

QUEBEC BRIDGE COLLAPSES AGAIN, TWENTY-FIVE KILLED

SUNDAY SCHOOLS SANS CHILDREN ARE DEPRESSING

That Was the General Verdict in Fairmont Yesterday

ATTENDANCE CUT IN HALF

Some Schools Suffered Even More; One Was Abandoned

The falling off in the Sabbath school attendance at the various Sabbath schools yesterday caused by the ban put upon children under sixteen years of age attending any public gathering on account of the infantile paralysis epidemic, clearly demonstrated the sad state in the minds of the older people present that "this world would be a dreary place were there no little children in it."

Charles W. Evans, superintendent of the largest Sabbath school in the city, the First M. E., in speaking of the lack of children present voiced the sentiments of practically all the church-going people in the city when he said, "It was just like a funeral." Two other prominent church people expressed their feelings in the same words exactly and this was the feeling that generally prevailed throughout the city.

"No Sabbath school at all." "Almost worse than none at all." "Missed them." "I guess we did" and a lot of similar expressions were gleaned in talks with pastors. Sunday school superintendents and prominent teachers of the schools.

Not only did the "grown up" suffer from this edict but the children generally all over the city were disconsolate over the fact that they were barred from going to Sunday school and hundreds of children put in rather a lonely and miserable day on this account. One bright little tot of seven years and the daughter of a prominent Sunday school superintendent, on being told on Saturday that she could not attend Sunday school made the remark, "I just hate tomorrow."

In some of the schools the attendance was cut down fifty per cent, while in many others the attendance fell much lower. The Ministerial association decided that owing to this fact they would conduct the year as having 50 Sundays instead of 52 and would base the per centage of attendance on 50 instead of 52 and for this reason no Sunday school report was issued for today.

The "grown up" attendance was considerably lessened owing to the fact that the parents had to stay at home in many instances to take care of the children.

A brief summary follows of the manner in which the attendance was cut down at the various Sunday schools. This summary shows in round numbers the approximate number of Sunday school pupils present yesterday and the general average of the various schools:

Aver. Yester- day.	Yester- day.
First Meth. Episcopal	550
First Baptist	300
Methodist Protestant	175
Presbyterian	300
M. E. Church South	180
Lutheran church	90
Baptist B. P. church	170
F. M. P. church	160
Diamond St. M. E. church	325

Christ Episcopal church owing to the fact that the Sabbath school is largely made up of children under 16 years of age entirely dispensed with the Sabbath school exercises yesterday.

While the churches and the older people generally regretted the edict which forbade the little children from coming to school, yet the general sentiment seemed to be that the local authorities had taken the proper measures to prevent a spread of the dread disease and commended the officials for their foresight in the matter.

Many of the older pupils of the schools who have at times been greatly annoyed by the chatter and clatter made by the children and the confusion which generally goes with a gathering of little ones, made remarks yesterday to the effect that the silence was oppressive and they would give worlds to hear a little of the noise and to see the merry smiling faces of the children as they file to and from their various Sunday school gatherings.

The general sentiment voiced by the church-going people was to the effect that if it were not for the children the various church services would lack vim and interest and would not be the interesting stimulating places they are under normal conditions.

On Sunday, September 24, when a general rally day is to be observed at the various Sabbath schools, by which time it is thought the ban will have been lifted, the children will be given a royal welcome back to the fold and a royal love feast will be the order when teachers who have been thrown out of employment by the fact they had no pupils to teach will welcome back the children under their special care.

FAIR WEATHER COAXES MAINE VOTERS TO POLLS

What Will the Progressives Do? Is the Big Problem

RESULT BY MIDNIGHT

Polls Close at 5 O'Clock But the Count Will Be Slow

Ask the W. Va. About Maine

Every one will be interested tonight in the result of the elections in Maine. Dispatches from that state indicate that it may be late before it is known which party has won, but The West Virginian will be glad to answer all inquiries regarding the progress of the count up to the time of closing the telegraph offices.

Call Bell 68 or Consolidated 97. And do not be afraid to make frequent inquiries if you are anxious about the outcome.

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Maine, Sept. 11.—Voters of Maine to the number of 140,000 or more went to the polls today to elect a governor, two U. S. Senators, four representatives in Congress, a state attorney general and a state auditor.

National issues have been brought to the fore and party leaders brought hundreds of speakers into the state including former Justice Hughes, former Vice-President Fairbanks and members of President Wilson's cabinet to persuade the voters to line up with or against the national executive and the majority in Congress.

Maine, however, is normally Republican and the Democratic leaders insisted that something more than a scant victory for the Republicans would be required to constitute a repudiation of the administration while a Democratic plurality, however small, would be accepted by them as an endorsement.

Fair weather prevails and this was expected to cause a big vote equally desired by both sides.

The state officers are now Democratic and the party has now one U. S. Senator and one of the four Congressmen.

In 1914 the Progressives had 18,226 votes for governor. How their vote will split today is a matter of dispute.

Both sides claim they will receive sufficient Progressive support to carry the election.

The polls opened at 6 o'clock and will close not later than 6 p. m. Many returns will be slow as some 20 towns and plantations are without telegraphic or telephone communication with the outside. However the result should be indicated before midnight.

WILSON HURRIES TO SISTER'S BEDSIDE

President Cancels All His Engagements To Do It

(By Associated Press) LONG BRANCH, Sept. 11.—Cancelling all engagements President Wilson left here today to go to the bedside of his sister, Mrs. A. E. Howe, who is critically ill at her home in New London, Conn.

The President motored to New York and will finish the trip by train. The President arose before 7, after having spent a restless night. He appeared greatly concerned over his sister's illness.

The departure of the President did not delay the opening today of the summer executive offices at Asbury Park by the staff of White House clerks.

Girl Killed On Way Back From Picnic

(By Associated Press) BLUEFIELD, Sept. 11.—Edith Bally, aged 20, was instantly killed, her father, W. I. Bally, probably fatally hurt and three other Bally girls are in a hospital badly hurt as result of the automobile turning turtle last night. The party was returning from a family picnic when the machine skidded and turned over pinning the occupants beneath.

SCREEN FOOD TO PREVENT EPIDEMIC

Extra Precautions Taken By Health Officials Against Infantile Paralysis

All grocery stores, fruit stores, meat shops, etc., have orders from City Physician C. M. Ramage, stating that nothing which is intended for sale to the public and which is for internal consumption, can be permitted on display unless screened from dust and flies. The order went out last night signed by Dr. C. M. Ramage and C. R. Weirich, M. D., director of Division of Preventable Diseases of W. Va., and is intended as an extra precaution in preventing the spread of infantile paralysis which secured a foothold in the city a few days ago on the East Side.

This case, however, that of the little three year old daughter of Mrs. John Holt, is practically under control and may be declared cured shortly. The city physician, who has the case in hand, feels that there is little cause for excitement inasmuch as the case was discovered before it had gained any headway.

Several cases were rumored over the city this morning. This caused extra and unnecessary work on the part of the health departments. The disease is not by any means prevalent in West Virginia. It has been reported as extraordinarily scarce and indications are that the epidemic which has struck the eastern states will not reach this section.

Too Free With Their Guns Sunday Night

POLICE GATHER IN SEVERAL NEGROES AND ARE HUNTING AN ITALIAN.

City and county officers are on the trail of an unknown Italian who yesterday started shooting at Bootley Shelton, colored, on the East Side. Shelton refuses to say what the fight started over but maintains that the other man was the one who did the shooting.

When Alfred Murray, colored, shook himself to riches in a trap game last night, his fellow shooters decided to win some back and handed him a pair of loaded dice. This took place at Billy May's restaurant on Washington street.

Murray played twice when he discovered that the bones were loaded and he immediately pulled his 35 and asked for air. This started blacks flying in all directions and they were seen by Night Chief Seaman and Blaine Boggs. These cops nabbed about a dozen of the fleeing, cuss-shooters and getting at the bottom of the trouble took Murray to jail.

HUNTER-FISHER. Cards announcing the marriage of Glenn Hunter of Morgantown and Miss Gladys Fisher of Waukesha, Wisconsin, formerly of this city have been received in this city. The marriage took place on Thursday, September 7. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter will be at home at 80 Stewart street, Morgantown, after the first of October. Miss Fisher is well known in this city having been for a number of years librarian at the Public Library. She is a young lady of unusually pleasing personality and accomplishments. Mr. Hunter is also well known in this city. Miss Fisher is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Blaine Fisher.

PERMIT GRANTED FOR NEW FACTORY

Art Glass Plant To Be Twice As Large As Burned Structure

At a meeting of the city Board of Affairs this morning a building permit was granted to Mrs. Marie Hentzy, owner and operator of the Art Glass Factory which was destroyed several weeks ago by fire. The permit calls for a factory to be constructed of tile blocks, fire proof, on the lot facing the Baltimore and Ohio railroad on Norfolk avenue in Palatine. The factory will employ twice as many as the destroyed one did and will be operated with all new materials and machines. The walls and roof will cost \$10,000, all materials and other requirements not being mentioned when the building permit was granted.

The work of paving East Park avenue and Morgantown avenue was awarded to Sam Polino, Fairmont contractor. He bid \$1.65 per square yard on the concrete work; 60 cents a yard on the grading and 8 cents a foot on the expansions.

He will begin work as soon as he can organize a force with which to start.

Water Commissioner Ira Smith was given authority to purchase 50 curb boxes for use on the new roads which are being paved.

The meeting of the Board and the officers of the Humane Society was postponed until next Monday morning. The Board will hold another session this afternoon.

The Weather

West Virginia — Overcast tonight and tomorrow; warmer tonight. LOCAL WEATHER READINGS. Temperature at 8 a. m. today, 67. Yesterday's weather, clear; temperature, maximum, 86; minimum, 52; precipitation, none.

INVESTIGATION OF FIRES TODAY IN PROGRESS

State Marshal Kindleberger and Assistant Horan Now At Work

State Fire Marshal Mose Kindleberger and assistant, John S. Horan, arrived in Fairmont this afternoon and picking up Fire Chief Okey Watkins at the fire department went to Locust avenue to investigate the Ridgely fire and to Edgemoor to investigate the fire which partially destroyed the W. S. Hussey store.

The fire officials who came here from Wheeling, intended to make this week an inspection week in the city and appointed September 11 as the first day of inspection. Their work, however, will have to be on a different basis as last night fire fends got busy in the southern section of the city and started fires in two stores.

The first fire was the Hussey store at Edgemoor where the fire department went with all haste and managed after a difficult fight to get the flames under control. Among the usual crowd which followed the direction taken by the truck were Cal Conway, sheriff, and Tom Buckley, jailer, also the regular number of night policemen.

Upon their arrival at the scene of the blaze they were told that two men, one wearing a mask, was seen to leave the home of S. R. Nestor when the crowd began to grow and the noise to awake residents in the section. It was later found that the house had been entered. Bloodhounds were brought and the scent followed but nothing had been run down at a late hour this afternoon. The store of W. S. Hussey had also been entered, the back door being jammed, the store probably robbed of some small articles and set afire. The damages will run to \$2,000.

The firemen managed to get the spread of flames stopped and after carefully going over the premises to see that no further danger lurked in corners went back to their headquarters.

At five o'clock they were again called, this time to the Ridgely store on Locust avenue where a fire had been discovered by Miss Nancy Arnett who lived in the rooms over the store.

Miss Arnett was awakened by the heat and smoke and immediately tried to leave the building but the flames had gained such headway that escape by this route was impossible. She then found her way back to the front of the building and began calling for help.

In the meantime the Ridgely family had been awakened by the heat and light from the flames and William Ridgely, Jr., who lives at Bell Run, but was at his father's home for the night, rushed into the street and saw Miss Arnett's plight. He procured a ladder and placed it at the front window and brought Miss Arnett from the building to his father's house. It was just at this time that the firemen on the central station arrived on the scene and in a very few minutes they had the fire extinguished. The building was owned by the Ridgely brothers and was very badly damaged. John Oldroyd was the proprietor of the store and carried sufficient insurance to cover his loss. There was no insurance carried on the building. Another house owned by the Ridgely brothers was slightly damaged by the fire. The origin of the fire is unknown but seems to have started on the back porch of the building where a large oil can is kept.

State Democratic Headquarters Here

State Democratic chairman, C. L. Shaver, who was recently selected to take the place left vacant by the resignation of C. C. Lewis, Jr., met with a number of local democratic heavyweights this afternoon and decided upon a location for the new state democratic headquarters which are to be opened here. The First National Bank building was picked as the most suitable place and preparations are now under way to equip the offices with stenographers, clerks, furniture and all the necessary material to conduct the campaign.

Mannington Prepares For G. A. R. Veterans

Mannington will decorate next Thursday with the stars and stripes and will allow the banners to flaunt in the breezes until midnight Saturday following. The reason for the celebration is that the famous Maulsby Battery veterans will hold their seventeenth annual reunion there those three days. Music, singing, prayers, speeches, transaction of business, election of officers, etc., will take place during the three days on a regularly outlined program.

Four Divorces Granted Today

Judge Vincent Has Busy Session of Intermediate Court

The busiest day of the term was held in intermediate court today by Judge G. A. Vincent and decrees of absolute divorce were entered in four cases and considerable other chancery and law business was transacted. This court will not adjourn this term until next week as a number of cases on the docket are set down for hearing this week up until Saturday.

The absolute decrees granted are as follows: William Golden Drain vs. Lucy Drain, E. C. Jolliffe vs. Jane Jolliffe, Madeline Spance vs. W. A. Spance, and Minnie M. Linn vs. Wm. H. Linn. Statutory grounds were shown by the evidence in all of these cases.

An injunction was granted in the case of Virginia Manley and others vs. the West Virginia and Pittsburgh Gas company restraining them from raising their rates until the pending litigation in this case is finished. This Co. operates near Boothsville and recently raised the rate to these consumers.

A number of law and office judgments were also entered today.

NEW QUARTERS FOR THE WOMAN'S CLUB

Fall Meeting Scheduled For October 6 in Watson Hotel

When the Woman's club of this city reassembles this fall for the year, October 6, it will meet in commodious quarters in the Watson hotel. Arrangements were made for this change of meeting place at a recent meeting of the Board of the club. For the past several years the club has used the K. of P. hall in the Fleming building and was very comfortably situated there but it is believed the new quarters secured will be even more comfortable and convenient.

The old dining room of the hotel will be utilized for the club meetings and Manager Vaughn Jolliffe has arranged to put the room in good shape for the opening date. The kitchen, which adjoins the dining room, will be fitted up with the furniture of the club and will be used in demonstration work.

The meeting begins with the "Autumn Tea" on the afternoon of October 6. At this meeting reports will be heard from the various committees of the club and delegates will be named to attend the State Federation meeting to be held in Wheeling from October 25 to 27. Following the business session the social program will be in charge of the social committee of the club. Quite a number of new names have been received into the club membership and much interest and enthusiasm has been manifested among the club women.

The Wheeling clubs are planning to be royally entertained by the delegates to a convention and to this end have secured Miss Julia Lawthrop head of the government department looking to "child welfare." Miss Lawthrop is the only woman at the head of a government institution. Mrs. Boswell, chairman of the Literature department of the National Federation will also be present to address the state federation.

All Mayors Have Troubles Says Bowen

ATTENDED MAYORS' CONVENTION AT NEWARK AND HEARD COMPLAINTS.

Mayor Anthony Bowen and Mrs. Bowen returned today from a two-weeks' vacation spent in the east along the Atlantic Coast. The mayor struck fine weather everywhere on the trip except in St. Johns, New Brunswick where it snowed during his stay. He had his overcoat along and put it to use.

He visited Boston, Baltimore, New York and Newark, N. J. At Newark he attended the "mayors' convention." He was entertained royally at this convention and listened to complaints of mayors from all over the country. There was not a mayor who did not state that the people were kicking against the police and the city administration in his home town.

Traffic, the one distressing problem in every municipality, was taken up and the question asked, "What are we to do with the automobile traffic?" It seems that every city has the same difficulty in handling the situation, and that it will be but a few years until something will have to be done to prevent pedestrians crossing in front of autos. The construction of bridges or viaducts for pedestrians was suggested as a means of preventing accidents on auto routes.

Returned for Loot Held for Murder

Queer Turn in Case of Mine Superintendent Rankin

(By Associated Press) MARTINS FERRY, O., Sept. 11.—Harry Baldwin who was suspected of murder and robbery of Mine superintendent, Lee Rankin on Saturday and was later released is again under arrest and the police assert that a charge of murder will likely be lodged against him.

Some boys found yesterday the strong box that was taken from Rankin's auto by robbers. The lock had not been broken and the money was intact. Detectives were placed to guard it until a wagon could be brought to carry it away. In the meantime Baldwin who had been released because of lack of evidence made his way to the strong box and surprised the detectives who again placed him in custody.

He could not explain where he obtained knowledge of the location of the strong box and was again locked up.

Notice!

(1) On and after this date, it is hereby ordered that all confectioners and dealers in produce shall keep their merchandise within their store-rooms for both display and sale; and shall keep their merchandise screened and protected from dust and flies.

(2) No one will be allowed to peddle from vehicles or otherwise, confections, fruits, milk products or produce of any kind without having it properly screened or covered.

(3) It is not the purpose of the Department of Health to work hardship on anyone; but it is the desire to secure the co-operation of all in this and other health measures to prevent disease, believing in view of recent investigation and for sanitary reasons the people aid in every way possible to guard the health of the citizens.

C. M. RAMAGE, M. D., Health Officer.

C. R. WEIRICH, M. D., Director of Division of Preventable Diseases.

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