

## DIVER FINDS DEATH AT RIVER'S BOTTOM

De Gaetano's Air Supply was  
Shut Off When Lines Be-  
came Entangled.

New York, Sept. 2.—Entangled in the lines of his diving dress on the dark and oozy bottom of the Harlem River, Vincent De Gaetano, a diver, employed by the Merritt-Chapman Wrecking and Towing Company, lost his life while watching on the surface, conscious of his plight because of his tugs on the "life line," were trying to notify five fellow divers working nearby under the river.

The Merritt-Chapman Company had the divers at work laying a highpower submarine cable for the United Electric Light and Power Company of 130 East Fifteenth street. The new cable was being placed in a reinforced concrete bed at the bottom of the Harlem at 180th street, to connect Manhattan with the new plant of the United Electric Light and Power Company, at 184th street and Park avenue, for the last shift yesterday shortly before 5 o'clock. Above them were watchmen, each holding in one hand the "life line," by which a diver makes signals to the surface, and in the other the air hose.

De Gaetano had been down about thirty minutes when Joseph Miceli of 2,414 Belmont avenue, the Bronx, who on a barge in the middle of the river, held De Gaetano's lines, felt a frantic tug. He quickly gave the order to have De Gaetano pulled to the surface, but the lines were caught.

He got word to the other divers, a row boat had to be sent to shore. In the meantime, Joseph Burroughs, the Superintendent, was notified, and an ambulance call was sent in. Arthur Mayfield and John Jackson, two of the other divers, were hauled to the surface and Burroughs told them that something had happened to De Gaetano and sent them down to his aid.

Mayfield and Jackson, when they reached the middle of the river, found De Gaetano lying in a heap with his feet and hands entangled in his life line and guide line, and the air hose



shut off. His position indicated that he had made a desperate fight to free himself. Mayfield succeeded in opening De Gaetano's headpiece far enough to see that his face was black from lack of air. It took several minutes to get De Gaetano clear from the tangle of lines. To do this some of the lines had to be cut and to raise De Gaetano it was necessary to remove some of the weights from his body and feet.

By the time De Gaetano was pulled up to the surface, Dr. Shifrin of Lincoln Hospital was there and he made every effort possible to revive the diver. Several men from the Central Union Gas Company brought a pump. They worked over De Gaetano for about forty-five minutes before the surgeon pronounced him dead.

De Gaetano was 27 years old and lived at 33 Crosby street, the Bronx.

### Solve a Problem.

"Dicky," said his mother, "when you divided those five caramels with your sister did you give her three?"

"No, ma. I thought they wouldn't come out even so I ate one 'fore I began to divide."—Edinburgh Scotsman.

Two powerful colored stevedores, who had had some sort of falling out, were engaged in unloading a vessel at a St. Louis dock. Uncomplimentary remarks and warnings of intended violence were exchanged whenever the two passed each other with their trucks.

"You jest keep on pestickin' around wid me," declared one of the men, "an you is gwine be able to settle a mighty big question for de scumtiple folks."

"What question dat?" asked the other. "Kin de dead speak?"—Harper's.

## OVER NIAGARA FALLS TO DEATH

Daring Feat Performed Near  
Cave of the Winds in Re-  
covery of Body.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Sept. 2.—A man, believed to be Edward H. Rippon, forty-five years old, of 1121 Elmwood avenue, Buffalo, was swept over the bridal veil or Luna Falls and dashed to death on the rocks below. The body was recovered within two hours of the time it passed over the brink—a record for recoveries of Falls victims.

The man went over the Falls head first and his skull was fractured when it came in contact with the rocks in the Gorge. It passed out about twenty feet and then became wedged between the rocks in the small rapids that separate the Rock of Ages from Fisherman's Rock near the foot of Luna Falls close to the Cave of the Winds. It was sighted there by Edward Wright, a guide for the Cave of the Winds. He notified Harold Wright, manager of the Cave of the Winds, Harold Wright and Reservation Superintendent E. R. Waldenberger effected the recovery of the body.

The two rescuers placed planking over the raging waters of the rapids, thus making a bridge from the Rock of Ages to the Fisherman's Rock, and crawled out on the planking with ropes, secured the body with the lines and then drew it slowly back onto Fisherman's Rock. It was a perilous feat, the water of the cataract thundering about them, and tourists who had seen the body pass over the Falls strained their eyes to catch an occasional glimpse of the men through the spray as they struggled to get the body to a place of safety.

On the Goat Island shore, at a point about one hundred yards above the Luna Island bridge, was found a man's Panama hat, a wallet containing seven dollars in bills, thirty-eight cents in change and some papers. Near the wallet was a gold watch and under the watch was a note enclosed in an envelope. On the envelope was written "Deliver Mrs. E. H. Rippon, 1121 Elmwood avenue, Buffalo."

The coroner refused to reveal fully the contents of the note, but said that the writer announced his intention of ending his life and said that he made a will in which he bequeathed \$1,000 to his mother and told of other bequests of property to his widow and relatives.

## WOMEN SUE BANKS, PACKERS, OILMEN

\$120,000,000 Claim for Army  
Ration Biscuit Names the  
Rockefellers Among De-  
fendants.

Chicago, Sept. 2.—Banks, packers, the Standard Oil Company of all States, John D. Rockefeller and others were named defendants in a suit filed by Mrs. Louis Osborne Farson, who claims damages to the extent of \$120,000,000. This is the second suit brought by Mrs. Farson and her sister, Miss Grace Osborne. The first suit was brought in Omaha in 1918.

The sisters maintained that they had invented an army ration, a biscuit made of pork and beans, which was appropriated by the defendants, and that the packers, bankers and biscuit manufacturers had conspired against them to prevent the manufacture and sale of the biscuit.

The defendants in the bill are Armour & Co., Swift & Co., Morris & Co., the Cudahy Packing Company, John D. Rockefeller, John D. Rockefeller Jr., the Union Stock Yards Company, Logan & Bryan, First National Bank of Chicago, J. B. Forgan and D. B. Forgan, Henry S. Robbins, Max Parn, Charles M. Schwab, the late T. P. Shonts, Ward Baking Company, Standard Oil Company of all States and the Riggs National Bank of Washington.

All these corporations, firms and individuals, the bill asserts, conspired to prevent the manufacture and sale of the ration. It was in 1901 that Mrs. Farson announced her discovery. While stopping in Chicago she claimed that 80,000 pounds of the biscuit had been successfully used in the Baldwin-Zeigler expedition.

In 1905 Mrs. Farson and Miss Osborne announced that they intended to bring suit against the government, the packers, the Equitable Life Assurance Society and a hundred or more other organizations and individuals.

Nothing more was heard from this lawsuit until 1919, when they filed a suit for damages against the Loose-

Wiles Biscuit Company for \$3,000,000. They asserted that their biscuit had been manufactured and "pirated" by the biscuit company during the world war. In her first suit, Mrs. Farson set forth that she had obtained a contract from the Japanese government for \$4,000,000 worth of the biscuit. This contract, she declared, was cancelled through the influence of the Equitable Assurance Company.

## FOOD POURING INTO RUSSIA

U. S. Relief Administration  
Rushing Supplies to Mos-  
cow and Petrograd.

Riga, Sept. 2.—Actual relief work for the starving of Soviet Russia by the American Relief Administration is well under way.

The first food shipment of 600 tons of rice and sugar for the children of Moscow arrived in Riga from Danzig on board a chartered German vessel. The local Soviet authorities so quickly arranged the unloading of the steamer that the first twelve carloads are expected to start for Moscow this evening, arriving there probably on Thursday.

Meanwhile the steamer Phoenix, with a big load of relief food, was expected to reach Petrograd today or tomorrow. Durrel Noyes, of the American Relief Administration at Riga, who rushed to Petrograd Saturday, was believed to have arrived there this morning, being the first American relief official to arrive there.

Dr. Fridtjof Nansen and a party of companions have returned from Moscow, and he is going to Paris to endeavor to raise \$10,000,000 in the form of European government loans to aid in the famine relief. Dr. Nansen said the first effort under the agreement with the Soviet authorities would be the feeding of ten thousand children in the Saratoff area, under the auspices of the Save the Children Fund. Moreover, he said, the Soviet government is placing credit, to an amount not yet known, at its disposal for the purchase of a quantity of seed rye in the Baltic States and in East Prussia. Dr. Nansen declared he was impressed by the earnest desire of the Soviet government to devote its full energies to overcoming the present distress. He was of the opinion that if Russia were freed from the isolation in which she finds herself, the country soon would be on the road to recovery.

## BRITISH SAILORS WERE LEFT TO DIE

35 Men Placed on Deck of a  
German Submarine, Which  
Then Submerged.

London, Sept. 2.—The story of thirty-five British sailors being put on the deck of a German submarine, which was then deliberately submerged and the men left to drown, was told this week at Bow street police court by Captain Starkey of the British steamer Torrington.

The Bow street proceedings were in connection with the war crime of murder against Captain Wilhelm Werner, commander of the U-56, who has not been arrested by the German authorities.

The incident happened April 8, 1915, about 150 miles off the Scilly Islands. Starkey is the sole survivor of those aboard the Torrington, for, after he and the crew had been ordered on to the deck of the submarine, he was taken below to be questioned. To this fact he owed his life.

Starkey told how Werner had called him a pirate who deserved to be shot. "As for the others," the German commander added, "let them swim." At this time thirty-five of the Torrington's crew were on the U-boat's deck and the remainder were in one of the ship's lifeboats. German sailors went off to this lifeboat and brought back meat and rum. None of the men in that boat were ever heard of again.

All for Love.

Clarence was in doubt and so expressed himself as follows:

"Clara, I want you to give me some proof of your love."

"Why, Clarence," said the girl, "am I not dancing with you?"

"That's nothing," said Clarence.

Whereupon Clara bridled. You wouldn't say that, Clarence, if you knew how badly you danced!—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

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