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2 GIRLS ATTACKED, DRIVER HELD UP IN JITNEY CRIME WAVE

Two Women Board Bus in Market Street; Whizzed to Lonely Road; Escape Assailants Only After Terrific Struggle; Run Mile Down Pike to Paxtang

Jitneur Lured to Secluded Part of Highway and Beaten Nearly Into Insensibility by Two Holdup Men Who Asked to Be Driven to Paxtonia

Thrilling stories of theft—and worse—in which jitneys took a prominent part were to-day disclosed by State Police, who are endeavoring to locate the perpetrators.

The most dastardly of the two crimes occurred late Saturday night when two girls were kidnaped, driven to a lonely lane near Rutherford and attacked.

The second crime brought to the attention of the police was the attempted holdup of a jitney driver, who was beaten across the head.

Girls Kidnaped and Attacked in Dark Lane by Two Men in Jitney

Held captive in a jitney by two men while the machine sped out Derry street and through Paxtang late at night, Bertha Kurtz, 2116 Greenwood street, and Edna Ruder, of 2126 Greenwood street, were taken to a little used lane along the Rutherford pike and attacked. The girls escaped before they were injured.

Weeping hysterically, they arrived at their homes and told the story of the attack and how they escaped by running nearly a mile.

Get In On Market Street

The young women were waiting at Fourth and Market streets for a trolley Saturday night when a jitney with two men in addition to the driver pulled up along the curb. The driver queried "Hill" and the girls clambered in. Miss Kurtz took the vacant front seat and her companion sat in the rear with the two men. The machine started over the bridge to the Hill and one man got off at Berryhill street.

Soon after the driver asked where they wished to stop and he was told Twenty-first and Derry streets. As the auto neared the corner the driver put on more speed and when the girls asked to be led off said: "We're not asked to be let off said: "We're not but without avail. While whizzing through Paxtang both girls called for help several times, but their cries evidently were not heard.

Still resisting the advances of the men, they were taken out the pike to a lane beyond Paxtang. After going up the lane some distance the jitney was stopped and the lights switched off.

After fighting and struggling for some time Miss Ruder got her arms free and struck her assailant a stinging blow across the face with her heavy leather purse. He released her and, screaming at the top of her voice, she ran down the lane.

Miss Kurtz also broke loose and followed her companion down the road. They ran on down the pike to Paxtang avenue, where they caught one of the late cars.

The young women were so frightened that they did not get the number of the machine.

The case has been reported to the State police stationed in Rutherford street, Paxtang.

Two Men Lure Jitney Driver to Lonely Spot to Rob Him of His Roll

Lured to a lonely spot along the road to Paxtonia by two men who got into his machine in Market street, Frank Budnick, a Steelton jitney owner, was beaten over the head early Sunday morning until he nearly lost consciousness. The cries of the driver frightened the would-be holdup men off before they had a chance to rifle his pockets.

Budnick had a very busy day Saturday and he had a large roll of bills in his pockets. He was driving along Market street when the two men "flagged" him and asked to be taken to Paxtonia.

At a dark spot near the Paxtonia Hotel Budnick was struck a smashing blow over the head with a blunt instrument. He automatically pressed down on the brake as he collapsed in the seat so that when the machine ran into the bank it was not badly damaged.

Budnick screamed for help and the men fled. Corporal Davies, of the detachment of State police stationed at Paxtang, went on the case and last evening took William Potteiger before Squire McGarvey, at Penbrook, for a hearing. Budnick said he was positive Potteiger was one of the holdup men. Potteiger insisted he knew nothing about the affair. The hearing was continued until next Monday night, when the State police expect to have further evidence. Potteiger is already under bail for his appearance in court on charges of theft.

Inch of Snow in Three Counties in Kansas

By Associated Press

Phillipsburg, Kan., Sept. 14.—An inch of snow fell in Norton, Phillips and Smith counties, in this state, early to-day. Parts of Southern Nebraska also reported a slight precipitation. A Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad train was delayed one hour west of here when it encountered a snowdrift. A strong wind prevailed.

NEW PORTUGAL UPRISING

Paris, Sept. 14.—A new insurrectionary movement has broken out not only in Lisbon but in the principal provincial cities of Portugal, says a dispatch to the Journal from Madrid. Dispatches from the Portuguese frontier on September 2 reported an insurrectionary movement at Braga and Caxias.

Two Jitneys Crash at 15th and Berryhill Sts.

Two jitneys crowded with passengers collided at Fifteenth and Berryhill streets, the drivers and passengers narrowly escaping serious injury in the crash.

Philip Fleck, 1627 Carnation street, driving a jitney for Thomas Adams, 1614 Regina street, was traveling east in Berryhill street, and Raymond Walker, 1615 Regina street, was driving north in Fifteenth street, when the cars collided. The Adams jitney swerved to the left side of the street running up on the pavement knocking over a large U. S. mail box, then smashing into a telegraph pole. The car narrowly missed striking several persons who were on the pavement at the time. Bent axles, wheels and mudguards were the extent of the damages of the machines. None of the passengers was injured.

'Taint No Use Tryin' to Fool Mayor on How You Vote; Got You Tagged

"Well you see, Mr. Mayor, ah's been voting the Democratic ticket all my life," explained 'Pittsburgh' Lewis at the police hearing yesterday afternoon," and when this yere low-lived rascal done call me names for not bein' a Republican, I up and after 'im."

"Five dollars fine for both of you," snapped Mayor Royal.

As they were leading away "Pittsburgh" Lewis and Charlie Jackson, who were held for fighting with knives, Lewis grinned sheepishly and sighed:

"'Tain't no use tryin' to fool that there Mayor Royal. He knows how every darky in this yere town vote and he know I'm a born G. O. P. No sir, 'tain't no use."

Continued Warm Is Weather Prediction

Continued warm weather is the wilting prediction made by Forecaster Demain at the Weather Bureau to-day. From present indications the weather will stay hot for several days. No relief is yet in sight.

Yesterday the temperature jumped from 69 degrees to 89. Normal temperature for September 13 is 66 degrees. To-day's weather equaled it.

SHUMAN IS FORMALLY CHARGED WITH MURDER

County Detective James T. Walters to-day made information before Alderman George A. Hoverter, charging William H. Shuman with murder. The time for a hearing will be announced later.

ENGLAND NEEDS MORE MEN

By Associated Press

London, Sept. 14.—Lord Kitchener has just presented to the cabinet his estimate of the number of British troops it will be necessary to maintain on the continent next year, according to the parliamentary correspondent of the Daily Chronicle who declares the estimate greatly exceeds the number already in the field, large as that is.

THE WEATHER

Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and probably Wednesday. Not much change in temperature.

Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and probably Wednesday. Continued warm. Light to moderate south winds.

River

The Susquehanna river and its main branches will fall slowly or remain nearly stationary. A Stage of about 3.3 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Wednesday morning.

General Conditions

The storm that aws central over Colorado Monday has moved northeastward to the upper Mississippi valley.

It is 2 to 14 degrees warmer than on Monda morning over nearly all the country east of the Mississippi river and in the northwestern States. In central and southern districts west of the Mississippi there has been a general fall of 2 to 28 degrees.

Temperature, 8 a. m., 14.

Sun: Rises, 5.40 a. m.; sets, 6.16 p. m.

Moon: First quarter, September 16, 2.21 a. m.

River Stage: 3.4 feet above low water mark.

Yesterday's Weather

Highest temperature, 89.
Lowest temperature, 69.
Mean temperature, 79.
Normal temperature, 66.

MAGAZINE WRITER SAYS HARRISBURG HAS ODDS ON LITTLE OLD NEW YORK AT THAT

ALLEN SANGREE

Allen Sangree, the well-known newspaper and magazine writer, whose latest short story is "The Sacrifice Hit,," is the guest of his mother in Harrisburg. He came here from New York City to enjoy "the quiet" and to whip a half dozen new stories into shape, but he failed to find in Harrisburg the nice little country town in which as the son of the late Rev. Milton Sangree he spent many of his boyhood days.

Viewing Harrisburg from the point of one who has been absent three years Mr. Sangree's notions are interesting and flattering. "Boosting your own town will never do any harm" he remarked "but in the case of Harrisburg one is certainly justified. Why, it struck me the other morning as a little New York. I grabbed a fast train at the Pennsylvania terminal—Iron City Express—shortly before midnight and was in Harrisburg by 3.30 a. m. We disdained to even whistle at Philadelphia; made no stop between the major and minor metropolis other than at Manhattan Junction to change engines.

New Yorker Sees His First Jitney

"This is as it should be. Who wants to vegetate in Quaker Town when John Harris's settlement looms to westward? At 3.30 a. m. Philadelphia is dark as the seventh plague of Egypt, deserted and sad looking as a broken crutch. In hustling Harrisburg, on the contrary, I found everything a blaze of light; restaurants busy; taxis on the job; plenty of

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MAYOR ROYAL HAS HIS FEELINGS BADLY HURT

Motor Club Criticises Failure of His Department to Enforce Traffic Ordinances; Royal Gets a Trifle Peevish and Calls It "Most Unjust"

Mayor John K. Royal's feelings were hurt this afternoon by the Motor Club of Harrisburg.

The club in a cryptic letter to Council criticised the failure of the police department to enforce the traffic regulation ordinance, especially the sections pertaining to the motor vehicles.

The club, according to its letter, can't understand why the police department can't do much in enforcing the laws when the two special men employed by the club have been able to bring many an offender to time.

The action of the club in thus calling Council's attention to the way Mayor Royal's own department is being conducted in this respect wasn't a bit nice, in the Mayor's opinion. He got a trifle peevish about it, naturally.

"Why, this is most unjust," said he. "I don't think this should have been brought up in Council." So, at the Mayor's suggestion, the matter was referred to his department. Here's the letter fro mthe Motor Club:

September 14, 1915.

To the Honorable City Council, Harrisburg, Pa.:

Gentlemen—The board of governors of the Motor Club of Harrisburg, at their regular meeting held September 7, discussed at length the traffic conditions prevailing in this city, and as a result of a most thorough discussion it was unanimously agreed that I should be instructed by the board to communicate with you in an open let-

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DETAINS TRAIN WITH AMERICAN'S MONEY

Money Forwarded From Little Rock Held Up So That Edward Ledwidge Would Be Shot

By Associated Press

El Paso, Texas, Sept. 14.—Edward Ledwidge, an official of the Mexican Northwestern Railroad, who has been held for $10,000 ransom by bandits operating near the Cumbre tunnel in Chihuahua, was released early to-day, according to information reaching here. A posse is pursuing the bandits.

By Associated Press

Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 14.—Chris Ledwidge, local capitalist, last night received a message that his brother, Edward Ledwidge, of El Paso, Texas, who is held in captivity by Mexican bandits in Chihuahua, is to be shot at noon to-day. Edward Ledwidge's employers sent a special train bearing the $10,000 in gold demanded as a ransom, but it is said the train was held up by orders of General Francisco Villa, who declared that to pay ransom would only encourage brigandage and that it were better that Ledwidge should be killed than that every American who traversed that region should be held up. Villa said he would attempt the rescue himself.

ADDITIONAL FORCES LAND ON PENINSULA

Allied Fleet Silences Batteries on Asiatic Coast in Dardanelles

Landings of additional large bodies of British and French troops on the Gallipoli peninsula are reported from Mytilene.

Paris hears that the allied fleet has silenced Turkish batteries on the Asiatic coast in the Dardanelles which were able to reach camps of the expeditionary force with their fire and that steady progress is being made against the Turks on the peninsula.

The current official statement from Constantinople on the Dardanelles operations mentions only artillery firing, through which the Turks claim to have

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South Carolina Votes on Prohibition Today

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 14.—South Carolina voters went to the polls today to decide whether state-wide prohibition should be adopted or the present system of county option be retained. Prohibition, if carried, would become effective January 1. Fourteen of the 44 counties now operate liquor dispensaries.

DEMOCRATS TRY TO CONCEAL PLIGHT BY REPUBLICAN ATTACKS

Machine in Bad Way; Vain Efforts to Defeat Three Councilmen

ANTICS ARE VERY AMUSING

Rising Tide of Resentment Against Tactics Being Employed; Making Itself Felt

With the primary election one week away the grand mix-up continues to mix more and more and every ambitious candidate is now certain of his nomination without question, just as he always is at this stage of the game. Meanwhile the Democratic machine is having several kinds of convulsions over its own troubles while trying to create the impression that Republicans are going to consume each other.

Mayor John K. Royal's floundering about in the oil of his own ambition is a spectacle that is amusing his own party as well as Republicans. He held on to the hope of another term as Mayor so long that his party was unable to place a formidable candidate in the field and the resentment is rising higher and higher each day as the voters realize that Royal is responsible for the easy sailing of Meals. Hundreds of Republicans will not touch Meals, but they are just as indifferent toward Sheesley, who is regarded as a makeshift of the Democratic machine. Consequently scores of voters will not express any choice for the mayoralty.

As a matter of fact, the Republican-Democratic leaders are being censured

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Contract For Armory in Phila. Recalled

The State Armory Board to-day recalled its award of the contract for the new cavalry squadron armory in Philadelphia to the Fidelity Construction Company of that city following a protest made by E. F. Fonder, of Philadelphia, the next lowest bidder, and will ask for new bids.

The specifications called for Woodbury, Milford or equal granite and the Fidelity bid lowest with Deer Island granite. Fonder was next lowest, but his bid was on Woodbury or Milford. The Fidelity was awarded the contract, but Fonder lodged a protest to-day through Joseph McAleer, his attorney, and after several hours' discussion the board determined to readvertise the contract. Bids will be opened next month.

School Children Have 'Til Tuesday to Write Improvement Essays

To give children who have been busily engrossed in the opening of school additional time to prepare their papers on the Telegraph's prize contest, "Why Is Harrisburg a Better City for the Boys and Girls as a Result of the Improvements of the Last Fifteen Years?" the time limit has been extended to next Tuesday.

The contest is designed to ascertain the value of the improvement to school boys and girls and scores are taking advantage of the opportunity to express their sentiments. The writers of the three best papers will be given prizes of $5, $3 and $2. As an additional incentive the prize-winning story, with the name of its writer in nice black type at the top of it, will be published in the Telegraph.

Chicago Engineer Here to Get Data For State Fair Auto Speedway

Howard B. White, engineer for Graham, Burnham and Co., of Chicago, architects for the Keystone State Fair and Industrial Exposition company, is in Harrisburg to-day going over the site of the speedway and fair buildings near Middletown and procuring from the State Water Supply Commission data relative to water levels and flood conditions along the Susquehanna in order to keep the speedway above any possible damage by water. "We expect to have the plans ready so that bids can be opened for the construction of the automobile speedway within three weeks," said Mr. White.

While here Mr. White inspected the flood control of Paxton creek valley at the head of Wildwood lake. It is one of the very few of its kind in the country and he was much interested in it. He leaves for Chicago on Broadway Limited to-night.

Season's Grass Crop Keeps Park Cutters Busy

This season's grass crop in local parks has kept Commissioner M. H. Taylor's forces on the jump. It has been almost impossible to keep up with the rapid growth of the grass due to the frequent rains. Commissioner Taylor said to-day:

"It has been a hard season for grass cutting. No sooner do we get one plot trimmed off, until there is another plot ready for cutting. Rain has stopped this work for weeks at a time."

All Passengers Safe on Board Steamer Sant' Anna

By Associated Press

New York, Sept. 14.—No lives were lost and no one was injured during the fire on the steamer Sant' Anna, bound from New York for Italian ports with more than 1600 Italian reservists according to a wireless message received by the Fabre Line agents here to-day. The message added that the Sant' Anna, convoyed by the Ancona of the same line, is proceeding to Fayal, Azores.

GIRLS WILL WEAR ONE-PIECE BATHING SUITS IN CARNIVAL

Chairman Hoffert Makes This Garment the Regulation For Water Sports

MANY ALREADY ENTERED

HERE'S WHAT THEY'RE LIKE

One-piece bathing suits will be the regulation costume for the girls' swimming contest in the water carnival of the great municipal improvement celebration, it was announced this morning by J. Raymond Hoffert, chairman of the big fete scheduled for next Friday afternoon.

There will be two contests for the girl swimmers of the city—one for girls under 16 and another for lasses over the sweet sixteen age.

Chairman Hoffert expects to have at least fourteen entries for the con-

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U. S. GOVERNMENT IS NOT YET WILLING TO DISCUSS ARBITRATION

High Official Says "the Question of Arbitration Is Not an Issue

VIEWS SENT TO BERLIN

Reply to Bernstorff's Message Expected in Week or Ten Days

By Associated Press

Washington, D. C., Sept. 14.—The American government is not yet willing to discuss with Germany the question of arbitration in connection with the sinking of the Arabic. It was stated to-day by a high government official that "the question of arbitration is not an issue."

It was explained authoritatively that what the American government first wants is a disavowal of the attack on the Arabic. Afterward, it was indicated, the American government may be willing to arbitrate the question of indemnity.

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, has communicated the view of the American government to Berlin and it is expected that he will receive a reply within the next week or ten days. The United States is disposed to give him full opportunity to impress on the Berlin government the views of President Wilson as disclosed to him yesterday by Secretary Lansing.

While officials realize that the situation is grave, they are hopeful that when Berlin learns of the facts in possession of the State Department the act will be disavowed. The department has given Count von Bernstorff full opportunity to communicate with his government and Secretary Lansing has promised him to afford every facility while representing the American view.

It was said to-day that the ambassador and the secretary yesterday discussed entirely the question of a disavowal.

MOBILIZE RUMANIANS

London, Sept. 14.—A partial mobilization of Rumanian troops has been ordered in preparation for eventualities following the concentration of Austrian forces in Transylvania, according to reports from Bucharest, says a Reuter dispatch from Athens.

STEWART'S BODY ON WAY HOME

Ebensburg—The body of George R. Stewart, aged 59, a well-known farmer of Mechanicsburg, Pa., who died from skull fracture as a result of his auto overturning near here last night, on his way home from State College, was sent to Mechanicsburg to-day. Mrs. Stewart, who was driving the car at the time, has recovered sufficiently to go home. The accident was due to the steering apparatus failing on a high hill while Mrs. Stewart was learning to drive.

London, Sept. 14, 4.25 P. M.—Official admission that the cabinet is seriously debating the subject of conscription was made public for the first time in the House of Commons this afternoon.

London, Sept. 14, 5.08 P. M.—Another German air raid was made over the east coast of England last night, but as far as known there were no casualties and no damage was done.

Lenox Mass., Sept. 14.—The Austro-Hungarian Ambassador, Dr. Constantin Dumba, to-day announced that he had requested his foreign office to recall him.

NEW SUBMARINE LAUNCHED

Quincy, Mass, Sept. 14.—Submarine M-1, built for the United States government by the Pore River Shipbuilding Company, was launched to-day. The new submarine is 185 feet over all with a maximum steaming radius of 5,000 miles and a surface speed of 16 knots. She is equipped with four torpedo tubes and a deck gun.

FEDERAL INVESTIGATION ENDS

Philadelphia, Sept. 14.—The Federal Grand Jury to-day abruptly closed its investigation of the alleged baseball pool conducted by John J. Kilcoyne and J. O. Walsh, of Wilkes-Barre, under the guise of the "Weekly World," a publication. A presentment in the case will be made either this afternoon or to-morrow.

GOVERNMENT NOT INTERESTED IN LOAN

Washington, Sept. 14.—From high official quarters it was learned to-day that the United States government neither would approve nor disapprove the loan which is being negotiated by representatives of the European allies in this country.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Andrew Miker, Wiconisco, and Katie Marzok, Reading.
Edward Roy Smithers and Minnie May Shoop, city.