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Gibboney, Frere, Star of New Police Comedy Arrested by Traffic Cop, He Is All Right Until Judge Says 'Thirty Days'

This is the story of a little police comedy. D. Clarence Gibboney, president of the Law and Order Society, his brother, Charles J. Gibboney, police sergeant, and Magistrate Carson all figured in it more or less.

Policeman spies an automobile in which Charles Gibboney and three others are riding coming down Broad street with a sheet of white paper in the place where the license tag should be.

Gibboney, who acted as spokesman of the party, "I don't have to tell you anything about it."

Gibboney, entering station at Park and Lehigh avenues: "Here, sergeant, I've got a fresh cop. He insulted me in front of my wife. I'm going to prefer charges against him at the front."

Gibboney, at hearing: "In the first place, it was not my car and I was not driving it. You have the wrong man."

Gibboney calls his brother, D. Clarence Gibboney on telephone, arranges for counsel and further hearing, and bail.

Police go out to arrest owner of car. Car has vanished. Owner slipped away on the q. t. Consternation. Curtain.

Ex-Postmaster General Dickinson Dead DETROIT, Oct. 15.—Don M. Dickinson, former Postmaster General under President Cleveland and one of the greatest Democratic leaders produced by Michigan during the period of her Statehood, died today at his home in Trenton.

ALIENS ON 'DOUBTFUL' LIST TO BE RECALLED Local Draft Boards Will Act Promptly on Judge Dickinson's Ruling

Local draft boards are preparing today to recall many men in their districts who they have discharged from military service because of their claims that they were exempt as aliens.

Many cases of aliens heretofore held in the doubtful list are now automatically determined, and it is expected that the next movement of recruits to Camp Meade will include a considerable proportion of foreign-born residents.

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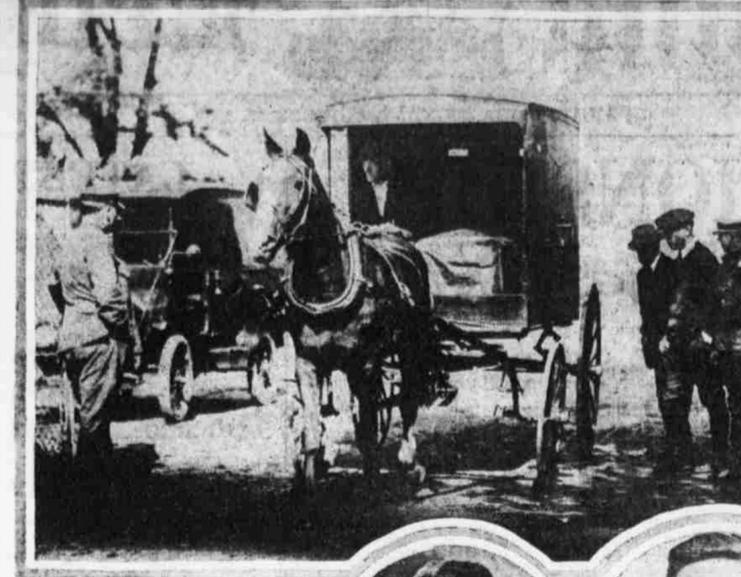
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VICTIMS OF GIBBSTOWN POWDER EXPLOSION



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Below, at the left, is Jesse Devault, of Pausboro, N. J., and at the right is Marjorie Riehl, also of Pausboro, who lost their lives in the explosion.

Continued from Page One There was a pathetic scene at the entrance to the powder works when John Riehl, father of the boy who was killed, arrived. He had come down to meet him.

A girl telephone operator at Gibbstown, jarred by the explosion, stuck to her post and flashed through calls for doctors and nurses before the comparatively small extent of the explosion became known.

Shortly after the explosion the company issued the following statement: "A nitro-starch dryhouse exploded at 8:10 o'clock this morning. Four hundred pounds of high explosive were destroyed. This building was destroyed, but other buildings nearby were very little damaged."

Two men are dead, one missing, probably dead, and one man injured, Jesse Devault and Marjorie Riehl, missing; Martin Spahnalian, injured; Raymond Sull, baker.

NO EVIDENCE OF PLOT The building where the explosion occurred is a small one-story structure. No signs were visible in the vicinity of the building.

There was virtually no plant damage, except the destruction of this building, although there was some slight damage to a number of other buildings. There is no indication of a plot. This was a high-explosive building, where accidents are bound to happen.

In nearly 100 explosions, flames and fire in the Du Pont plants at the vicinity of Philadelphia since the European war broke out, more than 160 persons have been killed and nearly 100 hurt, some of them dying later of their injuries. A list of these in which casualties occurred is as follows:

1914 Killed Hurt August 29, Pompton, N. J., 1 1 February 13, Haskell, N. J., 1 1 March 6, Haskell, N. J., 1 1

LOOT CARRIED OFF IN WAGON Thieves Make a Good haul at Front and Noble Streets

Thieves who it is believed work with a wagon stole a number of dress goods valued at more than \$400 from a wagon belonging to R. P. Strum while it was standing at Front and Noble streets today.

Wire and electrical supplies valued at \$200 were stolen from the home of James Feldman, 5016 Parkside avenue, by thieves during the period of her Statehood, died today at his home in Trenton.

TWO KILLED, SEVERAL HURT IN MOTOR MISHAPS One of the Dead a Woman, the Other Victims Men and Boys

Two persons were killed and three men and two boys were injured as a result of automobile and motorcycle accidents over Sunday in Philadelphia and nearby.

Mrs. Evelyn M. Newhall, sixty years old, 4535 Ditman street, this city, died last night at the Mercer Hospital, Trenton, from injuries received yesterday, when she was knocked down by an automobile at Oxford Valley, Pa.

Charles Fernandez, twenty-three years old, 2145 South Twenty-third street, is the second victim. Fernandez, riding his motorcycle on Twenty-third street, collided with a cross Snyder avenue ahead of a west-bound car.

When he thought it was impossible to do this he reduced speed, but could not stop his machine, which crashed into the car. He was taken to the Methodist Hospital, where he died at 10 o'clock last night. He is survived by a widow and a young child.

William Daily, twenty-one years old, 1213 Rittenberg street, suffered skull fracture, and Philip Meehan, twenty-one, 225 North Twenty-third street, suffered a fracture of the jaw when their car crashed into that of John Oester, 14 South Fifty-second street, at Eighteenth and Spring Garden streets. Oester was not hurt. Daily was taken to the Garretson Hospital, Meehan to the Rittenberg Hospital, and Meehan to the Garretson Hospital, where he went to have his injuries dressed.

George Loudon, sixty years old, Fifteenth street and Germantown avenue, crossing Northeast boulevard at Bensalem place, was struck by the automobile of Henry Bright, 628 Wilkins avenue. Bright took him to the Franklin Hospital, and then surrendered to the Tacony police. Loudon was not seriously hurt.

Joseph Koss, seven years old, 3412 E. street, and Charles Boyd, 3409 E. street, were struck yesterday afternoon by an automobile at Cambria street and Frankford avenue. The driver, Harry Wheeler, 2328 Frankford avenue, was not hurt.

RECRUITS FOR MARINE CORPS Call Issued for 150 Apprentices From Exceptionally Fine Youths

The United States Marine Corps issued a call today for 150 apprentices to be recruited from among exceptionally fine youths. No recruits will be accepted who are less than sixteen years old or who have not the consent of their parents.

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STATE-WIDE FIGHT RESULT OF KILLING 'Bloody Fifth' Murder Precipitates Revolt Against Vares and Brumbaugh

CITY BATTLE IS IN DOUBT In Other Counties, However, Rose Faction Will Gain Control, Is Indication

This murder in the 'Bloody Fifth' ward on primary election day precipitated a local fight in Philadelphia that promises to rival the gas-lease contest of 1915, when the Republican Organization was overthrown.

The factional contest between Mayor Appraiser James A. Carey and Councilman Isaac Deutch for the Republican Organization nomination for Councilman from the Fifth Ward was so hot, so far as it affects the 'Bloody Fifth' on the day Ripley was murdered while performing his duty.

The results throughout the rest of the city and throughout the State, however, were so widespread that they present the opinion of political observers in all camps, the complete overthrow of the Vares-Brumbaugh machine, both in Philadelphia and in the other sixty-six counties of the State.

The hearing of the Mayor and the election of the Town Meeting and the inauguration of the independent movement have been launched to overthrow the Vares-Smith administration.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST VARES In every ward in Philadelphia, and particularly in the Vares-controlled wards of South Philadelphia, a vigorous campaign has been launched against the Vares and their ally, Thomas B. Smith.

In their fight the independents are facing a hard proposition, however, since they have not been able to register their own vote, while it is a common vote in South Philadelphia, that "all Vares votes are registered."

There are only about 22,000 voters on the voting lists by favorable action upon application made to the Board of Registration Commissioners, which the Vares control. The reason for adding a name to the lists must be either absence from the city on September 4, 11, 15, or 18, or on those dates.

Frederick J. Rhyer, who is the Vares' best candidate for City Treasurer, is the "best paid job" in the city office, is elected on the day of the election. They are the only ones who must pass upon the applications of all of the tardy electors who would cast their votes against him.

The consensus of opinion among political leaders and politicians in general is the little bit of the Board of Registration Commissioners to add the independent fusion movement have figured on that, and believe that the full strength of the independent fusion ticket depends solely upon the "getting out of the vote."

In the primary election both the Vares and the anti-Vares-Smith factions brought out the full strength of their forces. There were bitter factional fights. In the larger independent wards, however, the average registered vote that was not cast was more than 1500. The men who launch the Town Meeting party are basing their hopes of success upon the securing of more than one-half of the votes that were not cast at the primary election, by getting their ticket if they can get these votes.

RESULT IS PROBLEMATIC In forty of the forty-eight wards in the city the Vares-McCormack forces organized "rump" ward committees, and all of these organizations will be thrown into the fight on the side of the anti-Vares-Smith forces.

This leaves the remainder in Philadelphia, where the independent forces should win on the face of the situation, but the organization leaders may apathy of a part of the voters in general will defeat them.

The result throughout the State is already clear cut. Reports indicate that the murder and thugery in the 'Bloody Fifth' Ward have caused a revolt in the political consciousness of the Vares and State political forces outside of Pittsburgh, where former Mayor William A. Magee is the so-called Vares-Brumbaugh leader, the following State Administration in Philadelphia has deserted the Vares standard and has gone over to the Pennrose camp. With the exception of the Vares, the independent fusion ticket will have the support of a big majority of these former Vares-Brumbaugh State leaders in the gubernatorial election next year.

The question of who will be the Pennrose candidate and who will oppose that candidate as the Vares-Brumbaugh-Magee candidate will not be decided until after the election on November 6.

State Senator William Sprual has been elected by Miss Funk, in which party Thierichens will have the support of a big majority of these former Vares-Brumbaugh State leaders in the gubernatorial election next year.

In offering the additional petition for an affidavit, Mr. Gray submitted an affidavit sworn to by Miss Funk, in which she declared that she "realized the conviction of Thierichens was due to her testimony, part of which was false, and part of which was not fully explained."

In the affidavit, she also alleged intimidation on the part of Federal agents who had taken her into custody, which in addition to the anger she felt against Thierichens, was not absolutely true. She declared in the affidavit that she realized that she was holding herself open to a charge of perjury, but nevertheless desired to right the wrong that she felt she had done the defendant.

WOMAN HIT BY TRAIN Josephine Manners Painfully Injured at Crossing in Germantown

Struck by a Philadelphia and Reading R.R. train, Josephine Manners, 62 years old, of 8122 Newwood street, in the Germantown Hospital, suffering from a fractured arm and severe cuts and bruises, was taken to the hospital.

Major Mayo Relieved From Duty WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—Major Charles H. Mayo, of Rochester, Minn., one of the eminent surgeons who volunteered their services to the country shortly after the entrance of this nation in the war, has been relieved of active duty in the Surgeon General's office, the War Department announced today.

Doctor Mayo was a member of the rotary board of surgeons, organized to assist Surgeon General Gorman in an advisory capacity. He is now expected to call when his services are again needed.

Scott Valley Forge Commissioner John R. K. Scott, an attorney and Vares leader of the Fourth Ward, was appointed by Mayor Vares as Valley Forge Commissioner. He will be in charge of the Valley Forge today.

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