

WHERE SIX WERE BURNED TO DEATH



Max Pomerantz, his wife and four of their five children were burned to death early today when fire swept through the building at Fifth and Green streets, used as the home and the photograph gallery of Mr. Pomerantz.

SON RETURNING FROM WORK FINDS FAMILY BURNED TO DEATH

WIND FANS FIERCE FIRE Musician, Reaching Home at Fifth and Green Streets, Wild With Grief

Flames, whipped by a high wind, swept through the house of Max Pomerantz, at the southeast corner of Fifth and Green streets, shortly before 3 o'clock this morning.

The dead are Max Pomerantz, forty-seven years old; Mrs. Pomerantz, forty-three, and four of their five children, Meyer, nineteen; Samuel, eighteen; Benjamin, thirteen, and Esther, eleven. They were trapped while asleep and had no chance to escape.

When the sole remaining member of the family, Jacob Pomerantz, returned home and discovered what had happened he went wild with grief and refused to be comforted by neighbors.

Recovery of the bodies after the flames had ceased licking their way through the four-story brick building, on the first floor of which Pomerantz had a photographic shop, showed that warning of the proximity of the flames had come too late.

The father and mother had apparently died from suffocation. They were found dead locked in each other's arms.

While the fire was at its height, 200 persons revelling at a wedding next door, 567 North Fifth street, suddenly became aware of the danger from the fire and started to run for the street.

The fire was discovered at 1:30 by Leon Savin, of 502 Green street, and Morris Kret, of 3252 Germantown avenue. They were going home from a dance and had gone to Fifth street for a car.

The high wind that swept through the narrow street fed the flames to such an extent that when Engine Company No. 21 clattered in front of the house, the second and third stories were ablaze, while the first floor was a cauldron of jumping flames.

Battering their way with ladders that were swung down by the gale, the firemen finally shot a sufficient stream of water through the upper stories to allow them to enter the house through perilous climbing from adjoining houses.

There they found the charred bodies, the children in the front of the third story, the parents in the rear. Hasty examination proved them all dead, and with difficulty the firemen succeeded in handing down the bodies to the street, whence they were taken to the Hahnemann Hospital.

As the bodies were being lowered, Jacob Pomerantz was just returning home. He watched the fire from the opposite side of the street calmly, thinking that his family had been rescued.

"Who are they?" he inquired of a neighbor. "Oh, some firemen," he was told. But shortly after another neighbor, coming from a store, told him exactly what had happened.

Pomerantz was well known among Jews of this city, having been the photographer for thousands of that faith. He formerly conducted a studio at Fifth and Market streets, but had been located at the Green street address for some time.

The building's interior was destroyed, but a shell standing when the flames were checked. Fire department men started an investigation today to ascertain the origin of the fire. The damage is placed at \$10,000.

ELMIRA DIVORCED MAN GETS LICENSE TO WED

Charles H. Waters to Marry Mrs. Martha Costello, Milliner—Other Permits

A marriage license was issued to Charles H. Waters, of Elmira, N. Y., who was divorced by the Common Pleas Court of Bradford County, on May 4, 1915, on the grounds of desertion, to wed Martha Costello, a widow, also of Elmira.

Other licenses issued were: Harry P. Parr, 1421 N. 10th st., and Anna L. Miller, 1271 N. 10th st.

Cold Fails to Stop Elkton Mill ELKTON, Md., Feb. 5.—Monday's usual number of marriage licenses were issued today. Philadelphia furnished most of the couples, who braved the cold weather and journey to the Gretna Green town.

They were John H. Coskie and Elizabeth Gibson, Leonard Griffin and Sabina Mullins, Iven Wilke and Elizabeth Moore, George Priole and Margaret Gallagher, Anton E. Johnson and Mary Harris, Joseph J. Markham and Frances R. McMillan, Carl W. Hall and Elizabeth McDonough, John H. Messing and Mae E. Hamer, Richard Jenkins and Ruth Adams, Edwin W. Smith and Ethel Treach and Frederick C. Liebreck and Helen V. Gallo, all of Philadelphia; Earl C. Smith and Estelle R. Hunt, Wilmington; John C. Taylor and Emma C. Smith, Easton, Pa.; George M. Madden and Clara Hollingshead, Middle, N. J.; George W. Sample and Mrs. A. Cullin, Havre de Grace, Md.; John Kinswitt and Myra Moulderback, Clon as a clerk, while Mrs. Moore and Clara were in the city.

League Island Fleet Is Ready for Dash

Continued from Page One The electric works said the company had advised the War Department at Washington that its plants are at the disposal of the Government. The plant is available to the Government for the production of shells from three to twelve inches in caliber. Standard steel works now are ready to begin work on these when ordered to do so.

Herbert Lloyd, president of the Electric Storage Battery Company, said the Navy Department, upon a request, made several months ago, had received full details as to the company's equipment and facilities for the production of naval electrical supplies.

Not only has the guard over interned ships at League Island and over the Navy Yard itself been increased, but the police have been assigned to guard railroad bridges, the Mint and other Federal buildings, and arsenals. This announcement was made today by Superintendent of Police Robinson.

While it is not believed that Philadelphia is in any danger from possible internal surprises or plots, it is known that many precautionary measures have been taken by both the Federal and city officials since President Wilson's action of last Saturday.

The Navy Yard is heavily guarded. The gates were closed to all visitors again today, except those on business. Few of the officers, sailors and marines have been allowed to leave the yard. The guard over the interned liners also was increased and every effort made to prevent the damaging of these ships.

Lieutenant Commander Allen today denied that an attempt had been made to kidnap the destroyer Jacob Jones. It had been rumored that the destroyer nearly met disaster while on patrol duty owing to the fact that some one on board opened the sea cocks. Lieutenant Commander Allen said the boat would be taken out of commission as soon as possible and taken to the plant of the New York Shipbuilding Company for a general overhauling.

Mayor Smith has issued an appeal to Philadelphians to stand loyal to President Wilson during the German crisis. "Republicans, Democrats and Independents alike should now forget their differences," Mayor Smith said.

They are not dealing with Woodrow Wilson, but with the President of the United States. It is to him that they owe their first allegiance.

"Loyalty to a great cause is one of the noblest of human attributes. At the present moment we are all Americans—political and religious creeds alike yield up their struggles and hostilities to women and to the demands of the hour."

Mayor Smith has also pledged the full and hearty co-operation of the city of Philadelphia, through its administrative authorities during the present crisis and any that might follow.

Navy Yard Buzzes The navy yard virtually buzzed with activity today. Ten more marines were placed on guard at the yard gate. Workmen were informed they will have to work overtime, and it is said that within the next few days work at the yard will continue day and night. While they will work in three shifts of eight hours each.

Sentries guarding the German village are heavily armed and have been ordered "to shoot" if necessary to stop any one from leaving the German village there without a permit.

Navy yard officials said today that the two interned German liners as yet had not been seized by the Government. The German sailors still are allowed to sleep on board. In case of seizure they will be transferred to the Tipperary barracks, at one end of the yard.

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MAYOR OFF TO CAPITAL TO CONFER ON TRANSIT

Smith Will Take Up Details of High-Speed Lines With Service Commission

Mayor Smith left for Harrisburg this afternoon to discuss details of the proposed high-speed lines with members of the Public Service Commission, which is considering issuance of certificates of public convenience for the lines included in the loan bill.

War or no war, the Department of City Transit intends to push forward with all possible speed work on the comprehensive system of subway and elevated high-speed lines. During this week when the crisis with Germany probably will be reached and passed, Transit Director Twining will take two or possibly three important steps in connection with the transit work.

On Tuesday the Director will open bids for the construction of the subway delivery loop, on Wednesday or Thursday application will be made to the Public Service Commission for permission to construct the Darby elevated, and by the end of the week the report of Ford, Bacon & Davis on the proposed lease between the city and the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company probably will be in such shape that Mr. Twining can transmit it to the Mayor.

As the Public Service Commission has handed down no decision upon the city's application for a certificate of public convenience authorizing the construction of the delivery loop, Director Twining cannot award the contracts on Tuesday, but the bids will be opened according to schedule.

The work will be divided into three contracts, one for the construction of a two-track subway and two stations in Arch street, between Broad and Eighth streets; for a two-track subway and one station in Locust street, between Arch and Locust streets; the third for the construction of a two-track subway and two stations in Locust street between Eighth and Broad streets.

The total cost of the three contracts will be between \$4,000,000 and \$7,000,000. Competition between bidders is certain to be keen, and for the last month inquiries regarding the work have been received at the Transit Department from contractors in New York, Pittsburgh and other large cities.

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The Mayor employed the firm of Ford, Bacon & Davis, of New York city, early in January to study the draft of the proposed transit lease submitted by the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, following a series of conferences between former Transit Director A. Merritt Taylor and officials of the company.

The survey by the New York experts has been virtually completed, and probably will be in the hands of Director Twining by the end of this week. Mr. Twining will submit the report before it is submitted to Council.

AMERICANS, RELEASED BY BERLIN, TO SAIL

Prisoners Captured by Raider Ready to Quit Germany

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 5.—Preparations have been made for the departure of the seventy-two Americans brought into port on the German prize ship Yarowdale, says a dispatch from Berlin today.

The release of the American prisoners was ordered by the German Government on Sunday in response to a demand made by the American State Department.

The exact number of American captives on the Yarowdale is uncertain. Cablegrams place the number at 72, but Washington dispatches indicate that there are fewer than this number.

TUTTA L'ITALIA ESALTA L'AZIONE DELL'AMERICA

Wilson Chiede alle Nazioni Neutrali di Rompere i Rapporti con la Germania

ROMA, 5 Febbraio. Tutta Roma, tutta l'Italia ha sentito la grida di "Viva l'America" e di "Viva il Presidente Wilson" che hanno risuonato per le principali vie della capitale e delle principali città della Penisola non appena vi si diffuse la notizia che gli Stati Uniti avevano rotto le relazioni diplomatiche con la Germania. Alle dieci di sera, in obedi-

enza alle norme di polizia durante la guerra, le strade sono deserte, ed i caffè, i ristoranti ed i circoli sono chiusi e illuminazione è ridotta al minimo possibile. Ma ieri l'altro a sera appunto alle dieci furono pubblicate edizioni speciali dei giornali che furono subito messe in vendita. Il pubblico si appresse la prima notizia della rottura diplomatica tra Stati Uniti e Germania ed il commento entusiasta uscì da tutte le labbra con grida di "Viva l'America".

Quando ieri mattina i giornali poterono pubblicare il testo completo del discorso di Wilson al momento delle esplosioni di entusiasmo e dimostrazioni di simpatia sotto le finestre dell'Ambasciata degli Stati Uniti. Generalmente si crede che gli Stati Uniti non potranno sfuggire alla inevitabile illuminazione di ridotta al minimo possibile. Ma ieri l'altro a sera appunto alle dieci furono pubblicate edizioni speciali dei giornali che furono subito messe in vendita. Il pubblico si appresse la prima notizia della rottura diplomatica tra Stati Uniti e Germania ed il commento entusiasta uscì da tutte le labbra con grida di "Viva l'America".

Quello che l'America ci sta dando è l'appoggio morale e la simpatia fraterna che ci incoraggiano a sentire sicuri della vittoria finale.

Tutta la stampa della Penisola esprime la più alta soddisfazione a sapere che l'America si è schierata a fianco degli alleati dell'Intesa, cioè per il diritto, la libertà e l'onore.

Telegrammi da Ginevra dicono che il Journal de Geneve, discutando le nuove difficoltà sorte per la Svizzera con il blocco sottomarino tedesco, che lascia alla Svizzera l'unico porto di Certe, in Francia, scrive:

"Vi è un altro mezzo assai più grave ma anche assai più efficace. Sarebbe la conclusione di un accordo tra tutte le nazioni neutrali d'Europa per una unanime dichiarazione di guerra contro quel bellicante che da una data fissata affondasse un piroscafo neutrale non trasportante contrabbando di guerra ma viveri per una nazione neutrale. Questa energia misera avrebbe anche il vantaggio di metter fine alla guerra in migliori condizioni più rapidamente che qualsiasi nota diplomatica. Però dobbiamo riconoscere che la proposta non sarà nemmeno presa in esame, almeno per il momento."

ANCHE LA SPAGNA? Telegrammi da Madrid dicono che il governo spagnolo non intende di sottomettersi alle imposizioni della Germania per quanto riguarda il blocco sottomarino. Ieri il presidente del Consiglio spagnolo, don Alfonso, ebbe un lungo colloquio col re Alfonso e quindi convocò il Consiglio. Il giornale L'Imparcial dice di avere appreso che la risposta della Spagna alla Germania sarà pubblicata oggi e sarà nella forma di una energica protesta contro il blocco sottomarino. Il governo spagnolo farà osservare che l'affondamento di un piroscafo neutrale nella maniera come è minacciato nella nota è contrario al diritto internazionale. Il giornale aggiunge: "La Spagna non può vedere paralizzata la sua alta nazionale per far piacere alla Germania. Qualunque risposta che non fosse un pieno ed intero rifiuto avrebbe il significato non solo di accettazione del punto di vista tedesco ma di consenso nostro alla interruzione della nostra stessa vita nazionale."

UN APPELLO AI NEUTRI WASHINGTON, 5 Febbraio.—Il Dipartimento di Stato ha telegrafato ai rappresentanti degli Stati Uniti presso i governi neutrali istruzioni di notificare al governo presso cui sono accreditati la rottura delle relazioni diplomatiche tra Stati Uniti e Germania e che il presidente è pronto a mandare al Congresso l'autorizzazione di

GERMANS RECONQUER TRENCHES ON SOMME

Regain Lines Lost to British East of Beaucourt—Only Scant Fighting in Rumania

Violent fighting was reported from the Somme front, says the War Office today. East of Beaucourt, the Germans recaptured from the British the greater part of trenches that had previously been lost. One hundred prisoners were taken.

The English drove home a powerful attack north of Beaucourt, but it netted them no gains.

Along the Ancre River there has been artillery dueling.

Only small forefield engagements and artillery duels have taken place in the Rumanian theatre of war.

Nothing important has occurred on the Macedonian front, the War Office said.

Colmar, in upper Alsace, has been bombarded by French airmen, the War Office announced today.

In the sector of Barleux, south of the Somme, German trenches were raided. There was reconnoitering activities elsewhere on the western front.

2000 AMERICAN CITIZENS IN GERMANY, LAY SAYS U. S. Consul General at Berlin, Here on Leave, Confers With Lansing

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5. Julius G. Lay, American Consul General, at Berlin, here on leave, conferred with Secretary of State Lansing today. He said that there were not more than 2000 American citizens in Germany. The consuls have a full list of these persons and every effort will be made to get these refugees out of Germany without delay.

Under a treaty of 1828, nine months is allowed to citizens of Germany and of this country to leave the respective countries. After that time they will be interned in case of war.

HERO OF CIVIL WAR DIES IN HOSPITAL

Lieutenant Everett W. Anderson Captured Confederate General Single-handed and Won Medal

Lieutenant Everett Worklezer Anderson, a picturesque figure of the Civil War, who received a silver medal from Congress for capturing single-handed a Confederate general, and connected with a well-known family of statesmen and soldiers, died at the Phoenixville Hospital from a paralytic stroke. Lieutenant Anderson, who was well known in this city, was seventy-eight years old and is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Harry A. Brewer, of Phoenixville, and by a grandson, Everett Brewer.

Lieutenant Anderson was a cousin of the late Matthew Stanley Quay and of ex-Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker. His father, Isaac Anderson, was a Confederate congressman from this State, while his grandfather, Captain Patrick Anderson, served in the artillery under Washington in the Revolution. Lieutenant Anderson was an active farmer for many years, but retired five years ago on the death of his wife.

It was while serving as a member of the Fifteenth Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry that young Anderson made his famous capture of General Vance, of the Confederate army, was riding well in front of his troops when Anderson espied him and his aid. By a maneuver the young cavalryman separated the officer from his command and engaged them in a running pistol duel on horseback. General Vance surrendered without injury and lived to become a United States Senator from North Carolina.

The medal presented to Lieutenant Anderson was greatly treasured by him. It was the only medal given to any regiment and one of the few presented by Congress during the war. Lieutenant Anderson will be buried Wednesday at 2:30 from his late residence, 172 First avenue, Phoenixville, with military honors. He died yesterday.

Coudersport Plant Burned CLOUDERSPORT, Pa., Feb. 5.—Fire today destroyed the plant of the Beckman Machine Roller Company here. The loss was \$65,000.

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