# FIRE CONSUMES BARN AND AUTOS

### W. P. RECKORD BURNED TRYING TO SAVE PROPERTY.

## DAMAGE CLOSE TO $10,000

**Blaze Started When Automobile Agent Falls and Drops Lamp While Making Round of Structure on His Farm at Cockeysville. Handsome Residence Saved After a Hard Fight—Daughter Helps to Save Live Stock.**

While fighting a fire which swept his barn, destroying six automobiles and entailing a damage close to $10,000, Walter P. Reckord, of Cockeysville, Baltimore county, local manager for the Ford Automobile Company was so badly burned about his hands last night that the services of a physician were needed.

The barn, containing 40 tons of alfalfa hay, 200 barrels of corn, wagons, carriages and farming implements, was burned to the ground, and for a short time the handsome residence, just a few feet away, was endangered. The fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp carried by Mr. Reckords, as he made his usual nightly rounds of the building. Mr. Reckord slipped in a hatchway and the lamp went hurling from him, exloding as it rolled over the floor of the barn. Firemen from Roland Park and Marble Hill turned their attention to the residence, and by dint of hard work saved it.

Shortly after 8 o'clock last night Mr. Reckord lighted his lamp, and after seeing that the live stock had been quartered started on a round of the building to see that everything was secure. He had almost completed his journey and was nearing the door when his foot slipped down a hatchway, and in a moment the lamp went rolling over the floor, finally exploding. In an instant the alfalfa stored in the building was a mass of flames. Mr. Reckord attempted to extinguished the fire by beating and kicking it with his hands and feet, but it was too much for him, and the fire spread with lightning-like rapidity. Seeing that unless help arrived soon the building and it contents would be a mass of charred embers, Mr. Reckord called lustily for help.

### Daughter Saves Live Stock.

Within a few minutes his daughter and a hired man came running to his assistance and they, too, tried to beat out the fire, but to no avail. They then turned their attention to the cattle and succeeded in saving four horses, two cows, four mules, 20 steers, 11 hogs, two colts and three heifers.

In the meantime an alarm had been sent to the Roland Park and the Marble Hill departments and the apparatus speeded to the scene. The water in the well was low, however, and the firemen, seeing that they could do nothing to save the barn, turned their attention to the house, over which a shower of sparks was falling like rain. The residence is covered with a tin roof and this is believed to have saved the structure from certain destruction.

The glare from the burning barn was seen for miles around and hundreds of residents of Baltimore county hurried to the scene by automobile, carriage and on foot. Volunteers with fire-fighting proclivities were as thick around the barn as flies around molasses, but there was a dearth of water and they could but watch the flames as they mounted higher and higher. The heat from the burning structure was intense, and when the fire was at its height the squawking of half a hundred chickens which had not been saved could be heard above the roar of the flames and now and then a member of the feathered tribe would come fluttering out of the building with scorched wings. At least 50 chickens were roasted to death.

### Three of Autos Brand New.

Three of the six automobiles which were destroyed were brand new machines, having recently been sent to Mr. Reckord from the factory. These machines were valued at $625 each. The three other machines were old ones, taken in exchange for new cars. These three were valued at about $1,000. An effort was made to save the chickens and the automobiles after the livestock had been removed from the building, but the rapidity with which the flames swept the barn from end to end made it impossible.

After the fire had consumed the barn and its contents and the excitement had abated, Mr. Reckord noticed for the first time that his hands pained him. Previous to this he had been working like a Trojan, and in the excitement had not stopped to think of himself. But after things began to quiet down he realized that in attempting to fight the fire his hands had become badly burned, and Dr. V. R. Benson, Jr., of Cockeysville, was summoned. The physician made poultices for the injured members and Mr. Reckord received his friends with his hands swathed in white bandages.

The damage is fully covered by insurance.

# FEMALE PICKPOCKETS BUSY

### Activities in Shopping District Puzzle Police.

Again the female pickpockets and purse snatchers, who have been active in the shopping district recently, were very busy Saturday, and the local detective department is still without a clue that would lead to the capture of these thieves.

Captain of Detectives McGovern has notified the various shopowners along Lexington and other streets, and the members of his department have been keeping close watch, especially on Saturdays. Despite this, however, three more such thefts were reported to the local police yesterday by women who were robbed Saturday.

Mrs. Antoinette Frankenburg, 234 North Milton avenue, stated that her purse, containing $12, had been stolen from her in a store Saturday afternoon.

A purse containing about $10 was taken from Miss Mary Temper, 1170 Carroll street, in another store during a jam at one of the counters there Saturday afternoon, according to a report to the police by Miss Temper.

A similar experience in a department store on Lexington street fell to Miss Margaret Burns, 309 East West street. Miss Burns' purse contained about $5.

The local sleuths are almost certain that the thief is a woman, and are acting on this theory.

# GAS LAMP TORN DOWN

### Promenaders on Charles Street Nearly Overcome by Fumes.

Promenaders along Charles street about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon were nearly overcome by the gas fumes which poured from the pipe at Chase and Charles streets after a big omnibus had torn down the gas lamp and post at that corner.

When the employes of the Consolidated Gas Electric and Power Company arrived at the scene on a hurry call they found it difficult to approach the spot so fast was the gas pouring from the pipe. It had to be cut off at the main before any work of repair could be started.

The big omnibus of George W. Della, 1204 Race street, driven by George Burns, crashed into the pole shortly before 5 o'clock, breaking the castiron standard at the ground. The pole fell against the steps of the house on the corner, the globe crashing and frightening many pedestrians who were along the street at that hour. Then the gas started to pour from the pipe. The omnibus which Burns was driving had been damaged by the collision, and it was with difficulty that Burns pulled his horses from the spot before he and the animals were overcome.

Pedestrians scampered away and soon one could smell the gas for half a block. Patrolman McGahan, who was nearby, notified the Central Police Station immediately and a hurry call was sent to the Gas Company. A force of men were dispatched at once and after difficulties the pipe was closed up.

# REV. MR. WOODFORD RESIGNS

### To Leave Agency of M. P. Book Concern to Preach Again.

With the approach of the time set for the meeting of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in Lynchburg, Va., on April 2, activity among the ministers and laymen of that denomination is very noticeable, and already there are quite a number of important changes being discussed. One of the most important changes in Baltimore has just become known and will have a decided bearing on the affairs of the Methodist Protestant Book Concern, located at 316 North Charles street.

Rev. Thomas R. Woodford, who for the past 10 years has been acting in the capacity of agent for that concern, has tendered his resignation to the board of directors to take effect May 1. Mr. Woodford, who is one of the best-known ministers of the denomination, has become restless over his close confinement to the business over which he has had supervision during his incumbency, and states that his resignation is merely an expression of his desire to again enter the active itineracy. There is a rumor afloat that he may be sent to Denton, Md., in the place of Rev. A. Norman Ward, who is expected to take up the duties of vice president of Western Maryland College at Westminster, and to act as an assistant to Dr. Thomas H. Lewis, president of that institution.

A successor to Mr. Woodford cannot be appointed until the next meeting of the General Conference, which convenes three years hence, and in the meantime Charles Reiner, who has been acting in the capacity of assistant to Mr. Woodford, will assume the duties of agent until the position is filled permanently.

Rev. A. Norman Ward, who is expected to go to the college, as stated above, has been at Denton for the past three years and previous to that time he was pastor for several years of an independent Methodist Protestant Church in Seattle, Wash., and was loaned to that charge by the Maryland Annual Conference. While there he was instrumental in the erection of a handsome church edifice. Mr. Ward was also pastor of North Carolina Avenue Methodist Protestant Church, Washington, for a number of years. He was succeeded at Seattle by Rev. J. M. Gill, who for 10 years was pastor of Rhode Island Avenue Church, Washington, D. C.

There are several other changes to be made, some of the pastors having already notified their congregations that they do not expect to return. Among the latter are Rev. B. A. Bryan, of Bethany Church; Rev. C. P. Nowlin, of Hampden Church, Rev. J. A. Gaar, of Calvary Church, all of this city. Rev. H. L. Schlincke, of Belair, Md., has signified his intention of moving this spring, and has so notified his congregation. It is also expected that there will be a change of pastors at Seaford, Del., as it is understood that the pastor, Rev. W. H. Litsinger, expects to be removed.

# BUSY DAY FOR GERMANS

### There Will Be Many Events in Society Circles.

Today will be one of many events in German society circles. In many societies it will mark the close of the winter festivities and the programs for the day will be varied and interesting. The most important affairs will be the annual mask ball of the Mozart Maennerchor, which will be held at Germania Maennerchor Hall, and incidentally will be the last mask ball ever to be held in that hall, and the minstrel show and dance of the Harmonie Singing Society, at Lehmann's Hall.

Great preparations have been made for these affairs and it is expected that they will eclipse all other affairs of the kind held in former years. At Vorwaerts Hall on West Lexington street there will also be an event of great interest, when the hall will be temporally transposed into a circus ground. The Turnverein Vorwaerts will present what they term the Greatest Circus on Earth, and it is claimed there will be beasts from the jungles, to say nothing of many freaks and funmakers. The proceeds from the circus will be used to defray the expenses of the team to be sent by the society to represent Baltimore at the Turnfest to be held in Denver, Colo., within the next few months.

The Frohsinn Singing Society will celebrate the day with a pig roast at 48 Garrison lane. Several pigs have already been prepared and will be roasted and served on the scene. The annual Easter ball of the Melodie will be held at New Electric Hall, on North Broadway, and promises to be a big affair. The Wittlesbach Verein will also hold their annual ball at Highland Academy, on Eastern avenue. At Eyringe Hall, in Highlandtown, the Bayern Verein will also hold a ball.

The Badania Ladies' Society, one of the best-known German organizations in East Baltimore, will hold its annual ball in their own hall, at Pratt and Fifth streets, Highlandtown. The dramatic sections of St. Alphonsus' and St. Benedict's Catholic Churches will give plays in the church halls for the benefit of the parishes. There will be an afternoon and night performance at St. Alphonsus' Hall, but at St. Benedict's Hall, where H. M. S. Pinafore will be presented, there will be but one performance.

### Big Window Broken During Fight.

Warrants will be issued this morning for the arrest of four men who participated in a free-for-all fight in front of 214 West Fayette street early yesterday morning, which resulted in the breaking of a window glass valued at $100 in the establishment of John A. Murray, a tailor. After an investigation Sergt. Jeremiah Murphy, of the Western district, learned that the men had fought after arguing in a Chinese restaurant. There were three women in the party.

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## STIRRING UP A HORNET'S NEST

AUSTRIA'S WARLIKE INTERFERENCE IN BALKAN AFFAIRS BIDS FAIR TO MAKE TROUBLE IN EUROPEAN POLITICAL CIRCLES.

# TWO CONFERENCES CLAIM SAME AGE

### THEY ARE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN METHODISTS.

## QUESTION: WHICH IS OLDER?

**Both the Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church and the Baltimore Conference M. E. Church South Claim Their Coming Sessions Are the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth—Southern Methodists Branched Off in 1844.**

Ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who are on the eve of attending the one hundred and twenty-ninth session of their annual conference, which convenes in Eutaw Street Church of this city next Tuesday evening, have just had thrust upon them a problem which, in the opinion of some, will not be easily solved.

Simultaneously with the announcement of the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church that its one hundred and twenty-ninth session is to begin in this city on Wednesday, March 26, comes a similar notice that the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South will also hold its one hundred and twenty-ninth annual session in Staunton, Va., beginning on the same day.

When seen at his home last night, Rev. Dr. E. L. Hubbard, pastor of Eutaw Street Methodist Episcopal Church, stated that the question should undoubtedly be settled once and for all, and it is more than likely to be taken up at the coming session of the Baltimore Conference here. Dr. Hubbard, who raised this question, said:

"Certainly we are not both the same age and we would like to know just where we stand and just where the Baltimore Conference is being held—in Baltimore or in Staunton. Perhaps we are twins, but surely not Siamese twins, because the Southern Methodists branched off from the mother church in 1844 and since that time have been known as the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

### Limb Not as Old as Tree.

"It seems to us that their annual Conference should have commenced to date from that time, and, according to that way of figuring, this session would be their sixty-ninth annual meeting. Surely the limb is not as old as the tree, any more than the child can be as old as its parents, yet according to the ideas of the sister church it seems to think it is just as old as the body from which it sprang.

"If they succeed in abolishing the word South from their name, as will undoubtedly be their aim at this session of their Conference, it will not only eliminate the only slight distinction between the two Conferences, but will serve to increase the present feeling of uncertainty surrounding the identity of the real Baltimore Conference."

This very same Eutaw Street Church stands on the same site where it stood then and the pastors serving it at that time were conspicuous figures in the circumstances surrounding the split in the church and the church records today show many unique incidents in connection with it. It is doubtful if many of the young ministers in the Conference are familiar with the following facts incident to the division:

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in Buffalo, N. Y., in the spring of 1861. It was at this conference that non-slaveholding was made a condition of membership in the church. This action was bitterly opposed here in Baltimore and resulted in a big mass-meeting of the members being held, at which resolutions were adopted as follows: "First, we disapprove and refuse to obey, and second, we resist." A large indignation meeting was also held in Eutaw Street Church and the members declared they would not submit to the action of the Buffalo General Conference. In March, '62, the annual Conference of the church was held in Baltimore.

### When War Broke Out.

At this juncture the Civil War had broken out and all the members south of the Potomac were prevented from attending the Conference in this city, but they assembled in Harrisonburg at an independent conference and four years afterward declared themselves to be the Baltimore Annual Conference, and have never relinquished that claim to this day.

When the Baltimore Annual Conference north of the Potomac met in this city that year it was somewhat alarmed to find that their former church records were missing, although they were supposed to be in the hands of Dr. J. S. Martin, at that time pastor of what is now First Church, Twenty-second and St. Paul streets. Just at this interesting juncture Dr. Martin left Baltimore for the South and claimed he left the records with the pastor of Eutaw Street Church. The church authorities searched the parsonage in vain for the journal, but it was learned afterward that the papers were removed from the parsonage to an old cotton warehouse along the river front and later sent to Dr. Martin via Norfolk and Richmond. When these facts became known the General Conference declared the journal was stolen by Dr. Martin and the records of that body will show to this day an entry which reads thus: "Church records or journal was stolen by one J. S. Martin."

Dr. Martin continued as pastor on the south side of the Potomac and was for years secretary of that division of the church.

### Capt. League Slightly Improved.

The condition of Capt. George League, of the Eastern district, who has been confined to his bed at his home, 2730 East Baltimore street, for the last three weeks, suffering from a complication of diseases, was reported as being slightly improved at a late hour yesterday. Just 43 years ago yesterday Captain League was appointed a member of the Baltimore Police Department and assigned to the Eastern district, where he has remained practically the entire time, with the exception of the two years of his career, which he spent in the Southwestern district. Since his appointment he has figured in many important captures and has on numerous occasions been commended by the Board of Police Commissioners.

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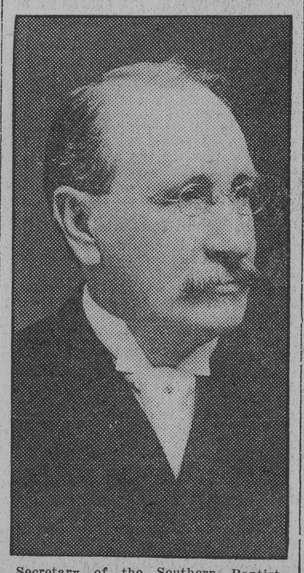
## Rev. O. F. Gregory



Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention and who is now located at Staunton, Va., has accepted a call to Govans Baptist Church.

# REV. DR. GREGORY GOING TO GOVANS

### IS SECRETARY OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

## HIS HEALTH IS IMPAIRED

**This Led to His Resignation as Pastor of Church in Staunton—Has Been Recuperating in Health Resort—Is One of the Foremost Baptist Ministers in the Country. Dr. Gregory Had a Charge Here Years Ago.**

Rev. Dr. Oliver Fuller Gregory, one of the most prominent Baptist preachers in the country and a secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Govans Baptist Church. Announcement of this was made to the congregation at yesterday's services. Only because his health has become impaired and he feels that he cannot assume the charge of a larger church, the Govans congregation had its call accepted.

Besides being one of the foremost ministers of the Baptist denomination, Rev. Mr. Gregory is a lecturer. He is a veteran of the Civil War and has been in the ministry more than 30 years. At present he is recuperating at a South Carolina health resort, but will preach his first sermon at the Govans church on the first Sunday of April.

The Govans Baptist congregation assembles in a mission on the York road, but steps are already under way to build in the near future a new church.

It was not generally known that a call had been sent by the Govans church to the Rev. Mr. Gregory. This was done some weeks ago and an answer of acceptance was received by the trustees on Thursday. The Govans church has had no regular minister for some months, students from theological seminaries having occupied the pulpit.

For many years Rev. Dr. Gregory was the pastor of one of the largest churches in Staunton, Va. Before that he was located at the Fourth Baptist Church, this city, and for a number of years was secretary of the Maryland Baptist Association.

About a year ago his health became impaired and his eyes were affected. He then made up his mind to retire and sent his resignation to the Staunton congregation. It was accepted with regret. Then the minister went South to regain his health, and his condition is now considerably improved.

He and the members of his family are expected in this city next week. He will reside on the York road. Plans are now under way by the congregation he will serve to give him a reception.

As one of the secretaries of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Rev. Dr. Gregory does much of the important convention work. This city will thus become of great importance from this convention's standpoint.

### Tried to Rescue Friend; Hurt.

In trying to rescue one of his companions who lost his balance and feel out of a launch, Harry Beck, of Millington, Kent county, was injured yesterday afternoon, when his foot was caught by the handle on the flywheel of the gasoline engine. He is in St. Joseph's Hospital suffering from a fracture of the right ankle.

The accident occurred shortly after 6 o'clock last night. Beck and Robert Dull, 622 South Montford avenue, and Frank Simmons, 717 South Port street, left the foot of Leakin street in the launch Carrie Zell for a short spin about the harbor. When only a short distance from the wharf Simmons, who was standing on the bow of the little craft, lost his balance and pitched headlong into the water.

Beck leaned over the side and tried to grab him by the coat. In doing so his foot came in contact with the flywheel.

The launch was immediately put back to shore, while Simmons swam to land.

A call was sent for the Eastern district auto-ambulance, in which the injured man was taken to the hospital.

# END COMES TO J. C. SCHILLING

### IN AMERICAN MAILING ROOM NEARLY FIFTY YEARS.

## DIES YEAR AFTER RETIRING

**Was Born in Germany and Came to America With Widowed Mother When a Boy—During Civil War Mailed Copies of The American to All Parts of United States and Europe—Active in Church Work. Those Who Survive Him.**

After having suffered a year from nervous trouble, which a week ago developed into a complication of diseases, J. Charles Schilling, 73 years old, formerly superintendent of the mailing department of The American, with which he had been connected for nearly 50 years, died early yesterday morning at the home of his son, Benjamin S. Schilling, 537 North Milton avenue. Mr. Schilling had been in ill health since last March, when he retired. His condition became critical last Saturday a week, when Dr. J. W. Cole, the attending physician, announced that complications had developed. The end came quietly after Mr. Schilling had slept for several hours. He expired some time before it was discovered that he was dead. Relatives and friends had been at the home throughout the night, but no one was in the room but the nurse when the end came.

Having superintended the mailing of the issues of The American to all parts of the country and abroad for more than 49 years, and during the time having made improvements that facilitated greatly the mailing work, Mr. Schilling was one of the most competent men employed by the paper. He took charge of the mailing department when he was in his twenties, and remained in the department until his health began to fail. His death followed one year after his retirement.

Surviving him are four sons (William H., Charles, Jr., Theodore I. and Benjamin S. Schilling), four daughters (Mrs. Annie Dunn, Mrs. Kate Schroeder, Mrs. Ida Warrington and Mrs. Edward Connor), his widow (Mrs. Margaret Schilling) and 14 grandchildren.

### Born in Germany.

He was born in Saxe-Coburg, Germany, and came to Baltimore with his widowed mother, Mrs. Margaret Schilling, when he was 10 years old. They settled in East Baltimore, and Mr. Schilling had lived there ever since. He was educated in the public schools, and in November, 1864, married Miss Margaret Keyser. He became associated with The American when he was quite young, and during the Civil War mailed thousands of copies of the paper to all parts of the United States and Europe. Under his management the heavy circulation of the newspaper was handled excellently. Until his retirement he had been as active, despite his age, as the men under him, and it was with regret that his resignation was accepted.

A week ago a number of his former associates from The American, including a representative of General Felix Agnus, called at his home and talked with Mr. Schilling, expressing hopes for his recovery. But Mr. Schilling seemed to know that the end was near at hand and so expressed himself.

Mr. Schilling was active in church work. For more than 40 years he figured prominently in the work and progress of the Seamen's Bethel, where he had taught in the Sunday school. Last February a fitting service in recognition of his activities in charitable enterprises of the church and his efficiency in the Sunday school was held, at which a magnificent portrait of him was unveiled.

### Member of Lodges.

Mr. Schilling was also connected with several lodges, among them the Baltimore City Council, No. 357, of the Royal Arcanum, of which he was guide 43 years, and the Loyal Legion. Although he had never participated in the Civil War, he had witnessed several skirmishes in and about Baltimore, and he had watched the presses roll out the latest news of manslaughter and of victories won and of battles lost. It was at this time that the circulation of The American began to grow rapidly, and it was through him that the copies reached their destination despite demolished railroads and the destruction by the soldiers of other means of transportation.

On the second day of May next Mr. Schilling would have celebrated his seventy-fourth birthday and in November he would have celebrated his golden wedding anniversary. He was given an elaborate reception on his seventieth birthday.

Funeral services will be held at the home on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock under the ritual of the Baltimore Council of the Royal Arcanum. Rev. J. M. Beall and Rev. Mr. Wagner, of the Seamen's Union Bethel, Aliceanna and Bethel streets, will hold services in the church. The honorary pallbearers will be Gen. Felix Agnus, J. William Stoddard, William J. Crouch, Charles L. Hawthorne, J. W. Poteet, Henry Mackert and George Thompson. The active pallbearers will be J. William Wiley, William F. Edwards, Charles Lee Merriken, Oliver Turnbull, Walter Lane and Frederick Segrist.

### Mr. Rockwell Lectures at Lehmann's

H. Clay Rockwell, of New York city, lectured last night at Lehmann's Hall on Christ's Resurrection. The lecture was held under the auspices of the International Bible Students' Association. Mr. Rockwell, besides being a student of the Bible, is one of the best-known amateur athletes in the country. The lecture was enjoyed by a large audience.

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## J. Charles Schilling

Formerly superintendent in The American's Mailing Department, who died at the home of his son, 537 North Milton avenue, early yesterday morning.

# JEWS OBSERVE PURIM FEAST

### Commemorates Their Release From Bondage—Treat for Poor.

While thousands of Baltimoreans were celebrating Easter there were also thousands of Hebrews who were just as active and devout in their celebration of the Feast of Purim, a festival which they observe in commemoration of their release from bondage, in the ancient times of Mordecai, the faithful Israelite, and his victory over Haman, the adviser of King Ahasuerus. All this is recorded in the Book of Esther and is a correct interpretation of the meaning of the word Purim as observed by the Jews all over the world.

Services were held in nearly all the Jewish synagogues and temples in the city yesterday in celebration of this important feast of the Jews. There was a free entertainment at the Maryland Theater, under the auspices of the Purim Free Gift Society, for the poor class of Jewish children of Baltimore. It was the ninth annual distribution of the society, of which Mrs. Myer Bornheim is the president, and the great success of the affair was largely due to her untiring energies.

More than 2,000 little Jewish boys and girls sat for over two hours and watched with keen interest a first-class performance. They had the added pleasure of hearing Miss Christie MacDonald sing several of her most catchy songs. Miss MacDonald, who is playing at the New Academy this week, was in the midst of her regular rehearsals yesterday afternoon when she learned that there was a free-entertainment around the corner and at once halted her rehearsal and went over to the Maryland and offered her services to help cheer the hearts of the little boys and girls present. She sang Coming Thro' the Rye, Auld Lang Syne and a pretty song from The Spring Maid. The Davis Family, acrobats, who performed at the Maryland last week, remained over so as to assist in the charitable affair yesterday afternoon. Among the other numbers on the bill, all of which were filled by local amateurs, were songs by Laura Wilson, Jack Howard, Sadie Dashow, Sarah Cohen and Annette Stein, the latter being but 13 years old; Lou Marks and Theodore Allen, as comedians, were entertaining. Miss Clara Stuhlman recited several amusing selections.

Rabbi C. A. Rubenstein, of Har Sinai Temple, delivered a short address to the children, in which he told them the real object of the entertainment and explained to them the meaning of the Purim festival. Leonard and Milton Wertheimer were in full charge of the stage arrangements and announced the numbers as they appeared. The success of the affair was largely due to the kindness of Manager Schanberger, who, besides donating the use of the theater, had his regular orchestra furnish music for the occasion and then gave the children a glimpse of moving pictures. The children were given free rides on the cars to and from their homes and at the close of the performance they were marched in single file up the aisle and on the stage, where each one of the girls received gifts of dolls, candy, fruit, money, little bunnies, etc., while the boys each received knives, harmonicas, baseballs and other articles. The Purim Society has about 50 boys in St. Mary's Industrial School, Parochial School and the Maryland School for Boys who were unable to attend the entertainment. They were not forgotten and their presents were forwarded to them.

# BLIND WORKERS MAY STRIKE

### Several Inmates of Maryland Shop Dissatisfied.

Several of the inmates of the Maryland Workshop for the Blind are dissatisfied with their present working conditions and are considering a strike. This, despite the fact that the place were they are now employed is the only one of its kind in the state.

There are about 100 of the men in the shop, and but a small percentage of these are in the dissatisfied class. Those who are dissatisfied state that they want better pay, tasks reassigned so that a man may work at that trade at which he is most proficient, more safety measures and more publicity of the workshop's finances.

John F. Bledsoe, superintendent of the Maryland School for the Blind, at Overlea, who is also in charge of the workshop, said yesterday that where there are a number of men working together there are bound to be some who are dissatisfied. "Those who are expressing their dissatisfaction," said Mr. Bledsoe, "do not represent the best element in the shop. Besides, if they have grievances why don't they take them to me or to a member of the board? Not a man has done so. We pay the men for what they do. The shop is not run for the profit of any individual or corporation. Every cent made is used for the blind of Maryland. Then again, as to publicity. Our financial report is always open to any one who wants to look at it or any paper that wants to publish it. We will allow any newspaper man or other person through the shop and let him go where he pleases. It is only a natural dissatisfaction of men easily dissatisfied."

### Prayers for Late King George.

Prayers for the respouse of the soul of King George of Greece, who was assassinated last week, were offered yesterday morning at the mass in the Greek Orthodox Church, Chase and Valley streets. Announcement was made in the church to the effect that arrangements are now being made for a special memorial service for the king to take place next Sunday. These arrangements are not yet complete, however.

# LEAVE INJURED CYCLIST IN ROAD

### TWO MEN IN ACCIDENT MAKE SPEEDY ESCAPE.

## COLLISION ON BOULEVARD

**Motorcycles Crash and John Dell, of Jessups, Is Hurled to Ground. Badly Hurt and Machine Falls On Him—Two Men on Other Motorcycle, Without Stopping to Aid Him, Speed Away—Motor Posse in Futile Pursuit.**

His arm and leg broken and badly shocked, John Dell, of Jessups, Md., is in a serious condition at the Mercy Hospital, following an accident on the Baltimore and Washington Boulevard a few miles east of Laurel yesterday afternoon.

While riding on his motorcycle on the Boulevard, Dell was struck by another motorcycle, on which were two young men. The other motorcycle threw Dell to the road, with his machine on top of him, and kept on going. Residents of Laurel and vicinity who own motorcycles gave chase to try to catch up with the young men responsible for the accident, but were unsuccessful.

Dell had his machine headed for Laurel, while the other machine was headed for this city. As it neared him, Dell stated that it veered to the left, striking the side of his machine with great force.

The crash broke Dell's leg, and when he was sent hurtling to the side of the road his machine fell on top of him and his arm was broken. The other machine, momentarily halted, continued on its way to Baltimore at a greater rate of speed.

Dell was unable to move and he was found under his machine, moaning with pain, about 15 minutes after the collision by Chester Phair and William A. Phelps, of Laurel, who were riding out on their motorcycles. They hailed a passing automobile and Dell was taken to the office of Dr. G. L. Straub, of Laurel, and treated. Later he was placed on a train of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and at Camden Station the train was met by the private ambulance of the Mercy Hospital, and Dell was removed to that institution.

When the motorcyclists of Laurel and vicinity learned of the collision they banded together and formed what might be called a motor posse. They gave chase half way to Baltimore in a futile effort to come up with the machine which had struck Dell.

### Mrs. Barton Falls and Hurts Herself

As she was ascending the steps leading to the second floor of her home to retire last night, Mrs. Martha Barton, 79 years old, of 2705 Huntingdon avenue, lost her balance and feel to the bottom of the stairs, breaking her right arm and twisting her right foot. She managed to reach the door, where she called in one of her neighbors, who summoned Dr. R. Norment, 3543 Chestnut avenue, who attended her.

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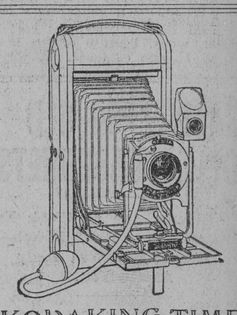

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