

DEAD MOTHER
DOWN FIRE-ESCAPE

Trapped by Smoke,
Thrilling Rescues Mark
Apartment Blaze

Fire in the apartment house conducted by Mrs. Eric Houston, at 1224 Spruce street, sent twenty or more guests scrambling to the chilly streets in nightgowns and pajamas at 7 o'clock this morning and the crowd of hundreds that quickly assembled witnessed thrilling rescues and escapes from the structure, which was so filled with smoke that to remain in it meant certain death by suffocation.

One aged woman was led by her son down a fire-escape that had been erected only a week ago and for which there might have lost their lives.

Miss Jessie Lovett, Mrs. Houston's cousin, ran in her nightgown a block to the Hotel Stanton on Broad street and telephoned a fire alarm.

The fire originated in a pile of rubbish in the basement which was to have been hauled away today by Lawrence Smith, a negro, who keeps the house of the Ethical Culture Society next door, at 1224 Spruce street, smelled smoke when she went to the toilet to look after the fire and discovered that it was from the adjoining cellar. She telephoned a fire alarm and ran next door to awaken Mrs. Houston and Miss Lovett.

Miss Lovett, a young woman, and ran out of the house to telephone. Mrs. Houston alarmed the guests, some of whom already were awake.

Mrs. H. L. Lutze, seventy-three years old, and her son, George Noble, living on the fourth and top floor, were not awakened until the house was filled with dense smoke and it was impossible to escape down the stairways. Noble, in his mother's arms, the newly built fire-escape.

John Salon, twenty years old, who occupied the fourth-story front room, attempted to leave the building by means of a rope fire-escape. It is a sort of pulley device by which one may lower himself.

James Blouw carried his half unconscious wife to safety through the blinding smoke.

"WAR KITCHENS" PROVE
TO BE BIG SUCCESS

So Crowded in West Philadelphia
Policemen Are Called to
Keep Order

The success of the "war kitchens" for the demonstration of the making of "war" bread has passed expectations, according to Mrs. H. C. Boden, of the Council of National Defense, in charge of this work.

The demonstrations in West Philadelphia, at 622 South Fifty-second street, and Forty-third street and Lancaster avenue, were so largely attended yesterday that it was necessary to call policemen to handle the crowds. Between times the policemen might be seen attentively following the lecture.

To accommodate every one, demonstrations will be given at these addresses at 1 o'clock each evening, in addition to those given in the morning and afternoon.

At the Young Woman's Union, 428 Rindge street, it was found necessary to have interpreters. There were many foreigners at the demonstrations.

The words of the cooking expert were interpreted into Hebrew and Italian during the course of the lecture.

So much flour has been donated to the committee by millers that Mrs. Boden yesterday reported the amount to Jay Cooke, Federal food administrator for Philadelphia. She placed it at the disposal of the administration. They refused to take any action in this matter, however, merely exacting a promise from Mrs. Boden that none of the flour would be wasted.

The bread cooked is being distributed as samples to those who attend the meetings.

SEIZE TRUNK OF MAN
WANTED IN ROBBERY

Woman of Trio Believed Not Responsible for Attempt to Steal Dresses

The police today seized the trunk of the missing man who figured yesterday in the fight in the Warrington Apartments, Thirty-sixth and Chestnut streets. The companions of the man who escaped, Mrs. Maude Mayer and Frank Kennedy, are being held at City Hall.

They were charged with attempting to steal two valuable dresses, which were ordered sent to the apartment house, by the use of the name of a tenant. The fight resulted when Detective Fox arrived and frustrated the attempt.

Fully a score of persons, who had been robbed through confidence games in the last two months, viewed the prisoners, but could not identify them.

The police believe that Mrs. Mayer was not responsible for the planning of the attempted robbery. The woman told Detective Fox that she came to Philadelphia with the missing member of the trio, whom she had nursed in a hospital in East Orange, N. J. He fled yesterday during the fight. The police learned that he boarded at a City Hall, Ninth and Dauphin streets. Search of his trunk at that place brought to light several tools used by burglars, and the police believe that the missing member of the trio was a housebreaker when other lines of crime were dull.

RIDGE AVENUE MUST WAIT
Little Prospect of Old P. R. R. Station Being Reopened

Hope of the Northwest Business Men's Association that the old Ridge Avenue Station will be reopened by the Pennsylvania Railroad has not received much encouragement from officials of that company. Certainly there is little prospect for it in the very near future.

The matter of the reopening of the station came up last night at a meeting of the association, and it was planned to hold a conference with Elisha Lee, acting vice president of the railroad.

At Broad Street station it was said today that the present is not an opportune time to consider the opening of new stations or the re-establishment of old ones. But, it was added, Mr. Lee will be glad to discuss the matter with interested citizens. The Ridge Avenue station was abandoned a number of years ago, and agitation for its reopening is said to be due to the unsatisfactory trolley service.

Chester Honors Dead Soldier

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 19.—With the latest enthusiasm in the American flag, Thomas William Franklin Harkins, the Chester boy to die while in military service during the present war, was buried with full military honors in Chester cemetery yesterday. Harkins was honorably killed at Camp Meade on Oct. 10, 1917. Members of the John G. Taylor Post, Sons of Veterans, of this city, and a contingent from Camp Meade and its services.

NEW YORK WHITE WAY
PAYS CASTLE TRIBUTE

Dead Aviator's Funeral Draws
Great Throng of Friends
and Admirers

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The great white way, with its thousands of worshippers of the frivolous, cast off its gaudy today and with genuine sadness and aching heart paid last respects and tribute to Vernon Castle, aviator, who was killed in a fall in Texas. For months laughing Broadway, its fox-trotters and fanfare, paid homage to Castle solely because of his dancing ability. During his meteoric career in the theatre and cafe district no star had a more brilliant following.

When the dead aviator's body arrived at the Grand Central Terminal today more than 500 British and American army officers and men and women from Broadway and Fifth avenue stood with heads bared. The body was taken to an undertaker's establishment in the white way district and for two hours during the time it laid in state an unending line of former friends danced by the casket, some bringing flowers, some for one final glance at the dancer who proved that his heart was brave, and some to shed tears.

At 11 o'clock the funeral procession started for the Little Church Around the Corner, where services were held. Major Lord Innes Ker, head of the royal flying corps, to which Castle was attached, was in charge of the military escort. The Episcopal Church services were read by the Rev. Dr. G. C. Houghton, rector. The church was decorated with American flags and Union Jacks, together with a flying-service emblem.

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Mrs. Vernon Castle, the aviator's widow, partially recovered from the shock of her husband's death, was at the station when the body arrived. She took personal charge of funeral arrangements.

SLACKERS DENOUNCED
AT LUTHERAN MEETING

Speakers Urge Contributions to
\$750,000 War-Work Campaign Fund

Slackers were denounced by speakers today at a luncheon given by the National Lutheran Commission for Sailors and Soldiers Welfare in the tea room at Wanamaker's. The commission is conducting a campaign in Philadelphia and vicinity to raise \$750,000. It is planned to spend this amount in sending pastors "overboard" to cheer the American soldiers, and perform other missionary work while the war lasts.

E. Clarence Miller, of the banking firm of Blount & Co., presided. He urged the Lutheran ministers of this city to call upon their congregations to be liberal with contributions. E. Augustus Miller, an attorney of this city, spoke of "Slackers and Quitters."

Another speaker was the Rev. Dr. A. Pohman, of the Temple Lutheran Church. Since the campaign began a few days ago about \$5600 has been contributed by the Lutheran churches of this city. The committee in charge of the campaign has arranged three luncheons at which the campaign will be discussed. There will be another luncheon next Thursday, another next Saturday and the last next Tuesday.



JAMES B. FERRY
Former engineer of the Evening Public Ledger, now chief machinist's mate, U. S. Navy, who visited his home here today on leave of absence from the naval hospital at Portsmouth, Va., where he is slowly recovering from the effects of a submarine attack on his ship.

HADDON HALL GUESTS
DRIVEN OUT BY BLAZE

Philadelphia Patrons Among
Those Forced From Smoke-Filled Shore Hotel

ATLANTIC CITY, Feb. 19.—Several Philadelphians were among the patrons who beat a hasty retreat from their rooms at 10:29 this morning when fire broke out in the rear wing of Haddon Hall, a beach-front hotel with 200 guests. A blaze, which started in an overheated flue over the hotel kitchen, spread with great rapidity to the roof, filling the three guest floors of the five-story wing with smoke.

A telephone girl, who knew her husband, and bellhops and other hotel employees, who refused to get excited, averted any possibility of a panic. While six engines and three truck companies were on the scene called up room after room in the main section of the hotel, assuring the occupants that there was no possible reason for alarm, bellhops and porters carried out the personal effects of guests in the section where the fire was sending forth a tremendous volume of smoke.

Mrs. James Glasgow and Miss Helen Glass, of Overbrook, and Charles E. Jenkins, of Philadelphia, were among those who were compelled to take hasty departures. Others evicted by smoke, fire and water were Mrs. P. Van Alstyne and Miss Rebecca Platt, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Snyder, of Brooklyn; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tolve, of Hartford; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Holt, of Providence; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cooper, of New Haven, and Miss Peterson, of Baltimore.

Massing of a large force of firemen, in accordance with the rule which sends six engines and three truck companies to every alarm from the hotel district, and efficient work confined the fire to the section immediately around the chimney where it started and gave the hotel employees plenty of time to save not only the effects of guests, but the room furnishings as well.

STOP JUDGES GIVING
RELATIVES JOBS, PLEA

Faught Declares Municipal
Court Positions Should Be
Placed Under Civil Service

The adoption of the civil service system for choosing employees of the Municipal Court was urged by Albert Smith Faught, secretary of the Civil Service Reform Association, and several other speakers at a meeting held in the City Club.

Mr. Faught urged that the examinations be opened to all citizens and that the judges of the court be prohibited from appointing relatives unless they be able to pass a competitive examination, it being shown at last night's meeting that at least four brothers and sisters of judges or former judges hold positions in the court. Mr. Faught said:

"It is time for us in Philadelphia to realize two things: First, that employees of the court be not paid by mandamus. Second, that the employees of the court be chosen by a system which shall incorporate the best points in the experience of other cities and that all probation officers be selected by an impartial system and that no relations of the judges be appointed unless they pass a civil service examination."

"At least four brothers and sisters of present former judges of the court now hold positions there. Two of the relatives referred to by Mr. Faught are Olive C. Brown, sister of President Judge Brown, who draws \$1500 a month as a stenographer, and Henry Gilpin, a brother of Judge Gilpin, who is a probation officer."

BREWING TO CONTINUE
Beer-makers Have Plenty of Barley on Hand

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Brewing of beer will go on despite the action of the food administration in cutting off all barley from brewers. A six months' supply of malt is on hand, it was stated at the food administration offices and even when this is exhausted brewers can turn to corn and rice, though the latter is extremely difficult to obtain at present.

Hoover struck at speculation in barley and the holding by brewers of large stocks of this grain in issuing his prohibition on barley sales to maltsters. Whether brewers will be able to get barley next year will depend on the size of the coming crop, food administration officials state. The present regulations applying to brewers prohibit only sale of barley.

BAYONETS HALT ANGRY MOB
Sentries Check Rush of Men Incensed by Shooting of Shipworkers

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—A squad of soldiers from the Eleventh Coast Artillery on sentry duty on the Brooklyn waterfront held back a crowd of angry workmen today at the point of bayonets. Private William McCann had shot and probably fatally wounded John Ericson, 38 years old, a ship worker, when it is alleged, he refused to halt when challenged. Friends of the wounded man rushed the soldier, but were halted when the other sentries came to his assistance.

Crushed Under Ton of Iron
LANCASTER, Feb. 19.—Jacob Daschler, thirty-three, of Wrightsville, was badly hurt yesterday at the Union Street Iron Mill, Columbia, when crushed under 2100 pounds of iron. Daschler is in the Columbia Hospital, where his condition is considered serious. The man was removing iron bars by means of a crane, when an iron chain broke and dropped on his stomach.

OIL AND GAS PROSPECTS
CAUSE STIR IN READING

Recent Discovery by Workmen Results in Formation of Development Company

READING, Pa., Feb. 19.—Oil prospects, as well as strong signs of natural gas, discovered on the Neversink Mountain here, near the Klappertal Junction, have created great interest and resulted in the recent organizing of the Reading Oil Corporation, which is now drilling.

Joseph I. Baum is general manager of the company and an owner of a large portion of the mountain land, which was purchased about a year ago from the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company and Herbert H. Green, an attorney.

It was when the land was being developed for real estate that the workmen discovered seepage of oil from the rock and mud. There was also oil on the surface of a small stream. Mr. Baum immediately had experts come here and they were so convinced with the prospects that a large drilling company from Pittsburgh has established its machinery here and is now boring to a depth of about seventy feet.

Frequently there has been drilling on the mountains here for coal, but it was never found in sufficient quantities to pay. Reading is only about thirty miles from the anthracite coal fields, while the city is about 150 miles from the nearest oil fields.

Tells of Excess-Profits Taxes
William A. Law, president of the First National Bank, was the speaker today at the monthly luncheon of the Credit Men's Association at the Hotel Adelphi. His subject was "Financing Excess Profits Taxes."

Has Passed Pneumonia Crisis
Word has been received in Philadelphia that Lieutenant G. Dawson Colman, of 1820 Bittenhouse square, who has been ill with pneumonia at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Tex., has passed the crisis of the disease and is believed to be out of danger.

WILLIAM A. GLASGOW
AIDS AS FOOD LAWYER

Philadelphian Gives His Services to Nation for Period of War

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—William A. Glasgow, a Philadelphia lawyer, is holding the position of counsel for the United States food administration.

He has been "on the job" about ten days and finds it about the biggest task he has tackled.

Mr. Glasgow is giving his services to the Government for the period of the war absolutely free. In his absence Mr. Glasgow's law offices in Philadelphia are being kept open and his business carried on by his associates.

As legal advisor to the food administration, Mr. Glasgow is consulted regarding all food regulations and administration of all laws passed by Congress for conservation and regulation of food supplies. All violations of the food laws and regulations are called to his attention, and it is his task to see that obedience of the rules is enforced. In cases of prosecution for violations of the laws or regulations Mr. Glasgow prepares the cases and turns them over to the Department of Justice for trial.

Mr. Glasgow was born at Pinecaste, Botetourt County, Virginia, and engaged in the practice of law there for four years. He then went to Roanoke, Va., and continued the practice of law for fourteen years. In 1904 he went to Philadelphia and has taken a place as one of the leading lawyers of that city.

Watchman Hit by Auto
An unidentified man, employed as a watchman for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at Twentieth and Oregon avenues, is in the Methodist Hospital suffering from serious injuries, caused by being struck by an automobile at the intersection of the street with the railroad.

THREE HURT IN EXPLOSION
Warehouses at Du Pont Powder Plant at Wayne, N. J., Blown Up

WAYNE, N. J., Feb. 18.—Three persons were badly burned here today in an explosion which blew up three small warehouses of the du Pont powder works. The cause of the explosion is not known, but officials are investigating.

The warehouses were used to store powder and other combustibles. The explosion occurred shortly after 10 o'clock. So far as is known only three persons were in the vicinity of the warehouses when the explosion occurred. The shocks were felt in Paterson, where window glass was broken.

LENROOT NOT AFTER TOO
Doesn't Know Whether He Will Accept Senatorship or Not

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Representative Irvine Lenroot, of Wisconsin, was undecided today whether to accept the vacant Wisconsin senatorship should Governor Philipp be empowered by the State Legislature to appoint him, as he announced late yesterday he planned.

"I am not a candidate for the post," Lenroot said, "but have not yet decided, should it be offered me, whether I would accept."

Lenroot, for eight years a member of the House, has gained a high position on the Republican side.

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