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CARS KILL BOY AND MAN, WOMAN'S FALL IN SUBWAY FATAL

Body of Lad Found by Passerby Lying in Middle of Street Long After Death Had Taken Place.

Two persons, a boy and an aged man, have been killed by trolley cars within the last 24 hours, and a woman died on her way to the Hahnemann Hospital, as the result of injuries sustained when she fell down the steps leading to the 19th street subway station.

The dead six-year-old David McVeigh, of 135 South Humberger street, Edward Haines, 78 years old, of 210 Rhawn street, and an unidentified woman about 70 years old.

The body of the boy was found by Samuel Mulligan, of 31th and Jackson streets. Mulligan saw the body lying in the middle of Passyunk avenue, near 27th street. Receiving no answer to a call, he tried to lift the body, and found that the head had been completely severed, apparently by a trolley car. No report of the accident had been made to the police. How long the body had been there is not known.

THORNTON NAMES CLERKS

Seventy-five Applicants Appointed to Handle Increased Business.

Postmaster Thornton today appointed to new clerks for the Postoffice Department. The appointments were chosen from those who were successful in recent civil service examinations. A steady increase in the business of all departments of the postoffice has necessitated the additional clerks.

INJURED GIRL SHAKEN UP

Being Rushed to Hospital When Axle of Patrol Breaks.

A 10-year-old girl being hurried to the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital this morning in the patrol wagon of the 1st and Thompson streets station was badly shaken up when a wheel of the vehicle caught in a rut at 8th and Callowhill streets and the axle broke.

HARTE AGAIN ASKS CASH TO ESTABLISH HOUSING DIVISION

Health Director Estimates Expenses of Much-needed Bureau at \$213,710, With 150 Persons Employed.

Councils have received another formal request to appropriate funds for the establishment of the Division of Housing and Sanitation in the Department of Health and Charities, in accordance with the act of the Legislature signed by the Governor July 22, 1913.

Director Harte, of the Health Department, has included in his annual budget of estimated expenses for 1915 a detailed statement of the cost of maintaining next year the division that is to be created and would give vast relief against venereal and unhealthy conditions, rickety tenement structures peopled mainly by aliens in the thickly populated wards of the city.

Councils have taken no action on previous requests for establishment of the division that would merge the existing inadequate divisions of tenement house inspection and of sanitary inspection and would give proper housing to the families of many of Philadelphia's men now unemployed.

HARTE ASKS \$213,710. Director Harte has asked for \$213,710 for the division of housing and sanitation, which would employ 150 persons, of whom more than 75 per cent. would be inspectors. A number of the attaches would be required to speak Yiddish and Italian that confusion might not result from their efforts in the alien quarters.

The establishment of that division would eliminate or transfer the 53 employees in the present Division of Sanitary Inspection, maintained at a cost last year of \$70,000, and 12 employees of the Division of Tenement House Inspection, operated at a cost of \$2,250. Councils' Committees of Health and Charities considered the budget and approved the budget last week and gave the customary perfunctory approval of the entire statement, including the estimate for the housing and sanitation division's cost. The budget, according to procedure, was referred to the Finance Committee of Councils, where in the sessions of the Subcommittee of Finance and Administration, the budget was discussed.

Legislation aimed to compel Councils to establish the division is still hanging in the courts. In view of this litigation and the attitude of Councils, it is regarded as certain that the Finance Committee of Councils will slash from the budget the estimate for the housing division.

WOULD BRING REFORMS. The law under which the division of housing and sanitation was established would effect beneficial reforms in the homes of the poorer class of the city, introducing safeguards and improvements that would be felt financially by landlords of equal tenements.

The law requires owners to: Place a sink with running water in every house and in every apartment of two or more rooms in a tenement; if a water main in the street; connect the house directly with a sewer; repair broken plumbing immediately; keep roofs stairs and fire-escapes in constant repair; protect the cellar against flooding; keep halls and stairways clean on part of the building for a sweatshop, and no manufacturing only under permit from the Board of Health; allow no storing of inflammable material in the structure; provide every room with a suitable window opening to outside air; give ample quarters to prevent promiscuous herding that breeds vice.

WILLS PROBATED TODAY

\$4000 Estate Left in Trust to Widow of Samuel L. Jones. The will of Samuel L. Jones, late of 28 South 17th street, admitted to probate today, devised the \$4000 estate in trust for the widow, Indiana Jones. She and the principal is to revert in equal shares to a niece, nephew and son-in-law.

In the event of the death of the last three beneficiaries occurring before the death of the widow, the principal is bequeathed to the trustees of the Cherry Memorial Church, 16th and Christian streets, to assist said members of that church in obtaining admission to the Home for Aged Colored Persons.

The will of Annie E. Carter, 139 1/2 First street, admitted an estate of \$200 in private bequests.

Personal property of James H. Goodwin has been appraised at \$600.55.

TWO HELD AS ROBBERS

Eight after a chase of several blocks, Fred Smith and Robert Powell, two Negroes, who gave 133 Potts street, their address, were held under \$100 bail today for a further hearing by Magistrate Emery at the 19th and Callowhill streets police station. The men are accused of having broken into the home of Mrs. Louis M. Harris, 200 George street, where she was sleeping.



ARMY TEAM PLANS EARLY ARRIVAL FOR GAME WITH NAVY

West Point Squad of Sixty-five to Come One Day Sooner Than Usual. Naval Set Books Quarters.

As the date—November 23—for the Army and Navy game draws near, it is becoming more and more apparent that it is attracting even more than the customary amount of interest this year, not only in Philadelphia, but throughout the country at large.

There will be an innovation in the early arrival in Philadelphia of the Army team. The football squad of 65 men will come to the Bellevue-Stratford Thanksgiving night, one day sooner than is customary. Rooms are being reserved for them near the top of the house, where they will have the utmost seclusion. While it is the occasion when the future soldiers are supposed to escape military routine, they will not entirely escape it. Their food will derive a distinctly military aspect from the sentinels to be stationed there to prevent them from being disturbed except by those with authority.

The Navy team, as usual, will occupy quarters at the Walton. It has not yet been definitely announced when it will arrive.

President Wilson has signified his intention of witnessing the contest. He will occupy a box on the Navy side during the first half and one on the Army side during the second in order that there may be no partiality.

There will be a rapid booking up accommodations for the three days, November 27, 28 and 29. The Walton has almost booked to capacity already with those Navy enthusiasts who like nothing better than to be under the same roof with their team.

The Bellevue, as the Army head, quarters is also booking up for those dates. There is hardly a hotel in the city that is not a long list of applications and he who puts off to the last minute the engagement of rooms will have serious difficulty in being accommodated.

At the Walton the list of those who have reserved rooms includes Lieutenant Tucker, 11-13 1/2 Christian street, damaged five dwellings on Norfolk street and trapped 15 horses in their stalls. The blaze was discovered last night by Policeman Kolb, of the 3d and Christian streets station. He made a futile effort to rescue the horses.

GIRL OVERCOME BY SMOKE SAVED FROM FLAMES BY MATES

Film Maker Carried to Street by Three Companions. Panic in Crowded Picture Show Averted.

A girl overcome by smoke in a fire at 304 Vine street was today rescued by three other girls while occupants of a moving picture show rushed to the street on hearing the clanging of engine bells. The fire started in a restaurant at the Vine street address and caused damage of about \$1000 before it was extinguished.

Miss May Willie, employed by the Independent Film Company at 302 Vine street, ran to the window when she heard shouts of fire. She was overcome by billows of smoke that rapidly filled the building and she was carried to the street by three companions, Margaret Nany and Hanna Burd carried her to the street.

By the time firemen arrived, the entire fourth floor of the cafe building, occupied by Frank Moelders, were in flames. The firemen found it impossible to get into the building and fought the flames from adjacent streets.

Several hundred patrons were at a picture show on the west side of Eighth street, just below Vine, when they heard shouts of fire. A quantity of moving picture films was stored in the second and third floors of the building adjoining the burning cafe, they redoubled their efforts to check the flames. The films were damaged by smoke and water.

HORSES BURN IN STABLES; FIVE DWELLINGS DAMAGED

Swirling Bundles of Burning Hay Makes Blaze Hard to Combat.

Fanned by a strong wind, fire destroyed the livery stable of Samuel Tucker, 11-13 1/2 Christian street, damaged five dwellings on Norfolk street and trapped 15 horses in their stalls.

Neighbors rescued pair left in house by mother. Two children narrowly escaped being severely burned today when matches, with which they were playing in the absence of their mother, ignited a mattress. They are Raymond Frasz, 2 years old, and Harry Frasz, 3 years old, and Charles Frasz, 6 years old, of 2345 Locust street, Germantown. Mrs. Charles Frasz, the mother, left them asleep and went to a store.

RAT PLAGUE ENTAILS \$3,650,000 LOSS TO MERCHANTS YEARLY

Health Department Enlists Aid of All in Stamping Out Epidemic—Experts Give Advice.

Merchandise valued at \$3,650,000 is destroyed yearly by rats in this city, according to a bulletin issued today at the "Know Your City Better" exhibit, the exhibit is in the pavilion in City Hall Courtyard.

Alarmed over the epidemic in certain sections of the city, the Department of Health today again urged Philadelphians to do everything possible to kill rats.

"Kill the Rats" is the slogan at the "Know Your City Better" exhibit. Visitors to the exhibit were reminded that the city will gladly pay 2 cents for every dead rat delivered to the rat station at the foot of Race street, and 6 cents for all live rodents brought to the station.

Statistics on file at the exhibit state that at least \$10,000 worth of merchandise is destroyed each day in the city.

FIRST CITY TROOP TO PARADE AND DINE TODAY

140th Anniversary to Be Celebrated by March.

The First City Troop of Philadelphia will celebrate the 140th anniversary of its existence today with a parade and banquet. The troop will assemble at the Armory, 3d street, above Chestnut, at 8:30 o'clock, for inspection, and will then march down Chestnut street to the Armory, 3d street, and return to the Armory by way of Chestnut street.

The anniversary dinner will begin at 8:30. Among the prominent guests who will attend are Secretary of War Lindley D. Garrison, Major General W. W. Woodruff, his aide, Captain Power Clayton, and Brigadier General A. L. Mills.

GIRL'S NEGRO ASSAILANTS HELD WITHOUT BAIL

Victim of Attack Identifies Three Positively. Identified as the men who attacked a young woman on Merion road late last Saturday night, three Negroes, arraigned before Magistrate Boyce today, were held without bail for further hearing. Two other Negroes arrested on the same charge and also identified were arrested yesterday.

The most of the Negroes was made late last night by Special Policeman Wooten and seven policemen of the 61st and Thompson streets station.

When the prisoners, who gave their names as Frank Miller, 18 years old, 5710 Pearl street; Elwood Rube, 18 years old, 23 North 62d street, and John Cobb, 25 years old, 137 North 18th street, were arraigned before Magistrate Boyce today they were confronted by Miss Leta Smith, the victim of the attack. She took one glance at the three men and positively identified them.

SNAKES AT DITMARS' DINNER UPSET CAFE

Troupe of Reptiles Entertains Guests at Tables. There are persons who dine at the Aiglon last night who are not sure whether they saw real snakes or not. Most, however, were convinced by the manager's little speech, in which he apologized for the disturbance. But Raymond L. Ditmars, curator of the Bronx Zoo, thought it neither funny or out of the ordinary, and it was his dinner, too.

It began at 11 o'clock. Theatrical people and a few Philadelphians gave a dinner to Doctor Ditmars. He has been showing moving pictures of animal and reptile life, showing stages from egg to maturity. Doctor Ditmars brought some of his lively little men with him.

When his troupe made its debut, one woman fainted, several shrieked, and even the men showed a nervous alertness. For the curator of the zoo was perfectly at ease. He held a big eight-footer out for Miss Hajos to pet, and she, gasping, touched its scaly head.

There were arranged carefully, on the occasion. There were crotches, walking leaf, porcupine, frog, legs, poultice, flat porcupine, snake a la Ditmars, Boston Zoolo, ice cream salamander and Cafe Mexican.

Among those who graced the snake tables were Miss Hazel Dawn, Dr. Ray L. Ditmars, George H. Menaker, C. R. White, Miss Missi Hajos, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McCuffin, Maurice L. Stern, Charles Wannaker, George Leon Moore.

All the guests were given a little water and garter snakes as mementoes.

LADS HURL SNOWBALLS AS COLD WAVE ARRIVES

Tacopy Police Greeted by Surprise Volley From Pike County. Drivers of wagons in Tacopy had cause to rub their eyes with feelings akin to surprise today. The cause of the eye-rubbing was also the cause of their rubbing noses and other parts of their anatomy, although in the latter case with feelings akin to something else. One of them, afraid there was something wrong somewhere, dashed into the Tacopy police station.

"I ain't a drinking man," he told the sergeant, "but as sure as I stand here I'll have a bunch of kids out there snow-balling."

The coppers laughed, but were forced to agree when on stepping outside they got a couple of frozen "Berthas" buried with dazzling accuracy in the pit of their own stomachs.

The boys had gathered the ammunition from the top of two freight cars from Pike County, which were on a siding in the yard of the Diakon/Saw Works.

Immediately on the heels of the heavy rain, the predicted cold wave, the weather has put in its appearance. The cold wave, borne eastward by a stiff northwest wind, knocked the mercury of the thermometer down to a point close to the freezing point at 3 o'clock today.

It will be somewhat warmer during the day, due to the influence of the sun, but tonight it will react again, and the weatherman promises a stiffer temperature tomorrow.

Philadelphia, however, is not the only place suffering from a cold snap. In some parts of Canada the bottom has broken out of the thermometer, and bitter winter weather has already begun.

NEGRO WHO HELD UP WILSON IS IN M'CARTHY'S CLASS

New York Elevator Man, Exponent of "Duty First" Had Nothing on Flagman at Swarthmore.

Leaning against the safety gates shortly after he had signaled a clear road to an eastbound train, Michael McCarthy, official flagman at the Swarthmore railroad station, today gave his opinion about the negro elevator boy in New York, who stopped President Wilson because he didn't have his visiting card.

McCarthy, according to natives of Swarthmore, is the best flagman who ever wielded a white flag in that section. He has a silver loving cup, given to him by school children, and also many written testimonials regarding his good record.

Strange to say, McCarthy himself held up President Wilson at one time. It happened last summer. McCarthy insists the Chief Magistrate of the nation is no better than a railroad flagman when it comes to obeying orders.

DUTY FIRST, HIS MOTTO. "Just picture to yourself what would happen if I didn't obey my orders," said McCarthy, as he waved a white flag to a passing local train.

"It is the same way with the President of the nation," he continued, smiling to a group of students returning from Swarthmore College.

"Gracious me, you have no idea what would have happened if I would have permitted President Wilson's automobile to cross the tracks last summer."

When President Wilson entered a fashionable apartment house in New York to call upon his sister, Mrs. Anne Wilson Howe, happened to see the flagman's visiting card with him. The elevator boy promptly refused to deliver the President's message.

President convinced the Negro of his identity and his message was delivered. "President Wilson is a splendid gentleman," continued McCarthy, "I voted for him. And then you know I have several fine sons, who also voted for him."

"That Negro boy over in New York acted right. He was there to obey orders. The orders of a superior must be obeyed. What would happen if the corporals, sergeants and lieutenants in the German army disobeyed the orders of General Von Kluck?"

"There would be a general top-sy-turvy affair. Suppose I failed to obey my orders? It might result in a collision of trains and the loss of life. Then the good folks down here wouldn't be present with loving cups and fine testimonials."

SECRET SERVICE MAN NOUN PLUSED. "Now about my experiences with the President. It happened this way. There was a train standing there at the depot and another was down the line. My gates were down when an automobile came along. I told the gent who was driving the machine he couldn't cross. To my surprise a Secret Service operative jumped out of the automobile. The detective ran up to me and said:

"My gates are down and no automobile will pass while Michael McCarthy is flagman here," he replied.

"I was driving with me the detective saw he was wrong and went back to the machine. When the road was clear I permitted the automobile to pass. And please say that when the machine crossed the tracks I bowed and saluted the President of the nation."

POOR RICHARD CLUB'S HIKE

Members Will Make Inspection Tour of the Curtis Plant. Members of the Poor Richard Club, after meeting for luncheon at noon today, will take a "hike" through the plant of the Curtis Building Company, Independence Square. Special guides have been provided for the occasion. The recent additions to the Curtis equipment of the year will add interest to the visit.

The trip of observation will take about an hour and will include a visit to the home of the Curtis electrotype Company, in the Curtis Building, with H. H. Hatch, fellow member of the club, as host.

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast. WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—For Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey: Fair and continued cold tonight and Wednesday; fresh north to northwest winds.

The cold wave has spread eastward to the coast during the last 24 hours, causing a fall in temperature of from 30 to 39 degrees in the Atlantic States. It also drifted farther into the Southern States and carried freezing temperatures inland to the Gulf coast. The temperatures continued to decrease along the northern border from the Dakotas eastward and in the adjoining Canadian provinces, and are well below zero in those districts this morning. Light rain occurred in New Jersey last night, and snow has fallen over most of the lake region during the last 24 hours.

U. S. Weather Bureau Bulletin. Observation made at 8 a. m., Eastern time.

Table with columns for Station, Wind, Rain, Fog, etc.