

DRIVER DIES IN CRASH OF HERSHEY CAR

Ira Kohr Killed When Chocolate King's Auto Turns Com- pletely Over on Hill

E. M. HERSHEY IS HURLED OUT

Lawyer Suffers From Bruises and Shock —Driver, Who Dies in Ten Minutes, Is Conscious Most of Time and Says He Is "All Right"

(Special to the Star-Independent.)
Hummelstown, Pa., Feb. 6.—Ira Kohr, 32 years old, private chauffeur to Milton S. Hershey, the Hershey Chocolate King, was almost instantly killed, and E. M. Hershey, of Hershey and Harrisburg, a lawyer practicing at the Dauphin county bar, barely escaped with his life at 1 o'clock this morning, when a big touring car in which they were riding skidded on the ice-covered Beaver Hill of the Hummelstown pike, upset and landed upside down in the road.

Kohr was pinned beneath the heavy car. The back of the seat which he had been occupying rested on his head. He died in ten minutes, during six of which he was conscious and directed, in so far as he could, the work of those who tried to extricate him. He spoke very little, however. Once he said:

"Now, just lift it up a little more, if you can, and I will be all right."

Kohr expired before the car was lifted off of him. Dr. W. M. Shull, who had been hurriedly summoned, but who arrived too late to administer medical aid, said the chauffeur died from compression of the brain.

The lawyer was thrown free of the car when the big machine was overturned. He was bruised and suffered from shock.

The accident occurred at a point on the Hummelstown pike about midway between the Beaver school house and the intersection of the pike with the Chambers Hill road, about a mile and a half from Hummelstown.

On Way to Get Stalled Auto

In a different auto the attorney with his wife and son, Edwin, had gone from Hershey to Oberlin on a business trip early last evening and his chauffeur, Harry Boyer, was driving this car. When returning home at 11 o'clock the machine slipped on the ice on the Beaver hill and efforts to ascend the incline were in vain. Eventually the lawyer and his family walked into Hummelstown and there boarded a trolley car and went to their home in Hershey.

Boyer, the chauffeur, remained with the stalled car, and Hershey planned to get one of the chocolate king's machines, a more powerful auto, to tow his car home. Kohr volunteered to make the trip with the lawyer in this second car, and it was while they were descending the Beaver hill that the fatal accident occurred.

Dies Before Car Is Lifted

"Kohr was driving the car about ten or twelve miles an hour," Hershey said, "and when I called to his attention the proximity of my car, which was at the foot of the hill, he applied the brakes. The big car swerved to the side of the road, skidded, struck a breaker and toppled over. More than that I do not know. I can't say how I got out of the car, although I was lying in the road just alongside the machine after it had made the final turn."

Boyer, the lawyer's chauffeur, was standing beside the stalled car, and although he and Hershey made a desperate effort to free Kohr, they found it impossible to do so. Harvey Weber and other farmers living nearby were hurriedly summoned, but by the time they got the car off Kohr the chauffeur was dead.

Coroner Jacob Eckinger arrived at the scene less than two hours later, but after hearing the story of the accident as told by the witnesses, Hershey and Boyer, he decided a formal inquest was not necessary. However the coroner will take additional testimony at a hearing to be held in Harrisburg on Monday morning at 11 o'clock.

At noon to-day neither of the Hershey cars had been removed from the place of the accident. The body of the chauffeur was removed to the undertaking establishment of William Karmany, in Hummelstown, at 4 o'clock this morning.

The lawyer, who suffered greatly from the shock and also was slightly bruised, did not get to his Hershey home

14 FIRMS BID ON AUTO FIRE MACHINES FOR CITY

Keen Competition Among Manufacturers To-day to Obtain Contracts for Two Motor Chemical Wagons and Three Tractors for Department

Fourteen Pennsylvania, New York or New Jersey firms that manufacture fire fighting apparatus, competed to-day for the contracts, which the city of Harrisburg proposes to award, for two new motor combination chemical and hose wagons and three motor tractors. The bids were opened at noon by City Commissioner M. Harvey Taylor.

Several of the proposals are blanked bids. Others are a trifle complicated. The lowest bidders will not be determined until all the specifications and proposals have been carefully examined and compiled. That, Mr. Taylor said, will take several days, so that he will not be able to make an intelligent recommendation to the City Commissioners before their meeting on February 16.

Two of the three tractors are to be placed on steam fire engines, while the third will be placed on the Mt. Vernon Hook and Ladder Truck. Some contractors offer to make reductions in their prices for one piece of apparatus in case two of the kind are purchased from them, and some vary their bids on certain pieces of apparatus according to whether or not the machines are to have certain extra appliances.

Figures on Chemical Wagons

The bids on the combination chemical wagons are as follows: Martin Carriage Works, York, \$3,975 each; International Motor Company, New York City, \$4,895; Benz-Landis Auto Company, Harrisburg, \$4,750; Ahrens-Fox Fire Engine Company, \$5,250; Harwood-Barley Manufacturing Company, \$4,600; Morton Truck & Tractor Company, Harrisburg, \$3,000; American-LaFrance Fire Engine Company, \$4,800; Brockway-Motor Car Company, Cortland, N. Y., \$4,495; James Boyd & Brother, Inc., Philadelphia, \$5,300. The Municipal Equipment Company,

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PROBING HORRIBLE STORY

Attendant Said He Put to Death Eight Aged and Infirm Inmates of Odd Fellows' Home

By Associated Press.

Yonkers, N. Y., Feb. 6.—Investigation of Fred Mors' story that he put to death eight aged and infirm inmates of the German Odd Fellows' Home here "because they were old and a nuisance," extended to-day to physicians who are said to have signed the death certificates in some of the cases. Adam Bangert, superintendent of the home, and three porters are under arrest as material witnesses and Mors is in Bellevue Hospital, New York City, under the surveillance of alienists.

The coroner said that the three porters told him that when an inmate of the home died a certain mark was chalked on the door of the room in which the body lay and that a physician was supposed to see this mark and examine the body before issuing the death certificate. The porter said, according to the coroner, that in some instances the doors had been passed by and the death certificate made out showing the cause of death to be apoplexy. According to the story told by Mors when he walked into the District Attorney's office in New York several days ago, five inmates were killed with an anesthetic and three with other drugs.

PRINCETON MEN MUST SWIM

University Says They Must Learn Be- fore They Can Receive Diplomas

(Special to the Star-Independent.)

Princeton, N. J., Feb. 6.—That all students of Princeton University must pass a stringent swimming test before they are eligible for diplomas is a mandate here to-day that is to meet with strict enforcement. The rule applies to the present Senior class, and there are several members of the class who must pass the test before June or have their graduation deferred. The test is to swim 200 yards showing a mastery of at least 10 strokes.

Dr. Joseph E. Rayeroff, physical director at Princeton, tells of a large proportion of entering students who are unable to swim more than a short distance. He says:

"Of every entering class 50 or 60 students are unable to swim at all and about 100 can swim poorly. Thus about a third of each entering class must be instructed in the essentials of swimming. In addition to the above number, 15 per cent. more of the class require a certain amount of further practice before they become able to pass the test."

TRADE TRIP TO COST \$10

Special Train Will Be Provided and Fourteen Stops Made

The Trade Excursion Committee of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce in a letter of announcement sent to each member to-day gives a detailed description of the excursion to be taken by the Chamber February 17 and 18.

The cost of the trip will be but \$10 per person taking part, although a special train will be provided. Fourteen cities will be visited en route to Sunbury, Wilkes-Barre and Reading. Three hundred miles will be covered. Luncheon and dinner on the 17 and breakfast, luncheon and dinner on the 18 are covered by the charge, which also provides for a room at the Hotel Sterling in Wilkes-Barre on the night of the 17.

\$150,000 Fire in Pittsburgh

By Associated Press.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 6.—An overheated stove in the South Side Market House to-day caused a fire which destroyed the building with a loss of \$150,000. It was a two-story brick structure and covered an entire block.

TRAGIC SUICIDE OF BANK CASHIER

Alvin Binner's Lifeless Body Found in a Field at Schaefferstown This Morning

REVOLVER AT HIS SIDE TELLS STORY

Bank Official Was in Schaefferstown Last Evening and Took Part in Grange Association Meeting—Ac- counts Said to Be All Right

(Special to the Star-Independent.)

Lebanon, Pa., Feb. 6.—Alvin Binner, a married man, aged 37 years, and for many years cashier of the Schaefferstown National Bank, committed suicide this morning between 3 and 4 o'clock, in a field, near his home, just outside of the town, by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. His body was found in the field among the ice and snow, with a revolver at his side. His neighbor, Abraham Hartman, who lives near the Binner home, made the discovery.

The body was later removed to his home where it is being prepared for burial. He is survived by a wife and four children. As late as last evening Binner was in Schaefferstown, where he attended and took an active part in the annual meeting of the Lebanon County Grange Association. He was held in high esteem by everybody who knew him and his death has cast a great gloom among his many friends throughout this city and county.

Binner was for some time a director in the Rural Telephone Company, Heidelberg Water Company, and numerous other concerns of the southeastern part of the county. He is said to have been in the best of health and spirits when last seen alive last evening before he left Schaefferstown for his country home. He owned considerable real estate and was regarded as a substantial citizen of his home community. Cause is given for the rash act. A banking inspector had recently visited the bank to look over Binner's accounts, and it is said, found them all right.

The Associated Press said to-day:

"It is alleged that the dead cashier was obliged to make good a note for over \$10,000 on which he wote security and that worry over this led him to take his life."

REPORT ON JOB HOLDERS

Heads of Departments at Capitol Are Using Printed Forms to Provide Information Desired by Governor

By Associated Press.

To meet the request of Governor Brumbaugh that the heads of all departments of the various departments under his administration be sent to him, together with the salary of each and the political backing that landed the job holders their positions, the department heads have prepared a blank form giving the name, residence, salary and political backing of an attaché. These have been sent to each division or bureau head with the request that they be filled out at once.

It is expected that all of this information will be in the Governor's hand by the beginning of next week, but as yet just what he intends to do with it can only be conjectured. Applications for places in the departments coming directly under the Brumbaugh administration have been made by the hundreds, and all such applications have been placed on file. Even the department heads have been flooded with applications.

One applicant wrote to a department head and asked that he be appointed to the Board of Moving Picture Censors, not that he cares for the salary, he wrote, but he desires to uplift the pictures and make them highly moral in every sense, combining this with educational features.

FLOOD STAGE AT CINCINNATI

Ohio River 5.4 Feet Above Danger Mark and Still Rising

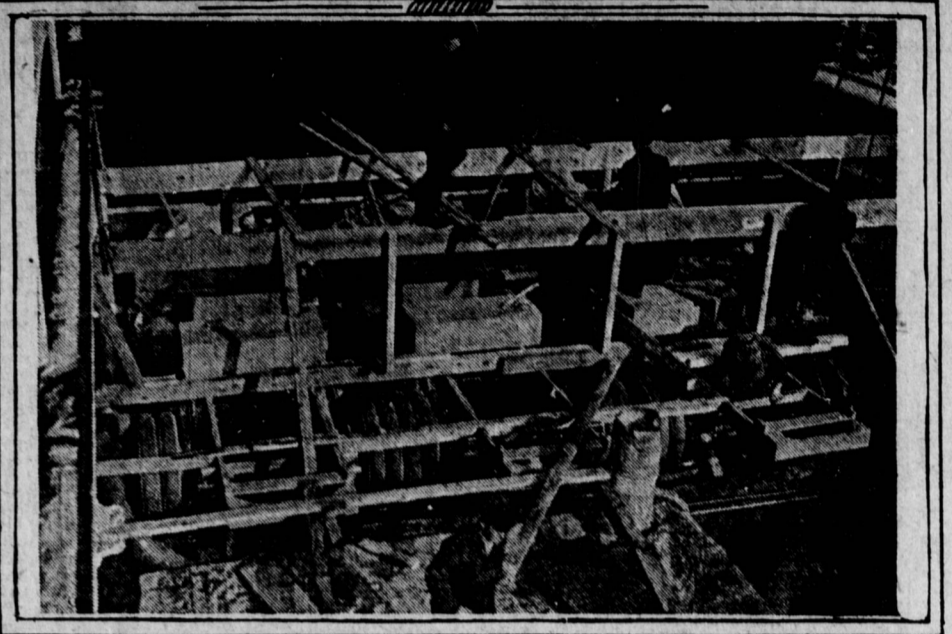
By Associated Press.

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 6.—The Ohio river this morning was 5.4 feet above flood stage and continued to rise at the rate of two-tenths of a foot an hour. The greater part of the ground in the river section of the city is under water though little actual suffering has taken place. This was made possible by the ample notice that was given to all those in the flooded district.

The river registered 54.7 feet at 9 o'clock and an announcement was issued shortly thereafter by the Central Union Railroad depot officials that the station would be vacated early in the afternoon. All of the railroads have made preparations to move to other stations on higher ground not far from the Central Union.

The Weather Forecaster stated that the river would reach a maximum here of 56 feet some time Sunday morning and begin to fall on Monday. The announcement said that the crest of the flood has been reached at Portsmouth, Ohio, at 55.5 and was falling at all points above Portsmouth.

AUTO TRUCKS SHIPPED FROM AMERICA TO THE ALLIES



CRATING AUTOMOBILES FOR THE ALLIES ON BOARD THE ARABIC, IN NEW YORK

Automobile trucks to be used by the allied armies of France, England and Belgium, to the value of nearly one-half million dollars, were shipped recently from New York through the steamship Arabie left that port a few days ago with a large consignment of these trucks. The above photograph shows some of the trucks being crated for shipment.

The Morton Truck and Tractor Company, of this city, recently sent an armored truck and armored tractor to London for the inspection of the British War Department. Members of the local firm say they have received assurances that a big contract will be received by the Harrisburg plant.

BIG JAP CRUISER A COMPLETE WRECK

Asama, Which Struck An Uncharted Rock, Now Certain to Be a Total Loss

2 U. S. CRUISERS NEAR THE SCENE

By Associated Press.

San Diego, Cal., Feb. 6.—The Japanese cruiser Asama, which struck an uncharted rock off the western coast of Lower California, is a complete wreck, according to information reaching here to-day. Two United States cruisers are reported to be standing by the vessel and two Japanese speeding to it to assist the crew.

The cruiser, it is said, went down last Sunday afternoon at the entrance to Turtle bay. She was making ten knots when she struck the submerged rock, ripping open the hull about fifteen feet abaft the bow. The battleship settled quickly and the gale which began to blow that night is said to have completed its destruction.

The United States cruisers Raleigh and San Diego reached the Asama last night and the Japanese cruisers Idzumo and Hizen were reported early to-day to be steaming at full speed for the scene of the wreck. The Asama's officers and crew, it is said, will not be brought into an American port, but will embark either aboard the Hizen or the Idzumo.

An interesting question in admiralty procedure has arisen over the wreck. Under a strict interpretation of the neutrality laws, Mexico, it is pointed out, has a right to intern the officers and men of the Asama who landed on Mexican soil until the end of the European war. At the same time the United States warships or ships of other neutral nations may assist in the saving of life from the wrecked Japanese cruiser, it is said, but they can render no assistance towards salvaging the ship or her crew without violating the neutrality laws.

The San Diego and Raleigh probably will stand by the Asama until the arrival of the Japanese warships.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The Navy Department has received advices from Rear Admiral Howard on the circumstances of the wreck of the Japanese cruiser Asama but because of the delicate questions involved in the succor of a belligerent ship by neutral American vessels they are being kept secret.

AT BURIAL OF HIS FRIEND

Dr. Kremer Preaches Sermon at Funeral of Colonel Dillinger

The Rev. Ellis N. Kremer, pastor of Salem Reformed church, preached the sermon at the funeral on Thursday of Colonel Jacob S. Dillinger at Allentown, a former resident of this city.

Before his death Colonel Dillinger had requested that Dr. Kremer officiate at his funeral, since he and the minister had formed a firm friendship some years ago while he was attending Salem church. Colonel Dillinger was a member of the Lehigh county bar and a prominent Mason.

LAMBERTON PRIZE CONTEST

High School Senior Boys to Write and Speak on Franklin

The Lambertson oratorical contest for boys of the Senior class of the Central High school will be held in the school auditorium February 19. This contest was started many years ago by the late Robert A. Lambertson and has been continued by his son, James M. Lambertson.

Senior boys write essays on a historical subject. The four best are picked and the winners must deliver them. Prizes of \$5 are awarded the four winners and an additional \$5 is given for the best delivery. The subject for this year's contest is "Franklin's Career"

STONEWALL JACKSON'S WIDOW III

By Associated Press.

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 6.—Mrs. Mary Jackson, widow of the Confederate general, "Stonewall" Jackson, is critically ill at her home here.

168 MINERS ARE ENTOMBED

Explosion in West Virginia Traps Many Men, But All Escape With Exception of Ten

By Associated Press.

Fayetteville, W. Va., Feb. 6.—One hundred and sixty-eight men were entombed in the mine of the New River Coal Company at Carlisle, near here, by an explosion to-day.

All but ten succeeded in making their way to the surface. They reported that six of the men in the section where the explosion occurred had been killed, but they knew nothing of the other four. Rescue parties were at once organized to search the workings.

The explosion occurred in a remote part of the mine when an open lamp, carried by one of the miners, came in contact with a pocket of gas. The hoisting apparatus was not damaged, and when the men reached the foot of the shaft, after struggling through the darkness, they were quickly hoisted to safety.

Two state mine inspectors arrived before noon, and prepared to make a thorough search for the dead and the missing miners. Great crowds collected by mine guards and police hurriedly brought from nearby towns.

SQUARE FIRE LOSS \$110,984

Adjusters Find Damage to Kaufman Property Alone Was \$92,158

The figures on the losses of all persons who suffered damage in the fire which attacked the Kaufman Underwriting Stores, 4, 6 and 8 South Market Square, and adjoining properties, on the night of January 18, last, as submitted to Fire Chief Kandler to-day by the insurance adjusters, total \$110,984.

This figure may be changed slightly as minor readjustments are made. It includes the losses suffered by all persons in the block along Market street, between the Square and River street, with the exception of Andrew S. McCreath & Son. Valuable electrical machinery belonging to that firm was damaged by water and will be placed in its former condition by the insurance companies under an agreement with the firm. A report on the cash amount of the loss has not, therefore, been made.

David Kaufman, proprietor of the Kaufman stores, is the heaviest individual loser, his loss on contents being \$75,000 and on the building, 6 South Market Square, which was practically destroyed, is put at \$17,158.99.

January fire losses in this city were the largest for a single month of any in recent years. Although total official figures are not yet available, the loss during January alone was greater than that in the whole of the year of 1914.

Until individual owners of automobiles destroyed in the Ford garage, 145 South Cameron street, last Thursday afternoon, make claims on the insurance companies, the names of all will not be known. The actual loss in this respect will not be officially compiled until late next week. Patrick Driscoll, manager for the Ford Motor Sales Company, is planning for the early erection of a new building.

GERMANY NOT TO SEIZE U. S. SHIPS

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By Associated Press.

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The statement expresses the hope "that England will not make necessary a reconsideration of this attitude by seizing American ships like the Wilhelmina." The statement in full follows:

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The German Ambassador has not received instructions regarding the decision of the German admiralty, but according to the text of the decision, the following seems clear.

"There is nothing new in the communication made on February 4 by the German Admiralty with respect to the attitude of the German imperial navy toward ships of the enemy or toward neutral commerce. It is absurd to describe this as the proclamation of a paper blockade of the British Isles. The communication is simply a statement of what has been since the beginning of the war, the attitude of the navies of all of the belligerent powers toward ships of the enemy."

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LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

Germany's declaration that the waters around England, Scotland and Ireland are to be included in the war zone was interpreted in a statement issued to-day by the German embassy at Washington, contains no threat to American shipping. The statement says that no change in Germany's attitude toward neutral shipping is involved and that American vessels carrying foodstuffs to the civilian population of countries with which Germany is at war will not be seized. So far as neutral shipping is concerned, the German declaration will serve merely as a warning of the risks involved in navigation in those waters.

The fighting in the west yesterday as described in the official communication from Paris, amounted merely to scattering artillery duels. In Poland the struggle along the Warsaw front is yet to reach a decision.

The Austrian government announced to-day that the attacks of the Russians in the Carpathians had broken down and that they had suffered heavy losses. In certain sections of the front the Austrians are on the offensive, and the capture of 4,000 more Russians is reported.

A statement from Petrograd yesterday contained the admission that the Russians had retreated in the region of one of the mountain passes. Particular significance is attached by military strategists to the outcome of the campaign.

4,000 RUSSIANS CAPTURED

Vienna, Via Berlin, and Wireless to London, Feb. 6, 9.50 A. M.—An official statement issued here to-day says: "In Poland and Western Galicia the situation is unchanged. Russian attacks have been renewed at certain places in the Carpathians but have broken down with heavy loss to the enemy. Our attacks continue in the forest region. The number of prisoners taken by us in the Carpathians has been increased by 4,000."

MISS M'ADOO, NOW IN LONDON, WILL NURSE FRENCH WOUNDED

London, Feb. 6, 1.13 P. M.—Colonel E. M. House, of New York; Miss Mona McAdoo, daughter of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, and Miss Katherine Britton, of Washington, arrived here to-day from New York, having crossed on the Lusitania.

Colonel House, accompanied by his wife, is going to travel in Europe. Miss McAdoo and Miss Britton are going to France to nurse French wounded.

FRENCH WARSHIPS FACTOR IN DEFENSE OF THE SUEZ CANAL

Paris, Feb. 5, 11.58 P. M.—The ministry of marine to-night issued the following statement: "The French warships Bequin and D'Entrecasteaux contributed effectively to the defense of the Suez canal against the attacks by the Turkish army on February 3. The Bequin silenced the enemy's heavy artillery and the D'Entrecasteaux scattered large bodies of the attacking troops. There was no loss on either ship."

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BIG BATTLE AGAIN RAGES AT WARSAW

Von Hindenburg Con- tinues His Efforts to Break Through to the Polish Capital

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE APPARENT

Russian Attacks, Renewed at Certain Places in Carpathians, Repulsed With Heavy Damage to Czar's Troops, Who Lose 4,000 Men

London, Feb. 6, 12.35 P. M.—On his chosen ground to the west of Warsaw General Von Hindenburg, the German commander, is continuing his costly plunges to break through to the Polish capital. At the same time the Russians, further to the north, have pressed forward and after crossing the Bzura river they are seriously threatening the Germans with an outflanking movement.

Thus another great battle for Warsaw is on, involving perhaps a greater loss of life than any other conflict in the war. The issue is still undecided, but the Russians claim that the initiative has passed to them, although further furious German attacks are expected.

Russians Falling Back
The more complex and strategically, the mere important struggle in the Carpathians is dragging on without any decisive turn. Broadly speaking it appears that in the western half of the battle region the Russians are making progress, while in the eastern half they appear to have fallen back from the Laskow and Beskid passes on prepared positions, where they are attempting to stem the rush of large Austro-German forces.

The Russian counter blow on the massed assaults of General Von Hindenburg's men is, to British observers, the most interesting development of the struggle in the east. It overshadows for the moment the operations of the Russians in East Prussia, and is taken in some quarters to indicate that they have ceased playing the role of merely holding their lines to the west of Warsaw and determined on an effort to expel the invaders.

No Change in Western War Zone
The western war zone has seen virtually no change during the week, but there are many reports of German preparations for renewed activity in Belgium. The German threat of a submarine blockade may be a factor in this situation, the theory being advanced that the Germans expect the allies to attempt to force them back from the coast, with the idea of destroying their submarine base.

Dispatches from Cairo indicate that the Turks who attacked the Suez canal were merely the advance contingent of three columns which are struggling across the desert. The main bodies of the invading army should soon be heard from.

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