

STREET STOREKEEPERS SHOT AND KILLED Negro Youth Pawns Clothes to Buy Revolver After Fight Over \$12 Grocery Bill

PASSERBY HIT IN HEART

Four Murders in City in Less Than 72 Hours

Four murders have occurred in the city within the last seventy-two hours. A private watchman was found murdered in the Dwight estate mansion, Germantown and Sunset avenues, on the same day. The body was stuffed in a pantry. Burglars are blamed.

Two storekeepers were shot and killed by a seventeen-year-old negro after a fight between them and the negro over a \$12 grocery bill.

The dead men are Samuel Lachen, fifty-two years old, 670 North Tenth street, and Louis Abrams, forty-six years old, 971 North Marshall street.

Charles Walker, 920 Wallace street, the murderer, was caught in the kitchen of his home. He will be given a hearing on the murder charge in City Hall today.

Walker and Lachen had a fight because of the grocery bill yesterday afternoon. Walker had promised to pay the \$12, but didn't and is said to have grown abusive when Lachen refused him additional credit.

During the argument Lachen is said to have struck the negro and knocked him to the street in front of the store.

Returns to Store Walker, according to a confession he made later to Detective Belshaw, head of the "murder squad," went to his home, got his best suit of clothes and pawned it for \$12.

After returning to the store, Walker presented the bill with the money he bought a second-hand revolver and some bullets. Armed with the loaded revolver, he returned to the store late night.

Another argument ensued and Lachen and Walker went out on the pavement. Walker drew the revolver. Lachen grabbed Abrams, who was going to his home, and used him as a shield.

Walker fired. The bullet took effect over Abrams' heart. Lachen dropped Abrams and ducked behind the store. Walker then turned on Lachen. The bullet lodged in Lachen's heart. He dropped dead. A third shot just grazed the wrist of a son of Lachen.

The negro who shot the still loaded revolver and broke his way through the crowd which had gathered quickly. He ran to his home, eluding the men who pursued him.

Lynchings Threatened Patrolmen from the Tenth and Bunting streets arrived barely in time to prevent a crowd from carrying off its threat to break into the house to lynch Walker.

"Come in," Walker called calmly, when the police knocked. "I still have the gun, but I won't do any more shooting."

He submitted to arrest without resistance. He was hustled through the angry crowd by a special detail of patrolmen and sent to City Hall.

Both the victims were sent to the Roosevelt Hospital, but they were dead before reaching the medical institution. Lachen leaves five children. His wife died about a year ago and six months ago one of his children was killed by a trolley car at Tenth street and Fairmount avenue. Abrams was survived by a wife and two children.

English Helpless in U-Boat Menace

Continued from Page One all classes since the beginning of the war," said Mr. Daniels. "The President suggested that the proper policy to pursue was to adopt the recommendations he had made to the department, 'most of which had been decided upon and put in operation before the outbreak of the war and rested them.' Secretary Daniels declared.

"He added," the secretary continued, "that we should be organized in a similar manner in all respects to the British squadron and virtually transfer all naval authority to his headquarters in London."

Two "Significant" Remarks "Two remarkable and significant statements" in Admiral Sims' reply to President Wilson were cited by Mr. Daniels as evidence that the admiral was "hypothesized by British influences." The first was that the views he expressed were in all cases "an independent opinion based upon specific facts collected in the Admiralty and other government departments. The second was as follows:

"Depend upon the fact, which I believe to be true, that regardless of any future developments we can always count upon the support of the British navy. I have been assured of this by important government officials."

"Every schoolboy should know," said Mr. Daniels, "that the democratic government to government official could pledge his country's navy to support another government regardless of future developments."

Secretary Daniels presented a letter from former Representative Carlin, of Virginia, dated last April 20, and stating that while Mr. Carlin was visiting London in December, 1918, Admiral Sims had "disabused" his mind of the view that "our navy had been of great importance during the war, and had accomplished splendid results."

"He told me our navy was small and ineffective as compared with the British navy and that our achievements had amounted to but little during the war," wrote Mr. Carlin. "I remember that after leaving the admiral I told my son, who was with me, that the admiral should be in the British navy and that their payroll was not on ours."

TO CHOOSE CHEER-LEADER Elections for the position of varsity cheer leader will be held at Penn during the Pennsylvania-Delaware baseball game on Franklin Field today. At this time the candidates who have been competing under Head Cheer Leader T. J. will appear before the stands in the final competition, and will be voted upon by the students at the game.

THIEVES BLOW SAFE SOULAEFER WILL NOT BUT MISS RICH HAUL QUIT FOR KENDRICK

Metropolitan Insurance Co. Offices in Bell's Hall Building Are Broken Into

MONEY IS FOUND INTACT SPROUL SILENT ON POSITION

Robbers who blew a safe last night or early this morning in the offices of the Metropolitan Insurance Co., in the Bell's Hall Building at Roberts and Granton streets, apparently were scared away before they reached a large sum of money stored in the safe.

The outer door of the heavy safe was blown from its hinges, and the knob of the door on the inner compartment had been knocked off, but the robbers did not succeed in opening the door to the inner compartment.

Posed as Carpenters The robbers are believed to have entered the building posing as members of a carpenters' union, which held a meeting in Bell's Hall on the third floor.

The men forced a door leading to the offices of the insurance company, and hid in the offices until the meeting adjourned at midnight.

Then they prepared a charge of nitroglycerin and soaped it into the cracks of the safe door. The robbers took a heavy rug from the office of the superintendent and used it to muffle the noise of the explosion.

The proprietor of a grocery under-neath the offices of the company said today he had been in the building until 11 o'clock, and had heard no unusual noise.

The attempted robbery was discovered at 6 o'clock this morning, by Nelson Adrick, the janitor. Alexander Norden, superintendent of the company, said that the safe contained a large sum of money which the agents, who made collections Monday and yesterday, had turned in.

City Hall detectives are at work on the case.

BATTLES WITH CANNIBALS Doctor Rice Describes Trip on Amazon With Wife

A thrilling fight with 200 gigantic cannibals was among other adventures of Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Hamilton Rice, who returned yesterday from an extensive trip through the Amazon Valley in South America.

Mrs. Rice was formerly the widow of George D. Widener, of Philadelphia. She has penetrated the wilds of the Amazon further than any other white woman.

Doctor and Mrs. Rice arrived on the steamship Albatross from Para, Brazil, four days ago.

Accompanied by a few guides, they were fired upon by the savages, who kept abreast of them along shore.

The encounter started on the Amazon, near Iquitos. Doctor and Mrs. Rice, with Chester H. Ober, of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey; Lio Fuentes, of Venezuela, and several guides, first explored the Rio Negro, along the banks of which they found specimens of fauna and flora. These specimens will be given to Peabody Museum of Harvard University.

SEEK GEM CLUE IN N. J. Detectives to Visit Bridgeton in Hunt for "Crippled" Thief

Detectives Shay and Shevick, working on the \$10,000 diamond theft from a Bailey, Banks & Biddle Co. employee at the Bellevue-Stratford, will go to Bridgeton, N. J., today to investigate the case.

The thief is one about whom they sent a warning lately to all hotels in New Jersey. This man always operated by taking a room near a fire escape at the hotel and then looting adjoining guest chambers. Likewise the detectives plan to call upon a man in Bridgeton named Tom, which was the name the thief wrote on the hotel register. There is no suspicion of the Bridgeton man, but the detectives hope he may recall some one who might have aided him.

Pennsylvania Railroad police believe the thief, who masqueraded as a cripple, arrived at Broad Street station by a New York train, and was helped to a taxicab.

A country-wide search has been undertaken for the thief. Every hotel-keeper, from a roadside inn to a big city, will be notified of the theft and given a description of the thief.

WILMER ATKINSON FUNERAL Services Held Today for Editor of Farm Journal

Funeral services of Wilmer Atkinson, editor and founder of the Farm Journal, were held this afternoon at his home, 4142 Locust street. The cremation was that of the Friends.

There was a brief reading by Arthur H. Jenkins, a nephew of Mr. Atkinson, from a book of poems which Mr. Atkinson loved, and several friends made brief addresses in appreciation of the character and work of the editor.

Participants were: Edward A. Jenkinson, of Swarthmore; J. Clarence Atkinson, of Chestnut Hill; Thomas Atkinson, of Philadelphia; J. W. Jenkins, of Swarthmore; and Irvin F. Paschall, of Jopkinsville.

Delaware Bishop Chosen Today Wilmington, Del., May 12.—A new bishop for the Episcopal diocese of Delaware will be elected at today's meeting at Immanuel Protestant Episcopal Church.

Wildwood Elects Commissioners Wildwood, N. J., May 12.—Frank E. Smith, W. F. Hinton and Oliver Bright were elected commissioners yesterday. The first two are incumbents. The vote was as follows: F. E. Smith, 408; W. F. Hinton, 435; Oliver Bright, 417; E. S. Culver, 382; J. A. Harris, 317; H. W. Ryan, 227.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES Joseph H. Bowen Jr., 2439 S. 18th st. and Helen M. Bowen, 1842 S. 18th st. and Charles Campbell, 2112 N. Marine st. and Virginia M. Campbell, 2112 N. Marine st. and Clement Bowman, 1408 S. 29th st. and Martha Harrington, Dover.

John J. Lewis, 1915 S. Parrish st. and Josephine M. Lewis, 2427 N. 15th st. and Martin Love, 1650 S. 24th st. and Josephine M. Love, 1741 Federal st. and Pauline Kitzke, 1914 S. 18th st. and Pauline Kitzke, 1914 S. 18th st.

Richard Beaumont, 2554 S. 9th st. and Sarah Weaver, East Chase. William P. Cox, 4904 Spruce st. and Elizabeth M. Cox, 4904 Spruce st. and Mary Gilbert, 2155 S. Franklin st. and Harry Gilbert, 2155 S. Franklin st.

Frank M. Kline, 2146 W. Norris st. and Edna M. Kline, 2146 W. Norris st. and George E. Kline, 2146 W. Norris st. and Edna M. Kline, 2146 W. Norris st.

Joseph A. Madillon, Ambler, Pa., and Elizabeth M. Madillon, Ambler, Pa. and George C. Brown, San Diego, Calif., and Elizabeth M. Brown, San Diego, Calif.

Donald J. Fallow, 702 Calowhill st. and Ellen Fallow, 702 Calowhill st. and Sylvia Fallow, 702 Calowhill st. and Donald J. Fallow, 702 Calowhill st.

John J. Kelly, 1629 W. Cornerland st. and Elizabeth M. Kelly, 1629 W. Cornerland st. and John J. Kelly, 1629 W. Cornerland st.

"I am a Candidate to the End," State's Law Officer Says Regarding Delegate Race

MRS. BENJAMIN C. TOWER News of the death of Mrs. B. C. Tower at her home in Cohasset, Mass., came as a shock to Chestnut Hill circles where Mrs. Tower, who was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Potter, was well known before her marriage.

MRS. B. C. TOWER IS DEAD Daughter of C. A. Potter Passes Away in New England

Announcement of the sudden death of Mrs. Benjamin C. Tower at her home, Cohasset, Mass., Monday night, came as a shock to a large circle of friends in Philadelphia.

The Governor yesterday called on Senator Penrose at the latter's home, 1331 Spruce street. Following the visit he was reported Mr. Sproul would support the original state organization slate which does not include Mr. Kendrick.

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FRIENDS MAY LIFT AMUSEMENTS BAN Speakers at Yearly Meeting Uphold Card Playing and Dancing—In Moderation

NOT 'HARMFUL DIVERSION' More tolerance of present day amusements when indulged in under proper auspices was advocated by many speakers at this morning's session of the Friends' Yearly Meeting at the Central Meeting House, Fifteenth and Race streets.

It was contended by many that card playing, music and dancing were only improper when conducted in a wrong atmosphere.

Harold Roberts recommended that the words "music, dancing and card playing" be stricken from the Friends' laws and discipline and replaced by the words "harmful diversions."

West Chester Takes Lead Discussion of the amusements in question was started by a communication from the West Chester Meeting. The West Chester Meeting requested that the paragraph regarding forms of entertainment mentioned be discussed. In the Friends' "Laws and Discipline" card playing, music and dancing are referred to as harmful diversions and cause for lightly squandering time.

Daniel Willets said that to cultivate music in its highest form was a splendid thing.

"As to cards," he said, "we know that our young people play cards; there is no secret about it. I see no harm in card playing under proper auspices. As to dancing, this amusement should be left to the individual conscience and should not be tolerated under improper auspices."

The three reports, being taken up in the order named, are: Committee on central bureau, committee on Joseph Jones fund and committee on Young Friends' movement.

In the report of the former was expressed the desire for permanent quarters, approved at the 1917 Yearly Meeting, but not acted upon owing to war conditions.

This project includes the rebuilding or alteration of the old Cherry Street Meeting House which came up for such extensive and strenuous discussion at yesterday's meeting ending with the proposition being carried over for another year.

The Central Bureau The central bureau's function is an important one, dealing with recording, correspondence, preparation of reports, the detailed clerical work of the Friends' Society's many committees, bureaus and activities. The amount of routine work done by the committee, as outlined in the report, is testified by the fact that during the last year 6000 envelopes and postcards were addressed, the indicator on the rotary mimeograph showing that 17,055 letters were run, and the number of packages of second and third class mail sent out during the year is approximately 5500.

The Joseph Jones committee has the care of the fund bearing that name amounting to \$200,000. According to the report the net income received by the trustees of the fund was \$9880.20, which was apportioned by the committee among eleven boarding homes of the Philadelphia, Abington, Bucks, Concord, Calm, Western, Southern, Burlington, Salem and Fishing Creek, Half Yearly and Quarterly Meetings respectively.

Some 210 persons were reported as having received the benefit of this fund during the last year at a total cost of \$107,824.13, or about \$512 a person. Of this cost the income of the Joseph Jones fund contributed \$9908.85, or about \$47.18 per person.

The committee also reports receipts during the year by the trustees of the legacy of \$250,000, given by the will of Anna T. Jones, the net income of \$11,243.19. This sum was allotted to eight of the above mentioned quarterly meetings for the support of infirmaries established in connection with the boarding houses.

Tried to Get R. R. Papers Charged with impersonating a government agent, E. Frank Kennedy, of this city, has been arrested in Pittsburgh, and held under \$2000 bail. According to federal authorities, Kennedy, who is a government agent and demanded certain papers pertaining to the railroad strike be turned over to him.

TO RELIEVE CAR SHORTAGE Committee Favors Extending Use of \$300,000 Revolving Fund

Washington, May 12.—(By A. P.) Legislation designed to aid the railroads and shippers in the car shortage situation by extending the use of the \$300,000 revolving fund provided in the transportation act from five to fifteen years, and also amending the law in other respects was agreed upon today by the Senate Interstate commerce committee.

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COST OF DYING GOES UP WITH RISE IN GASOLINE Undertakers Remove Signs Announcing Burials. Wages of Auto Drivers Also Add to Expense. Higher Rates for Mourners

Following the pace of progress, it costs more to die now than ever before.

Undertakers who formerly displayed alluring signs near cemeteries announcing bargain funerals have removed these notices.

It costs 20 per cent more now to be escorted to the burial ground, whether one happens to be the principal of a funeral or merely a mourner. The advance in the price of funeral carriages or automobiles has been announced by the Auto Livery Protective Association.

One of the reasons given for the advance is the high cost of gasoline. No matter how one hates to think of gasoline in connection with death or bur-

ial funerals, the advance in price of this fuel figures in the general funeral expenses. This means that the funeral of a mourner which formerly cost \$8 is now \$7.20. The horse, of course, costs more in proportion.

The livery association also says that it costs more for the drivers who pilot the vehicles to the cemetery.

Furthermore, the costs of caskets have advanced as well as all the other great things.

Incidentally figures announced by the board of health during the last few days show a decrease in the number of deaths. All of which indicates that if the high cost of living is equalled by the high cost of dying, any persons have determined to live it out, regardless of the collapse of undertakers on the subject.

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WAR VETERAN GIVES BLOOD Fourteen-Year-Old Girl Rests Easily After Transfusion Operation

If Lillian Braun, a fourteen-year-old patient at the Lankenau Hospital, recovers she will owe her life to Wesley Ungerechger, 2816 West Lehigh avenue, a former soldier, who gave his blood to save the child.

For a week the doctors at the Lankenau Hospital have been looking for a volunteer to undergo a transfusion operation to fill the child's depleted veins. There was no lack of volunteers, 150 men and women, hospital superintendents, nurses, Penn students, former service men, having offered their blood. The difficulty was to find some one with blood sufficiently like the child's to mingle with hers. It looked hopeless when Ungerechger came along. His blood came up to test, and Doctor Smokey performed the operation. This morning the child was resting easily, and it is hoped she will recover.

TEACHERS GET PAY RISE Upper Penns Neck Instructors Given Increase of 12 1/2 Per Cent

Carneys Point, N. J., May 12.—With the closing of new contracts with teachers for the public schools in Upper Penns Neck township for next year, the Board of Education in this district, which comprises the model du Pont villages, claims to have set the pace again for attractive salaries paid to instructors. A general salary increase of 12 1/2 per cent has been declared for next year, and an additional bonus of \$150.

The supervising principal next year will receive \$2750. The minimum pay for teachers will be \$1106.25 and the maximum \$1443.75.

EX-SOLDIER FOUND HANGED Mother Discovers Body in Home on Race Street

Harry Schwartz, twenty-three years old, a former soldier, committed suicide today, the police say, by hanging himself in the bedroom of his home, Race street near Front.

Schwartz suffered an attack of influenza in the service and had been in poor health since. He was unable to do any work and was despondent. Shortly before 10 o'clock his mother found him suspended from the door.

PHILADELPHIA TRUST COMPANY 415 Chestnut Street and Broad and Chestnut Streets Northeast Corner

PLANS SCHOOL CHANGES A. J. Gerson, New Assistant School Head, to Take Office Soon

Armand J. Gerson, newly appointed associate superintendent of schools, plans many changes when he takes office.

Mr. Gerson is still acting as president of the William Penn High School for Girls, but Superintendent Garber says his services are needed at headquarters and that he will soon assume his new duties.

The development of oral expression in connection with the study of English is a matter in which Mr. Gerson is interested very much. He says too much attention is paid to written English in the schools and not enough to spoken words.

Mr. Gerson was graduated from Central High School in 1898.

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