

JUMP FOR LIVES WHEN FIRE BLOCKS MEANS OF ESCAPE

Child of Eight Years Is Dropped From Window by Parents When Bedroom Is Enveloped in Flames  
FIREMAN CALLED OUT THREE TIMES IN ZERO TEMPERATURE

Asleep when an exploding oil stove set fire to the bedroom of the home of Lewis Robinson, 1444 Derry street, this morning at 4 o'clock, the family managed to escape, only through hasty exits in scanty attire through second-story windows. Two are in the hospital and the third was given treatment there.

Those in the hospital are Mrs. Lewis Robinson and her sister, Miss Marie Jordan. Miss Jordan was seriously burned about the face and the hands. The husband received treatment at the institution, and his burns, together with those of his wife, are about the hands, face and body. They are not as severe as those of Miss Jordan.

Bedroom Ablaze  
With their rooms already ablaze and with the stairway passage blocked, Mrs. Robinson, an 8-year-old daughter and two sisters of Mrs. Robinson, all scantily attired, sought the windows as a means of exit while Robinson made futile attempts to extinguish the flames.

Harvey A. Boyer, 1433 Swatara street, a Harrisburg Railway's motorman, on the scene shortly after the fire alarm had been sounded, rendered valuable assistance in the rescue of the occupants.

Drop and Jump  
With the heat becoming more intense, Mrs. Robinson sought the front window as a means of escape for herself. Standing at the window, she dropped her 8-year-old daughter into the arms of Boyer standing below. Later, after her husband had gotten out through a back window, she jumped from the front window and was caught by Boyer and her husband. The Jordan girls escaped through a back porch onto a low outkitchen from which they were assisted to the ground by neighbors and spectators.

Robinson was burned in his attempt to extinguish the flames. The blaze cut his way off and he had been unable to reach them. Mrs. Robinson and Miss Jordan were burned in their attempt to escape. Firemen arrived on the scene shortly after the alarm and soon had the fire under control. The flames had confined almost entirely to the front room of the second floor, although the house generally was damaged to a large extent by water. The house is owned by John Peltz. The loss will amount to several thousand dollars. The Robinson family is colored.

Auto Burns and Trolley Car Cuts to Pieces All Luggage Saved From Fire  
Trouble camped last night on the trail of Dr. G. A. Zimmerman, 1409 Market street, and George W. Schweitzer, who were on their way from Hummelstown to Harrisburg. Not only was Dr. Zimmerman's automobile almost destroyed by fire, but the baggage of the occupants of the machine was cut to pieces by a trolley car.

Dr. Zimmerman and Mr. Schweitzer had been in Hummelstown and surrounding territories in the interest of the campaign proposed for the Polytechnic Hospital, through which \$150,000 is to be raised for that institution's enlargement.

About 7.30 o'clock last evening, as they were returning to Harrisburg, Dr. Zimmerman's car caught fire. The physician and Mr. Schweitzer removed all the baggage, robes, medical cases and other paraphernalia from the machine and placed them along side the highway. With snow and the robes they endeavored to beat out the flames. They fought the fire for 15 minutes and finally succeeded in extinguishing it. Then a Hummelstown car bowling merrily along toward the city, cut to pieces all of the bags, medical cases and other articles so carefully taken from the machine.

Builds Fire to Smoke Meat and Blaze Burns Rear of Two Houses  
Hot ashes remaining from a fire for smoking meat in an outkitchen, this morning set fire to the double frame house at 10-12 South Cameron street, occupied by Clarence Russell and Willis Harbold. The outkitchen was destroyed and the weather boarding on the rear of the building badly burned.

Mrs. Russell had smoked some meat from a recent butchering, yesterday, and this morning had built another fire to complete the operation. After the fire had been started, she decided that the meat had been sufficiently smoked and extinguished it, she says. The hot ashes remained and are believed to have set fire to the outkitchen.

THE WEATHER  
Cloudy weather, probably snow showers to-night and Friday. Slightly rising temperature, lowest to-night about 8 degrees. Eastern Pennsylvania. Snow showers probable to-night and Friday. Slow rise in temperature, becoming east and southeast. River The Susquehanna river and all its branches will fall except local rises are likely to occur where the channel becomes clogged with ice. Stage of about 5.5 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Friday morning.

Grasping For the Last Straw



MAYOR WILL GET \$3,500 UNDER NEW SALARY SCHEDULE

Councilmen Add \$500 to Annual Pay in the 1920 Budget  
Meeting in special session late yesterday afternoon, City Council passed on first reading an ordinance to increase the salaries of the mayor from \$3,000 to \$3,500 and of each of the four City Commissioners from \$2,500 to \$3,000 annually, and fixing the salary of the City Controller at \$3,000 each year.

The measure was introduced by Mayor D. L. Keister. It will be passed finally at the regular session next Tuesday. The new salary schedule for the councilmen becomes effective January 5, 1920, when the city government is reorganized.

Budget Not Yet Ready  
The four City Commissioners now members of Council, having been re-elected, will receive the increase. The \$3,000 salary for the City Controller was fixed by law, an amendment to the Clark act permitting councils of third-class cities of the State to fix the salaries to be paid controllers, but directing the salaries must not be lower than those paid to the members of council.

When the Clark act, the present third-class city government law, became effective it fixed the minimum salaries for councilmen at \$2,500, the maximum at \$3,000; the minimum for the mayor at \$3,000 and the maximum \$3,500, and the salary of the controller at \$500 annually. With the reorganization of municipal government in Harrisburg, Council fixed the salaries for the Mayor and the four City Commissioners at the minimum amounts in the Clark act.

City Councilmen met again last night to consider the budget, completing their study of each bureau's appropriation requests. Additional "cuts" have been made, but several more sessions will be necessary before the budget ordinance is ready to be passed.

Divorced Three Years They Decide to Try Married Life Again  
Divorced three years ago in Illinois, Arthur H. Williams, Washington, and Mabel W. Williams, Oil City, yesterday secured a marriage license at the county bureau in the Recorder's office, and will wed, they told the clerk. A divorce decree, which they showed, stated that they were divorced April 11, 1916, on the grounds of desertion, the decree being given in the Bureau county court, Illinois.

LOSES BOTH LEGS  
Harrison Zeiders, of Fusing, Ohio, formerly of this city, and a son of W. Zeiders, who conducts a hardware store at 1436 Derry street, had both legs cut off while working in the railroad yards at Fusing yesterday, according to word received by Mr. Zeiders. Zeiders was going to work yesterday when struck by a freight train. He had stepped from the path of a passenger train in front of the freight without noticing its approach.

4,500,000 TO GET MEDALS  
Washington, Dec. 18.—Some 4,500,000 American soldiers and sailors soon are to be decorated with the Medal of Honor, a grateful nation to all the men in uniform who aided in crushing German ambition to dominate the world.

TURKEYS ARE PLENTIFUL BUT PRICE REMAINS HIGH  
Fowls Enough For Everyone's Table but Dealers Are Asking Fancy Price For Choice Birds  
Poultry dealers announced to-day that prices for Christmas fowls would approximate those of the Thanksgiving season when turkeys sold as high as 30 cents a pound for a new high record.

That there is a plentiful supply of turkeys, geese and chickens in the surrounding country was freely admitted. Prices last Saturday for fowls of all kind were cheaper in

U. S. DICKERING WITH BIG PACKERS FOR COMPROMISE

Government, For Concessions, Will Withdraw Anti-Trust Prosecution  
QUIT GROCERY BUSINESS  
Understood They Are Willing to Split Firms Into Separate Entities

By Associated Press  
Washington, Dec. 18.—Negotiations between the meat packers and the government, it became known to-day, have been going on for some time with the object of compromising the anti-trust prosecution which is still in the stage of a Grand Jury investigation.

It is understood that one of the plans considered is the withdrawal of the packers from side lines, such as wholesale grocery business, which various reports of the Federal Trade Commission have charged them with seeking to dominate.

Meat Packers Will Dispose of Many Side Lines Result of Pact

By Associated Press  
Chicago, Dec. 18.—A dozen or more important side line industries of the Chicago meat packers involving investments of many millions of dollars will be disposed of under the stipulated decree soon to be issued by the United States Court at Washington on motion of Attorney General Palmer. While representatives of the packers to-day declined to discuss the details of the decree, they indicated that the plan was to be required to confine the business activities to the production of meat, poultry, butter, eggs and cheese. It was learned from sources which the packers in the future will be required to confine the business activities to the production of meat, poultry, butter, eggs and cheese. It was learned from sources which the packers in the future will be required to confine the business activities to the production of meat, poultry, butter, eggs and cheese.

HITCHCOCK AND UNDERWOOD FIGHT FOR LEADERSHIP

Democratic Senators Summoned to Meet Saturday to Make Choice  
By Associated Press  
Washington, Dec. 18.—A call for a conference of Democratic Senators Saturday to select a leader to succeed the late Senator Martin of Virginia, was issued to-day by Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, who is contesting with Senator Underwood, of Alabama, for the place.

Settlement of the contest between Senator Hitchcock, the acting Democratic leader, and chief spokesman for the administration in the Treaty fight, and Senator Underwood, formerly Democratic leader in the House, is the only business to come before the conference. The outcome of the contest was said to be in doubt.

Enough Food Rots in N. Y. Each Year to Feed Population a Month

New York, Dec. 18.—Enough food rations in the port of New York each year to feed the entire population of the city for one month, according to E. L. Goodell, a food expert, was the subject of a conference to-day under the auspices of Columbia University's Department of Agriculture and the Institute of Arts and Sciences, he estimated. The total loss from food decay in this country at \$50,000,000 annually, ninety per cent of which, he said, could be conserved by proper distribution facilities.

Peddler of Narcotics Dies a Victim of His Habit Forming Drugs

Charles Pindexter, colored, Richmond, Va., believed to have been a peddler in narcotics operating in this city, died at the Harrisburg Hospital last night, 15 minutes after being admitted to the institution.

Pindexter had been taken suddenly sick in his room at the Corona Hotel in Verbeke street. Hospital physicians believed that an overdose of narcotics was responsible for his death.

Pindexter, according to information in the hands of Harrisburg police, came to the city several days ago from Coveville. The body has been turned over to Coroner Eckinger.

\$400 A YEAR IS ENOUGH SO HE REFUSES RAISE

By Associated Press  
Keane, N. J., Dec. 18.—Declaring his position as secretary of the local Board of Health is worth no more than the \$400 yearly stipend which he now receives, Alfred Anderson has declined to accept an increase which the board proffered him. Anderson, who has held the position for years, says an increase "would be an injustice to the townspeople, as the board holds only twelve meetings a year."

STRICT ECONOMY TO RULE CUT IN APPROPRIATIONS

Low Post Office and Navy Requests Only Ones to Go Through Unscathed  
Washington, Dec. 18.—All general appropriations for 1921 will be pared down "in accordance with strictest economy," except the Post Office and Naval departments, the estimates of which are less than for the present year, Majority Leader Mondell, Wyoming, told the House to-day, when the first urgent deficiency bill of this session was brought up. Greater reductions

Skating Tomorrow at Wildwood, Is Forecast

V. Grant Forner, assistant superintendent of parks sent a glad smile across the face of Harrisburg this afternoon when he said that if the weather man kept up the good work of pushing the mercury down in the old thermometer, Wildwood Park would be ready for skating to-morrow afternoon.

CATCHES FIRE AT STOVE

Harrisburg.—The condition of Mrs. Catherine Getz, 300 River street, who was admitted to the Harrisburg Hospital shortly before noon, suffering with severe burns about the body, is considered serious, it was said at the hospital this afternoon. Mrs. Getz's dress caught fire from a small stove near which she was standing and before the flames could be extinguished was badly burned.

WATER BACK CAUSES FIRE ALARM

Harrisburg.—When a water back blew out of a residence in North Seventh street, near Hamilton, a fire alarm was sounded from Box 341 at Seventh and Hamilton this afternoon at 2.35.

THOUSANDS OF JEWS KILLED IN NEW POGROMS

Berne.—Reports of a fresh wave of pogroms in the districts of Ukraine occupied by General Denikine's forces are printed in Lemberg newspapers. They declare about 5,000 Jews were killed in one city alone.

SUGAR LEGISLATION RECEIVES SETBACK

Washington.—Sugar legislation received another setback in the Senate to-day when advocates of the bill to extend federal sugar control and licensing during 1920 were unable, because of protracted opposition debate, to bring to a vote the House amendment broadening the powers proposed for the United States Sugar Equalization Board.

REPARATIONS FOR SINKINGS AGAIN UP

Paris.—The question of the compensation Germany should make for the sinking of the Scapa Flow fleet was again before the Supreme Council to-day.

MRS. BLAKE UNABLE TO TESTIFY

Atlantic City.—Mrs. Esther Miller Blake will be unable to testify to-night at the inquest into the death of her 5-year-old son.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Amos W. Brandt, Hershey, and Mary M. Marberger, Palmyra; Charles C. Steinhilber and Carolyn M. Lindley, Harrisburg; Albert K. Foster and Lulu A. Matter, Vineland.