

MOTHER OVERCOME BY SONS' DROWNING
Had Presentment That Something Would Happen to Boys at Picnic

YOUTH TRIES TO SAVE THEM

Mrs. Charles Kirschbaum is prostrated with grief at her home, 1721 West Venango street.

Her only children—the two boys she so reluctantly bade good-by and allowed to go on a neighborhood picnic yesterday morning—are lying in twin caskets in the little living room. Besides the memory of their happy laughter as they ran to join their comrades, she has a story of the older boy's heroism to think of. The five sorrowful playfellows who returned tell how Ellis Kirschbaum, thirteen years old, gave his own life in an attempt to rescue his nine-year-old brother Herman from drowning.

Mother instinct made Mrs. Kirschbaum retreat at first to let the boys go on the picnic. She had a horror of holiday accidents, and a boy's outing without adults in the party did not appeal to her. But the father, remembering his own boyhood delights, added his persuasion to that of the children.

RELIGIOUS LIBERALS' CONVENTION OPENED
Congress at Longwood Aims to Promote Religious Life by United Testimony

The Ninth Congress of the National Federation of Religious Liberals opened with the Progressive Friends at Longwood, Kennett, Chester county, Pa.

The purpose of the conference, which was organized in this city in 1908, is to promote the religious life by united testimony for sincerity, freedom and progress in religion, by social service and a fellowship of the spirit beyond the lines of sect and creed. The president of the federation is Dr. Jesse H. Holmes, of Swarthmore College.

These sessions today were at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. At this morning's session the topic under discussion was "The Supreme Loyalties." The speakers were Prof. Paul M. Pearson, Prof. Leslie P. Hill, Prof. Anna Garlin Spencer, the Rev. William L. Sullivan and Dr. Holmes.

At the afternoon session today the topic was "National Tasks That Await Us." The speakers were Frederick Lynch, Emerson P. Harris, the Rev. J. Clarence Lee and Prof. Morris Jastrow.

Tomorrow morning the Rev. Franklin C. Southworth will deliver an address on "The Nature and Possibilities of Irredemotional Fellowship." Anna Garlin Spencer and other friends will speak at a commemoration of Frederick A. Hinckley, late president of the Society of Progressive Friends. In the afternoon the topic, "The Sympathy of World Religions," will be discussed by Charles W. Wendte, Henry Berkowitz and Gilbert Reid.

DEATHS OF WEEK

480 Persons Died, as Compared to 593 of Previous Seven Days

Deaths throughout the city during the week numbered 480, as compared with 593 last week and 458 during the corresponding week last year. They were divided as follows: Males, 243; females, 237; boys, 58, and girls, 48.

The causes of death were:

Malaria	2
Scarlet fever	2
Whooping cough and croup	3
Diphtheria	3
Influenza	3
Other epidemic diseases	2
Tuberculosis of the lungs	45
Other forms of tuberculosis	2
Lancet	35
Pneumonia	2
Bronchopneumonia	16
Diseases of the heart	4
Diseases of the stomach	4
Diarrhea and enteritis	9
Appendicitis and typhoid	2
Hernia	2
Cirrhosis of the liver	2
Acute nephritis and Bright's disease	48
Noncancerous tumors	4
Parasitism	3
Parasitism of the intestines	2
Parasitism of the bladder	2
Parasitism of the prostate	2
Parasitism of the uterus	2
Parasitism of the vagina	2
Parasitism of the rectum	2
Parasitism of the anus	2
Parasitism of the nose	2
Parasitism of the throat	2
Parasitism of the mouth	2
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WILLS PROBATED TODAY

First Presbyterian Church, Atlantic City, Receives \$2500 Bequest

The First Presbyterian Church, Atlantic City, is given \$2500 by the will of Clayton R. Usher, who died recently at the Pennsylvania Hospital. The will, probated today, leaves an estate valued at \$30,000 to relatives of the testator.

Other wills probated were those of Dr. Frederick P. Henry, 114 South Eighth street, which, in private bequests, disposes of property valued at \$17,200; James W. Courtney, 4619 Westminister avenue, \$9000; Lucie S. Young, 19 South Sixty-first street, \$9000; Dr. Valentine J. Bold, 3206 North Fifth street, \$4500; Bridget H. McCloskey, 2135 South Fifteenth street, \$4237, and Emeline Coar, 710 North Sixty-fourth street, \$3400.

LAST KHAKI AND BLUE DANCE

War Camp Community Affair to Be Held in Mercantile Hall

Mercantile Hall tonight will witness the final war camp community dance to be held under the joint auspices of the Knights of Colville and Jewish Welfare Board. These dances have been very popular with the men in all branches of the service, which has been demonstrated by the large attendance. Tonight the dance is given in honor of the Twenty-eighth and Seventy-ninth Divisions.

There will be continuous music by enlarged double orchestra, special song numbers by Fleet artists. Those in charge of the affair are T. Reuben Hartley, Walter Dorsey, Charles Horn, Irvin L. Stone, O. L. McCormick and Calvin Lewis.

LIQUOR MEN PAY FEES

1787 Retailers Make Payment for June to City Treasurer

Most of the retail liquor dealers, wholesalers, bottlers and brewers had paid their license fees to City Treasurer Shoyer before noon today. This insures the continuance of their business for the month of June.

A total of 1787 retailers paid the \$95,442 fee required for June, and 240 wholesalers, twenty-two bottlers and thirty-one brewers paid the fees that go to the state. The retail fees are paid to the city. A force of clerks was kept busy today receiving payments from the liquor dealers and it was said at the treasurer's office that there would be few if any delinquents when the final list is made.

DEMANDS ICE CREAM AT POINT OF PISTOL
Crowd Flees, Glasses Crash as Patron Wields Gun to Obtain Service—Two Held in \$800 Bail

A gleaming revolver in the hands of an angry man—a crash of glass—angry oaths—shouts for help and cries for police—sounds like a movie scene in a tough saloon—but it wasn't—it all happened in an ice cream parlor.

When Joseph Rose yearns for ice cream he demands it quickly, especially when it's a hot night.

Rose, together with Angelo Maleig, entered the ice cream parlor of Alexander Schmidt, 201 West Chapin street late last night. The men sat at a table and waited for the waiter while their collars wilted. The waiter didn't seem to see them waiting. According to Rose, others who came in later were waiting ahead of him, while the waiter looked at Rose and his companion and yawned indifferently.

Then Rose arose. "I demand orange water ice," he is alleged to have said; Maleig seconded the motion. Even this did not seem to affect the waiter. Rose then struck the table with his fist, it is alleged, and declared that he would have attention. Mrs. Schmidt tried to pacify him, but the sight of others eating cooling ice cream appeared to increase his rage. Rose, it is said, drew a revolver. Like a flash all the customers deserted their plates of cream and rushed for the street. Just then Mr. Schmidt arrived. Seeing an angry man and a big revolver he turned out the lights and dropped behind the counter.

Meanwhile the customers reached the street, breaking many glasses in their retreat and watched.

But Rose was not satisfied. He rushed out flourishing his revolver and drove them off the sidewalk. "I want orange water ice," he hissed again, when he re-entered the place. No one replied in the deserted ice cream saloon. While Rose and Maleig were venting their wrath a squad of patrolmen that had been summoned captured Rose and Schmidt and took them to the Germantown police station.

The prisoners were each held in \$800 bail for a further hearing by Magistrate Pennock. Rose said he lived at Hunting Park and Wayne avenues. "We didn't have orange water ice," said Schmidt meekly, "and didn't get a chance to say so."

WORK ON 500 STREETS CALLED FOR IN LOAN
Ward Leaders Promised Improvements as Result of Supporting \$14,750,000 Measure

ACTION SET FOR THURSDAY

Councils' street-paving program, based upon the success of the proposed \$14,750,000 loan, calls for the improvement of sections of 500 different streets throughout the city. Many ward leaders are being promised improvements as the result of support for the measure.

Robert Smith, chairman of Councils' highway committee, has ready for early action bills providing for paving, grading, etc., in many central and outlying sections. The loan items providing the money includes \$1,000,000 for the maintenance of asphalt streets; \$450,000 for paving and \$1,000,000 for repaving.

In the improvement program for West Philadelphia, sections of fifty-one streets are provided for; 142 in the schedule are located in the northeast and the downtown leaders are after large apportionments. Sheriff Ransley is after improvements for twenty-nine streets in the Second ward. The Salus leaders want twenty-two streets in the Fourth ward, and Mayor Smith, as the recognized leader of the Twenty-eighth ward, is after improvements for thirty-two streets. The campaign for the Twenty-eighth is being conducted by Councilmen and by Milton Reedmoyer, who has acted as ward leader during the Mayor's official term.

Magistrate Watson, the Vane leader in the Twenty-second ward, has been chosen to select the street improvements in that independent section. Watson is after eighteen different improvements to thoroughfares. Other ward leaders and Councilmen are making their bids for favor and promises of improvements have been made in return for support of the loan bill that comes up for action at a session of Common Council next Thursday.

FALLING TRUCK KILLS DARBY FIRE FIGHTER
Carroll Cloud Crushed to Death Under Engine—Two Other Men Hurt

One Darby fireman was killed and two others were injured when a dismantled chemical engine slipped from a delivery truck at Sixth and Pine streets, Darby.

The dead man is: Carroll Cloud, Ridge avenue near Ninth street, Darby.

The injured: Charles Devers, Ninth street, Darby, internal injuries, cut and bruises; University Hospital.

William C. Bussell, Main street near Eleventh, Darby, crushed foot; taken to his home.

The accident occurred shortly before noon yesterday, while the men were taking the heavy apparatus from the Pennsylvania Railroad depot at Fourth and Pine streets to Darby Fire Company No. 1, with Clarence Houseman, the chief, Pemberton Houseman and Maurice Fox, other members, they loaded the body on a big truck. Cloud, Bussell and Devers sat on the body, while the other men were on the driver's seat. At Sixth and Pine streets the truck lurched to one side, throwing off the body and catapulting Bussell and Devers a distance of twenty feet. Cloud, who was on the side of the body, was caught beneath it and pinned to the ground. Cloud was married and had five children.

PARK CARS ARE DELAYED
Falling of Light Wires Hinders Trolleys on Way From Willow Grove

Thousands of people were unable to get away from Willow Grove Park last night because of a tie-up of trolley cars due to the falling of light wires which were leaving the bridge just after the tracks leave the park station.

Early in the evening the supports of these wires under the bridge gave way and all the wires broke. They crashed to the ground in a tangled mass. It was just at a time when great crowds were leaving the park after spending the holiday there.

For more than two hours all the cars were tied up. Although the P. R. T. made hasty efforts to repair the damage the park crowd grew impatient. Many were forced to ride home in the trains, which were dangerously overcrowded, while others either tried to walk or else engaged automobiles or wagons. It was late in the evening before normal traffic was resumed.

3 HURT IN AUTO MISHAP
Machine Loses Wheel on Thirty-first Street and Crashes Into Pedestrians

Three persons are in the Women's Homeopathic Hospital today suffering from injuries received when Harry Lachenmayer, a druggist of Commonwealth street and Allegheny avenue, lost control of his automobile.

The injured are Mrs. Anna Smith, sixty-nine years old, of Varnock street near Berks; Philip Parkenhour, fifty-five years old, of Ninth street above Noble, and Mrs. Anna Thomas, fifty-one years old, of the Manheim Apartments, Germantown.

Mr. Lachenmayer was driving his car at a normal rate of speed along Mount Peace Cemetery. Thirty-first street and Lehigh avenue, yesterday afternoon, according to the police, when the steering wheel refused to work; He tried to adjust it, and then one of the wheels came off. The auto got beyond control, and it crashed across the street, striking the three persons.

SAILOR DROWNED IN RIVER
Fell From Canoe—Park Guards Grapple for Body

Park guards are grappling in the Schuylkill river today for the body of John H. Ludwig, a seaman of the U. S. S. Michigan, who fell from a canoe near Columbia bridge last night. Several persons along the river bank saw the canoe upset. The sailor's head struck the edge of the craft as he was thrown into the water. He never reappeared.

The crew of the police boat Rescue and several park guards grappled for the body for several hours last night and resumed the work this morning.

Ludwig's nearest relative lives at 828 South Charles street, Baltimore, Md.

KILLED IN CRAP GAME
Negro Shot While Rolling Dice. Companion Is Held

Parker S. Green, a negro, sixteen years old, 620 South Nineteenth street, was shot through the head and instantly killed last night during a quarrel over a dice game at Eighth and Kater streets. Joseph Page, also a negro, seventeen years old, Lombard street near Nineteenth, is under arrest charged with the shooting.

Page will be arraigned for a hearing today in Central Station. According to the police, the prisoner said he had not intended to shoot Green. The police have been unable to learn whether Green was playing in the game. Following the shooting he was taken to the Polyclinic Hospital and pronounced dead.

FRENCH CITE DARBY MAN
Rescue of Stretcher Bearer at Marne Last July Is Acknowledged

William Aldridge, of Lawrence avenue, Darby, has been notified by the War Department that he has been cited for bravery by Field Marshal Petain, of the French army, for rescuing a stretcher-bearer at the Marne last July during a heavy German shellfire.

Aldridge brought the stretcher-bearer back of the lines safely only after he received wounds that almost cost him his life. He was later taken prisoner by the Germans, and was released at the signing of the armistice.

PHILA. GIRL WANTS TO "HOP" OVER SEA, BUT FLIER SAYS NO
Nineteen-Year-Old Miss Informed by Aviator That Extra Seat in Plane Is Needed for Use of Navigator

Miss May Kitson, a nineteen-year-old girl who lives at Erdensheim, Pa., wants to make the transatlantic air flight to prove that American girls have pluck.

Miss Kitson, who is a native of England and an athletic young woman, is spending the week-end at Atlantic City with a brother, Lieutenant Percy Kitson, who saw overseas service with the Twenty-sixth Division, and Arthur H. Division.

The young woman, it was said at her home today, has never had any experience at flying.

She wrote to Captain Jack Aleck, who is busy assembling his Vimy-Vickers bombing plane at St. John's, N. P., for the attempt to fly across the ocean, that she would like to be carried as a passenger in his machine.

Captain Aleck replied diplomatically that he really couldn't oblige Miss Kitson because his plane seats only two, and he needs the second seat for his navigator. Miss Kitson wrote that she had been unable to enter the American air service because of her sex.

Miss Kitson is staying at the Traymore, Atlantic City, and according to her mother, Mrs. Ernest Kirtson, she "has been just crazy to make that flight."

"I had no objection to her writing the letter," Mrs. Kirtson said today, "because I didn't believe there was a chance of her application being accepted. I didn't consider whether she would be permitted to go if the application were accepted, for I never believed that to be within the realm of possibility."

From Newfoundland comes the news that rapid progress is being made assembling the planes which are to start in the next attempt to cross the Atlantic. Besides the Vimy-Vickers, the Handley-Page and Martinsyde entries are being made ready. The Vimy-Vickers crew hope to have the machine ready for an exhibition flight Tuesday, King George's birthday, but it is doubtful whether the bomber will be ready before Wednesday or Thursday. A hangar is to be built for the plane.

Fred P. Rayburn, whose Martinsyde plane was partially wrecked when it tried to "hop off" the day Hawker's Sopwith took the air for its ill-fated flight, is hard at work repairing his machine. A new engine and other parts have been dispatched from England.

ART SHOW OPENS TONIGHT
Camac Street Exhibit to Be Started With Loan Dinner

The "Biggest Little Street in the World," as it is now known to Philadelphia, opens "the biggest little art show in the world" tonight with a dinner to the committee which made the Victory Loan famous.

The dinner is to be in the Sketch Club, starting at 8:30 o'clock.

H. Devitt Welsh said today that it is planned to keep the "biggest little street" idea before the public henceforth. "That appellation was coined for commercial purposes in the Loan emergency," he said. "Now we're going to make it apply to something besides bonds and their sale."

"We have hung about fifty pictures, which will be on an exhibition for two weeks. We think they will uphold Camac street's fame as the 'biggest little street in the world.'"

The Victory Loan committee included H. Devitt Welsh, Charles R. Poole, Herbert Pulinger, Judge John M. Patterson, Joseph Pennell, F. Walter Taylor, Theodore Wiedersheim, William Grey and H. Lomis.

TROOPS TO TAKE BOAT RIDE
Electric Light Association Will Be Host at River Party Tonight

Many boys who have recently returned from France will be guests of honor on the moonlight ride and dance given by the National Electric Light Association. There will be a big feast on the boat and musical features as an added attraction.

The boat leaves Arch street wharf this afternoon at 3 o'clock, stops at Chester at 4 and then proceeds down the river, returning at 11 o'clock tonight.

CUT WIRE RATES PROMISED
Mackay Says Drop of 20 P. C. Will Come With Private Control

Clarence H. Mackay, president of the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company, promises a 20 per cent reduction in telegraph rates when the wire systems are returned to their owners.

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Five Ships in Fifty Minutes Broke All World Records. Three Next Best

No other shipyard in the world ever approximated the record for launchings made by the Hog Island yard, when five ships were put into the water in less than an hour yesterday.

Fifty minutes was the official time consumed in the accomplishment of this feat, according to an announcement today by Matthew C. Brush, president of the American International Shipbuilding Corporation.


The next best records were made July 4, 1918, by the Bethlehem Union yard at San Francisco, the Moore Shipbuilding Company at Oakland, Calif., and the Great Lakes Shipbuilding Company at Ecorse, Mich., each of which launched three vessels that day and the Submarine Boat Corporation at Newark, N. J., which launched three 5500-ton ships yesterday.

Within an hour and a half after the first vessel was launched at Hog Island yesterday all of them had been towed into the wet basin and had tied up at the outfitting piers to await the installation of their turbines and gears. All of them are 90 per cent complete and will be ready for delivery to the United States shipping board in five weeks.

Hog Island's thirty-fifth ship will be launched next Saturday from way No. 10, and other ships of the 7800-ton class will be launched, one each Saturday following.

After yesterday's launching carnival at the world's greatest shipyard Mr. Brush personally congratulated the launching gang of 110 men, led by "Bill" Fortner. Fifty of these men were distributed among the five ways, while the other sixty, who helped launch all five ships in order to set the world's record, had to run after each launching from one way to another. The distance covered was 4900 feet. Though he is well past middle age and portly, Fortner himself outstripped his gang in the sprinting.

The Memorial Day launchings were suggested by the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER.



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