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## BUCKLE SAVES LIFE OF OFFICER AT FRONT

Lieut. W. A. Davenport. Former Phila. Newspaperman, Writes of Luck in War

A buckle on his belt saved the life of Lieutenant Walter A. Davenport, former Philadelphia newspaperman, when he was wounded at Fismes, on the Vesle. Here is the way he tells about it in a letter to a friend here:

"Once, at Fismes, on the River Vesle, the Hun sneaked a machine bullet into me, but thanks to my belt buckle, the bullet was deflected and I got away with a twelve-inch gash that ripped through the muscles of my abdomen, but failed to puncture the interior of that rather complicated and crowded sector of me.

"Also, in a house in Fismette, just across the Vesle, I inhaled a liberal dose of yellow cross gas and was seriously ill for a couple of days. But that's all and all things considered—and there are a million things to consider—I have been just loaded down with luck."

Lieutenant Davenport probably is a captain by now, as he said in his letter he had been recommended for the promotion and expected to get it at once. He is assigned to headquarters of the 11th Pennsylvania Infantry, made up of the old Sixth and Eighteenth Regiments, N. G. P.

Davenport was on the staff of the Public Ledger in Philadelphia. He enlisted in New York city in the old Seventh New York Regiment which was incorporated into the 107th, but he has been with the boys of the Iron Division ever since they began fighting. He was with them at Chateau-Thierry, and there won his commission as first lieutenant.

His letter, written before the signing of the armistice, describes Hallow-see, as he spent it in billets in a ruined French village. He and three other officers were guests of Captain William Shaw at mess. The feast was beef-steak, mashed potatoes, boiled onions, thick gravy, hot biscuits and four huge pumpkin pies. Three Jack-o'-Lanterns made of squashes decorated the table. After the dinner four Italian soldiers of the company entertained them with songs and musical numbers.

## POOL ROOM BANDITS KNOWN TO POLICE

Son of Municipal Employee Said to Have Removed Gamblers' Valuables

The police say they know all five of the bandits who yesterday held up "Charlie" Kellner's poolroom, 23 North Thirtieth street, and that one of the gang is the son of a municipal jobber.

It was the latter, the police assert, who deftly removed the valuables of the ten "sports" in the room while his four companions in western style, trained automatons on the sheared flock.

According to Captain Souder of the detective bureau, one of the gang members was Mike Duffy, who two weeks ago escaped from detectives at Fifth street and Susquehanna today scanned the photographs of the five men said to have engineered the hold-up. Several of the suspects are known as "gun totes" quick on the trigger. Captain Souder advised the plain clothes men to be ready for some rapid shooting if the men are cornered and fight back.

The police are using every effort to shield the victims from publicity. Kellner's place has been raided by the police several times, but those present at yesterday's entertainment are deemed of such importance as to warrant the best protection the police bureau's "secret diplomacy" can afford.

Four of the victims have been revealed. Two were vice squad detectives, said to have visited the place "on police business." All they lost was their guns. They are Thomas P. Leo and William Palmer.

A third victim was Kellner himself. The bandits relieved him of a diamond ring said to be worth \$1500 and a roll of \$1500. The latter is said to have been the "bank" of the "house."

Other victims are said to have included at least one well-known politician, three wealthy men-about-town, and a "spender" prominently identified with the liquor interests.

## GAS ENDS FOUR LIVES

Flickering Jets Cause Deaths of Couple and Two Syrians

In the last twenty-four hours four persons in this city were victims of accidental death by gas poisoning. The dead were Mr. and Mrs. David Sprague, sixty and sixty-two years old, respectively, 425 North Franklin street, and Abdul Majid Assad and Ahmad Kattie, Syrian lace and embroidery salesmen, 247 North Sixteenth street.

The odor of gas attracted the attention of Mrs. Ida Ellis, proprietor of a rooming house at the North Franklin street address, about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. She summoned Policeman Harrah, of the Tenth and But-wood streets station, who centered the room occupied by the Sprague couple. The gas jet in the room was found to be partly open, as was the window.

The two Syrians had arranged for a Thanksgiving Day outing with a fellow countryman, Hassan Abbott, also a salesman, with whom they had come to America five years ago. When Abbott called at the Sixteenth street house and got no response from his friends he and Hassan Jasper, proprietor of the house, summoned the aid of the police of the Fifth and Vine streets station to force an entrance into the room.

The two men occupied separate beds. The gas jet was found partly open and the window lowered from the top. Both bodies were removed to an undertaking establishment.

Major Straight, U. S. A., Has Pneumonia  
Paris, Nov. 29.—(By A. P.)—The condition of Major Willard D. Straight of the American Expeditionary Forces was reported today as still dangerous. Major Straight is ill with pneumonia.



MRS. GEORGE BARNETT  
Wife of Marine Corps head, who was first American woman to visit Marne battlefields

## HEROES' GRAVES ARE DECORATED BY MRS. BARNETT

Wife of Marine Corps Commandant Lays Flowers on Marne Battlefields

Mrs. George Barnett, who lived in Philadelphia when her husband, Major General Barnett, commandant of the marine corps, was stationed at League Island, was the first American woman to visit the Marne battlefields after the American engagements there.

A special cable dispatch today to the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER tells of her return from Belleau Wood and other famous fields on which the marines won immortal glory. On her visit, Mrs. Barnett decorated many of the graves of fallen American heroes with flowers.

Mrs. Barnett was summoned suddenly to Paris by the serious illness of her husband, who went over to France for an inspection tour of the marine units there. Her trip to the battlefields was made after he had begun to recover.

The Barnetts left Philadelphia when General Barnett was made commandant a few years ago. Up to that time he was in charge of the marines at the Navy Yard.

Despondent, She Takes Poison  
Miss Anna Retier, thirty years old, of Randolph street, above Oxford, is in a critical condition at the Episcopal Hospital as the result of taking carbolic acid, late yesterday. The young woman had suffered a nervous breakdown and was despondent.

## BEGIN DISBANDMENT OF NAVAL RESERVE

Bureau of Navigation Takes Steps Toward Demobilization of Officers

Steps looking to the demobilization of officers of the Naval Reserve Force were taken today by the Bureau of Navigation, which sent to all commandants and force commanders instructions governing action on applications from officers for return to inactive service.

All officers who can be spared from their present duties will be returned to civil life as quickly as the exigencies of the service permit, but attention was called to the fact that legislation is being considered which will allow officers who hold temporary appointments in the regular navy or commissioned or warrant rank in the Naval Reserve Force on active duty to become permanent officers, line or staff, in the regular navy.

The bureau said it was very desirable that officers serving on ships for purposes of training or graduates of officers' material schools on shore awaiting training, should finish their courses. Except for urgent reasons their release from active duty will not be favorably considered until their training period is completed.

Instructions covering the release of the first quota are:

First. To return to schools or colleges to complete unfinished education. Second. To resume an essential industrial occupation. Third. On account of urgent business. Fourth. On account of dependency of family.

"Men enrolled in the naval reserve force for special technical duties on shore shall be released when their services are no longer required.

"Retired men of the navy on active duty may be released from active duty upon their own request.

"Aviation personnel will not be included in the quota of men to be released at this time, but will be covered by separate instructions.

"Men in naval units of the student army training corps will not be included in the quota of men to be released at this time.

"Owing to the present shortage in certain ratings, releases from active duty or discharges as provided herein will not be authorized for the present in the following ratings:

"Gunners' mates (torpedo), Machinists' mates (torpedo), Electricians (radio), Machinists' mates (except gas), Gunners' mates (miscellaneous), Engineers, Water tenders, Boilermakers and cooperatives, Hospital corps men."

Mrs. F. S. Edmonds to Sail  
Mrs. Franklin Spencer Edmonds, wife of the Philadelphia lawyer, will leave for France to join her husband as soon as she can obtain a passport. Mr. Edmonds, who has been active in promoting recreation camps for the men in France, has been over there nearly a year and will probably remain for six months or so.

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## AUTOS KILL 2 MORE; 3 OTHERS ARE HURT

Total of Seven Deaths by Motorcars Reported Since Last Sunday

Paroleman Wetherall Hancy, of the Belgrade and Clearfield streets police station, suffered injuries to the chest and right leg yesterday, when he was struck by an automobile running along Jasper street. The car was owned and driven by H. M. McVaugh, East Allegheny avenue.

John Clements, sixty-sixth years old, of 3141 Custer street, while crossing Frankford avenue at Hari lane, was struck by an automobile traveling north on Frankford avenue late yesterday and suffered fractured skull. He was taken to the Episcopal Hospital.

An unidentified woman, about sixty years of age, was struck by an automobile last night at Columbia avenue and Grant street and sustained a fractured rib and possible internal injuries. She was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital and Charles Barr, Nicholas street near Twenty-fourth, the driver of the car, was arrested.

Two more reports of persons killed by automobiles were received today, making a total of seven motor fatalities since Sunday.

Isaac Pennell, twenty-four, 2315 North Fifteenth street, was struck by a machine at Fifteenth street and Montgomery avenue late last night. He was removed to the St. Joseph's Hospital, and died this morning. The driver of the automobile, William Herbert, 4430 Haverford avenue, is being detained by the police of the Nineteenth and Oxford streets station.

The other victim is an unidentified woman, about sixty years of age, who was struck by a machine driven by Herbert Klee, 3208 Chestnut street. The woman was crossing Market street at Forty-first street when she was hit by the automobile. Her body was taken to the morgue.

Klee was arrested by the police of the Thirty-ninth street and Lancaster avenue station and will be given a hearing today.

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