

WEAR CRIMINALS MAY BE TEACHING HENRY BARTH THEIR TRADE

Police Investigate on This Theory While Boy's Weeping, Sleepless Mother Nears Collapse

MYSTERIOUS PHONE CALL

Numerous Messages Sent to Family by Man in Gruff Voice—Purports to Be Child



HENRY BARTH

A theory that Henry Barth, the 15-year-old boy who disappeared a week ago today and whose family has received numerous telephone messages purporting to come from him, is in the hands of men who are teaching him to be a criminal, is being investigated today by the police.

Mr. Henry Barth, of 4355 Leidy avenue, mother of the boy, is on the verge of collapse. According to other members of the family she had little sleep since her child disappeared. Several times every night she goes to the front door, hoping the boy will be found by the steps.

So far it has been impossible to trace any of the mysterious telephone messages received. All agree, however, that they are from a man. Charles Woodland, a storekeeper with whom the boy was friendly, notified one of them, Miss Henrietta Ruff, the lad's aunt, received another.

In nearly every instance the person telephoning says in a gruff voice, "Tell my mother I am all right and she is not to worry. I am Henry Barth."

Without waiting for any reply, the speaker then hangs up the receiver.

MY WAS HAPPY AT HOME

My was employed at 9th and Chestnut streets. He earned \$4 a week, his mother says. When he was last seen he had \$2 in his pockets. There was a reason why he should wish to leave home, according to his relatives, the neighbors and friends of the boy. Apparently, he had been perfectly happy.

MAGPIES FOR GERMANTOWN

Five Birds to Fight Insects, Enemies of Lawns

The English magpies will be set free in Germantown early next week by John Farmer, of 14 Rittenhouse street. The birds were captured by Mr. Wright, of Colorado, who sent them to Mr. Farmer. The birds are said by Mr. Farmer to be the enemy of pestiferous insects, particularly the army worm. While devastated the Germantown lawns last year.

Eric Grocer Robbed of \$1200

ERIC, Pa., Aug. 21.—Yeggs during the night blew a safe in the office of Jacob Heller, a wholesale grocer, and escaped with \$1200.

Police Court Chronicles

"Life is just one-half pint after another."

At least that's Johnny Dugan's idea of life. When Johnny isn't drinking he's sleeping, and he admits that he's the champion sleeper of Kensington. He has been known to go to sleep on Friday morning and sleep until early Sunday morning.

"I am here as an advocate of temperance," said Dugan, "yet I admit that I drink now. But I do not drink because I enjoy it. Not much. I drink only when you want to come to me if you want to know what you will do to me. I do the same as I do. Other temperance lecturers let you imagine what you will do to me. But I believe in giving you a living example, and I sacrifice myself for your sake."

Johnny's audience grew larger as he spoke and many present admired his courage.

TWINKLE, TWINKLE, GREAT BIG STAR; WHO PLACED YOU WHERE YOU ARE?

After Thorough Investigation the Evening Ledger Is Able to Advise a Correspondent That Edison Didn't Invent Jupiter—He Wasn't Even Consulted

Edison, the Wizard of West Orange, has moved up another notch in the estimation of the public following the discovery by Louis Kasage, of 1838 South 4th street, that a particularly bright and mystic star has been shining in the East.

Mr. Kasage heard that Mr. Edison was responsible for the star—that he had invented it, in short, and he became curious to know how. So he wrote the following letter to the EVENING LEDGER:

"Will you kindly publish whether or not Edison has invented an artificial star, which is seen in the East at night? Will you also explain how it has been contrived?"

Now that bright particular star had been labeled Jupiter by the scientist, properly named, and classified as a 16-star power planet, which is "some" in the vernacular, power, and it was thought there was nothing more to find out about it.

But Mr. Kasage's letter started an inquiry, and in course of this it became known that lovers whose thoughts cannot be said to be straying as their owners sit upon the benches of the park had noticed an apparent expansion of Jupiter. Pending the result of the inquiry at the laboratory of the Wizard of

VISITORS' DAY TAKES CROWD TO BIDDLE HOME

Hundreds of Guests Are Enjoying Outing at Bible Classes' Home at Lansdowne

Today is "visitors' day" at the Drexel Biddle Bible Classes Home at Lansdowne. Hundreds of guests viewed the tract that is being carried on at the 3-acre tract at Lansdowne avenue and Garrett road. Guides conducted visitors around the grounds and through the buildings and "open house" was the rule.

Music and baseball featured the program. The Holy Trinity Episcopal team and Ebenezer Methodist team clashed in a struggle. The Calvary Episcopal team journeyed from Conshohocken to meet New Berean Baptist.

This evening a special program has been prepared for the entertainment, to be held by the men's class of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, in the Parish House, 217 South 20th street, when the Rev. Dr. Edward Daniel Stone, pastor of Hampden Methodist Protestant Church, of Baltimore, Md., the leader of a Bible class of 78 men, will be the speaker. Mr. Biddle will tell of his England tour.

The twilight service tomorrow night, at 6:30 at the summer home at Lansdowne, will be held by the men's class of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, in the Parish House, 217 South 20th street, when the Rev. Dr. Edward Daniel Stone, pastor of Hampden Methodist Protestant Church, of Baltimore, Md., the leader of a Bible class of 78 men, will be the speaker. Mr. Biddle will tell of his England tour.

BUFFALO FIRE FORCE DIVIDES TO FIGHT TWO GREAT FIRES

Loss in Conflagrations, Burning Simultaneously, \$400,000

BUFFALO, Aug. 21.—Buffalo firemen battled with two big fires, which burned simultaneously, early today. The combined loss will total \$400,000.

While half the force was fighting flames in the Robertson-Catatract Electric Company's plant and the Builders' Exchange block in Court street, the other half was fighting a blaze at the Globe Elevator Company, in Tennessee street.

Three firemen and several other persons were overcome by smoke.

Deckhand Believed Drowned

A police boat is grappling the Delaware River today for the body of Frank Simonson, 361 East Thompson street, a deck hand in the employ of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, who is believed to have drowned last night. Simonson was a deck hand on the tugboat Gwynedd which towed a car boat across the river from the Chestnut street wharf to Camden about 10:30 o'clock. When the tug reached the Camden side Simonson was missed.

BE KIND TO ALL DUMB ANIMALS; ANYHOW, 42-CENTIMETRE GOATS

Police Rush to Aid of Woman When Angoras Hold Gastronomic Carnival in Her Garden—Sergeant and Army Put to Flight, Yes, FLIGHT

The big black Angora goat, toying over the remains of a straw hat, 1915 model, surged with glee between bites today. Sergeant William Sharp, of the Germantown police station, tenderly passing his fingers over a series of cuts, bruises, lacerations and contusions upon his chest today head, struck deep in his chest today by an angry flush worked over his countenance.

Thereby dangies an anecdote. Here it is set forth in chronological order: In the rear of her home at 827 Chew street, Mrs. P. H. Wallace has a garden in which she raised geraniums and things. She went out to water the flowers and found them being munched by the big black Angora goat and three big white Angora goats.

JACK HART SORROWS FOR HIS SON, VICTIM OF MOTORCYCLE CRASH

Youth Killed on Northeast Boulevard When His Machine Collides With Auto—Chum May Die

ARREST MOTOR DRIVER

Jack Hart, the jovial restaurateur at 123 South 10th street, known to thousands of Philadelphians, sat at his desk this morning and sobbed. He tried to direct the affairs of his little cafe, but it was an almost impossible job, for Jack Hart had just heard the saddest of news. His 11-year-old son, Fred H. Hart, had been killed in a motorcycle accident.

The smash-up which cost the boy's life occurred on the Northeast Boulevard. Hart's chum, Clarence Mearns, 19 years old, of 267 South 10th street, was with him, and was so seriously injured that he will not regain consciousness for several hours. He is now in the Samaritan Hospital in a serious condition, his skull fractured.

The accident occurred at 1:15 this morning, where the Boulevard is crossed by Cottman street near the eastern end of the thoroughfare. Hart was driving the motorcycle, with Mearns riding on behind. They had been riding all evening and it is supposed that the boy had become tired and was unable to see the automobile of George McElwee, of Hancock and Norris streets, into which he crashed.

The force of the collision sent the boys hurtling through the air. The motorcycle was wrecked and the auto into which it ran was badly damaged. None of the occupants of the latter was injured.

Hart died almost immediately after being admitted to the hospital. The eldest boy was a student at Peddie Institute. His chum, who, it is feared, may die, is a plumber's apprentice, working for his father, J. E. Mearns, of 267 South 10th street.

McElwee, 215 North Maucher street, a brother of George McElwee, owner of the car into which the boys crashed with the motorcycle, was arrested by the police at Park and Lehigh avenue station. John Kell, 27 years old, 48 West Hunting Park avenue, and Joseph Green, 23 years old, 402 West Cumberland street, who were in the car with McElwee, were arrested by the police of the Tacony station. McElwee was arraigned in the Central police station today and held without bail to await the inquest into the death of Hart, although there was no testimony given to show that he was to blame for the accident. His companions were discharged.

Hart and Mearns were picked up many feet from the scene of the accident. William Sperling, of 185 North 13th street, who was driving the trolley, picked them up and carried them to the Samaritan Hospital. McElwee accompanied them. Sergeant Weitzel placed him under arrest when he arrived at the hospital.

CROSSING TRAGEDY PROBE

Civil Service Commissioner Investigates Death of Four Autoists

A member of the State Public Service Commission will start an investigation today of the express trolley-automobile accident which took place on the Northeast last Wednesday night. One of the first complaints that will be lodged with the commission will be by the people of Whitpain township, where the accident occurred.

Residents of this township say that the trolley express trains are operated at dangerous speed over the Skipack and Morris road crossings, both of which are heavily traveled. There is a bell at each crossing, but no watchman. Yost crossing, where the automobile of Frank Murphy was struck, killing him, his two sisters, their cousin, and injuring his mother, also is provided with a bell, but no watchman.

Funeral services for the four victims will be held next Monday afternoon in St. John's Lutheran church, centre square. Burial will be in the cemetery adjoining the church. The inquest will be Tuesday afternoon.

P. R. R. LOSES WATER LINES

Divided From Its Chesapeake Bay Traffic by Commerce Board

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—The Interstate Commerce Commission decided yesterday that the Pennsylvania Railroad must divorce itself from its water lines on Chesapeake Bay, except those from Squawton to Love Point and Chabona, Md., which the commission holds to be railroad ferry lines.

The decision grants virtually all the demands of the Baltimore and Annapolis politicians which insisted on opening competition.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES

Baptist BAPTIST TEMPLE, Broad and Berks. Rev. Thomas J. Cross will preach at 8:05 a. m. Service. Frederick W. Briggs will preach at 7:45 p. m. Service.

Methodist CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN, 12th and Chestnut. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Sunday School—2:30 p. m. Prayer Meeting each Wednesday evening.

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Swedenborgian NEW JERUSALEM BROTHERHOOD, 1417 Arch at Robert C. McQuinn in address. Sabbath, 10:30 a. m. Morning Prayer at 8:00 a. m. Strangers welcome.

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