

MAN BOILS SHELL; DIES IN HOSPITAL

Former Policeman-Soldier's Curiosity Over War Relic Causes Fatal Explosion

SISTER BURNED AND CUT

A former soldier-policeman is dead and his sister seriously injured, following the explosion of a French "Securite" shell in the kitchen of his home last night.

The dead man is: Harry C. Robbins, thirty years old, of 2407 North Twenty-eighth street.

The injured: Marie Robbins, seventeen years old, burns, lacerations and shock.

Robbins died in the Woman's Homeopathic Hospital this morning from a fractured skull, internal injuries, burns and shrapnel wounds of the abdomen.

His sister is in the same institution. Robbins, who is a former policeman, was recently discharged from military police duty at Camp Meade. He had received the shell from a friend who went to France.

After making several attempts to render the shell harmless, he decided last night to extract the bullets by a boiling process. He pulled away portions of the shell after uncracking the brass cap, and shortly after 8 o'clock placed the shell in a teakettle on the gas stove. After it had been sizzling a short time he removed it and began to pick out some of the shrapnel, when it exploded. The flare struck his sister full in the face, and she collapsed.

Robbins was hurled through the kitchen doorway and into the yard. The explosion threw his mother, Mrs. Henrietta Robbins, who was upstairs to the floor, rocked the neighborhood and shattered the windows of the house and parts of the walls in the kitchen.

C. A. C. SENDS TRAIN HERE

Will Give Demonstrations for Victory Loan on Saturday

A unique Victory Loan "restaurant" will be given on Saturday, when the coast artillery corps of the army will bring its special Victory Loan Train No. 1 to Philadelphia and demonstrate throughout the day the various activities of the corps.

The train has been touring the eastern half of the country since April 12, when it left Fort Monro, its headquarters. It is under command of Lieutenant Colonel Sturgis and has a personnel of more than 100 officers and men, all of whom are overseas men and who will wear complete overseas equipment during the demonstration.

The personnel includes an adjutant, supply officers and medical corps and a band of thirty pieces. A feature of the demonstration will be a parade through the business section of the city. In the exhibition will be the operation of eight-inch howitzers and smaller guns, searchlights, power plant, automobile repair shop and reconnaissance car, equipped with radio apparatus. An appeal will be made to young men to enlist in the corps, where they will be enabled to obtain splendid technical training, which will be of real value to them in after life. They will be offered by the government what is virtually a college course.

No Serious Fire on Liner Adriatic New York, May 8.—The liner Adriatic docked in Liverpool yesterday, according to a cablegram received at White Star Company's office here. Officials of the company said this message made no mention of any fire like that reported from London. They expressed opinion any such incident must have been a minor one.

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"Pershing's Own Band," composed of men picked from all the bands of the American forces overseas, men who fought, carried ammunition and took care of the wounded, as well as playing, gives three concerts in this city today for the Victory Loan.

The first performance from noon to 1 o'clock is at the Victory statue, South Penn square. The second will be given at the Stetson athletic field, from 5 to 6 o'clock. The third will be at Fifty-second and Chestnut streets, from 8 to 9 o'clock this evening.

Captain Louis H. Fisher, leader of the band, and the 102 members here were selected from every American division abroad, after stiff competitive examinations. Every man in the organization, Captain Fisher asserts, saw active front-line service, fighting, carrying ammunition, transporting the wounded, and burying the dead.

Professional Musicians Their active service at the front was prior to the formation of "Pershing's Own Band," and while they were still attached to regimental bands. All the members of the organization were professional musicians before joining the army.

Four of the members are Philadelphia shub. Sergeant Charles J. McKeown was in a theatre orchestra here, Jacob Uhl, first class musician, led a local hotel orchestra; Corporal Francisco Di Bolla lived here while not on tour with a widely known orchestra, and Sergeant Edward Pozzella resided here.

When the committee signed, Captain Fisher says, General Pershing conceived the idea of assembling the finest possible band from all the bands of the American forces. Bandmasters were ordered to Paris, where Walter Damrosch examined them. Captain Fisher was selected to lead the new organization.

Then the five best men from each regimental band was sent to division headquarters for examination. From this winning process the five best musicians in each division were sent to Paris where the final selections were made.

When the band personnel was completed, General Pershing ordered it to play at all the brilliant ceremonies held in honor of heroic officers and men. "Pershing's Own," as it was speedily dubbed, played before the King of Wales, Field Marshal Haig, the British commander, and Albert, King of the Belgians.

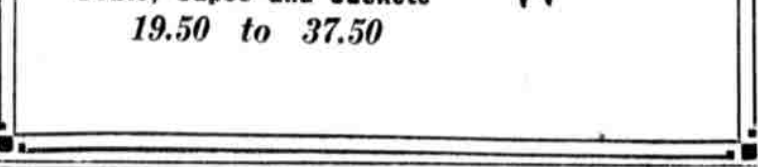
Captain Fisher exploded a belief that the army bandmen are held safely at the rear while their fighting comrades are attacking enemy lines or crossing heavily shelled trenches. The captain said the instruments of the bandmen are left behind when an action begins.

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CITY SOON TO GREET "LIBERTY DIVISION"

Wearers of "Lorraine Cross," Many From Penna., Move Into Embarkation Area

DUE TO SAIL IN JUNE

In a month or so the silver Lorraine Cross, on the shoulders of sun-browned doughboys, will be as familiar a sight in the city streets as the red keystone.

The Seventy-ninth Division is coming home close on the heels of the Twenty-eighth. The War Department has just announced that this second division of fighting Pennsylvanians is moving into its embarkation area, and is scheduled to begin the journey home some time in June.

Philadelphia is bound to greet the Seventy-ninth as heartily as it plans to welcome the Twenty-eighth. Pennsylvanians make up a large proportion of the Seventy-ninth's personnel, especially among the officers, and there are many Philadelphians in both enlisted and commissioned ranks.

The division was organized August 25, 1917, at Camp Meade, Md., and underwent intensive training until October 25, when large groups of the men were transferred to southern divisions and to special units throughout the United States.

The band leader said he wanted to correct an impression he learned was prevalent in many places regarding General Pershing. "I have found in several localities," said Captain Fisher, "that a wrong impression exists about General Pershing. I also have heard some criticisms. But the large number of American casualties had to be. He commanded the greatest army in the world, and when he comes back everything will be straightened out and the people will understand the big work which Pershing did."

MAN DIES BY POISON WHILE UNDER ARREST

Chauffeur, Arrested With Little Girl, Took Deadly Tablets on Way to Station

Lester Leary, Spring Garden street near Twentieth first, died in the Presby-terian Hospital early today from poison di-agnosed as strychnine. He was charged with the murder of a five-year-old girl, who was twenty-eight years old.

Leary was arrested on a vacant lot at Thirtieth street and Poplar avenue by Patrolman Mixer, of the Thirtieth street and Lancaster avenue station.

The police believe Leary took poison tablets while he and the little girl were being taken to the station house. After he reached there, Leary told the police he had poisoned himself.

Patrolman Mixer was called to the lot by two young men. The yard they had seen Leary, across the little girl near her home, which is in the neighborhood of Twentieth and Spring Garden streets. He offered her candy and then walked with her through Fairmount Park. The young men followed until they met Mixer.

Leary had been employed as a chauffeur and formerly lived in Brooklyn.

Stone to Boost Loan at Hog Island

Fred Stone will visit Hog Island tomorrow afternoon to help boost the Victory loan. He will do his cowboy and roping acts and will sing a Chinese cowboy song.

Mr. Stone will be accompanied by the Sunshine Girls from "Jack o' Lantern," who will go through their signal corps drill.

EARLY AMERICAN ART TALK Edward Biddle to Be "Gallery" Speaker at Academy Edward Biddle, an authority on early American art, will give a gallery talk at the Academy of the Fine Arts this afternoon.

PENROSE OFF TO CAUCUS

Washington Duties Will Not Interfere With Reform Fight, He Says Senator Penrose will go to Washington today to make arrangements for the Republican caucus preliminary to the special session of Congress. He said his duties in Washington will not

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interfere with his plans to obtain for Philadelphia the reform legislation which is now in committee of the House after having passed the Senate. Senator Penrose expects to return here on Friday night for conferences with his Philadelphia lieutenants on Saturday. He will go back to Harrisburg Sunday afternoon, he said, and will remain until Tuesday.

MAKE 15,000 PENNIES DAILY

Output of Mint Here Boosted by Added Working Hours Output of pennies of the Philadelphia mint has been increased from 8,000 to 15,000 daily to meet the increased demand for one-cent pieces with the coming into effect of new war taxes May 1, necessitating a more general use of pennies in making change. Taxes on the products of soda foun-

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VICTORY LIBERTY LOAN INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE QUOTA OF 9 TRADE DIVISIONS PASSED IN VICTORY LOAN DRIVE Director of the War Loan Organization Issues Victory Call to All Patriotic Citizens of This District The blue mark of victory has been painted over nine of the long red lines denoting quotas of trade divisions on the big chart of the Victory Liberty Loan Industrial Organization. This means that to date but 13 per cent of the 144 trade divisions have gone over the top with only three working days left in the campaign.

SUMMONS TO VICTORY! John H. Mason, director of the War Loan Organization in the Third Federal Reserve District, issued the following call: "The people of Philadelphia, as well as the corporations, are absolutely ignoring their burden duty to sustain and support their Government by subscribing to the Victory Liberty Loan." "Four years ago today they were demanding the declaration of war against Germany for its dastardly act in sinking the Lusitania. Now that the war is ended and punishment has been meted out, in so far as such an act can be punished, they are idly standing by and refusing to lend their money to pay for the glorious victory that has been won. Yes, and at the cost of millions of lives of the very flower of the manhood of France, Belgium, Italy, Great Britain and the United States. "It is up to the people of Philadelphia to answer in the next four days whether or not in the great test of true patriotism and honor they are willing to record themselves as failures. "The time for talk is past; the time for action is now." The following subscriptions have been reported: GROUP 1—Iron and Steel: Chairman, Howard Wood, Jr. \$100,000. William B. Smith & Sons' Ship and Engine Building Co. \$16,600. Northern Iron Co. \$10,000. Morris Wheeler & Co. \$5,000. Robertson Iron Co. \$5,000. Hester Steel Casting Co. \$5,000. National Foundry and Machinery Co. \$5,000. Braslow & Co. \$5,000. Atlas Metal Co. \$5,000. GROUP 2—Cotton Spinners and Dressing: Arthur W. Jones, Chairman, \$200,000. GROUP 3—J. Tape, Binding, Towels and Laundry: John P. Croft, Chairman, \$200,000. GROUP 4—H. Light Jobbers, Pipe Makers and Carriers: Nelson P. Eberbach, Chairman, \$125,000. GROUP 5—D. Confectioners: Joseph C. Karbach, Chairman, \$125,000. GROUP 6—L. Brewery: H. A. Pott, Chairman, \$82,000. GROUP 7—Retail Lumber Dealers: \$137,000. GROUP 8—A. Elevators, Conveyors and Hoisting Machinery: Edward A. Deakin, Chairman, \$242,000. GROUP 9—Machinists: \$77,000. GROUP 10—Multigraphers and Stenographers: Miss Robe D. Woodington, Chairman, \$81,000. GROUP 11—Commission Merchants: W. H. Armstrong, Chairman, \$9,000.