service and expressed hope for his recovery.

KLAMATH APPROVES RISE

Teachers in Schools to Receive Increase in Salary.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—By a vote of 12 to 7, taxpayers approved a special tax levy of \$4500 for teachers' salary increase yesterday.

PRICE GUARANTEE SENTIMENT ASKED

Federal Trade Commission to Investigate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Business interests, labor unions and the public generally are to be sounded out as to the sentiment in regard to the guarantee-against-price-decline system said to be in use by many manufacturers and wholesalers in the sale of goods. The federal trade commission announced tonight that it had sent out several thousand letters inquiring as to the opinion of the plan.

HIGH COSTS HELD RESULT

Complaints Say Plan Prevents Decrease in Figures.

The guarantee-against-price-decline system amounts to a guarantee by manufacturers and wholesalers in selling goods that should a decline in price occur before delivery of the goods the buyers shall benefit by the decline, but if the market should rise before delivery the manufacturer and wholesaler would assume the loss.

HEARING WILL BE HELD

System Is Said to Offer Protection to Buyers in Case of Decline Before Delivery.

Complaints Are Received. Complaints lodged with the commission assert that working out of the plan tends to prevent a decrease in the cost of living.

The commission, in a letter to boards of trade, civic bodies, trade organs and papers, labor groups and farmers' associations, made public to-day, said:

"The question of guarantee against decline in price has been the subject of so many complaints before the commission and opinion seems to be so diverse that the commission has determined to go into the whole matter thoroughly."

"As a basis for the necessary expenditures attending upon such an inquiry, such formal complaints have been issued presenting various phases of the subject. To the end that every party at interest may be fully represented the commission is inviting, generally, producers, manufacturers, merchants (wholesale and retail) and consumers to declare their interest in the subject. To the end that every party at interest may be fully represented the commission is inviting, generally, producers, manufacturers, merchants (wholesale and retail) and consumers to declare their interest in the subject."

TELEGRAPHERS GET RISE

Western Union Increase Becomes Effective January 1.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Thirty-two thousand employees of the Western Union Telegraph & Telephone company will receive salary increases amounting to \$5,000,000 on January 1, it was announced tonight.

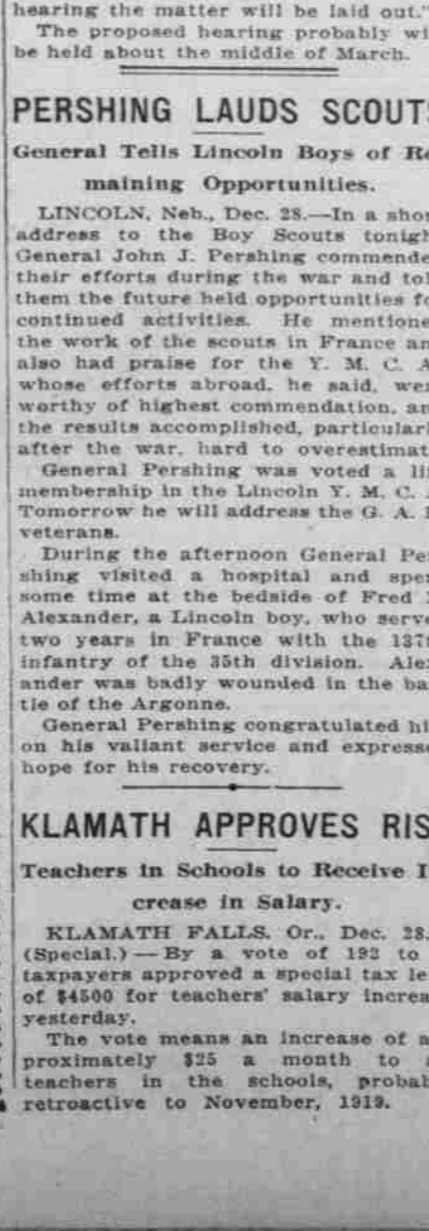
Employees who have been in the service more than one year will receive a 15 per cent increase and those who have been in the service more than six months but less than a year will receive 10 per cent increase. Only employees earning less than \$250 a month are affected.

CATTLE TO BE CHANGED

10,000 Head Will Be Transferred From Wyoming Into Idaho.

OGDEN, Utah, Dec. 28.—Five representatives of the Jackson Cattle & Horse Growers' association, representing 99 per cent of the livestock men of the Jackson Hole country, will confer tomorrow with the United States forest service officials regarding methods to be followed in transferring 10,000 head of livestock from the Wyoming district into Idaho in order that available feed may be provided for the Yellowstone park elk.

WAITING FOR THE PRESIDENT TO OPEN THE DOOR.



FREIGHT CARGO LOST IN SOUND COLLISION

STEAMER QUEEN STRIKES LILLICO BARGE IN FOG.

Five Loaded Cars and Merchandise Valued at \$100,000 Go Into Water Off Alki Point.

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SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—In the dense fog off Alki Point the steamer Queen rammed a Lillico transportation company barge Sunday morning, with a loss of five of the six cars loaded with freight valued at \$100,000, which the barge was transporting to Bremerton.

The barge, in a sinking condition, with a great hole stove in her port side forward, was beached on the municipal bathing beach. It was kept afloat by means of pumps, and one of the freight cars, containing a load of coal for the navy yard, was saved.

The barge was being towed by the Lillico Tug & Barge company's tug Arab. According to her master, Captain Carl Foss, the barge was being sounded at frequent intervals. When about half a mile off Alki Point he says the steamer Queen suddenly rounded Alki Point and because of the dense fog was upon the barge, 200 feet behind the tug, before a collision could be avoided.

The Queen was running slow, but the impact nearly swamped the big barge, which careened to such an extent that five of the cars slid into the bay with a series of mighty splashes.

Captain Foss, who was the only man on the barge, started the pumps and prevented, by means of brakes and blocks, the remaining car from leaving the barge.

M. F. Tarpey, captain of the Queen, proceeded to Seattle when he ascertained that the tug Arab was able to handle the situation. The barge is of 1800 tons capacity and carries three standard-gauge railway tracks. The five cars that were lost in the sound contained miscellaneous freight both for business firms and the navy department. The barge was making her 96th voyage to Bremerton from Seattle when the accident occurred.

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DUBLIN, Dec. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—An officer of the guard and one member of a band of intruders were killed early this morning in a shooting affray in Phoenix Park, a Dublin suburb, station, and only a short distance from the vice-regal lodge.

FOUR SUSPECTS ARRESTED

Firing Close to Home of Lord French Causes Search.

The vice-regal lodge is the official residence of Viscount French, Lord Lieutenant and governor-general of Ireland. In some quarters the belief was expressed that an attack had been in preparation against the lodge. About eight men were believed to have made up the band. Four arrests were made.

At 1:30 o'clock this morning shots were heard near the vice-regal lodge. They continued intermittently at intervals for nearly an hour in that portion of Phoenix Park between the lodge and the magazine.

There apparently was no direct attack on the lodge. The inmates at first thought the shooting was connected with some sort of holiday revelry.

PARTY FLEES IN DARK

Lieutenant, Guest of Governor-General, Shot During Investigation of Disorders.

As the firing persisted, however, a military guard, consisting of an officer and two men, turned out and searched the grounds. Finding nothing unusual there, they went through the park near the main road.

While traversing the center of the park they encountered a sharp exchange of firing with the intruders, and Lieutenant Boast, who was leading his men, fell shot through the heart.

One of the attacking party also was killed. He was a civilian about 40 years of age. According to some reports he was wearing portions of a soldier's uniform. No weapon was found on or near his body, and up to this point his man's identity has not been ascertained. Pools of blood were found on the scene, which is about half a mile from the lodge.

INTRUDERS FLEE IN DARK

After the shooting the intruders fled in the darkness. The four men arrested were not taken into custody near the scene of the shooting, but were apprehended as they were leaving the park about two hours later. They denied having any connection with the attack and it was reported that no incriminating evidence was found.

After the shooting the military brought a machine gun to the scene. This was fired in the direction it had been supposed the men had taken. Whereupon the man had taken the bodies of the two men were taken to the George V hospital where an inquest will be held tomorrow.

CITY BECOMES EXCITED

Lieutenant Boast was only 20 years old. He was mentioned in Saturday's issue of the Evening Post as having invited to dine with Field Marshal Viscount French, lord lieutenant and governor-general of Ireland, on Saturday night. On Sunday he had bid farewell to his parents who had been paying him a visit.

There was great excitement in the city when the newspapers announced the occurrence. Crowds visited the scene during the afternoon.