



## TELLS POLICE HE FIRED HIS HOME

### Wayne Kantner, Under Arrest on Charge of Arson, Following His Confession To-day

## SENDS WIFE AND CHILDREN AWAY

### He Follows Them to Home of Relative Before Fire Alarm Sounds for Burning Dwelling—Alleged to Have Carried Insurance of \$500

Wayne Kantner, 619 Mahantongo street, was formally placed under arrest on a charge of arson at 11 o'clock this morning, after he confessed to Fire Chief John C. Kindler and City Detective Ibach that he set fire to his home last night. He was committed to the Dauphin county jail to await a hearing before Mayor Royal late this afternoon.

Kantner confessed to the crime and made a statement to District Attorney Stroup before Mayor Royal this afternoon. He was held under \$1,000 bail for court.

Fire Chief Kindler became suspicious of the blaze after an investigation last night and this morning began a thorough search with City Detective Ibach. Mrs. Kantner told her story first, according to the police, and then it was not difficult to get a confession from Kantner.

The alarm was sent in front box 123, Sixth and Mahantongo streets, at 9 o'clock at night. The firemen found the blaze under an oil-soaked stairway on the first floor. The fire was eating its way up through a partition to the second floor and was communicating to the house adjoining when the engines arrived. The loss to the contents of the house was trifling because the firemen used nothing but chemicals in fighting the flames. The loss on the house will reach \$200.

### Kantner Detained by Police

Kantner was detained at police headquarters at 8 o'clock this morning. He refused to say anything about the fire until the police uncovered some information they had obtained.

In the presence of Mrs. Edward Madden, who owns the property, and Chief Kindler and Detective Ibach, Mrs. Kantner told her story. She said, according to the police, that her husband determined to set fire to the house and told her to take the three children and go to the home of a relative at 1624 1/2 North Fifth street and he would follow with the baby coach. He arrived there before the alarm was struck, his wife is said to have asserted, and when the bells began ringing he remarked: "It's not my house. Everything is all right there."

The wife told the police that oil was poured on the stairway and it seeped through on the wall beneath. Oil-soaked plaster was found by Detective Ibach this morning.

### Say He Carried \$500 Insurance

Mrs. Madden told the police that Kantner owed \$90 rent and had been ordered to vacate the house. Kantner, the police say, had \$500 insurance on the contents of the house. It was asserted he was receiving an average of \$60 a month from the Pennsylvania Railroad Relief Association. He has been employed in a Pinsky roundhouse, but has not been working for some time.

The house that was ablaze is in the middle of a row of frame dwellings, and the fire would have endangered many other residences had it gotten much headway.

## KILLED IN FALL FROM CAR

### Frank Cunningham Thrown From Hagerstown Trolley As It Rounds Curve

(Special to the Star-Independent.)  
Hagerstown, Md., April 12.—Frank Nally Cunningham, aged 29 years, manager of the Security Orchard Company, was fatally injured last night when he fell from a car of the Hagerstown Street Railway Company, as it was rounding the curve at Oak Hill avenue. His skull was crushed and he never regained consciousness after the accident, dying in the Washington county hospital about midnight.

The victim left his home after saying goodbye to his wife and three children. He said that he was coming to town to hear Dr. Biederwolf. He boarded the Country Club car and remained on the rear platform. There were three or four others on the platform when the fatal accident occurred. As the car swung around the curve Cunningham staggered and fell from the car, landing squarely on his head.

In all probability an inquest will be held.

## CLUB'S GUESTS SOLEMNLY GREET CHINK LAUNDRYMAN

### Shake Hands at Muzzlers' Dinner With "Dean Kl. of Shanghai University," Who, It Develops, Washes Clothes for a Living in Carlisle

Following its precedent of years the Muzzle Club, composed of the active newspapermen of Harrisburg, on Saturday evening held its annual gambol in the banquet room of the Harrisburg Club, and there were 65 persons present. The room was decorated with flags and drug store and patent medicine signs, pictures of "bock" goats, upside down, portraits of eminent statesmen and other interesting pictures. A canopy of American flags graced the ceiling.

From the very start, when the retiring president, Charles G. Miller, took his seat, the noise began,—that is if singing is to be designated as noise. It was harmony, however, and it served to get the hosts and guests together at once.

Judge George Kunkel occupied a seat to the right of the president and soon after the festivities began he was confronted by two of his supporters who marched solemnly into the room and presented him with a loving cup of best Pennsylvania tin, "graduated measure," and in a speech a club member referred to the fact that the club recognized that the Allegheny county election officers were better counters.

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## PROMOTERS ARE UNDER BAIL

### A. Grant Richwine, Charles S. Boll and J. N. Deeter Will Be Heard in Williamsport Thursday

Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock has been fixed by Alderman Emil W. Batzle, of Williamsport, as the time for the preliminary hearing which is to be held in his court to A. Grant Richwine, Charles S. Boll and J. N. Deeter, Harrisburgers, who, as promoters of the Jersey Shore Water Company, are charged with having conspired to cheat and defraud the creditors and stockholders of the Jersey Shore Gas Company out of \$30,000.

The water company is in the hands of Guy H. Davies, of this city, and John W. Leveque, of Jersey Shore, as receivers. The suit was begun by the promoters, who are represented by Jesse E. B. Cunningham, of this city, and Seth T. McCormick, a Williamsport attorney. Senator E. E. Biedeman will appear for the defendants. Bail in the sum of \$1,500, to warrant their appearance at the preliminary hearing, was furnished by the defendants before Alderman Hoover, in this city on Saturday afternoon. Edmund Mather and a Mr. White furnished the bond, so the alderman said.

It is charged that the defendants, as officers of the water company, sold to the gas company a tract of mountain land for \$30,000 of gas company bonds. This ground, it now is charged, was subject to a \$400,000 mortgage and originally was bought by the water company for \$150 subject to the mortgage.

## U. S. CRUISER SENT IN HURRY

### The Des Moines Ordered to Santo Domingo City, Due to Outbreak

Washington, April 12.—On reports from Minister Sullivan of a new revolutionary outbreak in the Dominican republic, the Navy Department to-day ordered the cruiser Des Moines to Santo Domingo City from Progreso, Mexico. The gunboat Nashville already is off the Dominican capital.

## MRS. WILLIAM HENDERSON NEXT CIVIC CLUB HEAD

### Nominating Committee Announces That She Will Accept the Presidency—Plans Made to Continue the Home Garden Work

A meeting of the directors of the Civic Club was held this morning at the U. W. C. A. considerable business of the routine nature was transacted. One of the most important items of news was the announcement by Miss Brady, chairman of the nominating committee, that Mrs. William Henderson would accept the presidency of the club for the ensuing year. Elections will be held next Monday afternoon.

Miss Buchler, chairman of the outdoor department, reported that the home garden work would be taken up again this year; five different kinds of flower seeds will be distributed to the children of the public schools, and they will be urged to beautify their back yards. The Department will make three tours of inspection, one about the time of the planting of the seeds, the second at mid-summer, and the third in the early fall. Prizes will be awarded to the children whose gardens show the best results.

The Educational Department reported work along various lines, especially in the Fresh Air schools. It will cooperate with the City Forester on April 23 when it is hoped that 5,000 children will assemble in Wildwood Park to plant small trees and to sing appropriate songs, this being the second Arbor Day according to the Governor's proclamation.

The Civic Club is co-operating with the Chamber of Commerce and with the Associated Charities in bringing John Hilder to this city on Thursday, Friday of this week. Mr. Hilder is an expert on housing conditions and it is hoped that his public address to be given in the City Library on Friday evening will be largely attended by the general public.

## AMERICAN SHIP GOES TO BOTTOM

### The Minnesota, Plying Between Japan and Seattle, Hits a Rock At Night

## BELIEVED THAT ALL ARE SAVED

### Another Steamship's Prompt Response to a Wireless Plea Probably Responsible for Prevention of Loss of Life—Vessel May Be Raised

Kobe, Japan, April 12.—The American steamer Minnesota, plying between Japanese ports and Seattle, struck a rock at half past nine o'clock last night off Swajima, near the southwest entrance to the island.

A wireless message from Captain Garlick has asked for a salvage steamer. He said all the passengers and crew are safe.

The Minnesota sailed from Nagasaki Sunday morning, bound for Kobe, Yokohama and Seattle. She passed through the Straits of Shimonoseki safely and was in the inland sea when the accident occurred. It is believed the Minnesota can be floated, but beyond the fact that one of the holds was pierced by the rock the amount of damage is not known.

Wireless telegraphy was employed by the Minnesota in calling for help. A steamer, the name of which is not yet known, responded promptly. This probably is the vessel which took off the passengers and mail and conveyed them to Shimonoseki. The number of passengers on board the Minnesota is not known here definitely.

A salvage steamer with a tender and divers has been sent from Moji and will reach the scene of the wreck tomorrow morning.

A Japanese newspaper has received a dispatch from Manila saying that Mrs. Francis B. Harrison, wife of the Governor General of the Philippine Islands, with two children, was on board the Minnesota at the time of the accident. Mrs. Harrison was accompanied by Captain Archibald F. Comiskey, military aid to Governor Harrison. Friends of the Harrisons in Japan say Mrs. Harrison and the children planned to sail on the Minnesota from Manila to spend the spring in Japan.

The Minnesota, on her outward trip, left Seattle February 8 for Yokohama, where she arrived February 22. She was at Nagasaki March 3, Hong Kong March 11 and she sailed from Manila on her return trip April 4.

## KILLED BY LIGHTNING HE FALLS TO MOTHER'S ARMS

### Five-year-old Clarence Kline Meets Death Instantly When Struck by Bolt and Collapses in Embrace of Unconscious Parent

Hagerstown, Md., April 12.—Clarence Woodrow Kline, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Seibert Kline, residing near Park Hill school house, was instantly killed and all members of the Kline family were badly shocked when lightning struck the home last night. Mrs. Kline was in an unconscious condition for some time.

The entire family was in the middle room of the first floor. Clarence, the victim of the lightning, was standing in front of the door leading to the porch. Two lamps were burning brightly.

There was a crash, the lights were extinguished, pictures and plaster torn from the walls and then a silence. As soon as Mr. Kline recovered he lighted a lamp. His wife was lying on the floor in a faint. The boy had fallen into her arms. Without waiting to see if either was alive, Mr. Kline ran to the nearest phone and called Dr. Webster Wade, of Boonsboro. The physician rushed to the home and Mrs. Kline was soon revived. An examination of the boy was made and it was found that he had died instantly.

The bolt of lightning struck the end of the house, followed the chimney and the window frames. From the garret it took a direct downward course through the second floor. The bolt came from the closet in the room where the family was sitting and thence to the door where the victim stood.

## PATHFINDERS ON THE ROAD

### Autoists Measuring Route for the Motor Club Publicity Run

The pathfinders for the Motor Club of Harrisburg started yesterday morning to measure the route for the publicity run of the club, which will be held May 10, 11 and 12. They finished the first day's run at Atlantic City last evening and to-day did southern Jersey and will arrive this evening at Wilmington, Del. The third day's run back to Harrisburg will be completed tomorrow evening.

The purpose of this run is to get mileage between points for the purpose of laying an easy touring schedule, which will be maintained on the run. On the pathfinding trip were J. Clyde Myton, secretary of the club; Edward Halbert, Frank O. Horting and George D. Proud, who is managing the

## CRUISER WILHELM MAY MAKE DASH

### That is Hope of Commander of Second German Raider to Reach Newport News

## SUPPLIES TAKEN ABOARD TO-DAY

### It Required 235 Days for the Kaiser's Warship to Make the Roundabout Trip From New York City—Sixty British Prisoners Aboard

Newport News, Va., April 12.—The German converted cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm, the second of the elusive commerce raiders of the seas for German arms, lay at anchor off here to-day after her spectacular dash through the lane of British and French warships which have been hovering off the Virginia capes waiting for the expected seaward dash of the Prinz Eitel Friedrich.

The Kronprinz Wilhelm had less than twenty-five tons of coal and scanty provisions for the crew of 500 men and sixty-one prisoners from British merchant ships destroyed by her in the South Atlantic.

Lieutenant Commander Thierfelder had been given twenty-four hours in which to leave port unless he needed coal, provisions and time to make repairs. He was unable to determine what repairs were needed and naval officers will make an examination. Whether the Kronprinz Wilhelm will make another dash to sea could not be learned here.

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## WILHELM BARELY ESCAPED CAPTURE BY THE BRITISH

### By Associated Press.

Newport News, Va., April 12.—How the German merchant raider, Kronprinz Wilhelm, which came into this port Sunday morning, was chased by British warships after midnight Saturday and barely escaped capture was described by officers of British merchant vessels destroyed by the Wilhelm in the South Atlantic.

Shortly before noon to-day the sixty-one British officers and men of the steamers Tamar and Coleby were taken from the Wilhelm aboard a tug and rushed down the river to the British horse ship Cassandra, which will sail to-day for Glasgow.

The harbor was lined with British merchantships as the captives of the German raider were released and as their tug steamed by hundreds of British sailors lined the decks of their ships and cheered.

When the liberated British tars reached the Cassandra's dock, they tossed the remnants of their luggage aboard and danced around like school boys in anticipation of the trip to their native land, joyous that they had escaped death by the guns of their own country's warships Saturday night.

### British Tells the Story

"Did we see British warships Saturday?" said W. J. Gow, chief engineer of the steamer Coleby, sunk in the South Atlantic March 27. "We certainly saw one and heard others. I saw one about midnight way off on the horizon and she was chasing us from midnight on until we reached safety in the Virginia capes about 3 o'clock Sunday morning."

"Of course we were all put below every night at 6 o'clock, but I could see the dark, dim outlines of the warship five or six miles distant after midnight. The Wilhelm seemed to be the faster ship for as time went on the lines of the warship grew dimmer and dimmer until she disappeared in the distance."

"Our escape to this port was marvelous. We were running with all lights out and at top speed from 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon when we headed directly west."

"The British captives related how they were forced by Lieutenant Commander Thierfelder, of the Wilhelm, to sign a pledge that they would not participate in the war against Germany if released."

### Says They Will Ignore Pledge

"We all signed the pledge under duress," said A. E. Williamson, second officer of the Tamar, "but because it was taken under duress we do not propose to keep the pledge. We are going back home to do whatever our country calls upon us to do."

Masters of the British ships made statements to Collector of Customs Hamilton on the destruction of their ships. Both were sunk by shots from the Kronprinz Wilhelm's guns.

### Aviator Killed in Maryland

By Associated Press.

Washington, April 12.—Cecil Teolt, a South American, and the first aviator to fly over the Andes mountains, was killed at the United States army aviation field at College Park, Md., near here to-day while making a vertical dive in a machine of his own invention.

## HARRISBURG BOY AND HIS CHUM GET WIRELESS WAR NEWS FIRST



GEORGE TRIPP NATHAN STROUP  
Son of District Attorney Stroup and Chum Are Wireless Enthusiasts and See How News From Germany Is Received and Sent Out

Nathan Stroup, 14 years old, son of Michael E. Stroup, District Attorney of Dauphin county, and George B. Tripp, Jr., son of George B. Tripp, former vice president and general manager of the Harrisburg Light and Power Company, now of Yorkers, N. Y., are willing to wager to-day that they receive war news sooner than any other boys in the eastern section of the country.

The two lads several hundred miles apart listen to the New York "Herald" wireless reports from the front in Europe each night on their own set of wireless instruments at their homes. They were interested in seeing where the reports came from and when Nathan was on a visit to the Tripps in Yorkers the boys availed themselves of the opportunity of going to the "Herald" station at the Battery in New York and then to the "Herald" office to hear the war news come in.

## MAYOR'S SENTENCE 6 YEARS

### Roberts, of Terre Haute, Ordered to Prison Following Conviction in Election Case

By Associated Press.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 12.—Mayor Donn M. Roberts, one of the twenty-seven men convicted by a jury in federal court for participation in the conspiracy to defraud the government in the election in Terre Haute on November 3, 1914, was sentenced by Judge Anderson to-day to six years in Leavenworth prison and to pay a fine of \$2,000.

In all 116 men, 89 of whom had pleaded guilty, were to be sentenced.

Eli H. Redman, elected judge of the Circuit Court of Vigo county and Sheriff Dennis Shea, were sentenced to five years in the penitentiary and fined \$1,000 each.

Harry S. Montgomery, president of the Board of Public Works; Thomas C. Smith, City Judge; George Ehrenhardt, member of the Board of Public Works, and Edward R. Driscoll, secretary of the Vigo County Democratic Central Committee, were sentenced to three years each in the penitentiary and fined \$500.

Lewis Nunley, assistant city engineer; Elmer E. Talbot, former city controller; Hilton Redman, son of Eli H. Redman; John E. Green, proprietor of a second hand store and William S. Crockett, employed at the city cemetery, were sentenced to two years in prison and fined \$100 each.

Maurice Walsh, county sealer of weights and measures, and treasurer of the campaign fund; John M. Maselink, city inspector of weights and measures, and a member of the 1911 Indiana Legislature; Charles Houghton, assistant custodian of the City Hall; Joseph O'Mara, street commissioner; Alexander A. C. Zee, inspector of clerk paving; Arthur Gillis, Progressive clerk on election board; Joseph H. Strauss, liquor salesman, and George Severn, gambler, were sentenced to one year and a day in the penitentiary and fined \$100.

Chief of Police Hollar, who had pleaded guilty, was given a year and a day sentence, and fined \$1.

## TO BE BIGELOW'S SUCCESSOR

### Believed Governor Finally Has Decided to Appoint R. J. Cunningham

Indications point to the selection by Governor Brumbaugh of Robert J. Cunningham, of Pittsburgh, a former Senator, as State Highway Commissioner to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of E. M. Bigelow.

It was said late this afternoon that the Governor's choice was between General Albert J. Logan, of Pittsburgh, and Mr. Cunningham, and that he has finally settled on the latter and will announce the appointment tomorrow previous to sending it to the Senate at to-morrow evening's session.

Mr. Cunningham has been prominent in civic affairs in Allegheny county for some time, and served as a Senator from Allegheny during the session of 1907, resigning in 1908.

## LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

No official information yet has been vouchsafed concerning the naval engagement reported to have taken place off the coast of Norway. While awaiting details of this action the British public has been kept interested by the news of sounds of firing off Scarborough, on the east coast, the scene of one of the most sensational of the German naval raids.

France continues to report progress in the Argonne and beyond the Meuse. At the same time the French authorities admit that the German counter attacks have been exceedingly fierce and

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## BRITISH STEAMSHIP WAYFARER TORPEDOED

### London, April 12, 12.30 P. M.—The Harrison Line steamer Wayfarer, has been torpedoed by a German submarine, according to a message received here by a news agency. Details of the incident are lacking.

Another message from Liverpool says the Wayfarer has not gone down, but that she is making for Queenstown in tow. The vessel was torpedoed off the Scilly islands, according to this report.

The British steamer Wayfarer was 505 feet long and registered 6,222 tons. She was built in Belfast in 1903 and was owned in Liverpool. She left Galveston January 27 for Liverpool, where she arrived February 17.

## REPORT OF A BIG BATTLE AT SEA OFF SCARBOROUGH

### London, April 12, 11.10 A. M.—Reports are current here that heavy firing is taking place at sea off Scarborough, indicating that some kind of a naval engagement is in progress.

## TWO VIOLENT GERMAN ATTACKS ARE REPULSED

### Paris, April 12, via London, 2.55 P. M.—The French war office this afternoon gave out a report on the progress of the fighting. It said:

"There is little to add this afternoon to the communication given out last night. During April 11 engagements continued the whole day in Belgium in the region of Albert, also in France, between the Oise and the Aisne and in the Champagne district.

In view of the fact that no engagements took place between the Meuse and the Moselle after our success of April 8, we have devoted ourselves to reorganizing the positions won during the course of that fighting.

"On the western fringe of the forest we repelled two violent German counter attacks which failed completely under the fire of our infantry and artillery.

### Wilson Not Going to Frisco

By Associated Press.

Washington, April 12.—President Wilson has decided definitely not to accompany Secretary Daniels on his contemplated trip through the Panama Canal to San Francisco, in July.

## AUSTRIANS FLEE FROM RUSSIANS

### Czar's Forces Make Successful Advances Along Wide Front in Carpathians

## BEATEN ARMY LOSES STORES

### Russian Officers Speak in Terms of Great Praise of the Fighting Qualities of Hungarian Forces Which Made Determined Stands

Lemberg, Sunday, April 11, via London, April 12, 12.20 P. M.—The Russian armies according to dependable information reaching Lemberg have made successful advances along the wide front from Barfield to Uszok the greatest gain being in the direction of Gumnieno.

At this point the Russians descended the southern slope of the Carpathians forcing the Austrians back with heavy losses to the line between Mezolaborz and Smolenik.

At the same time the Russians advanced along the line between Dukla and Svedenik, where the Austrians, unable to make a serious defense abandoned their stores and transports in their retreat.

The most determined opposition on this whole line of battle was on the part of the Hungarians whose fighting qualities are being highly complimented by Russian officers.

Petrograd, April 12, 1.30 P. M. via London.—There are still no indications that the Germans have sent further reinforcements to the Austrians in the Carpathians, notwithstanding the fact that the German forces along the Nielen river, in the northeast Prussian frontier, appear to be weakening. For this reason Russian staff officers believe that German troops from the north are being removed to some other part of the front.

No signs are evident of renewed activity on either side of the Vistula. The conclusion accordingly is drawn that the German troops will begin a new offensive movement to some other quarter. This is expected by the Russian staff from the direction of Cracow.

According to semi-official information observations made by the Russians have convinced them that the Germans have no intention of developing operations at the present time along the Warsaw or East Prussian fronts with a view to relieving pressure on the Austrians. The only alternative drive from Cracow, and the appearance of a strong German force in this vicinity would cause no surprise here.

Thus far the only aid extended to the Austrians in the Carpathians appears to be that given by Bavarian frontier guards who were removed to the Austrian front.

Meanwhile the Russians are pushing ahead slowly, through all the principal passes of the Carpathians except along the Stry-Munkacs line, where the Austrians are heavily entrenched.

## ITALIAN TROOPS CHARGE CROWDS DISCUSSING WAR

### Rome, April 11, 9.15 P. M., via Paris, April 12, 4.55 A. M.—Notwithstanding orders issued by the police, attempts were made to-day by persons both for and against intervention by Italy in the war to hold public meetings in all parts of the country.

The crowd which gathered were charged upon and dispersed in nearly every instance by carabinieri and troops, but few persons were wounded, although some arrests were made, among those taken into custody being Professor Luito Mussolini, the Socialist leader, who favors a continuance of neutrality, and Signor Marinetti, who is urging intervention.

The central sections of Rome were occupied until late to-night by troops who guarded the approaches to the Villa Malta, the residence of the German Ambassador, Prince Von Buolow, and the Quirinal.

## SUE ELLIOTT-FISHER CO.

The Elliott-Fisher Typewriter Company this morning was made the defendant in a \$4,000 damage suit filed by W. L. Loerer, as counsel for Albert W. Reich and Jasper Guisewhite.

The plaintiffs hold the typewriter company responsible for a motorcycle accident in which, it is alleged, both were injured on March 2, and which, they claim, was due to a continuance of the driveway of South Cameron street, near the typewriter works. The motorcyclists claim \$2,000 each.

## WALL STREET CLOSING

### New York, April 12.—Attention was again directed to Bethlehem Steel in the final hour, that stock moving excitedly upward to 125, a new record and a gain of 17 points from last week's final price. The closing was heavy.

A reactionary trend prevailed during the greater part of to-day's session. The lowest prices were registered in the final hour, the list yielding on another sensational rise in Bethlehem Steel.