

WOMAN CLUBBED TO DEATH AFTER WAGE ARGUMENT

Posse Hunts Negro Who Slays Employer With Butt End of Shotgun

Pittsburgh, July 17.—Miss Alma M. Malin, 45 year old, a retail coal dealer of Versailles borough, adjoining McKeesport, was clubbed to death in her home about 10 o'clock yesterday morning by Edward Brown, a negro, who wielded the butt end of a shotgun.

Brown, 45 years old, a giant negro, who had been employed by Miss Malin as a coal wagon driver, went to her home this morning armed with a shotgun to demand payment of money which he insisted was due him. During the argument which ensued he killed his employer and escaped.

A posse, consisting of county detectives, headed by Chief Robert Braun and McKeesport police, are hunting the slayer in the vicinity of McKeesport. Brown is nearly seven feet tall and weighs between 225 and 250 pounds. He has a scar on his left cheek. He wore a cap and a blue suit.

Word was received here last night of the arrest on a train near Connelville, Pa., of Brown by Deputy Sheriff Grim of Greensburg, and he is being held in jail there. He confessed, the authorities say.

OFFERS PLANTS TO U. S. Atlantic City, N. J., July 17.—Members of the National Association of Dyers and Cleaners, in convention here, in a message sent to President Wilson to-day placed their plants, numbering approximately 1,000, at the disposal of the Government. They also pledged themselves to keep clean all the national colors on display in their respective communities.

Advertisement for Resinol ointment, featuring an illustration of a woman and child. Text: 'It won't itch now, dear Resinol will help to make it well and relieve the smart and pain.'

PITTSBURGH FIRE FIGHTERS WANT RAISE IN WAGES

Threaten to Resign in a Body Unless Granted \$15 More a Month

Pittsburgh, July 17.—Practically every fireman of the Pittsburgh Fire Department will resign Sunday next, at midnight, unless the Mayor and City Council accede to their demands for a \$15 a month wage increase according to an announcement made yesterday by officers of the City Firemen's Protective Association, an organization affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. It is estimated that about 700 fire fighters of the 918 men in the department are members of the association.

The Federal War Board entered the dispute last evening when Francis Feehan, supervising inspector in the Pittsburgh district for the State Department of Labor and Industry, was delegated in a message from Washington to represent the board in an effort to prevent the wholesale resignations. Mr. Feehan, who will meet with members of the Firemen's Association to-morrow night, takes the position that "Pittsburgh is too important a factor in the war to permit any interruption of its fire fighting service at this time." The board will first offer its service looking toward a settlement of the wage controversy, but if the situation becomes a deadlock, then the board will take the necessary step to prevent the impending paralysis of the fire department's activities.

Food Prices Increase 3 Per Cent. in a Month

Washington, July 17.—Retail food prices in the United States increased 3 per cent. from April 15 to May 15 of this year, according to estimates to-day by the bureau of labor statistics. During the year ending May 15 last there was an increase of 8 per cent. although most vegetables showed a decline.

BOY SCOUTS ON DUTY Halifax, Pa., July 17.—Sixteen members of the Halifax Boy Scouts are spending the week on Duncan's island at Benvenue. Robert Peterhoff is chief cook. The camp is daily visited by many of Duncan's people.

CHAUTAQUA AT GETTYSBURG Gettysburg, Pa., July 17.—A Chautauque will be held again this year and August 22 to 27 has been set as the time. The program will be largely patriotic, with the usual musical and entertaining features. Special tickets for the men at Camp Colt have been prepared.

GOES TO THE ARMY Troy Woods, colored, was sent to Camp Meade by City Draft Board No. 1, this morning. He was ordered to the Army by his local draft board in Richmond.

CEDAR RUST NOW BEING FOUGHT

State Inspectors Getting After Pest; Wheat Past Getting Much Attention



State inspectors are making strenuous efforts in the Pennsylvania 'apple belt' which has been extending westward the last few years, to stamp out the pest known as the cedar rust. This pest, which has an affinity for apple trees which threatens to be extremely costly to the hundreds of Pennsylvania orchardists, appeared a few years ago and studies were made by agents of the State Department of Agriculture in a number of localities.

The loogists are now working in the apple belt which extends through Franklin, Adams and part of York county and are also giving attention to some centers of infection which have been discovered in Perry and other Juniata Valley counties.

State Zoologist J. G. Sanders is making an effort to check black stem rust in wheat in this state and urging that wheat be sown as late as possible to prevent the havoc of the fly next spring.

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MIDDLETOWN

Wounds Suffered in Action Kill Howard Staub

The Pastor's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church held a chicken and waffle supper in the borough park last evening. The Mothers' Congress Circle met in the Red Cross rooms last evening. Some of the little sacks given out on July 1, were returned.

Word was received in Middletown yesterday that Howard Staub, who enlisted in the United States service shortly after the declaration of war, died in France, from wounds received in action. Staub boarded at the home of Mrs. Fialser, Brown street, and was employed at the Middletown Shoe Factory. His home was at Biglerville.

George Conrad, of Royaltown, was before Burgess S. B. Gingrich, charged by officer John Noon, with violation of the borough speed ordinance and was fined five dollars.

John Brown, Market street, for violation of the curfew ordinance, was fined one dollar.

Mrs. John Hawk, who spent the past several days at Philadelphia, as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Alden Drabenstadt, returned home yesterday.

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