

THE WHELP'S WATER, SAYS CHIEF DAVIS

Declares Ice-Coated Schuylkill Has Retained Gases That Naturally Form

MAKE MORE TESTS TODAY

The unstable condition of the city's water supply is clearing up rapidly because of the recent thaw, Chief Davis of the Bureau of Water, announced today.

Continual Tests Made

Continual tests are being made of both raw and filtered water at the laboratories at Belmont and Torresdale.

Incidentally, the water bureau head gave his reasons for the death of fish in the river and in the city aquarium.

Tests of the Schuylkill river water are being made today by the State Department of Health and by the city water bureau.

Dr. Furbush Starts Inspection

Dr. C. Lincoln Furbush, director of public health, today started an inspection of the Schuylkill river, jointly with the State Department of Health and municipal Department of Public Works.

Stomach trouble, such as we are experiencing here, added Doctor Furbush, is also prevalent in other sections of the country.

Tests Cover Many Miles

It has been found that a very large amount of water is being wasted. Director Winston, of the Department of Public Works, has ordered the wholesale flushing of streets stopped for the present to conserve the supply.

ROTARIANS HELP BOYS

Camden Club Begins New Work Among Wayward Youths

The Camden Rotary Club today took up its new work of helping wayward boys, when Judge Kates, of the Camden-Criminal Court, suspended sentence on two young men and put them under the guidance of club members.

MUST REMIT DAMAGES

Otherwise Judge Audenried Will Grant Costumer New Trial

President Judge Audenried, Court No. 4, has ordered that Joseph A. Massey, who obtained a verdict of \$1000 against Leonard A. Waas, a costumer, pay damages for false arrest, and that the award above \$100 otherwise Waas's motion for a new trial will be allowed.

TWO DIVORCES GRANTED

Court No. 4 has approved final decrees of divorce in the cases of Hillevin from John Axel Thonin, and George F. Deal from Lillian Deal.

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\$100,000 OR PROBABLE DEATH IS FACING DARING AVIATOR

Philadelphia Flier Offered Big Prize to Set Fire to Plane in Midair—Relies on Fireproofing

Charles Wayne Kerwood, a young Philadelphia aviator, is about to pull a stunt that will make Stephen Brodie look like the conservative bird who wears rubbers from November to May.

Mr. Kerwood is going to ascend 3000 feet over the Golden Gate of San Francisco and set fire to the planes and body of his machine—all to test out a new fireproof coating for airplanes.

If the plane burns up, Kerwood is left to his own devices and the question of aid of a parachute. If the new coating turns out to be fireproof as it is hoped and he is able to bring his plane down in safety, he gets \$100,000.

The feat is to take place on March first. If he wins the colossal bet, Kerwood says he is going to give up flying. The fireproof coating has been successfully tried out on the ground, when the machine was "taxied" along at thirty miles an hour. But to prove that it is effective for use, which will be a remarkable advance in flying, it must be thoroughly tested under actual flying conditions.

The wings and body of his machine will first be treated with the new "dope," as it is called, and then covered with some highly-inflammable material like kerosene. When the air-

plane has reached the desired height the whole works will be ignited by means of an electrical short-circuit device that will throw sparks on to the inflammable surface.

It is calculated that the kerosene or whatever material is used for the burners for three minutes. If the new invention is a success, the flames will burn themselves out and everything will be O. K.

Kerwood is to wear some sort of a fireproof casing or suit, so that he will not be burned during the short blaze. Then he planes down and collects the \$100,000.

He is optimistic over the chances of success on the job and feels pretty certain from the tests already made that the new fireproofing is all right. Kerwood left this city for California about three weeks ago.

He won fame in the war as a member of the Lafayette Escadrille, with which he served before the United States went in the war. He was cited for bravery and awarded the Croix de Guerre, shot down in flames, captured and held in German prison camps, and shot several times while trying to escape.

Since the war he has been on the New York aerial police force and flying for the passenger line between New York and seashore resorts.

ACCUSED BY ROBBERS

Two Men Held on Charge of Receiving Stolen Goods

Upon the confession of two prisoners who are now serving terms in the Eastern Penitentiary, Judge Wessel, in Quarter Sessions Court No. 1, today held Harry and William Silverman under \$5000 bail each to appear tomorrow at noon to answer a charge of receiving stolen goods.

Mye Katz, nineteen years old, and Philip Schultz, eighteen years old, who were convicted two weeks ago and sentenced to not less than five years nor more than seven years, today confessed to the crime of robbing a pawnshop conducted by Abraham M. Freche, at Fifth and Cambria streets. About \$1000 in cash and \$5000 in precious stones and jewelry were stolen.

Katz and Schultz, in their confessions, stated that the stones and jewelry were disposed of to the Silvermans. Jesse Anderson, a negro, who was convicted of not less than six years nor more than eight years in the Penitentiary.

THERE'S MANY A SLIP

At Least This Police Lieutenant Will Say There Is

Lieutenant George F. Boston, of the Twenty-first district, was in conference with some fellow lieutenants and Captain William McFadden this afternoon when he was told that a hysterical, aromatic package had come for him by express.

He stepped out of the conference to investigate and found sergeants and policemen sniffing and tipping about the station house. There was considerable air of mystery.

It was a dark glass gallon bottle labeled "Pure Whisky." The lieutenant called in the members of the conference, produced some glasses and made ready for a "round."

But "here's how" was as far as the enthusiasm progressed, for the "whisky" turned out to be colored water. Lieutenant Boston is doing a little detective work on the trail of his humorous "friends."

REWARD OFFERED FOR AUTO BANDITS

Camden Jeweler Will Give \$500 for Their Arrest and \$1500 for Loot

WOMAN ROBBED OF GEMS

A reward of \$500 for the capture and conviction of two bandits, and a \$1000 reward for the recovery of the diamonds they stole yesterday were offered today by Francis B. Wallen, a Camden jeweler, of 405 Broadway.

The robbers smashed Wallen's display window late yesterday afternoon, seized diamonds valued at \$7000 and fled in an automobile. The machine was wrecked three blocks from the jewelry store when it crashed into a telegraph pole.

Although the car was wrecked near Camden police headquarters, the bandits jumped out and ran, escaping from a dozen pursuers. The abandoned automobile was identified today as one stolen recently from William F. Broeg, a salesman, who lives at 1550, North Alder street, this city.

Woman Held Up

Three men last night held up a woman at Fifteenth and Brown streets. One man stopped her screams by placing his hand over her mouth while the other shot her fingers three diamond rings, valued at \$1000.

Three hours later two men robbed a customer in the restaurant of William Katchel, 424 Germantown avenue. The robbers had ordered a meal, and while the waiter was filling their order they drew revolvers and took \$4 from John Conlin, a customer.

Mrs. Rose Rothstein, 606 North Seventh street, was the victim of the Fifteenth and Brown streets robbery. Nervous and unstrung from her experience, Mrs. Rothstein today told of the hold-up.

"I was walking on Fifteenth street near Brown before dark," she said. "I had been shopping and was coming home to get dinner, when I saw two men coming toward me. I didn't pay much attention to them. One stopped me to ask something about trains. I told him I didn't know and the other man started explaining something. Then suddenly they grabbed me and as one held me the other snatched three rings off my hand. I couldn't scream till after they let me go and then it was too late, for they ran. Of course, I was scared. I have always been rather timid about going out after dark."

Workers in 22 Silk Mills Out

According to strike leaders the loomfixers and twistlers in twenty-two of the twenty-six silk mills between Maybly and Easton today obeyed the order to strike. Chief mediator Tracey is in the field and is making strenuous efforts to end the walkout as quickly as possible.

FINLEY JUROR INSULTED

Says Others Who Favored Conviction Called Him "Bonehead"

High Hamilton, the juror who caused the acquittal of Councilman William E. Finley, declared today he stuck to his opinion on principle despite insults from the other jurors.

Finley, who was tried for conspiracy in the 11th ward election scandal, was acquitted after the jury had been deadlocked for nearly fifty hours. For many hours the vote stood even to one for conviction.

Hamilton, who lives at 2247 South Front street, in the Thirty-ninth ward, formerly represented in the old Select Council by Finley, asserted today his fellow jurors called him a bonehead, because I would not agree with their view-point and convict Finley. Politics did not figure in the case as far as I was concerned. I reached my opinion on the evidence alone. I took an oath in the jury room that I did not know Finley and had never been affiliated with the Vares."

ROOM WAS "TOO WARM"

Children in Bed Complain, Father Finds Roof Afire

After getting the children downstairs to a different room, he turned on an alarm. Firemen from Manayunk, Roxborough and the Falls of Schuylkill responded and soon put out the flames. The roof was damaged, but the loss was small.

FIGHT FOR NAVY YARD

Mayor Urges Congressional Delegation to Battle for Appropriations

A hard fight by the local congressional delegation against any pruning of Philadelphia navy yard appropriations under the part of Congress that will result in the laying off of men is urged by Mayor Moore in a telegram he has sent to Congressman George Darrow, now at Washington.

The Mayor has heard upon good authority, he said this morning, that it is proposed to cut appropriations to an extent that will make necessary the laying off of at least 2000 men at the navy yard. This, he said, seems to be part of the general scheme to economy now being considered by Congress, and should be combated.

REFUSES TO CLOSE CONSPIRACY CASE

Judge Johnson Declines to Abandon Prosecution of Rorke Co-defendants

GORDON WILL WAIT AWHILE

Assistant District Attorney James Gay Gordon, Jr., appeared in the Court of Quarter Sessions today and asked permission to abandon prosecution of the three men who were indicted with William P. Rorke, the lawyer, on the charge of conspiracy and subornation of perjury in connection with the defense of Antonio Zagli, charged with the murder of Patrolman Joseph Swercinski.

Judge Johnson, of Union county, who is sitting in the Court of Quarter Sessions, refused to permit the abandonment of prosecution, saying that action in the case should be taken by a Philadelphia judge, although he presided at the trial of Rorke, who was acquitted.

The men who were accused with Rorke are Joseph Allegro, Felix Cardullo and Frank Picolo. Zagli has been convicted of murder in the first degree and is awaiting sentence.

The assistant district attorney, it is understood, will wait until a Philadelphia judge sits in Quarter Sessions and then renew his motion.

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BEQUEATHS PIPE ORGAN TO CHURCH

Among the wills probated today was that of George P. Pearson, of 125 West Walnut lane, who left the pipe organ in his home to St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church, Germantown. The estate, valued at \$16,500, went to relatives.

The will of Susanna M. Thorpe, of 4234 Paul street, left \$10,000 in trust to her sister, Sarah Walker. At her death \$4000 goes to the Home for Crippled Children at Atlantic City, the balance to relatives.

Advertisement for Perry's clothes, featuring the text 'This New Yorker buys all his Clothes at Perry's, and often gets in on our Regular Reduction Sales!' and 'He came over the other day on business and found time to come in and see us.'

Advertisement for American Tobacco Co. featuring the text 'Do you know Kansas City has just been selected by the American Tobacco Co. as the best location for a western cigarette factory employing 1200?' and 'He told his salesman that he kept posted on our activities, producing from his pocket part of our advertisement for that day, saying that the Overcoat offerings interested him particularly.'

Large advertisement for Linde Furniture Store featuring the text 'This Great Linde February Furniture Sale Offers Bigger Money-Saving Opportunities Than Any Other' and a detailed list of furniture items and prices.

Advertisement for Bailey Banks & Biddle Co. featuring the text 'PEARLS This magnificent collection of Pearls should be carefully examined before making final selection' and 'Gilbert WOOD SPLIT PULLEYS'.

Advertisement for Perry & Co. featuring the text 'OVERCOATS The finest \$85 and \$90 Overcoats are reduced!' and 'Suits The seventy-five-dollar Suits are reduced!'.