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OWN IS WIPED OUT TO DEVELOP PARK

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State Commission Condemns Most of Homes in Port Kennedy-Churches Spared

RESIDENTS IN QUANDARY

As far as wiping out towns goes. Durning Vesuvius hasn't anything on the Forge and see for yourself!" the Valley Forge Park Commission. At least, that's what the natives of Port Kennedy think. And the 600 men, women and children of this little ing some tall thinking these days.

ing dimensions of Valley Forge Park. can't tell you mything. must move, to make way for the growproperties of the town by right of

must vacute by August 15.

the hands of luckless villagers is no "Been here as long as I can remem- nien ne here." she said, standing on the little Londra. h,g up a whole town and walking, and thour dusted platform of the exchange,

less they know where they are going to which overlooks the condemned little put it. And they don't know where cottages on Main street, "and I den't "Caproni," durante il volo di ritorno de the week she realized what the little they are going to put Port Ketnedy, like to leave." da Venezia a Milano, con 17 persone a botch of romance had meant in her though forty-one families have agreed to Adam Coram and his family and horder of recubicito, per cause non an "every-day the same" existence. though forty-one families have agreed to Adam Coram and his family and horder, c' precipitato, per cause non an

buy lots on the site of Conard's farm, a Eugene Foust, negro, and his family, cora accertate, nelle vicinanze di Vehalf-mile stretch of hand along the were piling their furniture into a van rona da un'alfezza di mille metri. Schuylkill, due cast of the present site. Saturday afternoon, of the village. Some Families Have Moved

d the Rev. Rhea Coffman, paster of Norristown for their new home. d the Rev. Rhea Contano, paster et Norristown for neur new none, the Port Kennedy Presbyterian Church, and John White, whose little family american fratelio del Capitano Suvio Aesnati cav dates back to about 1777, during the lives on the uncondenaned side of the dente aviatorio; il giornalista Oreste dates back to about tree, during the lives on the most road, is scouting around Cipriani, reduttore capo del "Corriere actions in New Jersey, generally dis-networks to the Americans, the British "that our side of the road ain't con-took possession of Philadelphia. Then demned, but you can't tell what the defined of the road ain't con-took possession of Philadelphia. Then demned, but you can't tell what the Washington, with the remnants of his contaission will be doing next, 1 may Mario Brani, redattore della "Serra" di army, went into winter quarters at Vals be here for years yet-fret is, much of Milano: Bisl, reduttore della rivista "Il by Forge. Well, his outposts at that those whose homes are condemned might time extended beyond Port Kennedy, he here for years, too for all they though Port Kennedy itself has now no know-and I may not be here a month. Il disastro ha profondamente impreshistorical significance,

"Later when it was decided to make sion has managed somehow to always siano quattordici. a state park at Valley Forge, the com- keep us guessing." top's army. The park has been expanding. bitious plans of the commission extend it to 1500 acres. And the commission evident comprises; William Sayen, president; di nove persone. is extending the park castward, planning two boulevards which can't built without tearing down Port Kennedy

"By right of eminent domain the delphia; J. T. Windrim, of Philadel-commission, which works silently and strangely, has condemned all the homes." town: George J. Elliott, of Philadelrins south to King of Prussia road and the south side of the road extending Alderfer, all of Norristown, east to Bridgeport.

Church Properties Saved

"A state statute which prohibits the of Horace Hurlbuit, Jr., thirty-two, condemnation of state and church prop- son of a wealthy resident of this town. erty by right of eminent domain saves was found on the main highway here the Catholic Chapel, of which the Rev. early yesterday by a milkman. Father Gildea is paster: my own was Hurlbutt's automobile, wreeked, educch, and the Evergreen schoolhouse, against a tree. It is believed the bursting of a tire caused the acci-

at the cashier's desk. "It's a shame," she said, "the way the commission refuses to tell us just what it intends doing. We've been living here for the last twenty-five years never suspecting that we'd ever have to leave our good home. But now comes the commission with word that we have to sell them our property

a gentle, elderly woman, was seated

whether we want to or not. "And we don't know exactly why they want to buy it. Some say the ommission wants to connect Fairmoun Park by road with the Valley Forge boulevard; some say other things. Any

way, it's all hearsay. And when w try to find out from the commission, they won't tell us anything. "Here, call up the commission at

The office of Superintendent S. S. Hartranft was reached by phone. **Commissioner Now Superintendent**

"No," said Mr. Hartranft, "I con't women and children of this little tell you anything about why and how secondo in quale le conclusioni della Schuylkill town of 160 homes are do- thes are extending the park. I used commissione Interallenta, incaricata di

"See?" smiled Mrs. Balmer, "That's ja escussione dei testi, And they must move soon. The com-monwealth of Pennsylvania through never get to talk with the commis-problema di Fiume sarebbe stato risolto

the commission has condemned all the sioners. They are rich men and very can una formula favorevole all'Italia, inaccessible. Henry S. Hittell, who founded the arata citta' libera, fuori da qualsiasi eminent domain, and already has served. Port Kennedy Flour. Hay, Fertilizer ingerenza da parte del jugoslavi, notices on nineteen families that they and Cement exchange in the center of Sembra pero, che Flughilter

the little town, died less than a year manterrebbe ostile alla progettata se ago. His wife, a stordy little woman, huzione, nu che l'On, Tittoni non di And a town that has to be moved on has been conducting the business since, spera di supernee la resistenza britan-Been here as long as I can remem- nien nel suo imminente viaggio in

Nessano dei passeggieri e degli avia-

monwealth of Pennsylvania declared. The committee of natives who have further, on the della stazione di Chiatona, situata a that the park must lie within the been investigating the location of the della stazione di Chiatona, situata a that the park must lie within the been investigating the location of the della stazione di Chiatona, situata a The committee of natives who have Taranto, 3 agosto,-UNella vicinanze boundaries of the outposts of Washing- new site is composed of J. W. Walker, solici chilometri da questa citta', un ton's army. The park has been ex- chairman; the Rev. Rhen Coppman, F. deposito clandestino di dinamite, sot-

covered 250 acces. Today, the am-bitious plans of the commission extend. The Valley Forge Park Commission generade, explose leri cansando la morte

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HEART

yes-

he vice president : Richmond L. Jones, of Reading; John W. Jordan, of Philadelphia; John R. K. Scott, of Phila-

and lands in Port Kennedy within the rillage area, exclusive of the properties Edward F. Bealey, of Stratford, on the cast side of the properties. The jury of view comprises Elwood Rhondes, Walter Shaw and Alvin C.

> Survives War: Dies in Auto Crash Westport, Conn., Aug. 4.-The body



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to utter.

Roma, 3 agosto.- Il giornale "Il Popolo Romano" si dichiara autorizzato a the exception, but somehow the hand- mine." smentice la notizia, di fonte francese

They all must move: the whole town must move, to make way for the grow-must move, to make way for the grow-

stati ultimati, poiche' continua tuttora

secondo la quale Finnie sarebbe dichithe l'Inghilterra

Milano, 3 agosto.--Un annarecebio

tori e' scampato al disastro.

Dates Back to 1777 Andrew McCollister an his wife and tastrofe si trovane i due piloti, i tenenti taree children have already treked to Luigi Ridolfi di Forli' e Marco Resputi,

"mucht in America in seguito ad un inci-

from now, I don't know. The commission sionato. In tutto sembra che i morti 🗕

Twenty-five years ago, it P. Croft, W. A. Thomas, J. J. Balmer, terratta-si crode-dagli agitatori estremisti in occasione del manento sciopeco

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sweetest music in Sergeant John Hart-ley's cars: "Right this way, please." Tears were very near the surface as She saw the effort it cost him to gain vered t the proffered scat. An iron brace held his left leg rigid, while his right arm Mon bore two wound chevrons.

When Mona expressed her sympathy the car to a stop. He turned eagerly he smiled cheerily. "I did think old toward her, his eyes tenderly reminisher mind on the printed romance in Mars had treated me rather rough until cent. her hand. A smile parted her lips as a I found my dearest 'buddle' smiling in familiar appent rang through the a world of darkness. Then I was

crowded car. "Forward, please-up ashamel I ever presumed to complain." forward in the car." Mona dared not trust her voice. sounded that other day. A faint wave "Luck sure was with me today. I of color swept her pale checks at mem-As fate smiles on my initial quest." Mona's heartbeats quickened at the gratitude her tongue strangely refused not quite steady. "The folks at home know of your past courtesy and-if

It was not unusual for Mona to be you care to accompany me now-I can trivialities. Nothing mattered since my so favored. Rather was it the rule than assure you of their welcome-and His reply was thrilling in its earnsome young stranger seemed different estness, "After what I've been through from the others. A perfect young giant in physique, his every movement was I prophesy it will be like heaven after

marked by the supple grace of the well, the other place." trained athlete. Mona noted the fra-An hour later, after being "mothred" by Mrs. Melby and ternity pin in his coat lapel and her "hero wor romantic fancy straightway conjured up visions of the diamond and gridiron, shiped" by Brother Ted, he assured Mona his prophecy had been fulfilled. Seated on the cool, flower-scente

cinder paths and tennis courts. Four consecutive days the little acof courtes, was repeated. On the third Mona had blushed under the stranger's lingering gaze. On the fourth, with a deeper blush, she managed to articulate but it was when Mona handed him his simple "Thank you."

crutches that a rare light dispelled the The stranger caised his hat in ac hadows in his eyes. "He's pure grit now," Mr. Melby onfided later to his wife, "But too knowledgment and Mona's heart fluttered at the look in his clear gray eyes. The following day he did not appear oung to gauge the future. Our little Mona's disappointment was keener than girl must not care too seriously. she would have admitted. By the end X gentle hand stayed further utter-"What if Roger Melby had reance. turned like that from Santingo?" "A proper rebuke, wife-and I'm as

Time's uncering dial registered eighten months since that memorable week. yet to Mona it all now seemed but yes-

"Boylston street ""

terdar.

Mechanically Mona watched the in-Loigi Ridolfi di Forli' e Marco Resnati, flux of passengers. Suddenly she arose, fratello del Capitano Silvio Resnati che Another instant and a soft voice, atrenible with emotion, sounded like

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proud as yourself that Mona is her mother's own daughter." She had admired the athlete-she revered the hero-but it was the man she

Mona's cheeks rivaled the roses the flower holder as Hartley brought the car to a step. He turned eagerly

"Two years ago today I bare a cerrang through the a world of darkness. Then I was tain little girl a silent farewell. I wanted to tell her it might be forever

-but she was not the kind of a girl His boyish laugh relieved the tension. "Luck sure was with me today. I When I returned, however, I knew my uniform and condition would furthe subway until I saw you and, presto, | nish an excuse if she remembered and -cared. You will never know, little woman, how anxiously I awaited that Monn's earnest dark eyes expressed the import of his words, but her voice was first meeting! And when your heart proved pure gold-past suffering and the handicapped future seemed mere dream girl was a beautiful reality!

Almost fiercely he drew both Mona's hands within his own. "What is the final verdict, girl o' my heart? Does Sergeant John Hartley, disabled doughmean as much to you as 'Jack Hartley, all-round athlete?"

For answer Mona pressed her lips to his hand—on the sear left by a machine-gun bullet.

Very tenderly Hartley raised her nowed head. Reverently he kissed her piazza, he reluctantly awaited the car for which he had phoned. When a handsome linousine arrived glistening dark eyes-her smiling red lips. 'Mr. Melby anticipated the chauffeur and Then, with an exultant laugh, he deissisted the young soldier into the car.

tached a strip of sibbon from the auto

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machine loaned by the biggest-hearted ing the doc assured me another operagentleman in the world. When you tion will put me back on the active know Dad you'll agree I did not flatter list, with not so bad a limp." Mona's exclamation of joy was him in the least." smothered in his close embrace While speaking he had drawn a tiny

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families to move, but the jury of view France, where he drove a way which appraises the price the state will hance for two years without receiving pay for the condemned property is view. any serious induries.

ing the lands and houses; hearings are being held most every day on the value of the condenned property and already nineteen families must get out by August 15.

"You see, this presents a big prob Nem to most of us. The antiperity of villagers of Port Kennedy earn their ivelihood at the Ehret Magnesia Manufacturing Company, just southwest of the town. Getting away from Port Kennedy means stealing the very bread from the mouths of their children. The villagers can't afford to move away at a time when jobs can't be whistled for like dogs. The people have to live somewhere near the mills or starve.

"On July 25, we called a meeting of the people, to organize prospective lot buyers and tenants for the purpose of capitalizing building operations on a co-operative basis. We went to that meeting with an option on the Conard farm, a ninety-acre site not far dis-tant from the mill and close to the school and the chapel and the church, "On July 31 we had a public debate

on the question of sites, the other pro-posal being the 125-aere Betz farm on the other side of the river. At the close of the debate forty-one families pledged themselves to purchase lots on the Conard farm, only four on the Betz farm.

Question Is Unsettled

"However, the whole matter still hangs in the air. The villagers who have been notified to move by August 15 are hunting around for new homes. Those whose homes have been condemn ed but upon whom notice to vacate has not yet been served live in suspense. "We just don't know what to do,"

said Mrs. George F. Hartman in her picturesque, ivy-covered cottage on the King of Prussia road. Mrs. Hartman wife of the only medical doctor in the vicinity between Phoenixville and Norristown.

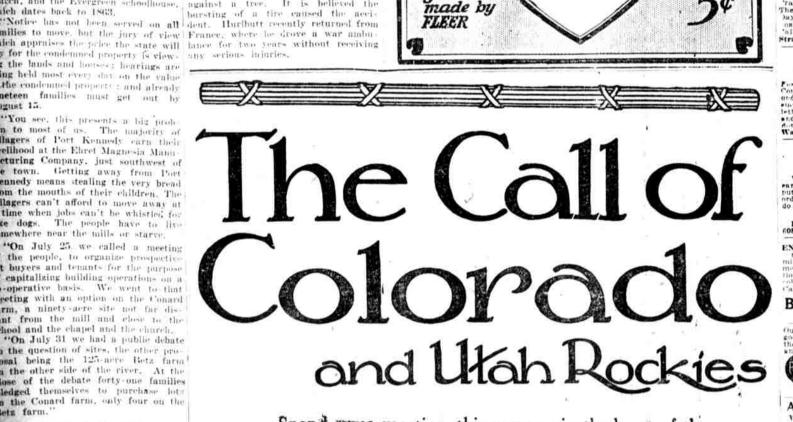
"My husband has an extensive pracand we've been here for the last thirty-four years," she continued. "The nortor can't go to some new locality at his age and build up a new practice. and when folks reach oursstage in life they don't want to tear away from the ce that's been a happy home to them for so many years.

We have no court to appeal to ou stion as to whether they have right to push us out of our home or

"I don't know what we can do. There are no homes nearby outside the med area we can move to. Of me, we may build on the Conard n site if that project is developed. only hope is that the commission of want us to move right away."

Lane Grocery-Store Condemned

one groceryman of the town, reneral store is on Valley Forge and Jain street, has been notified windemonstion of his store, of outputs which he dwas and reads I two fields. The grader was this wife, Mrs. J. J. Baimer,



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