

MOTHER AND HER FOUR CHILDREN, INSENSIBLE FROM GAS, ARE SAVED

Pedestrian Smashes Door of Mrs. Joseph Demkopy's Home and Finds Family Overcome By Fumes of Escaping Fluid.

One of Victims, Suffering From Pneumonia—Ambulance Surgeon Revives Parent and Others—All Will Recover, Belief Is.

A pedestrian walking by the home of Mrs. Joseph Demkopy at 558 Ogden street, this morning, smelled escaping gas. Breaking in the door of the house he found the mother and four children prostrate on the floor.

The pedestrian sent in a call for the emergency hospital corps. The mother and four children were revived through the efforts of Dr. H. Beaudry of the ambulance corps. The youngest of the children, aged two, is suffering from pneumonia and Dr. Beaudry ordered it removed to the Bridgeport hospital. The mother declined to permit the child to be removed.

The gas escaped from a jet in the rear of the kitchen stove. A rubber tube leading from the jet slipped from its connections allowing the gas, which was turned on, to escape.

Joseph Demkopy left his home at 6:30 and went to work in the Bridgeport Brass shop. The mother, one of the children, while playing, slipped the tube from the jet and the fumes permeated the rooms of the house.

Mrs. Demkopy was lying on the couch and it is believed that she was asleep. It is also surmised that on smelling the fumes she attempted to rise from the couch and fell prostrate on the floor, overcome by the escaping gas.

The children range in age from two to 11 years and it was the opinion of Dr. Beaudry that the youngest child was suffering from pneumonia. All are expected to recover.

PAY TRIBUTE TO MISS SOMERSET, B. H. S. TEACHER

Many Friends of Late Instructor Visit Bier, at Nephew's Home.

Hundreds of friends and former pupils of Miss Margaret Faith Somerset, teacher for 25 years in this city, died yesterday morning in St. Vincent's hospital, New York city, viewed her body for the last time from 4 until 6 o'clock this afternoon at the home of her nephew, Alexander Gordon, 708 Atlantic street, where she has made her home.

At 9 o'clock tomorrow morning the full funeral rites of the High Episcopal church will be held in the Episcopal church, Broad street and Fairfield avenue. Rev. C. W. Areson will conduct the service and will deliver an eulogy on the splendid life of the deceased. The church choir will sing anthems and hymns of the Episcopal service. The funeral is being carried out in obedience to the wish of Miss Somerset, that she be buried in a friend in this city before leaving for New York to go to her death, which she felt near.

While no definite plans have been arranged by the students of the High school to attend in a body the majority of those who were in Miss Somerset's classes will be present at the services and many alumni of the school will also pay their respects to the beloved instructor.

The teachers of the High school will attend in a body. Most of the members of the local group, Alliance Française, which Miss Somerset organized, will attend.

The bearers will include: Coroner John J. Pheasant, Thomas Lashar, William E. Davenport, Malcolm MacFarquhar, John Northey and Dr. Edward Fitzgerald. The body will be taken to Portland, Conn., for burial.

LUSITANIA REPLY ON WAY TO U. S., BERLIN REPORTS

Washington, Feb. 3.—Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, today received a brief message from the Berlin foreign office, dispatched on Jan. 31, informing him that his latest instructions on the Lusitania case would go forward immediately. The ambassador expects to receive them probably tomorrow.

American Mortgages Company Bankrupt

The American Mortgage & Realty Co., which had offices at 955 Main St. and in which residents of this city and nearby towns held stock, has filed a petition in bankruptcy. The liabilities are given as \$1,817,07 and the assets as \$490, consisting entirely of stock. Among the creditors is Mrs. Harriet P. Wyant of 119 Winter St., who held \$5,000 worth of preferred stock. Henry A. Pullman was president of the company and the petition was filed by him.

Germans Plan New Drive To Channel Ports

London, Feb. 3.—The London newspapers this morning express the conviction that the Germans are planning a new offensive on a large scale against the left wing of the allies. It is expected that they will attempt to blast a way to Calais and Dunkirk by the use of strong bodies of infantry supported by enormous masses of artillery.

BRITISH SHIP SUNK
London, Feb. 3.—The British steamship Belle of France has been sunk. Her arrival there from Port Said, on Dec. 24. Her gross tonnage was 3,874, and was built at Sunderland Eng., in 1905, for the Belle Steamship Agency, Ltd. of Liverpool.

PROMINENT MEN HERE LOSERS IN REALTY FAILURE

Twenty Persons in Bridgeport Believe They Were Victimized.

About 20 residents of this city, including several city officials and two physicians, believe they have been victimized in a scheme whereby they bought bonds, on which they were promised large dividends. The news transpired today when papers were served on the local defendants in proceedings brought by John W. Paris & Son, Inc. of New York. This company asks the supreme court of New York to allow foreclosure on Brooklyn property which the local bondholders were given as security for their holdings.

About two years ago Walter Binner, representing the Mutual Profit Realty Co., came to this city and interested local investors in the bond project. Bonds were sold in lots of \$1,000 each and it was guaranteed that dividends of five per cent. would be paid yearly with the possibility that the dividends would run as high as 10 per cent.

It was represented that the Mutual Profit Realty Co. held 10 lots in Second avenue, Brooklyn, and these were given as security for the bonds. Several local investors who were interviewed today said they had never been paid any dividends and they believed now that the sums they invested were lost.

In the papers served on these investors it is claimed that Binner owes Paris & Son, Inc., \$3,800 on notes and that he mortgaged the Brooklyn property as security. One of the local defendants said he had heard that the Mutual Profit & Realty Co. had been put out of business by the New York State authorities.

Among the residents of this city who bought bonds and who are named as defendants in the suit are: Dr. F. J. Adams, Dr. D. M. Treacartin and Florence Treacartin, Joseph E. Simone, Frank L. Wilner, Bridgeport; Mary G. Simone, Fannie Hallock, Adolph Zaccchia and Angela Zaccchia. Adolph is a barber in the Arcade shop. He said he had paid about \$60 on the payment system to get one of the bonds.

WILDER NAMED GRAND MARSHAL OF THE MASONS

Hartford, Feb. 3.—Until such time as the Masonic Grand Lodge of Connecticut shall vote otherwise, all its annual communications will be held in Hartford. This action was decided upon by the grand lodge by an almost unanimous vote. The closing session was held today. Superintendent John O. Rowland, of the Masonic Home, secured many pledges for furnishing rooms at the home. Numerous routine reports were submitted.

The new officers were installed by Past Grand Master Andrew J. Hallock of Bridgeport. Past Grand Master Weston G. Grazzias of Litchfield was grand marshal.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Thomas McKenzie appointed the following officers: Grand marshal, Frank L. Wilner, Bridgeport; grand senior steward, Charles M. Beach, New Milford; grand junior steward, Arthur M. Brown, Jewett City; grand chaplain, the Rev. R. Danforth, New London; grand tyler, G. A. Loomis, Hartford; associate grand chaplains, district deputies and committees were also appointed.

Retiring Grand Master C. E. Austin was given a past grand master's apron and jewel.

THE WEATHER
Fair tonight and Friday; strong northwest winds.

BOTH PASTORS OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES RESIGN

Dr. Swain and Mr. Gallaudet Unselfishly Stand Aside For New Pastor.

NEW BUILDINGS TO COST ABOUT \$200,000

New United Congregational Church To Supplant North Church Soon.

That neither Rev. Richard L. Swain, D. D., Rev. Herbert D. Gallaudet, pastors of the Second and First Congregational churches respectively, will be retained by these churches under the proposed union of the churches, became known today.

This, it was explained, was one of the reasons why the task of the leaders agreed when the task of effecting the proposed union was undertaken. That the pastors, realizing the importance of effecting the union, resolutely accepted the plan and worked zealously towards its completion, is shown through the report of the joint committee of the churches, which became public at the meeting last night when the churches accepted the report, as a preliminary towards the joining of the churches in a new and modern edifice on the North church property.

Within a few days the joint committee of the churches will meet, to consider the selection of a successor to the two resigning pastors. So far, it was said today, no one has been considered, definitely.

Both pastors, in resigning, expressed their good will towards the united churches.

COMMISSIONERS WON'T DISCUSS LAKEVIEW VISIT

Behrens and Ellis Investigate Care of Patients in Infirmary.

Results of the investigation of Lakeview home by members of the board of charities will not become public, officially, until the meeting of the board on Monday afternoon.

Yesterday afternoon F. W. Behrens, and Dr. T. L. Ellis, two of the four members of the commission, spent a long time in visiting the Lakeview home.

They investigated especially the care of patients in the infirmary, stories of which, reaching the commissioners, prompted them to investigate.

Before his visit, Mr. Behrens said that he believed conditions at the home were satisfactory. This afternoon, however, he would discuss what he had found until the meeting next Monday, when the commissioners will report to the board what they found.

CONVICTIONS IN ELECTION FRAUD TRIALS UPHELD

Chicago, Feb. 3.—The convictions of Donn M. Roberts, former mayor of Terre Haute, Ind., and 10 others found guilty with him of election frauds, were sustained by the United States district court of appeals here today.

Gray Was All Right As a Private, Says Defendant in Suit

The actions of Attorney Horace M. Gray which made him unpopular with members of the 6th Co., Coast Artillery, were related in the superior court this morning when Capt. Albert Mossman of the company, who is being sued in a \$15,000 slander action by Attorney Gray, gave his version of the trouble.

Capt. Mossman told Judge Gager and a jury that during the time Attorney Gray was a private in the company he was all right. But when he became a sergeant his manner changed. Gray had good knowledge of military matters and when the company went to camp he was inclined to be critical about small things. An inspector from the United States army reported that a gun crew of which Gray had charge was not efficient and Capt. Mossman notified Gray he would be removed as sergeant. This displeased Gray. Other incidents of Gray's alleged unpopularity were related but Captain Mossman said he felt no malice toward Gray, as the latter claims. The trial had not been finished at press hour.

DISCHARGE DANBURY YOUTH ON PAYMENT OF COSTS OF TRIAL

Nolle was entered on the charge of breach of peace when Joseph Morasco of 16 Beaver street, Danbury, was arraigned before Judge Bartlett in city today. He paid the costs.

Morasco was arrested on board a Berkshire division train, yesterday when Conductor William H. Flynn detected the accused in the act of opening the pockets of a sleeping passenger. Morasco is said to have borne a good reputation in his home town.

PRESENT WORLD'S WAR TO MEAN HAS EENDING OF CONTINUED PEACE, PRESIDENT INFORMS ST. LOUISANS

LEONARD PASSES SHORT AND UGLY WORD OUT TO OLIVET CHURCH PASTOR

John M. Leonard, president of the board of fire commissioners, won't be one of the speakers at the Civic Night of the Olivet Congregational church tonight. A photograph which the men's league of the church had taken of Mr. Leonard to use in connection with advertising the meeting, will be thrown away.

A week ago Mr. Leonard received an invitation to talk on "The Fire Department" at the Civic meeting. He accepted.

This morning Mr. Leonard rescinded the acceptance; he said he won't speak.

Rev. Mr. Tamblin was eating lunch at the Y. W. C. A. on Broad street this afternoon. He was called at 1:10 o'clock by a Farmer reporter.

"You're going to have a meeting tonight, Mr. Tamblin?" he was asked. "Yes, the regular Civic meeting will be held tonight," he said.

"I understand that a change has been made in the program, Mr. Tamblin."

"You'll have to call Mr. Wheale about that."

"Don't you know if any change has been made in the program?"

"There have been none to my knowledge," said Mr. Tamblin.

Howard Wheale, prominent member of the committee in charge of the Civic meeting, was called at once.

"Oh, yes," he said, when asked about a change. "John A. Leonard, president of the board of fire commissioners, called up Mr. Tamblin this morning and said he won't speak, as he promised."

"What was his reason?"

"Oh, he told Mr. Tamblin that he just found out Mr. Tamblin has been attacking the administration, and he wouldn't talk in his church for that."

"Funny part of it, you know, he just had his picture taken to be printed in the papers tonight, as one of the speakers."

"I suppose he was told not to come. One or two of the boys passed the word to him and he simply obeyed, I suppose. Little petty feeling, you know. You better call him up, though, and talk to him."

"Another funny thing, we asked him to come to the hall to tell the administration's part of the thing. We wanted to know about the fire department and we asked him to come because he's a member of the administration."

Mr. Leonard was called at the Algonquin club.

"Certainly," he said. "I was invited to speak on the fire department and I accepted in good faith. I didn't find out until today that he's the man who has been attacking the administration under a non-de-plume in a Sunday newspaper."

"I'm a Republican, I belong to the administration and I believe in the principles and tenets of the Republican administration. I'm not going to say church to speak, where the pastor is making attacks on the administration—and under a non-de-plume at that."

"When I found that out, I called up Mr. Tamblin and told him just what I told you."

"Mr. Tamblin said he didn't know of any change in the program," Mr. Leonard was told.

"He's a liar—even if he is a minister."

Later Mr. Wheale said: "The story has been passed around that some of the other speakers, Gen. Bishop, President John C. Stanley of the police commissioners, and those fellows, aren't coming. I've been trying to get in touch with them and haven't succeeded, but I know Gen. Bishop isn't coming."

"We'll manage to get along somehow or other—in fact better than if they came. And you can make it strong that maybe we'll have one or two little surprises at the meeting."

Providence, R. I., Feb. 3.—The presentation of all of the evidence in the trial of Mrs. Elizabeth F. Mohr, C. Victor Brown and Henry H. Spellman, charged with the murder of Dr. C. Franklin Mohr, was concluded at the forenoon session of the superior court here today. It is expected that the case will reach the jury some time tomorrow.

Dr. William H. Mastell, called in rebuttal by the state testified today that both bullets that struck Dr. Mohr entered the back.

Dr. Otto Faust had testified for the defense that one bullet entered the chest and came out through the back.

J. Albert Claflee, court stenographer, who recorded the testimony given before the grand jury last September, stated that Mrs. Gertrude M. Daley, sister of Henry Spellman, declared then that she did not know what time Spellman returned home on the night of the murder as she was asleep.

George H. Hurley, a co-administrator of Dr. Mohr's estate, contradicted testimony given by Mrs. Mohr, to the effect that George Rooks, "was disturbing things" in Dr. Mohr's office immediately after the doctor's death.

Watch Belonging To Survivor of Motor Tragedy Recovered

Buffalo, Feb. 3.—John Edward Teiper's gold watch, which he declared was stolen from his pocket, Sunday night, when he claimed highwayman attacked and murdered his mother, Mrs. Agnes Teiper, his brother, Frederick Teiper, and probably fatally wounded his sister, Grace, in the Orchard Park road, has been recovered. It was found by a newspaper reporter in a field about 125 feet off the road from the spot where the murders occurred.

The watch was lying alongside a stone which it had evidently struck. There was a dent on the edge near the hinge and both front and back covers were sprung. The watch had stopped at 12:25.

District Attorney Dudley, when informed that the watch had been found, said that "it practically clinched the case."

No formal charge has been placed against Teiper and neither District Attorney Dudley nor Sheriff Stengel would say whether a charge would be placed against anyone today.

Teiper spent a restless night in a cell at police headquarters.

THEATRE ROWDY FINED.

For talking in a loud tone of voice in a theatre and disturbing the peace of the audience a fine of \$2 was placed upon Solomon Richman, 21, of 84 Wallace street, by Judge Frederic A. Bartlett in the city court today.

Cheered By Vast Assemblage, President Urges Mobilization of Economic As Well As Military Forces—Says United States Must Keep Out of War, If Possible, In Order To Aid in the "Healing Process."

St. Louis, Feb. 3.—President Wilson declared here today that he believed there would never be another war like the present and that the war will hasten the time of general peace.

He spoke at a breakfast of the St. Louis Businessmen's League before going to the Coliseum for his main address. Governor Major, of Missouri, sat next to the President. The room was decorated with American flags. Enthusiastic applause greeted the President as he rose to speak.

"It's just as well to shed speeches as you go," he said. "There are many things I would like to speak, but now I am talking of national defense. Not only is it necessary to mobilize the military forces of the nation but also the economic forces of the nation."

"I am not looking forward to war but to times of peace. Peoples do not hate each other and therefore they will do business again together."

The President spoke of the necessity of representing facts or business as they really are.

"America has been shy at going out in competition," he said. "I am ready to match the business of America against that of the rest of the world."

He explained that the United States must keep out of the war if possible to help in the "healing processes."

The President declared that such a war can never come again; that it will never come again; and that the war will put forward the time of universal peace better than anything else could.

When he spoke of his conviction that a tariff board should be created, the applause was enthusiastic. He then spoke of the world's debt.

An hour before the time set for the President to speak, the hall was crowded and the jam of those outside extended several blocks away. The coliseum was decorated with bunting and streamers of green vines. A school chorus of 1,500 sang national airs.

As the President entered the crowd cheered wildly. The band stilled the applause with the strains of "The Star Spangled Banner."

The whole gathering, with countless small flags fluttering, stood and sang, the President joining in.

The President opened with the statement that he had "Come seeking something in the middle west and found it." He said he had been told the middle west was against preparedness but did not believe it. "I did not come out to learn how you thought but to tell you what was going on. I came out to tell you that there may be absolute clarification of the issues we are now confronting."

"What is the situation? The situation is that America is at peace with the all the world and wishes to remain at peace. It is a genuine peace, based on some of the most fundamental things of international law."

"America is the friend of all the world."

APPAM GERMAN PRIZE, LANSING SAYS; BRITISH ASK SEAMEN'S RELEASE

Washington, Feb. 3.—Secretary Lansing stated today that there was no question as to the Appam's status as a prize but that the question of her disposition still involved further consideration of The Hague convention and the Prussian-American treaty.

Lieutenant Berg's refusal to land British seamen who were gunpointers on British merchantmen will be the subject of further consideration.

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, went again to the state department today to ask what disposition is to be made of the British subjects on the liner Appam who, the German captors contend, are in the British military service because they were gunpointers on merchantmen sunk by the German sea raider which made the Appam a prize.

The British authorities here contend there is no warrant for holding the seamen and it was understood they were to be released with the passengers and crew. Lieutenant Berg, the German commander, objected, and they are now being held pending further conferences of officials.

Formal announcement that the Appam is held to be a German prize is expected soon.

NOTED BRITISH PASSENGERS ON APPAM DETAINED

Newport News, Va., Feb. 3.—The captured British liner Appam, in charge of a German prize crew, anchored in the James river, off Newport News, shortly after 10 o'clock this morning. The passengers were to be removed to barges and taken to Norfolk to board an Old Dominion line steamer for New York. Some of the more prominent English passengers were expected to come to Newport News.

The ship's legal status still is undetermined. Lieut. Berg, the German officer, moves his craft only on orders through Collector Hamilton.

"We are treating her as an English ship which has put into an American port flying the German naval ensign and under charge of a man who says he is an officer of the German navy," is Mr. Hamilton's explanation of the present attitude of the United States.

Sir Edward Merewether and other British colonial officers with large quantities of baggage, have arranged to place their property in customs bond here and proceed directly to New York to take the first available ship for home.

Customs Collector Hamilton arrived from Norfolk early in the day to assist in the arrangements for disembarking those who are at liberty to land. He expressed the opinion that two or three days would elapse before all are ashore.

The Appam was brought to Newport News by request of Lieut. Berg, the German commander, although government officials preferred to have her moved to Norfolk. Lieut. Berg's reasons for making the request were not disclosed. With the landing of more of the passengers than those who came ashore last night, further interesting details of the operations of the mysterious German sea raider were expected to be brought to light. Captain Harrison of the Appam, who was thought to have the best story to tell was detained aboard with all the members of his crew, the Germans having raised the point that the show

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