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FEAR LITTLE GIRL PERISHED IN GALE

Atlantic City Child Strays From Home—Searchers Are Baffled

TWO BOYS NEARLY DROWN

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger.

Atlantic City, Jan. 12. — One little girl was probably drowned in the Thoroughfare, two schoolboys were rescued from Great Egg Harbor Bay by coast guards and several people were taken to the hospital suffering from cuts by flying glass and bruises from falls, and much property damage was done here by the heavy gales which whipped the coast yesterday.

Atlantic City itself seems to have escaped the full fury of the storm which held the Atlantic seaboard in its grip.

Isabella Frances Carr, seven years old, adopted daughter of City Detective Robert Gilbert, wandered away from home here late yesterday afternoon and was last seen walking on the Pennsylvania railroad tracks at Missouri avenue. The crossing watchman saw her as he left his cabin to clear the 5:15 express. He called to the child, but she apparently did not hear him through the howling of the wind.

The watchman ran after her a short distance, but was obliged to return to his post to protect the crossing. As soon as the train had passed he notified the section foreman, who, with a special policeman, took up the hunt. The searchers picked up the girl's footprints alongside the track. They traced them to a ditch which, because of the high tides on the meadows, was fast filling and although they searched all around the place for an hour could find no trace of the child.

Probably Drowned in Ditch

It is believed she fell in the ditch and was drowned. Searching parties were out until midnight and again early this morning, but could find no trace of her.

Charles McGinnis and Charles Seaman, two fifteen-year-old schoolboys, of Ocean City, took advantage of the half holiday to go duck shooting. They secured the skeak box belonging to the father of Seaman, a policeman, and pushed out into Egg Harbor Bay.

When they attempted to return they found themselves unable to make progress against the tide, which had turned and was gradually carrying them out to sea. Near the Inlet they maneuvered their craft, which was fast filling with water, toward Elder Island, at the mouth of the Inlet, and sought shelter in some bushes.

Alarmed when they failed to return for supper, the parents notified the coast guards. The boys meanwhile ventured from their covering and fired signals with their shotguns. The shots were heard by the coast guards, who went out in their power craft and brought them home. They were nearly exhausted.

Elderly Man Is Badly Cut

While crossing Virginia avenue at Atlantic last night C. E. Johnson, sixty-three years old, was knocked down by the wind and badly cut about the face and forehead. He was carried to a nearby drug store and later to the hospital.

Many windows were broken along the Boardwalk and considerable damage was done to furs and frail evening gowns on display. A restaurant was obliged to close when the wind blew in the plate-glass front. Several windows were broken along Atlantic avenue and a big electric sign was torn from its moorings at a cafe just off the Boardwalk on New York avenue, breaking many windows as it crashed to the ground.

Several small craft are reported missing from their moorings at the Inlet, while others were swamped by the heavy seas, lashed into a fury by the storm.

Coast guards maintained a vigilant lookout for craft at sea, but reported they had sighted nothing. They expressed the opinion that coastwise craft had sought safety outside the storm zone.

INSULL GETS M'CORMICK'S POSITION IN CHICAGO OPERA

Association Will Be Placed on New Financial Basis

Chicago, Jan. 12.—(By A. P.)—Samuel Insull, head of several large public utilities in Chicago, last night supplanted Harold F. McCormick, president of the International Harvester Company, as president of the Chicago Opera Association. He was elected at a meeting of the Board of Trustees, in which the name of the association was changed to that of "Civic Opera Association of Chicago."

Miss Mary Garden was retained as director general, and plans were completed for placing the association on a firm financial basis.

The reorganization of the association follows closely the announcement made recently that Mr. and Mrs. McCormick would withdraw their standing offer to make good to an unlimited extent the financial deficits incurred by the association.

SCHOOL CURFEW URGED

Late Hours of Students Perturbs Lansdale Welfare Association

Lansdale, Pa., Jan. 12.—A proposed curfew law as a means of stopping school students remaining from their homes until late in the evening caused warm discussion at a meeting of the Lansdale School Welfare Association Tuesday night.

Prof. J. Walter Gaugy, superintendent of schools, declared against the enactment of a curfew law. If something in this nature is thought necessary, he suggested the appointment of curfew officers, whose duty would be to report the "prowlers" to the school, the same as a truant officer.

Prof. Thomas T. Ridington, of Central High School, Philadelphia, warned parents against interfering with the work of the teacher. He said: "The teachers are specialists in their line. You would not think of taking exception to the dictates of your physician; you would not berate a railroad official for halting a train when a signal was against him; still you seem to consider it your right to 'lay out' the teacher of your child."

WOULD AID WELLAND CANAL

Joint Commission Recommends Improving Channel

Washington, Jan. 12.—Improvement of the New Welland Canal between Lake Erie and Lake Ontario, as well as the St. Lawrence River, to provide a thirty-foot channel from Lake Erie to the sea, has been recommended by the International Joint Commission in its report on the proposed Great Lakes-St. Lawrence waterway, according to Representative Chalmers, Ohio.

Mr. Chalmers has introduced a bill in the House authorizing the improvement on the part of the United States, but stipulating that the expense be borne equally by the United States and Canada through a bond issue guaranteed by both Governments.

TRANSPORT CROOK WEATHERING GALE

Crippled Troop Ship Makes Favorable Progress, Radio Message Says

NOT YET OUT OF DANGER

By the Associated Press

Washington, Jan. 12.—A radiogram from the United States transport Crook, received here at 6:30 A. M. today, said the crippled ship was making favorable headway. "The gale reached the transport last night," the message said, "but did not cause it to slow up perceptibly."

The transport's position was given as 365 miles east of New York.

New York, Jan. 12.—Anxiety over the transport Crook has not been wholly abated by today's wireless message that she is progressing favorably. The gale lashed all the seaboard and sent ships scurrying for shelter.

Heavy cross seas with a strong west wind cut down the Crook's speed to nine knots last night and this forenoon she reported "riding easy at three knots." The St. Mihiel, too, was slowed down by the storm, and marine observers here said they could not estimate when the steamers would meet.

Because of the reduced speed, they did not expect the Crook to arrive here before Saturday.

Dispatches from the captain of the transport indicate that seams have been opened, calked and cemented. The vessel had been making eleven knots an hour.

When she sailed from Europe the Crook had a full cargo on board and carried in addition to her crew of 156 seamen, 13 officers and 940 men from the army of occupation in Germany. In her hold there were many bodies of American soldiers who fell on European battlefields.

There were four feet of water in the forward hold when the skipper decided to let the world know his peril, and the leaks were gaining five inches an hour over the pumps. The radio appeal was immediately answered.

Captain Roppa and his crew and officers of 152 men are mostly veterans. The skipper is a man of coolness and resource, and his superiors have great faith in his genius to weather whatever blasts may smite him.

There are a number of women aboard the Crook, mostly the German and French wives of discharged soldiers, and seventy-five civilian employes of the army. The Crook is one of the oldest transports, having seen service in the Spanish-American War. She was built in Scotland thirty-nine years ago, and was originally the British steamship Rumania.

JANITOR CLOSES CHURCH WHEN PAY IS IN ARREARS

Locks Edifice, Cuts Bell Rope and Attaches Placard

Wilmington, Del., Jan. 12.—Alleging his salary had not been paid for three months, the sexton of the Richardson Park Church here locked the building, cut the bell rope and posted a sign reading, "Closed by order of the janitor," on the front door.

When the pastor arrived at the edifice to open a revival meeting he told the early arriving worshippers of his plight and repaired to the home of the sexton. The man was obdurate and refused to surrender the keys until his salary was paid.

Later the assistance of a rural policeman was sought, and when he threatened to place the sexton in jail the keys were given up and the belated service began.

BLINDFOLDED AND FLOGGED

Birmingham Man Tells Police of Beating He Suffered

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 12.—Lester Hagood, of Woodlawn, a suburb, reported to police yesterday he had been severely flogged Tuesday night by five men who represented themselves as officers and enticed him from his home. They took him to Roebuck Springs, he said, blindfolded him and beat him with straps. Hagood, according to the police, said his assailants accused him of irregularity in a real estate transaction with his mother.

The Hagood affair is the second flogging by a mob here within a month. W. E. Tumlin, a lawyer, having been whipped recently and ordered to leave town. Police said yesterday Tumlin had obeyed the order to depart.

LITTLE BENNY'S NOTE BOOK

By Lee Pape

I was setting on our frunt steps wishing I was eating a apple insted of just wishing I was, and ma opened the frunt door saying, Benny, I want you to run erround to the store for me. I need some things rite away. I want a small bag of flower and a dozen eggs and a pound of butter and a box of baking powder.

And how about some apples? I sed.

Never mind about eny apples, now go over the list so I'll be sure youve got it strate, sed ma, wat are you going to get?

Flower and eggs and butter and baking powder and apples, I sed, and ma sed, Thats rite, no its not, either, dident I tel you not to bother about the apples?

It wouldent be eny bother to me, ma, I sed.

Wich it wouldent of, and ma sed, Dont start eny streem of argewments now, hurry up Im waiting.

Well if I get some apples, ma, I'll be mutch quicker, because I'll be thinking of eating a apple wen I get home and look how mutch quicker that will make me, I sed.

You herd me and I herd you, now get the things and be quick about it, sed ma. And she went in and shut the door and I started to wawk to the store thinking of flower, eggs, butter, baking powder and apples, espehilly apples, and wen I got almost there I thaut, G, wen she sed get the things I wonder weather she ment incloding the apples?

And I terned erround and went home agen and ma was in the kitchin waiting, and wen she saw me and nuthing eits she sed, Well, wares the things, well? and I sed, Did you meen incloding the apples or dident you?

Well for pity sake, well who ever herd of sutch a thing and me waiting like patience on top of a monument, O for goodniss sakes get the apples if you cant live without them, ony hurry up, sed ma.

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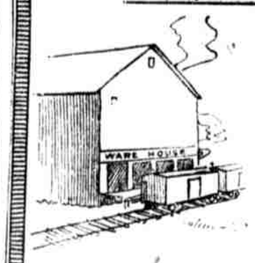

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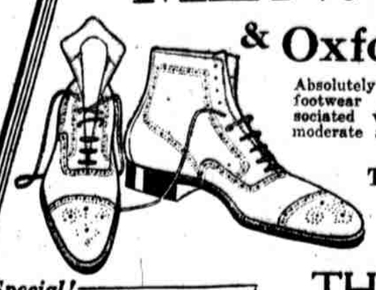

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