



CHILDREN SET FIRE TWICE TO THE INDUSTRIAL HOME

Engines Called This Afternoon For Second Blaze of Day Started By Youngsters in Closets of Building That Is Doing Double Duty by Sheltering Tots Recently Burned Out of the Nursery Home

GOOD ORDER IS MAINTAINED

When the Alarms Are Given Youngsters All Are in First Floor of Temporarily Crowded Institution and There Is no Panic. Mrs. Stewart, Superintendent, Believes Children Applied Matches to Nurses' Garments Hanging From Hooks—She Will Investigate

Two fires in closets of two different dormitory rooms in the second floor of the Children's Industrial Home, at Nineteenth and Swatara streets, one at 7.45 o'clock this morning and the other at 12.45 o'clock this afternoon, were deliberately started by children, in the opinion of Enos Wenrich, superintendent of the Industrial Home, and Mrs. Stewart, superintendent of the Nursery Home, the inmates of which have been staying at the Industrial Home since the disastrous fire in their own building several months ago.

The morning fire was put out by inmates of the building, using fire extinguishers, but the afternoon blaze had gotten at least thirty minutes' start before it was discovered and an alarm was turned in from box 72, Nineteenth and Derry streets. This second fire, however, had been extinguished through the quick work of Superintendent Wenrich before the arrival of the firemen.

The first fire was in the closet of a room which has been fitted out for the use of eight of the Nursery Home boys. Clothing of no great value was damaged. In the second blaze, in the closet of the bedroom occupied by two nurses of the home, Miss May Hollinger and Miss Alberta Brown, practically all of the girls' clothing was destroyed and the room was badly damaged.

The first fire was discovered at breakfast time and the latter at dinner time. In both instances the second floor of the building was practically deserted. The opinion of Fire Chief Kinder is that the second fire was

FIRE WAGON IN A CRASH

Men Thrown, Horses Hurt and Mt. Pleasant Axle Broken To-day Two Similar Mishaps Yesterday

The third piece of fire apparatus within twenty-four hours to meet with accident when responding to an alarm was the Mount Pleasant chemical wagon, whose left front wheel and axle were smashed at Eighteenth and Derry streets just before 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The wagon was responding to an alarm for the fire in the Children's Industrial Home and the two horses slipped on the rails of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company siding crossing Derry street at the place mentioned. The vehicle slewed around, the wheel turning sideways against a rail. The wheel and axle were smashed and two firemen were thrown from the front seat to the backs of the fallen horses. The horses were skinned and bruised, but the firemen escaped injury.

The driver who escaped is Warren Knisely.

Two pieces of apparatus were slightly damaged yesterday in responding to the Montgomery warehouse fire alarm about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The hose wagon of the Camp Curtin company lost a shaft, which was broken when the wagon was pulling out of the trolley track at Sixth and Woodbine streets. The Good Will auto truck's fender was slightly damaged when it collided with a Sixth street trolley car.

WIFE TESTIFIES FLEMING CHASED HER WITH KNIFE

Woman, Whose Husband Is Now in the Penitentiary for Murdering Her Mother, Tells Court That She Herself Was Threatened With Death

Mrs. Louisa Fleming to-day appeared in the Dauphin county court for the first time since her husband, Martin Fleming, was tried and convicted of having murdered her mother, Mrs. Louisa Bryan. Her mission on this occasion was to point out the reasons for her application for an absolute divorce from her husband, who now is in the Eastern penitentiary, serving a life sentence for the murder.

With Mrs. Fleming were her brothers and several neighbors, whom she produced as witnesses in an effort to prove her charge that she was cruelly treated by her husband before the couple became estranged. A few months preceding the murder of Mrs. Bryan, her story dealt with beatings she received at the hands of the husband. She said Martin chased her with a butcher knife and several times threatened to take her life. Besides, she declared, he mutilated and destroyed the household furniture with knives and an ax.

Judge McCarroll, who incidentally was the trial judge in the murder case, took the papers and withheld his decision.

Bruce Dietz was mentioned as co-respondent when Joseph Lilley sought a divorce. Lilley said he went home, unexpectedly, late one February night three years ago and found his wife and young Dietz in the kitchen playing cards. Their child, 2 years old, was romping on the floor when he entered, Lilley said. A few hours before Lilley announced his determination to "leave for good" Mrs. Lilley suggested that Dietz be taken in as a boarder for \$10 a month, the husband testified.

W. W. WUNDER IS KILLED

Deputy State Fire Marshal and Secretary of Firemen's Association Is Fatally Hurt by an Auto

Reading, Pa., April 19.—William W. Wunder, secretary of the State Firemen's Association for thirty years, a former select councilman for fifteen years and now a deputy of the State fire marshal's department at Harrisburg was killed by an automobile here to-day. His skull was fractured.

Mr. Wunder was run down near the postoffice by Joseph Rothermel, a Leesport farmer, in a five-passenger touring car. Mr. Wunder was hurried to the Homeopathic hospital in a car which stopped at the scene of the accident. At that institution it was found that Mr. Wunder was fatally injured, suffering with a depressed fracture of the skull.

Mr. Wunder died shortly before noon. He was 65 years of age and is survived by his widow and one daughter. He was one of the leading Republicans in the city, a citizen well known in many activities; but it was as a volunteer fireman that he was most prominent all over the State.

Mr. Rothermel, whose automobile killed him, claims that the brake refused to work. He expressed great regret when informed of Mr. Wunder's death. The authorities will make a thorough investigation.

\$38,500 FOR LOCAL HOSPITAL

Committee Urges \$38,500 in Excess of Charities Board Recommendation

The Harrisburg Hospital, according to the bill reported from the House Appropriations Committee, will get an appropriation of \$38,500 this year, of which \$35,000 is for maintenance and \$3,500 is for improvements.

The original application of the hospital was for \$59,000. The State Board of Charities cut this down and recommended \$35,000, but the Appropriations Committee added the \$3,500 to this for improvements, the recommendation by the Board of Charities merely covering the maintenance.

Two years ago the Harrisburg Hospital received \$40,000.

Seriously Burned With Acid

Andrew Neidig, 1001 Cumberland street, a blacksmith at the Lalanc-Grosjean tin plate mill, was seriously burned with sulphuric acid as noon today when a pipe he was working on exploded. The acid burned his face, arms and breast. He was admitted to the Harrisburg hospital for treatment.

Search for Needle With X-Ray

An X-ray examination was made at the Harrisburg hospital this afternoon to find a needle in the left foot of Mrs. Elizabeth McCurdy, 618 Race street. She stepped on the needle while sweeping. It will be removed to-morrow at the hospital.

SELECTING PEERS TO TRY ROOSEVELT

Libel Suit of William Barnes Against the Colonel Begun In Syracuse To-day

ASKS \$50,000 AS CHARACTER BALM

Fifty Deputy Sheriffs and Policemen Present to Preserve Order—Jury Being Selected From Special Panel of 75 Talesmen

Syracuse, N. Y., April 19.—The prospect of witnessing the opening of the trial of the \$50,000 libel suit brought by William Barnes against Theodore Roosevelt drew a great crowd to the Court House here to-day, even before the first of the special panel of seventy-five talesmen appeared. It had become known in Syracuse that after the lawyers, talesmen and reporters had been seated less than fifty spectators could be accommodated. Consequently those most anxious to secure seats in the court room appeared early.

Mr. Barnes upon his arrival here last night held a conference with his attorneys in a hotel. Colonel Roosevelt spent the night at the home of his friend, Horace Wilkinson.

Colonel's Back to Opponent

The most elaborate preparations were made to handle the crowd at the Court House. The court room itself was practically boarded up from the rest of the building by boarding up the corridors approaching it. In these partitions small doors have been cut. About fifty deputy sheriffs and policemen were on hand to preserve order.

Colonel Roosevelt arrived at the Court House before his opponent. He wore a large black felt hat, pulled down well over his eyes. The Colonel stopped in the corridor outside the court room and greeted several friends.

When Mr. Barnes arrived he took a seat at his counsel's table. Colonel Roosevelt was sitting with his back to

INFANT BURIED IN CELLAR

Mrs. Bessie Nixon, of Hancock, Md., Placed in Hagerstown Jail on Charge of Murder

Hagerstown, Md., April 19.—Charged with the murder of her infant, whose body was found buried about a foot deep in the cellar of the residence where she formerly resided, Mrs. Bessie Nixon, of Hancock, Md., was placed under arrest last night by Officer McWayne, of that place, and brought to this city, where she was lodged in jail.

There is a divorce suit in the courts at Cumberland at the present time in which her husband is endeavoring to get an absolute divorce. It is alleged that the wife wanted a divorce with alimony and that, realizing it became known she was the mother of an illegitimate child, she was unable to obtain the alimony.

For several months, while she was residing in the house where the baby's body was found, she had been seldom seen. On March 27 she moved from the residence, which is now occupied by Reed Downs.

Detective Heller, who was employed on the case by Mr. Nixon, the woman's husband, had for some time been investigating the unusual actions of the woman and on Saturday he began a search for the baby.

TRIPLETS IN A RUNAWAY

One of Them Seriously Injured When Horse Becomes Frightened

Dillsburg, April 19.—While taking a drive yesterday afternoon the three triplet daughters of John C. Baker had a runaway accident. The harness became broken while descending a hill in Carroll township on the road leading from this place to Grantham. The buggy pressing upon the horse, frightened the animal that he started to run away.

Adeline jumped from the buggy and sustained some minor bruises. Sarah was thrown out and was more seriously injured. She has been in a semi-conscious condition since. Rebecca remained in the buggy and did her utmost to control the horse and finally after running nearly two miles she succeeded in stopping the animal on the Harrisburg State road near Rose Garden, without any injury to herself other than a severe fright.

The young ladies were brought to their home on South Baltimore street later in the afternoon. They are about 17 years of age and are the only triplets in this part of the State.

Page Styles Probably Fatally Shot

Pottsville, Pa., April 19.—John Styles, of near Pottsville, a page in the State Legislature, was probably fatally shot accidentally by his father while endeavoring to unload a pistol which the son brought to him, just when about to leave home to take a train for Harrisburg. The bullet passed through his stomach and punctured the intestines in 14 places.

MORGENTHAU SAVED FROM DEATH, BY HIGHER COURT

Supreme Tribunal Reverses Cumberland County Ruling and Man Who Murdered Shiremanstown Farmer Will Probably Get Penitentiary Sentence

Word was received in Harrisburg this morning that the State Supreme Court, now sitting in Philadelphia, has reversed the judgment of the Cumberland county court which sentenced Max Morgenthau, the Harrisburg huckster, to be electrocuted as the penalty for the murder of John M. Rupp, a Shiremanstown farmer, on May 21, last. According to Morgenthau's attorneys, this decision means that the defendant will get off with a second degree murder sentence and be sent to the Eastern penitentiary—twenty years is the maximum penalty—instead of suffering the death penalty. The Supreme Court's opinion was summed up as follows:

"Judgment reversed and record remitted for resentencing of the appellant."

When Morgenthau was put on trial last fall the defendant, by his attorneys, William A. Zerby and Edwin Barnitz, put in a general plea of guilty of murder and suggested that sentence

FIRE ON FIRST MOUNTAIN UNDER CONTROL AT NOON

By noon to-day a big force of forest fire fighters had got under control a mountain fire which had swept over forty or fifty acres of young woodland since Saturday night on the First Mountain, north of Rockville, on the L. N. Ott estate. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is believed that picnic party accidentally set the leaves ablaze. The fire spread at a rapid rate, there being a heavy north wind which swept the valley between the First and Second mountains.

Much trouble was experienced in fighting the flames as a sufficient force of men could not, for a time, be obtained to work for fifteen cents an hour. It was stated by residents that at a number of fires last year the fire-fighters were compelled to go from early morning till late in the afternoon without anything to eat or drink.

A large force of men, however, was sent to work early to-day and at noon it was reported that the fire was under control, no buildings being lost.

As a result of the fire fifteen acres of woodland belonging to the Ott estate, a number belonging to John Crisman and part of Roberts Valley were burned bare.

FOREST FIRE NEAR MARIETTA

Summer Cottages and Resorts in Danger in York County Hills

Marietta, April 19.—A fierce forest fire is raging in the York county hills opposite this place. Summer cottages and resorts are in danger of destruction. The flames are visible here and the high wind that is blowing has caused the fire to burn over considerable woodland already. The forest is very heavy in the woods where the fire is raging. Men are working hard to extinguish it.

A small frame house at the top of the hill fell prey to the flames and all the contents were consumed, the family being away.

FARMER DIES IN HOSPITAL

Succumbs to Gangrene Superinduced by Toe Frozen Many Years Ago

Daniel A. Baer, 58 years old, a farmer of near Elliotsburg, Perry county, died at 10.35 o'clock this morning in the Harrisburg hospital from gangrene, which started in the little toe of his left foot. The toe was frozen many years ago.

Several operations were performed in an effort to save the man's life. He was admitted to the hospital February 5.

STATE WINS THE FIGHT FOR USE OF AUTO FUNDS

Supreme Court Sustains Judge McCarroll Who Ruled in Favor of the Highway Department and Against Powell and Young

Philadelphia, April 19.—The State Supreme Court to-day affirmed the Dauphin county court in the case of the Commonwealth against State Treasurer Young and Auditor General Powell in relation to automobile fees.

The Legislature of 1913 set apart the money received for automobile licenses for the use of the State Highway Department, but did not pass a bill making a specific appropriation of the money. When former State Highway Commissioner Bigelow made a requisition for money from the automobile license fund both Auditor General Powell and State Treasurer Young declined to recognize it, basing their declination on the ground that the money, even though set apart for a certain purpose, had not been specifically appropriated for that purpose.

Former Attorney General Bell, for the State Highway Commissioner, at once brought suit to compel the payment of the money, and the case was tried in this city before Judge McCarroll, who decided that the money should be paid under the bill setting it aside for a certain purpose.

Auditor General Powell and State Treasurer Young began to pay out the money under the decision of the Dauphin county court, but at the same time took an appeal to the Supreme Court in order that it might be decided by the highest tribunal. The Dauphin county court, which upheld the State Highway Department, is sustained by today's decision.

SCENE AS PART OF BUILDING FALLS INTO STREET IN FRÉDERICK, MD.



Frederick, Md., April 19.—Many narrow escapes were made when the entire front wall of the Byerly building toppled into the street. A number of men were busy at remodeling operations, and, although the wall collapsed without warning, not one of them was injured. The other walls and the interior remained intact, as can be seen by the pictures hanging on the walls in the above illustration. Several persons in the street narrowly escaped injury.

LOSS FOR 2 FIRES PUT AT \$200,000

Big Warehouse District Menaced by Blaze That Destroys Montgomery Building

CONSTANT FEAR OF EXPLOSION

Firemen Cautioned Not to Pour Water on 20,000 Pounds of Carbide, Which Would Have Produced Dangerous Acetylene Gas

Property valued at close to \$200,000, according to estimates as revised to-day, was destroyed by two fires here yesterday. The storage warehouse of Montgomery & Company, on Tenth street just south of Market street, was almost completely destroyed with contents, causing a loss of more than \$150,000. This "L" shaped building, a long two-story frame structure, one wing extending along the Paxton creek, was practically wiped out in two hours after the flames were discovered at 1.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The other fire at 1 o'clock in the morning, reduced to ashes the four-story frame and corrugated iron structure of the Pennsylvania Food Company, located along the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad above Division street just above the northern city limits.

The total loss on the building and contents will reach \$38,000.

The Montgomery warehouse, which was valued at \$10,000, was partially insured. The goods of not quite 50 per

TO PICK STEELE'S SUCCESSOR

Special Committee Meets This Afternoon to Make Selection

The special School Board committee to whom has been given the power to recommend a successor to the late William S. Steele, principal of the Central High school, met in the offices of the board this afternoon at 3 o'clock to name a candidate whose name will go before the board.

The recommendations of the committee will not be made public until the board meets in special session to take final action. The time for the special meeting has not been set.

City Highway Employee Dies

Charles H. Jackson, colored, 65 years old, a sweeper employed by the City Highway Department, died last evening at the Harrisburg hospital of a complication of diseases. He was admitted to the hospital April 12.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

The British army has begun another drive at the important section of the German line which holds conquered Belgium. Sharp fighting occurred yesterday in Belgium, and the official French report of to-day states that the British captured 200 yards of German trenches, retaining their position in the face of several counter attacks. The statement from Berlin, however, says the British were ejected from minor positions there had taken from the Germans and that British attacks near Ypres broke down with heavy losses.

The French are again on the offensive on the eastern end of the line and substantial progress in Alsace is announced at Paris. The French troops are said to have pressed forward along the Facht river, capturing, among a number of positions, a height which commands part of the course of the river. The Berlin report asserts that French onslaughts near Combes and in the Vosges failed.

Lieutenant Roland Garros, one of

SQUALLING INFANT CURED

Mother Extracts Needle From Baby's Side Where It Was 9 Months

Frederick, Md., April 19.—Irritable for a period of nine months, Robert Sarguy, aged 11 months, was transformed into the best tempered baby in Frederick yesterday in the fraction of a minute. While the mother, Mrs. Henry Sarguy, was given the little chap a bath she felt a sting on one of her hands, and glancing at the member discovered she had received a severe cut. Investigating she found the point of a needle protruding from the baby's side. With a pair of pliers she removed a good-sized needle.

Then Mrs. Sarguy recalled that nine months ago a needle she had been using and which she had placed with some embroidery work on the crib where the child lay had disappeared. For months the physicians had laid the infant's cranky disposition to teething.

AUTO STRIKES LIGHT POLE

Pedestrians Forced to Step Lively to Avoid Flying Glass

When the large passenger touring car owned by Charles M. Thomas, West Chester, was turning the corner at Third and Market streets shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon, the fender of the car struck the single standard light pole on the northwest corner, hurling it to the sidewalk.

A number of pedestrians who were passing barely escaped being cut by the flying glass, while a few others were compelled to step quite lively to avoid being struck by the heavy iron pole. The car contained license tag No. 1040.

Employment for 450 Men

Gary, Md., April 19.—The local plant of the American Bridge Company resumed work to-day, giving employment to 450 men.

Boy Under Knife for Appendicitis

James Ryan, Jr., 13 years old, 1556 Vernon street, was operated on at the Harrisburg Hospital this afternoon for appendicitis.

ITALY NEARS PRECIPICE WITH VIENNA

Rome Foreign Office Awaits Ultimatum From Austria on Military Preparations

HOSTILITIES ARE BELIEVED NIGH

Negotiations Between Rome and Vienna Concerning Italy's Demands for Territorial Concessions Now Considered at the Breaking Point

London, April 19, 1.55 P. M.—Whether the negotiations between Rome and Vienna concerning Italy's demands for territorial concessions have been broken off remains for the moment an official secret, but it appears to be universally agreed that the tension is approaching the breaking point. It is suggested here that the Italian Foreign Office is awaiting an ultimatum from Vienna on the subject of Italy's preparations along the frontier as a pretext to sever the remaining ties barring an outbreak of hostilities.

The alertness with which every move, diplomatically or otherwise, made by Italy is now followed in London indicates the high importance attached here to efforts to bring Italy to the fighting line. One of the main reasons advanced for this desire to include Italy in the partnership of allies is that in no other way is it possible to close so effectively the door through which supplies are still reaching the Teutonic combatants in considerable amount.

A case in point is the condemnation by the Swiss authorities announced in Geneva to-day of a carload of machine guns of American manufacture which was on the way to Germany from Genoa. Shipments of iron, copper and sulphate have been reaching Germany with a fair degree of regularity through Italy. It is asserted to-day that a certain embargo has been placed at Como on a trainload of these supplies and that Italy and Rumania have taken joint action in refusing to allow foodstuffs for the civilian population of Austria-Hungary to traverse their territory.

Although there has been much fighting in both the eastern and the western fields, operations on a big scale are still awaiting improvement in the weather on one side and adequate supplies on the other. Indications are, however, in both the Carpathians and Poland that the greatest battle yet to be fought is imminent and that the coming clash in the Carpathians will coincide with a great German advance from the direction of Craiova.

Activities in the Dardanelles are taken to presage an important movement any day now against the Turkish positions on the straits.

GENERAL MAUDE, FAMOUS MILITARY EXPERT, KILLED

London, April 19.—The Press Bureau announced yesterday that among the officers wounded in recent fighting in France was Brigadier General Frederick Stanley Maude.

General Maude was the English officer who as Colonel Maude achieved an international reputation as a writer on military matters. He had been on the General Staff of the War Office as an expert since last year. He was born June 24, 1864, the youngest son of the late General Sir F. Maude.

Observed 'King's Pledge Sunday'

London, April 19, 4.15 A. M.—Ten thousand protestant churches throughout England observed yesterday as "King's pledge Sunday." The largest meeting was held in Central London, where more than 2,000 persons took the pledge to abstain from intoxicants for the remainder of the war period.

British Trawler Sunk by Mine

London, April 19, 4.25 P. M.—The British trawler Vanilla was sunk by a torpedo from a German submarine in the north sea yesterday, according to a report made to-day by Captain Hill, skipper of the trawler Fermo.

Von Der Goltz Heads Turkish Army

Constantinople, via London, April 19, 2.15 P. M.—Field Marshal Baron Koltmar Van Der Goltz has been appointed commander-in-chief of the first Turkish army.

WALL STREET CLOSING

New York, April 19.—General realizing caused recessions of 2 to 4 points at the end. The closing was irregular. On the largest volume of business recorded for the current movement, investment stocks to-day rose 3 to 5 points. This advantage was largely obliterated in the final hour, steel leading the decline, on a cautionary trade statement from its chief executive.