

MARINE TRUMPETER DROWNS IN RIVER

Mitchell Pruliker Loses Life While Wading Stream.

HAD NOT LEARNED TO SWIM

Believed to Have Stepped Into Hole, or Was Seized with Cramps—Mised by Companions, Who Search with Grappling Irons and Recover Body Near Place Where Last Seen.

Venturing beyond his depth while bathing in the Eastern Branch yesterday afternoon Mitchell Pruliker, sixteen years old, an apprentice trumpeter in the Marine Corps, was drowned.

The boy sank and was dead before companions, who were swimming a short distance away, knew he was in difficulty. Pruliker was seen wading in water reaching nearly to his shoulders, and little attention was paid to him. It became known that he had stepped into a hole or was seized with cramps.

Companions Begin Search. A few minutes passed before the swimmers thought harm had befallen Pruliker, and then a search was begun for the young trumpeter. His clothes were found on a dock where he left them, but Pruliker had disappeared. Finally, after the boy had been under water for nearly fifteen minutes, the swimmers summoned help, and men put out in rowboats to search.

The accident occurred about 2 o'clock beneath the southern end of the Pennsylvania avenue bridge. Pruliker and several companions left the barracks at 8 and G streets southeast and went to the dock of the Allegheny Coal Company near the bridge. The water is nearly thirty feet deep off the dock, and Pruliker, who could not swim, was afraid to go into the stream.

His companions addressed and dived over, and then Pruliker donned a bathing suit and walked to a spot beneath the end of the bridge where the water is shallow. The boy was alone, and waded out until the water reached higher than his waist. He played about, splashing and submerging himself, but remaining near the shore.

It is thought the boy stepped into a hole and became so frightened that he was drowned before he could call for help. It is also thought probable he was seized with cramps. His body was recovered in deep water near the spot where he was last seen. John H. Moran, of 1519 Eighth street southeast, Robert Moran, of 21 South Carolina avenue southeast, and John Gillian, of 196 South Carolina avenue southeast, drew the body into a rowboat with grappling hooks after searching for nearly half an hour.

Notified the Police.

The police had been notified, and the launch Maj. Sylvester was en route to the scene when the body was drawn to the surface. It was put aboard the launch and removed to the morgue. At the Marine Barracks it is said Pruliker had no relatives in Washington. His mother is said to be dead and his father lives in Newark, N. J., where the boy resided until he enlisted and was sent to this city.

COCK FIGHT AT ROADHOUSE.

Suburbanites Mix It with City Stock and Lively Combat Ensues.

Friday night there occurred, at a rather obscure roadhouse on the outskirts of the city, one of the most spirited contests between game birds that has been pulled off in the vicinity of Washington for many moons.

Several hundred sports of the "dead end" variety deposited five-ounce notes before the privilege of entering the arena was granted. It might be well to note in passing that, with few exceptions, these lovers of the game came from Washington. The first bout was delayed until near midnight in order that the promoters could be absolutely certain that the officers had fallen down on their jobs.

The main was between Frederick and one of the counties adjacent to Washington. This fight was scheduled, and there was a side bet of \$50 on each fight, and \$500 on the main. It was only necessary to fight ten of the bouts, Frederick County losing seven of these.

One fight lasted exactly one and one-half hours, and another went an hour and fifteen minutes. One cock lost both optics early in the game, but came to the breast without a flinch, and finally won the other cock out and captured the bout.

MRS. MARTHA ALTER DEAD.

Word Received Here of the Passing of a Former Resident.

Word was received in Washington by relatives last week of the death in Pittsburg of Mrs. Martha J. Alter, widow of James Alter, a resident of Washington in its early days. She was in her eighty-ninth year.

Mrs. Alter lived here for many years after Mr. Alter's death, and had numerous friends, who were associated with her in the work of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, where she was both prominent and faithful.

Mrs. Alter had been seriously ill with rheumatism for a long time, at the home of her eldest daughter, Mrs. Loomis, widow of Sims E. Loomis, of Pittsburg. Mrs. Alter's only other child was the late Mrs. Benjamin F. Gilbert, of this city, a belle and a great beauty as a young woman. Her daughter, Miss Margaret Gilbert, is still a resident of Washington, at 2470 Ontario road. A niece, Miss Minnie Reinhart, is a resident of Takoma Park, of which Benjamin F. Gilbert was the founder and first mayor.

Presented with Touring Car.

Herman A. Phillips, journal clerk of the House of Representatives, who lives at 2227 Eighteenth street northwest, was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Butler, Thursday evening, in honor of his birthday anniversary. After indulging in a few games of cards Mr. Butler presented Mr. Phillips with a White steam touring car—a model.

Escamash Movements.

New York, May 29.—Arrived: Philadelphia, from Southampton, May 2; La Lorraine, from Havana, May 2; Campania, from Liverpool, May 2. Sailed from foreign ports: La Provence, from Liverpool, St. Paul, from Chesburg, Knoxville, from Antwerp.

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FEARS ARE DISPELLED.

Cuban Minister Proves Island Government Not Extravagant.

Senator Garcia Velez, the Minister of Cuba, held a long conference with Assistant Secretary of State Wilson yesterday apropos of the report of extravagance on the part of the new government of the island.

He brought with him figures to show there was no basis for the allegation, and he also endeavored to show that his government was not disposed to discriminate against the United States in making purchases of arms and other supplies.

The conclusion of the conference seemed to be that there is no occasion for alarm on the part of the United States.

DR. MOFFITT RESIGNS.

Casualty Hospital Resident Physician Causes Regret.

Dr. H. Watson Moffitt, resident physician at Casualty Hospital, yesterday presented his resignation to the board of directors of the hospital, to take effect on Tuesday. He has been connected with the hospital for more than a year, and in that time has attracted attention in medical circles by several remarkable operations. Regret is expressed that the young physician is to depart.

Dr. Moffitt will begin practice with his father, Dr. M. M. Moffitt, of 127 B street southeast. The young physician is almost as well known as his father, who is widely acquainted. Dr. Moffitt studied medicine in Washington after being graduated from a high school in this city.

It is probable Dr. Thomas A. Lee, second interne, will succeed Dr. Moffitt as resident physician. Dr. Lee was graduated from George Washington University Hospital and continued his studies at Emergency Hospital, where he gained an enviable reputation. He then resigned to become a member of the staff at Casualty Hospital, and has since been connected with the institution.

SHORT STORY CLUB ELECTS.

Prof. L. H. Wilder Appointed President for Third Term.

The annual meeting of the Short Story Club was held on last Tuesday evening at the Potomac Club. Dr. Lee was president, Prof. L. H. Wilder presided.

There was a discussion on ways and means for advancing the club. Prof. Wilder, Dr. Isman, Mr. H. P. Holden, Prof. Hyland Kirk, Mrs. Beck, Miss C. L. Lloyd, Mrs. Metcalf, Mrs. McKenzie, Miss Hensell, and Mrs. T. B. Young making suggestions.

The following officers were elected: President, Prof. L. H. Wilder; vice president, Mrs. Rachel Tongate Beck; recording secretary, Mrs. Mira M. Metcalf; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Fannie S. Reynolds; treasurer, Mrs. Caroline S. York; press reporter, Mrs. Lyda J. Young Withee.

The following committees were appointed: Music, Mrs. A. G. Drake, chairman; Mrs. L. H. Wilder, Mrs. C. A. Thomas, Mrs. L. H. Macaulay, Mrs. R. L. Townsend; reception, Capt. F. V. de Potter, Capt. W. D. Dingley, Mrs. M. O. Agnew, Mrs. H. P. Holden, Prof. H. C. Kirk; printing, Mr. H. P. Holden and Mrs. L. J. Y. Withee.

SERG. HEADLEY INJURED.

Thrown from Bicycle in Collision with Negro.

Serg. A. J. Headley, of the Third precinct, narrowly escaped serious injury in a collision near Washington Circle, yesterday afternoon. While riding a bicycle he was struck by Jesse White, negro, who was also mounted on a bicycle, and the two were thrown before a speeding automobile.

The driver of the machine stopped it and assisted in extricating the policeman and negro from the tangled remnants of the two bicycles, both of which were destroyed. Serg. Headley was lifted into the automobile unconscious, but he regained his senses while in the office of a physician, and returned to his duty about half an hour later. The negro was cut and bruised.

GROUP RATES UPHELD.

Interstate Commerce Commission Supports Railroad Combination.

The Interstate Commerce Commission came out strongly yesterday in support of blanket or group rates by railroads, where the rates adopted as the result of an understanding are not unreasonable.

The announcement was made in the cases of the Chicago Lumber and Coal Company, Winn Parish Lumber Company, and other big interests against the Tigua Southern, Arkansas Southern, and other railroads, affecting the rates on yellow pine lumber west of the Mississippi River.

Meeting of New York Women.

The May meeting of the Women's New York State Club was held, with Miss Stella M. Wilson, at Mount Rainier, Md. The current topics of interest in New York State were discussed by Miss Kelsey, following the business meeting. Miss Morrison gave an interesting paper on "The history of Suffolk County." The club will meet in June with Miss M. Dorris, at 1459 Girard street northwest.

President Confirms Sentence.

The President has confirmed the sentence of dismissal in the case of Second Lieut. Alexander C. Davis, Philippine Scouts, on charges involving repeated acts of drunkenness, gambling in the presence of natives, and conduct unbecoming an officer. Lieut. Davis served as a first lieutenant in the South Carolina Volunteers during the war with Spain.

Poisoned Baby May Recover.

The condition of Council General, nineteen months old, who accidentally swallowed a quantity of carbolic acid while playing in the home of his parents, at 1146 Fifth street northwest, was last night reported to be improved. Physicians at Casualty Hospital, where the infant was removed, believe the baby will recover from the effects of the poison.

Excitement at Small Fire.

A small fire caused excitement in an apartment house at 1227 Thirty-first street northwest yesterday afternoon. The blaze was discovered about 4:30 o'clock in the kitchen of the apartment occupied by W. C. Barrett. It is believed the fire originated from an overheated gas stove. The flames were extinguished before the arrival of firemen. The damage is about \$10.

Driving Season at Hand.

The approach of real summer weather is responsible for the perceptible increase of business activity among the various horse and vehicle dealers, for, notwithstanding the rapid increase of the popularity of the automobile, horse lovers are no less conspicuous, both from the standpoint of number and their ardent loyalty to the sport.

Green's auction sales and exhibition rooms, located at 304 Tenth street and 195 C street northwest, are among the largest in Washington. The business was established for seven years in Georgetown before moving to its present location, six years ago. The stock is replete with all requisites known to horsemen.

Largest Morning Circulation.

STIRS IRE OF SENATE

Germany Criticised for Transmission of Report.

STATE DEPARTMENT SCORED

Senators Aldrich, La Follette, Bailey, and Culberson Resent Efforts to Influence Tariff Legislation—Document Alleged to Have Been Sent from Berlin is Ordered Printed.

The Senate devoted more than two hours yesterday to a snarl over the suggestion that a diplomatic report in Germany, paid in certain matters in Germany, transmitted by the German government to the State Department, should be printed.

In the course of the debate charges of bad faith on part of the Finance Committee in receiving the document from Secretary Knox and failing to make it public were made by Senators Culberson, Bailey, and La Follette.

Senator Aldrich characterized as "impertinent" the action of the German government in sending such a communication to the United States through diplomatic channels. Senator Dewey took issue with the German government's tariff legislation. Senator Dewey took issue with the German government's tariff legislation, denouncing the action of the German government as "most extraordinary."

He declared the document was not only sent to the United States through diplomatic channels, but was then put into the hands of United States importers and their attorneys. Mr. Dewey expressed the opinion that if the United States had attempted in that way to interfere with or influence legislation in Germany, the diplomatic consequences that would ensue would be serious.

Discretion Was Used.

Senator Bailey, replying, reminded the Senators that the document had been sent to the Finance Committee by the Secretary of State, who used his discretion in sending it, and he suggested that if the properties had been violated the Republican Senators could fight it out with the Republican Secretary of State.

Mr. Dewey said he understood the content was one between American manufacturers and foreign manufacturers, and exclaimed grandiloquently: "I am for the American manufacturer every time."

"Oh, Mr. President, that is—," and then Mr. La Follette hesitated, as if lost for a word with which to characterize Mr. Dewey's remark. "I don't want to say that such talk is cheap," Mr. La Follette said the question was a simple one who "robbed" of it.

Finally a resolution that had been submitted by Senator Nelson was agreed to, directing the printing of the information. Mr. Aldrich explained that he was entirely willing to publish it, but doubted "the propriety" of doing so. When questioned, Mr. Aldrich explained that the

REPORT HAD BEEN SENT BACK TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

While the discussion was at its height, a message arrived from President Taft, transmitting the report, which had finally halted at the State Department in its journey back and forth. Some amusement was created when Vice President Sherman stopped the debate long enough to read the message transmitted.

Mr. Johnson, a new Senator from North Dakota, protested against the use of the word "impertinent" by Senator Aldrich in characterizing the action of the German government in sending the communication. He read from the Congressional Record to show that about forty such communications had been received from foreign governments during the consideration of the Dingley bill, which were not only received and considered by the committee, but were all ordered printed in the Record.

CIRCUS PLANS PROGRESSING.

Elks Complete Details for Rural Carnival at Benning.

Plans for the big circus and jubilee which Washington Lodge of Elks No. 15 will conduct at the Benning race track June 16, 17, and 18, are daily growing in magnitude and importance.

The affair will surpass, it is said, all previous local efforts of a like nature. The tent for the circus proper will be pitched in the track oval. John J. Gorman, the chairman, says every act in the circus is to be given by a professional, the entire performance being made up of individuals who have appeared recently or are now appearing at the Hippodrome in New York.

There was a meeting Friday night of the finance committee, when plans were made to "get the money." Mr. M. G. McCormick is credited with ability in this direction. He has been treasurer of Washington Lodge for years.

One of the features thus far arranged for will be the presence on Friday, June 18, of the Naval Academy Band, as a courtesy from Annapolis Lodge of Elks. On Wednesday evening a committee will visit the Baltimore Lodge of Elks. The local Elks will go over to Baltimore on a special electric train, leaving White House Station at 6:30 o'clock. It is expected that Elks generally will take part in this visitation.

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TWO COLLISIONS IN DUPONT CIRCLE

Fashionable District Excited Over Accidents.

MOTORMEN ARE RECKLESS

Montgomery County Farmer and Wife Have Narrow Escape from Injury, and Men in Charge of Car, in Desperate Hurry, Are Blocked by Another Disabled Vehicle.

Two wagons overturned within two blocks by two separate cars of the Washington Railway and Electric Company within two minutes, caused some amusement and much indignation in Dupont Circle about 11 o'clock yesterday morning.

A Mount Pleasant line car, rounding the circle at a good rate of speed, collided with the buggy of Louis S. Gray, a Montgomery County farmer, of Burnt Mills, overturning the vehicle, throwing Gray, his wife, and numerous packages, eggs, and bottles to the street, broke the shafts, and sent the horse dashing down New Hampshire avenue, dragging Gray, who hung on to the line as if he valued his horse more than his life.

Mrs. Gray Plucky. While women shrieked and men rushed to the rescue, Mrs. Gray, whom everybody expected to find at least unconscious, jumped to her feet and cried to some negroes down the street to stop the horse, after her husband, who had been dragged about seventy-five feet, let him go.

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150 pieces of Plain and Satin-finished Foulards, in this season's most-wanted styles and colorings; all pure silk, and beautiful finish; 75c and 85c values. For Monday, 49c

75c 36-inch Black Japanese Habutai, 59c.

36-inch Black Japanese Habutai; Lyons dye and perfectly finished; guaranteed to wash and retain its finish; 75c value. Special for Monday, 59c

\$1.39 36-inch Black Directoire Messaline, \$1.

36-inch Black Directoire Messaline; all pure silk, and a beautiful, lustrous finish; will give satisfactory wear; \$1.39 value. Special for Monday, \$1.00

\$1.25 36-inch Genuine Shantung Pongee, \$1.

33-inch genuine Shantung Pongee; all pure silk, and the most durable fabric known; we will place on sale Monday a limited number of pieces of this fabric, which is heavy and strong; a good \$1.25 value. Special for Monday, \$1.00

A piece of 18 to 20 yards for \$16.50.

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HAPPINESS AT BEACH. Joyous Crowds Visit Popular Summer Resort at Opening. It has been said that the annual opening of Chesapeake Beach for the summer season is as welcome as the spring flowers, and if any evidence as to