

SPEEDING TROLLEY TRAGEDY PREDICTED

P. R. T. Cars Go at Terrific Gait on Old York Road Stretch, Is Charge

OAK LANE MAKES PROTEST

A trolley load of persons returning from Willow Grove one day will be victims of a tragic wreck somewhere between City Line and Lakeside avenue if certain Philadelphia Rapid Transit motormen cannot be compelled to operate their cars at a moderate speed in the Old York road section.

An opinion to that effect is prevalent in Oak Lane. Such a disaster as a loaded street car hurled from the tracks and sent crashing down the hill by its own velocity may have the desired effect in curbing what is said to be the greatest menace existing on one of the most dangerous strips of thoroughfare in Philadelphia.

The menace consists of trolley cars being driven at terrific speed down a steep, curving hill, after which they coast at little slackened speed along a moderate grade. The thoroughfare, as many know, is used alike by street cars, automobiles, school buses, and children, adult pedestrians and children on their way to school and home.

The sidewalks are mostly in the shape of proposed city ordinances. The question is more than ten squares long.

A Terrible Remedy
Joseph J. Carr, president of the Oak Lane Improvement Association, yesterday forecast that such a grave remedy as a terrible wreck loomed imminent to cure the apparent theory that a minute's time is worth a load of humanity. His association has been active in the fight against the menace more than a year and a half.

After many unavailing protests to the officials of the P. R. T., the Oak Lane Improvement Association has carried its fight to the Public Service Commission in Harrisburg. In a complaint filed with that body last Saturday employees of the street car company are charged with negligent and dangerous operation.

Routes 25 and 24 are the two street-car lines that operate on the tracks in this particular section of Old York road. Mr. Carr said the street-car crews frequently overstayed their leaves at the end of the line, and to make up time coasted down the hill at a break-neck rate of speed.

Lives of school children especially are endangered by the speeding trolley cars, according to Mr. Carr. Until recently certain of the improvement association's members volunteered their services to act as guardians for the children in the hours they come to and from school.

Aided by the Police
Of late the association has aided in its work by the police department. The police lieutenant of the Tenth District has detailed policemen to the points at which school children cross the tracks. Two schools in the most dangerous section are the parochial school at Holy Angels' Catholic Church and the Ellwood Public School.

At one point, known as "Dendean's Curve," the street car tracks abruptly leave the middle of the wide road and run along the edge. The curve is on the hill. The great danger lies in that motorists and others think to avoid danger by keeping to the right as they go up. Suddenly they find themselves crossing over the track at a point just below which it is impossible to see an approaching car.

Warning to Beekeepers
The Philadelphia Beekeepers' Association has issued a warning to beekeepers against the effects of the industry of the mild winter and warm spring. It is pointed out that the bees have used up all their stores in brood rearing because of the unusual weather and care should be taken to keep them fed until clover bloom time.

CHICKEN SHOOR IS HELD FOR WAGGING MEAN TONGUE

Crestmont Woman's Chatter Over Backyard Fence Depreciates Property Value, Is Charge

Can a woman's tongue depreciate property values? This is one of the questions which a Montgomery county jury may soon be called upon to determine in connection with charges against Mrs. Mary Keen, of Crestmont.

Mrs. Keen was arrested charged with being a common scold and a public nuisance. She was held under \$3000 bail by Magistrate Williams at Abington, and it was said today that the trouble is not over yet.

The woman was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Lawrence Wachter. According to Mrs. Keen, who keeps a sharp eye on her property, Wachter's chickens ran on her property and picked it full of holes. When she shoed the chickens back she said Wachter "called her names that wouldn't look good in print."

This was denied by Wachter. Incidentally he brought forth several witnesses whose testimony indicated Mrs. Keen was not as mild and meek as she appeared.

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HONORS TO LUTHER IN MANY PULPITS

400th Anniversary of Great Leader's Defiance at Diet of Worms Commemorated

WORLD-WIDE THANKSGIVING
Martin Luther's defiance of the established authorities, delivered 400 years ago today at the Diet of Worms, was celebrated with special services yesterday in Lutheran churches throughout the city and country.

Many churches of other denominations joined with the Lutherans in observing the notable occasion upon which the great leader of Protestantism took his stand, and in the presence of Emperor Charles V and his council, delivered the memorable words: "Here I stand. I cannot, do otherwise. God help me. Amen."

An interesting feature of the observance was that which took place in homes. At the request of the National Lutheran Council, those who were unable to attend the thanksgiving services engaged in reading the Scriptures and in meditation at 4 o'clock, the hour when Luther was first summoned before the Diet.

This first summons took place on April 17, 1521. It was on April 18, 1521, that Luther issued his memorable defiance to the Emperor and ecclesiastics.

Every Lutheran minister preached a sermon yesterday upon Luther's insistence upon the Scriptures as final authority in faith and conduct and secured religious and civil liberty to mankind.

Can'tates, anthems and special organ music bearing upon the Luther celebration contributed to the church programs. Sunday schools and young people's societies also had special addresses on the subject.

In St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, the Rev. Dr. Edwin Heyl Deik preached on "Luther the Herald of Freedom in Church and State." The Rev. Dr. J. Henry Harms spoke in the Church of the Holy Communion on "Make Way for Liberty." In Messiah Church the Rev. Ross Stover preached on "The Beginning of Protestantism."

"Luther Speaking Before Kings" was the theme of the Rev. J. J. Schindel in St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Luther's defiance will be the principal topic at the meeting of the Philadelphia District Conference today in Wilmington.

AUDUBON VOTES TOMORROW

New Jersey Town Will Elect Commissioner to Replace Council

Fourteen candidates will be voted on tomorrow for the board of three commissioners to govern Audubon, N. J., in place of the present council.

The commission form of government was voted on six weeks ago with 500 ballots cast for the change and 200 against. The movement to oust the present mayor and council was said to be due to the tax rate, \$5.68, regarded as one of the highest in the United States.

The movement for a change in the form of administration took strength rapidly after a citizens' committee appeared before the council to protest against provisions of the 1921 budget. Citizens say their protest was ignored on the ground it had not been set forth in writing.

The candidates on the ballot are: Conway Bennett, John H. Bennett, William D. Bordley, Frank A. Fogel, Louis C. Grauninger, George C. Henderson, Edward L. Hills, Frederick Lange, Harry K. Lawrence, Clarence W. Middleton, William Sands, Joseph Wallace, Jr., William H. Wordhoff, John W. Zanger.

Mr. Lange, one of the candidates, is now mayor. The polls open tomorrow from 6 a. m. to 7 p. m. The successful candidates will be installed April 20.

HELD AS PICKPOCKET

Suspect Taken From Trolley After Man Misses Wallet

Accused of lifting a wallet containing \$8 from the pocket of a passenger on a trolley car, George Miller, 1723 North Seventh street, was held under \$5000 for court by Magistrate Carney at a hearing yesterday in the Twentieth and Buttonwood streets station.

Miller was arrested early Saturday morning when William Kropp, a fellow passenger on a Fifteenth street car, detected his pocket had been picked. Police Constables Louis, of the Twentieth and Buttonwood streets station, who was on the car, took Miller to the station as a suspect.

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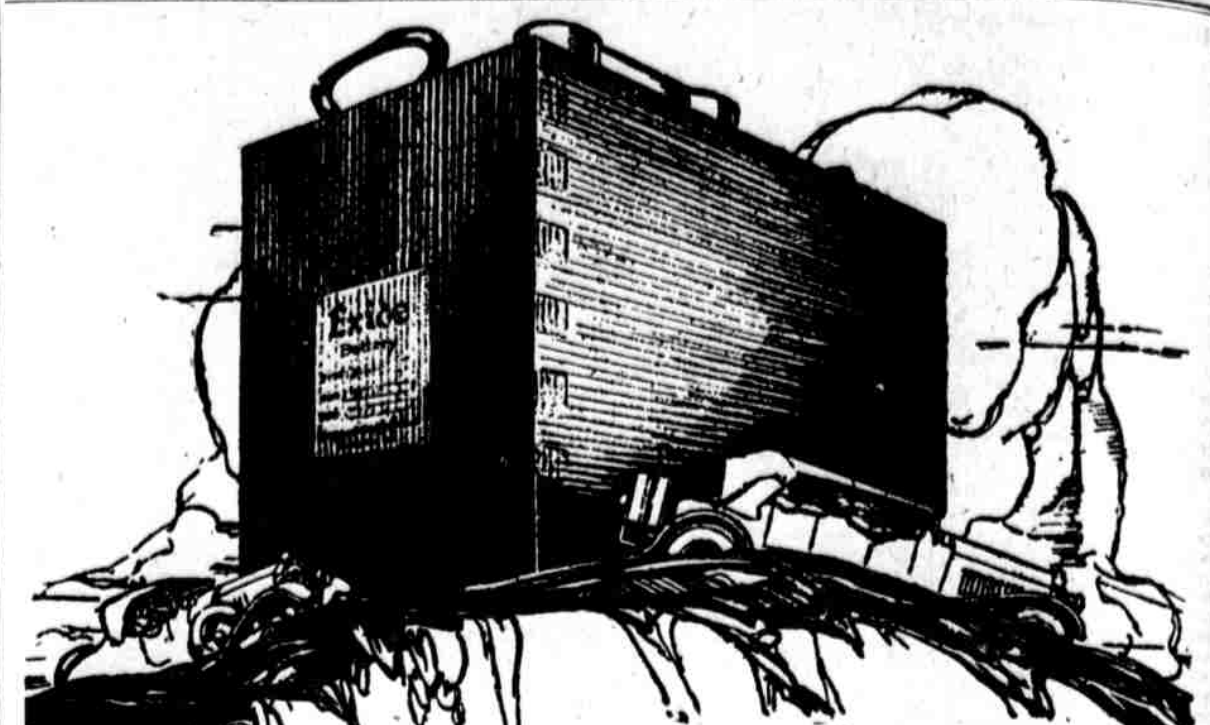
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