BURLINGTON LISTS 100 TYPHOID CASES

County Alarmed at Disease Due to Water at Harvest-Home Supper

FIRST DEATH REPORTED

Trenton, Aug. 23.—Corroborating the theory of the State Health Department that the epidemic of typhoid fever, now prevalent in Burlington County had its origin at a harvest home supper at Jacobstown on July 27, was the discovery yesterday that four victims of typhoid in this city were persons who had attended the harvest home. In all about 100 cases have been reported, the large majority of which are among residents of Burlington County.

It is the belief of the health authorities that the outbreak is traceable to the use of water from a cistern at the harvest home. The chapel, which formed the center of the harvest home, has been converted into an emergency hospital and several cases are being cared for there.

Mount Holly, N. J., Aug. 23.—The typhoid fever situation in Burlington County grows more alarming by the hour, and it is feared that the most acute stages of the outbreak have not been reached. There are five cases in Mount Holly and forty or more in or near Jacobstown. The first death was reported yesterday.

It is now settled that the disease had its origin at the harvest home supper given about three weeks ago by the Methodists of Jacobstown, and representatives of the State Department of Health are making a most thorough investigation to place the particular agency from which the infection has come. It is likely due to the use of water from an old cistern on the church property. That water was not served for drinking purposes at the supper, but some of the food, principally celery, was washed in it and then served on the table or made a part of chicken salad.

All of those who attended this supper and ate chicken salad have typhoid fever or have been in a feverish condition close to typhoid. They live in various parts of the county, and reports are coming that there is typhoid in Moorestown, Marlton, Vincentown, Pemberton, Jullustown, Wrightstown, Cookstown, New Egypt and throughout the territory surrounding those places.

Jacobstown is in the throes of an epidemic. There are so many cases that a hall on the Methodist Church property, where apparently the disease started, has been turned into an emergency hospital.

Among victims are Freeholder Fred Lippincott and his sister, Miss Mary Lippincott, of Moorestown; Mrs. George Eavenson, of Marlton, who accompanied the Lippincotts to the supper; three children of William E. Nixon, of Vincentown; A. Ashby Lippincott, milk dealer at Mount Holly; the Rev. George C. Reynolds and Mrs. Reynolds, of New Egypt.

For the supper music was furnished by the Fieldsboro Band, and it is reported that fourteen members of that organization have the fever.

The State Department of Health is continuing its investigations wherever the fever has developed. It is investigating water and milk supplies, especially those having any connection with the Jacobstown supper. The cistern, two wells from which water was taken for drinking purposes, milk supplies and food sources are undergoing the closest examination. The wells from which drinking water was taken are in daily use and so far as is known the water has never been the cause of any sickness.

Harrisburg, Aug. 23.—(By A. P.)—More typhoid fever investigations are under way by the State Health Department engineers just now than known for a long time. The State authorities have issued warnings for care in drinking water from streams and ponds while on picnic tours.

Killed in Fall

Thirteen-year-old Lawrence Merrett, 304 North Eighteenth street, who was blown from roof of home, and died of fractured skull

TRY TO HALT EVICTIONS

Final Attempts Being Made by U. S. Shipping Board in Harriman aCse

Final attempts to avoid evicting the 113 tenants of Harriman Townsite Village, who have been ordered to vacate by September 1, are being made by William Towers, manager of the Division of Housing and Transportation, United States Shipping Board.

One plan is to induce, if possible, between eighty and 100 families to move to the village, at rents from $18 to $28 a month, so the central heating plant can be operated at a minimum of loss. The other plan is to have Government engineers examine the plant, and try to patch it up so it can be run this winter without the heavy loss that is anticipated under present conditions. It was the breakdown of this plant that caused the eviction notices to be sent to those apartments and bungalows dependent upon central-plant heat.

DENY JAIL DELIVERY PLAN

No Attempt Made, Camden Police Say

Camden police officials denied today an attempt at a jail delivery had been made at the Camden City Hall. The denial came following receipt of a telephone message from this city by the Camden police in which the woman on the Philadelphia end of the wire said she had heard of the proposed escape and wanted to warn the officials in time.

The woman, whose name is known to the police, said the three men implicated in the plot were three Camp Dix soldiers, who were arrested in New Jersey in July charged with blackjacking Harry Doyle, a taxicab driver.

The person who overheard the telephone call reported the matter to Captain of Detectives A. I. Souder, who ordered an investigation. Captain Humes, of the Camden police, when asked as to the alleged proposed jail delivery said the three men mentioned were in cells and could not escape.

DELAWARE CO. CANVASS ON

Governor Lining Up Forces to Down McClure-Johnson Factions

All boroughs and townships in Delaware County are being canvassed in Governor Sproul's fight to down the McClure and Johnson element. Upper Darby Township has placed this ticket for the Governor Sproul choice and which will be supported by a large number of voters; Judge of Common Pleas Court, Albert Dutton MacDade; Judge of Orphans Court, John B. Hannum; Sheriff, William B. Palmer; County Controller, George T. Waldas; Prothonotary, William T. Poore; Clerk of Quarter Sessions Court, Richard T. Stevenson; Jury Commissioner, E. J. Geiger; Director of the Poor, Mrs. C. Clara Gorton, of Collingdale.

INSISTS ON PROBE OF WOMEN'S HOME

Mrs. Plummer Will Make Demand of Board of Managers Tomorrow

QUOTES LETTER TO BROWN

Members of the board of managers of the State Industrial Home for Women at Muncy, Pa., will confer with Mrs. Charles A. Plummer, member of the Pennsylvania Prison Society, tomorrow, according to an announcement made today by Mrs. Plummer at her home, 761 North Fortieth street.

The conference will be at Williamsport, Mrs. Plummer said. If the board shows willingness to go to the bottom of the charges of cruelties made against the institution and to remedy conditions, she declared the probe about to be asked by Governor Sproul by a thousand women who have signed a petition, will be abandoned.

Reiterating her charges against the institution, Mrs. Plummer at the same time made public a letter sent August 18 to President Judge Brown of the Municipal Court, and so far unanswered. Judge Brown is a member of the State Board of Managers, but, the letter states, has not been present at a meeting since last September.

The minutes of a board meeting, held July 29, report the reading of a letter from Judge Brown "explaining his absence from the meeting and pledging support to Miss Wilson as superintendent and holding her responsible for everything." Miss Frankie Wilson is the superintendent against whom Mrs. Plummer brings charges.

Among the charges made in the letter to Judge Brown is one which alleges the books of the institution are kept at the office of Senator Sones, chairman of the board, instead of in the institution itself, and that two of the Senator's private bookkeepers are on the payroll.

Letter to Judge Brown

The letter follows:

"Dear Judge Brown:

"I regret that I had to bring to light conditions at the Industrial Home for Women at Muncy. I gave Senator Sones a chance, but he did not embrace the opportunity.

"After my first visit I reported to Bromley Wharton, secretary of the Board of Public Charities, who visited Muncy and found things just as I had described—a girl manacled with hands behind her and arms cut from the irons and in a cell without a mattress. He ordered the manacles removed at once and told them never to put a girl in a cell on the cement floor; to always put a mattress in. On my second visit I found that Sones Cottage had obeyed this order; Sproul Cottage had not. There a girl had been confined for six days on bread and water on the cement floor, with no mattress. I called Dr. Wood to see her, as she was in a bad way.

"You know, if the rest do not, that a girl must be visited once in twenty-four hours by a physician when under such confinement. Dr. Wood says he never before had been called to visit a girl in her cell.

Says Law Is Broken

"Knowing you as I do, I know you would not stand for cruelty such as is practiced there. Pennsylvania has as many good women as the West, and our women are paying their taxes that support our institutions and have a right to expect the positions offered by them.

"Senator Sones' two bookkeepers are on the payroll. I guess you don't know that. Also that the books are kept at his office when they should be at the institution, where a third bookkeeper is paid to keep them. This is against the law.

"You have not been present at a board meeting for some time; not since last September, I believe, so are really not responsible for the condition mentioned herein. You have always been kind and considerate when I would bring the troubles of unfortunates to you and you could help them.

"Senator Sones knows all. I have the signatures of 1250, and with ease can secure 200,000 more, if necessary. His political career, I believe, is over. I warned him, but he refused to listen. You know perfectly well that Frank Smith, McMins and Britten do not know anything about running an institution to reform girls.

"Regretting that you are on the board, "CLAIRE PLUMMER."

LODGE ASSAULT CHARGES AGAINST ONE SORREL MULE

Defendant, Name Unknown, Put Patrolman "Hors du Combat"

One sorrel mule, age unknown, will have a hearing before Magistrate Dugan, in the Thirty-second street and Woodland avenue police station today, on the charge of assault and battery.

Mr. Mule, who is but one of six to be arraigned, will be prosecuted by Patrolman Brown, who charges "the defendant did attempt to violently assault him when he tried to place him under arrest at Fortieth and Market streets." Brown found Mr. Mule eating from a sidewalk garbage can and being told that he was one of thirty-five mules which had run away from a bazaar at Thirty-seventh and Market streets, he grabbed the halter and proceeded to drag Mr. Mule away from his breakfast. Mr. Mule resented with his hind feet the intrusion and his well directed fling took the club out of Brown's hand and missed his head by inches only.

Brown beat it out Market street, with Mr. Mule in hot pursuit. Mr. Mule looked like the winner, when some one opened a door and enabled Brown to duck inside to safety. In the meantime a pedestrian by the name of Davis Haggerty got a handful of hay from a nearby feed store and coaxed Mr. Mule back to docility. Brown took him back to the station house.

"Nothing doing," replied Patrolman Brown. "Once was enough for me."

Haggerty brought the obstreperous mule back to the oWodland avenue police station, where he joined five others

NO DINNER, SAYS SOUDER

Police Lieutenant Also Denies Assessments in Letter to Cortelyou

Director Cortelyou said today that he had received a signed statement from Lieutenant Souder, of the Sixty-first and Thompson streets station, denying the report that he was to be given a dinner. The lieutenant also said he could find no one who had been asked to contribute toward presenting him with a diamond ring.

In his report to the Director, Lieutenant Souder said:

"I have questioned every policeman of my district, all the district detectives, house sergeants and street sergeants and all of them on their word of honor have declared all such rumors as false.

"I had heard the men took up a collection to purchase some flowers as a token of their esteem, but when I questioned the men about it they all denied it."

On Sunday, however, the house sergeant at the Sixty-first and Thompson streets station told a reporter that a dinner was to be given to Lieutenant Souder to celebrate his promotion. He said that the dinner was to be shortly after the first of September, and that it would be given by the policemen of the district. The expense, he said, probably would be "a couple of dollars."

BANDITS SENT TO JAIL

Young Men Beat and Tried to Rob Furniture Dealer

Joseph Scattergood, seventeen years old, and James Pearson, twenty-two years old, both of 1220 East Palmer street, were each sentenced to not less than one year and a half nor more than two years in the Eastern Penitentiary by Judge Ferguson in Quarter Sessions Court today after they had pleaded guilty to a charge of robbery.

It was testified by Hyman Finkel, a second-hand furniture dealer, of 2021 Germantown avenue, that the two defendants on August 15 came into his store to purchase a stove. He took them to his warehouse at 2016 North Randolph street. There Scattergood and Pearson set upon him with blackjacks and demanded his money. Finkel called for help and they fled. Scattergood was caught after a chase. Pearson was arrested later in the day.

Judge Ferguson sentenced Zaro Crevar to six months in the County Prison after he had pleaded guilty to breaking open freight cars.

4 HURT AS TRUCK HITS CAMDEN BUS

Army Vehicle and Big Car in Crash at Federal Street and Broadway

SOME PASSENGERS JUMP

Four persons were severely injured and a score of others were scattered over the street and slightly hurt this morning when a northbound motorbus, running from Fairview to Camden, was struck by a southbound military truck at Broadway and Federal street, Camden.

The bus was turning from Broadway into Federal street when the truck, going at rapid speed, attempted to turn from Federal street into Broadway. The truck hit the bus squarely in the center, turning it over.

The injured are:

Mrs. Leah Daly, fifty-one years old, Fourth and Vanhook streets, head and shoulders cut.

Joseph Waier, twenty-four years old, 3186 Kearsarge avenue, both legs injured.

Allen Ball, 809 St. John street, cuts of head and face.

Harmon Rodgers, 3103 Swan street, face and neck injured.

All were taken to the Cooper Hospital.

Several others were attended at a nearby drug store.

The bus was crowded when the crash came, and a number of passengers escaped serious injury by jumping when they saw the collision was inevitable. Glass and splintered wood struck a number of passers-by. Storekeepers picked up several of the passengers and gave them first-aid treatment until the arrival of an ambulance.

The bus was thrown on the sidewalk and protruded more than half way across the street, blocking traffic in both directions.

The driver of each vehicle said the accident was due to a misunderstanding of signals.

The motorbus was driven by Clarence Jaegerd, 523 South Fifth street, Camden, and the truck by Joseph Damanocola, 1423 North Front street, Philadelphia. Each was arrested and held on his own recognizance.

She Is Sought Here

MISS MARY ANDERSON

Miss Anderson, who disappeared Thursday evening from the home of her life-long friend, Mrs. Mattie Holton, Pedricktown, N. J., may be in Philadelphia, according to Pedricktown authorities, who are looking for her here today.

ONE GRAVE FOR 2 PERSONS

Mother Died of Grief Over Loss of Daughter

A double funeral, of a daughter and mother who died fifteen minutes apart, the latter from grief, will be held Thursday morning in Saint Francis Xavier Church, Twenty-fourth and Green streets. A single grave in Holy Cross Cemetery will hold the bodies of those who were inseparable through nineteen years of life.

Miss Helen Gerdelmann, nineteen, an invalid since childhood, died Sunday night at 6:45 o'clock. Prostrated by grief, her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Gerdelmann, died of heart seizure at 7 o'clock. The father and husband, Albert Gerdelmann, is a member of the Fifteenth Ward Republican Executive Committee. The family lived at 768 North Croskey street.

THINK HOTEL GUEST IS MISSING WOMAN

New Castle Report Says Visitor Looks Like Mary Anderson, of Pedricktown

AUTHORITIES DROP CASE

A telephone message that a woman answering the description of Miss Mary Anderson was at a hotel in New Castle, Del., was received at Pedricktown, N. J., today. Miss Anderson disappeared last Thursday evening from the home of her life-long friend, Mrs. Mattie Holton, near Pedricktown.

Detective J. Warren Manning and Deputy Sheriff Brown, of Salem County, did not act on the telephone report, but William Holton, from whose home the woman disappeared, and the Rev. George Tryon, pastor of the First Baptist Church, left Pedricktown in an automobile and are said to be on their way to New Castle.

The Salem County authorities announced they had abandoned the search for Miss Anderson.

Search through surrounding woods and swamps near the Holton farmhouse also has been abandoned by the people of Pedricktown.

Police officials believe Miss Anderson met some one by appointment on the road near the house. They point to the fact tracks of her feet led from the pasture to the road, as though she had been looking for some one, and, not seeing him or her, returned.

Intimate associates of the woman say she had no reason to leave home without telling some one her object.

Probe Killing of Priest

Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 23.—(By A. P.)—Grand Jury investigation was started today in the case of the Rev. Edwin R. Stephenson, charged with murder in connection with the death of Father James E. Coyle, Catholic priest. An indictment by the Grand Jury would automatically prevent the preliminary examination set for late today.

NO PRE-WAR HOTEL RATES DUE HERE, ASSERT MANAGERS

Costs of Upkeep Too Great to Warrant Cuts, They Say—Must Get Revenue From Rooms—Little Profit in Food

Hotel men here say they will not follow the example of one of the larger beach-front hotels in Atlantic City, which has just announced a sensational slashing of prices.

The action of the shore hotel announcing a return to pre-war prices on September 19 is believed to be a forerunner of a rate war among the hotels of the resort and of similar reductions among hotels in other cities of the country.

Hotel men here are inclined to characterize this move as "clever advertising," and say that they cannot possibly reduce room rentals. Food prices, they declare, they have already cut, and hold out a faint hope for future reductions in declaring that they intend to have their prices for appetizing viands "follow the market."

"We are eagerly looking forward to the time when we may be able to reduce our prices for rooms to figures approaching those obtaining before the war," said J. P. A. O'Connor, manager of the Bellevue-Stratford. "But sufficient reductions in a large number of things affecting our cost of upkeep must take place before we can be in a position to make such a move.

"To begin with, the advent of prohibition removed from us our principal source of net profit. And nothing was offered to take its place. As food has never been a money-maker, there was but one course open in order to run our hotel without a loss, which we would naturally have to do, if we are to maintain at all. So for that reason we were compelled to advance our room charges to make up this deficit.

"Food we have cut four times during the year."

David P. Provan, managing director of the Ritz-Carlton and Adelphia Hotels, also said that room rental cuts were out of the question. Food had been cut one-third in these hostelries within the year, he declared, and would be subject to the market for future fluctuations. He also stated that the dining end of the business was very bad.

"In fact," said Mr. Provan, "I would be personally pleased if we could abolish our kitchen and dining rooms. As it is they do not pay the cost of their rental and the space they occupy would bring in better returns if rented to business people. But we must keep them to accommodate our patrons."

Eugene G. Miller, manager of the Hotel Walton, stated that the prices of rooms at the hostelry were already at pre-war prices. "We cannot do any better than that," he said.

"Food prices too have been cut, as the market permitted," he said. "The cost of service is a big item. When you consider the rapidity with which they serve their customers and the simplicity of their equipment, the quick-lunch restaurants make far more money than we do. In fact we do not make a red cent on our table."

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