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## DRAINAGE MAN IS KILLED WHEN STRUCK BY CRANE

Thomas Poole of Allenville Suffers Fracture of Skull in Two Places.

DIED AT HOSPITAL 6 HOURS AFTER ACCIDENT

Body to be Shipped to Clinton, Kentucky This Afternoon.

Thomas Poole, a drainage machine operator employed by the Floesch Construction Co., was fatally injured yesterday afternoon when he was struck by a crane which was hoisting a drainage machine into a freight car several miles south of Dutchtown. He was brought to the Cape and placed in the St. Francis Hospital where he died last night about 10:30 o'clock. His death was due to a fracture of the skull and internal injuries. He did not regain consciousness after the accident.

Mr. Poole was standing on the car directing the loading of a machine which was to be shipped to Blomeyer, when the crane bearing several parts of a machine swung around and struck him.

The force of the blow hurled Mr. Poole into the air. He fell head foremost onto a steel beam which was lying near the machine, rendering him unconscious. Several employes rushed to his side and carried him into the office, whence he was taken to the city in an automobile.

In the meantime a physician of the Cape was communicated with and asked to await the arrival of the patient at the hospital. The examination of the physician revealed that Poole had suffered a fracture of the skull at the base of the brain and another fracture near the forehead.

Mr. Poole has been employed by the construction company for a number of years. He came here from Kentucky, where he had operated drainage machinery for more than ten years. He lived in the Cape at the corner of Frederick and Broadway until several months ago, when he moved with his wife to Allenville in order to be near his work.

Mrs. Poole became hysterical at the hospital when she learned of the condition of her husband. He was in the Cape Tuesday evening visiting friends and told them that he was considering an offer he had received from a drainage company in Canada.

The body was taken to the Walther Bros. Undertaking Co. late last night and prepared to be shipped to Clinton, Ky., the former home of Mr. Poole. The body, accompanied by the widow, will leave on the afternoon train.

## WILLIS MARTIN ASSUMED POSITION AS HAARIG GUARD

Will Ask City Council for Recognition Monday Evening.

Willis Martin, former chief of police of the Cape, has assumed his duties as private watchman in Haarig, having received the financial support of every business man in Haarig and the adjacent section of the city. Every business man who was approached signed his petition. Haarig has been without police protection after midnight for the past four years.

The district the new watchman will cover comprises the business houses along Sprigg from William to Morgan Oak, on Good Hope, from Sprigg to Middle and along Frederick street, between Morgan Oak and William streets. It is likely that he will walk as far as Lorimer street in order to watch the grocery store recently opened by Casey Ransom.

The petition with the names of the business men who have agreed to pay the new watchman will be presented to the City Council Monday night. Martin will ask the council to be given the authority of a regular policeman, but without any compensation of the city.

The recent burglaries committed in Haarig prompted Martin to offer himself for the protection of the business places during night. Policeman Groce leaves his beat at midnight and after that hour the homes and business houses are wholly unguarded giving burglaries an opportunity to ply their work unmolested.

## NEW TROOP OF BOY SCOUTS IS ORGANIZED

47 Boys Ranging from 12 to 17 Initiated Last Night by Organizers.

MAY TAKE FIRST HIKE AT END OF NEXT WEEK

Boy Scouts' Council Will be Selected from Parents of New Members.

The re-organization of the Boy Scouts was perfected last night at a meeting held at the Commercial Club under the direction of City Attorney Bain and Rush Limbaugh. Nearly 60 boys, ranging from 12 to 17 years old, were initiated into troop two, which was organized last night.

The boys were full of enthusiasm, and listened attentively to the encouraging remarks made by Bain and Limbaugh, and Sam Sherman, vice president of the Boy Scouts' council before the organization was disbanded several years ago. The three speakers explained the purpose of the organization and admonished the boys not to become members unless they had the interest of the organization at heart and were willing to follow the orders of the officers of the organization.

The applications of the boys, who were accepted last night, will be forwarded to the headquarters of the Boy Scouts in New York, after they have been passed upon by a council which will be selected from the parents of the new members. Scoutmaster Bain and Attorney Limbaugh will select this council. Mr. Limbaugh, who has been deeply interested in the organization of the scouts, will forward his application for a commission as scoutmaster to headquarters in New York.

The next meeting of the new troop will be held next Wednesday for the purpose of distributing the uniforms to the boys. The uniforms will be secured by Mr. Sherman at a small cost. If the weather permits, Scoutmaster Bain will take the new and old troops on the first hike May 14.

The following are the members of Troop One which was recruited from the former members of the troop before the organization was disbanded: Donald Black, Elmer Leming, Paul Nussbaum, Hollis McBride, Paul Thilenius, Zack Massengill, Peck Pott, John Himmelberger Jr., Emmet Kelly, Thomas Baird, Earl Neal and Windell Norvell. Four members of this old troop have recently joined the ranks of the United States army and are now in service along the Mexican border. These are: Russell McBride, Charles Black, Ralph Ranney and Willard Russell.

Following are the names of the boys who were initiated into troop two of the local Boy Scouts organization: William Lawson, Harold Loeffel, Paul Flannigan, Merle Kaempfer, Lynn Bolinger, Crulis Wesley Sands, George Reisenbichler, Carl Wasem, Quinton Hann, Mercer Waller, John Lehr, Tom Wheeler, Bergman Snider, Henry Sollinger, Raymond Fischer, Frank French, Clarence Simpson, Arthur Martin, Raymond Fischer, Theodore Regenhart, Meredith Lilly, Clarence Strong, Floyd Eugas, L. R. Kimmich, Sylvan Dailey, Bob Gyles, Joe Barnekamp, Weldon Nussbaum, Floyd Richardson, Miller Dalton, Fulton Massengill, Alonzo Gale Foreman, Loren Pott, Eugene Williams, Ralph Wolf, Hillard Herd, Albert Marks, Don Deal, James Proctor, Gene Neal, Elmer Pott, Carl Fluehrer, Lorenzo Fisher, Ben Howard, Andy Juden John Pott, Windel Black, Thomas French, Elmer Strom, Don Coffman, Merlen Barnes, Charles Stehr, Lelan Dalton, Chester Masterson, Dawes Flannigan and Alec Juden.

## GERMAN MEASLES SIGN STIRS PATRIOTIC GIRL

Waynesboro, Pa., May 2.—When a health officer posted a house here with a "German Measles" placard, a little girl after he had left came out of the house and proudly covered the word "German" with a small American flag.

## NAVAL MILITIA GETTING HARDENED FOR WAR

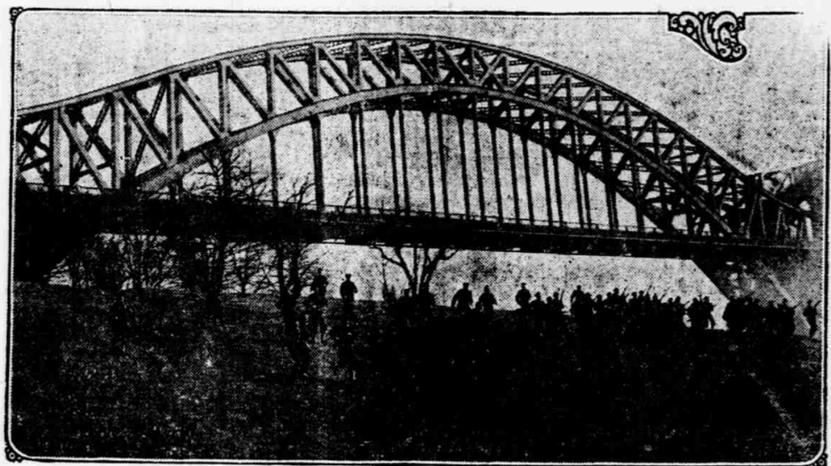


Photo by American Press Association. Using Ward's Island as a drill ground the naval militia of the New York district has undergone severe training. Here they are seen charging. The structure above is the new Hell Gate bridge, just opened.

## MO. SIXTH WILL BE RE-ORGANIZED SOON

Meeting Held Yesterday Afternoon by Old Members—Col. Oliver to Aid.

The first definite step for the re-organization of the old Missouri Sixth was taken at a meeting held yesterday at the office of Senator Thos. F. Lane with representatives from nearly every town of Cape Girardeau County present. Immediately after the meeting, Senator Lane communicated with District Attorney Arthur Oliver in St. Louis asking him to use his influence with Governor Gardner to induce him to approve the reorganization of the regiment.

It was decided to call on the Governor next Tuesday and present the matter to him. A representative of nearly every town in Southeast Missouri will be asked to meet in Jefferson City next Tuesday morning to wait on Governor Gardner. Senator Lane and Col. Warren L. Mabrey of Jackson, who was the Lieutenant-Colonel of the regiment, have taken the arrangements in their hands and hope to have the regiment reorganized in at least ten days.

Col. Oliver promised he would confer with Governor Gardner who arrived in St. Louis last night and ask him to accept the re-organization of the regiment. He promised to head the delegation which will call on the Governor next Tuesday morning. Some of the most influential friends of the Governor have been selected for this delegation.

It was pointed out at yesterday's meeting that several hundred young men from Southeast Missouri had already been enlisted for military services since the declaration of the war, and in order to keep the men from this section of the State in one regiment, it was found advisable to reorganize the old regiment. The qualifications for the Missouri regiment will be the same as required for the United States Army. The age limit will be extended from 18 to perhaps 37 years, married men who have no dependence will also be accepted.

The Missouri Sixth was organized during the Spanish-American war, 19 years ago. It was the only regiment of the Missouri National Guard which was put in active service during the war. The regiment was composed of ten companies recruited from every town in Southeast Missouri. Several years ago the regiment was disbanded after several towns had dropped out of the ranks.

## BASEBALL SCORES

American League. New York 2, Washington 0. Chicago 8, Cleveland 3. Detroit 2, St. Louis 0. Boston—Wet. National League. St. Louis 4, Pittsburgh 0. Boston 1, Philadelphia 2. Cincinnati 1, Chicago 3. Brooklyn 2, New York 2.—Called.

## LOSES 4 FINGERS AS GUN IS DISCHARGED

Robert Davis of Whitewater Shoots Self Accidentally—Right Hand is Lost.

While loading his shotgun to shoot a chicken-hawk Tuesday afternoon, Robert Davis, a farmer living near Whitewater, shot himself in the right hand, tearing off the four fingers of his right hand. He was treated by a physician in Whitewater. The doctor applied serum in order to prevent blood poisoning or tetanus. Mr. Davis was in the house when he saw a hawk circling around the house. He hurried outside to shoot the bird and as he was loading the gun, the shell was accidentally discharged. He could not explain the accident, but believed that he had touched the trigger with his sleeve while closing the gun after inserting the shell.

## MRS. WOOD WANTS NEW TRIAL

J. S. Kochitzky Must Pay Note of \$593, Jury Finds.

An appeal for a new trial in the case of Mrs. Mary Wood, who was recently fined \$100 and costs by a jury in the Jackson Circuit Court, was filed yesterday afternoon by the attorney of the woman. If the motion for the new trial is overruled by the Judge the case will be appealed to the Supreme Court, the attorney said yesterday evening.

The motion for the new trial is based upon the contention that the court was prejudiced against the defendant which was shown when he refused to grant a change of venue before the trial was held last week. Mrs. Wood was charged with conducting a disorderly house.

The entire day was consumed with the hearing of the witnesses in the case of Samuel Davis, a colored man, against Mrs. Anna Kuss and her husband. Davis is seeking a permanent injunction against the couple to restrain them from interfering with his work. He has been renting a farm from the defendants for several years. Last fall Davis obtained a temporary injunction against Kuss and his wife on the allegations that the latter had damaged his field by plowing up the wheat he had sowed for the winter. When the case was called for a final decision in the Common Pleas Court last February, the attorney for the defendants asked for a change of venue, which was granted.

The suit brought by M. E. Robertson against J. S. Kochitzky on a note for \$593.91 was decided in favor of the plaintiff whom the jury awarded judgment to the amount he alleged was due him on the note.

## GIRL OPERATED UPON ON HER FIFTEENTH BIRTHDAY

Miss Gladys Boswell, the daughter of William Boswell of Morehouse, underwent an operation yesterday afternoon at the St. Francis Hospital shortly after she had been brought here by her father and Dr. Bell of Morehouse. It was the fifteenth birthday of the girl, on which she underwent the

## WAREHOUSE SAVED FROM DESTRUCTION

Fire in West End Threatened \$30,000 Stock of Tobacco—Two Barns and Contents Burn.

The old shoe factory building with \$30,000 worth of stock belonging to the Roth Tobacco Co., was saved from destruction last night by the heroic efforts of the firemen and the excellent work of the engine, when a fire which broke out in the barn in the rear of the home of Gus Steek, near the corner of Henderson and William streets spread to the shed in the rear of the residence of Jesse Reaves, 1108 William street.

When the firemen arrived they found the barn a mass of flames, and for some time the adjoining warehouse was threatened with destruction. With the aid of the citizens who were attracted by the sound of the engine, the firemen succeeded in getting the flames under control after a hard fight of more than half an hour.

The origin of the blaze was not learned. The horses belonging to Mr. Steek were rescued from the burning barn, but his wagon and entire supply of feed were consumed by the flames. A number of chickens that were kept in the Reaves' shed were burned in the fire, while some of the fowl escaped.

A large crowd was attracted to the scene. The street cars were tied up on William street by the hose that had to be stretched across the street, and many passengers living in the West End were compelled to continue on foot.

The amount of the damage was not learned, but it was said that the loss which is partly covered by insurance would amount to about \$3000. Mr. Steek is a teaming contractor and had several wagons and several sets of harness in his barn. These and the whole stock of hay and oats were destroyed by the fire.

## HIGH SCHOOL GIRL IS SLAIN AFTER CRIMINAL ASSAULT

By International News Service. Memphis, Tenn., May 2.—The body of Antoinette Rappal, a 15-year-old high school girl, was found at sundown today about 30 feet from the road over which she traveled on her way to school. The girl's head had been severed from the body with an axe, and evidence of a criminal assault were found on the mutilated body. The sheriff is conducting a search for the assailant, but has discovered no clue as to the identity of the slayer.

operation which proved to be successful. Miss Boswell has been ailing for nearly a year, due to empyema. The girl had been under the care of Dr. Bell during her illness. The physician finally advised that she undergo an operation.

The father of the girl is employed by the Himmelberger-Harrison Lumber Company and is one of the foremen in the sawmill of the firm in Morehouse. He remained at the bedside of his daughter until she had recovered from the effects of the anaesthetics.

## FIRST WAR BONDS OF TWO BILLIONS PLACED ON SALE

Congress Still Undecided on Age Limit—Government to Hasten Construction of Merchant Marine.

## DRAFT BILL MAY NOT BE SIGNED BEFORE MONDAY

National Guards May be First to be Sent to France Battlefront—Life Boat With Vacuum Survivors Safe.

By International News Service. Washington, May 2.—America's first war bond issue was ordered tonight, and Secretary McAdoo announced that \$2,000,000,000 of the seven billion dollar war bonds authorized by Congress recently would be issued Thursday for popular subscription. The Federal reserve banks will immediately begin to receive subscriptions to the Government bond issue.

Several large banking houses in the East have already made arrangements to buy large amounts of the war bond, and it is believed that the amount will be available in a short time.

Plans to give President Wilson the power to bring the shipyards into the greatest state of productiveness through legislative action are being whipped into shape tonight at the President's expressed direction. Such bills will be introduced Friday. Instead of the 1000 wooden ships that were planned at first, the Government may construct enough to double, or even triple that number.

President Wilson and General Joffre of France were in conference for some time today, but no announcement as to the purpose or the result of the conference was made public. It was said, however, that arrangements had been made to send some troops, probably drawn from the National Guard of several States, to the battle front within thirty days. This decision was reached on account of the effect the American troops will have on the fighting forces of the Allies on the west front.

Washington, May 2.—The House and Senate made little progress today in their effort to reach an agreement on the draft bill. It is now believed that the measure will not be ready for the President's signature before Monday. The Conference Committee was in session for several hours, discussing the age limit of those to be made subject to draft for military service. The Senate will probably pass the budget bill appropriating \$2,800,000,000 for war purposes before the end of the week. The same measure was adopted by the House today and sent to the Senate for action.

Washington, May 2.—The amazing increase of the destruction of allied shipping by the German submarines has revolutionized the Government's shipping plans and has brought into play every faster notion that is needed to make the American merchant marine the greatest single force in winning the war. Sensational developments disclosed tonight by the United States Shipping Board revealed the influence of the Allies endeavoring to impede the building program.

The national defense heads astounded at the activity of private concerns, are seeking to engage the principal yards for the work on foreign account and decided tonight to take action of the most drastic character by Congress to vest in President Wilson the absolute control over the shipping essential to national security.

The eyes of official Washington are directed with the keenest attention on the session of the German Reichstag, convening Thursday morning. The conditions of the reported peace offer by Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg before the Reichstag are anxiously awaited by the Entente Powers, including the latest ally, the United States. The American, French and English commissioners, however, appear skeptical of any peace move by Germany.

Washington, May 2.—Only four of the crew of the American steamer Vacuum were lost, according to the latest reports received by the State Department. Of the crew of the American Rockingham, which was also torpedoed by a German submarine, 16 men are unaccounted for up to a late hour tonight.

London, May 2.—The second lifeboat containing a number of survivors of the Vacuum arrived safely in an English port this morning. Captain Harris, the third mate of the torpedoed steamer, and four Americans, all gunners on the destroyed vessel, were among the occupants of this lifeboat.

According to Captain Harris, the entire gun crew of the steamer were lost, but he could not state the number of these victims. The German submarine, according to the story related by a survivor who was landed in Liverpool, fired two torpedoes at the steamer, submerging after each shot.

Buenos Ayres, May 2.—The German Government has promised Argentine full satisfaction for the sinking of the steamer Monte Protogo, it was officially announced here tonight. The steamer was sunk by a German U-boat two weeks ago on its return from Europe.

New York, May 2.—Startling disclosures showing to what extent Franz Rintelen and his co-defendants plotted in the pro-German activities, were made during the trial of Rintelen in Federal Court today. It was shown that Rintelen was ready to go to any extreme to send out shipments of ammunition, to work a war with Mexico.

He boasted that Japan would be aligned with Germany against the United States and asserted that the war would be won on American soil. John Hammond, a witness for the Government, testified that Rintelen had offered him \$25,000 to carry on a war advertising campaign, and that he had already paid between \$5000 and \$10,000. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, will be one of the main witnesses in the trial.

New York, May 2.—The Cunard Line officials this afternoon denied all reports that the liner Mauretania had been torpedoed by a German submarine. They announced that the Mauretania had been taken over by the British Government Transport Service and was now undergoing repairs.