### BILLY' SUNDAY PIANIST SAYS LIQUOR MEN DID NOT GET HIM TO QUIT

Bentley D. Ackley, Who Charged Evangelist With Plagiarism, Denies Story That Saloonkeeper Was Back of Resignation.

Bentley D. Ackley, planist of the "Billy" saday revival party, who accompanied his announcement that he would resign with the accusation that the basebalf stangellist was guilty of planiarism in his semons, declares that "the boss may try to gut it on the liquor people or anybody like if he wants to." By "the Boss" he mans "Billy" Sunday.
"Ent it's all bosh about the liquor interests having anything to do with my determination to quit the Sunday outfit," he said. "Nobody influenced me, one way he addes."

reflection of the said of the said. "Nobody influenced me, one way is the other."

The liquor interests that are said to the liquor interests that are said to the said something to do with Ackley's studen to resign as pianist for the resolution of the personality of the proprietor of Tammany House, a said in South Camden, one William H. Frier. He visited the tabernacle in this dy and later expressed himself as being restly pleased with Mr. Sunday, which atterally was highly gratifying to the sembers of the Sunday organization.

The friends of Ackley say Fenley abused to confidence the pianist reposed in the saionkeeper in regard to difficulties between Ackley and Rodeheaver, the trombons player at the revival meetings. It seems Ackley believed he was not paid efficiently and that Rodeheaver was seepaid. This complaint would never tave come out, it is declared, if it had so been for Fenley, and Ackley's friends delare that the saloon man associated with the Sunday people only to betray the Sunday people only to betray

Fenley was quoted as saying that he realey was quoted as saying that he has known Ackley for five years, though the planist says he never saw the man lefore he waiked into the Tabernacie wis year. Fenley said today that an stille in a morning newspaper, which had that Fenley boasted of using Ackley is arder to boost the liquor interests, was grossly exaggerated. Fenley is vice president of the New Jersey Saloonkeepers' Association and secretary of the organization of the Camber alsoonkeepers.

den saloonkeepers.
It was intimated in this article that

Proley had tried to pick out "the weak-st spot in the Sunday organization" in to get before the public damaging stories about "Billy" Sunday and his ackies maintains that he has never ben to Fenley's saloon. Fenley was goted as saying he (Fenley) was the enly man who ever smoked in "Billy" Bunday's house on Spring Garden street.

and that he had seen Ackley smoking a dar recently. Ackley comments that while he was deceived in Fenley, "Billy" Sunday was as much deceived as he The story that I represented the liquor intreats in obtaining information about the Bunday people is absolutely without familiation," said Fenley, this afternoon. This talk of any betrayal is preposter-

ous Mr. Ackley will bear me out when I say that he not only permitted me to give out the news of his resignation, but that I also attempted to persuade him from resigning his position as private secretary to Mr. Sunday."

"Billy" Sunday, who is taking a va-

"Billy" Sunday, who is taking a va-cation on his Hood River appleranch in Oregon, said in a telegram received in the city that if Ackley thought he could letter himself, it was his privilege, and he wished him well.

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"I believe he is making the mistake of
his life," he added. "I am not afraid of
any so-called disclosures. Let them
came. I would not be surprised to find that the liquor interests are back of the whole affair."

Million Dollar Coal Pier for P. R. R. A million dollar coal pier, the largest of its kind on the Atlantic Coast, will be meted in a short time at Baltimore by be rennsylvania Raiiroad. It will greatly increase the amount of coal exported through Baltimore. The machinery on the new pier will be capable of loading at least 6000 tons in 10 hours or 10 tons a minute. The structure will be 942 feet less and 66 feet wide.

#### THE WEATHER

Official Forecast

WASHINGTON, June 17. For eastern Pennsylvania and New Imer-Partly cloudy and cooler tonisht; Philay fair; gentle west winds. Showers covered most of the Atlantic tipe during the last 24 hours. Another thore area includes the upper Lake re-Den and extends southwestward to north-Texas, while scattered showers are recorded from the Dakotas and the far Northwest. The temperatures are normal stightly above in the Atlantic States and throughout the cotton belt, while in he upper Lake region and the upper Malazippi valley there is a deficiency of from \$ to 12 degrees. Conditions have een to near the normal at most places

U. S. Weather Bureau Bulletin

| No. Observations at Philadelphia

8 A. M.

Almanac of the Day

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COMMANDANT JOHN J. KNAPP

#### CAPT. KNAPP EXPECTED AT NAVY YARD TODAY

New Commandant Left Washington This Morning in Auto. No Ceremonies Over Transfer

No ceremonies will mark the arrival of Captain John J. Knapp, the new commandant of the Philadelphia Navy Yard, who is expected to reach here early tonight. The captain, accompanied by Mrs. Knapp, left Washington in his runabout early this morning. He will motor all the way here unless prevented by stormy weather.

on reaching the yard the command will be turned over by Acting Commandant Captain C. B. Price, who will present the officers at the yard to the new commandant at his office.

mandant at his office,
Captain Knapp, who succeeds Rear Admiral William S. Benson, is entirely in accord with the latter's policy for the upbuilding of the yard, and his appointment to the post came as cheering news to the officers and men at League Island.
While a member of the Naval Examining Board at Washington, Captain Knapp had an opportunity to study the work of his predecessor, Admiral Benson, and it is understood that he will proceed with it is understood that he will proceed with the station's development without delay. He is one of the senior officers of his

#### MOVIE STARS NEAR DEATH FROM PREMATURE EXPLOSION

Dynamite on Old Scow Furnished Climax Too Soon.

HASTINGS, N. Y., June 17.—Frederic de Belleville, a well-known actor, and Miss Betty Marshall, leading woman for Miss Betty Marshall, leading woman for the Gotham Film Company, nearly lost their lives yesterday afternoon by the premature explosion of 200 pounds of dynamite under an old scow from which they were about to jump into the Hudson River as the hero and heroine in the final pictures of a movie called "The Trade Secret." The derelict scow, the Thomas Wallace, was blown to smithereens. Mr. de Belleville and Miss Marshall were hurled into the water unconscious and a launch containing three camera men was overturned, the movie cameras with their precious films sinking to the bottom of the river.

Miss Marshall was burned on her arms and body and de Belleville sustained a bad cut on the top of his head. After receiving treatment both were able to go to their homes.

#### Police Court Chronicles

There are times when the English language falls helpless and words cannot be found to express our wrath. Some persons at such crises are appeared some-what by crashing noises and screams; others desire to inflict suffering and wel-

what by crashing holses am octans others desire to inflict suffering and welcome excitement. Peter Bullock, a negro, of Brown and Holly streets, reached such a condition and permitted himself to run the gamut of his emotions—much to the disapproval of his wife Virginia.

They were peacefully poring over their dinner when an argument arose over the chicken—the plece de resistance of the feast. It appears that Feter thought it might be a little browner, while Virginia declared that it was just in keeping with her artistic conceptions of color. Their argument ran at hight angles, and seeing no hope of reaching an amicable destination. Peter flung the rost chicken and the dish for good measure at the determined Virginia, the police say.

She dodged and the cumbersome am-



munition spread a reign of terror among the glasses and innocent Dresden cups on the buffet. But Virginia replied. She gave Peter a dish of mashed potatoes under the left ear and followed it with a quadrant of lemon ple between the eyes. Peter cross countereds with a few tired tomatoes, which landed forcibly and stuc-coed the room without regard to uni-formity.

And then Virginia shouted "murder" and "police" and the other things which go with general hysterics. Policeman Rowland, the hero of many a battle, compelled an immediate armistics and took the belliggeners to the lith street and took the belligerents to the 5th street and Lan-

the belligerents to the 53th street and Lancaster avenue station.

Magistrats Boyle saw at a giance that
Peter and Virginia had evidently had
some difference of opinion.

"She allus riles ma when am feelin'
obsterp'ross," said Peter.

"An' he tries to make ma be-leeb dat I
am unrasponsibil," asserted Virginia.

"I want you both to go home and think
it over." said the Judge. So Peter and
Virginia left, feeling, as Peter said,
"somewhat doo-be-us."



Baseball's latest fiction story, "Along Came Trouble," by J. C. Kofoed, appears in the Public Ledger Sports Magazine next Sunday.

#### SURVIVOR DESCRIBES **LUSITANIA SINKING**

Philadelphia Woman Writes of Last Scenes Aboard Ill-Fated Liner-Suffered From Shock.

A letter describing the last moments of board the Lusitania after the giant liner had received her death blow from a German torpedo, was received today from Mrs. Jessie Taft Smith, of Philadelphia and Chicago, a survivor of the disaster, by Mrs. A. T. Pollard, of 32 South litt street, wife of the proprietor of a chain of drug stores. Mrs. Smith, who sat at the same table

with Harry J. Keser, vice president of the Philadelphia National Bank, and Mrs. Keser, writes that Mr. and Mrs. Keser disappeared immediately after the ship was struck and she thinks they went to the ill-fated B-deck of the liner, where so many passengers were caught in a death tran when the abip listed. She saw also William S. Hodges, Paris representative William S. Hodges, Paris representative of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, and Mrs. Hodges, of 2026 West Lehigh avenue, who also were drowned. She searched the Queenstown morgue for their bodies. Mrs. Smith, whose husband is an inventor, was going to England to join him. She escaped in the second boat to be lowered, and writes that the lifeboats would

have proved efficient if there had been sufficient time. The portion of the letter describing the disaster reads:

My Dear Elizabeth: I suppose you will be quite surprised to hear from me. Well, I landed here, and I certainly was fortunate. But the thock has been almost too much for me. I have not felt like myself at all. Every one has been so kind and done so much for me. Am Just frozen all the time.

We are quite anxious to know what the States will do about the Lusitania. Those Germans will do anything. If they should win there would not be any States long.

any States long.

The boats would have been quite right if there had been any time to have gotten into them. I was fortunate to get into the first boat, but the second to be lowered. You know you can't do very much in 15 to 20 minutes. I sat at the captain's table and on my left were Mr. and Mrs. Keser, of Philadelphia. I liked them so much. I saw them right after the boat was struck. They were all ready to go on deck and were on A-deck, but I have thought that they must have gone on B-deck and were caught. I also met Mr. and Mrs. Hodges, and the last I saw of them they were going to their stateroom on A-deck. Went through the morgue to see if I could find them, as I knew their friends would be anxious about them, but could no find them. Your friend, but could no find them. Your friend,

The letter was posted at the Grand-Hotel, Birmingham, England, May M. It was delayed because it was first sent to Mrs. Pollard's country home at Brace-

STRIKE-BREAKERS WANT PAY Insistent Demands, Threatening Riot,

Bring Call for Police,

An echo of the Chicago transit strike reounded in this city today when several bundred men, strikebreakers engaged to take positions on Chicago trolley cars, clamored for the money they allege was promised them by George Tate, a private detective, in charge of an agency at 2 North 16th street.

So insistent became the demands that Tate telephoned to Lieutenant Kunkis, of the 15th and Vine streets station, and a detail of policemen was sent to prevent

A hundred men were sent to Chicago three days ago. At a small station a few hundred miles cast of Chicago the agent in charge received a telegram, saying that the strike had been settled peaceably and ordering the men sent back. They returned today, asserting that they had been promised a week's wages.

After the policemen arrived the men held a meeting in the street and appointed a committee to consult with Magistrate Carson to bring a civil suit to secure the money.

Boxing Results at the Gayety

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in the semifinals of the 105-pound class in
he amateur boxing tournament at the Unyety
freatre last night Kid Clark defeated Frankle
mith in three resinds. Found Nelson defeated
found Donobue in three rounds and Young
ruit guit in the second round to Young Parts
in the preliminaries of the 122-pound class
found Kitchie received the reference decision
ser Young Errie in an extra-round bout,
chany Clark and Kid Wolf, professionals,
oxed four fast rounds, the former winning
selly.

CONGRESSMAN VARE FIGHTS FOR SEA VIEW

Shacks Built by Rolling Chair Owner at Chelsea Obstructs Outlook From Cottage.

ATLANTIC CITY, June 17.—Meny po-litical fights in which Congressman Wil-liam S. Vare has been involved in his political career are tame affairs when compared with that the South Philadel-phian has on his hands here.

Beveral months after Congressman Vare had been occupying his handsome Chel-sen home, with its broad, unobstructed sees outlook, J. R. Turner, an Atlantic City man, hought, under a riparian lease, all the land seaward from the Vere cot-tage line, which is about 100 feet back from the boardwalk. This lease was ob-tained at Trenton for a nominal consider-ation.

ation.

Congressman Vare was perturbed, and he had reason to be, for in a short time Archfoald Lambert, a rolling-chair proprietor, began the erection of a small, roughly boarded cabin, facing the boardwalk, directly in the Vare line of vision. Congressman Vare invoked the aid of the powers. Lambert at first was refused permission to connect his shabby little cabin with the boardwalk, but the city found it could not go so far and withdrew its objections. Then the cabin was inhabited by negro rolling-chair pushers.

Turner's next move was to start to bulkhead his leased land, a part of which those who laid out Chelsea Beach intend-

bulkhead.

Turner's resources had not been exhausted however. His next move was to build a larger shack right on the Vars property line, completely blooking the view from the Congressman's hread plants. Then be proceeded to put up a fence, running over to Hingston avenus and also cutting off the sea view of the A. Reichoer cottage, which adjoins that of Vare.

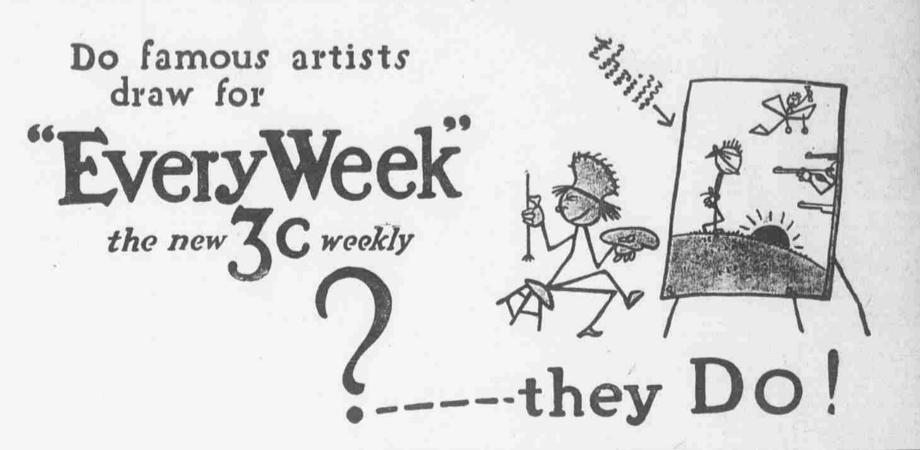
When he feels that he must look upon the ocean, Congressman Vare can go upstairs and gase from a bedroom window over the root of the uneightly shack, or he can go down into the street and look his fill.

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The situation, however, does not please him. He has retained Charles C. Bab-cock, of this city, and ex-Judge Lewis Starr, of Camden, to fight the case. The move to be taken has not been divulged.

Suppose—

The man whose daughter was your good friend was implicated in the murder of your father! (See Page 6)



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