



The Official Report "A few moments delay was responsible for a loss of \$200,000. Automatic sprinklers would have controlled the fire with little or no damage."

DARLINGTON COMPANY EXPLAINS ACCIDENT

No Customers or Employees Hurt in Collapse of Store Balcony

Following the collapse of a balcony in the store of Joseph G. Darlington & Co., Inc., 1126 Chestnut street, yesterday, in which sixteen girls, applicants for employment, were injured, the company issued the following statement:

LET CONTRACT FOR 'L' PIERS

King-Brown Co. Successful Bidder to Construct Foundations A contract has been awarded by Director Twining, of the Department of City Transit, to the King-Brown Contracting Company for constructing the eight piers and foundations for that section of the Frankford L. line south from Callowhill to Arch street, where the road will connect with the Market street subway.

PENN ALUMNI CRITICIZED

Provost Smith Charges Members Are Lax in Loyalty Provost Smith, of the University of Pennsylvania, in an address to the Senior Class in Houston Hall last night, charged that the alumni of the University were lax in their loyalty to the institution.

DIES AFTER WAR'S PERILS

Phila. Soldier Escapes Bullets to Succumb to Pneumonia After passing through the fighting at Chateau-Thierry and Verdun without receiving as much as a scratch, Private Stephen Richardson, of 208 South Thirty-seventh street, a member of Battery 10th Field Artillery, died in Lava, France, of pneumonia, on February 28. This was the word recently received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Richardson. A widow and a child born since Richardson went overseas survive him.

Galvanized Boat Pumps

L. D. Berger Co., 39 N. 2d St. Main 1809, Market 222

A Synonym for Purity and Wholesomeness

S & S GINGER ALE (Made from distilled water only) Sold by Good Grocers and Druggists

Cover Your Feet

True Shape SOCKS and you will find hunting for something better. Four-ply A. R. UNDERDOWN'S SONS 202-204 MARKET STREET Established Since 1889

8000 IN SCHOOLS AID 'SAFETY FIRST'

P. R. T. Plan to Prevent Accidents Hit With Juveniles

PATROL IS EFFECTIVE

Statistics Show Remarkable Accomplishments During Last Four Years

Photographs illustrating this article appear on the back page. "I hereby pledge myself to aid my country and my city by preventing accidents." Eight thousand youngsters in city schools have taken this oath of allegiance to the principle of Safety First.

RESULTS ENUMERATED

Records show the following results of its work: More than 100,000 children have been addressed annually on safety; during the last year 627,000 pieces of safety literature have been distributed; 8000 children have taken safety pledges; and 100 "safety officers" have volunteered patrol duty, cautioning other pupils against dangers in streets and factories.

TO HOSPITAL FROM TRANSPORT

Eight Returning Philadelphia Soldiers Are "Out of Luck" Eight Philadelphia members of casual companies were landed at Newport News from the transport Pastora and taken to the base hospital there yesterday.

MOTORTRUCK KILLS GIRL

Driver Held for Coroner After Manayunk Child Dies Harold E. Maiden, driver of an express truck that ran over and killed Fannie Pastelli, seven years old, of 4717 Embury street, last night at Embury and Wright streets, Manayunk, was held today for the coroner when arrested at the regular crossing.

BAILEY, BANKS & BIDDLE CO.

Silversmiths Complete Services of Silver Made to stand the wear and use of generations Period Designs exclusive with this Company.

RAIL RATE REDUCTIONS

PACIFIC COAST JAPAN, CHINA PHILIPPINE ISLANDS AUSTRALASIA EFFECTIVE ON SHORT NOTICE For full list of rates apply to R. D. WHITE & CO., Inc

HOUR OF DAYLIGHT SAVING WITH US AGAIN ON SUNDAY

Remember to Set Your Time Pieces Ahead Sixty Minutes at 2 A. M. You May Go Along Unconfused With the Rest of the United States

The season of when two and two make five will be here again at 2 o'clock Sunday morning. After you have properly set your watch and hall clock an hour ahead Sunday morning the six months of extra daylight which wartime daylight saving gave the world will be yours.

It is a simple thing, as everyone learned last year. There is no confusion if one but turns the watch ahead—not backward an hour and goes along with everybody else in the well known conspiracy to beat twenty out of an hour.

It is estimated last year that the war has helped to the extent of \$40,000,000 in fuel saving, that gardens which otherwise would have failed were worked to a finish; that rushed men

MEDALS FOR CHILDREN WORKING FOR CHURCH

Ten Thousand Awards Struck for P. E. "Every Member" Campaign

Ten thousand bronze medallions are being awarded to children of Sunday schools in the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania in connection with the Every-Member campaign. They are presented to children who attend three catechetical services for instruction in the word of God.

TO BE MUSTERED OUT

Indiana, Iowa and Massachusetts to Go Out of Commission Monday

Three battleships, all of them built in this city, will go out of commission Monday at League Island. One of the three, the Indiana is the oldest battleship in the American navy, and participated in the battle of Manila.

MERCHANTS TO HIKE AGAIN

Chestnut Street Pedestrians Out for Good Fellowship

The Chestnut Street Business Association will hike again. Saturday at 6 o'clock the hikers will hit the open road along the Wissinick and will walk until they are tired, according to the announcement of G. A. Drovin, secretary of the organization.

CELESTINS VICHY

Natural Alkaline Water for the relief of: RHEUMATISM INDIGESTION URIC ACID GOUT BOTTLED DIRECTLY AT THE FAMOUS SPRING AT VICHY, FRANCE, FROM WHICH IT TAKES ITS NAME.

DESKS Largest and Best Assortment

SHOEMAKER'S, 926 Arch St. 21st CENTURY—A REAL WAREHOUSE 20th Century Storage Warehouse Co. Opposite West Phila. Station.

Another Dodd SHOES

Spat Pump A new model—worn with spats. Also a graceful Pump with Buckles. \$6.00

MADE OF FINE PATENT COLTSKIN. LIGHT HAND-TURNED SOLES, GRACEFUL LOUIS XV. HEELS.

VERY MODERATELY PRICED AT \$6.00. NEW BUCKLES JUST RECEIVED.

SHOES STREET FLOOR Hosiery

Bedell TWELFTH AND MARKET STS.

BURGLAR STEALS POLICEMAN'S GUN

Intruder Takes Weapon From Patrolman's Home in Llanerch

SUSPECT IS ARRESTED

Philadelphia Guardian of the Peace Chases Robber in His Night Clothes

A burglar broke into the home of Samuel Love, a policeman, at Llanerch while the patrolman and his family were sleeping and stole a loaded revolver.

Moody did not prevent Sergeant George Metzger, of the Nineteenth and Oxford streets station, from chasing and capturing a would-be burglar early yesterday.

Three automobiles, valued at \$2200, were stolen yesterday. A \$1500 machine owned by William Lamb, 445 South Fifty-first street, was taken from Juniper and Walnut streets.

CHILD KILLED BY AUTOTRUCK

Amie Pasquella, seven years old, 4717 Embury street, Manayunk, died on her way to St. Timothy's school last night from injuries received by being struck by a motor truck at Embury and Wright streets.

ARE YOU PAYING THE HIGH TAX ON SHORTHAND?

There you are, busy as a bee with paper and pencil, figuring out this tax and that tax—And overlooking all the time the exorbitant tax of 33 1/3% that shorthand imposes on your correspondence. Some tax!

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PLOWING OF VACANT LOTS FOR GARDENS BEGINS TODAY

Earth to Be Turned on Hundred Plots Assigned to Amateur Farmers and Farmerettes to Make Ready for Seeding Time. More Than 170 Acres Available

The pleasant odor of good brown earth being plowed in readiness for seeding time will be like the perfume of spring herself today on a hundred vacant lots in this city assigned to amateur farmers and farmerettes.

The school gardens also are being prepared for a big season, and bumper crops of garden truck. Last year 1975 children, working in fourteen school gardens, raised \$20,000 of produce in their "war gardens."

Through the Vacant Lots Cultivation Society more than 170 acres of vacant ground will be available this year for the city's amateur farmers. This is an increase in acreage available last year, when 1135 families raised approximately \$90,000 of garden truck on the little farms assigned to them.

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