

ANN STREET BUILDINGS BURN

LIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN.

Police man, "exclaimed an agitated, elderly woman on Riverside Drive the other day, "police man, my eyeglasses are up in that tree!"

"I am sorry, madam, that you've lost your glasses."

"But they're up on that tree," pointing to the branch of an elm some fifteen feet up.

"More than once in his career the policeman had peered in those trees for canary birds and parrots. This was a new one. There on a twig sat a pair of rimless eyeglasses."

She had been riding on top of one of the Fifth avenue buses and a low hanging branch had swished across her face. The policeman stopped the next bus, went up and captured the glasses for her.

A score or so of deaf and dumb men who gather every working day at noon on the north side of Fulton street just east of Broadway form a kind of club that has been meeting at this place for the last year or so. Most of them are engravers and some of them draw very high wages.

Engraving is considered the best of all trades for them as they neither speak nor hear, for neither of these faculties is required to become proficient in it. Indeed these defects tend to enable the workers to concentrate their attention on their tasks more than they are able to accomplish much more than the average man.

A little girl who had been flower girl at a big wedding and who had been so thrilled with it all that she could barely think of anything for a year or more except the scenes in the church and at the altar was in Central Park the other day with her mother and wanted to walk in a shaded path that attracted her.

"No, my dear," said her mother, "you must go there for that's a bride path." The little girl's eyes grew big with awe and astonishment, for just at that moment half a dozen young men and women from a riding school came cantering into view.

"Oh, mother," she cried, "are they on their way to a wedding, and which one is the bride?"

The wreck of the Federal Express at Bridgeport last week and the escape of the St. Louis baseball club has drawn attention to the fact that never in the history of professional baseball has a player been killed in a traveling accident. The major league clubs travel about 25,000 miles each year.

"Brooklyn had the first subway in the world," said a lawyer down town the other day. "It is still in existence, though everybody has forgotten about it. It ran under Atlantic avenue or Atlantic street as they used to call it from South Ferry up to a point just beyond Boerum place, a distance of about a mile. It was commenced in 1836, finished six years later and used till 1857."

Atlantic street was then the crack Brooklyn business street. It is not just begun and a company, the old Brooklyn and Jamaica, got a franchise to run one from Jamaica to South Ferry. Popular opinion wouldn't let them run the line, so they abandoned the project. It was a success too."

"Commercial motor vehicles are common enough nowadays far out in the country as well as in the cities," said a motorist. "But the latest use to which the motor has been put, according to my observation, is to replace the old horse drawn scissors and knife grinders. We used to use to see, usually painted a bright red and with pictures of knives, saws, scissors and hammers on the sides. This car had a big boxlike body extending as far forward as the hood. The sides, front and back were of red-rotting iron about half way up to the top, the top being in the back inside the grinder had his grindstone and the control."

Miss Dale to appear with George Arliss in "Disraeli."

Miss Margaret Dale has been engaged for the part of Mrs. Trevelyan in Louis N. Parker's "Disraeli." She with Elsie Leslie will support George Arliss when he presents his characterization of the English statesman at Wallack's Theatre in September. Miss Dale has for several seasons been leading woman for John Drew and William H. Crane.

Elliott Schenck has engaged the following singers to take part in the grand opera festival which he is preparing to make a feature of next week's "Top Gun" on the roof of the Century Theatre. Mrs. Claire Wiseman, soprano; Paul Archambault, baritone; Miss Amy Ray, contralto; and Miss Rosa Eaton, soprano.

To-day the mechanical forces of Lieber & Co. begin the work of putting the stage of the Century Theatre into shape for the big spectacular productions "The Garden of Allah" and "The Lady of Dreams" that will be made there during the season. The revolving stage on which two massive scenes can be set in one or the other of the two theatres, the stage set hoists will be adjusted. The wonderful dimming machine, which cost \$75,000 and which makes possible a thousand infinitesimal gradations of light, will be thoroughly gone over and tested.

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PENSIONED VETERAN HELD UP

Ellis Island Not Certain That He Can Land, Though He's Lived Here 30 Years.

High Sweeney, who was born in Donegal eighty-three years ago and entered the Union army in the civil war as a private in the Twelfth Kentucky Volunteers, receiving wounds at Chattanooga and the Wilderness, returned yesterday aboard the Anchor line Caldonia on a visit to Ireland, the fourth he has made since the end of the war.

He still has a bit of a brogue, although he has been in America more than fifty years, and an immigration boarding officer held him up because he could not show naturalization papers or other evidences of citizenship.

Sweeney did show that he had been receiving a pension from Uncle Sam since 1890 and declared that he had been voting and otherwise exercising the functions of a citizen for the last forty-eight years. But he could not show any naturalization papers because, he said, he had never been asked to take any out. He said he supposed that continuous service in the army on the war had entitled him to citizenship.

The veteran was ordered to Ellis Island, as the boarding officer was unwilling to take the risk of letting him go to his home, in North Keyston street, Indianapolis, where he has a son-in-law, Otto Hicks, in the Board of Trade. Sweeney took his case placidly saying that he had been held up once before and sent on his way again the next day. His trip to his birthplace, Letterkenny, County Donegal, was to settle an estate and incidentally to get his birth certificate. He had been a bit uncertain about his age and found that he was, as he had suspected, in his eighty-third year. He wondered why Ellis Island had not kept a record of him so that it might follow its own precedent and let him through. His mere declaration and his pension check had been good enough evidence to other immigration inspectors except one that he was entitled to leave ships at their piers.

SMASHED AT A CROSSING

Staten Island Builder and His Wife Weren't Hurt When Their Car Was Hit.

The automobile of a Staten Island builder, Bernard Connolly of 171 Richmond road, Dongan Hills, Staten Island, was smashed to smithereens at 10:40 o'clock yesterday morning by a train which was driving the car across the tracks of the Staten Island Rapid Transit road at Seaview avenue, Dongan Hills.

There was no flagman stationed at the crossing as Mr. Connolly approached the tracks and the builder did not notice the approach of a southbound train until it was too late to get out of the way. The impact of the train demolished the automobile and Mr. and Mrs. Connolly were spilled out along the tracks, but beyond a few bruises and shock they were uninjured.

A SQUIRREL HIDDEN HAMELIN

Watertown, N. Y., Will Slaughter Animals Which Now Overrun City.

Watertown, N. Y., July 16.—In answer to the appeals of thousands of citizens made desperate by a plague of squirrels within the city limits the Common Council of Watertown will shortly repeal an ordinance passed a few years ago and permit the slaughter of the animals, which now overrun the community and which have become a pest, particularly to home owners, whose property they have damaged, and to housewives, whom they have annoyed to hysterics.

SODA FOUNTAIN SHOCK KILLS

Attendant Rests Hand on Charged Electric Globe and Falls Dead.

ELM, Mich., July 16.—Elmer Benjamin, 18 years old, was killed by electricity in Holmes & Martin's drug store here this morning. Benjamin was a clerk in the soda fountain in the store and the shock that killed him is believed to have come through that medium.

Witnesses say that he put his hand on an electric globe and leaned against the fountain. He gave one scream and held to the fountain until the fuses were cut off, then he dropped to the floor dead. Small burns on one hand and the chest were the only marks left by the fluid. It is said that the plumber who was about to repair the fountain received a slight shock just before Benjamin was killed.

WAVE SWEEP HIM AWAY

Man Washed From Deck of Motor Boat and Drowned.

Henry Smith of Fort Schuyler road, The Bronx, a brother of Jim Smith, a Westchester heavyweight fighter, was drowned yesterday afternoon when a wave washed him off the deck of a motor boat on the Sound. Smith had gone out with Frederick Rafferty of 1413 Williamsbridge road in Rafferty's boat, the Hobo. Smith stretched himself out on the boat's deck and went to sleep.

When they were nearing Zoreda Point, about fifty feet off shore, a wave hit the boat. Smith rolled into the water and did not come up. The accident was reported to the police of the Westchester station.

FIRE CHIEF WENT TOO FAST

Smoke Eater of Kearney, N. J., Was Testing New Auto in Hayonne.

Fire Chief William Greenfield of Kearney, N. J., with Frank Koch of 22 Beldens avenue, Jersey city, an automobile demonstrator, went to Bayonne last night in a combination fire apparatus belonging to the Kearney Fire Department.

They were testing the machine and according to Brevole Policeman Murray were going fifty-five miles an hour along the boulevard Murray waited until they came back and arrested them for exceeding the speed limit. They were paroled to appear in the police court this morning.

MOSQUITOES WEREN'T ADMITTED

Special services were held last night in a mosquito proof gospel tent at Bidwell and Ocean avenues, Jersey City. Skelter and Ocean avenues, Jersey City. Skelter and Ocean avenues, Jersey City. Skelter and Ocean avenues, Jersey City.

BISHOPS BARRED ANNA SHAW

NORWAY STANDS BY ST. PAUL ON WOMEN'S SILENCE

Whether Women Shall Preach or Not May Be a Party Issue in the Next Elections. Dr. Shaw Was Permitted to Do So in the State Church at Stockholm.

The Rev. Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National Woman's Suffrage Association, who has been attending the international meeting of suffragists at Stockholm, returned yesterday by the American liner New York, with the distinction of having become a sort of party issue in Norway. She had preached in the State Church at Stockholm, and the success of her sermon had impelled her admirers to ask permission of the Norwegian authorities for her to preach also in the State Church at Christiania. The request was referred to the head of the Church Council, and he decided that Dr. Shaw should not preach in the church. The Bishops are opposed to women entering holy orders. The head of the Church Council based his refusal on the ground that although women might vote in Norway they could not hold office in the army, navy or church.

Dr. Shaw's supporters had hoped that she would be able to help them to break down opposition in Norway to the elevation of women to the clergy. Her Swedish friends have been telling her for some time that St. Paul and myself were more talked about in Norway than any people living there. It was St. Paul who said that women should keep silence in the churches, and Dr. Shaw is not the first to "disagree with Paulus." When she left Copenhagen the subject was still being hotly discussed, and it seemed likely that it would be made an issue in the next campaign.

Dr. Shaw said she was hopeful of England granting the right to vote to women. The newspapers had begun to give the suffragists a fair play. Prime Minister Asquith had promised the suffrage bill hearing at the next session of Parliament in November, and political promises were kept in England although they might not be in some other places.

NEWFOUNDLAND EXPLORATION

Prof. Fernald of Harvard Thinks Island Once Part of Mainland

Boston, July 16.—To clinch the proof of his theory that the island of Newfoundland was once connected with New England by land and that the plants as well as many of the animals of Newfoundland give evidence of this prehistoric reciprocity, Prof. M. L. Fernald of the Gray Herbarium at Harvard University is now pursuing his explorations along the Exploits River in the great island.

As one of the pioneers in studying the plants of Newfoundland and Labrador Prof. Fernald has made this part of Harvard's collection famous, and with the work he now has in hand to be finished probably this summer he will give the world for the first time a thorough catalogue of the green and growing things on the island.

Apart from the interest awakened by his proofs of the old time connection between Newfoundland and New England back in the age immediately following the glacial period, his work has shown that some parts of Newfoundland are as well adapted to profitable agriculture as the potato district of Maine. Also his exploration has already disclosed traces and still standing stumps of great forests that once covered what are now barren bogs and plains in Newfoundland.

With Fernald on his present expedition are Prof. M. W. V. Wiggan of Wellesley College, Edwin B. Bartram and Bayard Long of the Philadelphia Academy of Sciences and Henry T. Darling, a graduate student of the university. They are making their way through the wilderness to Grand Falls on the Exploits River, and there they are collecting further specimens to prove the similarity in plants of the existing forests between Newfoundland and the American coast country as far south as New Jersey.

JUDY STIRS THINGS UP

Open Air Gathered on Way to Washington Put Too Much Life in Her.

Judy, Frederic Thompson's pet elephant, got back by rail to Luna Park yesterday afternoon from her race with Jennie II, a donkey, and immediately started in to cause trouble. Judy is usually the most peaceful elephant in the world, but having had a touch of the open world while rambling toward Washington she resented being shut up in her barn in the rear of the park.

She was put into the barn at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and chained to the keeper, Frank Walker, turned in for a couple of hours of needed sleep. He was waked up a few minutes later by party attending to the new elephant. Judy was throwing things around under the scenic railway in the park. Walker went and got the beast and this time chained her up good and tight and locked the door of the barn. She started out until 6:30 o'clock last night when she left the barn, breaking the chains and taking the door of the barn out with her.

The elephant's elephant in a lot across Neptune avenue. She wouldn't let Walker or anybody else come near her and threw her trunk around in a menacing way. The animal, men finally lassoed her from a safe distance and then tied her up while they got her trunk and tail latched to each other. Then they untied the other ropes. The next time Judy threw her trunk out she pulled her tail and wined and when she wished her tail she pulled her trunk. So she stopped both diversions and consented to be led back to her barn.

DAY BREAK COLLECTIONS

The Rockaway Street Cleaners Now Work From 5 A. M. Until Noon.

In the Rockaway districts there was a protest when Arrow C. Hankins, superintendent of the Street Cleaning Bureau of that borough, announced that he was about to put into operation the plan of Commissioner Edwards in Manhattan of collecting ashes and garbage at night. The superintendent was led to take some action because the men in his department demanded that they be relieved of the duty of working in the hot midday.

Supt. Hankins was thus between two fires but after a consultation with the Rockaway citizens on one hand and the employees of his department on the other he finally decided on a compromise under which his men will go to work at 5 o'clock in the morning and will finish their labor at noon of each day. This plan was put into practice yesterday for the first time and according to the reports received last night at division headquarters in Queens it was said the plan was satisfactory.

FIRE DOES \$10,000 DAMAGE IN MUSICAL INSTRUMENT PLANTS

Fire gutted the two top floors of the five story building at 225 East Twenty-fourth street early yesterday morning. The building was occupied by manufacturers of musical instruments. Retberg & Lang, banjo and drum makers, were on the fourth floor and Scherer & Co., piano makers, occupied the fifth floor. The fire started in the rear of Retberg & Lang's shop and spread to the fifth floor. Two alarms brought Chief Kenyon and the firemen to save the lower part of the building. The damage was about \$10,000.

MAN STUCK TO VOLUNTEER STREET CLEANING

JOB SO LONG THAT POLICE WERE CALLED

The police at the Tremont station in the Bronx got a telephone message yesterday noon from 107th street and Boston road asking them to drop around and find out what a man was up to who had been sweeping the street since 8 o'clock in the morning.

"It is the cleanest place in the Bronx now," said the voice, "but we're afraid the man will get a sunstroke."

Policeman Humbert went over and found the man still sweeping. He said he was employed on that half street, but was persuaded to go to the station with the policeman. He gave his name as Herman Keschman, but could not remember where he had been taken to Bellevue Hospital for observation.

STEAMER HITS SCHOONER

The Herman Winter Nearly Cuts Nevis in Two in Fog.

Boston, July 16.—The Metropolitan Line steamer Herman Winter arrived here to-night having in tow the two masted schooner Nevis with a great hole cut in her hull.

The Winter hit the Nevis amidships in a thick fog near Pollock Rip lightship about 10 o'clock and was unable to disengage. Capt. Harold Colbert and Mate McKenzie, who were on the deck of the schooner, were both knocked overboard by the impact, but their men lowered a boat and saved them.

A cargo of lumber kept the Nevis afloat. She was bound from Parshoro, Nova Scotia, for Greenwich, Conn.

TRUNK STOLEN FROM AUTO

Car Stopped at Railroad Crossing Where It Was Probably Cut Off.

Somebody stole an automobile trunk belonging to Patrick P. Powers, former president of the Eastern Baseball League, from the back of his car while he was on the way last night with his family from Atlantic City to Jersey City. He paroled the trunk in the proper place at Freshhold.

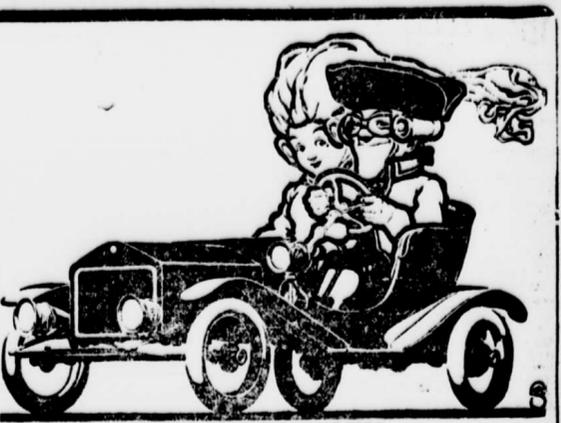
The car was held up at the Laokawanna Railroad crossing on the Hackensack Meadows where it was stopped by the R.R. men and the trunk dropped into the roadway. Mr. Powers didn't miss it until he reached home. The trunk contained seven women's hats and a lot of wearing apparel. A warning will be issued to autoists to look out for strap cutting auto trunk thieves.

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