

MAJOR MITCHELL LAST HERE IN 1915

Former Mayor of New York Greatly Admired in This City

DEATH IS DEPLORED While in Philadelphia Gave Valuable Advice on Transit Subject

Former Mayor John Purroy Mitchell of New York, who was killed today in an airplane accident, made his last official visit to Philadelphia in November, 1915, when he attended a conference of Mayors at Witherspoon Hall.

The conference was called by the late Mayor Biddle for an interchange of suggestions regarding municipal management.

150 Drowned When Steamer Sinks in Fog

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to be extricated from the mass of wreckage near the stern.

An unidentified woman, about twenty-five years old, came near, and the body of an unidentified girl—about twenty years old—was then recovered.

Fifty-one bodies had been removed from the wreck up to noon today. All known victims were residents of Pennsylvania and nearby towns.

They were taken from the main deck and dance floor of the boat and were removed as fast as small boats could carry them to shore.

Among them were many women and young girls.

Saw His Wife Drowned

August Mehl, brother of Captain H. Mehl, and master of the boat, who lost his wife, made the following statement regarding the disaster:

"The whole thing was over in an instant. I was in the cafe of the boat when the fog came down on us.

"I had drunk a submerged log and I heard my brother, the captain, cry out 'Everybody upstairs.' The crowd rushed for the upper decks.

"I saw my wife running ahead of me up the companionway. I followed her and she was drowned.

"The boat listed to the lee side and sank quickly. I saw my wife thrown overboard into the water.

"I grabbed at her but it slipped from my fingers. The boat was plunged in total darkness.

"I ran for a life preserver and got to the upper deck in time to help the women and children escape in the lifeboats.

"At that time the water was up to the sterns immediately below the pilot house on one side and up to the base of the pilot house on the other.

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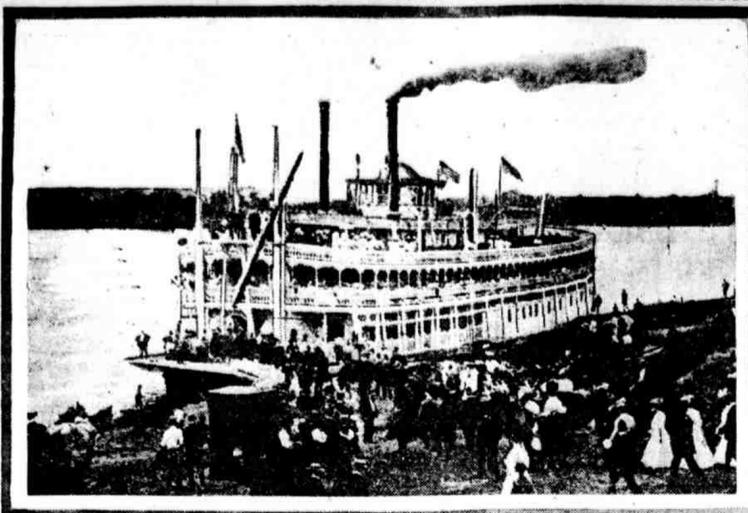
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ILL-FATED STEAMBOAT WHICH DRAGGED 150 TO DEATH



This is the steambot Columbia, which, when crowded with excursionists, struck an obstruction in the Illinois River and sank. Approximately 150 persons were drowned or trampled to death.

MEADE DEPOT BRIGADE NOW INTEREST CENTER

With Division Ready to Go. Transfers Are Biggest News of Camp

By a Staff Correspondent

Camp Meade, Md., July 6.

With the Liberty Division getting ready for overseas service, the 154th Depot Brigade jumps into first place.

The Little Penn news is concerned and a man who bids fair to contribute his share of the day's grist is Robert D. Goodwin, of Memphis, Tenn.

For the benefit of the laymen, it ought to be explained that the depot brigade acts as a replacement camp for regular units, as it is from this organization that men are sent into the infantry, artillery, machine gun and other organizations that make up a division.

To soldiers it is an elementary school, because in the depot brigade the selectives learn first rudiments of their profession. Goodwin is just one man in more than 8000 who are listed in this school, but he has become an exceedingly busy man.

Besides his work in the drill field, he has blossomed forth as a contributing editor for the Trench and Camp newspaper, published by the Y. M. C. A.

Boasted Aviation

Major Mitchell always was the great future of aviation and did much to promote its development. He realized its value as a weapon before the war started.

In July, 1914, he was named to a committee on aviation in New York to arrange plans for a flight up the Hudson, Governor's Island as a returning point.

"I was a member of the committee, and I distinctly remember that Mr. Mitchell was one of the most enthusiastic of the group of men who urged the flight on July 14 from a point on Governor's Island.

During that flight a young man, Harry D. Burry, who was flying his own plane, while he was flying down over the river he followed the German ship Amerika which was being towed by a tug.

"It was remarked by the group of men at the time how easy it would have been for Heinrich to drop a bomb on the ship and to have killed the crew.

"This week's 'Column Right' contains the following bit of philosophy:

"Now just a word for the boys when you are in the trenches. You are not important in this great war of war. I want you to think of this story and then smile.

Trapped on Lower Decks

"I was chatting with friends. We felt the boat rise out of the river. It was clouded with fog. There was a crash. For a moment no one moved, and then almost everybody rushed to one side of the boat.

"I saw my wife running ahead of me up the companionway. I followed her and she was drowned.

"The boat listed to the lee side and sank quickly. I saw my wife thrown overboard into the water.

"I grabbed at her but it slipped from my fingers. The boat was plunged in total darkness.

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CZECHS IN SIBERIA DEFEAT BOLSHIEVIKI

Believed Co-operating With New Government Along Railway in That Country

Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger

London, July 6.

News has reached the British Foreign Office that the Czech-Slovak force which has been operating for some time along the line of the Trans-Siberian railway has met and defeated the local Bolshevik army in the region of Irkutsk and has driven the Bolsheviks from that city.

Definite and detailed information concerning this Czech-Slovak force is lacking, but Lord Cecil, discussing its performance this afternoon with your correspondent, said:

"One feels anxious concerning the fate of these gallant men. As you know, they have always maintained themselves discreetly from both the Austrians and Germans and have really gained themselves laurels. It would be an awful thing if this detachment of them were all starved in the middle of Russia."

As far as known, this particular force started from Samara in European Russia, and has been working along the Trans-Siberian line to the east. It has now apparently reached as far as Irkutsk, near Irkutsk. It is strongly composed by the Bolsheviks, and is believed to be co-operating with the new Siberian government.

This organization very little is known, and even its seat of government has not been reported, but it seems to be a Social-Revolutionary body and definitely anti-Bolshevik.

By the Associated Press

London, July 6.

General Dietrich, who was director of military operations on the Russian southwestern front when the Czechs entered the country in 1915, is the commander of the Czech-Slovak troops now in control at Vladivostok, says the Times.

The general subsequently was chief of staff to General Dukhovich, the Russian commander-in-chief, and entered the Bolshevik ranks after his capture in December.

The correspondent quotes the Jih Shippo as saying that the Czechs are marching toward Vladivostok, where some members of the late Russian provisional government have arrived.

Many Laymen to Make Trip

The laymen will include: James J. Ryan, City solicitor; John P. Connelly, J. Herron, Joseph P. Coffey, Michael J. Slattery, William J. McLaughlin, Aloysius L. Fitzpatrick, Ignatius J. Harlan, M. E. Quinn, Judge John Montgomery, State senator John J. Coyle, Edward Galbally, James P. Rattigan, James J. Doyle, Thomas J. Ryan, John J. Ryan, Francis A. Whelan, William Gaughan, P. F. O'Neill and William J. Casey.

Plans Made for Vote in Lower Branch Today

Washington, July 6.—Senators from wheat growing States have renewed their fight for an increase of the Government minimum wheat price to \$2.50 by backing efforts to pass an emergency resolution continuing departmental appropriations until the regular appropriation bills can be passed.

Plans were made for a vote in the House today on the Senate amendment. Chairman Lever, of the House Agriculture Committee, planned to ask the House to insist upon its refusal to accept the amendment.

The resolution continuing the departmental appropriations until the regular appropriation bills are completed would be passed today.

SEEK RED CROSS NURSES HERE

Philadelphia and Four Adjoining Counties Asked to Give 400

Four hundred nurses for the Red Cross are asked of Philadelphia and the four adjoining counties in a letter to the physicians of the counties. The Red Cross is asking for 400 nurses and the quota for Philadelphia, Montgomery, Chester, Delaware and Bucks Counties is 100.

The letter says nurses are needed as greatly as soldiers and physicians are needed to carry on the war. They are engaged in absolutely essential practice to the Red Cross. Others can take their place.

The appeal is signed by Dr. W. W. Keen, Edward Martin, Robert A. Hare, John D. Jump, John C. Clark and Wilmer Krusen.

CIRCUS TRAIN WRECKED, 1 DEAD

Crashes Into Rear of Passenger Near Girard, O.

By the Associated Press

Youngstown, O., July 6.—One man killed was the toll of a railroad accident at Girard, Ohio, this morning when the Fairchild & Bailey Circus train No. 2 crashed into the rear end of the New York Central New York-Cleveland passenger train.

The man killed was Thomas Kooney, twenty-five years old, of Murphysboro, Ill., a hostler. Kooney was thrown between two cars by the impact.

Compensation Commissioner Named

Washington, July 6.—(By I. N. S.)—The President today nominated Charles H. Verrell, of Maine, to be a member of the United States employees' compensation commission.

THROUGH TO GREET NEW ARCHBISHOP

6200 Applicants for the 1246 Seats in Cathedral at Enthronement

96 TO ESCORT HIM HERE Prelates and Laymen Will Go to Buffalo Monday—Some Depart Today

In the Cathedral in East Logan Square, where the Most Rev. Denis J. Dougherty, new archbishop of Philadelphia, will be enthroned Wednesday, there are seating accommodations for 1246 persons. Already 6200 applications have been received from persons who desire to attend the ceremony.

Prelates and laymen to the number of six thousand will be invited to Buffalo, N. Y., to attend the enthronement of the new archbishop of Philadelphia. They will form an escort for the new archbishop on his way to Buffalo at 8 p. m., leaving there on the following morning for this city.

Sixteen Bishops to Attend

Sixteen bishops have accepted invitations to the enthronement. Cardinal Gibbons will preside. Neither Cardinal O'Connell, archbishop of Boston, or Cardinal Hayes, archbishop of New York, will be present.

The prelates who have telegraphed acceptance are Archbishop Hart, Omaha; Bishop McElroy, Harrisburg; Bishop Corrigan, Baltimore; Bishop Bogis E. Canevin, Pittsburgh; Bishop Louis Walsh, Portland, Me.; Bishop Arks, Bishop O'Connell, Richmond; Bishop O'Connell, Mo.; Bishop Gannon, auxiliary bishop of Erie; Bishop Nussbaum, Corpus Christi, Texas; and Bishop Hennessy, Wichita, Kans.

Escort of Honor

The party representing the clergy and laity of the archdiocese which will leave Monday morning, consists of sixty-five monsignors and priests and thirty-one laymen.

The monsignors and priests will include: Rev. H. Rev. Monsignor M. J. Crane, Rev. F. Fisher, E. M. Murray, Edmund J. Fitzmaurice, chancellor of the archdiocese; Charles E. Kavanaugh, Henry T. Franko, rector of the Seminary of St. Charles Borromeo, Fairbrook, and Peter Masson, of Allentown.

The Very Rev. N. E. Vasey and the Rev. James J. Dean, of the Augustinian Order.

The Revs. M. J. Rafferty, F. J. Fitzpatrick, J. J. Rooney, Theodore Kammer, James A. Holahan, Joseph A. McCullough, James N. Francis, Bishop Brady, John J. Walsh, James A. Mullen, P. L. Carr.

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War Trade Board Decides Corsets Are Essential

New York, July 6.—The Government has not asked the corset manufacturers to cut in half their price of steel, as has been rumored, according to Daniel Kops, president of the Corset Manufacturers' Association.

Mr. Kops says the war trade board considers corset making an essential industry, but wants the co-operation of the manufacturers in cutting out all unnecessary manufacture and the use of superfluous materials.

U. S. Troops Check Raid on Toul Line

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brucken and Chionville three, Treves and Frescati twice, and seven other towns once each, including Karlsruhe, where a large explosion was caused in a metal works.

"Naval airmen in the course of the week vigorously bombed docks, submarine bases and naval works in the neighborhood of Zebrugge, Ostend and Bruges."

ITALIANS ADVANCE ALONG TWO FRONTS

Rome, July 6.

The Italian forces have gained ground both on the northern mountain front and on the lower Piave, according to the latest statement issued by the War Office. The text of the official report follows:

On the lower Piave, having repulsed a violent counter-attack and destroyed new centers of enemy resistance, we have considerably extended our lines to the southeast of Chiasso and to the north of Cavazzuola. We have captured 419 prisoners, in addition to taking a battery of six 105-millimeter trench howitzers and a large number of machine guns.

To the northeast of Monte Grappa Italian detachments, after artillery preparation, penetrated into the Austro-Italian positions in the vicinity of Caltino Valley. The enemy replied with an intense artillery fire and launched an obstinate counter-attack, which developed into hand-to-hand fighting. He did not succeed, however, in wresting from us the advantages gained on Monte di Salizada. About thirty prisoners, including five machine guns were captured.

On the Asiago plateau we repulsed two counter-attacks against Monte Corone. In the meantime the enemy in the bayonet and hand bomb conflicts, in which he suffered severe losses. A British detachment, which had destroyed an enemy post near Canove.

During recent days