

LAY DEATH AND ILLS TO NAPHTHA WRECK

Residents of Roelofs Stirred Up by What They Consider Menace to Health

RAILWAY CO. SCOUTS CHARGE

The people at Roelofs, Pa., which is near Trenton Junction, are stirred up over what they consider the after effects of the wreck of a naphtha car and the consequent draining of 8000 and the consequent draining of 8000 and the consequent draining of 8000...

All manner of ills are laid to the naphtha—the death of a man, the illness of a woman, the illness of cows, the swelling of wallpaper and the falling apart of furniture.

But the Reading Railway, on whose tracks the naphtha car was wrecked, does not believe the naphtha could not have caused the death of a man, the illness of a woman, the illness of cows, the swelling of wallpaper and the falling apart of furniture.

Say Drinking Water Affected But, nevertheless, farmers and others near Roelofs declare their drinking water has been affected by buried naphtha, and their protests have resulted in a clamor with the death of Alfred Bietle, an eighteen-year-old railroad worker of South Langhorne.

The "naphtha dump," a pit west of Roelofs Station, is near a creek and is in the vicinity of a naphtha dump, which is a pit west of Roelofs Station, which is near Trenton Junction.

Bietle, who was assistant to the stationmaster at Roelofs, became ill January 29 and died last Monday.

Mrs. Freda Bietle, at her home on Eastbrook avenue, South Langhorne, today said:

"I first complained of not feeling well on January 30. We called in Dr. Edwin S. Huntsman, of Hulmeville, who treated him. Alfred died Monday night. Dr. Huntsman said he had been poisoned by drinking water from the pump at Roelofs Station."

Vapors Permeate House Vapors from the buried naphtha, it is said, permeated the house of Robert Cavell, the station agent at Roelofs. The fumes loosened the wall paper and caused it to hang down in unsightly strips. Finally the seepage through the roof penetrated the foundations and Cavell left the house.

The station master is now living at 301 Hillcrest avenue in Trenton, in a house leased for him by the railroad company for \$50 a month.

"No claims, so far as I know, have been made against the railroad," said Mr. Cavell today. "A good many persons around here are getting sick, though. Mrs. Frank J. Jackson, a farmer's wife, who lives near the station, is sick with stomach trouble."

There is a well in the cellar of the station agent's house at Roelofs. Railroad workmen have capped the well with a few feet of concrete to prevent the naphtha fumes from spreading.

Cows Stop Giving Milk Frank J. Jackson, husband of the woman who is ill with stomach trouble, and whose farm is south of the railroad tracks, almost on a direct line with the "naphtha dump," said that recent days after the railroad accident his cows "went dry."

"I first noticed the trouble about twelve days after the wreck," Mr. Jackson said. "My cows had been milking from the creek at the foot of the slope where they buried the naphtha. When five of my cows went dry, I went to Dr. J. W. Foster, at Newtown."

"Dr. Foster said the dumping of naphtha was very dangerous when so near a body of water and that it would be best to look for the stomach of any pasture drinking water affected in that way."

W. C. Brister, general claim agent of the Reading Railway, discussed the unusual case today. The naphtha was buried, he said, to prevent a fire or explosion when it was learned the tank car was leaking.

Waiting for Evaporation "We will have to wait until it all evaporates," he said. "We are hoping for sunny weather to aid in the evaporation."

Questioned about the pump at the station and reports that Bietle died from naphtha-permeated water, Mr. Brister replied:

"That is utter nonsense. Twice since the time of the accident we have had a fire engine come over from Yardley and pump the well dry at the station. Each time after being pumped dry samples of water were sent to Reading, Pa., and found to be free from naphtha or gasoline."

A Philadelphia physician of prominence was asked today for his views on the case.

"I do not see how naphtha, the ordinary product, could have caused a death such as described," he said. "It is a very volatile product, and I cannot think it could have caused wall paper to leave the walls and wood furniture to fall apart."

BRIDE GONE; STUDENT ILL

No Word From Wife Who Disappeared Five Hours After Wedding

Dear Schenderoff, Temple University student of dentistry, whose bride disappeared five hours after they were married in Philadelphia, February 17, is confined to his room in a boarding house at 1124 South Broad street today with a nervous collapse. He has received no word from his bride.

Schenderoff nor from her father, whom Schenderoff accuses of abducting the young woman to leave her in the city.

Schenderoff's condition was said not to be critical, although no one was allowed to visit him. Schenderoff went to his room after his bride and her father left the home of Schenderoff's sister and brother-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. J. Orsler, at 2:30 o'clock in the morning.

895 VACANT LOTS TILLED

Cultivation Association Says Some Yielded as Much as \$145

Eight hundred and ninety-five persons farmed gardens of the Philadelphia Lot Cultivation Association in the last year, according to the report made yesterday afternoon at the annual meeting of the association. The total value of the crops was estimated at \$145,000. Some "farmers" produced crops valued as high as \$145, it was stated.

Persons cultivating the lots reported many occupations. There were bakers, clerks, lampmakers, shoemakers, tailors and seventeen more.

Five had farmed lots for more than fourteen years, and more than 100 for a period of longer than eight years. Last year 228 became "farmers" for the first time, and 127 completed their first season as agriculturists.

The board of directors of the association, of which Samuel S. Fells is president, was re-elected.



MISS SARAH C. WHITE

RELIEF WORKER RETURNS

Miss Sarah C. White Was With Mount Sinai Hospital Unit

Miss Sarah C. White, pharmacist with the Mount Sinai Hospital unit doing relief work in Serbia and the Balkans after the war, has recently returned to her home, 5222 Columbia avenue, after a fifteen months' absence abroad.

Miss White, who was stationed at Krusnac, Serbia, and previously at Chacabak, told of the difficulties which confronted them in giving relief to the peasants of that country.

She described as pitiful and dreadful the plight of the Wrangal army and 130,000 Russian refugees driven to the Black sea by the Bolsheviks, when she visited that section. She said that ships designed to carry 2000 persons were loaded with from 10,000 to 12,000, so that there was literally "standing room only."

By way of contrast she described the election of King Constantine and the intense enthusiasm shown by the populace at Salonique on the day that the Greek king was voted into power.

STUDIES SCHOOLS HERE

Massachusetts Man With Frankford Fathers' Association

Edwin F. Miller, of the schools of Westtown, Mass., a suburb of Boston, is in Philadelphia to study the school system, it was learned today. He attended a meeting of the Fathers' Association of the Frankford High School.

"We are forming similar associations," he said. "I had heard of this wonderful Philadelphia organization and wanted to view it closer."

George W. Carterright, former senator from California, addressed the fathers on the subject of capital and labor. G. Alvin Snook, principal of the school, also spoke.

JAIL ESCAPE THWARTED

Man Feigning Illness Identified at Hospital by Man He Shot

The strategy employed by Sam Perry to get out of jail brought him more trouble instead of fresh air.

Perry, who gave his address as Fortieth street and Ridge avenue, was arrested last night on suspicion of being one of the men who shot Patrolman William Partlow, of the Tenth and Buttonwood streets station. Partlow was shot on Wednesday by two alleged robbers when he stopped them to examine packages in their possession.

After Perry had been placed in a cell at the Tenth and Buttonwood streets station he "threw a fit," according to the turnkey, and was taken to the Hahnemann Hospital.

It happened that he was placed temporarily on a bed next that occupied by Partlow. The form of Perry seemed familiar. Partlow looked closer. "That's the fellow who shot me," he said. Perry was sent back to the Buttonwood street station.

DR. YOUNG BEFORE FORUM

Harvard Man Speaks Here Tonight on Peace Conference

Dr. Allyn A. Young, of Harvard University, will be the speaker at the eleventh session of the PUBLIC LEDGER Forum on the Peace Conference tonight in the foyer of the Academy of Music.

Dr. Young, who was economic adviser to the American Peace Commission, will speak on "The Economic Settlement."

Few persons know that half of the provisions of the Treaty of Versailles consisted of economic clauses. It follows that the representatives of the United States, assembled at the Peace Conference, included a multitude of economic problems.

Naturally, many of those problems were of the most intricate nature and involved issues that were vigorously contested by the peace delegates. Dr. Young will tell in what way the Peace Conference succeeded in finding a way out of the labyrinth of troublesome questions and how some of the settlements were reached.

MARCUS HOOK AMBITIOUS

Chester Suburb Urges Recognition as Port of Entry

Residents of Marcus Hook are urging presentation of a petition to Congressman Butler to have their borough made a port of entry.

Statistics have been compiled to show that this suburb of Chester handles more tonnage, foreign and domestic, than any other point along the Delaware river with the exception of Philadelphia. More than 1,000,000 tons of imports pass through the town each year, according to these figures.

Years ago Marcus Hook had a customs officer, before even Chester had one. It was later abolished.

Rev. Dr. Jennings to Visit Africa

The Rev. Dr. W. Beatty Jennings, of the First Presbyterian Church, Germantown, yesterday was selected out of seven clergymen by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions to leave in June for a six months' visit to missions in Africa.

GIFT OF \$500,000 FOR ARCHBISHOP

Archdiocese Will Present Purse When Prelate Returns as Cardinal

COSTS OF ROME TRIP PAID

The gift of the Philadelphia archdiocese to Archbishop Dennis J. Dougherty in honor of his elevation to the cardinalate will be a purse of \$500,000. It was stated authoritatively today. This will be presented to him on his return from Rome, where he is to receive the red hat at a public consistory March 7. He leaves Philadelphia for Italy Saturday morning.

It was said today a smaller purse containing sufficient money to allow the cardinal-elect to travel as becomes a prince of the Roman Catholic Church will be given the cardinal-elect here. A delegation of 200 laymen will accompany him to Hoboken to bid him good speed on the Holland-American liner New Amsterdam.

Passports for His Grace and six priests of his diocese were issued yesterday in New York. Cable reports from Rome described Pope Benedict as being undecided whether he would assign to the new cardinal as titular church the little Church of St. Pancras or the Church of the Quattro Santi Coronati. Both hold historic interest.

Among those who will escort the archbishop to Hoboken are James J. Ryan, Judge John Monaghan, Aloysius Fitzpatrick, Thomas F. Slattery, Joseph Trainer, Joseph Durkin, P. F. Kernan, Samuel J. Casper, Daniel Murphy, William J. McCloskey, Jr., George McCracken, James A. Flaherty, Dr. Peter Moylan, Dr. Ernest LaPlace, Francis Carr, Joseph McLoughlin, Patrick O'Neill, John F. Skelly, Peter Horgan, John Rea, E. J. DuMez, Dr. A. S. Doyle, John E. Lonergan, J. V. Loughney, James E. Dougherty, Richard H. Hughes, Michael McElroy, Daniel Murphy, Joseph P. Gaffney, Judge T. J.

McNiel, M. J. Slattery, M. F. Doyle, Joseph F. Donovan, John A. Daly, James A. Dougherty and John A. Gallagher.

Marchers in the parade from the archbishop's residence to the station will assemble at Seventeenth and Race streets at 7 o'clock, and, aside from members of uniformed units, will wear frock coats, silk hats, gray gloves and gray ties. In line will be representatives from the Knights of Columbus of

the fourth degree, Philatrist Society, St. Vincent de Paul's Conference, A. B. Union, Young Men's Union and other organizations. The procession to the station will begin precisely at 7:30 o'clock. The boat will sail at noon.

Advertisement for Instant Postum. Text: 'If There's Any Question whether coffee causes sleepless nights followed by drowsy days—change to INSTANT POSTUM. This table drink is pure and wholesome, has a flavor that pleases, and is made instantly in the cup. You can make Instant Postum strong or mild to suit individual taste, there is no waste, and whether you need one cup or ten—it's always ready. "There's a Reason" for Postum. Made by Postum Cereal Company, Inc. Battle Creek, Michigan.'

Advertisement for Furniture. Text: 'February Furniture Offers. BEDROOM SUITE. Open Saturday Evenings. \$164. LIVING-ROOM SUITE. Open Saturday Evenings. \$169. Furniture MFR'S SHOW ROOMS 138 South 8th St.'

Large advertisement for Supplee Ice Cream. Text: 'Good Food, Economy And Common Sense. Do you select your week-end desserts with a view to food value, economy, variety of menu and flavor? If so, you will be delighted with the announcement that for this week-end more than 2000 Supplee Ice Cream Dealers are again prepared to supply you with BLACK WALNUT ICE CREAM. Everybody knows that milk is our most essential food, but few of us have ever stopped to think that Ice Cream is the purest and richest form of milk. One pound of old-fashioned Black Walnut meats (the kind of Walnuts that on those fall holidays so many years ago, left their stain on your fingers and clothes when you mauled them from their hulls with a piece of fence rail) equals in food value ten pounds of broiling chicken, five pounds of eggs or thirteen pounds of oysters. Combine Supplee's incomparable Ice Cream and Black Walnut meats into SUPPLEE PRIVATE BRAND BRICKS and you have one of the greatest vigor-producing, most delicious and very cheapest desserts ever prepared. P. S.—There is BUT ONE PRIVATE BRAND BRICK—SUPPLEE'S SUPPLEE-WILLS-JONES. GOLD MEDAL MILK.'

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