THE WEATHER
Fair tonight and Tuesday; little change in temperature; gentle winds, mostly northeast.
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2 GIRLS DROWN AS SKIFF SINKS NEAR BRISTOL

Miss Pearl Young, Joyce St., and Katherine Butler, Schiller St., Lose Lives in Delaware

FIANCE OF ONE MAKES HEROIC ATTEMPT AT RESCUE

Young Women Were Enjoying "Rollies" in Craft Towed by Motorboat

GRAPPLING FOR BODIES

Bow of Boat Went Under When One Changed Her Position

Pearl Young, twenty-two years old, 2253 Joyce street, and Katherine Butler, twenty-two years old, 957 East Schiller street, were drowned late yesterday when a small boat in which they were riding behind a fast-moving launch sank in the Delaware River near Bristol.

The girls were with a party of five young men, one of whom was engaged to one of the young women. Three of the men dived overboard in an effort to save the girls, and two of them narrowly escaped the same fate.

The young man who tried in vain to save his sweetheart was Charles McAfee, 3239 Joyce street, engaged to Miss Young. Robert Kennedy, 3169 Tulip street, another young man in the boat, though scarcely able to swim he dived overboard, carrying a life preserver, and was hauled out unconscious by the crew of a second motorboat which went to the rescue.

The party left at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon from Allegheny avenue wharf, this city, for a motorboat trip to Forest Island, where they planned to picnic. In the party besides the girls and the man named were McAfee, Raymond Buchanan, a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, who is employed at a drugstore at Frankford and Allegheny avenues; Vernon Disney, of 3031 Cottage avenue, Frankford, and a man taken along as pilot, whose name is unknown to the members of the party.

The accident occurred at 4:45 o'clock, when the boat was about 200 yards from Forest Island.

The island is situated near Tullytown, several miles above Bristol. There is a bend in the river here, and the currents from the New Jersey and Pennsylvania shores meet, forming a treacherous undertow.

Were Riding in Skiff

The two girls had left the launch, which was a thirty-foot cabin cruiser, and were riding in a small flat-bottom skiff which was trailing behind, enjoying the wash of the small waves kicked up by the swift motorboat's propeller.

The men in the boat say that Katherine Butler stood up and went to the front of the skiff, sending its nose under. The small craft foundered almost instantly. Before the motorboat could be stopped the two girls were floating some distance astern. Kennedy Disney and McAfee went overboard, but could do nothing.

The bodies have not been recovered, though police of Bristol grappled all night for them and are still searching. The men in the motorboat surrendered to the Bristol police, but were released after W. Furman Young, a deputy coroner, had talked to them.

A graphic story of the drowning was told today by Buchanan.

Were Enjoying the "Rollies"

"We had been out for several hours," said Buchanan, "and everything was going fine. Kennedy and I had been riding in the little skiff, enjoying the motion as the 'rollies' from the propeller washed against it. We got tired of this after a while and got on the launch again. Then the girls wanted to try it. They got in the boat all right and we were going along smoothly when Katherine changed her position. She got up and walked toward the bow. That threw the bow down into the wash from the propeller, and in just a moment the little boat had filled and gone down under the girls.

"Kennedy saw the little boat go under. He yelled for help, then jumped overboard, taking a life preserver with him. He is barely able to swim. The pilot of the boat threw off the power right away, but you can't stop a motorboat like you can stop an automobile, and we went on some little distance, the girls floating away on the strong current.

McFee Good Swimmer

"McAfee, who was engaged to Miss Young, is a good swimmer, but he was at the bow of the motorboat. He went over right away, but he had been carried some distance and he could not come up with the girls in time. He got the nearest to them, but he was still twenty feet away when they went under.

"I was at the wheel of the motorboat. We got her going again and I threw her head around to try to get to where we could see the girls floating. But they went down before any of us could get to them. Another boat saw it and came up as fast as it could. Kennedy had been screaming for help at the top of his voice, not for himself, but the girls, whom he couldn't see any longer. He was unconscious when the other motorboat came up. They dragged him on their deck and revived him.

"I run the boat up to where McFee was in the water, still swimming, and I dragged him aboard. He was exhausted, but soon revived. We asked the people in the other boat to call for the police.

"We searched all about for some signs of the girls, and did everything we could. We waited there for an hour and a quarter. Then we went to Bristol and gave ourselves up. Disney and the pilot went out with the police and they grappled until 10 o'clock at night.

"Kennedy telephoned to the Bristol police this morning, but they had not yet found the bodies."

Atlantic City's Best Moderate-Priced Hotels—Ritzmore, Tennessee and Pacific Aves.; med. tariffs, just off the Boardwalk. South Carolina ev. Baths. R. & B. Lady. Own.—Adv.

Politician Dies

JOSEPH B. FAY
Former Assistant Director of Public Health and Charities, who died at his home today

JOSEPH B. FAY IS DEAD; HAD HELD MANY CITY JOBS

Former Vare Ward Leader Succumbs Following Operation

Joseph B. Fay, 2020 West Susquehanna avenue, former Vare ward leader, who held many jobs under the city and county governments, died today at the Northwestern General Hospital after an operation. He was sixty-two years old.

Mr. Fay was Assistant Director of Health and Charities during part of the Smith administration. Since 1910 Mr. Fay has been a pensioner of the firemen's fund. He was a battalion chief when he resigned because of failing eyesight.

Mr. Fay was born April 21, 1860, in the old district of Northern Liberties. He went to sea in his youth. In 1886 he was appointed a boseman in the Bureau of Fire. After his retirement with the rank of battalion chief he was elected to the Legislature and served one term.

The advent of the Moore administration separated Mr. Fay from his city job. He then got a berth with the Municipal Court.

WIFE, BEATEN, DIES; HUSBAND IS HELD

Prisoner Admits Striking Woman in Franklin Street Home

Matthew Fenlon, a rigger, beat and fatally injured his wife Annie last night during a drunken brawl in their third-floor room at 328 North Franklin street, according to the police. The woman died this morning in the Hahnemann Hospital.

Fenlon was held without bail to await the action of the Coroner by Magistrate Coward.

"I remember beating her," said Fenlon, "but didn't think I hit her hard enough to kill her. I'm sorry."

Fenlon is fifty-seven years old. His wife was fifty.

STRICKEN AT ORGAN

John B. Hartranft Dies in Trenton After Stroke in Church

John B. Hartranft, a music teacher, 45 East Seymour street, Germantown, was stricken with paralysis last night while playing at the organ of the Grace Lutheran Church in Trenton. He died at 4 o'clock this morning in the Mercer Hospital.

Mr. Hartranft, who was forty-six years old, had gone to the Trenton church to give an organ recital. He finished playing a selection from Tannhaeuser and was preparing to accompany a soloist when he fell forward on the keyboard.

Mr. Hartranft conducted a school at his home under the name of the Liszt Conservatory of Music. He taught the organ and piano and did some orchestra work.

About eighteen months ago he had a paralytic stroke, but recovered sufficiently to continue his musical activities. He is survived by a widow, four sons, John, Nelson, George and Norman, and a daughter, Barbara.

ZOO'S SEA COW DIES

Marine Visitor Passes Away Shortly After Arrival in Philadelphia

The zoo superintendent lost sleep caring for her; fifteen keepers lost weight lifting her around, and then she lost her life. The only one to benefit is the Academy of Natural Sciences. Pick up the 900-pound sea cow Academy. You win.

The Manatee, brought to the zoo here from Miami, Fla., was put in her tank at 3 A. M. yesterday. After dawn visitors gathered around the tank. A keeper gave her four of her daily allowance of eight cabbages. She enjoyed life, apparently. Then sigh. She sleeps. At 3:45 o'clock this morning she died.

Superintendent Brown, who accompanied her from Florida, attributes the death to internal injuries. As the train rattled along, he says, she must have bumped her—er—self on the bottom of the tank.

The sea cow was the first exhibited at the zoo since 1875. She was captured off Miami.

HURT FIGHTING THUGS

West Collom Street Man Saves His Diamond, but Sprains Wrist

Joseph Rehill, twenty-three years old, of 22 West Collom street, Germantown, struggled with two bandits on the porch of his home early this morning, and although he saved a diamond ring which the thugs were trying to pull from his finger, his wrist was severely sprained in the encounter.

Rehill returned home shortly after midnight. As he pulled out his doorkey, two men, who had been hiding on the porch, seized him and sought to wrench a $250 diamond ring from the middle finger of his right hand. For five minutes Rehill struggled with the men and they ran when a pedestrian passed by.

Rehill was forced to go to the Germantown Hospital for treatment.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR HELP? PERhaps the very person you want is advertising under Situations on page 30.—Adv.

PINCHOT BROOM TO SWEEP CLEAN

Nominee Will Confer With Auditor General Lewis Today on State Finances

WILL NAME COMMISSION BEFORE END OF MONTH

Mrs. Barclay Warburton May Be One of Three Women Chosen

By a Staff Correspondent

Milford, Pa., May 22.—Gifford Pinchot's campaign against John A. McSparran for the gubernatorial election in November, which swings into action today, will in reality be a campaign to win overwhelming public sentiment which will influence the Legislature and the State organization in support of a Pinchot program for the most thorough reorganization of State Government. State finances, State administration and Republican politics ever undertaken in Pennsylvania and probably in any other State, not excepting Illinois.

To that end, Pinchot announced that he would confer at Grey Towers with Auditor General Lewis, whose revelations of the unexplained muddles and cash deficits in the State Treasury just before the primary election shook the Commonwealth from one end to the other.

The conference between Pinchot and Lewis will have more in it than appears on the surface. They will not only talk about the reorganization of the State Government and of State finances, but about State politics. For Auditor General Lewis is a close personal and political ally of Grundy, president of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association, who is opposed to the Vare-Baker-Leslie domination of the Republican State Committee, which meets for organization next month.

The Grundy forces supported Pinchot for the nomination against Alter, and York County, the home of Lewis, was easily carried for the Forester. It is believed to be Pinchot's idea that the reorganization of the State Government runs parallel with the reorganization of the party and that the people will make sure of his election if he shows conclusively that the thing he is most deeply interested in is the winning of a place for Pennsylvania in the highest rank among the States of the Union, from the point of view of economy and efficiency.

Campaign to Be Educational

Therefore, it appears that the campaign will be more along educational lines than political. If the question of administration of government is raised, the administration of State politics will inevitably be raised, is the Pinchot thought.

Just at present Pinchot's main concern is the framing of a comprehensive program of reorganization and he will learn from the Auditor General all that has been discovered by the recent audit of the State books and discuss with him the administrative moral to be drawn therefrom. Besides, they will discuss privately the question of bringing prosecution under the next State Administration of those guilty of violating the laws of Pennsylvania as shown by the search into the condition of State finances.

Grey Towers was filled today with

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FIRES ON INTRUDERS

Camden Man Fired at in Home Returns Shot—Two Men Captured

David Plumer, Seventh and Van Hook streets, Camden, and Clifton Tubman, 1854 South Eighth street, Camden, were held without bail by Recorder Stackhouse in Camden today for attempted robbery. Both are Negroes.

William Price, Jr., 861 Van Hook street, testified he was awakened this morning, put his fourteen-year-old son on the roof of the back shed with instructions to awaken the neighbors, and took a flashlight and revolver and went downstairs after the intruders. One fired at him and he returned the shot, he said. Both men were captured by a patrolman while fleeing from the house.

D. L. BICKEY INJURED

Retired Broker Knocked From Bicycle by Automobile

D. L. Bickey, sixty-eight years old, a retired broker living in the Athens Apartments, Ardmore, was hurt seriously this morning while riding a bicycle when he was struck by a motorist, who sped away. The accident occurred at Mill Creek road and Montgomery pike.

Another motorist picked up the injured man and took him to the Bryn Mawr Hospital.

BUCKSHOT RIPS PROWLER

Charges Tear Away Cheek of Youth at 3002 N. Boudinot Street

Three charges of buckshot were ripped into the head and face of a prowler detected at 2 o'clock this morning in the rear yard of 3002 North Boudinot street, the home of Ehardt Stumpf, who fired the shots.

The wounded man told police he is Ernest Turner, eighteen year old, Hurley street near Cambria. The shots tore away part of his left ear and imbedded themselves in his cheek and head.

Beyond giving his name and address the wounded youth refused to make a statement.

Stumpf was arrested.

CRIPPLED BOY HERO

Stops Runaway Horse and Saves Women and Children

Berkley, Calif., May 22.—(By A. P.)—Childhood dreams of the chance to display physical bravery, a chance denied him by deformity from birth, became reality for Charles Arkinstall, fourteen years old. The boy jumped into the path of a runaway horse, seized the bridle and clung to it until the frightened animal stopped, after running a block.

The women and two children in the buggy were uninjured. Arkinstall's ankle was broken.

Seek to Make War Fraud Inquiry a Boomerang

Original Targets of Probe Plan to Cool Ardor of Foes by Enmeshing Others in Investigation

By CLINTON W. GILBERT
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Washington, May 22.—Samuel Untermyer's letter declining to offer his services to Attorney General Daugherty, but offering them without compensation to the House if it wishes to investigate, and the starting of Grand Jury action here are the latest developments in the war fraud cases. But so many persons of influence in both parties are interested in covering up these frauds that it is still doubtful whether any thorough investigation will take place.

It is understood that the purpose of the Grand Jury inquiry is to get some Democrats. Two members of President Wilson's Cabinet are mentioned as the targets of this probe. The alleged frauds, of course, were committed during the last Administration.

Generally it is taken that the move before the Grand Jury is intended to cool off the ardor of Senator Caraway and in particular of such Democrats in the House as would incline to press for an investigation.

The status of the investigation is this: The Rules Committee of the House has instructed its chairman to report favorably a resolution for an investigation. The chairman is biding his time, taking the ground that the committee did not fix any date at which he should make his report. He would, apparently, like to see a little more clearly where an inquiry would lead before making his report. Gossip just now is that it will lead to some prominent Democrats.

Rumor Threat to Daugherty

As soon as any one lifts his hand in this situation, the whisper goes around that some one said, "Well, I've got enough stuff right here to put that fellow in jail."

The developments between Daugherty and Morse are typical. When the present fraud cases against the New York ship owner started, the rumor is that he said, "Well, I'll get Daugherty." The result is the publication of the alleged contract for the services of Daugherty in connection with the previous pardon of Morse and of the subsequent letter from Daugherty seeking to collect a fee from Morse for those services. The gossip is that Morse never did pay Daugherty that alleged little bill.

There is every probability that the photostatic copies of the letter and contract did come from Morse. No one else could have had them. Their publication is part of the "getting" and threatening to "get" that is everywhere going on.

Whenever a Department of Justice agent starts anywhere and apparently no secret is kept, a whisper goes around Washington, "He is going to get so and so," naming some one who is strategically placed with respect to starting or stopping a thorough inquiry into the war frauds. Of course, all this is gossip. But all gossip proceeds on the theory that the main object of a large number of people is to involve so many in the consequences of an inquiry that one will be prevented.

Secrets Quickly Out

Charges in this gossip run all the way from scandals, Mann Act violations to participation directly or indirectly in the war frauds. Much of the gossip is fantastic. It starts in the superheated imagination of investigators of whom both sides have their staffs. Every one knows how credulous detectives are. Ordinarily the "inside stuff" they know is only whispered in their own circle. This time it is as if they talked into a magnavox. But it all indicates the atmosphere which the war fraud scandals have produced.

Some Blows "Below the Belt"

In both parties and in business circles there are powerful influences active in having an investigation stopped or at least checked. Some of the methods which they are using are doubtless of the nature to be described as "below the belt."

With regard to Attorney General Daugherty, all that the evidence so far shows is that he has been slow in proceeding against the war frauds and that, like all political Attorney Generals, he suffers from having his embarrassing friends, like Felder, appearing as counsel for the interests and persons he is called upon to prosecute.

The Morse letter and contract really have nothing to do with the issue. Mr. Daugherty might still be an efficient prosecutor of the frauds in spite of his having acted as counsel for Morse in the pardon case. Their publication does indicate a lack of frankness on Mr. Daugherty's part and some lying by his friends in the Senate.

SEEK DIER MANAGER TO EXPOSE DEALS

Subpoena Servers Looking for J. C. Duke to Explain Secret Accounts

COL. HUGHES 'SETTLES UP'

Joseph C. Duke, formerly manager of the Philadelphia office of the defunct brokerage firm of E. D. Dier & Co., is scheduled to be the star witness in the receiver's inquiry into the affairs of this company when the hearings are resumed before the referee in bankruptcy, Edward S. Hoffman, Wednesday.

Subpoena servers so far have bee unable to catch up with Duke. At his home in Drexel Hill, it was explained Duke was away on a fishing trip. The subpoena servers, however, are confident they will be able to serve Duke with the Court notice in time to have him questioned by Clarence Loeb, ancilary receiver.

Duke left the Dier firm shortly after the dissolution of the firm of Hughes & Dier in May, 1921. He then became associated with F. F. Bell & Co., but this firm says he is no longer connected with it.

The receivers, it is said, have information that Duke had an account in his name with Bell & Co., and that the firm of Hughes & Dier used his account to carry on a large share of its business. The receivers also are anxious to quiz Duke in reference to the house account which it is said was known as No. 193.

Have More Questions to Ask

Duke was questioned at one of the New York hearings, but the attorneys planned at that time to go further with him, and now that they believe they are fortified with information that Duke might be able to explain, they want to grill him again.

John E. Humphries is another who will be recalled by the receiver. Humphries, in his examination last week, said he kept all the margin cards with the exception of those of E. D. Dier & Co. and Hughes & Dier, and the personal account of E. D. Dier and the D. L. and S. account, the latter that of the new firm of Dier, Lawrence & Starr. Mr. Loeb is anxious to know if the replies of one of the members of Bell & Co. had a margin record of the Duke and the house accounts.

Hughes Agrees to Settle

Recovery of more than $200,000 in this city is assured the creditors of the Dier firm by the announcement that a settlement of $100,000 has been reached with Colonel Henry D. Hughes, $33,500 with Mrs. Elmore D. Dier and $25,000 with Lawrence Starr, who was a member of the Dier firm until shortly before the failure. This recovery will be followed by suits to be instituted by Mr. Loeb against persons who were debtors to the firm to the extent of about $50,000.

It is understood that none of the settlements has been consummated, but agreements have been reached with Manfred Ehrich, of New York, the Dier receiver, who said that the recovery to the creditors with the sum retrieved in this city will bring the total close to $1,000,000.

Hall Leads by 208 in Oregon

Portland, Ore., May 22.—(By A. P.)—On the basis of complete returns from sixteen counties and incomplete returns from twenty counties, Charles Hall early today led Governor Olcott by 208 votes for the Republican nomination for Governor. The vote so far compiled stands: Hall, 41,892; Olcott, 41,684.

NICARAGUAN FORT SEIZED BY REBELS

Later Agree to Surrender Managua Stronghold to American Marines

SOUGHT TO OUST PRESIDENT

By the Associated Press

Managua, Nicaragua, May 22.—A revolutionary movement broke out here yesterday against President Diego Manuel Chamorro, a band of rebels seizing Fortress Loma commanding this city. Upon representations from the American Minister, John E. Ramer, however, the revolutionists later agreed to turn over the fort to the commander of the American marines at 10 o'clock tonight to be given back to the government.

The capture of Fortress Loma was effected at noon under command of General Arcenio Cruz, who took the position by strategy in the absence of the commander. Other leaders of the revolutionary movement are Adam Canton and Salvador Castrillo. All are prominent conservatives, but are of the faction opposed to the present government.

As soon as news of the capture of the fortress was received the American Minister sent a letter to the commander of the rebellious troops. The reply stated that the rebels were friendly to the Americans and that their purpose was to cause the resignation of the President and a change of the present Cabinet.

The American Minister answered stating that if the fort fired upon Campo de Marte, where the American marines are stationed, or upon the city, the fire would be returned by the marines. He also proposed that General Cruz send three representatives to the American Legation to meet three representatives of the Government for a joint conference.

Mr. Ramer then communicated by wireless with Rear Admiral Cole, of the United States Navy, who replied that he was within 300 miles of Nicaragua and would arrive at Corinto tomorrow with 400 marines.

The Government was busy today recruiting troops and expected that 1000 men would arrive by tonight from Granada.

There was rifle and machine gun firing between the Government troops and those holding the fortress during the afternoon, several soldiers being wounded.

Later at the conference it was agreed that General Cruz would surrender the fortress at 10 o'clock tonight to the officer of the American marines, to be turned back to the Government. It also was agreed that the civilians implicated in the revolution would be pardoned and that the military participants should be imprisoned for thirty days.

There was high tension and fear among the people but everything was quiet late last night.

ACCUSE EX-POLICEMAN

Wife of Recent Lancaster "Cop" Charges Him With Desertion

Lancaster, Pa., May 22.—(By A. P.)—W. W. Bradshaw, up to May 16 a city policeman here, is being sought by his own chief because of charges of desertion, non-support and failure to pay bills for groceries and clothes. He wrote a letter to his wife saying a woman had "nagged" him and forced him to leave the city.

The letter was postmarked Baltimore and his arrest is expected there. His wife is left destitute with two young children.

NEARLY 100 LOST AS LINER SINKS

242 Persons Rescued From British Vessel After Collision in Fog

TWO U. S. WOMEN DROWN; WAILS OF DESPAIR HEARD

Egypt Goes Down 20 Minutes After Crash With Seine in English Channel

By the Associated Press

Brest, May 22.—Mrs. M. L. Sibley and Miss V. M. Boyer, American missionaries on their way to India, were said today by R. L. Bevan, the only other American passenger, to have been drowned in the wreck of the British steamship Egypt, which was sunk off the Island of Ushant Saturday night by a collision with the French steamer Seine.

Nearly one hundred other persons lost their lives in the disaster. Of those on board the Egypt 242 were saved.

Some of the missing, estimated to number ninety-eight, may have been picked up by the steamship Cap Tracon in addition to those brought here by the Seine. The Cap Tracon was nine miles from the scene, and replied to distress signals with assurance that she was speeding to the spot.

According to the Egypt's purser, the ship floated only about twenty minutes after the plates had been crushed in by the Seine. The Egypt, he declares, was not moving at the time of the accident, lying to on account of the dense fog and sounding her siren continuously.

Suddenly there came the warning shriek of the siren on the Seine, and the

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LAST-MINUTE NEWS

LEN SMALL TRIAL EXPECTED TO END JUNE 10

CHICAGO, May 22.—The prosecution in the case of Governor Len Small, charged with conspiracy, resumed the examination of State witnesses today, at the beginning of the fifth week of the trial. Attorneys for both the prosecution and the defense estimate that he case will go to the jury by June 10.

DENY BOLIVIA'S PLEA FOR TACNA CONFERENCE SEAT

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The Chilean delegation to the Washington Conference today declined to act as an intermediary for receiving on behalf of the Chilean Government the note in which Bolivia asked for a seat in the conference. It was indicated that a similar reply would be made by the Peruvian delegation.

HINT 2D ARREST IN BANK LOOTING

Coatesville Authorities Decline to Mention Name of Suspected Co-conspirator

VAREITE REFUSES TO QUIT DRY POST

Former Policeman Tells Director Davis He Won't Resign "By Request"

MYSTERY IN SHORTAGE SHOWS UP READY TO WORK

Coatesville, May 22.—Mystery shrouds the accounts by which Bankrupt C. Newlin receiving teller of the National Bank of Coatesville, embezzled nearly $200,000 of the bank's funds.

Bank Examiner Chapman and others are making a rigid investigation in the hope of ascertaining how the figures were juggled. Newlin is in Chester County jail in default of bail.

Although the bank was examined last February, no trace of any shortage was found. The examiner was in the midst of another examination of the books when Newlin, through his counsel, William Tregay, made a clean breast of his peculations.

Another arrest is hinted, but no information as to whom it will be has been given by the investigators.

Newlin is more concerned at the sorrow brought upon his wife than anything else. They were sweethearts from childhood and have been inseparable. Mrs. Newlin is on the verge of collapse, but it still hoped that coma was will yet be provided of saving her husband.

There are no women, wine or gambling behind the downfall of the receiving teller, according to his counsel, and it all due to speculation in the stock market.

Urges New Brokerage Law

Passage of a law compelling stock brokers to investigate their clients is advocated by Mr. Tregay. "Newlin has ruined himself," he said, "where a slight investigation would have served to save him. Such a law would save

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GUESTS FLEE HOTEL FIRE

Atlantic City Blaze Started From Cigarette Butt, Is Belief

Atlantic City, May 22.—The roof of a side porch of the Imperial Hotel, South Maryland avenue, caught fire this morning at 10:30, ignited the side of the building and burned threateningly for a time. A score or more of guests in the hotel left the building on the first alarm.

The origin is thought to have been due to a lighted cigarette or cigar butt thrown out of one of the hotel windows. Loss from fire and water is estimated at $2000. B. Hevoffy is the proprietor of the hotel.

When you think of writing think of WRITING.—Adv.

Flappers Are Jolly Lot, Says Pastor in Defense

Chicago, May 22.—(By A. P.)—The modern flapper was defended by the Rev. Almer Pennewell, pastor of the Covenant Church at Evanston, yesterday in a sermon in which he approved short skirts, bobbed hair and knickerbockers.

"Flapperism is not a disease but a diversion," he said. "Bobbed hair short skirts and knickerbockers are not signs of sin but a declaration of independence. The girls are a jolly lot and they will give us the finest generation of women the world has ever known.

"We are passing from the man age, a rough age, and emerging into the age of culture, the women's age. That is why the flapper exists today. The new age will be one not ruled by women, but one in which their influence will be felt. Girls in the past have been pretty little birds in cages of lucky beasts of burden."

SHOT BY ACCIDENT, DIES

Jewelry Store Victim's Ante-Mortem Exonerates Customer

Walter A. Witting, proprietor of a jewelry store at 1225 North Twenty-eighth street, who was shot by a customer Saturday night while being shown a revolver, died yesterday in the Lankenau Hospital. He is survived by a widow and a twenty-year-old daughter.

Harry Gluckner, twenty-seven years old, of 2729 Stiles street, who did the shooting, was exhibiting a newly purchased revolver to Witting. To show the ease with which it worked, Gluckner emptied the chamber and pulled the trigger. One bullet had stuck in the gun. It entered Witting's side, passed through his left lung, and lodged near his heart.

Physicians were unable to operate because of the proximity of the bullet to Witting's heart.

In an ante-mortem statement to Magistrate Roberts, Witting exonerated Gluckner, and declared the shooting an accident. Gluckner is being held.

SCHOTT IS TIRED OF SELLING RUM

Crowd Chuckles, Then Laughs as He Asks for License Transfer

BUT COURT WON'T ALLOW BARTENDER TO RUN SALOON

One Hundred and Ninety-seven Make Application and Only One Is Protested

George W. Schott, saloonkeeper at Twelfth and Filbert streets, and the first salesman in Philadelphia to serve a jail sentence for violation of the prohibition laws, wants to "get out of the business and take a rest."

This declaration, made in the Liquor License Court today when he asked that his license be transferred to his bartender, was greeted by a series of chuckles from the crowd of 500 who filled the room. The chuckles gradually turned to laughter.

Mr. Schott was released from jail about a year ago, after serving a short term for liquor law violations, and has again been arrested on a similar charge.

His attorney first told Judges Stanke and McCullen that "Mr. Schott wishes to transfer his license to his bartender, Pasquale Crisendo and get out of the business."

"Which is Mr. Schott," asked Judge Stanke.

"This is Mr. Schott here," the attorney said.

"So this is Mr. Schott," said the Judge. "Well, candidly, now, why do you wish to transfer your license?"

The attorney started to explain that Mr. Schott had been in business twenty years and the bartender only four years, when the Judge interrupted:

"Yes, but let us hear from him."

"I'm tired of the business," responded Schott.

Just Tired, That's All

It was at this remark of Mr. Schott's that the spectators and other saloon men in the room seemed unable to control their amusement.

"Well, candidly," continued the Judge, "how does it happen you are now tired of the business?"

"I'm just tired of it—want to retire and take a rest," Schott replied.

Judge Stanke turned to Judge McCullen and after a moment's consultation announced that the application for the transfer was refused.

In all there are 197 applications for license transfers to come before the session of liquor court.

The majority of the applications were for transfers from person to person and from place to place, the licenses seldom going outside the bounds of the same family.

Only one application was protested this morning.

Pastor Heads Opposition

A delegation of citizens from the vicinity of Old York road and Spencer street, headed by the Rev. Smith Stull, protested against the transfer of a saloon from Thirteenth and South streets to their district.

A petition with 300 names was presented to back up their plea to keep the section free of saloons. Mr. Stull said there had not been a saloon there for two years and that the previous license had been allowed to lapse.

The petition for the transfer was filed by Mary A. Homan, who asked that her license be transferred to Cornelius J. O'Sullivan. Another petition asked that the saloon be transferred to the York road section. Both were refused.

CITY HAS HEAVY BILL FOR CARE OF 'DRUNKS'

Police Surgeon Would Have Cost Added to Fines Imposed

Real estate sold in Philadelphia is costing the city a large sum of money for the attending given men and women for intoxication.

This statement, a direct result of Superintendent Mills's order to Dr. Hobley B. Green, chief police surgeon, to submit a report on $20,000 appropriated this year for police surgeon fees and incidental expenses, shows $12,000 has been spent. Double that figure is largely to be expected.

In 1921 (to date), 26,576 were arrested for intoxication. Up to April 30, this year, 9220 were arrested for intoxication. Although this was a decrease in comparison with the same period in 1921, the number of "drunks" treated medically greatly increased. Dr. Green said that of the men treated 1418 were at death's door.

Superintendent Mills suggested that magistrates add the cost of medical attention to all fines imposed for drunkenness.

TOM WATSON CHALLENGES SENATOR PHIPPS TO FIGHT

Row Over Postmaster Appointment Disrupts Senate Business

Washington, May 22.—(By A. P.)—Postmaster appointments in Georgia started a hot exchange in the Senate today between Senator Watson, of that State, and Senator Phipps, of Colorado, a Republican member of the Postoffice Committee. Business was disrupted for several minutes, after which the two Senators took their controversy into the corridors with the Georgia Senator offering personal combat.

It first was a word out of the way. Phipps knocked on wood. Senator Watson said he heard the Colorado Senator utter the word "hell" after they left the Senate chamber. Senator Phipps declined to discuss the incident.

Senator Watson, discussing the dispute which began while the Senate was discussing an army bill, said Senator Phipps declined the challenge to personal combat, mentioned calling a Senate sergeant-at-arms and then walked away.

The Georgia Senator explained that the dispute involved three postmaster nominations—Jack Cowan, to be postmaster at Savannah, Ga.; J. B. Crane, at Dixie, Ga., and Lawson Pritchard, at Tomille, Ga. All are "personally objectionable" to him, Senator Watson said, and he so notified Senator Phipps.

DO YOU WANT A JOB? THERE ARE plenty of them advertised in the Help Wanted columns today on page 30.—Adv.