

walking on the sidewalk at Cecil Avenue and 2nd Street. Mrs. Roskott died shortly after her arrival at St. Joseph's Hospital. This case was thoroughly investigated and although several persons in the neighborhood admitted having heard a shot, followed by the screams of a woman, the Department feels that her death was caused by an undetermined accident.

On July 9th, a baby, about two days old, was found in a sewer at Chester and Aliceanna Streets, and died later in the day at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, presumably as result of bruises on the neck and exposure. The body when found was wrapped in a one-piece suit of underwear without any mark of identification, and we have been unable to obtain any further information concerning the crime.

Twelve (12) cases of homicide occurred, which have not been included in the above report due to circumstances involved, and considering also that the defendants were exonerated by the Coroner.

You will note from the several tables that both major and petty offenses have considerably decreased during the year, and it is a pleasure to report that it was not necessary to call on the force for extra service to meet any emergency.

The operation of motor vehicles over streets and highways of the City caused the death of one hundred and thirty-four (134) persons, and twenty-nine (29) were fatally injured by street and railroad cars. Vehicles caused injury to 5,644 persons.

Due to general economic conditions, no funds were appropriated for the purchase of additional traffic devices, but we were able to meet the cost of necessary signs incident to designating the Falls Road, from 36th Street to the northern City line, as a Through Highway.

My report of last year called attention to the willingness of employees of the Department who, for the purpose of assisting the unemployed, agreed to contribute one day's pay a month over a period of six months. The final collection was effected on March 31st, and totaled \$65,008.62. On April 4th, we handed His Honor, Mayor Howard W. Jackson, a check for \$50,000.00, and requested that it be utilized as he might deem best. The balance was retained by the Department to meet expenses for emergency relief.

As previously advised, the Department in July, 1931, at the request of the Associated Charities, discontinued its activities for city-wide relief of the needy and unemployed,