

TODAY'S MYSTERY STORY

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Yesterday's Mystery Solution

IN THE case of "Liquid Gold" the thing which struck Harvey Hunt as unusual was the fact that the fuse blew out. The wires must have been short-circuited somewhere, he argued, and due to some definite cause.

The events exactly as they transpired—on the surface. I think that our dear Volt-lead act has been fractured once more, and that's all.

"Of course, this is nothing more than speculation. I don't claim to be a second Sherlock Holmes who can arrive at infallible decisions simply by sitting in an easy chair and taking a 'shot of dope.' But here, is what I think probably happened—"

"Can you tell what Harvey Hunt thought had happened, and why he thought it, from reading this newspaper article? The answer will appear tomorrow."

Ardmore Baby Burned Burns received while playing in the kitchen of his home at 312 West Lancaster avenue, Ardmore, Monday, resulted in the death of two-year-old Edward J. McKenty, Jr., in the Bryn Mawr Hospital.

SEA AIR FOR MME. WALSKA

Polish Prima Donna to Take Travel Cure for Voice

New York, Dec. 22.—Is the mysterious illness which suddenly attacked Mme. Ganna Walska, prima donna, on the eve of her appearance in "Zaza" with the Chicago Opera Co., one for which a sea voyage and continental travel will be beneficial?

Madame, shut in her beautiful little home at 101 East Ninety-fourth street, would not discuss her illness, her plans, or "Zaza," nor would she speak of her millionaire husband, Alexander Smith Cochran. Madame would not talk at all.

According to the passport bureau of the New York Custom House, however, Mme. Walska made application yesterday for a passport to various parts of Europe. If this application is granted in Washington it will give her permission to travel in France and England.

There is, however, no report of a similar application filed by Mr. Cochran. Madame would not talk at all.

Deaths of a Day

John J. Fitzgerald, local manager of the P. Lorillard Tobacco Co., with offices at 1204 Race street, died suddenly yesterday afternoon in his home, at Mount Airy. Paralysis was the cause of death. Mr. Fitzgerald arose yesterday in apparent good health and was with his family when stricken.

Born in Boston in 1866, he was aged fifty-four years. He was an active member of Holy Cross Church, Mount Airy; Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul Society and Holy Name Society.

He is survived by a wife and seven children, William C., 3410 North Twenty-second street; Alice J., Otis S., Walter A., of 210 East Durham street, and Paul, Vincent and Mary, at home.

Funeral services will be held Friday morning, at 10 o'clock, in Holy Cross Church, Mount Airy.

S. P. C. A. MAKES REPORT

Organization Prosecuted Thirty-one Cases During November

At a meeting of the board of managers of the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, held today, Secretary Phillips submitted the following report, covering operations for the month of November, 1920:

Prosecutions, 31; cases remedied without prosecutions, 1551; horses ordered from labor for various causes, 141; pads adjusted to prevent rubbing sores, 444; coops for poultry relieved from overcrowding, 1045; animals moved in society's ambulances, 32; animals humanely killed, 312, of which 55 were horses offered for sale at the various barns.

At the stockyards our agents inspected 701 carloads of cattle, in which were found 105 animals disabled and 206 killed in transportation. Cattle ordered to be fed numbered 133, cattle watered, 133.

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The same contractor was assigned the grading of Rockland street. Other, with minor repairs to streets in the neighborhood, amounting in all to \$9700. Two hundred and ninety-five dollars was awarded to Stokes Bros. for the repair of a merry-go-round at the Happy Hollow Playground, Wayne avenue and Logan street. The Keim Supply Co. was given a contract for harness, halters, horse blankets and feed bags, amounting to \$12,000, the articles to be used by the Bureau of Highways.

We have mailed checks to every member of the old 1920 Rittenhouse Trust-Company Christmas Club. A year from now, we will be mailing checks to every member of the 1921 Christmas Club. The rolls of the 1921 Christmas Club are now open. Join today and a year from today you will receive a check for \$250 plus interest, or \$100 plus interest, or \$50 plus interest. Join whichever class you think you can best afford. The \$50-Class requires payments of only \$1 a week. The RITTENHOUSE TRUST COMPANY 1512 Chestnut Street Originators of the Christmas Club in Philadelphia

To the Public An Appreciation The wonderful response to our unusual sale announcement of last week, calls for a word of grateful acknowledgment. We are pleased—more than pleased—and we insist that you be likewise. If in the hurry-scurry hustle of the crowds you had been unintentionally slighted, we apologize. A word to those who did or could not avail themselves of our previous advertising—we offer what's left for quick action, quick sales of the remainder of our

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