

CAMDEN MERCHANTS TO SET BUSINESS HOURS

Fuel Administration Lifts Ban on Closing Time for Christ- mas Trade

Camden's ban on night hours for stores was lifted yesterday by Fuel Administrator Staats, who issued an order permitting merchants to fix their own opening and closing hours until January 1. The purpose of raising the ban is to enable merchants to properly care for their Christmas trade. Mr. Staats urges strict economy in the use of fuel during this period. Because of the differences in rates for independent mines and the large coal companies Mr. Staats will in a few days fix the coal prices which dealers may charge, based on the source of their supply.

Corporal Martin Killed in France.

Another Camden boy has been killed in France, Corporal Anthony Martin, of 1027 Pine street, having succumbed to wounds sustained in battle. The sad news was conveyed to his parents yesterday in a telegram from the government. The dispatch stated that he died on October 11. Corporal Martin went to France from Camp Gordon in May last and was with Battery B, 319th Heavy Field Artillery. He was an amateur baseball player and was popularly known as "Heck." He was drafted in November of last year.

Starts \$10,000 Damage Suit

For injuries sustained on May 26 when run down near her home by the defendant's automobile, Miss Lillian Pullins, of 4015 Westfield avenue, yesterday, brought suit for \$10,000 damage against Anthony E. De Less, an Philadelphia saloon keeper who has a summer home at Edgewater Park. Miss Pullins claims that she is a nervous wreck as the result of the accident and that by reason thereof she was unable to complete her studies in the Camden High School, where she was a member of the class which graduated in June last. Her father, James Pullins, also brings suit, asking for \$5,000 for the loss of the services of his daughter.

Extends Call to Rev. Blaser

Its pulpit vacant since Rev. T. D. Collins resigned several months ago, Linden Baptist Church has extended a pastoral call to Rev. Frederick Blaser, who for the past seven months has been engaged in Y. M. C. A. work at Camp Merritt, N. J. Previous to entering the war service Mr. Blaser held pastorates at Somerville and Pitman Grove and is regarded as a forceful preacher.

Sues Public Service Railway

Damages to the extent of \$34,000 are asked in suits brought yesterday against the Public Service Railway Company as a result of a rear-end crash between a trolley car and the bakery wagon of Emilio Capaldo at Fortieth and Federal streets on the night of October 18. Still in Cooper Hospital in a serious condition, Joseph Capaldo seeks \$20,000 damages. His scalp was almost torn off and his right leg so badly crushed that it may have to be amputated. Albert Capaldo asks \$10,000 for a broken leg and internal injuries and his father, Tobino Capaldo, seeks \$5,000 for the loss of the earnings of his son. Emilio Capaldo, the owner of the team, who escaped with slight injuries, asks \$1,000 for damages to his horse and wagon.

Jail for Pistol Carriers

Persons who carry concealed deadly weapons need expect no leniency from Recorder Stackhouse. For having a pistol and a box of cartridges in his possession, Antonio Merelli, aged 38 years, of Fourth and Emerald streets, was given three months in the county jail. A sentence of two months was imposed on Herman Ceel, aged 20 years, of 306 Stevens street, who was seen to discard a razor when the police broke up a street row in the Third ward.

\$70,000 Subscribed to Fund

As chairman of the committee having charge of the War Work drive in Camden county, F. Morse Archer yesterday announced that already \$70,000 had been subscribed to the fund, the campaign for which starts on Monday. This money was secured through the efforts of the executive committee and represents thirty subscriptions. Over 500 of the city's most prominent men and women comprise the teams which will start a house-to-house canvass tomorrow. Camden's quota has been raised from \$227,000 to \$400,000, and such is the enthusiasm of the workers that the committee feels confident it can be secured without difficulty.