THE WEATHER
Fair tonight and Friday with slowly rising temperature; gentle variable winds.
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SEEK AUTOISTS WHO LEFT DYING

Jersey State Police Would Bar Roads to Heartless Who Fled From Absecon Crash

JURY PUTS BLAME UPON FATHER WHO LOST LIFE

Eyewitness Says Car Owners Refused to Take Injured Children to Hospital

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger

Atlantic City, N. J., June 15.—Motorists from New York and Pennsylvania who heartlessly passed by last Saturday afternoon when John H. Stratton, of Atlantic City, his wife Caroline and their four children were struck by the Pennsylvania Railroad's Washington flier at Absecon will be sought out and punished. Two of the victims were still alive when the motorists refused aid.

This was brought out during testimony today at the inquest into the deaths of the six persons. The license numbers of several of the cars are in the hands of the New Jersey State police, and if they can be traced and verified an effort will be made to debar the drivers of the cars from ever using New Jersey roads again.

The inquest today ended in a verdict, reached after twenty minutes' deliberation, placing the blame for the fatal collision on Mr. Stratton. The jury went out at 12:05 and returned with its verdict at 12:25, as follows:

"The jury finds, after due consideration, that the deaths were caused in this case by an error in judgment on the part of the driver of the automobile.

Want Crossing Protected

"The jury also recommends that the new road crossing at Absecon be protected at once by a watchman, until other safety devices are installed on recommendation of the Public Utilities Commission."

Last winter the Board of Freeholders wrote to both the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Public Utilities Commission, asking that a watchman or safety gates be provided. At that time the railroad replied that the letter "would be given every consideration." The Freeholders did not hear from the Utilities Commission.

The accident occurred at 3:15 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Stratton, who lived at 2408 Arctic avenue, Atlantic City, was on his usual Saturday afternoon outing with his family. He was killed instantly when the train, going at sixty miles an hour, strewed his machine along the tracks. His wife and his daughter Carrie, eight years old, and his son Francis, six years old, also were killed outright. Joseph, eighteen months old, and Dorothy, six years old, died next morning in the Atlantic City General Hospital. An aunt, Mrs. Mary E. Stratton, died of heart disease when the funeral of the six was held Tuesday in Pleasantville.

The inquest was held in a little room used as the Absecon Council chamber, up over a general store, so close to the road that the trains roar under the windows.

Mayor Serves on Jury

Coroner William B. Parsell, of Pleasantville, conducted the inquest. The foreman of the jury was Harry Matteson, Mayor of Absecon.

Assistant Prosecutor Herbert R. Voorhees represented the commonwealth. James Mayberry, Jr., chief of the railroad division of the Public Utilities Commission, who spent several days investigating the accident, testified. A. P. Turnbull, divison claim agent of the P. R. R., was the only representative of the railroad, save a stenographer.

Dr. Lewis R. Souder, Coroner's physician, testified that all six persons had died of fractured skulls and other injuries.

William F. Hays, 1332 South Paxon street, Philadelphia, engineer on the train, testified that the automobile must have struck the train, not the train the automobile.

Says He Gave Warning

He swore he had blown the whistle five times, three times on entering Absecon and twice as he approached the crossing, and also rang his bell. He

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THREE HELD IN CAR THEFT

Woodward Auto Recovered After Loss and Sale Last Month

Three men were held under bail for court by Magistrate Renshaw in Central Station charged with stealing the automobile of George Woodward, Jr., son of Senator Woodward. The car was stolen from in front of Mr. Woodward's office at 1726 Sansom street last month.

Those held in connection with the theft are Alfred Jackson, a garage owner, of 1316 South Ninth street; Anthony Martello, of 1204 Montrose street, and Francis McDevitt, of 2504 Waverly street. Jackson and Martello were held under $600 bail each charged with receiving stolen goods, while McDevitt, who is under indictment now, charged with stealing a machine, was held for theft of the car.

Detective Edward Farrell, assigned to the case, testified that he found the machine in Jackson's garage.

Are You Really Married?

Do you know what it means to be really married? There's much to think about in Mary Stewart Cutting's short story, "Really Married," which will be published for the first time in next Saturday's Evening Public Ledger.

This is the second of the remarkable series of twenty-three stories on the relationships of married life.

SCENE OF $500,000 LUMBER YARD FIRE

Four million feet of lumber burned last night in a blaze at the yard of George Nass & Son, Glenwood avenue near Twenty-second street. Four persons were injured

APPEAL TO HUGHES IN TACNA DISPUTE

Peru and Chile Now Want U. S. to Suggest Compromise

Washington, June 15.—(By A. P.)—The way at last was opened today for the United States to extend a helping hand to Chile and Peru in their effort here to solve the riddle of Tacna-Arica.

After exactly one month of futile endeavor to find a ground for compromise, the delegates of the two South American nations to the Washington conference turned their attention to Secretary Hughes in the hope that he could suggest a basis of arbitration acceptable to both.

Although no official announcement was made, the Secretary was understood to be entirely willing to undertake the task. The opportunity came today through the decision of the Chileans to request the Ambassador of their country here to call on Mr. Hughes and lay the situation before him. Since Peru already had made similar overtures, some move by the Secretary was looked for almost immediately.

"HELLO! ANY ORDERS?"

Hertz, Convicted Bootlegger, All Set With Telephone in Cell

People who hear that Maurice Hertz, of Camden, isn't serving his term in the county jail for complicity in smuggling in $50,000 worth of rum from the Bahamas can easily spike the rumor.

Sheriff Hatch announced today that because of the prevalence of such stories he had had a telephone installed in Hertz's cell. Any one who doesn't believe Hertz is there can call him up and ask him.

SON RESCUES MOTHER

Fights Suicide Attempt of Parent With His Pulmotor

If Mrs. Emma Nolan, sixty-three years old, 1414 Deal street, recovers from her attempt at suicide this morning, she will owe her life to her son John, who resuscitated her with a pulmotor after she had inhaled gas.

Mrs. Nolan has been ill for several weeks. At 4 o'clock this morning she went to the cellar, put one end of a gas tube in her mouth and turned on the jet.

Her son, an employe of the U. G. I. Company, was awakened by the odor of gas and found his mother in a semi-conscious condition. Hastily rigging up his pulmotor he worked on her until a physician arrived. She was taken to the Frankford Hospital.

MOON SHINES ON MOONSHINE

Stills and Liquor Brought to Light in Three Midnight Raids

Police of the Twenty-second and Hunting Park avenue station raided three alleged moonshine establishments in Nicetown at midnight. Four stills and many gallons of liquor were confiscated.

The first place visited was that of Michael Feldke, 1909 Brunner street. A fifteen-gallon still, thirty gallons of moonshine and four barrels of mash were taken.

The raiders then descended on the home of Leo Sadoski, 1914 Dalkeith street, and confiscated two large stills and a quantity of moonshine. In the store of Joseph Saroki, 2011 Blavis street, a small still and three barrels of mash were taken.

MAN AND WIFE FINED

Their Arrest on Disorderly Charge Started Lawyers' Runners Probe

Nathan Hammer, 1421 North Seventeenth street, and his wife, Annie, whose arrest Saturday night in company with a sailor in an apartment at Tenth and Spruce streets started the police drive against the activity of lawyers' runners about Central Station, were fined 7.50 each today by Magistrate Renshaw.

The Court asked a number of questions in which he sought to link up the case with a lawyer's runner, but received only evasive answers.

The sailor, George Whipeck, failed to appear at the hearing.

Detectives had been attracted to the apartment when they heard cries of "Murder!" coming from an open window. They said they found Hammer and Whipeck fighting and Mrs. Hammer standing by, scantily clad.

FIVE RUM-RUNNERS SEIZED

Ships Plied Between Narragansett Bay and Coast, It Is Claimed

New York, June 15.—(By A. P.)—Five alleged rum-running vessels, plying between a steamer anchored in Narragansett Bay and the American coast, have been seized by Federal agents, United States Attorney Hayward announced today.

The seized vessels were the ocean-going tugs H. S. Lockwood and Kentucky and the barges City of Malden, City of Boston and Lermond.

USE ATLANTIC CITY "BRIDGE" TRAINS Only 80 minutes from Broad st. Station, stopping at W. Phila. & N. Phila., avoiding ferry. Attractive com. rts. Penna.R.R.—Adv.

LUMBER YARD FIRE FINALLY SUBDUED

Four Are Injured in $500,000 Blaze at Glenwood Avenue and Dauphin Street

R. R. TRACKS ARE DAMAGED

After an all-night battle, three fire engines and 150 firemen succeeded this morning in extinguishing the fire which started shortly before 6 o'clock last night in the lumber yard of George Nass & Son, Glenwood avenue and Dauphin street, destroying 4,000,000 feet of lumber, estimated to be worth a half million dollars.

Two firemen and two spectators were injured.

Although streams of water had been played on the yard for more than twelve hours fresh outbreaks continued this morning and kept the firemen directing their attention from one section of the yard to another.

Railroad repairmen and linemen arrived on the scene early this morning, as the intense heat melted the transmission wires along the tracks of the New York division of the Pennsylvania Railroad and 450 ties will have to be replaced. Traffic on the railroad was seriously delayed.

Hosemen Parker and McKenna, of Engine Company No. 2, were injured when a pile of boards on which eight firemen were perched, toppeled over an hour after the firse was discovered. They were taken to the Northwest General Hospital.

Mrs. Marie Lehniger, sixty-four, 2453 Firth street, was severely cut when she tripped over a hose while carrying sandwiches to her son, Hoseman Fred Lehniger. Irving Schwartz, twenty-one, 2113 Dauphin street, a student at the University of Pennsylvania, was cut about the back and legs.

More than twenty children were lost in the crowds that gathered to watch the spectacular blaze. They were taken to the Twentieth and Berks streets police station, and all found their homes by midnight.

The flames were discovered by George Nass, president of the concern. The fire followed an explosion in a shed in the center of the yard. Three freight cars standing on a siding and filled with lumber were destroyed.

Three alarms were sounded within fifteen minutes, bringing apparatus from all parts of North Philadelphia.

Trains on the railroad adjacent to the yard were held up, delaying hundreds of commuters and several of the fast trains to New York.

WHEEL IN HIS THORAX

Child Tries to Dissect Clock and Nearly Loses His Life

While attempting to take a clock apart to see what made it go this morning, six-year-old Louis Shears, 614 Somerset street, Gloucester, N. J., swallowed one of the cog-wheels.

The child was slowly strangling to death when Dr. Paul Young was called. He commandeered an automobile and the child was taken to the Cooper Hospital in Camden, where physicians removed the wheel. The child will recover.

CONVICT FORMER DRY AGENTS OF EXTORTION

Trapped by Druggist When Posing as Prohibition Officers

Gerald McGrath and Archie Murray, former prohibition agents, and Morris Cohen, a druggist, were found guilty today of impersonating Government agents in order to extort $30 from Daniel B. Ostrum, a druggist at Thirty-first and Huntington streets. The case was heard in the United States District Court before Judge Dickinson. A new trial was asked.

It was charged the three men, with Harry R. Thompson, also a former Government agent, had gone to Ostrum's store February 13 and told them they would fix up a complaint against him for $200. The druggist declared he gave them $30, all he had, and told them to return the next night. McGrath and Murray came, he said, and as Ostrum turned over a roll of marked bills to them several of his neighbors, armed and in hiding, jumped out and arrested them.

Thompson pleaded guilty and testified against his companions.

BURGLARS TAKE WINE

Germantown Real Estate Man Is Robbed of Champagne and Jewels

Burglars, who entered the home of John H. Dallas, 6845 Ogontz avenue, not only ransacked the house from cellar to garret, but took a case of imported champagne besides articles of jewelry valued at $100.

Mr. Dallas is a Germantown real estate dealer. Several weeks ago he sent his family to the seashore and he has been keeping bachelor's quarters. When he came home early this morning he discovered he had been robbed.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS WON'T SAIL AGAIN SOON

Latest Voyage Interrupted on Complaint of Deserted Wife

Christopher Columbus was arrested in Camden today on a fugitive warrant, charged with deserting his wife and two children.

The tranquillity of Recorder Stackhouse's court was interrupted when his clerk called the name of the discoverer of the New World.

Columbus, a man of thirty-one, walked unabashed to the bar of justice.

"I had good reasons for leaving my wife," Columbus told the Recorder. He was taken back to Salem, N. J., to answer his wife's charges.

For the last fifteen months Columbus has been employed as an orderly at Cooper Hospital, Camden.

BEAT TAXI DRIVER

Two Men and Two Women Battle on Right of Way

The police are searching for two men and two women who had a fight with a taxi driver last night at Broad street and Washington avenue. The taxi driver, Roy Howard, was badly beaten.

The argument started when the men and women in a touring car demanded the right of way. The taxi driver insisted he had the right of way, but the people in the other automobile insisted he back up and let them pass. He refused to do so, he told police, and thereupon the others jumped out of their car and pummeled him.

THE NEW FREEDOM ON "OUR" EAST RIVER DRIVE

A Limousine, a Bum Lamp, a Park Guard and a Little More of the Blood and Iron of Fairmount Commission's Rule

[An actual occurrence]

Scene: East River Drive at the foot of Strawberry Hill: Time, 8:45 Tuesday evening. Fat limousine rolls amiably toward the city. Headlamps are turned off. Dim lights burning on the cowl.

Feminine voice within: "Isn't the river beautiful at this hour?"

Second feminine voice: "The Park is heavenly!"

The fat limousine stops with unaccustomed suddenness. A Park guard, wearing the double Sam Browne belt of white, looms in the dusk, his hand commandingly in the air. He approaches briskly.

The guard, to driver: "One of your lights is out."

Driver: "Thanks. Sorry I didn't notice it. She must have just blown."

The driver descends hurriedly and begins to fix his lamp. The guard walks off a short distance and squints scientifically at the front of the machine. He approaches and retreats, squinting at the car from various angles. Troubled silence within the fat limousine. The passengers begin to tremble and think of a trip to one of the Park Commission's guard houses.

Guard officiously: "That other light of yours is too strong for that there lens."

Driver, patiently: "It's only six or eight candle power. I don't know which."

Guard: "Well, it's tilted wrong."

Driver, still patient: "It's tilted the way the factory put it on. I didn't build this bus."

Guard: "I tell you that dimmer light is too strong for that there lens."

Driver, troubled by murmurs of consternation within the fat limousine: "I say it isn't. You make me weary!"

Guard, outraged: "I make you weary, do I? We'll see what Captain Duncan thinks of this!"

Driver, heatedly: "Sure, you make me weary. And Captain Duncan makes me weary, too!"

Guard: "Very well. If I make you weary and if Captain Duncan makes you weary we'll see what Captain Duncan thinks about it. I'll turn you in."

The Guard gets out his pad and pencil and begins to write the license number of the fat limousine.

Driver, coldly: "Get out in front there and take a good look at that there number and turn it in. But I'll give you just ten seconds. In ten seconds I'm going to move and I might run right over you."

Guard writes the license number in five seconds, moves aside and waves the limousine on its way to a spoiled evening.

Cardinal Dougherty urges all Catholics to use the Manual of Prayers.—Adv.

He Did Not Expect to See His Foe

crash through the railing at the cliff edge and go sprawling into the mists below.

Andrew Tallente, after losing his seat in Parliament, struck his secretary, Anthony Palliser, who had flirted and conspired with Andrew's ambitious wife and stolen valuable political papers from him.

Mystery, politics, love engrossingly dominate Phillips Oppenheim's big novel

"Nobody's Man" Today On Page 17

TEMPEST HITS AT CORTELYOU

Breach Widens as Assistant Director Upholds Poolroom Proprietors

'ABSOLUTELY NO EVIDENCE OF GAMBLING,' HE SAYS

Rumor Persists Two Officials 'Close to Throne' and Police Captain Are to Go

There will be more changes in the Police Bureau this afternoon, said Director Cortelyou today following a conference with Police Superintendent Mills and Captain Van Horn.

The conference was only one of the day's developments in connection with the police shake-up under way at City Hall.

There is a persistent rumor that two officials near "the throne," a police captain and two lieutenants, will be among those to feel the ax.

One of the developments today was the examination of five poolroom proprietors whose places were raided June 1 and the announcement by Assistant Director Tempest that absolutely nothing was found to warrant the raids. He recommended continuance of all their licenses.

These raids were made on the strength of evidence obtained by special investigators engaged by Director Cortelyou. This action by Tempest widens the breach between him and the Director.

The poolroom proprietors were summoned before Tempest to show cause why their licenses should not be revoked.

While these men were giving their testimony before Tempest, with Captain Van Horn acting in the capacity of witness and listener, Director Cortelyou was conferring with Superintendent Mills. The recent demotion of a number of police officials, the announcement that more were scheduled for the ax and the examination of those whose places were raided attracted no end of hangers-on to City Hall. They loitered about the corridors to await the result and spread the news. Scattered among the loiterers were a number of police officials and patrolmen in plain clothes.

Van Horn to Explain Later

Examination of the poolroom proprietors resulted in a boomerang for the police, according to Mr. Tempest. He asserted that when he asked Captain Van Horn why there was no evidence the captain said he would answer later.

"Absolutely no evidence was produced by the captain of the division, lieutenants, sergeants or special policemen to substantiate the charge that any gambling was carried on at any of the places raided," Tempest declared. "Not one of those who testified, including Captain Van Horn, Lieutenant Carlin, of the Eleventh and Winter streets station; Lieutenant Humphreys, of the Fifteenth and Locust streets station, could state that they found any evidence of gambling or that they had any personal knowledge that any was carried on in the poolrooms whose proprietors were summoned before me.

"William H. Myers, proprietor of a poolroom, 1229 Filbert street, said that he personally requested patrolmen to remove from his place any men who he thought might be gamblers. I asked

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FIRE DAMAGES HIS STORE AS HE LIES IN HOSPITAL

News Kept From Sick Man—Wife Prostrated

Aleck Satnik's delicatessen store, at 1018 East Erie avenue, burned early today while the owner lay ill in the Pennsylvania Hospital, slowly rallying from an operation performed yesterday.

Mrs. Rosa Satnik, his wife, spent the night with Mrs. Joseph Singleterry, her next-door neighbor. At 3 o'clock this morning a milk man saw smoke coming from the store. He aroused the Singleterrys.

Firemen extinguished the flames after almost an hour's battle. The damage was $2000 and was confined to the store.

Mrs. Satnik became hysterical over her double affliction and was sent bundled in blankets in an automobile to her mother's home. News of the fire is being kept from Mr. Satnik.

KIDNAPPING A NEAR-JOKE, BUT MAY LEAD TO CELL

Father's Ire Roused, Even Though Son and Auto Are Returned

Rumors of kidnapping and Black Hand outrages were rife in the neighborhood of Nicholas Barrile's home at 1115 East Passyunk avenue, yesterday, after his four-year-old son, Anthony, had disappeared with three men on his father's truck.

Barrile, who owns a coffee and tea route, started out with his son to deliver packages. He stopped at Seventh and Wharton streets and left Anthony in charge while he visited a customer.

Returning a few moments later, he saw three men with his son speeding down Seventh street. When his wife Catherine and neighbors heard the story there was much grieving and the police were notified.

Several hours later the truck pulled up at the curb where it originally stood and the men dashed away, leaving Anthony, in a highly nervous condition, to his fate.

Shall Sea Remain "Wet"? Vexing Problem for U. S.

Lasker Still Rules Waves, Although Volstead Brushes "Foam" Off "Dry" Land—Storm Over Wine List on Ships

By CLINTON W. GILBERT

Staff Correspondent Evening Public Ledger

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Washington, June 15.—President Harding is going to have a fight on his hands to keep the American flag on the seas, almost as sharp as his fight for a ship subsidy. It will be over extending the Volstead Prohibition Act so as to forbid expressly the selling of wines and liquors on American vessels.

The storm broke in the shape of the letter from Adolphus Busch to the President, calling attention to the wine list of the S. S. George Washington, and the reply of Chairman Lasker of the Shipping Board to Mr. Busch. Mr. Lasker grows angry at Mr. Busch, reminding him that his father, Adolphus Busch, was "the Kaiser's closest friend in America," that "his family has maintained a castle in Germany," and that his action will not displease Germans, "whose hope of a restored merchant marine is in a hurt to America's new-born merchant marine."

Brewery, Not German, Plot

Thus it is a great "German plot" which calls attention to the sale of liquors on American ships. That is rather bad tempered. It is not so much a German plot as it is a plot of the brewery interests to make the prohibition law as obnoxious as possible.

Everybody agrees that if the sale of liquor on American ships can be stopped this country may just as well as not go out of the passenger-carrying business at once, for when tickets on American boats are sold it is almost necessary to give a bond with them assuring the intending passenger that he can have all he wants to drink once he is outside the three-mile limit.

The whole subject comes out in the open. Hitherto when alleged wine lists turned up in Washington everybody has acted as if he was terribly surprised and shocked. But now the chairman of the Shipping Board defends the whole practice, and intimates strongly that any one who is opposed to it is an enemy of his country.

Hole in Volstead Act

According to the chief counsel of the Shipping Board, legally the sale of alcoholic drinks can be carried on. There is a hole in Mr. Volstead's famous act. For the purposes of the Eighteenth Amendment United States ships more than three miles away from the home shore are not "territory" of the United States.

And the counsel of the Shipping Board quotes decisions of the United States Supreme Court to the effect that "territory" is equivalent to the word "lands." If that opinion stands, then the passengers on the American ships will not lack all the comforts of home with a cellar.

Here is one case where every one will rejoice that the legislative program in the Senate is so jammed that no one can squeeze into its calendar a bill enabling Mr. Volstead to rule the waves. For example, there is Senator Wesley Jones, chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, who is one of the chief advocates of the merchant marine and one of the leading prohibitionists of the world. What will he do? Doubtless he would like a breathing spell.

All Satisfied to Wait

So will every one else. No one wants this issue precipitated into the coming Congress campaign. There is trouble enough in it already.

If Congress passes a bill extending

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LAST-MINUTE NEWS

GENERAL MINER TO AID STATE FINANCE PROBE

Brigadier General Asher Miner, of Wilkes-Barre, today accepted an invitation to become a member of Gifford Pinchot's unofficial commission, named by the Republican nominee for Governor to investigate the State finances.

WARD INDICTED ON MURDER CHARGE

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., June 15.—Walter S. Ward, millionaire baker's son, today was indicted by the Westchester Grand Jury on a charge of killing Clarence Peters, ex-sailor, last May.

PORTUGUESE FLIERS NEAR RIO JANEIRO

RIO JANEIRO, June 15.—The Portuguese trans-Atlantic aviators, Captains Sacadura and Coutinho, continued their southward flight in Brazil towards this city today. They left Porto Seguro at 7.30 A. M. with the intention of making Victoria, 260 miles northeast of Rio Janeiro, their next stopping place.

JAIL HALTS CONVICT ON WAY TO REFORM

Burglar Won Offer of Good Job in Prison, but Must Face Jury Here First

STILL HOPES TO MAKE GOOD

An important job in Chicago awaits Ernest Werner, who was brought to this city today to face charges of burglaries after he finished a six-year term in the Connecticut State prison.

Werner had no trade when he was jailed in the New England State. He learned bag-making there and became superintendent of the prison bag factory, with full charge of the buying and selling.

The twenty-nine-year-old ex-convict was arrested here in 1916 for breaking into three houses. He was held for the Grand Jury, but jumped his bail and fled to New Haven.

On the night of his arrival there Werner broke into a house, was caught and sentenced to five to ten years. He served six years and three days.

The District Attorney's office here had a detainer against Werner. Samuel Young, a detective of the District Attorney's staff, was at the Connecticut prison when Werner was released.

From the prison warden Young learned that a Chicago firm had given a contract for bags to the prison factory. The work was so satisfactory that the Chicago firm offered to employ Werner when he is free.

On the way here from the prison Werner told Young he had roamed the streets of New York as a boy and got into serious trouble with the police when seventeen years old.

He served five years in Sing Sing, and after doing that "stretch" got in trouble again and served time in Elmira. Werner said he intends to "go straight" after satisfying the demands of the law here.

He said his mother lives in New York and that he plans to get the position in Chicago as soon as he can, send for his mother, and forsake his old ways.

HELD ON GIRL'S CHARGE

Alleged Annoyer of Children Caught After Chase

Accused of annoying small girls while watching a fire at Glenwood avenue and Dauphin street last night, Thomas Venaroso, alias Thomas Ross, was caught by a crowd after a chase of several squares and turned over to the police.

On charges pressed by a twelve-year-old girl, he was held in $1500 bail by Magistrate Roberts for another hearing June 20.

ROOMS AND BOARDING To FIT YOUR purse in advertising. See page 28.—Adv.

'ELOPERS' NEMESIS' OVERRULED BY DAD

Phila. Boy, Halted on Way to Elkton by 'Honeymoon Wrecker,' Gets Parental O. K.

WEDDING BELLS TONIGHT

Detectives and prison cells proved no match for the romance of sixteen-year-old Helen Pierce, of Gloucester City, and Wendell Herold, of Philadelphia.

They tried to elope to Elkton yesterday, but were "flagged" by the "honeymoon wrecker," a detective who watches the Elkton train. The girl's father came to the rescue finally, and this evening there will be a happy home wedding with rice and old shoes and congratulations for everybody.

The girl's parents were in Atlantic City yesterday, so she and the boy decided it would be a good time to visit Elkton. With suitcases in hand, they hurried to make the "Honeymoon Express" at Broad Street Station. A detective, who is kept there just for the purpose of looking over the departing couples and singling out those that seem too youthful to be married, became suspicious of Helen's age and asked some embarrassing questions.

The result was that the train pulled out without them and the girl and boy were taken to City Hall. Wendell was released, but the girl was held until her parents arrived.

Wendell didn't know what to do. He tried to telephone to the girl's grandmother, but could not get her. Then he called Mr. Pierce in Atlantic City. The latter agreed to come right up.

Though the lad perhaps didn't much care to face the girl's father, he was "game" and put up so good an argument that Mr. Pierce consented to let the young couple get married.

Helen was released immediately. The father accompanied them to the office of the marriage license clerk at Gloucester, the license was issued and Mayor Anderson agreed to perform the ceremony. The wedding will take place this evening in the home of the girl's grandfather, 506 Chambers avenue, Gloucester.

OH, GLOOM!

Last Day of Grace on Income Tax Installments

The second installment of the income tax is due today. This is the last day of grace, and all payments made after today, will be increased by the imposition of a fine for delinquency.

The Income Tax Bureau in the Federal Building did a rushing business yesterday, and is prepared to take care of the expected last-minute payments today.

DO YOU WANT A JOB? THERE ARE plenty of them advertised in the Help Wanted columns today on page 28.—Adv.

KAPLAN INSULT BEFORE HARDING

Sutherland, in Letter to President, Demands Guilty Annapolis Students Be Punished

SLUR ON JEWISH ENSIGN CAUSES NATION-WIDE STIR

Roosevelt Asks Admiral Wilson to Explain Academy Year Book Incident

Washington, June 15.—Punishment of those students of the Naval Academy responsible for the derogatory references to Leonard Kaplan, of West Virginia, in "The Lucky Bag," the cadets' year book, was demanded by Senator Sutherland, of West Virginia, in a public letter yesterday to President Harding. The treatment of Kaplan in the publication was denounced by Rear Admiral Wilson, superintendent of the Academy, as a "low-down, miserable trick."

Acting Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt said he has asked Admiral Wilson for a complete explanation of the incident. The Admiral said he had already withdrawn a letter of commendation to J. L. Olmstead, editor of the year book, for the quality of the publication.

Those developments followed denunciation in the Senate Tuesday by Mr. Sutherland of the "stigma" attached to Kaplan presumably on account of his nationality. According to Mr. Sutherland, Kaplan, who is of Jewish extraction, was one of the best students of the class just graduated.

Mr. Sutherland asserted he was not satisfied with statements that authorities of the academy had nothing to do with the incident.

"In my opinion it is the affairs of the naval authorities," he said. "I propose it shall be made the affairs of the authorities. I am now informed boasts were made that young Kaplan 'won second honors in solitude,' that he was ostracized from the instant he entered Annapolis four years ago until he was graduated.

Assails Authorities for Inaction

"His personal unpopularity is assigned for the reason he was even unable to obtain a roommate, as is customary at Annapolis, and yet I cannot understand how he could have been ostracized as soon as he entered the academy unless it were because of his Jewish parentage and appearance.

"I do not believe religious or racial prejudices should be permitted to manifest itself in the persecution of any one, be he Jew or Gentile. Discipline at the academy does not appear to be what it should be when a Jewish boy is allowed to be hounded and lampooned with the authorities claiming they are in no way responsible and wash their hands of the whole matter.

"I propose to see justice is done young Kaplan, and I have too much faith in the President's sense of fair play to believe he will tolerate for one moment the continuation of a condition at Annapolis which permits Jew baiting."

Letter to President

Senator Sutherland's letter to President Harding was as follows:

"My dear Mr. President:

"My attention has been called to an incident connected with the graduation of this year's class at the Naval Academy in the publication of 'The Lucky Bag,' the yearbook of the Academy, published, I believe, by the students of the graduating class, but presumably under some control by the authorities of the academy.

"It appears that a member of the class who graduated at or near the head of the class, Leonard Kaplan, a native of Weston, Lewis County, W. Va., of Jewish extraction, but a fine product of young American manhood, was very badly treated by those responsible for the above publication.

"Upon each page of the yearbook is given the portrait and a brief biography of two students. Ensign Kaplan's biography was reserved for the last page of the book and associated with him was an entirely fictitious member of the class, whose biography indicated clearly the nationality of the fictitious member of the class.

"The page upon which these two biographies appeared, one genuine and one spurious, was perforated near the binding, so that members of the class could tear out the page without defacing the book. No page number was given to this page, and Kaplan's name does not appear in the index.

"This treatment of this young man apparently for the purpose of stigmatizing him because of his nationality and possibly to act as a deterrent to others of the same nationality from entering the school, I am sure will appeal to you as being un-American and most reprehensible, and I call your attention to the circumstances to suggest that proper and immediate steps be taken to punish those guilty of this offense and to prevent its occurrence at any time hereafter in any school controlled by the Government."

Annapolis, June 15.—There is general interest here over the developments in the treatment of Leonard Kaplan, second honor man of the Naval Academy's graduating class, by his schoolmates, as indicated by the write-up and caricature published in the "Lucky Bag," the student year book.

It is pointed out the class as a whole voted against the publication, but its printing had advanced so far it could not be recalled.

Academy officials deny there is any prejudices against Jewish youths, pointing out there were several Jews besides Kaplan in the graduating class, and many in other classes. Midshipmen say Kaplan's unpopularity was due to personal qualities and not his race.

HARDING TOO BUSY

Impossible to Attend Harvard and Yale Commencements, He Says

Washington, June 15.—(By A. P.)—President Harding, who has had under consideration for several days invitations to go to New England next week to attend the Yale and Harvard commencement exercises, informed Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, today that he believed it would be impossible for him to make the trip.

The Senator called on behalf of the two universities to urge the President's acceptance of the invitations.