

"CRANK" MAY HOLD KIDNAPPED CHILD

New Theory Is Abductor Kept Coughlin Baby in Fear of Arrest

POLICE CHIEF AT SCENE

The newest theory in the Norristown kidnaping is that the mysterious person who signed himself "The Crank," and who promised to return Baby Bledley Coughlin if given \$12,000 in cash, really had the baby and would have returned him, but was prevented because of fear of detection.

It has been learned that Chief of Police Joseph D. Carroll, of Swedeland, was in the vicinity of the abandoned trolley station at Swedeland shortly before midnight Monday, only a short time before the \$12,000 was to be planted. The baby was to be returned the next afternoon, but "The Crank" did not produce the little fellow.

The arrangement with "The Crank" was that only George D. Coughlin, the father, and his attorney, Major C. Townley Larzere, were to be at the appointed place when the ransom was delivered in the cash. Chief Carroll admitted he got off a trolley at the abandoned station at Swedeland about 11:17 o'clock Monday night and went to the place where the ransom was to be paid. He then returned to the station about an hour and a half later, but says he did not see either Mr. Coughlin or Major Larzere.

The supposition is "The Crank" may have seen Chief Carroll and believed Mr. Coughlin had broken faith with him.

Chief of Police Charles L. A. Eiler, of Norristown, was absent today from his accustomed haunts. Peter Monsour, working on a new clue in the kidnaping mystery.



CONCETTA SAVARESE Seven-year-old girl who died in the Pennsylvania Hospital from burns received when her dress ignited at a bonfire.

BONFIRE FATAL TO CHILD

Girl, 7, Dies in Hospital Following Igniting of Dress

Concetta Savarese, seven years old, of 1019 South Eighth street, died this morning at the Pennsylvania Hospital as the result of burns received when she was playing around a bonfire.

The child's life is said, fell in the fire while romping with her four-year-old brother, Anthony, Saturday. Fire-masters tried to extinguish her burning clothing, but the little girl ran from them to her home. She was badly burned all over the body.

BOY FUGITIVE SHOT

Wounded in Arm by Patrolman; Recaptured in Hospital

After he had escaped from Detective McCormick, of the Tenth and Buttonwood streets station yesterday. Harry Paul, fifteen years old, Marshall and Poplar streets, was shot in the left arm during a chase by McCormick.

Paul was recaptured later at St. Joseph's Hospital, where he went for treatment.

SYRIANS FIGHT RAZOR DUEL

Four Allens Injured When Old-Country Feud is Revived

Conestoga, Pa., June 21.—Peter Monsour was probably fatally wounded, his brother, Jack Monsour, was seriously injured on the head and body, and two other brothers, Zuehner and Joseph Thomas, wounded on the head and hands late last night during a quarrel between the quartet here.

Peter Monsour is in a hospital with eleven wounds on the head and body, while his brother received six. The Thomas brothers are less seriously hurt.

The quarrel resulted from a feud between the two families, started, it is said, at their former home in Syria. Emanuel Joseph, arrested by police as he who he proved that he had entered the razor only to separate the principals. Razors were used by all of the men in their attacks upon one another. The fight followed a two-day religious celebration in honor of St. Anthony in this city.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

- Moore, 2923 E. Lehigh av., and Marie Anton, 1508 E. Lehigh av., at 3:30.
- Carl P. Whiteley, 2819 Delancy st., and George Trantvold, 2216 Hancock st., and Lillian McGorman, 4713 James av., at 3:30.
- Walter Deiner, 1017 Cambridge st., and Emma McDonnell, 1817 Carroll st., at 4:30.
- Mildred Watson, 3912 Brown st., and Charles Perin, 2014 Union st., at 4:30.
- Elizabeth Massa, 545 E. Houshorough av., Herman Hoshier, 1410 Pearl st., and Clara Duer, 928 N. 8th st., at 4:30.
- Gilbert Keltner, 1718 N. 4th st., and Ethel Clarence Heiligen, 2118 N. 8th st., at 4:30.
- Louis A. Stern, 1818 N. 15th st., and Helen George, 2540 N. 15th st., at 4:30.
- George Duann, 1306 Walnut st., and Alice Baldwin, 2727 N. 3d st., at 4:30.
- Joseph Dondis, 1207 Wilson st., and Anna Gill, 2426 S. Watts st., at 4:30.
- Christina Winkler, 2018 N. 4th st., and Anna Marcantonia, 1507 Dickinson st., at 4:30.
- Samuel Purcell, 3125 Chatain st., and Beulah Brock, 3224 N. 22d st., at 4:30.
- Harry Charlesworth, 431 E. Woodmore st., and Louise Dunc, 1747 Chestnut st., at 4:30.
- Leo Wirth, 3228 N. 5th st., and Emily Huson, 43 and 44th av., at 4:30.
- Rudolph Sposch, 2019 McClelland st., and Sadie Walsh, 2021 Hambridge st., at 4:30.
- Philip Hildebrand, 1920 State st., and Alice Francis, 225 S. 20th st., at 4:30.
- John Fasganer, 1241 N. 5th st., and Marie Cunningham, 6001 Greenway av., at 4:30.
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MAYOR EXPECTED TO CHOOSE DUNLAP

Moore Likely to Name Highways Chief for Director of Public Works

TRANSIT FIGHT IS PLANNED

Mayor Moore returned today from Atlantic City, where he spent the week-end in recuperation and in conferences on the transit and political situations. The Mayor's chats were held on the yacht Miramar, owned by Louis H. Eisenlohr. It is believed that the Mayor will return determined to send the name of Fred C. Dunlap, chief of the bureau of highways, to city Council as the nominee for director of public works to succeed the late John C. Winston.

The Dunlap appointment is regarded as virtually certain, as the Mayor did not see the Republican Alliance leaders who journeyed to the shore in his wake. The Mayor was secluded on the yacht, off shore, and had his conferences with Murdoch Kendrick, who was his campaign manager. City Solicitor Smyth and his private secretary, Durell Shuster.

Grier May Get Job

The Alliance leaders were all set to see the Mayor and urge the appointment of an Alliance man for director of public works.

The Alliance will probably be offered the assistant directorship, Robert Grier, leader of the Eighteenth ward, is the latest to be mentioned for that place. Grier is now a real estate assessor. Blakely D. McCaughn, another assessor and leader of the Twenty-fourth ward, and Andrew Frosch, leader of the Forty-second ward, were also included in the gossip.

The Mayor and the city solicitor also canvassed the transit situation with special reference to the efforts of the company to increase fares by abolishing free transfers. The city's fight against this increase was mapped in fairly complete detail in the yacht conference.

Many Look for Yacht

A large number of Philadelphia politicians spent the week-end at the shore, alternating their appraisal of the beauties of the beach with searching for the Mayor's yacht.

Among those seen on the Boardwalk were Councilman William E. Finley, executive director of the Republican city committee; Councilman Charles Hall, Vane floor leader of Council; Councilman Simon Walter, Magistrate Vane leader of the Twelfth ward; John F. Flaherty, administration leader of the Thirtieth ward; John F. Scannan, administration leader of the Thirtieth ward; John G. Murnin, Magistrate of the Twelfth ward; and former State Representative Isadore Stern.

HOLD WOMAN IN SHOOTING

She is Accused of Wounding Her Husband During a Quarrel

Mrs. Marie Wessel, forty-three years old, 3445 North Paledorff street, was held in \$1200 bail before Magistrate Wrigley at the Front and Westmoreland streets station today, charged with shooting her husband, Paul.

The shooting occurred in their home last night during a quarrel. The husband's condition is not serious. He is in the Episcopal Hospital.

After the shooting the husband walked out of the house and collapsed on the pavement. The bullet lodged in his back.

WOMAN TOO SCARED TO STOP ROBBERS

Janitress Hears Men Working on Safe, but Feels to Cry Out During Storm

NO MONEY IN STRONG BOX

While safe robbers were looting a safe on the third floor of the building at 1015 Arch street early this morning, a janitress, living on the floor above, was too frightened to make any outcry.

The janitress, Mrs. Maria Dent, told detectives she heard the intruders, but had read so much of burglars she feared for her life if she interfered.

The safe belonged to the Press Feeders and Assistants' Local Union No. 11, with offices on the third floor. The treasurer, Newlin Dolbey, had removed most of the money late Saturday night, taking it home with him. He is not sure whether any money remained in the safe.

The robbery occurred between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning. "I heard men moving below me and then heard a stick fall," said the janitress. "I was in bed. It was pouring rain outside, and when I opened the window to get aid I couldn't see any one."

"So I buried my head in the pillow and lay quiet. My brother, Benjamin Evans, was sleeping in the back room, and I was afraid to awaken him for fear he would go down and be shot. When he left for work this morning I did not tell him because it might worry him."

The robbers did a crude job, according to District Detective Andy McClure, of the Sixth district. They pried open the safe, scattering papers right and left. "They were amateurs at this business," said McClure.

Investigation showed the robbers had gained entrance to the building through a side window in the office of the Consolidated Gas Iron Co. on the first floor. There was a large safe here, containing several hundred dollars, but it was not interfered with. The robbers stopped long enough, however, to ransack a desk, but found nothing valuable, and then ascended the stairs to the office of the Press Feeders' Union.

The janitress heard the men coming and going and remained awake all night, she said, thinking what she should do.

POSTMEN FOR NARBERTH

Free Mail Delivery Will Begin There July 1

Free mail delivery to the home will begin in Narberth July 1.

This is a benefit long contended for by Narberth, and its realization is due in large part to the interest and activity of the postmaster, Edward S. Haws, and his efficient aides.

Several postmen will be put out on the mail routes. This delivery of mail to the homes will relieve congestion in the postoffice building, which is inadequate because of the rapid growth of the town.

ENDEAVORERS TO MEET

Christian Organization Starts Biennial July 6

Elaborate preparations are being made for the ninth biennial convention of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union, which will meet in the Baptist Temple, Broad and Berks streets, July 6 to 7.

Fully 10,000 registered delegates, representing almost 4000 Christian Endeavor societies in this state, are expected to be in attendance. In all probability the gathering will be the greatest ever held in the history of the young people's organization.

The convention committee is composed of Bert E. Rudolph, chairman; Fred L. Schuberth, secretary; and William C. Troutman, treasurer.

STEVENS'S MOTHER FAINTS AT CHURCH

Is Prostrated by Grief at Funeral of Son Slain as Deserter

MANY ATTEND SERVICES

As she was walking down the steps of St. Patrick's Church, Twentieth below Locust streets, this morning after attending the funeral of her son, John J. Stevens, seventeen years old, who was shot as a deserter, his mother, Mrs. Mary Stevens, collapsed and was carried to a waiting carriage.

Mrs. Stevens was almost exhausted from grief as she left the church door, and fell in the arms of her son James. He and two of the pallbearers took her to the carriage.

Several hundred persons filled the church and there were a large number outside. Sympathy was expressed for the relatives of the dead soldier. Most of those who congregated about the church voiced the belief that the shooting of Stevens had been unwarranted.

That Stevens had been brought to the front by the large number of floral pieces which were piled about the coffin. Solemn requiem mass was celebrated at 10:30 o'clock.

The body of the soldier was viewed at the home of his mother, 2411 De Lancy street.

Officers of Balloon Company No. 18, of which he had been a member, offered to provide a military funeral for Stevens, but his relatives declined it.

James Stevens, his brother, declared that the army had brought them nothing but trouble, and he did not want it represented at the funeral.

Mrs. Marie Stevens, widow of the dead soldier, who also attended the funeral, was on the verge of collapse several times during the service.

PAROLED MAN TO GO BACK TO JAIL

Henry Johnson, a negro, 40 home, is to be returned to the Eastern Penitentiary to complete a two-year sentence for larceny. Johnson, recently paroled after serving fifteen months, applied for treatment last night at the Polyclinic Hospital. He had cuts on the head and refused to state how he had been hurt. The police were notified.

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