

SHIP CREW PLANS TO HONOR ITS HERO

Gold Watch, Plum Duff 'n' Everything for Man Who Risked Life Four Times in Rescue

WENT INTO GAS-FILLED TANK

A heroic little Scotloman, William McLennen, twenty years old, a sailor on the American tanker Duleto, will be presented with a gold watch today by his shipmates.

It's a fine gold watch, and was bought yesterday when the ship arrived in port here. The cook also has fired up a huge bowl of plum duff. The ship has just come from Cuba and there will also be well, it will be a real celebration, anyhow.

McLennen, otherwise known as "Red," risked his life four times as he brought from a gas-filled tank the bodies of two members of the crew who had gone down to make repairs. The ship carries molasses in bulk, balling from Sagua, Cuba.

The story of young McLennen's heroism was told today by the ship's wireless operator, Robert Cleghorn. As it progressed, the chief character, at a few protests and hurried to another part of the vessel. "Sparks" got under way with his yarn.

"We had just reached Sagua to load molasses, and the pumpman, Harris Eccles, had gone down into the tank. Chief Engineer Amos and I were standing on deck when suddenly we heard Eccles yell. We knew the trouble, and Chief Amos dove for the hatch and hurried below. Grabbing Eccles, who was overcome, he started up the ladder, but half way up became so affected that he was forced to drop him. He himself was just about to fall back into the tank when I pulled him out.

"I saved the alarm, Eccles' brother, C. T. Eccles, first assistant engineer, dashed to the rescue. "At the bottom of the tank he was picking up his brother when he fell across his prostate body. Captain Koffold then called for volunteers.

"It was our little, old, red-headed Scottish hero who scrambled down the ladder into the tank. Almost overcome, he returned immediately to the deck, grabbed a rope, tied a handkerchief around his nose and slid below. He succeeded in tying the rope to one of the bodies and we pulled out the pumpman.

Twice again McLennen risked his life in that gas-filled tank before he managed to fasten the line about the man. When he reached the deck for the last time he felt exhausted beside the hatch. Neither of the Eccles brothers lived, and they were buried in Sagua.

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PAYROLL ROBBER SUSPECT IS HELD WITHOUT BAIL

Thomas Gillian, Cynwyd, identified by Bank Messenger

Charged with being a member of the hold-up gang that attacked a bank messenger and Noydman streets, November 4, Thomas Gillian, of Cynwyd, was held without bail by Magistrate Renshaw today.

Bank messenger, Henry Disher, of Twenty-second and Christian streets, who was robbed of \$1000, identified Gillian as one of the five hold-up men. "It's the fellow that put the gun in my face," said the messenger. "I could never forget that face."

Disher says the arrest of Gillian will lead to further arrests in the case. Gillian was arrested last night at Fifteenth and Wharton streets.

Banker's Widow Dies



MRS. RUDOLPH ELLIS, widow of former president of the Fidelity Trust Company, who died today. The photograph is a copy of a painting by the late Julian Story.

MRS. HELEN ELLIS DIES

Widow of President of Fidelity Trust Co. Was 81

Mrs. Helen Ellis, widow of Rudolph Ellis, who was president of the Fidelity Trust Company, died suddenly this morning at her home, Fox Hill, Bryn Mawr.

Mrs. Ellis was eighty-one years old. She was a daughter of William Struthers, a Philadelphia manufacturer, who donated to the Nation the sarcophagus in which the body of George Washington lies, at Mount Vernon. Until some years ago she was prominent socially in Philadelphia, but of late years she lived quietly at her home.

She is survived by one son, William S. Ellis. Mr. Ellis was to have given a dance to his daughter Clara tonight at the Ritz-Carlton, but arrangements have been canceled.

CAUGHT STRIPPING TRUCK

Boys Flee but Detective Follows Them Home, Where They Confess

A truck belonging to A. Sigal, 5 South Nineteenth street, was standing in front of his store when another truck drove up and three youths leaped out and started to strip Sigal's truck of tires and accessories.

They were seen by Detective McCullough, of the Fifteenth and Vine streets police station, but sped away as he approached. McCullough commanded a passing automobile and gave chase. At Seventeenth and Addison streets two of the youths jumped from the truck and ran down Addison street. The detective saw them enter a house near Sixteenth street and arrested them. They gave their names as Levy Gramson, thirteen, of that address, and Irving Grant, seventeen, 1757 South Woodstock street.

In a confession they implicated Joseph Slader, Wayne avenue near Chestnut street, a chauffeur employed by Sigal, and said the truck they used was Sigal's. The police arrested Slader.

How to keep what you do how to act— "Kiss" is the subject of a great page by Charles W. Miller, in the Magazine Section of the Evening Public Ledger—Ad.

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BROKER KEPT \$1000, CHARGE OF WOMAN

Ore Concern's Treasurer Held for Fraud as Stock Falls to Appear

GOT RECEIPTS FOR MONEY

On testimony of Mrs. Mary D. Warner, of Allentown, who said she never received a certificate for \$1000 of stock she bought, William J. Robertson, a stock broker, 314 Chestnut street, was held for court today on charges of fraudulent conversion and false pretense.

Robertson, a man of dapper appearance, with a waxed mustache, said he was fifty years old and lived at 1124 South Broad street.

Mrs. Warner testified that last September she signed a contract for 100 shares of stock at \$10 a share in the New Era Ore Reduction Company. She said a man describing himself as E. W. Williams, an agent of the company, sold her the stock.

The complainant testified she paid \$250 when she signed the contract and \$750 later. She said she received two letters signed by Robertson as treasurer of the company, acknowledging receipt of the money.

Mrs. Warner said she never received a stock certificate, although she tried several times to obtain one. Finally she obtained a warrant for Robertson.

The defendant said he is no longer treasurer of the ore reduction company, although he still maintains an office at the Chestnut street address. He denied signing the letters received by Mrs. Warner, explaining they were signed by his stenographer.

Robertson asserted he sent Mrs. Warner's \$1000 to the New York offices of the company and he knew of no reason why she had not received her certificate. He said \$250,000 of the company's stock had been sold in this city.

Robertson also said the company is preparing to build a plant at Coston, N. Y. He did not know how many men the company employs. Magistrate Renshaw, in Central Station, charged bail for Robertson at \$2500.

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THREE "LOST" WEST PHILA. CHILDREN GO BACK HOME

One Was Visiting, Others Went to Movie Show

Three West Philadelphia families, frantic because they thought their children had been lost, are at ease again today with the three "missing" youngsters safe at home.

The parents had feared a wholesale kidnapping when they learned through police of the Sixty-first and Thompson streets station the three children had disappeared from three different homes in the same neighborhood at about the same time.

The children were gone most of the day yesterday, but none of them had been lost. Dorothy O'Conner, eleven, of 517 North Wanamaker street, left her home yesterday morning without saying where she was going. At 11 o'clock last night she returned home. She had been calling on neighbors during the day.

Two boys, Frank Hall, eight, of 1322 North Fifty-eighth street, and Edgar Carrow, ten, of 4313 North Fifty-eighth street, got a half-dollar for Christmas. The report that they were lost had gone abroad while they were attending a moving picture show at Sixteenth and Market streets.

Miner Buried Six Hours by Slide Shenandoah, Pa., Dec. 30.—Enoch Polosky, a miner, was buried behind a heavy fall of rock and coal at William Penn Colliery yesterday. Fellow workers dug the victim out alive and unharmed after six hours.

WOMEN SMOKERS INCREASE IN PHILA., HOTEL MEN SAY

Flapper and Even Grandma Puff Away at Their "Fags" and No One Minds It at All Any More

"I say, old thing, give me a cigarette, will you? I'm just dying for a smoke!" said the dainty bit of feminine fluffiness, golden haired and wide eyed.

And "old thing" fished into the mysterious depths of a masculine pocket and brought forth a widely advertised weed. There was no fastidious toss of a fair head because of the brand.

A match flickered, there was a deep indrawing of her breath as she filled her lungs with the smoke, and fine, thin streams were exhaled in the face of the world and his wife.

Those who know, in Paris, say that cigarette smoking among the French women is decreasing. But those gentlemen who are monarchs of all they survey, the head waiters of American hotels, do not find the same conditions here.

The head waiter at one Broad street hotel was asked if smoking in that hotel had decreased.

"I should say that smoking among women in public has increased to a marked degree," he replied. "Of course, for several years it has been done. Times was when a woman who smoked was conspicuous. Today one could almost say the conspicuous woman is the one who does not smoke."

SCORN CASH, STEAL COATS

Thieves Break into Home of Dr. Robert Ellis Thompson

Cold-weather thieves broke into 2125 De Lancey street, the home of Dr. Robert Ellis Thompson, former president of Central High School, and stole two overcoats. Being cold evidently did not keep them from being particular, for the coats they picked out were worth \$300.

The coats were the property of Charles S. Ward, Dr. Thompson's son-in-law. Mr. Ward is connected with the banking firm of Casatt & Co. He was awakened by the noise the thieves made rummaging around the house.

No effort was made to carry off cash and other valuables easily accessible.

Found Dead After Family Tiff Mrs. Sadie Brantigan was found dead in the kitchen of her home, 2043 Cottage street, Frankford, last night by her husband, Charles Brantigan. Two burners of a gas stove were open. Police say that Mrs. Brantigan's death followed a disagreement with her husband. Mrs. Brantigan had been staying with her parents in Wisconsin but left yesterday morning to hunt for work.

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