

BRAVE CHAUFFEUR CARRIES TWO AGED WOMEN FROM FIRE

The story of a thrilling fire rescue, kept secret for twenty-four hours by request of the man who risked his life to save others, became known today after the death at Emergency Hospital of Miss Mary Nugent, fifty-four years old, as a result of burns received yesterday when an oil stove exploded in their home at 803 Maryland avenue southwest.

The hero of the fire is B. J. Weismiller, a fire department chauffeur who entered the burning home and carried out the unconscious forms of Miss Mary Nugent and her sister, Miss Annie Nugent, seventy-nine years old, a few minutes before the room became a furnace into which no man could have gone.

Steer May Also Die.

The second death as a result of the fire is expected hourly at Emergency Hospital, where Miss Annie Nugent still is unconscious. Physicians say she cannot live more than a few hours.

"We had just reached the scene of the fire yesterday and were told there was a woman in a room on the second floor," said Capt. J. Carrington, of No. 14 engine company, today.

"Smoke was pouring from cracks in the window, and it seemed doubtful that anyone could be alive on that floor. A ladder was raised and Weismiller, my chauffeur, went up."

Kicked Out Window.

"We saw him kick in the window and a cloud of smoke enveloped him. We saw him again when he staggered through the smoke to a window bearing a woman in his arms. He handed her to another fireman. We thought he was coming out, but he disappeared a second time."

"It seemed a much longer time before we saw him again. He had nearly overcome by smoke. Just as he cleared the window, flames burst out in the room. Had he been a few moments later he would have been lost, as he was then very weak from inhaling the smoke and fumes."

Modest Weismiller.

Weismiller was very modest about his part in the affair.

"When I entered the room it was filled with smoke and very hot, but I did not experience any difficulty until just before I reached the window the first time," he said. "I felt pretty shaky about going back the second time, as the room was getting so hot I knew the flames would break out in a minute."

"I could not think of leaving that other unconscious woman in there and I staggered back. It was a job getting to the window. My throat was swelling and I could hardly breathe. I made it, though, and just in the nick of time."

After a half hour in the fresh air with first aid treatment the plucky fireman returned to his post.

PRESIDENT ARGUES EMBARGO.

Methods of enforcing the recently proclaimed embargo of imports were discussed with President Wilson this afternoon by Judge (Sullivan) and Judge Adamson, members of the board of appraisal for the port of New York.

WARNS U. S. MAY LOSE GRIP ON WAR WORK IN AMERICAS

The whole pan-American war situation was declared to be in a most critical state in a statement today by John Barrett, director of the Pan-American Union, in renewing his plea for the creation of a special advisory council to co-ordinate efforts of the twelve Latin-American countries aligned against Germany in the war.

Director Barrett urged the creation of this advisory council several months ago. A week ago he renewed his effort, but the State Department has declined to act.

Danger of Trouble.

In an explanatory memorandum accompanying Director Barrett's statement today warning is given that "something now should be done or there will be danger of trouble."

The warning is added that the situation "may yet get away from the United States unless something effective is done to co-ordinate, mobilize, and direct the co-operation of the twelve friendly Latin-American countries and to checkmate vicious German propaganda." Not only in the twelve republics which have broken with Germany, but in the eight neutral southern republics.

Director Barrett restated the objects of the proposed Pan-American advisory council as follows:

Objects of Council.

First, to bring about co-operation between the United States and the twelve anti-German Latin-American republics in combating German propaganda, and to initiate similar efforts in the eight neutral countries.

Second, to assure co-operation in increasing production and facilitating shipment of food supplies.

Third, to regulate shipping and exports between the United States and Latin-America.

Fourth, to co-ordinate efforts to obtain the maximum man power from the nation's Latin-American allies.

Fifth, to co-ordinate official aims of the twelve Latin-American countries toward the war, toward each other, and toward the eight neutral American countries.

"Unless this is done and done quickly," Director Barrett warns, "German effort and propaganda may completely offset and nullify all the apparent advantages of Pan-American co-operation and support in this war."

PROF. HENNING HEADS G. W. U. SPANISH CLUB

Prof. George N. Henning, head of the department of romance languages at George Washington University, has been elected honorary president of the Spanish Club at the university. L. J. Castillejo has been chosen president and Miss Elizabeth O'Brien secretary-treasurer.

One of the features of weekly meetings of the organization is conversation only in Spanish.

A meeting will be held tonight at 8 o'clock in the assembly hall of the arts and sciences department.

Oldest U. S. Marine Guide To Our Boys in Paris



J. D. STICKNEY.

Photo by International, as shown by Hearst-Pathe News Reel.

Mr. Stickney, who joined the United States navy in 1869, went to a French port with his squadron in the Franco-German war of 1870. He has, in his official capacity as guide at the Louvre, Paris, talked to all the crowned heads of Europe with the exception of the Kaiser. He is now attached to the American soldiers in Paris and unofficially acts as interpreter.

LASTING PEACE IS WAR'S OBJECT, SAYS PASTOR

"America today is waging war in order that the world may have a lasting peace," declared the Rev. Dr. Randolph H. McKim, in a Thanksgiving sermon, "God's Call to the Nation," at the Church of the Epiphany.

"Only for a peace that shall bless the world for generations to come with its holy light has she girded on her armor. But for such a peace she will give everything and sacrifice everything. Millions of America's sons are subject to military service. And if the republic takes our young men and sends them forth to wounds and death for the sake of our liberty, shall any man gainsay her right to lay hands on the laboring men of the nation? Shall any man dare say that the republic shall not bid the workers that they give their toll and their strength to tell the timber that is to build the ships and mine the coal that is to drive them overseas?"

INTERNED SAILORS IN U. S. ARE NOT PRISONERS

German seamen interned for the war at Hot Springs, N. C., are not prisoners of war, according to a statement from the Department of Labor, and they are being treated as immigrants. The officers have quarters equivalent to those given a first-class passenger at an immigration station; the men have the equivalent of the quarters furnished steerage passengers detained.

The men are permitted to work for from \$20 to \$25 a month, and may receive \$5 and \$10 from outside sources to purchase clothing and supplies. They are not luxuriously fed. It is declared, but are given plenty of a simple fare. The food conservation measures urged upon the country's housewives are observed, it is said.

MEXICO OUSTS U. S. SLACKERS.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 30.—Fully 300 young men who escaped to Lower California to dodge service in the United States army, under the selective draft, are finding small favor with the government there. Col. Esteban Cantu, military governor of the district, has issued an order directing the immediate expulsion of all draft evaders.

SURG. GEN. GORGAS AIDS Y. W. C. A. WAR FUND

The Washington Y. W. C. A. will make a final effort to raise the sum of \$20,000, its allotted share of the national \$4,000,000 war fund, at a mass meeting to be held at the Belasco Theater Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

So far upward of \$4,500 has been raised. No special effort was made Thanksgiving Day, but the drive is on again in earnest today, and Mrs. William Adams Brown, of New York city, a member of the national board of the Y. W. C. A., will address a drawing-room meeting at Mrs. Edson Bradley's tonight.

The Sunday afternoon mass meeting will be addressed by Miss Bertha Condie, of New York city, also a member of the national board, and by Surgeon General Gorgas.

The fund is to be spent among women affected by the war, particularly in the munitions centers and in hostess houses, at the camps.

GERMANS BLAMED FOR STRIKES IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 30.—German agents and plotters are believed to be at the bottom of a strike that has been called here, tying up traffic on the General Railway Company's lines.

Sympathetic strikes have begun, involving workmen of several frozen meat companies and the general products market. It appears likely that the government will be forced to operate the railways and such other utilities as are necessary for the comfort and convenience of the public.

It is claimed that German influences are at work in other cities of Argentina seeking to create discontent among the workers.

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FATAL AUTO CRASH CLASSED ACCIDENT BY CORONER'S JURY

"Death from unavoidable accident" was the verdict of a coroner's jury at Laurel, Md., today after investigating the deaths of Frederick Brannan and Mrs. Emily T. Brannan, both of Washington, who were killed when the automobile in which they were riding plunged into a stream at Laurel on the night of November 6.

The inquest was postponed five times on account of the condition of William Eech, the principal witness, who was in Providence Hospital here suffering from shock. Eech was the owner of the car and with the two victims and William Minder, also of Washington, was returning from the Pimlico races when the tragedy occurred.

Eech's testimony was that Brannan, his chauffeur, was blinded by the glaring lights of a passing "road hog" at the point where the road narrows, into a bridge. Deputy Automobile Commissioner G. W. R. Mingo investigated the accident. The jury was unable to decide on the real cause.

MUCH GAME BAGGED IN NEW YORK STATE

ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 30.—New York State's production of venison and bear for the present season is greater than for many years past, according to a report just made public by the State conservation commission. According to the last compilation of figures, 1,755 deer and fifty-three bear were killed by sportsmen.

It is estimated that the deer killed represent 187,500 pounds of dressed meat. An effort is being made to determine to what extent venison can be depended on as a food source.

AMERICAN AIRMAN ESCAPES GERMANS; FETTERED IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Nov. 30.—Reported missing since August 17, last, and believed to have been dead, Lieut. Patrick O'Brien, of Momence, Ill., has turned up here with a story of thrilling adventures encountered in making his escape from his German captors. O'Brien, who was formerly a member of the British royal flying corps until captured by the Germans, has asked to be transferred to the American flying corps.

One of O'Brien's first acts on reaching London was to cable his aged mother in Illinois that he was alive and well and would see her shortly. He was the guest of honor at a banquet tendered him last night by a number of flyers.

Fell 5,000 Feet To Earth.

On the day of his disappearance O'Brien stated, six British planes were attacked by twenty German machines. His machine, he said, was damaged while at a height of 6,000 feet. How he reached the earth without being killed, he says, is hard to understand. He regained consciousness in a German hospital.

After weeks in various prison camps, O'Brien was being transferred on a railway train to another point. The train was moving at a speed of about thirty miles an hour when he looked through a window. When he regained consciousness he was lying by the side of the track.

For seventy-two days the flyer was a fugitive. When he reached the Holland frontier, he came near being electrocuted by coming in contact with a charged wire.

Flight Was Long Hardship.

During his flight for the frontier his food consisted of a piece of sausage, turnips, and other vegetables which he took from fields. He was forced to swim several rivers and canals in Germany, and on several occasions had to crawl through the forest because of his inability to speak the German language.

O'Brien is twenty-seven years of age. He was a member of the American aviation squadron at San Diego, Cal., before entering the Canadian army and receiving his commission.

I. C. C. EMPLOYEES GIVE RED CROSS AMBULANCES

The mercury in the thermometer in the lobby of the Interstate Commerce Commission building "went over the top" today, meaning that members and employees of the Interstate Commerce Commission had subscribed sufficient funds to present two ambulances to the Red Cross. The ambulances have been ordered.

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The Kaiser's Secret Army in America

While American manhood takes up the challenge of the Kaiser's armed forces on the seas and fields of Europe, the very sources of its support in this country are menaced by furtive, non-uniformed armies whose weapons are spying, sabotage, bomb-planting, incendiarism, murder, and a hundred forms of insidious and demoralizing propaganda.

What are we going to do about it? The leading article in THE LITERARY DIGEST for December 1st, will give one a clear idea as to what is being done and what it is proposed to do. It presents the facts from many angles and reflects the feeling of the American people on the subject, through the editorial comments of leading publications. Various remedies are suggested—an ominous undertone being evidenced in the statement of the New York Morning Telegraph, which says, "In our judgment these outrages will continue until some spy is caught, convicted, and shot."

Other important topics in this number of THE DIGEST are:

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