

GIRL IS CRUSHED BETWEEN TRUCKS

Young Woman Injured in Breaking of Traffic Block on Chestnut Street

TWO DRIVERS QUESTIONED

A young woman was caught and crushed between two motortrucks at Fourth and Chestnut streets at 7:30 o'clock this morning. She was taken to the Pennsylvania Hospital. Her condition is serious. Her name is Helen Johnson and her home at Third and Emerald streets.

The accident occurred in a peculiar manner. A light truck of Sheffer & Marvel, driven by Lester Macht, of 1308 East Fifth street, was standing at the north side of the street intersection, on Fourth street, waiting for a block to clear up. Directly across Chestnut street was a big truck of the American Stores Co., driven by Sam Sheppard, of 2630 South Tenth street.

In order to proceed and clear the block, Sheppard released his brake and the truck backed into the car of Sheffer and Marvel just as Miss Johnson tried to run between the two. She was caught and crushed against the radiator of the light car until the big truck could be moved forward again and release her.

A large crowd of persons on their way to work quickly gathered and the excitement was intense. When the girl was finally released she was laid upon the pavement until a passing automobile could be halted. One was stopped and she was put in and taken to the hospital.

According to H. Ford, motorman of the trolley car that was blocked just behind the truck of Sheffer & Marvel, the big truck had backed without the driver looking behind to see if the way was clear. Sheppard, on the other hand, denied he had backed voluntarily, saying his heavy truck had slid back a few feet when he released his brake before he could gain control of it. The front of the radiator of the small truck was crushed in several inches by the impact. Both Sheppard and Macht were taken to the Third and De Lancey streets police station for questioning.

PROPOSE SMALL PLAYSPOTS

Councilman Hall Acts on Suggestion by Mrs. Blankenburg

Announcement was made by Councilman Hall yesterday before Council's Public Welfare Committee of his purpose to present a series of ordinances providing for small playgrounds in the congested districts of the city.

Mr. Hall said he had been called into conference with Mrs. Rudolph Blankenburg, widow of the one-time Mayor, who had urged him to take that step.

In line with the Hall plan, Councilman Pommer introduced in Council an ordinance to take the properties in the First Ward section bounded by Reed, Earp, American and Philip streets for a small playground.

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