MORE PEOPLE DISAPPEAR

The List of the Missing Continues to Receive Additions.

Detectives Engaged Upon the Investigation of Many Cases Recently Reported—The Force Available for Such Work Inadequate—Record Since the First of the Month.

People continue to disappear from their homes at an alarming rate, no less than thirty cases having been reported to the police, it is said, within the last month. In a few instances, persons have been traced by the detectives and returned to friends, notably in the case of James A. Stewart, the department clerk, who was found in a house on E Street.

Just what becomes of many people who disappear from their homes is a source of mystery to the police as well as to the public. Many lost ones disappear and are never seen again, in the city. At Police Headquarters the records are filled with such cases, in many of which no clew is ever found. Now the police are engaged with investigations of many cases recently reported, not to mention a number of old ones which have never been cleared up.

Among the missing may be found men, women, and children, of all classes and all ages. Detectives are assigned to cases as rapidly as possible, but the press of other public business makes the number of officers available for this service inadequate.

Within the last few days the list of disappearances has grown to unusual proportions. Among those reported missing are the following, with their former addresses:

E. L. Anderson, white, missing since October 4; Fred Campbell, colored, thirty-one years old, missing since October 12; from his home, 1251 First Street southeast; Joseph Carr, white, fourteen years old, missing for a week from his home; Joseph Sullivan, white, twenty-four years old, missing since October 12; Bertha Edwards, white, of 715 Fourth Street northwest, missing for a week from this city; Nellie Taylor, white, of 428 Bland's Alley northwest, missing since October 12, and Joseph L. Smith, white, six years old, missing from his home, 1712 B Street southeast.

Such a list of disappearances is very unusual in this city. Speaking generally, a case of sudden disappearance is not considered indicative of the commission of a crime, because of the multitude of causes which apply in such cases. Nevertheless, prompt investigation of all reports is ordered, and a report of the circumstances surrounding each case is always made.

FRUIT VENDERS COMPLAIN.

Commissioners Hear a Delegation in Regard to Numerous Arrests.

The Greek and Italian merchants of the city were given a public hearing at the District Building yesterday morning by the District Commissioners, in order that they might make their complaints regarding the operation of the law relating to the obstruction of the streets. A large delegation was on hand early in the morning, before the arrival of the Commissioners at their offices. Celco Caesar Mareno acted as the speaker for the delegation, and explained their wants to the Commissioners. He said that most of these men were farmers in their own country, and when they came to America it was natural that they should want to sell farm products. Coming as they did from the land of fruit and flowers it was only to be expected that they should go into business, selling fruits and flowers, as soon as they arrived here, should they find that business to be profitable. They found on their arrival that many of their compatriots who had preceded them in crossing the ocean were engaged in this business.

They are all honest and industrious men, Mr. Mareno said, who would become good citizens and a credit to any community if they were treated properly. The men in this city, he continued, were poor, very poor, and they were kept so by being continually hauled into the Police Court to answer charges of obstructing the streets and for familiar offences. Often it has happened that an Italian or Greek has been fined more in a year than his license costs him, and in this manner they are kept in poverty all of the time. Some of the men cannot understand the language of this country, and do not know the laws.

Commissioner Wight told Mr. Mareno that he considered it the fault of the people if they were arrested more than once for the same offence. When a man is hauled up in Police Court once and is made to pay a fine he certainly cannot be expected to remain in ignorance of the law afterward. The very fact of his being arrested should prove to him that he has violated an ordinance and should warn him to be more careful in the future.

The Commissioners then sent for Major Sylvester and had him explain to the delegation why it was that they were arrested so often. The major said he had received a number of complaints from various sources regarding the obstruction made by the Italians and the filthy condition in which they left the streets when they stopped work for the night. The sidewalks would be strewn with paper and banana peelings and would result sometimes in the serious injury of some passerby. He suggested to the Commissioners that stands be provided for these men and placed in a convenient locality where they could transact their business. Commissioner Beach questioned Major Sylvester regarding the police regulations governing the fruit venders and the complaints that had been received about them.

Commissioner Wight promised Mr. Mareno that he would do what he could toward the establishment of the stands as proposed by Major Sylvester. It was suggested that each cart be provided with a placard setting forth the law regarding the throwing of the banana peelings on the street and requesting persons desiring to dispose of the peels to place them in the cart belonging to the man from whom they purchased the fruit. This suggestion was approved by the Commissioners, and they ordered that the police regulations be amended so as to compel the various fruit venders to have such a sign placed upon their vehicles.

ANOTHER TELEPHONE SUIT.

Miller & Co. Begin Action for Lower Rates.

John Miller and others, trading as John Miller & Co., yesterday filed a petition for injunction in the Supreme Court of the District, asking that the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company be restricted from removing its telephone instruments and appliances from the petitioners' place of business.

The suit is brought for the purpose of having the court issue an order compelling the defendant to comply with the act of Congress fixing the rates for telephonic service in the District.

Knocked Down by a Cart.

James, the six-year-old son of Albert W. Cardoza, of 1742 New Jersey Avenue northwest, was knocked down and run over by a horse and cart, driven by Joseph Toy, colored, while playing in the street near his home, yesterday morning. Toy was arrested, but as the injuries of the boy were slight and Mr. Cardoza refused to prosecute him, the man was released.

Discharged as a Bankrupt.

Samuel Augestein was, yesterday, on motion of Leon Tobriner, discharged as a bankrupt.

COLORED ODD FELLOWS PARADE.

The Local Order Celebrates Its Fifty-Third Birthday.

The local order of Colored Odd Fellows yesterday celebrated its fifty-third anniversary. The lodges and councils assembled at the Central Hall, M Street, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth Streets northwest, at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. After ceremonies at the hall the parade began.

The divisions composing the parade were Councils No. 4 and No. 44, Patriarchies No. 18 and No. 42, of the District of Columbia, and visiting lodges from Maryland and Virginia. The grand officers of the order in America were present as guests.

Leaving Odd Fellows' Hall, the procession marched down M Street to Connecticut Avenue, thence to P Street, thence to Twenty-eighth Street, thence to M Street, thence to B Street, thence to New Jersey Avenue, thence to Rhode Island Avenue, and thence to the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church.

The members of the order entered the church and were addressed by M. V. P., Thomas H. Wright; V. P. B., J. Askins; R. V. P., Joseph Lancton; P. N. F., J. C. Norwood; P. N. F., A. H. Stevens, former D. G. M., orator of the day.

After the speeches were made the Odd Fellows proceeded to R Street and thence to Odd Fellows' Hall. The officers of the parade were James W. Muse, chief marshal; J. O. Holmes, chief of staff; David A. Clark, right aide; James Langhorne, left aide; A. White, inspector.

A reception was held last night at the hall in M Street. Government employes associated with the colored Odd Fellows of local lodges were granted half holiday yesterday to take part in the parade.

WILL OF ADELINE ARNY.

The Bulk of Her Estate Goes to Immediate Relatives.

The will of Adeline L. Arny, dated August 17, 1894, was filed yesterday for probate. The deceased directs that $700 should be expended in her funeral expenses. She also makes the following bequests: To her nephews, Louis H. Arny and William T. Arny, $200 each; to her nieces, Elizabeth S. Godbold, Caroline L. Arny, $200 each; to her nephew, H. Vinneconie, $200; to her friend, Marion Petit, $100.

The remainder of the estate, real and personal, the testator directs shall be divided as follows: To her sister, Caroline C. Shinn, all the income from premises 2222 Cleveland Avenue, 316 L Street southwest, together with the dividends accruing from interests in the West End Bank and Columbia Insurance Company. After the death of her sister she directs all to be sold and the proceeds to be divided between her brothers, Louis C. Arny and Charles H. Arny. All her household effects are left to her sister, Caroline C. Shinn.

THE PRIZES AWARDED.

Announcement of Winners of the Labor Excursion Ticket Contest.

At a meeting of the joint Labor Day excursion committee of the Central Labor Union and Building Trades Council last night, the following were awarded prizes for disposing of the greatest number of tickets: H. L. Streb, of Tinners', ladies' jeweled belt; Robert Dyce, Carpenters' Union 190, parlor lamp; J. D. McKay, Amalgamated Carpenters, ladies' umbrella; E. H. Tyler, Machine Trades Helpers, three months' course in Wood's Commercial College; H. Wagner, Engineer, derby hat; J. D. McCormick, Typographical Union, dress suit case; Henry Nau, Carpenters' Union, No. 1, ladies' hat.

The winners of the "ticket coupon" prizes will be announced next Thursday.

SHOE WORKERS' DISPUTE

The Federation of Labor Makes a Decision Concerning It.

The Revocation of Charters of the Brockton Unions Legal, But for the Interest of the Organization the Action Will Be Rescinded—Gompers Will Go to Milwaukee.

The executive council of the American Federation of Labor met yesterday at headquarters at Typographical Temple. All the members of the council were present except P. J. McGuire, who is detained in Philadelphia on business concerning the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.

The subcommittee appointed Tuesday to report upon the dispute between the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union and the boot and shoe workers of Brockton, submitted the following, which, after considerable discussion, was unanimously adopted:

"The executive council of the American Federation of Labor, having taken into consideration the entire subject, decides—

"That the call for and the holding of the convention of the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union at Rochester, N. Y., was legal and proper.

"It being evident that an extraordinary exigency in the life of the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union existed at the time of the convention, in our opinion the course pursued in the adoption of the constitution and the carrying out thereof, was justified by the circumstances. No good reason, however, was submitted in the evidence for even temporarily changing the system of electing officers by the referendum, but in view of the fact that the convention almost unanimously elected the present officers the result is binding upon every member.

"We are of the opinion that the revocation of the charters of the Brockton Shoe Workers' Unions was legal, but in the interest of the shoe workers themselves, and the success and permanency of the organization, we regard as impractical the order of the general officers of the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union to continue the boot and shoe workers of Brockton as 'members at large.' We therefore decide that the general officers of the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union rescind their action revoking the charters of the Brockton local unions."

The executive council deems the suggestion of the Brockton boot and shoe workers for the holding of another convention at an early date inadvisable.

A letter was received from the Federated Trades Council, of San Francisco, regarding the enforcement of the slave-like conditions prevailing in Hawaii, and the effort of the Hawaiian capitalists and Government to lure Italian and Portuguese laborers to Hawaii. It was resolved that the widest publicity be given to this condition of affairs, and to warn workmen of Italy and other countries who may be applied to, to avoid being entrapped into contracting themselves into practical slavery. It was also decided to bring the matter to the attention of the President.

The application for charter for the Steam Fitters' National Association was approved.

President Gompers was instructed to proceed to Milwaukee at the earliest possible time for the purpose of finally settling the dispute between the coopers and other interests in that city.

President Gompers was also directed to devise a plan by which the workers of Cleveland and other sections of the country may be more thoroughly organized in the trades union movement.

The controversy between the wood carvers' and the wood workers' unions, of Chicago, was referred to President Gompers for adjustment in connection with Vice President Kidd, on the occasion of the former's visit to Chicago en route to Milwaukee.

It was decided to renew the application to the President for the extension of Executive clemency to Ephraim W. Clark, confined in Thomaston, Me., prison, upon a charge of mutiny.

Several matters of internal grievances between local organizations were discussed and adjusted.

A circular letter announcing the holding of the nineteenth annual convention of the American Federation was issued by the council. The meeting will be held at Detroit, Mich., beginning Monday, December 11 next.

The executive council will probably conclude its work today.

RETAIL CLERKS MEET.

President Gompers, of the Federation of Labor, the Speaker.

A well attended meeting of the Retail Clerks' Union was held at Typographical Temple last night. The meeting was called to order by President Davis, who, in a few words, introduced President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor. Mr. Gompers had been invited to address the union some time ago, but had not been able to do so until last night. He spoke at length of the value and advantages of organization and remarked the changes in the condition of the clerks of today as compared with what they were before unions were formed among them. It was through the medium of the unions, he claimed, that the proprietors of the stores were compelled to close their places of business at a uniform hour, and it was also through the unions that many needed comforts had been obtained for them. At the conclusion of the address of Mr. Gompers, Mrs. Eva McDonald Valesh, who has the distinction of having organized the first union of retail clerks in the United States, also made a brief address. She spoke in favor of shorter hours, which practically meant better wages, and directed particular attention to the clerks to always be courteous and polite to all with whom they came in contact, especially customers whom they were serving.

Short addresses were also made by James Duncan, James O'Connell, Max Morris, and Thomas I. Kidd, vice presidents of the American Federation of Labor, and John B. Leonon, the treasurer of the organization.

The announcement of the first annual ball of the clerks' union, which will be given next Monday night at the Typographical Temple, was made by the chairman.

Foot Crushed by Stone.

A tugboat brought Charles Honesty, colored, forty-six years old, to this city yesterday afternoon, in a serious condition. The man was injured while at work at Smith's stone quarry, on the Virginia shore, near the Chain Bridge, by a heavy piece of rock falling upon his foot. He was taken to Georgetown University Hospital. Honesty lives at Halls Hill, Va.

A Driver's Watch Stolen.

Allen Haighman, of 326 H Street northeast, reports to the police the loss of a ladies' gold watch from under the seat of an express wagon yesterday afternoon. The complainant is the driver of an express wagon and deposited the watch under the seat for safe keeping. During a momentary absence from the vehicle the watch was stolen, and Haighman made a complaint at headquarters.

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The Weather Prediction.

Fair Thursday and Friday, light west to north winds.

TEMPERATURE.

Highest temperature yesterday, 1 p. m.....76
Lowest temperature yesterday, 5 a. m.....62

THE SUN AND MOON.

Sun rose	6:15 A.M.	Sun sets	5:15 P.M.
Moon rises	5:36 P.M.	Moon sets	

PHASES OF THE MOON FOR OCTOBER.

New	4th	Full	18th
First quarter	12th	Last quarter	26th

TIDE TABLE.

Low tide.....2:01 A.M. and 2:12 P.M.
High tide.....7:56 A.M. and 8:17 P.M.

STREET LIGHTING.

Lamps lit today.....6:22 P.M.
Lamps out tomorrow.....5:24 A.M.

AMUSEMENTS TODAY.

Columbia Theatre—Francis Wilson in "Cyrano de Bergerac," evening.

Lafayette Square Opera House—Madame Janauschek in "Meg Merrilies;" evening.

National Theatre—Anna Held in "Papa's Wife;" evening.

Grand Opera House—Vaudeville; afternoon and evening.

Academy of Music—"When London Sleeps;" evening.

Kernan's—Rentz-Santley Burlesque Company; afternoon and evening.

IN AND ABOUT THE CITY.

A Suit for Divorce.

A little over two months ago Edna Thomas was married to Edmund Osborne in this city, and yesterday Mrs. Osborne filed a suit for divorce on statutory grounds.

A Satchel Stolen.

The police have been notified of a robbery of a satchel containing several articles of value from the residence of Archie McCurtie, 2203 Fourteenth Street northwest. The stolen property is valued at about $10.

Libel Suit Argument Concluded.

Argument in the case of George W. Haynes against Walter C. Duff, formerly manager of the Washington News Company, for $50,000 for alleged malicious libel, was concluded yesterday in Circuit Court No. 3, Chief Justice Bingham presiding.

Convicted of Bigamy.

William Richardson, alias Richeson, colored, was convicted of bigamy yesterday in Criminal Court No. 1. For a defence, Richardson pleaded insanity and drunkenness at the time of his second marriage. His counsel gave notice of a motion for a new trial.

Many Persons Arraigned.

The following named prisoners, against whom indictments were returned by the grand jury on Monday, when arraigned yesterday in Criminal Court No. 1, pleaded not guilty to the offense charged: John Ford, second offence petit larceny; Ernest Boston, second offence petit larceny; Ernest Boston, larceny from the person; Joseph E. Green, alias James Jones, larceny.

A Jury Awards Damages.

The suit of Cary D. Freeman against the District of Columbia for injuries alleged to have been sustained by the plaintiff six years ago ended yesterday, the jury which considered the testimony returning a verdict in favor of the plaintiff. A claim was made for $10,000, but the jury awarded the plaintiff only $250. It was alleged by Freeman in his declaration, who at the time he was injured was only seven years of age, that he fell over an obstruction in Seventh Street between F and G Streets northeast, and as a result is crippled for life in his right hand.

Struck With a Shovel.

Preston Bowie, of Fredericksburg, twelve years old, was struck on the head with a shovel by John Locker, colored, yesterday afternoon. The boy was driving a cart near the corner of Twenty-fourth and M Streets northwest, when Locker, who is said to have had a grudge against him, struck him over the head, inflicting painful wounds. The ambulance was reported thence to the Emergency Hospital, where his wounds were dressed. Later he was removed to his home. The police of the Third precinct are endeavoring to capture Locker, who is charged with assault.

Mrs. Carlisle's Will Filed.

According to the terms of the will of the late Mildred E. Carlisle, dated June 12 last, and filed yesterday for probate, the deceased directs the following disposition of her estate: To her son George R. Anderson, all her books and a large oriental portrait of herself; to her daughter, Adeline Carlisle, the marble bust of his father; to her daughter, Mildred Carlisle Bongwin, all her household furniture; to her sisters, Nellie E. Wright and Jennie E. Speed, each $1,000; to Annette Larat, in consideration of her faithful and affectionate service, $500; to Chaney V. Brown, $100, and to Mary Grady, $100. All the rest of the estate is left to George Bongwin Anderson and Mildred Carlisle Bongwin.

The Mortality Record.

The following deaths were reported to the Health Office yesterday: Margaret Howard, 70 years; John W. Lomax, 70 years; John F. Bradley, 65 years; Moses Anderson, 50 years; Rachel Meyer, 55 years; William Shob, 48 years; Mary Francis Hewett, 49 years; Katie Merrick, 33 years; Maria Crawler, 29 years; Mamie Henson, 10 years; Ethel Cadington, 14 years; Anna Estelle Huth, 7 years; Roy P. Cuffern, 1 year; Rosa May Matthews, 7 months; Lillie May Williams, 4 months; Charles Jones, 4 months; Amelia Winston, 1 month; infant of Katie Wallace, 2 hours; infant of Annie Brenkers, 1 hour.

A Fire in Georgetown.

A slight fire occurred in the house of Mrs. Rose L. Donnelly, 3314 N Street northwest, last night, about 7 o'clock. The alarm was turned in from Box 59. By the time the engines arrived the fire had been extinguished. The damage was very small.

Fell From a Car.

Peter Gatewood, colored, fell from a car of the Capital Traction Company last night near the corner of First and B Streets, and sustained painful injuries. His back was severely sprained, and he received other bruises. The man was removed to his home in the patrol wagon from No. 4 station.

Found Guilty of Assault.

Clarence E. Bryan, who was put on trial yesterday in Criminal Court No. 1, charged with attempting to kill his wife, Pearl Bryan, by shooting her, was found guilty of a simple assault by the jury which heard the evidence. Justice Clabaugh, who presided at the trial, sentenced Bryan to sixty days' imprisonment in the District jail.

Fell Into a Sewer.

While at work in a sewer at the southeast corner of Thirty-sixth and M Streets yesterday morning John Collins, twenty-six years old, fell into the excavation and sustained injuries about his head and back. He was removed to Georgetown University Hospital, where he received treatment. Later he was sent to his home, at Thirty-sixth Street and Prospect Avenue.

Another Recruiting Station.

A recruiting station for the Forty-ninth (colored) Volunteer Infantry has been opened in this city by Capt. Edward Lloyd at 513 Eleventh Street northwest. Captain Lloyd was attached to the Fifteenth Infantry before he was assigned to his present duty, and is the recruiting officer for Baltimore and this city. He will be in this city on Tuesdays and Fridays in future, but will remain here for the remainder of this week.

To Be Arraigned Today.

In the Police Court this morning, Charles Harrison, alias Lorentz, will be arraigned on a charge of carrying concealed weapons. He was arrested at the Baltimore and Ohio depot Tuesday night, in company with Perr Campbell, by Detectives Herndon and Lacy, of headquarters, and locked up as a suspicious character. When searched a miniature arsenal was found on Harrison, and later the detectives changed the charge against him. Perr Campbell is still held at the Second precinct station, on a charge of suspicion. Last night the detectives had not decided whether to arraign him in court today, or at a later date. An investigation of the records of both prisoners is in progress.

Marriage Licenses Issued.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to Samuel Coleman and Cora Stout, Edward F. Cobb and Eva A. Terrell, both of Richmond, Va.; William H. Warner and Florence A. Kingsley, Charles H. Merrill and Emma Williams, B. Arill Williams, Northport, N. Y., and Frances T. Brooks, Edward H. Turner, Bennettsville, W. Va., and Sarah E. Tunstall, Lucketts, Va., A. Newton Simpson and Mary B. O'Connell, William T. McCutler and Elizabeth M. Evans, both of Hedgesville, Va., William Fred Fox and Lillie A. Fritch, George Neal and Jennie Ebb, William A. A. Church and Mabel Spicer, Seymour Wise and Josephine Hicks, Augustus Goerdes and Carmela M. Sandiego, Noah S. Slaughter and Annette E. Gaudice, Louis O. Hildebrand and Vergnita E. Berthoux, both of Baltimore, Emerie Mack and Lola Carter, Herman C. Metcalf and Emma Abella F. Randolph, Charles L. Wilkinson and Ellen F. Hughes, Frederick C. O. Voight and Jennie E. Sebastian, Victor Hugo Dry, Marietta, O., and Estelle Virginia Riggins, Baltimore, Md.; James Irwin and Sophie B. King, Frederick A. Fenting and Blanche Alison Hine, Elza C. Palmer and Emma J. Allgreen, Robert L. Ross and Phoebe Ann Johnson, Johnson T. Hoare and Caroline E. Mehling.