

MAN UNDER ARREST AT EASTON AS BARN FIREBUG SUSPECT

Spring City Bricklayer Believed Prowler Driven From Farm In Chester County

WAS ACCOMPANIED THERE BY MALE CONFEDERATE

Norman Byrd, a Negro, thought by the State Police to be one of the two firebugs who have burned twenty-six barns in Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties recently, was arrested this morning at Easton, Pa.

State troopers who are investigating the barn burnings under Major C. M. Wilhelm, of the Bureau of Fire Protection, left at once for Easton and will put Byrd through a grilling to learn his connection, if any, with the burnings and the identity of the white man who was seen with him early Monday morning near the farm of Mrs. H. L. Seeds, in Chester County, where an attempt had been made a few minutes before to set fire to the barn.

Key Turned In Cell When Byrd, sent out by Major Wilhelm today, was received at the Easton jail. Byrd was sleeping comfortably in a cell to which he was admitted last night when he asked at the jail for a place to sleep.

The jailer simply turned the key on Byrd and informed him he was under arrest. When he asked for lodging last night Byrd said he was sick and had no place to sleep. When questioned this morning he admitted his identity.

A man who answers Byrd's description, and who occupied an automobile said to be owned by Byrd, was fired upon early Monday morning as he attempted to enter the barn owned by Mrs. H. L. Seeds at Exeter Corners, near Downingtown, Chester County.

Frank Seeds and Lewis Seeds chased the prowler from the barn to an automobile, the front seat of which was occupied by a white man. When the Negro entered the machine sped away. The first four numbers of the automobile license were taken, and a process of eliminating the other thirty-nine cars having the same first four numbers suspicion was narrowed down to Byrd.

The police say Byrd fled from Spring City, where he lived and where he also worked as a brickmaker, yesterday morning at 7:30 o'clock after having been out all night in his automobile.

BRUTAL TREATMENT OF HOLMESBURG MEN KNOWN TO JUDGES

Parole Officer Says He Has Reported Many Complaints

MOTHERS SOUGHT RELIEF FOR SONS

Yearly Reports Show That Conditions Were Pointed Out to Jurists

EASTERN PENITENTIARY IS A STUDY IN CONTRASTS

Warden McKenty Tells How His Policy of Common Sense and Humanity Has Worked

Tales of brutal treatment of convicts in the Philadelphia County Prison at Holmesburg have been known for years to the Board of Judges, who appoint the Board of Prison Inspectors.

Women whose sons have been imprisoned at Holmesburg have reported cases of ill-treatment to E. M. Hackney, probation officer of Quarter Sessions Court.

Mr. Hackney has, in many cases, taken up these complaints with the Judges who were responsible for the commitment of the convicts causing complaining. In some instances, where the convicts have been found to be ill or deserving of parole, Mr. Hackney has succeeded in having the men aided or freed.

"Many mothers have come to me with tales of cruelty to their sons in the County Prison," said Mr. Hackney. "These cases were carefully investigated by my office. In several cases I found that the complaints regarding the food, solitary confinement and punishment for talking were true.

"In such instances I have called the attention of the trial Judge to them and have had paroles granted. Right here let me say that fewer than 3 per cent of those who have been paroled from the county prison break parole.

"I do not want to assume the position of criticizing any one. I am simply stating what I think should be done to give convicts a chance. Several years ago, as the result of many complaints regarding conditions in the county prisons, both Holmesburg and Moyamensing, I decided to do something.

6 KILLED AS ARMY PLANES CRASH, ONE A PHILADELPHIAN

Private Rolas, of This City, Makes Fatal Leap—Others Burned Under Craft

MACHINES COLLIDE IN AIR, THEN FALL IN FLAMES

Accident at Langley Field. Major Gearhart and Captain Doyle—Among Victims

By Associated Press. Newport News, Va., Dec. 6.—Major Guy L. Gearhart, of Leavenworth, Kan.; Captain Banton A. Doyle, of St. Louis, and four enlisted men were killed at Langley Field today when a Martin bomber plane, carrying five of them, and a Fokker machine, piloted by Major Gearhart, collided about 250 feet in the air, both machines crashing to earth in flames.

The enlisted men killed were: Staff Sergeant Marwick, 3355 West Forty-first street, Cleveland, O.; Private F. J. Blunka, 1018 Fry street, Chicago.

Private Leon Rolas, 461 North Fourth street, Philadelphia. The bomber, piloted by Captain Doyle, was making a banking when the Fokker arose in the air from a long take-off. The smaller machine struck the bomber almost amidship, cutting off the tail. Both planes hovered a moment, then both broke into flames and crashed to earth.

Private Rolas leaped from the bomber as it neared the earth, but was fatally injured. He died while being placed in an ambulance.

The two others were pinned beneath the machines, and before aid could reach them they were burned almost beyond recognition.

Washington, Dec. 6.—(By A. P.)—War Department records show that Major Guy L. Gearhart and Captain Banton A. Doyle were stationed at Langley Field. A message received by the Air Service said Major Gearhart and Captain Doyle and four enlisted men had been killed, but did not go into details as to the accident.

HARDING ASKS CHANGE IN SHIP SUBSIDY BILL

Elimination of Amendment Giving Control to Congress Requested

Dies in Air Crash

CAPTAIN BANTON A. DOYLE

Army officer from St. Louis, who was one of six men who lost their lives in crash of two planes at Langley Field. He was caught in the wreckage and burned to death

FEUD VICTIM SHOT BY SILENT SLAYER

Michael Russell Killed in Restaurant While Gang Terrorizes Patrons

GRUDGE MURDER SEEN

Michael Russell, of 2047 Millin street, was shot and killed at dawn today as he sat in an all-night restaurant by an expert gunman to whom he was pointed out.

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IRISH FREE STATE STARTS LIFE TODAY

Formal Beginning of New Government at Dublin Is Announced

HAMMER SLAYER, WHO ESCAPED JAIL, SOUGHT IN MEXICO

Mrs. Clara Phillips Is Hunted Far and Wide by Sheriff's Posse

FALSE CLUES AT BEACH THROW OFF PURSUERS

Murderess Watched For at the Border Towns—Her Husband Guarded

By Associated Press. Los Angeles, Dec. 6.—The search for Mrs. Clara Phillips, convicted of beating Mrs. Alberta Tremaine Meadows to death with a hammer and who escaped early yesterday from the Los Angeles county jail, was in active progress today throughout Southern California and Lower California, the Mexican State.

Despite various other clues Sheriff's deputies generally held to their original belief that the "hammer murderess" had fled across the border into Mexico and plans were made to extend the search today for her as far south as Ensenada, on the west coast of the Lower California Peninsula about ninety miles south of San Diego, Calif.

They were not overlooking other directions, however, and had asked San Francisco authorities to join in the hunt.

Meantime the border between the Californias, from Tijuana, near San Diego, to the Arizona line, and especially at Calexico, Calif., and its Lower California border town, was closely guarded.

ROBBER THREATENS STENOGRAPHER WITH KNIFE

An intruder threatened a stenographer with a paper knife and took \$9.08 from a desk of the Willard Candy and Chocolate Company, Jasper and Willard streets, this morning. Benjamin Nagel was arrested shortly afterward.

MONEY AND BONDS GONE IN BANKRUPTCY CASE

Accuses a Governor

SHOT AND AUTO CRASH FATAL TO PASTOR

Jessup Clergyman Loses Control of Car When Gun Wounds Him

Seranton, Pa., Dec. 6.—Accidentally shot in the leg by his own gun while he was driving his automobile home from a day's hunting trip in the Moosic Mountains, the Rev. Andrew Ivan, aged thirty-one, pastor of the Holy Ghost Greek Catholic Church at Jessup, tried to muster sufficient strength to drive his car to the nearest house, only to lose control of the machine. The car was ditched along the roadway and the priest thrown out.

Further Ivan, suffering seriously from loss of blood, managed to drag himself into the road. He was found an hour and a half later by a number of boys, who carried him to the Middlesboro Hospital. Loss of blood and injuries sustained when the automobile was wrecked resulted in his death.

WELLESLEY FIRE THREATENS STONE HALL

WELLESLEY, Mass., Dec. 6.—Fire that threatened to spread to Stone Hall, one of the largest buildings on the Wellesley campus, today swept through a cottage occupied by maids employed at the college.

CHILD TELLS LAUSANNE CONFERENCE AMERICA STANDS FOR FREEDOM TO ALL NATIONS

HEALY TAKES HIS OFFICE OPPOSES SINGLE CONTROL

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FAIR DECISION MUST BE MADE BEFORE JAN. 1

Col. McCain Declares Time to Build Exposition Is Ample

\$25,000,000 COST WOULD BE SUFFICIENT

Boston's Great Music Carnival Cited as What Can Be Done If Speed Is Applied

OTHER EXPOSITIONS ALSO FACED DELAY HANDICAPS

Idea of Men Who Have Considered Success of Plan While Others Talked Are Presented

Is it possible to hold a Sequi-Centennial Exposition within the three and one-half years remaining in which to prepare for it? Can it be made an international exposition? Can its cost be brought within a reasonable limit, and yet make it a success? Will such an exposition be profitable, or at least be made to break even on its cost? Should the plan and scope embrace any permanent buildings? Or—Is it better to let the entire project fizzle out?

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN

The vital question that must be decided between now and January 1 is whether a sequi-centennial exposition is to be held in this city that will be worthy of Philadelphia.

A survey of the field shows that the opposition to the exposition is confined to a small but insistent body of individuals who have the indorsement of two or three men of prominence.

It has been the history of practically every exposition of international scope, with the exception of the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition of 1876, that it was rushed to completion within two years and a half, and in some instances within three years.

HINTON MODIFIES PLANS

American Airman, Bound for Rio Janeiro, Drops Flight Up Amazon

SCHUMANN-HEINK BETTER

Fire Destroys Freight Shed

SNOW DUE TOMORROW

Forecasters Predict Light Fall Unless It Rains—Colder Tonight

PRINCE ANDREW IN ROME

Greek Exile Is Expected to Have Audience With Pope

SCREEN STAR TO WED

Friends Say Mary Miles Minter Will Be Scenario Writer's Mile

PHYSICIANS TO ISSUE NO MORE BULLETINS AS MERCHANT GAINS

John Wanamaker Improving Steadily

PROPOSED PACKING MERGER ATTACKED BY LA FOLLETTE

Chicago Concerns Seeking Immunity in Advance, Senator Charges

MUSKIEVER IS URGED FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

Senate Committee to Act in Butler