

TRUCK HITS BOY, DRIVER DISAPPEARS

Bound For Candy Store, Harry Stein, Aged Four, Struck By Car and Is Backed To Curb.

Chauffeur Takes Victim To Hospital, Then Speeds Away—Child Probably Will Die of Injuries Which Include Fractured Skull.

Dodging from in front of the automobile of Jonathan Godfrey of Brook-lawn park, president of the Compressed Paper Box Co., and tuberculosis commissioner, while at play with a group of children at Main and Good-nell streets at 10 o'clock this morning, four-year-old Harry Stein of 2822 Main street, was struck and probably fatally injured by an automobile truck said to have borne the license No. 7600C.

After striking the child the driver of the automobile took the youngster from the roadway and hurried him to St. Vincent's hospital, where it was said at a late hour that the child's life is virtually despaired of. After delivering Stein to the hospital, the driver, without giving his name or the cause of the accident, hurried away and was last seen driving at a rapid rate north on Main street in the direction of Long Hill.

This fact was reported to the police at 10:30 this morning and Sergeant James H. Ramsey and Policeman Herbert Higgins were detailed to learn the name of the owner of the car. The license number is one of 1916 and as the 1915 auto register has not been printed they have been unable to learn the identity of the driver of the auto truck.

According to Mrs. Eugenia Stein, mother of the boy, he was going to a candy store when he was hit. A spectator said that the truck was backing in the street curb when the accident happened.

Young Stein's skull is fractured and he has internal hemorrhages. There is (Continued on Page 3)

BRIDGEPORT IS LOSING ITS GRIP AND GLAD OF IT

Thirty-Eight Days of Battle With Illness Brings Many Casualties.

After a 38-day battle between grip and the people of Bridgeport, grip is on the retreat, leaving behind a record of many deaths and illnesses. The cold wave, which was looked forward to with impatience, arrived and quelled the grip germ.

Bridgeport, in proportion to its population, suffered more than the average city. The pan-demic is dying out all over the country, however.

Physicians in this city noted an unusual accompanying symptom, during the recent scourge. Nose-bleeds were prevalent and Bridgeport had many cases of grip where nose-bleed accompanied the illness.

Six million persons in the United States were affected, it is believed, by the grip. The disease didn't go south of the Mason and Dixon line, however. Mumps is growing in seriousness, in Bridgeport. At the Reed school, North avenue and Remer street, several cases have been noted. Barnum school is also affected.

CHINESE REBELS DEFEAT TROOPS OF GOVERNMENT

Peikin, Jan. 22.—The rebels in the province of Hunan have defeated a body of government troops and are moving northward.

The engagement between the Yunnan revolutionists and the government forces took place at Suifu, Sze-Chuen province. The forces opposing them at Suifu was the garrison of that place and after defeating it the rebels marched northward.

The revolutionists are not molesting foreigners.

PUT STOP TO ANIMAL BEATING, CHIEF ORDERS

Superintendent Eugene Birmingham has ordered posted a notice in all police precincts calling the attention of the department to cruelty to animals and ordering that steps be taken to curtail it. The city ordinance relative to cruelty to animals is appended to the notice. This calls for a jail sentence of not more than a year or a fine of no more than \$250 or both for mistreating an animal or overdriving a truck.

FIGHTERS SURRENDER
Frank Duffy, 412 Railroad avenue, and Patrick Korman, 216 Lafayette street, surrendered themselves at police headquarters today, acknowledging they had taken part in the gang fight which occurred last night in back of Sullivan & Mullins' store. They were charged with breach of the peace, but furnished bail and were released.

FREIGHT EMBARGO RAISED ON LIMITED CLASS OF MATERIALS USED FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK

Modification of the freight embargo recently ordered by the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, was announced today to be effective at 12:01 a. m. Monday. The embargo is lifted on building materials for buildings actually under contract and partly constructed.

According to the announcement by A. F. Currier, superintendent of car service, the New Haven road will receive at Harlem river only and handle for points on the New Haven road only, the following materials: Structural and reinforcing steel and iron, stone, lime, brick, cement, lumber, terra cotta, tile and wall plaster.

The raising of the embargo will permit contractors to finish building which were halted by the sudden stoppage of these materials.

Individual manufacturers in this city are greatly peeved over what has been termed "refection" upon the industrial interests of Bridgeport in the matter of removing cargoes from New Haven railroad cars in this vicinity.

It is the knowledge of many manufacturers in this city that the factories with their corps of truckmen and trucking agencies have kept their material free from the freight houses and cars on sidings, which cars after frequent admonitions by the railroad company have been known to have remained on sidings as many as six days after notice of clearance had been given by the factories to the railroad.

It is stated by reliable manufacturers today that if any delays in unloading have been obstructive to the railroad movement of cars it was due to contracting and building interests rather than to the factories who take the comment of railroad officials deeply to heart.

This soreness of spirit is greatly accentuated by the fact that embargoes on western shipments have caused them great loss of business through the non-delivery of raw material with which to operate and the additional fact that in order to even keep their wheels turning they have been compelled in many instances to surreptitiously enter the New York trucking field, in order to get goods here, by boat.

While an embargo rests upon the

HANGS HIMSELF WITH IRON BELT TO IRON BEDSTEAD

Thomas W. Smith, Lodging House Proprietor, Dies By Own Hand.

Thomas William Smith, aged 46, a Negro, who kept a lodging house at 71 Ewitt lane, committed suicide last night by hanging himself to the iron rails of his bed. He used a belt, which he closed tightly about his neck with his right hand and then drew his legs from the floor until unconsciousness supervened.

Smith was found by his wife in this position when she went at an early hour to awaken him for breakfast. None knows the motive for seeking death although it is believed that recent ill-health may have suggested the act.

He retired without any one noticing a change in his disposition. He hanged and apparently had attempted to sleep when he decided to commit suicide.

The body was removed to the Cullinan & Mullins morgue by order of Medical Examiner S. M. Garlick. It was later claimed by the family through Undertaker H. A. Remington, who will prepare it for burial.

STARTED FIRES BECAUSE OF HIS 'CRAZY NOTION'

SEALING VERDICT IS RETURNED ON HARVARD FRAUDS

New York, Jan. 22.—Believing him responsible for 29 fires that imperiled hundreds of Harlem tenement dwellers and caused property losses of thousands of dollars, the police today arrested Edward Puter, 19 years of age. Fire Marshal Brophy says Puter has admitted setting three fires which he described, and many others which he was too confused to detail.

Puter, according to the police, ascribed his actions to "just a crazy notion" and said he always remained on the scene to watch the terrified tenants rush to the street and the firemen work. It is said he twice tried to set fire to the tenement in which he lived with his parents.

He was held in \$5,000 bail charged with arson in the first degree.

VIOLATION OF CATTLE LAW CAUSES ARREST

Hartford, Jan. 22.—Cattle Commissioner J. O. Phelps will bring within a week his first prosecution for the violation of the regulations governing the importation of cattle into this state. He has seized the cattle in question. The offense was committed in the eastern part of the state. It is believed that there have been previous violations of the regulations but it has been impossible to secure evidence.

THE WEATHER

Monday tonight and Sunday, probably rain; colder Sunday in interior. Fresh to strong southwest winds.

WHEELER FOR U.S. SUPREME COURT BENCH

Justice of Supreme Court of Errors of The State is Prominently Mentioned at Washington As Successor To Lamar.

Bridgeport Man's Candidacy is Earnestly Advocated by Influential Men Including Homer Cummings.

(Special to The Farmer.) Washington, Jan. 22.—New England offers a candidate for the Supreme Court of the United States, to fill the vacancy created by the death of Justice Joseph R. Lamar, of Georgia.

New England's man is Justice George W. Wheeler of the Supreme Court of Connecticut. The appointment of Judge Wheeler is being urged with energy, and has already developed so much force that President Wilson is said to have placed Judge Wheeler on the tiny list upon which is written the names of those who are to be considered.

It is said here that the appointment of Judge Wheeler is supported by Homer Cummings, Democratic national committee man for Connecticut, but, in the main, those who are urging New England's cars are not in politics, but concerned only with the administration of justice. They think Judge Wheeler fully equal to the calibre of men in the past appointed to the supreme bench and believe that he would do honor to the most exalted judicial position.

Support of Judge Wheeler is not confined, apparently, to Connecticut, but comes from every New England state. Judge Wheeler resides in Bridgeport, Conn., which is the county seat for Fairfield county, and the largest city in Connecticut.

BRITISH INDIRECT BLOCKADE TAKES IN BRIDGEPORT

Manufacturers Sign Agreement Not to Ship to Allies' Enemies.

The British indirect blockade, already applied to rubber, is to receive a further, application in Bridgeport, where manufacturers have already acceded to the terms of the rubber blockade.

Steel manufacturers are now required to sign an agreement not to export to any of the enemies of Great Britain, nor to any foreign destination, except Europe and Canada, general notice to the British consul in New York.

The agreement applies only to materials in which ferro manganese is used. This material is controlled by the British, and they can stop shipment, as in the case of rubber, at will.

The form of the agreement is as follows: We hereby undertake not to export to the United States, except to the United Kingdom, Canada, France, Italy or Russia, any of the steel or alloy products in the manufacture of which ferro manganese has been employed.

We further undertake to give notice to the British Majesty's Consul-General at New York of any shipments of steel, or steel products, in the manufacture of which ferro manganese has been employed, to any foreign destination elsewhere than in Europe or Canada.

The principal users of ferro manganese in Bridgeport are the American Tube & Stamping Co., of which C. D. S. Miller is president; Charles G. Sanford, vice president and treasurer.

Fines Man Who Fired Gun At Reprimander

Angered because he was reprimanded by William Lillie, owner of the sloop Sheldrake, Thomas Allen, aged 23, son of the owner of the sloop Amos Gray, both anchored in the local harbor, fired two shots from a gun at 8:30 last night and the discharge from the gun lodged in the side of Lillie's boat. For this offense Allen was fined \$25 and placed in jail by Frank L. Wilder in city court today.

The boats are anchored in the local harbor at the foot of Kossuth street and it was noised about town early last evening that a murder had been committed on one of the boats. Detective James Dooley and Sergeant James O'Neil investigated the cause of the gunshots and they arrested Allen. In city court Allen denied using the gun but the police found it in his boat with evidence that two shots had been fired. The police were notified of the discharge of the weapon by Joseph Nelson living on a houseboat at Kossuth street and Stratford avenue.

HARBOR HAPPENINGS

The steam lighter Clifford entered with the barge Raymond loaded with pipe for the Bridgeport Gas Light Co. The Clarence Blake entered with four and the light house tender Misletoe, also entered.

AMERICAN RANCHMAN KILLED IN FIGHT WITH GUERRILLAS IN MEXICO

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 22.—Bert Akers, an American rancher from Ysleta, Tex., was killed yesterday by Mexican cattle rustlers in a fight at San Lorenzo, Chihuahua, a few miles below the border.

News of the killing was brought here by Douglas Downs, who was with Akers and a Mexican police official when they were attacked, and who escaped. Following so close upon the Santa Isabel massacre, the murder of Akers has produced a sensation here.

Bernardo Duran, a Mexican, and his brother, Frederico, led the attack on the Americans, according to Carranza soldiers who placed them under arrest. The Durans, says Gen. Gabriel Galviera, the Carranza commander, will be executed if found guilty of the murder.

Akers and Downs were trying to recover cattle belonging to a neighbor when the Durans, it is alleged, opened fire on them from the roof of their home. The Americans, who say they were unarmed, fled.

The Durans pursued them several miles on horseback before Akers fell dead. Downs hid in the underbrush

and the Durans soon abandoned the chase. Bernardo Duran was arrested by Carranza soldiers as he was leading the horse of the fallen American. He claimed he acted in self defense and that he did not know his victim was an American.

According to the story of Downs, told at Ysleta today, the Mexicans numbered five and he says they fired more than 200 shots. The Durans, according to Downs, have been running cattle across the border for a long time and one of them has served a term in the state penitentiary at New Mexico.

FIRING AT BORDER

El Paso, Jan. 22.—Customs officers early today opened fire on several Mexicans attempting to cross the international border with large bundles of rags. The Mexicans fled.

MYSTERIOUS FIRE IN HOLD NORWEGIAN VESSEL PUTS BACK TO NEW YORK DOCK

New York, Jan. 22.—Mystery surrounded the fire which caused the Norwegian steamer Sygna to put back to this port today after having sailed yesterday for Archangel with a large cargo consigned to the Russian government. The fire broke out when William J. Gaynor met the freighter at Quarantine and after quantities of steam had been turned into the Sygna's forehold, from which clouds of smoke were pouring when she reached port, it was believed the fire was virtually under control.

Officers and members of the freighter's crew said that so far as they knew no explosion preceded the fire, but they were unable to offer an explanation of how the blaze originated in a hold, which they said contained only structural steel and railway material. When asked if there was any evidence indicating the fire had been of incendiary origin the officer said "that it was too soon to make an investigation," and declined to comment on the unusual features of the blaze.

Members of the Sygna's crew who covered the hatch of the forehold yesterday said there was no indication of fire when the freighter sailed and that it was early yesterday evening before one of the watch saw smoke seeping from around the hatch. The cover was hurriedly taken off and while no

names could be seen, a great quantity of iron rods from the hold and it was decided to put back at once.

Owing to the tightly packed mass of steel beneath decks, the crew of the fire boat found much difficulty in fighting the blaze. It was impossible to make out the center of the fire or learn the nature of the material that was burning, and for this reason the fire boat continued to pour steam into the hold for several hours.

The Sygna will be docked, partially unloaded and thoroughly examined to determine the cause of the blaze. Steel rails and various forms of structural steel were said to be in the bottom of the forehold while on top of his material was a large amount of railway supplies, chiefly steel car parts.

The fire on the Sygna is the latest of a long series of fires and explosions which have occurred on vessels shortly after they sailed from this and other American ports with munitions or other supplies for the allies. In numerous cases it has been found that the fires were caused by incendiary bombs or fuses.

Norton, Lilly & Co., agents for the Sygna, stated that the freighter did not carry any munitions or highly inflammable material, the cargo consisting chiefly of steel, railway car parts and wire.

SEPARATE PEACE BETWEEN GERMANY AND BELGIUM IS URGED BY BERLIN PAPERS

London, Jan. 22.—An Amsterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. states that the Frankfurter Zeitung discussing the possibility of a separate peace between Germany and Belgium, says that as long as Belgium has not signed the London agreement regarding the making of a separate peace, she is free to act.

The newspaper is quoted as adding that Belgium until now has been considered by the chancellor as an object of exchange and that sensible Belgians ought to be told not to wait too long or Belgium will be considered as a good prize.

SNOWSLIDE HITS TRAIN; TWO CARS BURIED IN GULCH

Many Killed When Part of Limited Train is Hurlled 300 Feet Down Mountainside—One Car Takes Fire.

Halted By Smaller Slide, Train Gets Full Force of Sudden Avalanche—Number of Dead is Probably Very High.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 22.—Great Northern train No. 25, the Cascade Limited from Spokane, was struck by a snowslide near Corea Station on the west slope of the Cascades near the summit early today. The train was standing still when hit.

The dining car and the day coach received the full force of the avalanche and were carried down an embankment 300 feet. Nearly all the persons in the two cars were reported killed or injured.

Physicians have been sent from Everett. The train had been stopped by a small slide, which had covered the track. Workmen had just completed removing the snow and debris from the rails and the train was about to proceed when an avalanche thundered down from the mountainside. The dining car and day coach were struck squarely and swept away. The other cars and the engine were left on the track.

Two negro porters and a trainman are known to be dead. The dining car is reported burning. The first passenger reached in the day coach, a small boy, was severely injured. The next two passengers were dead.

Five employes in the dining car are believed to be dead.

Corea is about 120 miles east of Seattle and is at the top of a big switch-back. It is the second station down the west slope from the Cascade tunnel.

Report Fourteen Killed

St. Paul, Jan. 22.—Fourteen dead in the Great Northern wreck at Corea was the report received at 12:45 p. m. of the Great Northern railroad. Mr. Hill stated that reports on the wreck received in his offices up to this time were belated.

NOT TIME YET TO URGE PEACE, SAYS FORDITE IN N. Y.

New York, Jan. 22.—Andrew Bethes, lieutenant governor of South Carolina, who accompanied Henry Ford on his peace mission to Europe, was one of the passengers on the steamship New York arriving here today.

He left the party in Copenhagen and made his way into Germany from there going to Switzerland and thence to England. Mr. Bethes said that from his observation in countries of both belligerents the time for neutral nations to move for peace had not yet arrived.

"In Germany the cry is for conservation of resources," he said, "although they say they have sufficient men and means for military equipment. In England I found the cry was for men and proper equipment."

Mrs. Mohr Resting As Court Recesses

Providence, R. I., Jan. 22.—Mrs. Elizabeth F. Mohr, who has been on trial for two weeks with C. Victor Brown and Henry H. Spellman, the two negroes whom she is accused of having hired to kill her husband, Dr. C. Franklin Mohr, last August, rested over the Saturday court recess today in the assurance that next week would see the beginning of the introduction of evidence in her defense. The testimony for the prosecution was understood to be nearly ended when court adjourned yesterday.

Warners Brothers Co. Improves New Plant

The Warner Brothers Co. continues to enlarge and improve its New Milford plant. It has just installed new machinery and increased the number of foot presses. A new elevator is in operation, with all safety devices.

STAMFORD NUN DEAD

Stamford, Jan. 22.—Sister Mary Charles, in secular life Mary McCloskey, for five years teacher of music in St. John's parochial school, died today after a short illness. Sister Mary had been a member of her order for 30 years. Her home was in New Bedford, Mass.

GRIPPE CLAIMS 36 VICTIMS IN MONTH

Hartford, Jan. 22.—The prevalence of pneumonia in Connecticut cities and towns during December is emphasized in the state board of health report for the month, issued today. This shows 234 deaths. In addition there were 36 deaths ascribed to the gripe. No other ailment had so many victims. Tuberculosis claimed 189 and cancer 87. The deaths for the month were 1,615 or 275 more than in November; 141 more than December a year ago, and 128 above the average for the same month in the five year period.

Deaths from accident in the month were 81; suicides 12 and homicides 8.