

WILMINGTON HOPES TO MANUFACTURE 500,000 RIFLES

Inventor Cables Brother He "Has Something Good," Which Is Taken to Mean Contract for Allies.

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 7.—Upon the arrival of Demetrius Stergianopoulos, the inventor of the military rifle which bears his name, it is expected work will be begun in this city on nearly half a million military rifles for the Allies, for which he has the contract. He wrote his brother William, who is in charge of the small plant of the company in this city, some time ago, that he had an opportunity to secure the contract for 500,000 rifles, but he has now called his brother, "I have something good," which is regarded as an indication that he has closed a contract for a larger order than 500,000. It is understood that the number is half a million.

While the plant of the company in this city is small it is understood that arrangements have been made whereby the greater portion of the rifles will be made at the plant of the Standard Arms Company in this city, which is now being fitted with machinery.

The Stergianopoulos company manufactures a repeating rifle which has met with considerable favor abroad, especially from the King of Greece. It has been endeavoring for some time to secure a site for a plant and several cities offered inducements, but a number of the stockholders are Wilmingtonians and efforts are being made to keep the plant in this city. It will be kept here at least for a time.

Work on the new rifles is expected to give employment to a large number of men and is expected to result in both the Stergianopoulos and the Standard Arms Company resuming business on a large scale.

It is also stated that a large order, one for 150,000 second-hand Springfield rifles, has been placed with one concern in this city, and that these rifles probably will be brought here, improved in some respects and then shipped abroad. The agent who negotiated the purchase told the local company that the arms were not intended for war, but the purchaser "wanted them to drill with."

Following so close on the announcement that the Harlan & Hollingsworth Corporation had obtained the contract for the largest vessel ever built in Delaware and that the contract for the erection of the projectile plant of the Bethlehem Steel Company at New Castle would be awarded in a few days, the prospect of a large order for rifles is taken as an indication of returning prosperity for Wilmington.

YOUNG FARMERS CULTIVATE YARDS, ROOFS AND BATHTUBS

School Children Cultivate Soil for Gain and Pleasure.

Philadelphia's school children are reducing the high cost of living by growing vegetables in yards, on roofs, in discarded bathtubs and on the city's dumps, according to the annual report of Miss Caro Miller, supervising head of school garden instruction.

The report tells how every available bit of space is being utilized by thousands of embryo truckers in the production of almost everything that can be grown. Accomplishments that would be considered rare even among experienced farmers are credited to boys and girls, the oldest of whom has not yet seen his 13th birthday.

More expert gardeners grow peanuts and cotton, while youngsters of more ordinary ability had bushels of corn, beans and potatoes to show as the result of their work. Many of the pupils live in homes where they have been replaced in their homes by more modern apparatus. From this rich ground, obtained from the vacant lots, enough produce was obtained to feed several persons for an entire summer.

Gardens are conducted under the auspices of the Board of Education in schoolyards, on vacant lots and in space donated for the use of the tiny tillers of the soil by private philanthropists. To the many hundreds of children who cannot be accommodated in these gardens instruction is provided at home by teachers employed by the School Board.

These young women working under the direction of Miss Miller, visit the homes of the pupils periodically, teaching them how to obtain results from the gardens that do not offer brilliant promise. The lesson of perseverance, Miss Miller says, is in no way better taught than in home gardening.

JAIL TERM FOR SAILOR

Bluejacket Sentenced to Three Months for Assaulting Policeman.

Planning guilty to aggravated assault and battery on Policeman Snell, of the 11th and Winter streets station, William Wenzel, a sailor, was sentenced to three months in the County Prison by Judge Davis in Quarter Sessions Court today.

On November 28 Snell had arrested another sailor at 5th and Race streets for assaulting a Chinese. Wenzel, who was intoxicated, hit the policeman over the head with a bottle while attempting to rescue the other sailor.

MISS TARHELL TO LECTURE

Miss Ida Tarbell, the noted magazine writer on woman and social topics, will lecture tonight at the Central Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, 121 Arch street. Miss Tarbell will discuss her latest investigations and researches of industrial conditions and scientific management.

POSTBAG FROM BATTLE FRONT

First-hand Accounts of Land and Sea Conflicts Told by the Fighting Soldiers and Sailors Themselves.

[The real war correspondents of the present European struggle are the men in the trenches and the men on the quarter deck. Professional writers are not permitted at the front. All they know is what they can glean from the wounded occupants of ambulances taken to the rear. The Evening Ledger will print from time to time the only intimate side of the war—the reflections of soldiers and sailors in their letters home. German letters, when obtainable, as well as those of the Allies, will be printed.]

German Mowed Down in Streets

Letter from Private H. P. Mullaney, of the Irish Guards, now in King's College Hospital, to his sweetheart:

We barricaded the street by pulling carts, doors, shutters across it, and then dug up the pavement. We put two Maxim in position and as the Germans roll up their masses within 20 yards. Then we let them have it right and left until they could not advance for their own dead. It was a terrible sight. They must have lost thousands.

Speaking of the advance from the neighborhood of Paris, Mullaney said: Our own guns didn't get our advance covered, so we were at the mercy of the enemy. After some time our artillery came up and then we advanced. I think it was the Scots Greys who dashed up and had the pleasure of capturing the guns the Germans left behind. We were all filled with joy at this success and to know we were advancing. A number of the enemy got into a house and fired through the windows and doors. Our boys soon got the measure of them and let them have it in style. The Germans tried short dashes on the hill. They only got a few yards when they went down to rise no more. We took about 80 prisoners.

Later we got the order to fix bayonets and charge the guns, whilst a great thunderstorm was raging. They should have seen the Irish Guards, Third Coldstreamers and Second Grenadiers fly down like an avalanche, on the Kaiser's crack regiment—the Prussian Guards. It was all over in ten minutes. They absolutely stood dumfounded, with white faces and knees trembling. I shouldn't like to stand in front of that charge myself. Our men were drenched to the skin, but we didn't care; it only made us pluck as wild. Such dare-devil pluck I was glad to see.

"Back for those guns," roared an officer, "or I'll have every one of you slaughtered." The men didn't want selling twice. We proceeded to line up the prisoners and collect the spoils, which amounted to about 150 prisoners, six Maxim guns and 35,000 rounds of ammunition.

"They had snipers up in the trees to pick off our officers. That day we lost three captains and two wounded. I had one bullet through my cap, and was picking it up when I was wounded in the leg. I got sight of my man up a tree close by. I knew it was either him or me for it, so I rolled behind some cover and took accurate aim at him. When I fired he came crashing down through the trees. I made a crutch of my rifle and got down to a schoolhouse.

Decampment at 4 o'clock. We march toward Passau. Today is the great day. We can already hear the thunder of cannon. The farther we march the more clearly we can hear the music of the artillery. There has been a mistake made here; they should have sent nearer the battlefield yesterday. We reached Passau half dead with hunger and utterly worn out. We received tremendous enthusiasm from the inhabitants as we went to still our hunger. At noon the Germans retire toward Mainz. We believe this is a victory! On the contrary, however, they appear to have made a mistake in their retreat. The general staff back in great numbers. Suddenly, about 5 o'clock, we see the artillery and cavalry coming back. Every one asks what is happening. Then comes the command for leaving the encampment and for retreat.

What happens now is fearful. All the columns of the entire army corps, troops of all descriptions, flow down the road, without order, without knowing whether they are going or why. Then all seemed stunned and cannot understand how it can be possible. Messengers of ill tidings fit to and fro, saying that whole infantry regiments have been literally wiped out; that the Eleventh Corps was completely destroyed, and they say, too, that the company which fights next to us is in flight.

STABBED IN THE NECK

Young Man Quarrel and One Uses Knife on Antagonist.

Frank Murray, 20 years old, of 448 North Franklin street, was held in \$500 bail by Magistrate Emely today, on the charge of aggravated assault preferred by Walter Schwartz, of 120 Park street. Schwartz is in the Woman's Homeopathic Hospital, suffering from a stab wound in the neck.

According to the police, both men alighted from a 12th street car at night and quarreled. It is alleged that during the quarrel Murray stabbed Schwartz.

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STARS AT PEN AND PENCIL CLUB FROLIC



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STARS TO GLITTER IN CHARITY'S CAUSE AT NIGHT IN BOHEMIA

Pen and Pencil Club's Annual Entertainment Will Offer Many Novel Features.

Journalism and the stage will unite on the annual "Night in Bohemia" to be held under the auspices of the Pen and Pencil Club at the Bellevue-Stratford next Thursday night. The affair will be given in aid of the home relief section of the Emergency Aid Committee.

The "Night in Bohemia" is an annual affair given by the newspaper men of Philadelphia, and always attracts great attention because of the participation of the leading theatrical stars present in the city at the time. Many new features have been added to this year's event, which will be characterized as distinct from similar affairs given in previous years by a daisant following the musical and dramatic program.

Through the courtesy of the management of the Bellevue-Stratford the Clover Room and the Red Room have been donated to the club for the entire evening. A new feature of the event will be a cafe, of the design to be found on the sidewalks and boulevards of Continental Europe, erected in the Clover Room of the hotel. The most popular dancing masters of the city will be in charge of the dancing.

The leading actors and actresses now in the city will be present and will participate in the dramatic program. This has been made possible through the courtesy of the theatre and troupe managers. Harry T. Jordan, general manager of all Keith enterprises in Philadelphia, will be in charge of the stage and Keith's Theatre will send such headliners as Bessie Wynn, Harry Houdini and Doctor O'Neil, as well as many other acts.

From the "Follies and Perimeter" company at the Garrick will come Julian Rose, Julius Tannen and Leo Donnelly, widely known as a Philadelphiaian himself. Several stars from the "High Jinks" company at the Lyric will include Stella Mayhew, Emma Francis, Ada Meade and Adele Ardley.

Mrs. Beulah Jay, of the Little Theatre, has consented to stage an entire sketch, entitled "Ephraim and the Winged Bear," by Kenneth Goodman.

Another sketch in which the newspaper men are particularly interested is that written by W. Barry Lewis, himself a Philadelphia journalist, which through the courtesy of the Lubin Manufacturing Company will be enacted by Rosetta Brice, Peter Lang, Jack Nelson and George Matthews.

Norman Jefferies, Bart McHugh, M. W. Taylor and Fred Nixon-Nirdlinger will also contribute acts.

Walter G. Wroe, the versatile dancing master, will send his daughter, "The Juvenile Gene," and the "Wooebuds" Cutie and Duty.

Acts from the Broadway Theatre, which will include the "Dance Revue of 1914," will also be seen.

Fritz Ulrich, whose reputation as a violinist of note is known to all Philadelphia, will appear in a musical comedy, "The Street Fiddler." Many other singers and musicians of note have also consented to be present, and a program of several hours is promised.

Nearly all the boxes in the hall room have been sold. The following society women have consented to act as patronesses for the affair:

- Mrs. Cassatt, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. T. Stotey, Mrs. E. Scull, Mrs. W. H. McLean, Mrs. C. M. McLean, Mrs. J. C. McLean, Mrs. J. F. McLean, Mrs. J. G. McLean, Mrs. J. H. McLean, Mrs. J. I. McLean, Mrs. J. K. McLean, Mrs. J. L. McLean, Mrs. J. M. McLean, Mrs. J. N. McLean, Mrs. J. O. McLean, Mrs. J. P. McLean, Mrs. J. Q. McLean, Mrs. J. R. McLean, Mrs. J. S. McLean, Mrs. J. T. McLean, Mrs. J. U. McLean, Mrs. J. V. McLean, Mrs. J. W. McLean, Mrs. J. X. McLean, Mrs. J. Y. McLean, Mrs. J. Z. McLean.



STELLA MAYHEW

EDUCATION BILLS APPROVED

Aggregate Is \$1,072,942.66 for Month of November.

Bills aggregating \$1,072,942.66 incurred during November were approved today by the Finance Committee of the Board of Education.

The total amount includes salaries of teachers, janitors of public schools, yearly playgrounds and office force, \$648,267.39; supplies, \$22,223.87; equipment, \$5,319.57; payments on sites purchased and school buildings under construction, \$205,814.70; and an item of \$100,750, the semiannual interest, due January 1, on the 1913 school loan of \$2,000,000 and on the 1913 loan of \$3,000,000.

The report of School Treasurer William McCooch shows a balance of \$4,439,435.41, including \$4,286.56 of uncollected school orders with the balance deposited as follows: Central National Bank, \$900,000; Farmers' and Merchants' National Bank, \$1,096,908.55; Franklin National Bank, \$750,000; Market Street National Bank, \$500,000; Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities, \$500,000; Commercial Trust Company, \$400,000; cash in treasurer's hands, \$22,500.86.

Bridesburg Church Charter Recorded

Because of the failure in 1853 of the incorporators of the Bridesburg Methodist Episcopal Church to have the charter recorded, a petition was made in Common Pleas Court No. 1 today for the charter incorporating certificate. John L. Burns, as master, reported favorably on the request. One of the changes from the original constitution gives women of the church right to vote at church elections.



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DON'T DISREGARD THIS POLICE LIST OF XMAS 'DON'TS'

Superintendent Robinson Asks Co-operation of Public in Safeguarding Property.

A list of Christmas "don'ts," for the protection of the public, the individual and the home against thieves, burglars and pickpockets during the pre-Christmas season, considered to be a fruitful part of the year for robberies, was issued today by Superintendent of Police Robinson. He appeals to the public to co-operate with the police and detectives in reducing robberies to a minimum by following the suggestions proposed by the department. The "don'ts" are as follows:

- Don't place your handbag or purse on a store counter; it might not be there when you look for it. Keep it in your hand or under your arm while in stores.
- Don't enter crowds on the street or in stores; pickpockets like crowds.
- Don't wear valuable jewelry when shopping.
- Don't carry more money than you believe you will need and don't make a display of the money you have.
- Don't purchase jewelry on the street, no matter how much of a bargain it appears to be.
- Don't fall to count the change given you and don't fail to be on the lookout for counterfeit money when receiving change.
- Don't leave your automobile or carriage on the street without a caretaker who is known to you, and don't leave articles of value in the vehicle while you are absent.
- Don't pay for C. O. D. parcels until you have examined the contents and found that the goods have been ordered by you.
- Don't leave a messenger alone in a room where he has delivered goods, while you go to another part of the house; let him wait in the vestibule.
- Don't deliver goods which have been received by you to any person who calls and claims that a mistake was made in the delivery, unless you first telephone the store and have the story verified.
- Don't have goods purchased on your delivered in care of others; order them delivered to you in your home.
- Don't pay any attention to persons who claim they found your pocketbook, unless you are sure you lost it, and don't give

of strap, but loop the chain or strap around your wrist and keep your hand over the clasp which opens the bag.

Don't permit your messengers to deliver packages on the street to persons who claim the goods are for them, and don't permit them to deliver any packages at houses which are apparently vacant.

Don't make change for any coin until you secure possession of the note or coin to be changed.

Don't deliver goods to express agents or messengers until you make positive that they are the persons they represent themselves to be.

Don't permit your delivery wagon to remain unguarded on the street.

If you are a man, don't carry your pocketbook or wallet in your hip pocket; carry it in the inside pocket of your vest.

Don't allow any one to place a newspaper close to your face in a public conveyance or elsewhere; such a person is after your watch and chain or scarf pin. Look out for persons who jostle you on platforms of street or railway cars; they are after your money.

The detectives, special officers and uniformed men of this bureau will do all they can to protect you from thieves and pickpockets, but you must assist the police by doing everything possible to protect yourself and your valuables.

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