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CRIPPLED WOMAN SAVES BABY IN FIRE

Fireman's Skull Fractured by Beam—17 Cars Are Lost in \$56,900 Garage Blaze

CAUSE STILL A MYSTERY

"It all happened so suddenly, and what I did was just sort of mechanical, I guess, because I had to be told later that I had carried Valerie from her bed to an automobile.

This is the mother who in Mrs. William Westcott, 2637 North Thirty-fourth street, spoke today of a rescue last night, when with the roof of her home in flames, she wrapped her little granddaughter in a fur coat and carried her to safety, giving no thought to a badly sprained ankle with which she had been suffering for ten days.

The house caught fire when the garage of Roseman Bros., 2631-33 North Thirty-fourth street, was destroyed. The total loss was about \$60,000. A fireman's skull was fractured when a beam fell on him.

"I've heard of persons under similar conditions doing things more or less automatically, but I never did such a thing before. Valerie is really my first thought, always. My daughter, Marie, her mother, often jokes about Valerie having taken her place."

The brown eyes of the remarkably young looking grandmother sparkled, and she smiled as she described the vivacious baby of three years, with golden hair and blue eyes, Valerie was making up for sleep that was lost last night.

"We were sitting in the living room, and it was about 11 o'clock I think," continued Mrs. Westcott. "My husband had gone to the kitchen for something, and saw through the slanting skylight of the garage next door, a scorching furnace. He yelled 'fire,' and almost at the same time our doorbell rang. I hobbled to answer it, as I have been limping around for about ten days with a sprained ankle.

Does Not Recall Rescue

"A strange young man was there and said: 'Don't you people know there is a bad fire next door, and that explosions are likely to occur? I have ridden in my car all the way from Columbia avenue, watching the reflection and flames.'

"His word 'explosions' seemed to be the only thing I could think of. Really, the next thing I remember this same stranger was tucking me in his car, and Valerie was on my lap. I don't recall going up for her even, and she is very heavy. My ankle knows that today.

"I collapsed in the car, but recovered soon when Valerie awakened and needed something. She was awfully frightened, of course.

Arcelle Ewing, thirty-five years old, a housewife residing in the engine company at Twenty-sixth and York streets, received a fractured skull.

Ewing lives at 2229 West Cumberland street. He was taken to the Woman's Homeopathic Hospital, where surgeons said he might recover.

The Westcott home was damaged.

WHAT GARAGE FIRE LEFT OF CARS



The picture shows the remains of a few of the seventeen automobiles that were lost when fire wrecked the garage of Roseman Brothers, Thirty-fourth street and Lehigh avenue, at midnight. The total loss, cars, building and equipment, was \$56,900.

The total loss to the two properties and the automobiles stored in the garage, seventeen of which were burned, is estimated at \$56,900.

The fire in the garage was discovered about 11 o'clock. Samuel Irwin, 2631 Douglas street, and Louis Murphy, of 2639 Douglas street, tried to force open the doors when they saw the garage was burning and save some of the cars. The flames were so hot they were driven back and had to give up the attempt.

When the firemen arrived the garage seethed with flames, and the cars in it, estimated to have been worth \$24,000, all were destroyed.

Reflection Seen for Miles

The flames broke through the roof in a short time and shot high in the air, the reflection being visible for miles. People hurried to the scene from all directions, thinking it was a nearby conflagration that was burning. The police had to establish fire lines to keep back the crowds.

For two hours the firemen fought in momentary danger from an explosion of gasoline. The big storage tank, holding more than 250 gallons, was buried under debris in the street. The fire was not reported until 2 o'clock this morning.

The garage property belongs to Joseph Ghese. He estimates his individual loss at about \$25,000. The Rosemans, who lease the garage, estimate that they lost about \$5,000 worth of tools and equipment. Ordinarily there would have been a greater number of cars in the garage, but eight owners had their machines out.

Individual solicitation. The campaign will continue for one week and the goal set is \$10,500. Dr. Josiah Penniman, acting provost of the University, started the campaign with a pledge of \$50.

CALL CORK MAYOR POLITICAL REFUGEE

Formal Claim to Rights as Such Made to State Department

CASE SENT TO PRESIDENT

By the Associated Press

Washington, Jan. 12.—Formal claim to the rights of a political refugee was made today by Donald O'Callaghan, lord mayor of Cork, who entered the country as a stowaway without a passport and whose case is before President Wilson for final decision, as a result of differences between the State and the Labor Departments.

The claim was presented to Secretary Wilson at the Labor Department by Judge Lawless, attorney for O'Callaghan, in whose custody he was paroled soon after his arrival in this country.

The lord mayor arrived in Washington today from New York and expects to testify tomorrow before the commission of the committee of one hundred investigating conditions in Ireland.

Acting Secretary Davis of the State Department, ruled that the lord mayor could not be considered a political refugee when Emmanuel de Valera, president of the so-called Irish republic, was returning to Ireland at the same time that O'Callaghan was leaving there.

Judge Lawless is understood to have told Secretary Wilson that the lord mayor had found it impossible to obtain a passport from the British Government to come here to testify before the commission investigating conditions in Ireland, and that if he should be deported he would be turned over to the British authorities to be imprisoned.

In order to establish his claim of exemption from passport restrictions as a political refugee, officials said the lord mayor would have to announce his intention of remaining in the United States indefinitely.

Whatever decision Secretary Wilson makes in the lord mayor's case, he is expected to follow the suggestion of President Wilson. As yet the President's position has not been made known.

PALMER ORDERS APPEAL

Seeks to Sustain Livestock Order Issued Under Lever Act

Washington, Jan. 12.—(By A. P.)—Attorney General Palmer has ordered an appeal to be taken to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the eighth district from a decision of Federal Judge Van Valkenburgh, of Kansas City, restraining the enforcement by criminal proceedings under the Lever act of an order of the secretary of agriculture against increased commission rates for the selling and handling of livestock at Kansas City.

During the pendency of the suit the commission men have continued to charge the increased rates, the department of agriculture announced, but under direction of the court licensed dealers have deposited with the clerk of the court the difference between the old and the new rates.

FRENCH SINK SOVIET SHIP

Transport Carrying Troops Sent to Bottom by Destroyer

Constantinople, Jan. 12.—(By A. P.)—French destroyers have sunk a transport flying the Red flag and carrying Soviet troops, presumably to Troodos, it is said in a dispatch received here.

The encounter occurred ten miles west of Novorossiisk, the French warships attacking the transport despite the fact that it was escorted by a Soviet flotilla. Some of the crew and Russian troops escaped by swimming.

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GOVERNOR INVOKES INDUSTRIAL PEACE

West Virginia Executive Asks Legislation to End Troubles at Mines

FAVORS PUBLIC GUARDS

By the Associated Press

Charleston, W. Va., Jan. 12.—The conflict between capital and labor, which has necessitated the presence in the state on three different occasions of United States soldiers, a battalion of which is now on duty in the Mingo coal

strike field, was the chief subject taken up by Governor John J. Cornwell in his message to the Legislature, which convened here today.

Quoting from the Republican state platform, which expressed disapproval of "abuses which have grown up under the so-called private guard or detective systems in this state," the governor declared that as the Republican party now has the power to correct "these abuses," he felt it his duty to discuss the question in a frank manner.

The practice of employing such guards and detectives is no longer general in West Virginia, but a few counties allow the sheriff to name special or extra deputies who are paid by coal companies, the governor said. Such deputies are confused with "private guards," and are condemned by union officials. As a remedy the governor suggested that county courts or sheriffs appoint the deputies and pay them out of the county treasuries.


All industrial troubles of West Virginia within the past two years have been over the question of unionizing nonunion fields, and will occur "in all probability so long as part of the coal

fields are union and part of them nonunion," said the governor. "To extend the union organization to nonunion fields, he said, there should be legislation that should eliminate private guards, define and regulate picketing, and make clear the rights of union, the employer and the worker."

PROBE RAILROAD COAL

Interstate Commission Orders Reduction of Statistics

Washington, Jan. 12.—(By A. P.)—Investigation into the cost of coal on the railroads, in compliance with Senate resolution, was begun today by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The commission issued an order directing the carriers to furnish the commission their books and whatever other data they may have relating to the cost of coal during the year 1920, as compared with the cost in 1919. Hearings will be held later before the commission. Meantime the commission study statistics already at hand.



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