SLEEPING MARINE, ILL 6 WEEKS, DIES

Youthful Overseas Veteran Succumbs to Malady Puzzling to Physicians

WAS UNCONSCIOUS AT END

After six weeks of almost unbroken coma, John Heller Crawn, a youthful marine veteran, is dead, this city's first victim of a mysterious illness akin to sleeping sickness.

Crawn died yesterday in the Presbyterian Hospital, where he lay in a strange stupor with only occasional and fleeting returns to consciousness. At those rare intervals he simply answered "yes" or "no" to questions, then reverted to a state of insensibility.

The young man's body was returned today to his relatives in Mount Crawford, Va. An autopsy was performed, which, it was hoped, might throw some light on the nature of the malady.

Death was attributed to "encephalitis lethargica," although physicians are far from positive of the nature of the case. Ordinary sleeping sickness, as known to tropical medicine, is normally communicated by the bite of a fly peculiar to Africa, or through contact with affected persons or animals.

Although the permit of the recorder of births and deaths, authorizing the conveyance of the youth's body to his home in Mt. Crawford, Va., classified the ailment as "encephalitis lethargica," physicians who handled the extraordinary case are far from positive as to its exact nature.

Was 23 Years Old

About January 5 Crawn, who was twenty-three years old, was aware of persistent dizziness, confused vision and general weakening of faculties. In a few days these developed into an alarming stupor, lasting for hours at a time. He was removed to the hospital, where he gradually sank into a dense coma, from which it became increasingly difficult to rouse him. Natural feeding was abandoned in favor of artificial nourishment, administered through a tube, applied to the nostrils.

Frequent use of the oxygen pump alone prolonged his life for the final week. He died without giving any indications of consciousness. In the appearance of the dead youth there is little indication of his protracted stupor. Aside from slight emaciation in the face he seems quite natural.

Crawn returned with his regiment in August of last year and came to Philadelphia to take up work in the insurance business. Previous to service in France he had been in the advertising business here for a year. Andrew Crawn, a surviving brother, who was summoned, returned with the body to their home in Virginia this morning, where their father is a flour merchant. Funeral services will be held at Trinity Reformed Church at Mount Crawford Friday.

Crawn is an alumnus of Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, where he was prominent in athletics during his student days.

While in Germany, where he served as a private with the famous Sixth regiment of marines, in the A. E. F., Crawn suffered a severe attack of influenza. From this, however, he had apparently recovered.

JOHN HELLER CRAWN
Young veteran of Sixth Regiment of marines, who died of a disease believed to be the sleeping sickness, in the Presbyterian Hospital.

TWO IN LODGE 63 YEARS

Burlington I. O. O. F. Has Ten Veterans of Half Century

Burlington, N. J., Feb. 12.—A record for "grand old men" among its membership is the boast of Phoenix Lodge, No. 92, I. O. O. F., of this city. The organization has nineteen members who have been identified with Odd Fellowship here for more than forty years, ten of them for more than half a century.

Budd S. Richardson and Thomas R. Schuyler are the oldest living members of the lodge. They were initiated sixty-three years ago. Another venerable Odd Fellow is Noah Lippincott, who has been a member sixty years.

Killed in Pistol Fight With Police

Williamsport, Pa., Feb. 12.—(By A. P.)—William Williams, colored, was killed in a pistol fight with officers of the law at Emporium yesterday afternoon. Some time ago, the police say, he robbed his wife of a sum of money and went to Olean. Returning yesterday he demanded more money and when he threatened the woman, who summoned officers of the law, the encounter followed.

State Used 2648 Snow Shovelers

Harrisburg, Feb. 12.—(By A. P.)—The highway department employed 2648 men and used 243 horse-drawn machines and thirty-five automobile trucks with snowplows to keep the roads open during the week of February 7, when the big snowfall occurred. In addition, a number of wagons were in use. The mobilization of men was the greatest made by the department in years.

MAIN LINE RESIDENT MISSING TWO DAYS

Wife Asks Police to Find Edward W. Maxwell, of Wayne, Brokers' Employe

FEARS HE MET ACCIDENT

The police have been asked to search for Edward W. Maxwell, 232 Poplar street, Wayne, who disappeared after leaving his home for the office of Wurts, Dulles & Co., stock brokers, where he was employed, last Tuesday morning.

Neither Mrs. Maxwell nor any of the friends of the family have heard of him since. They fear he may have met with an accident or foul play.

The Maxwells are widely known in the younger social set in Philadelphia and along the Main Line. Mrs. Maxwell was Miss Edith Roberts, member of a prominent Boston family, and has entertained extensively.

"I am completely at a loss to account for my husband's continued absence," said Mrs. Maxwell last evening, "and am so worried I sought assistance from the police. My husband left home Tuesday morning at the time he usually starts for the office. He bade good-bye to us all as usual, and seemed in good spirits.

"He did not have a traveling bag with him and from the way he left everything it would appear certain he did not expect to be away over night. So far as I know he had but little money with him. We thought nothing of his absence when he did not return for dinner, although I wondered why he had not telephoned he was detained.

"In the morning I telephoned his office and found he had not been there after he left home. Then I telephoned several friends and finally appealed to the authorities to help look for him. I know of no possible reason why he would have gone away."

Heatley C. Dulles, of Villanova, a member of the brokerage firm, said last night that Mr. Maxwell had been employed as a clerk by the firm ever since its organization about ten years ago.

"All we know about the affair is that he did not report for work Tuesday and then we learned from his wife that he was missing from home. In his work at the office he had nothing to do with the financial part of the business. I do not know anything about his outside business affairs."

ASK MAYOR'S HELP

Navy Yard Employes to Continue Fight for Funds to Continue Work

A petition urging the passage of the $9,050,000 deficiency bill, which includes an appropriation of $1,250,000 for the maintenance of navy yards, will be sent to every member of Congress by the Philadelphia Navy Yard Employment Association.

This action was decided upon at a meeting of the organization yesterday. Members of the association believe that the House rejected the bill under the impression that the money was to be used for repairs to old ships which were virtually useless.

A copy of the petition will also be sent to Mayor Moore with the request that he present it to Senator Penrose.

NOTE NEW DECLINE IN PRICES OF FOOD

Heavy Shipments, Reduced Consumption and Fair Profit Board Given Credit

U. S. TO SELL MORE MEAT

Investigation of the food situation shows a gradual drop in prices.

Many dealers expressed the opinion today that it was due to a steady increase in shipments to this city with no perceptible increase in buying. The establishment of a fair-price committee, it was agreed, was also a big factor.

The sale of army and navy goods in different sections of the country has also helped to bring down prices. Many dealers have noticed, incidentally, that customers are no longer buying extravagantly.

Many seem to realize, a prominent meat dealer said today, that a break must come and they are beginning to retrench.

Nearly All Prices Drop

Prices of meat, butter and eggs, as well as canned goods, are declining gradually. There are very few exceptions. The very highest grade of meats are remaining at their figures of a week ago, but as the government is to put 35,000,000 pounds of beef on the market for sale within a few days this action will give beef prices another severe tumble.

Wholesale canned goods dealers yesterday also gave prices of a year ago and of yesterday. Canned goods of all kinds had come down, they said. Pumpkins dropped from $1.50 a year ago to ninety-four cents; smoked bloaters, from $3 a dozen to $2.30; mixed vegetables, from $1.50 a dozen to $1.15; preserved blackberries, from $4 a dozen to $3.22½ a dozen; bulk cocoa, from twenty-seven cents a pound to twenty-one cents; lima beans, from seventeen cents a pound to fourteen and fourteen and seven-eighths cents a pound; hand-picked pea beans, from fourteen cents a pound to eight and and one-quarter cents; Japanese pea beans from eleven cents a pound to seven and one-quarter cents a pound, and marrow beans, from seventeen cents a pound to twelve and one-quarter cents.

U. S. Meat Sale Plans

Robert M. Simmers, general agent for the State Bureau of Food, said 35,000,000 pounds of meat would be put on sale in New York by the government. Ten million pounds will be put on sale on Saturday, 5,000,000 the following Saturday and 10,000,000 each succeeding week till the entire amount has been disposed of. He said it was against the law to sell their meat in Pennsylvania, as it had been in storage for more than a year.

Frank B. McClain, state fair-price commissioner, is in Reading today organizing a fair-price committee for Berks county. Tomorrow he will be in Allentown to organize one for Lehigh and Northampton counties.

MAYOR WILL HASTEN BRIDGE

Tells Parks Association He Stands for Beauty and Service

The Delaware river bridge may be completed before the end of Mayor Moore's administration. A beginning on the preliminary work of the great span will be made inside of six months.

This information, given out by the Mayor last night in an address before the City Parks Association, caused much enthusiasm. The association tendered a reception to the Mayor and Mrs. Moore at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Thirteenth and Locust streets.

Mayor Moore incidentally remarked while touching on plans for beautifying the city that it could not spend everything for art without having a substantial return for commerce.

Fire in House Causes $50 Loss

A house full of smoke, the family forced out into the street and a loss of about $50 were the results of a small fire in the cellar of the three-story dwelling and junkshop of Morris Oskey, 313 Carpenter street, at 1 o'clock this morning. The fire began in a pile of junk and rags in the cellar. Members of the family were awakened by smoke and turned in an alarm.

Will Lecture on Turkey

Michael Dorizas, former intercollegiate wrestling champion, while a student at the University of Pennsylvania, will lecture on "Turkey at the Peace Conference," before the Young People's Society of the Spring Garden Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Twentieth and Spring Garden streets, tonight.

ROW OVER ALIENS ADJOURNS MEETING

Christian Americanization Conference Enlivened by Debate Led by Women

NEGRO QUESTION UP TODAY

A heated argument over the advisability of admitting aliens to the United States and the threatened ejection of a woman delegate enlivened the meeting of the Christian Americanization conference in the Arch Street Methodist Church, Broad and Arch streets, yesterday.

The argument became so warm and the repeated calls for order so unheeded that the meeting finally was ended in an abrupt adjournment by the Rev. F. W. Wilson, chairman.

Miss Sara J. Webb, formerly of 1935 Cayuga street, now of Warrington, Pa., began the argument when she got up and advocated the barring of foreigners from the United States because of their alleged demoralizing influence.

Mrs. Clara Dorton, of Darby, sprang up in defense of the foreign-born. Miss Webb was undaunted. She returned to the assault and not only stood by her guns, but said her argument was based on personal experience with foreign-born residents and she was convinced they should be barred for the good of the country.

Then the argument became general, with the two women leading in charges and counter-charges. Mr. Wilson rapped for order several times. No attention was paid to him, so he dismissed the meeting.

The negro question will be taken up at the conference today.

MINISTER MADE INSPECTOR

Rev. J. G. Bierck Appointed in Street Cleaning Bureau

Apparently actuated by the aphorism that cleanliness is next to Godliness, the Rev. J. G. Bierck, a well-known clergyman, of 4616 Larchwood avenue, has accepted an appointment as inspector in the bureau of street cleaning.

The minister is a graduate of Columbia University, and has resided in this city twenty-seven years. He is fifty-five years old. Assistant Director Wagner, of the Department of Public Works, expressed the hope that other professional men would follow the Rev. Mr. Bierck's example.

PRINCIPALS TO ATTEND

School Heads Here Will Go to Cleveland Convention

It is expected that a number of Philadelphia public school principals and supervising principals will attend the National Educational Association convention to be held in Cleveland the last of this month. So far Miss Sarah E. Bradshaw, of the Pastorious School, is the only one who has applied for leave of absence for the event.

The Board of Education has granted leave without loss of salary to any of the principals wishing to attend the convention. Superintendent John P. Garber will also attend.

Aged Man a Suicide

Israel Gomburg, seventy-five years, 717 McClellan street, was found late yesterday afternoon in his bed with a gas hose in his mouth. The body was taken to the Mt. Sinai Hospital and there pronounced dead. He is said to have been despondent over illness.

"SMELL" SQUAD AT WORK

Sanitary Detectives Sniff for Offensive Odors

"The odor squad'll get you if you don't watch out."

A force of "smell detectives," men with extraordinarly keen olfactory nerves, has been established to ferret out the sources of offensive smells reported by citizens in various sections of the city.

George H. Shaw, chief of the division of housing and sanitation, directs the work of the "smell detectives." Men who do not use tobacco are used on the force because their sense of smell is considered better and more certain.

The detectives work along the same plan as a bloodhound. They go to the vicinity from which bad odors are reported. There they sniff the air until they get a good whiff of the complained odor and then trace it to its lair. The health authorities then compel the removal of the cause.

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All Present 25.00 Coats — Velours and silvertones in full-length models, also snappy sports coats. $18.75
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All Present 49.75 Coats — Broadcloths, silvertones, bolivias and velours, fur collars or self-trimmed models. $37.29
All Present 79.75 Coats — Tinseltones or bolivias with handsome fur trimmings or rich self trimmings. $59.80
All Present 89.75 Coats — Tinseltones, frostones, Yalama and bolivias with luxurious fur collars and cuffs. $67.29

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Our 57.50 Coney Coats — Taupe or Kolinsky coney—reversible border and bell shape sleeves. A popular sports model. $43.11
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195.00 Nutria or Seal Coats — Nutria, 36 inches long. Australian seal trimmed with Australian opossum. $146.25
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Women's 11.00 Coats . . . $8.75
Women's 15.00 Coats . . $11.25
Women's 17.75 Coats . . $13.50
Women's 19.75 Coats . . $14.25
Women's 21.50 Coats . . $16.25
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Women's $1.50 to $1.75 Fleece-Lined Underwear . . 75c — Union suits, vests and pants. Extraordinary values. Street Floor
Women's Ribbed Cotton Union Suits . . . . . 45c — Light weight. Low neck and sleeveless. Street Floor
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