

ARRESTED HERE IN INSURANCE WAR

Private Detective and Janitor Held in Row Waging Between Adjusters

POLICE HUNT THIRD MAN

Conspiracy charges against two men arrested last night are expected to reveal the war waging in this city for over two months between independent insurance adjusters, members of the Fire Marshal's office and insurance company representatives.

George F. McCain, a private detective, Sixth street, above Clearfield, and John Fox, a janitor, Walnut street and Fifth, were held in \$10,000 bail each for further hearing by Magistrate Beaton at his office at 10:35 Spring Garden street, this morning. The charge against the two men is conspiracy, but so far the definite nature of the alleged offense has not been made public.

Clarence H. Goldsmith, representing McCain, made a vigorous objection to the arrest of Fox, who was taken to the station, representing Judge James Gay Gordon's office, had asked the maximum bail and a deferment. Mr. Goldsmith's objection was overruled by Magistrate Beaton, who said:

"The bail has been fixed at \$10,000, and that will stand. I understand that this is a very serious case and involves many prominent Philadelphia citizens. The names of these men may be induced to disappear before the hearing Monday."

It was rumored there will be more arrests in the case very soon. Upward of \$250,000 is said to be involved in the scandal.

Some idea of the importance of the arrests last night may be drawn from the fact that the men were taken to the station by Constable John H. Kelly. He examined them personally but refused to divulge any of the facts involved in the case.

The arrests are a culmination of investigations extending over two months' time. Independent insurance adjusters assert they have been carrying a plot against the rival adjusters and insurance companies to obtain access to their office records.

They make charges of tapping of the wires, and of their offices and of women stenographers were "planted" in their offices to obtain all information possible.

The present arrests of McCain with conspiracy was sworn out by J. Milton Young, an insurance adjuster with offices at Fourth and Walnut streets. It is in this building that Fox works as a janitor and watchman.

Fox was arrested after a three-hour grilling by Detectives Bolay and Walters in the office of Director Cortezou. It is alleged Fox entered into the conspiracy with private detectives to allow operatives to enter Young's offices to peruse his books and private papers.

The stenographer who worked in the office of Young was found that plans had been laid to ruin their business they appealed to their counsel, former Judge James Gay Gordon and John R. K. Young, who notified them to have the conspiracy warrants issued.

"The present arrests and others expected are due to the discovery of a wire-tapping system involving quite a sum of money and which will probably involve a number of prominent persons connected with the insurance business," Judge Gordon announced last night at his home in Westtown. "The evidence gathered thus far shows that powerful interests are behind the conspiracy."

20,000,000 Russians Starving
Miss Anna Louise Strong, who is working with the Friends' Relief Commission in Moscow, has written a letter to the Friends' headquarters here, in which she describes the efforts of the Russians themselves to relieve the famine situation as being pitifully inadequate. There are 20,000,000 people in the famine district, she writes.

"OLDEST COMMUTER" MADE 19,200 TRIPS IN 32 YEARS

New Entrant for Honors Also Has the Greatest Fund of Stories, His Backers Say

"Knights of 5:15" Soon Are to Organize Club and Decide Winners of Laurels

Claims to the commuting championship have at last grown so involved and paradoxical that it appears the award of the title must be made on the basis of differential calculus—or an appeal to the oracles, or by a decision of the Supreme Court.

Not, however, that the mere arithmetic of the situation is clear. In point of mileage the race still belongs to Adam Grill, of Shillington, with 895,800, and next is Elias W. Kinsey, of Reading, whose total is 801,444.

Hitherto Mr. Kinsey's closest rival has been W. H. Roys, of Daveslowna, whose record of miles is 546,314. But compared to Mr. Grill's twenty-four Mr. Roys has had twenty-three. Mr. Roys has had twenty-three years of experience and a consequent lead of about 1000 trips.

Now Mr. Roys waves his claims in behalf of John W. Saурman, of Southampton, Pa. Mr. Saурman's mileage is only 510,000, less than Mr. Roys and considerably less than Mr. Grill's or Mr. Kinsey's. But on behalf of his candidate, Mr. Roys says that it would be unfair to give Mr. Grill the title because Mr. Grill chose to live in Shillington, which is some distance further from Southampton. The principle that is involved, says Mr. Roys, is one bigger than any technicality.

Now, in the claims of the dark horse, Mr. Saурman. He is eighty-seven years old and can remember clearly General Harrison's "hard cider" campaign. How many commuters, asks Mr. Roys, can do that? His credentials as a commuter date from '89. For two years Mr. Saурman rode twice a day between this city and Churchville, and for thirty years he has commuted between here and Southampton.

Not a day has he missed, save Sundays and holidays, and the brief time that an injury to his leg once laid him

ACCIDENTALLY KILLS HIS FRIEND, THEN DISAPPEARS

Fears Entertained That Man Is Suicide After Long Island Tragedy

New York, Oct. 15.—Paul Weidman, president of the Nassau Automobile Company, was missing at a late hour last night after accidentally killing William V. Geis, owner of Hewlett Inn, Long Island. Fears were entertained that Weidman had committed suicide.

The men were preparing to leave for a hunting trip in the Adirondacks yesterday, when Weidman, attempting to demonstrate his skill with a revolver in the inn, discharged it. The bullet struck Geis, penetrating his intestines. He died in St. Joseph's Hospital, Far Rockaway, a few hours later.

As the hotel man fell Weidman cried: "It's all over, it's all over. I'll do away with everything!"

Still holding the revolver, he ran to his automobile outside the hotel and sped away. The car was found abandoned in Hollis last evening at Homer Lee and Jamaica avenues. Geis encountered his friend in an ante-mortem statement.

THUGS TAKE HORN AND \$10

Cornet Player Beaten by Men in Motorcar

Charles W. Bosell, 4041 North Tenth street, a musician, was beaten to insensibility with a blackjack and robbed of a cornet and \$10 by four men in an automobile who held him up last night in front of 1007 Rockland street.

Bosell was walking home shortly after 11 o'clock, he said, when a large touring car drove up to the curb beside him and stopped suddenly. One of the four men in the car stuck out a gun and said, "Stick 'em up and keep quiet or we'll kill you."

Bosell "stuck 'em up," holding his cornet aloft, but the hands apparently were not satisfied. They got out and beat him.

Bosell was taken to the Jewish Hospital with several cuts on the head and over the eyes.

SHOT BY CHUM, MAY DIE

Youthful Victim Absolves Companion From All Blame

Ervin Margerum, sixteen years old, 1463 North Fifty-seventh street, was shot in the back last night by his chum, Joseph Carroll, seventeen years old, 1312 North Fifty-eighth street.

Margerum is in the West Philadelphia Hospital in a critical condition. He absolved Carroll, who was arrested, of all blame for the accident.

Carroll told police Margerum was strutting about the room of his home with the gun protruding from a back pocket. He had recently purchased it in a spirit of fun, Carroll said he took the gun from his chum's pocket while the latter's back was turned, pointed it and pulled the trigger.

READING PENSIONS EIGHT

Philadelphia Man Completed Nearly Half Century With Railroad

Eight former employees of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway system have been added to its pension list. These men were employed at widely scattered points and represent a total of 321 years and 11 months of continuous service with the company.

Frank Doney, 1953 North Philip street, turntable operator at Erie avenue, holds the record for length of service among these eight. He was in the employ of the company for forty-nine years, nine months, and his pension became effective on April 1, 1921. He is closely followed in point of service by Lewis Beck, Llewellyn, Pa., section foreman, Silverton, Pa., who had forty-nine years, one month to his credit.

MACLEAN TO PREACH

The Rev. Dr. Norman Maclean, of Edinburgh, will preach tomorrow in the Calvary Presbyterian Church. Dr. Maclean, who came to this country as a delegate to the Pan-Presbyterian Council, since 1905 has been pastor of St. Cuthbert's, in Edinburgh.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

- Martin Winters, 2449 Brown st., and Florence A. Mitchell, 2649 Brown st.; Antonia Mikoloz, 1311 Carlton st., and Maxine Balaban, 1811 Carlton st.; Henry L. Hickling, 1920 st., and Jessie L. Catlin, 3023 Powelton ave.; John Metz, 3023 Powelton ave.; and Bertha B. Sturock, 3413 Wallace st.; and Marj E. Neuge, 3816 Powelton ave.; John E. Hender, 507 1/2 st., and Doris Heiser, 1307 S. 6th st.; and Gladys R. Wintzner, 3184 N. 7th st.; Harold A. Katsurum, Long Branch, N. J., and Frances M. Fitzgerald, 1014 N. 1st st.; Henry A. Lyons, Swarthmore, N. J., and Anna E. Jones, 1213 Ritner st.; Richard Thompson, 9705 S. 2d st., and Pauline Gilbert, 815 Tintons ave.; Joseph P. Bode, 235 N. Canal st., and Caroline E. Snowden, 3414 Monia st.; Harry P. Leniken, Atlantic City, N. J., and Bertha Leonard, Atlantic City; and Samuel Bode, 2407 After st., and Eva Brown, 2728 Peira st.; William Lowe, 1645 Cabot st., and Cornelia Holly, 1645 Abot st.; David Brozner, 404 Callowhill st., and Fannie Brozner, 404 Callowhill st.; James Wood, 2010 1/2 st., and Marj Waters, 2623 Peira st.; Earl and Margaret V. Fisher, 4490 Baltimore; Jacob Herzog, 2430 S. 9th st., and Anna Baum, 2430 S. 9th st.; and Jacob Bloom, 814 Westmoreland st., and Clara Leonard, 1213 Ritner st.; Charles J. D'Am, 1620 N. 22d st., and Marj K. McDaniel, 1620 N. 22d st.

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VARE MEN REPENT LOAN BILL DEFEAT

Weglein and Cox Try to Replace Items They Killed in \$19,000,000 Measure

HEED PUBLIC PROTEST

Administration leaders see definite signs of weakening of the Vare Combine opposition to the proposed \$19,000,000 municipal loan.

Mayor Moore and his directors believe that the Councilmen are beginning to feel the full effects of the battering blows which have been delivered against the Combine and the alleged "unnumbered balances" estimated by Controller Hadley.

Already, in the opinion of members of the Mayor's cabinet, Councilmen are realizing that in killing the loan, they voted against their interests and the interests of the city.

As a consequence, Councilmen are beginning to try to replace the damage done by introducing piece-meal loan legislation. The city Administration believes this policy is being adopted by the Vare Council for two reasons: First, that the loan funds are needed and because Council proposes to make an effort to win credit for a loan bill of its own.

Council Was Not Stubbed As a matter of fact, said Administration leaders, the \$19,000,000 loan bill was made up in conference of city officials with Chairman Burch, of Council's Finance Committee, Chairman Burch, the Administration contends, was called when they knocked out the bill to confer. This, it is pointed out, answers the charge that Council was not consulted in the up-keep of the Loan Bill.

Two anti-Administration Councilmen already have introduced loan bills replacing identically the same items they voted against when they killed the Administration Loan Bill.

These bills were, first, one by Richard Weglein, president of Council, calling for a loan of \$1,050,000, so that the city might match an equal appropriation by the State for the construction of the Delaware River bridge. Mr. Weglein is a member, along with Mayor Moore, of the Bridge Commission. He knew when he voted to kill the \$19,000,000 Loan Bill that he was at the same time killing the item of \$1,050,000 for the bridge.

Second, a bill by Councilman Cox, one of the South Philadelphia members, for \$500,000 for increasing the units of the proposed dredging plant, for the purpose, particularly, of deepening the channel of the Schuylkill River. When Mr. Cox voted against the \$19,000,000 Loan Bill he killed this same item in the Administration bill.

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LITTLE, BUT STILL "SOME KNITTER"



Edith Trainer, of 2236 North Gratz street, is only three years old, but she plies her knitting needles like an expert

KNITTING NEEDLES HOLD CHIEF JOY FOR 3-YEAR-OLD

Sedate Little Edith Trainer Finds More Pleasure in Making Sweaters for Dolls Than in Playing Tag

The clicking of knitting needles hold no terrors for three-year-old Edith Trainer, of 2236 North Gratz street, better known to her friends as "Wee."

A tiny bundle of soft babyhood she clutches two needles in her chubby hands and weaves in and out, casting off stitches when necessary, busily working away at the green sweater for her largest and bestest doll.

Wide-eyed and serious she sits in her baby chair, long lashes sweeping about her shoulders and she stops only long enough to brush them away when they threaten to become tangled bits of spun gold among soft green wool.

As she sits working her face takes on a look of dismay, and "oh," she cried today, "I've dropped a stitch," and determinedly set about to recover it.

Last summer she visited her grandmother in Huntingdon and it was there she was first initiated into the intricacies of making sweaters, and long ago she learned to knit.

Her mother does not knit and her competent daughter cannot understand such a state of affairs.

In the afternoon all clean and pretty she sits on the floor in a starched frock of ruffled pink or gandy she sits on the front steps and gazes about her complacently, watching the other children playing hopscotch and tag, and all the while she is adding more rows to the sweater, which is far more even and less bulky than some of the creations which went overseas.

ASKS KIWANIS TO AID PHILA. MOTORIST LOSES

Members Urged to Help Solution of Unemployment Problem Atlantic City Court Sustains Defendant in \$25,000 Damage Suit

Atlantic City, Oct. 15.—Kiwanians were urged to assist in relieving the unemployment situation of the Nation by Harry E. Karr, president of the Baltimore Club, in addressing the New Jersey convention of the Kiwanis Clubs today.

"If every Kiwanian would give employment to just one more person than he really thinks he needs, it would give employment to 200,000 persons," the Baltimorean asserted.

"By giving the unemployed a chance to earn a living, it enables him to keep his self-respect and takes away from him the prospect of a place in the bread line or a ticket to the soup kitchen."

Mr. Karr also referred to the spirit abroad to draw the line at creed, religion and nationality. "The fundamental principles of Kiwanis is that no man be accepted or retained because of his beliefs or nationality. Kiwanis should stand for unity and condemn and fight against any attempt to create class, race or religious hatred in our land."

F. H. Herat's Funeral

The funeral of Franklin H. Herat, a widely known resident of East Passyunk, who for many years was superintendent of the Pennsylvania Cold Storage and Warehouse Company, Thirtieth and Market streets, will take place Monday at 2:30, at his home, 7536 B street. His death was due to paralysis.

John T. Smith's Funeral

Funeral services for John Thomas Smith, seventy-four years old, of 122 South Peach street, for thirty-six years a member of the police force and attached to the Thirtieth-Second District station since its establishment, will be conducted at 1:30 Chestnut street this afternoon. Smith had been ill a year, but was regaining his health until two weeks ago, when his wife died. After that he became more rapidly.

Atlantic City Court Sustains Defendant in \$25,000 Damage Suit

Atlantic City, Oct. 15.—A verdict for the defendant was returned yesterday in a suit for damages to the amount of \$25,000 brought by George W. Mardock, a wood merchant of Philadelphia, against Charles Parnaleer, of Mays Landing, for injuries sustained by Mr. and Mrs. Mardock in an automobile accident May 31.

Mardock alleged the accident was a result of Parnaleer's negligence. He testified he was returning to Philadelphia when he was forced to turn off the road by the other machine, striking two trees. Mardock said his wife sustained permanent injuries to the left leg, while he himself suffered cuts about the head and face from flying glass of the broken windshield.

Parnaleer denied responsibility for the accident, claiming Mardock had struck his machine while he was turning into a small byroad.

BRIBERY IS HINTED IN GRISWOLD CASE

Drishchman Witness Refuses to Either Deny or Affirm Insinuation

CHARGES MAY BE PUSHED

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger Atlantic City, Oct. 15.—It was understood today that former Judge Clarence L. Cole, chief of counsel of the Countess Anna St. Clair deContouria in her suit to break her mother's will, which left a \$500,000 estate to Mrs. Mary M. Drishchman, wife of an Atlantic City butcher, was prepared to present testimony in a substantive manner late yesterday afternoon that may be used among witnesses on the Drishchman side.

The insinuation that bribery of witnesses had been resorted to came as a sensational climax to yesterday's hearings. Thomas Landis, of Northfield, an electrician, had testified for the defendant, but he had known Mrs. Alice Gerry Griswold, the former famous Hollywood beauty, and that he regarded her as a woman of keen intelligence.

Spectators gasped when Judge Cole launched his attack. "Do you know a Miss Hartnett, hairdresser, in this building?" the lawyer for the Countess asked.

The witness admitted he had known her for two years and had discussed the Griswold case with her. "On one of these occasions," said Judge Cole, "did you say that you were paid?"

"That's a lie," interrupted the witness. "Did you say that you had received a thousand dollars and that Miss Hartnett would be paid for giving or insinuating certain testimony?"

"I don't recall it," answered Landis. "Did you deny that you suggested that she might be paid?"

"I won't deny or affirm it," the witness replied. "Do you deny that the sum of \$1000 was mentioned as a consideration for this testimony?"

"No, sir." "What do you mean by 'No, sir'?" Do you deny it?" insisted Judge Cole. "No, sir, I do not; I do not remember," answered the witness.

At this point the court adjourned until Monday at 10 o'clock.

NEGROES READY FOR FAIR

Exhibits Will Show Progress Made by Race in America

The Philadelphia Autumn Fair and Negro Industrial Exhibit will open tomorrow afternoon in the Commercial Museum.

The fair is designed to record the present attainment of the race, and will include exhibits of every sort of Negro activities, such as dressmaking, handicrafts, needle and art work, conventions and paintings. The progress of the Negro since his first landing in America will be traced graphically.

In addition to the exhibits proper, there will be a series of concerts covering every phase of Negro musical accomplishment, and there also will be a grand meet at one of the local ball parks, in which the foremost athletes of the race will compete.

Auto Hits Man on Broad Street Joseph Engle, 545 North Bimbley street, was slightly injured at Broad and Vine streets about 3 P. M. yesterday by an automobile driven by Charles A. Ever, 2019 North Carlisle street. Engle was taken to the Hahnemann Hospital.

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BOY KILLED BY AUTO

Lad Struck When He Got Out of Parents' Car West Chester, Pa., Oct. 15.—Richard Laird, eight years old, son of James Laird, of Gatherville, was fatally injured today on the Horseshoe pike near his home by an automobile occupied by Mrs. John Ulrich and son, of West Orange, N. J. He died in a hospital here.

The lad had been in an automobile with his parents. He got out and went to the rear to get a package. As he stepped from the protection of the car he was struck by the other, which was passing at a lively rate of speed. The New Jersey car was stopped and the occupants did all they could to aid the boy, taking him to a hospital.

FOUR WILLS IN PROBATE

Inventories Filed and Letters Granted

Wills admitted to probate today were those of George W. Gormley, 6508 Lincoln drive, \$25,000; to relatives; Lillie A. Tozer, 12 North Lindenwood street, \$15,000; Matthew E. Flannagan, 1935 North Ninth street, \$3397, and Anna Forster, 3214 Midvale avenue, \$7000.

Inventories of personal estates filed today were: William W. Ingram, \$40,400; and Bridget E. Lanigan, \$1904. Letters of administration in the estates of the following were filed: Josephine Holling, 2847 Woodbine avenue, \$17,500; and Anthony Duffy, 1911 Hoffman street, \$3900.

CHILD BITTEN BY DOG

Treatment for Rabies Promptly Applied to Little Victim

West Conshohocken, Pa., Oct. 15.—Marie, the six-year-old daughter of Chester Bowler, of Morehead avenue, West Conshohocken, was bitten by a dog owned by John McLaughlin. The dog sank its teeth into the child's left side.

The animal was killed, and examination of its head indicated that it was suffering from rabies. The wound was cauterized and treatment for the prevention of rabies applied.

The father of the child is superintendent of the Diamond State Fire Company and is in the West on business.

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