



### BAY RUM BLAMED FOR DEATH OF MAN

York Road Barber's Case Indicates Wood Alcohol Poisoning, Say Physicians

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Wood alcohol claimed its first victim in the York Road section with the death of Philip Seltzer, a barber, according to physicians at the Abington Memorial Hospital.

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**Deaths of a Day**  
NATHAN C. LANE

Realty Man, Developer of Edgely

Victim of Pneumonia in Florida

Nathan C. Lane, a real estate operator with offices at 615 Westmont street, died of pneumonia on Wednesday in St. Petersburg, Fla. He was fifty-five years old, and made his home at the Cedarcroft apartment house at Forty-ninth street and Cedar avenue, which he owned.

Mr. Lane was a native of Washington, D. C., where he was engaged in the real estate business until fifteen years ago, when he came to this city. He was the owner of considerable real estate, including the Cedarcroft, a large apartment house at Forty-ninth street and Cedar avenue, where he made his home when not in Florida.

Mr. Lane's greatest achievement in the real estate line was his purchase of a large tract of ground two miles from Bristol, Pa., which he developed with the operation of dwellings. He named the settlement Edgely and developed it into a good-sized suburb of Bristol. The development of the town by Mr. Lane was begun before the world war, and with the advent of a large shipyard in that locality the demand for dwellings at Edgely was very large.

**Mrs. Cora Rowland Biddle**  
Mrs. Cora Rowland Biddle, wife of J. Wilmer Biddle, died yesterday. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday at the Biddle residence, on Chestnut avenue, Chestnut Hill.

**Dr. Charles S. Straughn**  
The funeral of Dr. Charles S. Straughn, D. D. S., who died on Wednesday night in the Misericordia Hospital from injuries received by being struck by a trolley car at Fifty-second and Larchwood avenue, will be held tomorrow at his home, 3337 Catharine street, Doctor Straughn was fifty years old and in recent years had been engaged in the insurance business.

**James T. Lang**  
James Traquair Lang, an attorney, of 2221 West Hunting Park avenue, died yesterday. He was the husband of Mrs. Winona B. Sewell Lang. His funeral will be held next Monday afternoon from an undertaker's chapel at Eighteenth and Chestnut streets.

**General Alfred H. Stead**  
Williamsport, Pa., Jan. 2.—Brigadier General Alfred H. Stead, retired, died suddenly last night of acute indigestion. He was the first colonel of the Twelfth Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, and served as such from 1874, when the regiment was organized, until 1888. At the time of his death he was a retired brigadier general. He was an alderman in Williamsport for forty years.

**Sir Frank C. Lascelles**  
London, Jan. 2.—Sir Frank Caspary Lascelles, British ambassador to Germany from 1895 to 1908, died here today. He had been minister to Romania in 1889 and to Persia in 1891, and ambassador to Russia in 1894. He was born March 23, 1841.

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The barber was taken to the hospital last Tuesday, presumably suffering from acute indigestion. Hospital physicians say he died by drinking liquor or a liquor substitute. His condition, however, showed unmistakable symptoms of wood alcohol poisoning, they said.

Seltzer was employed in a barber shop at Willow Grove. He was working in the shop Tuesday when he dropped to the floor, apparently in great pain. He was unconscious for hours before he died.

An ordinance regulating the sale and distribution of wood alcohol will be one of the first things sent to the council by Dr. C. Lincoln Furbush, who takes office as director of public health under Mayor-elect Moore on Monday.

The discovery that much of the wood alcohol used in making whisky substitutes in this and other cities is sold by garage owners and paint store proprietors to purchasers who say they want the poison for scientific or commercial purposes is the reason for Doctor Furbush's determination to introduce the ordinance.

Doctor Furbush said that the ordinance would not extend to drug stores, as these stores are restricted in their sales of the stuff by the government. He said that it was meant only to apply to paint shops and automobile garages and workshops, where the wood alcohol was used extensively for commercial purposes.

### Counting of Noses in Census Begins

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son is able to read or write. Occupations will be recorded, place of nativity and mother tongue.

**Headquarters Open Daily**  
According to Nelson Wilson Campbell, assistant supervisor, the headquarters of the Bureau of Census in this city at 320 South Broad street, will be open daily during the canvass. Enumerators not sworn in will have an opportunity to do so today. They are required to work at least eight hours every day.

The fourteenth census is to be a machine-made schedule. Machines have been made for sorting, punching and tabulating all census returns. These machines were designed for the most part by officials of the Census Bureau.

Groups of forty to fifty enumerators in a section are under the direction of an inspector. Each inspector will meet his enumerators every day and receive the collected returns for that day. The returns will be checked up in the South Broad street headquarters by Supervisor Rogers and his corps of assistants.

And as soon as the returns are received in Washington they will be placed upon cards by means of punching machines. Numbers corresponding to the numbers on the enumerators' schedules have been placed on the cards.

**To Be Sorted Into Classes**  
When the schedules are received a clerk will take a card, put it in the

### Highways Are Reported to Be in Better Condition

Condition of highways this morning as reported by the United States Weather Bureau co-operating with the State Highway Department:

Lincoln highway (Trenton to Chambersburg), fair to good, mostly good. Roadway now practically free from snow or ice.

William Penn highway (Easton to Chambersburg), poor near Bethlehem, fair in Montgomery county near Norrisstown, elsewhere good. Practically free from snow or ice.

Philadelphia and Reading pike, fair to good.

Lancaster and Harrisburg pike, generally good.

**Forecast for Tomorrow**  
No change in highway conditions. The weather will be continued cold and probably fair.

punching machines and punch out the various numbers given by the schedule, and representing the various answers made to the twenty questions on the schedules. Then the cards are placed in a sorting machine, which will sort them into classes shown by the holes punched in them. From the sorting machines the cards go to the tabulating machines.

The enumerators are expected to complete their work within thirty days, and the schedules are expected to begin flowing into the Washington office by January 15. The population census must be ready for submission to Congress by December, 1920. In the case of the farming and agriculture schedule, three years are allowed to complete the tally. However, officials believe that this portion of the count will be finished by January 1, 1921.

Persons living in hotels and boarding houses, with the exception of transients, will be enumerated by individual schedules. The hostelry manager is obliged to submit to the Bureau of Census a list of his guests on January 1, whom he does not consider transient. A sufficient number of schedule blanks will be given him, and he will be required to see that each guest receives and fills out one. The schedules are placed in envelopes and sealed by the person who fills them out. They are returned to the South Broad street headquarters.

**MRS. FITZHUGH COLLAPSES**  
Mother of Dead Actress Arrives Here to Take Body  
Mrs. Isabel Fitzhugh, mother of Miss Venita Fitzhugh, the actress who was killed New Year's morning when she was thrown from an automobile to the ground from the Walnut street bridge, is in complete collapse. She arrived yesterday afternoon from New York and went at once to the home of Mrs. Mary Clader, 6104 Christian street, mother of William A. Clader, the owner of the automobile in which Miss Fitzhugh was riding when the accident occurred.

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**TWO HELD FOR ROBBERY**  
Wilmington Man Held Up—Watch and Cash Is Stolen  
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### COAL GAS BLAMED FOR FOUR DEATHS

City Chemist Reports Wood Alcohol Did Not Cause Columbia Avenue Tragedy

### VICTIMS DRANK PURE RYE

Wood alcohol did not kill the four persons, three women and a man, who were found dead at 1025 Columbia avenue last Tuesday, according to a report made to Coroner Knight today by Dr. William C. Robinson, city chemist. He says that the liquor drunk by the four was pure rye whisky.

It is now believed the four were suffocated by coal gas from the stove in the room in which they were found.

The dead are Mrs. Amelia Davis, sixty-two years old, and Mrs. Francis Hurley, forty-five years old, 1025 Columbia avenue; Mrs. Daisy Medlicke, 119 West Thirteenth street, New York, and William Oat, forty-five years old, Park avenue, near Columbia.

When the bodies were found several whisky bottles were picked up in the room. This led to the conclusion that the dead persons had been poisoned by wood alcohol. Each of the bottles still contained some of the liquid. This was tested by Doctor Robinson, who found it free from poison.

Searched today for two diamond rings which Mrs. Medlicke was wearing when she left New York. Her husband, who came here when informed of her death, told the police the rings were not restored to him with the valuables taken from the woman's body.

The police say when they moved the body from the Columbia avenue house they did not notice the diamond rings. Other persons who helped in caring for the dead also said they did not see the rings.

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### "JUST BETWEEN FRIENDS"

Beer Bottle and Razor Fail to Sever Amicable Relations

A friendly scene just among friends took place before Magistrate Coward in the Seventh and Carpenter streets station today. Dominick Samoni, of League street above Fifth, was there with Andrea Zallalika, of South Franklin street near Washington avenue. Samoni sported a black eye, which had been caused by a beer bottle in the hands of Zallalika, who was still pale from excitement caused by the fascinating way in which Samoni could wield a razor.

"It was just a friendly little game, judge," vociferated Samoni. "I invited my friend here to my house and we played cards. Just a friendly game, and I ain't mad."

"Bah, he cheat, judge. I saw him, my friend, he cheat, and then he got after me with his razor. It was a friendly game, but he cheat."

Magistrate Coward held Samoni in \$500 bail for a further hearing Monday, and suggested an armistice in the matter of friendly little games.

**To Speak on Railroad Problem**  
Frederick C. Howe, executive secretary of the conference of democratic control of the railroads and former immigration commissioner of New York, will address the Business Science Club at its first January meeting, to be held from 7 to 8 p. m. at the Hotel Fitzhugh this evening. Mr. Howe will speak on the "Railroad Problem."

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