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BELGIAN REFUGEE LANDS HERE WITH STORY OF DEATH

Antwerp Resident Tells of Seeing Zeppelin Bomb Thrown Which Killed 15. Talked to Russian Allies.



SIMON BERRIN

Worn and haggard from his experiences in the European theatre of war, Simon Berrin, the first Belgian refugee to reach this port, landed from the steamship Merion, of the American Line, today.

Berrin was by far the most sought-after passenger in the first cabin. He told of tragedy and sorrow for struggling little Belgium and how he had been forced to flee for his life when the Germans took Antwerp, his native city.

"Caught by the aerial raid on Antwerp, in the middle of night, he fled for his life, believing the entire city was about to be devastated by the monsters that hovered above the city.

"The night was as calm as a summer evening," he said. "We went to bed believing we were safe. About 4 o'clock in the morning I was awakened by a terrible din. Men, women and children were screaming and at brief intervals there was a blinding flash and a deafening explosion.

"The crowds were panic-stricken and terror seemed to freeze them. We could not see the dirigibles. Once some of us caught a glimpse of a huge black object passing over. As it went we saw a faint break of fire, then a terrific explosion. It was a bomb and had struck on the very next street. Finally the bombardment ceased. How long did it last? I can't say. I didn't seem to realize it.

"The next morning men gathered to search for bodies. Fifteen were found. Two houses had been demolished. Many other houses were damaged, but how the city escaped I can never tell.

"In the general confusion, the Russians are aiding the Allies in France and Belgium. He said Russians had materially aided the Belgians in preparing the defense of Antwerp, and that he had been sent to them. Having spent a time in Russia he could converse with them, and declared that they had told him they had been sent by the Government. He said they were surprised to learn that the Allies were trying to keep it a secret.

"When word finally came that the Germans were nearing the city, he said thousands of residents rushed to the coast. Others quickly followed upon orders from the Belgian Government and were transferred to England on warships and in fishing smacks.

"With the little money Berrin had saved, he bought passage on the Merion for America. He was met here by his brother from New York and left immediately for the metropolis, where he will live until the war is over. Then he hopes to return to Belgium and open his tailoring shop again.

"The Merion had a fairly good voyage. Captain V. W. Hickson said that when about two days out the ship encountered rough weather, but besides this the voyage was uneventful. The ship brought a light general cargo.

"Two young women came here to meet their fiancés and will be married. Ida Simpson, 18 years old, will marry G. W. Hodgson, 20 North Vodge street. The other is Lina O'Connor, 20 years old, who will marry Peter Farrell, 214 Oxford street.

"Among the cabin passengers was Mrs. Julia Hatten, wife of Allen Hatten, of 418 North 5th street. She had been visiting in England and saw little of the war zone. London, she said, is filled with tens of thousands of Belgians from Belgium, who are arriving on every ship. Their plight is terrible.

"LIGHTS BANNED IN LONDON. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wild, who will appear at Keith's Theatre, were also arrested. Orders were issued in London recently prohibiting theatres from opening at night. There is not a light in the city, they said, and even the tram-cars must have 'blanket' windows to prevent the light from showing.

"The Belgian people, they came at the fall of the night. None of them carried any baggage apart from a small bundle hastily snatched as they left their homes.

"A woman, of 322 North Broad street, a returning cabin passenger, told of her attempts to enter an English steamer. She said she had a place in a 'passage' and in a 'cabin'.

"The British people of London are apprehensive of Germany. It is thought to be a matter of time before the British Government will be forced to declare war on Germany.

EMBEZZLER GETS PRISON TERM FOR 'MEANEST CRIME'

Harry Foster Scored by Court for Robbing Poor Investors.

Judge Barratt, in Quarter Sessions Court today, declared that stealing money from the poor was the "meanest crime that can be committed" in sentencing Harry Foster, former treasurer of the German-American Building and Loan Association, who pleaded guilty last week to embezzling \$3000 of the association's fund. Foster was sentenced to term not less than two years nor more than three years in the Eastern Penitentiary.

"The meanest crime that can be committed is stealing from poor people, who deny themselves of some of the necessities of life in order to save a little money," said Judge Barratt. "It shows how careful an association of this kind must be in selecting its officials. When a man begins to live beyond his income, he should not be entrusted with money belonging to others."

Foster was arrested as a fugitive in Norfolk, Va. after being away from this city since July, 1913. The man said his trouble was due to friends who borrowed from him and then failed to pay.

COLD KILLS FUGITIVE

Inmate of Byberry Farm Found Dead Near Railroad.

A victim of exposure, Panos Lysandros, an inmate of the Byberry Poor Farm, who formerly lived at 137 Christian street, was found dead today near the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad, just north of Byberry station. His body was discovered by employees, who notified the police of the Tacony station. The body was removed to the morgue.

Lysandros, an Italian, had been an inmate of the farm for two years. Early today he ran away without his clothes. When he was found almost a week from the farm his legs and arms were severely scratched.

This is the first case of death from exposure reported to the coroner's office this season. Deputy Coroner Greenhalgh is investigating the case.

BOASTFUL BURGLAR SEIZED

Negro Wanted by New York Police Found Here.

In the arrest of Edward Reed, 25 years old, a Negro, the police of the 12th and Pine streets station, say they have a man wanted by the New York police for robbery in that city and environs.

Reed, who was arrested last night by Special Policemen McBeth and Lyford at 12th and Pine streets, asserted he was formerly employed at the Hotel Buckingham, Bethlehem, Pa. as a waiter.

The police say Reed, after being questioned, admitted entering apartment houses in New York and one in New Rochelle, N. Y. He became boastful after making the alleged confession and declared he made good "haul" in each place.

ENGLAND WANTS U. S. AUTOS

Motor Truck Concern Negotiating With London Agent.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Nov. 10.—J. M. Sinclair, of London, is here negotiating with officials of a large automobile manufacturing company for a number of motor trucks.

"Several factories already have received large orders for war supplies, and a shoe factory in Birmingham has an order for 1,000,000 pairs of shoes for French soldiers."

MISSES HIS SILVERWARE

Man Last Saw It June 1 and Just Discovers Loss.

William Dittenhofer, 207 North 22d street, hustled into the 20th and Berks streets police station this morning and declared his house had been robbed of silverware valued at \$130.

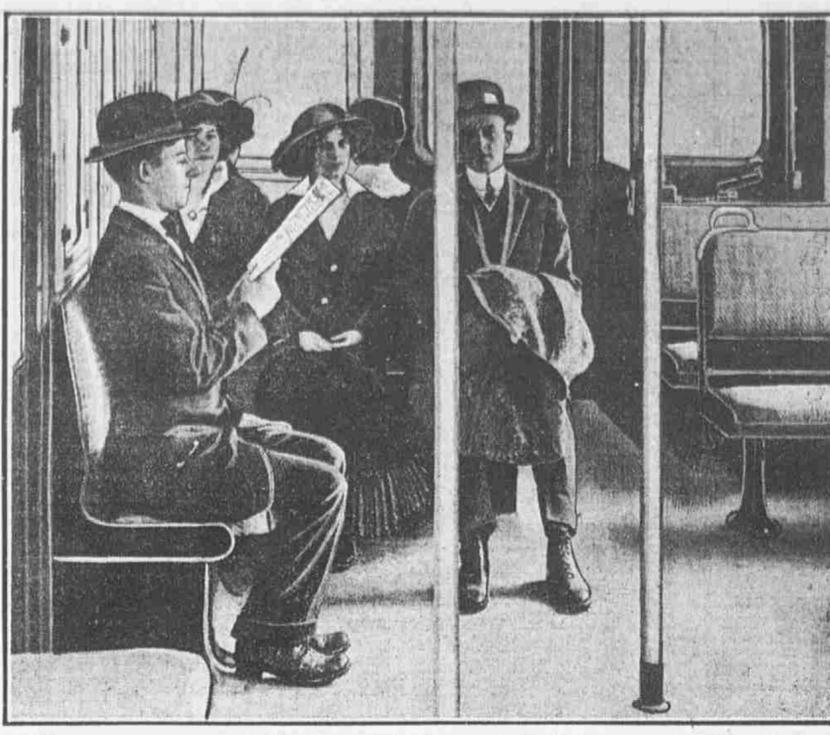
Special officers were slipping on their coats for the morning and Dittenhofer to his home when he explained he last saw the silverware June 1 when he went for his vacation. He returned the house and found no signs of having been entered. The bluecoats became apathetic and requested Dittenhofer to make another search for silverware and report his findings later.

AUTOIST GIVES HIMSELF UP

Boy Struck by His Car in Serious Condition.

Samuel Bowen, 590 Wayne avenue, surrendered himself today to the police to await the result of injuries to 9-year-old Harry Edward Becker, of 3736 Percy street, who was run down by Bowen's automobile while crossing 19th street and Erie avenue last night.

SCIENTIFIC SUBWAY SEAT WHICH COMPELS CORRECT POSTURE



This new arrangement surpasses the ordinary straight-line seat in that it is constructed to follow closely the contour of the human body, instead of leaning back to meet the support, one merely has to sit naturally and the back adjusts itself to him.

SCIENTIFIC SUBWAY SEATS WILL MAKE YOU SIT JUST RIGHT

The American Posture League Aims to Correct Human Ills Arising From Wrong Positions.

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.—Americans usually sit, walk and lie wrong. The American Posture League is an organization of physicians, physical directors and educators who have determined to correct wrong positions, because these cause indigestion and other human ills and so lessen efficiency. They have just produced a seat for the cars in the new subway system which forces a man or woman to sit upright, carry the weight at the proper points and altogether assume an attitude which goes a long way toward insuring a good digestion and a dignified soldierly carriage.

Cornelius S. Loder, efficiency expert of the League, described the work of the organization, especially its new, scientific car seat at the office of the League, 30 Church street.

"If you are all slumped down in your seat your body is so contorted that your food does not digest," explained Mr. Loder. "Now, if we can correct this we will help banish all the maladies which come from poor digestion, and mankind will be happier and be able to do more work with less effort."

MOTORMEN WILL BE "CORRECTED." "But that isn't the only instance of incorrect posture we are endeavoring to correct. It has been proven that a motorman standing incorrectly, leaning in an awkward attitude, can't act quickly in an emergency, and many accidents are due to this. We will standardize the motorman's way of standing, prove just what is the most efficient and then undoubtedly traffic companies will insist on the men taking advantage of this knowledge."

"Most of the things of everyday life have not been standardized, as have tools and materials of really less importance. We will standardize furniture and clothing and shoes. We are sure that in five years our work will be universally recognized, and then it will be possible to go into a store and call for a certain type, length and width of shoe, and get just what you expect. It isn't so now."

"The fault of the ordinary chair or car seat is that one cannot use the back when working, or even when sitting in an erect, proper position. You have to lean back to touch your back. Then, also, the proper position is discouraged by the ordinary chair, because there is no room for the buttocks. When one sits upright in the ordinary seat the buttocks are jammed in, while the back is not supported at all. The support should come against the upper back, not against the buttocks."

BACKS ARE NOT ALL ALIKE. "Having got to this point, we were faced with the question: Where should the support be on the seat with all your back, or rather, the largest number of New York city backs?"

"You understand that the car seat which would be right here wouldn't do in England or Russia or even, perhaps, in Philadelphia or Chicago. New York has a lot of underized citizens of foreign birth, and this has to be taken into account."

To solve this problem we had to take thousands of measurements. We studied the New York type thoroughly and then embodied our results into the new car seat of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, which will operate one of the new Manhattan subways.

The back in these new car seats does not extend clear down to the 'seat,' or horizontal portion. A goodly space is left to accommodate the natural projection of the lower body when sitting.

LEAGUE IS MONTHS OLD.

"The Posture League was the idea of Miss Jessie H. Bancroft, director of physical training in the New York public schools. She had thought of it for years, but about 18 months ago was able to put her scheme into execution. With the exception of myself, all the members of the league are either physicians or physical directors or educators. The work is supervised by different committees, each of which concentrates its study on furnishing, or boys, R. Y. Miller, of Spartanburg, or corsets, or baby carriage seats, or some other item which seems to have a need for reform. There is no commercial aspect to the league, although it co-operates with manufacturers who put its scientific conclusions into force."

BIBLE MEETINGS AT NOON

Business Men and Workers Hear Two Lecturers.

Noonday meetings in the central part of the city, attended by many business and working people, today opened the second day's work of the second annual Philadelphia Bible Conference, under the auspices of the Philadelphia School of the Bible.

The meetings were at 610 Chestnut street and in Griffith Hall, 140 Chestnut street. The speaker at the latter meeting was Dr. C. L. Scodell, of Philadelphia, Pa. He addressed the group at 610 Chestnut street. Both made appeals for a general study of the Bible with a view to a better understanding of it.

The Rev. Dr. C. L. Scodell, of New York, president of the Philadelphia School of the Bible, and a prominent writer on religious subjects, continued his series of lectures in the Arch Street Presbyterian Church. His subject was "Tested by Christ; Will the World Receive a Crucified Christ?"

59 CARRIERS APPOINTED

Postmaster Thornton Names Eligibles From Civil Service Lists.

Postmaster Thornton, today, announced that he had 59 candidates from the United States Civil Service eligible list as substitutes for the 59 carriers of the South American and Oriental exhibits promise to be among the finest.

Philadelphia manufacturers all seem to agree that the city will be well represented, but some do not hesitate to say it is high time to "get busy," and that they hope the committee will arouse the called-for enthusiasm.

An early canvass of a few of the leading merchants and manufacturers shows, nevertheless, that the situation in this city is peculiar. Many of the larger manufacturers have made no arrangements to have exhibits at the exposition. Some are undecided, and others declare they have decided not to exhibit.

The William Cramp & Sons Ship and Engine Building Company reported that no arrangements had been made to date. The same answer was received from the offices of the Brill Car Works, the Fels Soap Company and several other concerns who have exhibited at other expositions. The Baldwin Locomotive Works have been planning their exhibit for some months and promise it will be novel and imposing. The John B. Stetson Company asserts its exhibit will surpass anything it has had before.

JUJUTSU STOPS ATTACK

Policeman Overpowers Negro Charged With Theft of Watch.

Jujutsu was brought into use by Policeman Eikenscher, of the 13th and Pine streets station, last night when a Negro, who was arrested on the charge of stealing a watch from a booth at 11th and Kenilworth streets, drew a knife on him.

The man with whom Eikenscher battled was George Johnson. He and John Rose, 26 years old, a Negro, of Atlantic City, were both arraigned before Magistrate Haggerty in the 13th and Pine streets station this morning and sent to the House of Correction for six months, while three Negro women who were with them at the time were each sentenced to 30 days.

MURDERER GETS TWO YEARS

A plea of guilty to murdering Allen Brooks, a Negro, on June 28 last was entered today by James W. Davis, also a Negro, before Judge Barratt in the Court of Oyer and Terminer. The court sentenced him to not less than 18 years and not more than 18 years in the Eastern Penitentiary.

URGES INCREASED LOCAL EXHIBITS AT "FRISCO'S" FAIR

Merchants and Manufacturers' Association Appoints Committee to Point Out Possibilities at Exposition.

Philadelphia merchants, manufacturers and business men are taking little interest in the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, which opens in San Francisco next February. The war, the election and business conditions in general have swept away all thoughts of the fair, at least for the time being.

Such is the opinion expressed by prominent business men, who with many others, no doubt, hope to see the city represented with suitable and imposing exhibits, and who feel it is high time Philadelphia and Philadelphians interested themselves in the exposition, which promises to be the greatest ever held at any time or in any country.

An early canvass of the larger Philadelphia manufacturing concerns will make individual exhibits. Other manufacturers hope to make a collective exhibit. It is announced at the headquarters of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association that a committee of three has been appointed to consider the possibility of a collective commercial Philadelphia exhibit and to urge manufacturers to "get busy."

Calvin M. Smyth, president of the Young-Smyth-Field Company, 1218 Arch street, has been chosen committee chairman. The other members are J. Howell Cummings, president of the John B. Stetson Company, 4th and Montgomery avenue, and Edmond B. Roberts, of Henry Diston & Sons, manufacturers in Tacony.

Those who have been following the early development of the Panama-Pacific Exposition plans have been wondering how the effect the war will have on these projects. European exhibits may not come up to expectations, but the interest in South America, in China and in Japan is being aroused, and the South American and Oriental exhibits promise to be among the finest.

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BLACKJACK ROBBER HELD

Negro Who Took \$20 From Woman Arraigned.

Jesse Snowden, a Negro, of 4023 Ludlow street, yesterday, by Mrs. Ross Catlin, of 606 Wood street, as the man who struck her over the head with a blackjack and stole \$20, was held under \$500 bail by Magistrate Belcher at the 10th and Buttonwood streets police station for a further hearing next Tuesday.

Special officers at the station said they believed Snowden, the charge of many attacks in the neighborhood. Snowden entered a second-hand furniture store owned by Mrs. Catlin and struck her over the head with a blackjack and stole \$20, was held under \$500 bail by Magistrate Belcher at the 10th and Buttonwood streets police station for a further hearing next Tuesday.

He withdrew it clamping a heavy blackjack and struck her above the eyes. Then he took \$20 in bills. Patrolman Numamaker, of the 10th and Buttonwood streets station, found Snowden at 8th and Vine streets.

BOY DIES OF BURNS

Set Bedclothes on Fire While Playing With Matches.

CLOSE WATCH KEPT HERE FOR SECRET WIRELESS POSTS

Government Inspectors Alert to Locate Violations of Neutrality.

Though the United States Government officials feel certain that there are no secret German or Japanese wireless stations in this city or its environs, close watch is being kept. The naval radio station at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, one of the most powerful along the Atlantic coast, has operators always alert for the sending or receiving of messages, and it is impossible for any other waves to be sent from the radius of 50 miles that they cannot locate.

There are two German steamships with wireless outfits interned at this port, but the wireless rooms have been sealed by Government inspectors and are examined each week to see that the seals are not broken.

The quiet for senders of mysterious code messages has led the wireless inspectors to the coast of Maine and to the Florida peninsula. Here, it is believed, stations have been erected in the woods. It is expected that they will soon be located.

COLLECTED ROOM RENT FROM SLEEPING TENANT

Magistrate Disapproves Method and Holds Man and Wife for Larceny.

The room rent collecting methods of John and Ann Morrell, of 3016 Brandywine street, although unique, did not appeal to Magistrate Boyle, and at the 20th street and Lancaster avenue station house, today, he held Mr. and Mrs. Morrell under \$400 bail for court on the charge of larceny.

Ell Dolston, a railroad brakeman, owed the couple five or six weeks' room rent. Yesterday Dolston was paid room rent followed him about as his shadow. Dolston, good naturedly, laughed at his landlord and led him many long walks which always terminated at a saloon.

Finally Dolston became sleepy and returned to the bar, where he was sitting at 21st and Spring Garden streets. Morrell immediately called Mrs. Morrell.

They rode Dolston over, took his \$500, counted it out, which they said was owing them, and returned \$1 an some change which was in excess of their bill to the sleeping man's pocket.

Dolston, when he awoke, discovered his loss and called a salaried man in the saloon, who had watched him involuntarily settling up with the landlady, explained the circumstances to him. He swore out a warrant and Mr. and Mrs. Morrell have been supplying him that they believed that they had right to the money. They mentioned to the Magistrate several times the condoning of the sleeping man and had no intention of robbing him.

EUROPE'S ARMIES SLEEP IN PHILADELPHIA BLANKETS

New Order for 100,000 Just Received by One Firm.

Europe's battling armies are using woolen blankets manufactured in Philadelphia. John and James Dobson, Inc., manufacturers of woolen goods, today received an order from a foreign Government for 100,000 army blankets.

This order, according to officials of the company, is a comparatively small one. The manufacturers have been supplying a foreign Power or Powers with army blankets for the last two months during which time hundreds of thousands of blankets had been sent across the ocean to the battlefields.

Four Dobson mills are busy supplying the demand, which has increased markedly since the war began. The name of the foreign power or powers ordering the blankets, or the method of shipment, these facts are carefully guarded to prevent the possible interception of the consignments by hostile nations.

The British navy is on the alert to capture army supplies intended for the German army. Austria forces, and now that Turkey has entered the war, consignments of blankets for the Ottoman army would be seized as contraband.

On the other hand, should the route taken by the ships bearing the blankets to the Allies be made known, German cruisers might seize the cargoes.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10

For Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey: Fair tonight and Wednesday; warmer Wednesday, diminishing north winds.

Light rains occurred in widely scattered localities along the Atlantic coast, while snow has fallen in the upper lake region in the morning and evening. Fair weather during the last 24 hours. Fair weather has prevailed elsewhere except in Southern California and Arizona. The temperatures continued to fall last night in the Atlantic States, the change amounting to a cold wave along the Atlantic coast. A belt of rising temperatures extends from the upper Lake region southward to Mexico, while a cold area has appeared in the Far Northwest. In general there is a deficiency of a degree to 10 degrees in the Atlantic States in the upper lake region.

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PAUL GRET'S DEATH DISBELIEVED BY HIS FRIENDS IN THIS CITY

Investigating Reports of Disaster to Soldier-Professor on Battlefield of France. Have No Official Source.

Members of the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania are making every possible effort today to ascertain whether or not there is truth in the report that Professor Paul Philippe Cret, professor of architectural design, was killed on the battlefield of France. A letter received from Professor Cret this morning by Charles L. Borja, the architect's intimate friend and a trustee of the University, leads the faculty and Cret's friends to believe the report is false.

In his letter to Mr. Borja, dated October 28, Professor Cret says he had just been detailed to duty in Grenoble in the south of France, near the Italian border. A letter from Madame Cret, dated October 31, says Professor Cret had not seen actual service up to that time.

A telegram was sent today to Irving K. Pond, of Chicago, asking him to locate Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor, who told Assistant Secretary of Labor Post that Cret had been killed, and to ascertain from Borglum where the report originated.

Francis R. Bacon, of the architectural department of the University of Pennsylvania, said: "We are inclined to give little credence to the reported death of Professor Cret. It is hardly likely he will be put in actual field service. His eyesight is imperfect and it is doubtful if he could pass the requirements of the French army. In a recent letter Professor Cret told us that he was very busy making drawings for the army. It seems to me that a man of his ability as a military architect would not be sent to the front."

"We would be the first to hear of it," said Provost Smith. "I feel positive that later reports will show Professor Cret is all right and well. His loss would indeed be a blow to us."

Professor Laird, head of the department of architecture at the university, recently received a letter under the date of the French army, in which said Cret was doing patrol duty in the south of France, while his wife, Mme. Cret, is acting as a trained nurse with his regiment.

Professor Cret, who called last July for a visit to his home in France, was one of the first French Americans to respond to his country's call for reservists. Many letters received from him in Philadelphia stated that he would be he would see but little actual fighting.

He was prominent in the social life at the University. His home, 616 Woodland terrace, was remembered by students and friends as one of hospitality. He was noted as an architect.

A dispatch from Washington states there is no direct information of the death of Cret. The report, however, was brought to Washington by Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor. He is now en route to Chicago, and the source of his information is not known. He learned for several days Assistant Secretary of Labor Post said the sculptor told him personally of the architect's death in a casual way and not as information to be given out officially.

PENROSE FAILS TO RETURN

Duck Hunting in Delaware Prevents Him From Attending Conference.

Senator Penrose, contrary to expectations, did not return to Philadelphia to attend the conference on the chairmanship of the office with State Chairman William E. Crow. Senator Penrose is hunting ducks in Delaware Bay and enjoying himself. He is expected to return to Philadelphia Thursday. The Conference will be held then.

The speakership of the next House will come up at this conference, but political information is not expected to be a first decision to be reached concerning the "slating" of any candidate, because of the fact that Senator Vaux is at French Lick, Tenn., and Governor Fairman is visiting his father at Huntingdon.

BURNS FATAL TO LITTLE GIRL

Six-year-old Mary Storm, 518 Kershaw street, died last night in the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital from burns suffered when she fell into a bonfire near her home.

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast

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