

HAPPENINGS IN THE MAGIC CITY

Nine-Year-Old Peter Fonfara Killed Running Before Moving Freight Car.

COOKING RANGE EXPLODES

Peter Fonfara, 9-year-old Polish boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fonfara, 4404 South Fortieth street, was caught under the wheels of a fat car being switched across a crossing at Thirty-ninth and L streets Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock and his left leg was cut off four inches under the hip bone. He died at 7 o'clock at the South Side hospital.

With Willie Kingue, a playmate, young Fonfara was romping his way home from the Lowell school, where he was an attendant. As the two lads reached the crossing at Thirty-ninth street on L street a string of freight cars was being switched across the street. Fonfara, leading, the two boys endeavored to beat the cars. The boy was caught under the leading wheels of a fat car.

The police ambulance arrived shortly after a call had been sent in by railroad people, but it was not until 5 o'clock that the boy was at the hospital. Dr. Lindquist and Dr. Shanahan worked desperately in an attempt to save the lad. He had not bled in the least, the shock being so great as to have stopped blood circulation.

Joseph Fonfara, the father, is an employe in the rough tallow department of the Cudahy packing plant. There are no other children in the family. Deputy Coroner Bernard Larkin has the body. An inquest will be held.

Hurt as Range Explodes.

An explosion in the hot water compartment of a large cooking range that was heard for blocks in the vicinity of the home, caused a fracture of the knee cap of Ben Hysen, Arabian, and severe scalding to Mrs. Hysen, the former's wife at their home, 2210 O street, yesterday afternoon at 5:20 o'clock. Without warning, while the couple were preparing the evening meal in the kitchen, the hot water compartment exploded and blew the entire stove into bits.

Two children, Carmelia aged 6, and Ollie aged 10, were playing on the floor in the next room. Mr. and Mrs. August Berger who share the house with the Hysens, were in the kitchen at the time, but away from the stove. Escape from serious injury was miraculous.

Officer John Dworak was first to aid the injured people. The fire department and the police ambulance was called. Dr. F. O. Beck, county physician, cared for the injured two and dispatched Hysen to the South Side hospital. It was a half hour before the doctor was called in to attend the two.

Hysen is a maker of "hot tamales." He and Mr. Berger are the original "hot tamale" men of the South Side. It is thought that the injuries will not develop any serious nature.

Funeral of Mrs. Branstad.

The funeral of Mrs. A. L. Branstad, wife of Mr. Branstad, master mechanic at the Swift packing plant, who died early yesterday morning, will be held this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the residence on the Fort Crook boulevard. Bishop A. L. Williams of the North Side will have charge of the services. Interment will be made in the Bellevue cemetery.

Mrs. Branstad is survived by a husband, two sons, Karl and Anton, and one daughter, Mrs. Mary Louis. Karl Branstad is a student at Bellevue college.

Old Cudahy Employee Dead.

Fabian Siegle, aged 55, one of the oldest employes in the Cudahy Packing company plant, died yesterday afternoon, after an illness of more than a year, during which time he was constantly confined to his bed. He is survived by four daughters and two sons.

Funeral announcements have not been made. Death was due to dropsy. Mr. Siegle was an employe at the Cudahy plant when Richard Swift was foreman of the salt pork department, thirty years ago.

Church Notes.

Grace Methodist, Twenty-fifth and E. Rev. C. Wilson, Pastor.—Sabbath school, 9:45; Gay Kiddon, superintendent, is arranging a Christmas program to be given in the church auditorium, Sunday morning, Rev. Mr. Wilson will preach at 11 and 7:30. The Epworth League meets at 6:30.

South Omaha United Presbyterian.

Twenty-third and H. Rev. Albert N. Porter, Pastor.—Sunday school, 9:45; morning sermon at 11; evening service, 7:30. Mrs. Dr. D. A. Foote will speak at both services on "The Life of Christ." The Juniors, 7; Intermediates, 6:30; young people's meeting, 6:30.

Magic City Gossip.

For Rent—Stores, houses, cottages and flats. SOUTH OMAHA INVESTMENT CO. Santa's headquarters for toys and furniture; useful Xmas gifts. Koutsky-Pavlik Co.—Advertisement.

The Keno Klub dance will be given this evening at 8 o'clock at the German Home dance hall on South Thirtieth street.

George W. Wilson, son of Dr. C. C. Wilson, pastor of the Grace Methodist church, is visiting at the home of his parents, while on a short visit in Omaha. His home is in Kearney.

Bernard Brown, 3-month-old son of Mr.

YALE GLEE, BANJO AND MANDOLIN ASSOCIATION—Now on tour of the country, will give a concert in Omaha on December 30 and will be much entertained by Yale grads and others while in this vicinity.



Brenner Hotel At Irvington Is Destroyed by Fire

The Brenner hotel in Irvington burned yesterday afternoon. The structure caught fire from an overheated furnace and was completely destroyed, entailing a loss of probably \$5,000, partially covered by insurance.

Patrons' Evening For Commerce High Proves Big Success

The Patrons' Evening at the High School of Commerce for the parents of the upper classmen, held last night, was most successful, with over 600 in attendance. A program, followed by a reception concluded the evening. The program was as follows: Orchestra, "The Free Lance March" (Souls), "Dramatic Overture" (Emil Isenman). Address of welcome, Principal K. F. Adams.

- Girls—Boys—Bertha Clausen, Clifford Bogue, Frieda Funk, William Gorman, Panny Gerelick, Arvid Johnson, Irma Gregg, Howard Jourdan, A. Mary Grove, Wilbur Olson, Lillian Nilsson, Joe Soltan, Frances Radda, Earl Stirling, Angelina Tauchen, Irene Tauchen.

Claude Manary Captain Of the Coyote Eleven

Vermillion, S. D., Dec. 16.—Claude Manary, who played guard and tackle on the Coyote team, was elected 1917 captain tonight after the annual banquet for the members of the foot ball team of the University of South Dakota.



Save him—to be a useful American. If he were your boy, there is no extreme to which you would not go to match him from the clutches of the White Plague. Unfortunately he has no able protector. His life depends upon what you and other patriotic Americans give at this Christmas to help him fight his enemies. XMAS SEALS give you this opportunity. Make the most of it. Buy generously.

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Negro Slashes Man Who Bumps Into Him

Attacked by a negro at Twelfth and Douglas streets, a white man who refused to give his name or address last night sustained razor cuts from ear to ear across the back of the neck and across the nose. Police Surgeon B. Kully dressed the man's injuries and took twenty stitches in his neck. He said he accidentally bumped into the negro, who became angered and drew a razor.

Six Millions Extra For Bell Employees

New York, Dec. 16.—An extra payment exceeding \$6,000,000 will be distributed to certain classes of employes in the companies comprising the Bell Telephone system to aid them in meeting the present abnormal living conditions. It was announced tonight by Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company. The payments, it was stated, will be equivalent to two or three weeks' salary, in proportion to length of service.

President Nixon of Frisco Railroad Dies

St. Louis, Dec. 16.—William C. Nixon, president of the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad, died at 5 o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Nixon had been president of the railroad since its reorganization a few weeks ago, and during the receivership he was one of the three receivers, being in charge of operations.

Duma Votes Against Proposals of Peace

London, Dec. 16.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram company from Petrograd says: "The Duma has unanimously passed a resolution against the acceptance of the German peace proposals after a spirited speech by the minister of foreign affairs."

Induce Sleep. Take Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey for that hacking night cough; it stops the cough and you sleep. 25c. All drug stores.—Adv.

Country's Crops Worth More Than Any Other Year

Washington, Dec. 16.—All records for value of the country's important farm crops were exceeded this year despite the small size of the crops. Their value was placed at \$7,641,609,000 today by the Department of Agriculture in its final estimates of the year. That is \$1,750,000,000 more than the same crops were worth last year. Higher prices, due partly to reduced production and partly to the demands for American food from the warring nations of Europe were responsible for the vast increase in value.

Four crops each were worth more than a billion dollars. Corn, with a total value of \$2,295,783,000, showed the greatest increase being worth \$573,103,000 more than last year's output. Cotton, the second most valuable with a total of \$1,079,500,000 increased \$475,378,000 over last year's. Wheat, the third, was worth \$1,025,765,000, or \$83,462,000 over the year before, when the production was almost 400,000,000 bushels more. Hay was fourth with a value of \$1,008,898.

Would Rebuild the Bull Moose Party

New York, Dec. 16.—"Reincarnation" of the progressive party with a "new sense of party independence," based upon "the new liberal spirit," was agreed upon at a conference of prominent progressives from several states held here today. Funds were subscribed to open a national progressive headquarters in this city until the national convention meets in St. Louis. Permission for "those leading progressives who have made party mistakes" to re-enter the party were discussed, but no action taken.

Assurances were also given to those who seemed to fear that the "reactionary group of progressives" might gain control of the St. Louis convention that only those known to be "loyal and true progressives who had refused to go over to the republicans or democrats" would have a voice in organizing the new party. King George Confers the Victoria Cross on Officer London, Dec. 16.—King George has conferred the Victoria Cross on Lieutenant Commander Bernard Cecil Frevberg.

Why Not Furs As a Gift? Fine matched Furs in sets or separate Muffs or Scarfs; animal effects, novelties and various combinations that are most distinctive. Sets priced as low as \$7.95. Separate Muffs or separate Scarfs, priced as low as \$6.75. Novelties in Christmas Blouses Put up in Neat Xmas Boxes. A splendid line of pretty new Blouses, in Lace and Georgette Crepe, in Gold and Sand, in Flesh and White and in the new Satin effects. Priced, on credit, for Xmas shoppers, at \$5, \$7.50, \$8.75. BEDDEO Why Not Clothes for Christmas?

BURGESS-NASH COMPANY. The Christmas Store for Everybody. Announcing for Monday A Most Uncommon Selling Event of Dance Frocks, Afternoon and Evening Dresses. An offering that is most timely—affording an opportunity to secure smart frocks for the many formal and informal affairs during the holidays at a radical price reduction. A REALLY exceptional collection of distinctive dresses assembled from the regular Burgess-Nash stock—gowns and dresses of the highest character and thoroughly correct in point of style—the choicest originations from the world of artistic design, including many creations from the House of Harry Collins, New York. Every dress or gown possesses that individuality and distinctiveness so characteristic of gowns that come from Burgess-Nash. We believe them to be far beyond the ordinary in their quaint originality and refinement of design. There are dresses for every occasion—afternoon or evening wear, or for the Dansant, and we know that when you see them you will want one—hence we urge an early inspection that you may make your selection from the whole of this splendid collection. Afternoon and Dance Frocks That were \$19.50 to \$25.00, reduced to \$13.75. Afternoon and Evening Gowns That were \$39.50 to \$59.50, reduced to \$29.50. Afternoon and Evening Gowns That were \$65.00 to \$95.00, reduced to \$49.50. Afternoon and Evening Gowns That were \$100.00 to \$175.00, reduced to \$79.50. Burgess-Nash Co.—Second Floor.