

WOMAN IS VICTIM OF GASOLINE FIRE

Fatally Burned While Cleaning an Evening Gown in Dress-maker's Shop

DEAF COUPLE IS SAVED

Miss Elizabeth Clark, of 249 West Rittenhouse street, Germantown, died in the Polyclinic Hospital last night from burns sustained when gasoline became ignited while she was pressing an evening gown in the modiste shop of Mrs. Anna C. Meely, proprietress of the shop, which is located at 2912 Ridge avenue, near the intersection of Ridge and Locust streets.

The deaf and dumb, living in an apartment over the Hooon Novelty Company toy shop at 2912 Ridge avenue, were carried down a ladder to safety last night when they had been burned in the flames.

In the first fire Miss Clark's clothing was almost entirely burned from her body. She was wrapped in a blanket and sent to the hospital, where she died four hours later.

Several girls employed in the modiste shop became excited when they saw the flames and leaped from a first-story window, a distance of about ten feet, but were unhurt.

Miss Anna C. Meely, proprietress of the shop, was badly burned about the hands in attempting to save Miss Clark by beating out the flames. She was treated by a nearby physician.

The fire was caused by Mrs. Clark, who was employed by Ladderman Arnold, of truck company No. 14, when the building, catching fire from overhead lines, was swept by flames.

With all escape cut off the couple rushed to the windows crying for help. Fifteen of truck company No. 14 quickly ran a ladder up the side of the building. Several of the firefighters ascended Arnold stepped through the windows into the burning room and lifted the man and woman to the roof, where they were carried to the hospital.

In the course of the battle with the flames, which lasted more than two hours, firemen William Tuzig was severely burned but later revived. The flames swept through three floors of the building at 2912 Ridge avenue and burned on the first floor of Fox Brothers' meat market, adjoining. The loss is estimated at about \$10,000.

RUM RUNNER DUMPS BIG CARGO IN OCEAN

Ship With Liquor Valued at \$1,700,000 Fails to Run Blockade

New York, Dec. 14.—(By A. P.)—A rest of a liquor cargo valued at \$1,700,000, at bottle prices, has been dumped into the ocean at Egg Harbor, N. J., according to a report received by Frank J. Hale and James R. Kerrigan, chief intelligence officers for the prohibition enforcement department.

The whisky, brought here from the Bahamas, was thrown overboard Tuesday when members of the rum runner's crew were angered at failure of the cargo owners in New York either to get water and food supplied to the ship or to cancel the liquor.

The vessel lay in the liquor dumping grounds for several days, according to the Federal agents, while small boats, operated by owners of the cargo, made futile efforts to run the Government blockade and obtain the liquor.

After dumping the liquor the ship started on the return trip to the Bahamas. It was straggled.

SHOPPERS GIVE HUMOROUS TOUCH TO HARASSED CLERKS

"Can Fall Be Here?" Readily Translated Into "If Winter Comes"—Santa Told He Needs a Shave

From the crisp, snappy air of a bitter December day, a woman with many Christmas bundles and a perplexed expression ventured into a cozy book shop and settled herself in an inviting wicker chair.

"I want a book," she began. "I don't know the name of it, and for the life of me I cannot think who wrote it, but," and she dropped her many bundles that she might measure the size with her hands. "It's so high and so wide and it has a green cover."

Consternation! All the green-covered books in the shop were duly examined and turned down.

"No, that's not it either. Now, let me think. By way of proving that she really was thinking, the would-be purchaser put her head in her hands and remained silent a minute.

"Ah, now I have it! I was sure I would think of it sooner or later. It's 'Can Fall Be Here?'"

For a moment the air hung heavy with silence, and then there was a sound of fingers being snapped. "Of course, Madame, I know what you want."

And with a smile of satisfaction on her face, the woman left the shop, a neatly wrapped copy of "If Winter Comes," tucked securely under her arm.

that it was all right, he climbed the steps and at last stood by the knee of the great man. A big hand swallowed two little ones, and the boy stood on tip-toe to whisper into the ear bent so invitingly in his direction. For a minute the boy's face was lost in a maze of white whiskers, and then in a shrill voice he said, "Oce whiz, Santa, you sure do need a shave."

The Emergency Aid of Pennsylvania is going to bring Christmas cheer to hundreds of families in Philadelphia and other sections of Pennsylvania. It is announced by Mrs. Barclay H. Warburton, president of that organization. With the announcement Mrs. Warburton issued an appeal for donations of baskets containing Christmas dinners for the many destitute families and also for toys and candy for the children of these unfortunate.

Among the many Christmas activities of the Emergency Aid will be to cooperate with the City Welfare Department, of which Barclay H. Warburton is director, in providing baskets of food for families under the care of the city and toys for the children in the families aided by the city authorities.

In addition to this big undertaking, the Social Relief Bureau is making efforts to provide Christmas dinners for sixty-nine families under its care this year. In these families there are 210 children, who will be without toys and candy on Christmas Day unless they are aided by the donations of friends of the Emergency Aid.

Arrangements are being made by the Social Relief Bureau for the Christmas entertainment to be held at the headquarters on Tuesday afternoon, December 23, for the children under its care. There will also be a Christmas party for disabled soldiers on Thursday night, December 28, in the assembly room.

ANITA DAMROSCH FOLLOWS HER SISTER UPON STAGE

Another Granddaughter of Blaine to Be Actress

New York, Dec. 14.—To the lengthening list of young women of New York society who have decided upon professional stage careers has been added the name of Miss Anita Blaine Damrosch, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Damrosch, and granddaughter of the late James G. Blaine.

Yesterday Mrs. Damrosch confirmed a report that her daughter intended to become an actress, and added that she is only a student of the drama.

Miss Damrosch joined the debutante set of society last year. She then entered the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, and will continue her studies there for another year. Then it will be her hope to join the dramatic profession.

Miss Damrosch is following in the footsteps of her older sister, Miss Polly Blaine Damrosch, who made it known last summer that she was preparing for the stage. In September the latter played the leading part in a play for the film called "Fingert Hoops," written by her sister, Mrs. Thomas Knicker Finletter.

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The chief speaker will be W. W. Husband, Chief Immigration Commissioner of the United States, who will come from Washington to talk upon the effect of the operation of the new per cent immigration law upon industry.

Milton D. Gehrie, vice president of John B. Stetson Company, will be the presiding officer, and the other speakers will be A. G. Denn, David Kresling, E. E. Bach and Walter E. Miller, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Committee, which is sponsoring this work.

LAPLACE TO HONOR PASTEUR

Philadelphia Surgeon to Speak at Georgetown University

Washington, Dec. 14.—Dr. Ernest Laplace, of Philadelphia, will make the principal address at Georgetown University Sunday night, the occasion being the centennial of the birth of Louis Pasteur, the French scientist.

Dr. Laplace, the first American pupil of Pasteur, will speak of the former master as the "Greatest Benefactor of Mankind." There is in the possession of Dr. Laplace one of the tubes with which Pasteur made his series of tests in which he proved the notion of spontaneous generation to be a chimera. Dr. Laplace went to Paris shortly after his graduation from Georgetown College in 1880 to study under the great scientist.

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