

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUNERAL OF WRONGMAN MADE

Brother and Son Identify Body of Man Who Died of Heart Disease; Find Mistake Later.

Because the corpse of William Cruett, 1716 Cumming street, was wrongly identified by B. M. Brown, Wednesday afternoon, the body narrowly escaped being buried in a Hebrew cemetery, according to the Jewish ritual.

Wednesday afternoon Cruett, who was a Christian, dropped dead at sixteenth and Nicholas street, of heart failure.

B. M. Brown, employed by the Rosenblatt Coal company, Twelfth and Nicholas, saw the crowd that had been attracted by the tragedy.

He hastened to the scene, and, being a tall man, looked over the heads of the others congregated there and exclaimed: "My God, that's my brother."

He called the Crosby undertaking establishment had the body removed where it was also identified by R. L. Brown, a son of the supposed dead man.

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## The Bee's Free Shoe Fund To Buy Shoes For Shoeless Children

The Bee's Shoe fund has passed the \$1,000 goal which we set for it. The response of the people has been most generous and scores and scores of little feet are well shod which would be out in the cold and wet, except for this generosity.

One girl came in and emptied out her purse which contained 97 cents. A family of three contributed \$5 each.

The fund will be closed Friday, but the work will go on with the money which is in the treasury. Previously reported.....\$1,006.60

Maud Kelley.....97  
Helen and Caroline Cain.....2.00  
George A. Roberts.....5.00  
Mrs. G. A. Roberts.....5.00  
Elizabeth Roberts.....5.00  
A Friend, Benson.....1.00  
Cash, York.....3.00  
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## Papeete Rebuilds City Blocks Burned by Huns

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 19.—Two blocks of the city of Papeete, Island of Tahiti, in the South Pacific ocean, burned as a result of the bombardment by the German Admiral von Spee's fleet early in the war, have been rebuilt, according to Capt. R. E. Peasley of the schooner Fred J. Wood, which has just returned from Tahiti.

The governor's palace said Captain Peasley, remains unscathed because the American schooner Wm. Olson was moored at the quay in front of the structure and her master declined to move into the stream out of the line of fire.

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## Y. M. C. A. PLANS TO REORGANIZE WORK OVERSEA

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He said also that if overseas secretaries were brusque in their dealings with soldiers it undoubtedly was due to the fact that many of them were on duty for 18 hours at a stretch, sometimes without meals.

**Workers Dropped Summarily.**

Dr. Mott did not deny the charge that the Y. M. C. A. has taken scores of men from gainful occupations and, after promising overseas services, turned them back without occupation. He explained that this was due largely to the fact that the War department had indicated strong preference that wherever possible Y. M. C. A. workers should be taken from the army overseas.

In answer to the charge that Y. M. C. A. workers persistently dodged danger, Dr. Mott said that nine workers have been killed by shell fire while on duty and 29 seriously gassed or wounded. Thirty-one others have died in service, chiefly as a result of exposure and overwork. Ten have been cited for bravery or decorated.

**Arrest Negro Boy on Highway Robbery Charge**

William Smith, 2121 Seward street, a 17-year-old negro boy, was arrested Thursday morning and charged with highway robbery. He has been identified by M. Goldberg, 2514 Caldwell street, who asserts Smith held him up at the point of a revolver.

William tells a different story. "I done owed that man Goldberg 30 cents," he explained, "and he knew the only way to collect from me was to have me 'rested.'"

He was turned over to the juvenile authorities.

**Prince is Visiting.**

Paris, Dec. 19.—(Havas)—Prince Nicholas of Roumania arrived in Paris today. He will stay two days in the capital and then proceed to England.

## GERMER DENIES HUNS PAID HIM TO OPPOSE WAR

Socialist Secretary Admits at His Trial That Party Distributed Pamphlets Called Seditious.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Letters from John Spargo in which he declared that the attitude of the socialist party since the beginning of the war had been "unneutral, un-American and pro-German" were read to the jury today by counsel for the government during the cross-examination of Adolph Germer, general secretary of the national socialist party, at the trial of five socialist leaders for violation of the espionage law.

Germer admitted that millions of copies of pamphlets declared by the government seditious, had been distributed by the socialist party.

Germer denied ever having received any money from German sources to oppose war. He said every dollar expended was contributed by the membership of the socialist party.

Germer said he never advised anyone not to register under the selective draft but on the contrary had told a number of persons who came to him that they should obey the law. He denied ever having conspired with any of the other defendants to violate the espionage law.

Ree Want Ads are the Best Business Boosters.



## Remarkably Fine Silk Sale

Commences on Friday

Extra Values for Christmas Time

It has become a fashion to present a silk blouse or dress pattern as a gift and a wise choice it is indeed. To further the pleasure of giving such a remembrance we are offering a large number of special prices on silks of the usual Thompson-Belden Quality.

### \$2.25 Satin Liberty

In taupe, navy, wisteria, silver, Burgundy, brown, bottle green, beige and other fashionable shades. A beautiful all-silk satin (36-inch), sold all season for \$2.25.

### Silk, Satin Meteor

A lovely dress fabric in a complete range of fashionable colors and shades (40-inch). Very desirable at \$2.29 a yard. Sold all season for \$3 a yard.

### OTHER SILK SPECIALS

Novelty materials for blouses and skirts. Qualities sold from \$1.75 to \$2.50 a yard. At a Christmas price of only \$1.69 a yard.

### Fast Colored Tub Silks

(33-inch), \$1.29 a Yard

Novelty plaids, wool-filled, for children's dresses (40-inch), excellent wearing quality, 89c a yard.

Any of these materials will be suitably boxed for gift purposes.

### Haskell's Famous Black Silks at Prices You Can't Afford to Miss

According to well defined custom, these special prices on Haskell's silks would not come until after Christmas. This season they are offered before the holidays so that the many who choose dress patterns for gift purposes may do so at a considerable saving.

### \$3 Satin Duchess

For \$2.39 a Yard

A soft, lustrous 36-inch satin.

\$3 Satin Messaline (36-inch), 2.39 a Yard

\$4 Satin Duchess for \$3.25 a Yard

A fine weight and beautiful finish (40-inch).

\$2.25 Chiffon Taffeta for \$1.79 a Yard

A 36-inch, pure dye, fine silk fabric.

\$2.50 Chiffon Taffeta (36-inch), \$1.95 a Yard



## The Store for Blouses

In our extensive displays are blouses for every daytime and evening occasion. Tailored blouses, novelty blouses, dress blouses, each distinctive in its own particular manner. This is a specialty shop in the true sense of the word and its suggestions for Christmas gifts will meet with your approval.

Blouses from \$5.20 to \$39.50

## The Mens Shop

Lounging Robes, from \$6 to \$25 that are real beauties. All sizes and colors, and as no two are alike, your selection is bound to be exclusive.

Men's Silk Hose. Such well and favorably known makes as Onyx, Wayne Knit and Interwoven. Plain shades, embroidered clocks and fancy patterns, up as high as \$3.50 a pair.

A Step to the Left as You Enter.

Linen Handkerchiefs, very fine ones imported direct from Ireland. Hand embroidered initials find favor with many gift seekers. Hems done by hand appeal to others. An exceptional line of silk kerchiefs in white and colors. Prices range from 19c up to \$1.50 each.

Pajamas of silk, \$5 and \$10, of madras \$1.50 to \$5, of outing flannel \$2 to \$4.50. Also night shirts and out-of-doors sleeping suits.

## PLAN OF SINKING WARSHIPS STIRS NAVAL CIRCLES

Suggestion News to Secretary Daniels; Lodge Wants to Know Authority for Such Step.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Press dispatches from Paris saying that the American peace delegates with British support will urge the sinking of the surrendered German warships as the solution of the problem of their disposition led to initiation of steps today by Senator Lodge in the senate to obtain an official statement of the facts and to wide discussion in naval circles. At the State and Navy departments no information was available. Secretary Daniels repeating his previous statement that he had never heard the suggestion officially, while at the State department it was said that so far as known there no such project was included in the American peace program.

The first published suggestion that the ships be sunk came from London several days ago but even before that, it was learned, this had occurred to some naval authorities here as one possible way of settling a vexing problem.

There were many indications today that a proposal to sink the ships would meet strong opposition in congress.

### Odessa is Occupied.

Odessa, Dec. 19.—(By Associated Press.)—Troops under command of the anti-German Ukrainian leader Petiura, today are occupying Odessa.

## HUN PROPAGANDA REPORTED STILL AT WORK IN U. S.

Washington, Dec. 19.—German propaganda still is at work in the United States, the State department was informed today in a dispatch from The Hague. A Professor Brinkmann, who directed propaganda in this country from The Hague during the war, was said to be in charge of the present operations.

Officials here assumed that the information was sent from The Hague to explain the spreading of reports that the United States and the allies are not in agreement over certain issues to be dealt with at the peace conference.

## Thompson-Belden & Co. Established 1886 The Fashion Center for Women

In Selection of Gift Things at This Store there is the satisfaction of knowing that good taste and good quality are always in evidence, even in the most inexpensive articles.



## Merchandise Bonds

Issued for any amount and redeemable at any time in any section of the store. Many men prefer to give bonds at Christmas time, because they are not bothered with selecting gift articles and they know, furthermore, that the person who is fortunate enough to receive a merchandise bond has all of the pleasure and satisfaction of a personal selection.



## Good Hosiery A Good Gift

It's well to emphasize GOOD, because poor quality in silk hosiery is quite inexcusable for gift purposes when the reliable kinds are no more expensive. For this reason, select Thompson-Belden hosiery and know that you are choosing the best. A few styles are mentioned. Scores of others to show you—in person.

Silk hose with lisle tops and soles in black, white and all fashionable colors. Full fashioned, \$1.25 a pair. Fine lisle hose, made of English yarn. Spliced seams, garter tops and double soles, \$1 a pair. Silk-to-the-top hose in white, \$2 a pair. Heavy weight black silk hose with lisle garter tops and double soles, \$2.

DECORATIONS. For Gift Packages—Cards, tags, labels, tissue paper, tinsel cords and the like. Main Aisle.

## Neopolitan Silk Petticoats

It has been so long since any really new style of petticoat has made its appearance, that these latest arrivals are occasioning no small amount of attention.

In the first place the silk itself is distinctive. Neopolitan is something like Jersey, only it's different. The colors, though, are the striking feature of these petticoats. The combinations and patterns are so entirely novel that a personal inspection is necessary to fully appreciate them.

We can't think of a more charming gift for a woman. \$9.50 to \$15

## Bath Robes

Substantial blanket robes women will appreciate for both comfort and good looks. \$5 to \$10.50



## Neck Fixings

If you count variety, smartness of styles and exceptional distinctiveness as important, then we feel certain our neckwear selections will meet with your approval.

There are collars and sets of Gerogette, organdie, pique, satin, broadcloth, real Irish and filet laces. Vests and vestees of net and organdie and Gerogette.

A display so out of the ordinary that any selection from it will be received with enthusiasm. Prices to suit everyone's preference.

## Bath Rugs

A good Turkish bath rug makes a sensible gift—one that is greatly appreciated. Designs and colorings are particularly attractive this Christmas. Small size rugs, \$1.75.

Large size rugs, \$2.50 and \$2.75. Linen Section

## Splendid Shoes for \$8.85

that have been selling to \$13

A great many of the best models from our regular stock will go into this sale Friday. They are actually worth much more than the price asked, as they have been selling up to \$13.

You will find shoes of dark gray kid, black kid, patent leather and field mouse brown kid with cloth tops to match.

Friday \$8.85 a pair.

Slippers for the whole family

## Friday a Sale of Smart New Hats

For \$5

For the woman who wishes a bright new satin hat that is a far better value than is usually possible, this sale has been arranged. All of the most popular colors, stylish new shapes, cleverly trimmed. See for yourself how unusual are the values.

Friday Only \$5

