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HOME**

PRICE FIVE CENTS

STORE

Fear 9 Dead As Tugboat Sinks in N. Y.

Oil Tanker Rams Craft in Harbor

NEW YORK, Oct. 2 (UPI)—A tug boat sank after a collision with an oil tanker in upper New York harbor early today with the apparent loss of nine lives.

One of the surviving members of the tug's crew said a mixup in signals caused the crash.

The tug went down in 48 feet of water seconds after colliding head-on with the tanker. Six other members of the crew were rescued.

Coast Guard and harbor police boats stood by to recover bodies of those who may have been trapped. All of the nine men missing were presumed dead.

4-Leave Hospital

Four of the six survivors were discharged from the hospital after receiving treatment. They were Capt. Richard Davis; Charles Sweeney of Winifred Park, N. J.; George Attersee of New Bedford, Mass., and Knute Hansen of New York.

Mr. Sweeney, first mate on the tug, said some of the crew had no chance to escape.

"We left pier 65 in the North River with two boats port-side of the tug Ann Marie Tracy heading toward Hoboken and Cadet's drydock, Staten Island," he said.

Mistake in Signals

"We set our course downstream and immediately noted the lights of the ship. We blew. Then there was a mistake in signals and the collision. The ship cut the two barges in half and turned the tug completely over. It sank in less than half minute."

"Two men were on the top deck and got out. I was one of those. There was no time to sound the alarm. The men in the foc'sle had no chance whatever to get out."

"The tug Grace picked up Capt. Hegg and myself and we were brought to the hospital. I was in the water about half an hour and the captain 20 minutes."

Identify Missing Men

Police identified the missing men as Russell Kimmel, Lawrence Gillian, Severino Perri, Auralio Montoro, Joseph Soares, Christopher Vlakas, Frank Gryzick, Stanick Gustavson and a man listed only as Serriera.

The tanker was not damaged. Police reported that no one aboard that vessel was injured.

Report Five More Molestings Here

Two Get Stiff Fines, Jail Terms

Five more molestings were reported here last night despite the conviction of two men in Municipal Court yesterday on charges of assault and battery in connection with offenses involving two teenage girls.

The men were Russell Thompson, 23, of 1231 Roache St., a paroled rapist, and Nathan Schneider, 31, of 509 Holly St. Each was fined \$100 and costs and sentenced to 180 days on the Indiana State Farm.

Grabbed Teen-ager

Thompson was convicted after he was identified as the man who grabbed a 15-year-old girl at 27th and Clifton Sts. last Wednesday. Schneider molested a 12-year-old baby sitter who cared for his two children, police said.

A woman patron reported a man to ushers last night after he committed an indecent act in a South Side theater. As the ushers approached the man leaped up and ran from the movie house.

The fugitive ran south on Shelby St., but the ushers captured him after a brief chase. He was being held by police today on vagrancy charge.

Housewife Grabbed

A 30-year-old W. Michigan St. housewife was grabbed last night when she stepped from her kitchen door. During the struggle her assailant ripped off the woman's sweater but became frightened by her screams and fled.

An 8-year-old schoolgirl was accosted by a passing motorist yesterday as she was walking in the 100 block of S. West St. He offered her a "ride in the country," but the little girl fled and the car turned off on a side street.

A man, who rode away on a motorbike, accosted a 45-year-old housewife on the East Side yesterday as she was working about the yard. She ran to the house and the man disappeared.

A 25-year-old waitress employed by a East-Side restaurant was molested by a motorist early this morning as she waited for a bus at Sherman Dr. and New York St.

The man invited her to get in his car and he would take her downtown. She ignored him and he drove on, but soon returned and made the same offer. The waitress ran back to the restaurant and the car disappeared.

Traffic Victim's Rites

VALPARAISO, Oct. 2 (UPI)—Funeral services were arranged today for Mrs. Hattie Rosenbaum, 38, Kouts, who was crushed to death when a truck toppled onto her passenger car on U. S. 30 near here yesterday and flattened it.

Housing Project... For Rats



PUBLIC ENEMY—He doesn't carry a gun, but he's dangerous. Mr. Rat will steal your blind, ruin your property, burn your house down and kill you if he can. This one was photographed in downtown Indianapolis, across the street from City Hall.



Photos by Lloyd R. Walton, Times Staff Photographer.

MR. RAT'S DREAM HOUSE—You may not consider it an ideal residence, but a pile of trash is Home Sweet Home to Mr. Rat. He didn't have to build it, he doesn't pay any rent, and if he wants to move, there are lots more just like it waiting for tenants. This particular trash and garbage pile is situated in the shadow of City Hall.

Rodents Threaten to 'Oust' City Hall Administration

Will Fulfilled— Car Is Buried With Mechanic

Romp and Breed in Lot Adjacent
To Headquarters of 'Pied Pipers'

Let this be a warning to City rat control authorities.

Unless you clean up trash and garbage conditions in an area across Ohio St. from City Hall the rats are going to move right in and take over your desks.

It must be nice being a rat in Indianapolis... plenty to eat... no housing shortage... accommodating landlords... wonderful recreation facilities.

The rats displayed all signs of enjoying life last night in a parking lot in the 200 block E. Ohio St. right in the shadow of the City Hall.

They romped and played to their heart's content and defied humanity. They brought shrieks of fright from women patrons of the lot.

They stood up on their hind legs and beat their sleek, well-defined chests. They scampered under the cars and back and forth between two large piles of trash and garbage.

A black cat stalked through the lot and sniffed at one of the trash piles where a rat had entered a few minutes before. Mr. Cat didn't even pause to investigate. He walked over into a dark area and then left the lot. The rats went back to play.

Ran Me Out

A man came through and asked what Lloyd Walton, Times photographer, was doing with all the photographic equipment set up.

"Just wait until these cars pull out of here tonight," the man said, "the rats will stand right up and fight you. I used to live in that building over there but they ran me out."

The lot attendant said he has seen as many as six at a time romping, feeding and fighting among themselves.

"You should have seen it around here two weeks ago before they ran me out."

The man invited her to get in his car and he would take her downtown. She ignored him and he drove on, but soon returned and made the same offer. The waitress ran back to the restaurant and the car disappeared.

**Name Assistant
Agricultural Agent**

LAFAYETTE, Oct. 2 (UPI)—William L. Johnson, former assistant county agricultural agent in Hancock County, has been named assistant agent in Kosciusko County.

He fills the vacancy left by the retirement of C. L. Breedon to the post of county agent in Blackford County.

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Three Burned In Stove Blast At Noblesville

Daughter, 16, Saves Mother, Baby in Fire

NOBLESVILLE, Oct. 2—A 16-year-old girl braved flames twice today to save her mother and her nine-month-old baby from a flash fire which followed an explosion in their home.

The mother, Mrs. Helen Huffman, who is in critical condition in Noblesville hospital, threw kerosene onto a stove fire at about 8 a. m. A violent explosion shot flames over her, igniting her clothing.

Her daughter Mildred, who was in the next room with her month-old infant girl, put down the child and rushed to her mother's aid. Failing to beat out flames which were spreading over the room, she wrapped her mother in a blanket and carried her from the house.

Fire Spreads

Meanwhile, the flash fire which followed the explosion had spread over three rooms. The daughter ran back into the room to save her baby but the child had already been seriously burned.

Both the daughter and her baby are in serious condition in Noblesville hospital.

The fire had spread through part of the frame house and caused about \$2500 damages before firemen brought it under control.

The father, Lennie Huffman, was in the home but was not injured.

Rubinoff Called Back for Encore; Ovation Disturbs Child's Sleep

Woman Killed In Leap From Escort's Car

Political Concerto—

Fiddler, Year-Old Boy Steal Dewey's Show

By PAUL R. LEACH, Times Special Writer

EN ROUTE WITH GOV. DEWEY, Oct. 2—The musical Deweys had their show stolen by a fiddler and a year-old baby last night at Cheyenne, Wyo.

Mr. Dewey himself was responsible. But it turned out all right, politically.

It was a true Western welcome Cheyenne gave Gov. and Mrs. Dewey. Members

of Mr. Dewey's party were not prepared for what happened in Cheyenne.

As Mr. Dewey entered the junior high school auditorium he met Rubinoff the violinist. He was waiting to play a concert.

They shook hands and Rubinoff whispered in Mr. Dewey's ear. Mr. Dewey modded, grimmed and went on the stage.

WHEN he had finished his speech he stepped into the role of impresario for the first time.

"Rubinoff is waiting to give a concert as soon as we get out of here," Mr. Dewey said. "He said he would like to play one piece for you."

Rubinoff, carrying his famous fiddle, stepped on the stage.

"I have been in this country since 1911," he said. "I want to play for Gov. and Mrs. Dewey. I wanted to say you have the best of health—*you see, I cannot speak*. I have the violin talk."

He played Victor Herbert's "Sweet Mystery of Life." He started to leave the stage, after shaking hands with the Deweys, but the crowd applauded and yelled.

"What do you want for nothing?" he yelled. "Shh! Just opened the car door and jumped." Lawrence Day, 31 Noblesville, driver of the car, told police. He was driving Miss Baker home from Elwood after a date, he said.

"She Got Mad"

"We had words all evening and I finally told her I was going to drive home," Mr. Day said today. "She got mad and kept asking me if I couldn't drive any faster and if this was as fast as the car would go."

"We were going about 35 and I told her that was as fast as I was going to drive because I'd been drinking."

"She just opened the car door and jumped. I didn't know what had happened."

Mr. Day said he stopped the car and ran back to find the girl unconscious. State Trooper John Hatch said she was dead when he arrived at the scene.

"She was the first girl I ever dated," Mr. Day told The Times today. "She used to live next door in Noblesville and we had dated off and on for years."

He said that he and Miss Baker were "going together" when he went to service in 1943. He said he received a letter that Miss Baker was going with someone else and that he began dating another girl when he returned from service in 1946.

"We began seeing each other a few weeks ago. She had been living in Milwaukee and she called me to tell me she was in Anderson visiting her aunt."

Had Three Dates

"We've had about three dates since she was back. Last night we got to talking and I told her I was going to go with another girl. She kept saying I didn't love her."

"She kept saying this. Then she started asking me to drive faster."

"I didn't have any idea what she was going to do."

Police said no charges were filed against Mr. Day. The girl's body was taken to Elwood, pending a coroner's investigation.

Legislation to be presented to the 1949 General Assembly would eliminate, as banking holidays, Lincoln's birthday, Washington's birthday, Good Friday, Discovery Day (Oct. 12), and Armistice Day.

Cards in her purse indicated that Miss Baker intended to go to work Monday at Sears Roebuck in Anderson. She was staying with an aunt, Mrs. Opal Lycan.

The girl formerly resided with her family in Noblesville. Her maiden name was Hartley. She had been married to a man named Baker but was divorced, Mr. Day said.

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