

PRACTICAL JOKES PROVE SERIOUS

Long and Shocking List of Fatalities Which Have Followed Efforts to Be "Funny."

WORKMAN'S AWFUL FATE

LOCKJAW FOLLOWED FIRE-CRACKER "JOKE."

(Cleveland Plain Dealer.) This is the curious and time-honored description of a certain form of incident. Sometimes the incident means some one's disfigurement. Sometimes it means his distress or his ruin. Sometimes it means death.

The other day Frank Gagner, a Polish worker in a plaster factory at West New Brighton, Staten Island, awoke from sleep on the floor of the factory to meet a frightful fate.

While he slept a joker had tied a rope to one of his legs. Some one—just who, it is for the police and the courts to determine—threw the end of the rope over a shaft.

But the strands of the rope caught in the wheels and Gagner was drawn into the air screaming with terror and then whirled and whirled until he was dead.

The practical joke was over. The joker or jokers fled in horror. Another name was added to the long list of victims to the practical joke.

In the record of daily events in public print appear as many names of those who die from the unintentional violence of the fool who has had the heart of the man who has murdered in his heart.

Firecracker Fun. A few days ago George W. Lester, an aged man, died in the Kings county hospital because he had had the ill fortune to meet one of these jokers.

He was dozing on the porch of a hotel when to scare him a lighted firecracker was placed under his chair. His leg was burned and death came from lockjaw.

The firecracker is a favorite instrument of destruction in the hands of the fool joker. By it he has slain and maimed many.

Andrew Kirkpatrick was killed at Longwood, Md., by one of the usual Fourth of July jokes. He was carrying a giant firecracker under his arm, when a young man applied a match to it.

Kirkpatrick's side was torn open and he died in agony. In the case of Miss Wilhelmina Smalley, at New Brunswick, N. J., the firecracker was used as one of the means of the jokers to make themselves agreeable to a bride and bridegroom.

It was thrown in Miss Smalley's hat where it exploded and set the hat and the girl's hair on fire. Prompt measures saved her life.

But of jokes with explosives the most serious was at the squib factory in Scranton, Pa. In that memorable case, five girls and one man were killed and many others dangerously wounded.

The property loss was heavy, for the factory was almost totally destroyed. It all came about from the idea of a girl at the head of a color party who could have some fun scaring her companions by exploding a squib in the stove.

Either results from the natural cheerfulness of the joker. B. B. Messer, a farmer, 65 years old, at Huntington, W. Va., is hopelessly insane at the result of the joke played on him by his grandchildren.

The letters arrived one by one. On Monday came the first. Tuesday the second, Wednesday and Thursday like letters followed, all with the same dark foreboding. The matter preyed upon the old man's mind so heavily that by Saturday he left his reason.

Driven to Suicide. Frank Dawley, a mechanic at East Rochester, accidentally shot a neighbor in the thigh. The wound did not prove very serious, and Dawley was not arrested. Then the fool joker happened along.

He told Dawley the man he shot was dying; that he would be surely arrested. Dawley took the "joke" seriously, went to his room, got a revolver, and shot himself.

A joker of the lying type told James H. Lacy of Wilmington, Del., that his brother had died at sea. Lacy became seized with hysterical convulsions, which resulted in his losing control of his vocal organs.

James Loftus of Weehawken, a member of the Mercury Athletic club, lost his life by this same joke. A member of the club shifted his chair when he attempted to sit down.

Case of Hydrophobia. "Are you ready to bark, Jack?" the joker friend of John McDonald, a stick operator at Paterson, called after him, following a tussle he had with a dog supposed to be mad.

When he came near, only McDonald and his aged mother knew the torture of the bantering and his horrible conviction borne in on him stronger from day to day that in the end these jokes would come true.

Once in a while the practical joker pays with his own life for the fun of trying to scare some one else into fits. Mrs. W. S. Lutz at Covington, Ky., saw some one stealthily moving about her room when she awoke at night.

Fearing she was about to be attacked she seized a shotgun that was hanging near her bed and shot the intruder. She then found she had killed a man, who was dressed in a halloween disguise, and had thought to give his mother a scare.

A jury in Philadelphia last month found Harry Norris guilty of murder in the second degree. Norris was a practical joker. It was as a joke, he now avers, that he "confessed" to the murder of Clara McGonnell, a young milliner.

Then there was Samuel Ayers, who arranged to "hold up" a friend in the dark caves at Pittsburg and to pretend robbery. Ayers and his companions wore masks and the play began. The only hitch in the joke was that the friend who was being robbed drew a revolver and shot Ayers dead.

An insane cruelty is at the bottom of many of the performances of the practical joker. Whether cruel or only thoughtless, the fool joker is a dangerous type, as this distressing record may serve to show.

SECRET SOCIETIES. I. O. O. F. Quirch Encampment No. 1 at its meeting on last Sunday night transacted considerable business through the attendance.

Golden Rule Encampment No. 2 will probably fill the office of scribe at the meeting tomorrow night. Naomi Rebekah lodge No. 1 will meet next Saturday night.

Fraternal Union of America. Evergreen Lodge No. 15 held its regular meeting Monday evening and initiated two more candidates. One more will be initiated next Monday evening.

Maccabees. Utonian Tent No. 12, M. O. T. M., held its regular meeting Wednesday evening last with a good attendance of the Sir Knights. Two applications for membership were received.

Professor Tyler of Amherst college, said recently, "A man can live comfortably without a digestive system. The dyspeptic has neither faith, hope nor charity." Day by day people realize the importance of caring for their digestion.

Picture Framing. Charles H. Bodet, 33 East First South. A visit to WANDAMERE allays prejudice.

INCREASED PAY AND LESS HOURS

Employees of United Railroads at San Francisco Make Request of Company.

CARMEN ARE POORLY PAID

PRESIDENT CORNELIUS MAKES A STATEMENT.

San Francisco, Aug. 19.—Richard Cornelius, president of the San Francisco Carmen's union presented to the United Railroads today a request for increased pay and shorter hours of work for the members of the organization.

Cornelius is particular to explain that the union is requesting, not demanding, a modification of its present working agreement with the United Railroads. He said today that, according to the view taken by the carmen, the company has violated its agreement with the union and that therefore the union considers itself free to ask for a new agreement, based on the changed conditions of service growing out of the recent calamity.

Particularizing the acts of the company which he says constitute a violation of the agreement, the United Railroads, said Cornelius, is operating crowded cars and is failing to keep its cars in good condition.

"Under the new conditions carmen are the poorest paid working people in this city," declared Cornelius. "Common laborers are receiving \$2.50 for an eight-hour day, and that is more than carmen are paid."

In view of the increased rentals, which in some cases forced our men into refuge camps, we consider that our request for an readjustment of the wage scale is not unreasonable. In this connection I wish to say, however, that the increased cost of living is not the only consideration that prompts our request for more pay.

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AMUSEMENTS. "Blue Jeans," played by Miss Harper and her admirable company, opened to a large and delighted audience at the Grand last evening.

Unusual interest attaches to the appearance at the Orpheum tonight of Mile Argyro Kastron, the young and beautiful Greek violinist, who is seeking American appointments and dollars on the legitimate stage.

Tonight the bill changes at Casino park, Zinn's best offering since the telephone exchange. This is said to be Zinn's best effort and abounds in many of his own creations in the music and comedy line.

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TWELVE LIVES LOST IN WATER

Death Reaps a Harvest Among the Bathers in the Vicinity of New York.

New York, Aug. 19.—Twelve persons lost their lives in the waters about New York today. Most of the victims were bathers. A number of heroic rescues of imperilled swimmers were made and these reduced what otherwise would have been a much larger death list.

Three persons were drowned in a group near Manhattan Beach in a manner that could not be ascertained, and the police of the Coney Island station are conducting an investigation. The only eye-witness to the drowning disappeared. The victims in this instance were Morris Grosse, Martin Anderson and an unknown bather 20 years of age.

Harold Sellers, 25 years of age, was drowned while diving with his father from a launch in Jamaica bay. The father dived frantically in the hope of rescuing his son, and continued to plunge into the water until he became unconscious from exhaustion and was with difficulty rescued and resuscitated.

William O'Keefe, 24 years of age, was drowned in Gravesend bay, becoming exhausted while swimming far from the shore. John Bisinski, 9 years old, of Jersey City, was drowned while swimming in the Hudson river.

William Hill, 26 years old, of Long Island City, while swimming in the East river, became ill and was drowned. The bodies of two unknown men were found floating this afternoon in the East river. One was supposed to be the captain of a sand barge.

Albert Hagenborn, 28 years old, of Brooklyn, was killed tonight when he dived from a balcony twenty feet high into five feet of water in the swimming tank at a pleasure park in Coney Island. His neck was broken.

Edward Moore, 7 years old, was drowned in the Hudson while trying to climb aboard a barge. Sven Remsen, 35 years old, was drowned off Yonkers.

SECOND AUGUST EXCURSION NORTH. Via Oregon Short Line, Saturday, Aug. 25. The usual low rates and long limits will prevail. See agents.

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DIED. FINK.—In this city, Aug. 19, 1906.—Jean Fink, in her 52d year, wife of C. F. Fink. Notice of funeral will appear later.

SORENSEN.—At 628 West South Temple street, this city, Aug. 19, 1906, of cholera infantum, Harold LeRoy, son of Harold and Ida Sorenson, born Oct. 2, 1905. Funeral services today at 4 p. m. from the family residence. Friends are invited to attend.

WHEELER.—In this city, Aug. 19, 1906, Edna Ruth, a week and a half, 1 month 6 days, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene R. Wheelock. Funeral services will be held from the residence, 737 East Fifth South, at 2 p. m. today. Interment in Mt. Olivet cemetery.

JOHNSON.—In this city, Aug. 19, 1906, Lucile Christine Johnson, age 19 days, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Johnson. Funeral services will be held from the residence, 254 South Eighth East street, at 10 a. m. today, Aug. 20. Interment in Mt. Olivet cemetery.

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