

# CHARGED WITH ROBBING GIRL HE WAS TO WED

## Woman Says Man- Left Her, Taking Her Jewelry After Turn- ing on Gas

Camden's police yesterday were apprised of the capture of Michael Sawicki, aged 26 years, of Eighth and Poplar streets, as a result of charges made by Miss Adella Pitkiewicz, aged 24 years, of 1126 North Eighth street, Philadelphia. The man is now locked up at Central Station pending requisition on a charge of larceny.

It is alleged by the young woman that Sawicki, whom she had known three weeks, prevailed upon her to go to Camden, where he said he would get a marriage license. He took her to a furnished room house at Fourth and Washington streets and remained until Tuesday night. Then he said he had to go out for several hours.

The young woman declares the man asked her for her jewelry so he would be sure she would not run away. She avers she gave him a chip diamond necklace, several bracelets and \$20 in money. As he left he went toward the gas jet and the significance of this was learned later, for the young woman asserts she found the man had turned on the gas and had it not been for the windows being raised she would probably have been asphyxiated.

It was when the woman of the house heard the young stranger calling for help that her plight was discovered. Detective Captain Schregler had Detective Stanley and Policeman Miloch get her story and since then a search had been made for Sawicki. His whereabouts were learned by the young woman and she quickly notified the police so that his arrest followed.

## HARD LUCK STORY WINS FREEDOM FROM CHARGES

Declaring that he was made desperate because he could get no work and that he had a wife, an infant and sick mother depending on him, James Weeks, aged 23 years, of 1413 South Fourth street, Camden, was arrested early yesterday by Detective Fitzsimmons for purloining about \$100 worth of jewelry from the home of John McAleck, of 414 Jackson street. When McAleck learned of the circumstances in the case he told Recorder Stackhouse he would not press a charge against the young man and Weeks was permitted to accompany his wife and little one home.

Weeks posed as an employe for a local wall paper concern. He said he had been sent to measure the walls at the McAleck home. It was while thus supposedly engaged that he took two rings, two locketts and two chains. All were recovered.

## \$30,000 IN SUITS BEGUN AGAINST CORPORATIONS

Suits for damages aggregating \$30,000 were begun in the Supreme Court in Camden yesterday against corporations.

As a result of a Public Service Corporation pole falling on Sylvia Rutenberg, aged 6 years, her father, Abraham Rutenberg, asks \$15,000 as compensation. The little girl's nose was broke and she was otherwise hurt.

As administratrix for the estate of Mrs. Mary A. Wilson, her daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Krug, of Thorofare, brought suit against the West Jersey and Seashore Railroad to recover \$10,000. Mrs. Wilson was killed by an electric express at Gloucester City on December 7 last.

Mrs. Laura Felsch, of Audubon, began suit to recover \$7,000 from the Public Service Railway Company for the death of her husband, Frederick Felsch, who was killed by a car near Oaklyn on January 12.

## Will Build Two Steamers

Several thousand employes of the New York Shipbuilding Company in Camden yesterday learned that contracts for two of the largest oil-carrying tank steamers had been secured. The contracts were placed by the Standard Oil Company and they call for craft each 468 feet long and 62 feet wide, with a capacity of 12,000 tons. They are to be constructed for the coast trade. The price is said to be in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000. The shipyard also has contracts from the Coastwise Steamship Company for the construction of five steamers which will cost in the aggregate about \$2,550,000. They will be ready for delivery in twenty-two months. Work is being rushed on the battleship Idaho, on which there will be work for two years, the amount involved being \$7,250,000.

## Fire on Battleship

Fire of undetermined origin burned the officers' quarters on board the Argentine battleship Moreno, lying at the New York shipbuilding plant, in Camden, yesterday. For a time the flames threatened to cause heavy damage, but they were extinguished by members of the crew, not even the shipyard's employes being asked to assist. The section burned was very expensively fitted out.

## Takes Creosote by Mistake

Suffering from creosote poisoning, Elsie Schmidt, aged 21 years, of 749 Walnut street, Camden, was taken to the Homeopathic Hospital last night. The young woman was in apparent good humor, as she was joking with the members of her family shortly before she went upstairs, when she was found to have taken the poison. Her condition was reported as not being serious.

## Boy Killed by Air Rifle

Shot through the temple while cleaning an air rifle, William Welch, aged 15 years, of Ashland, nine miles below Camden, was killed yesterday. The boy was in his room with the weapon, which he did not know was loaded. His mother, who was downstairs, heard her son scream and when she went to his room she found him lying on the floor with a small hole in his right temple, where the leaden missile had entered. Dr. Howard, of Haddonfield, was summoned, but he found the boy beyond all aid.

## CAMDEN AT A GLANCE

W. J. Mason, aged 20 years, of Mt. Ephraim, while operating a folder machine for H. W. Lerch, at Westville, crushed his right hand so badly that at Cooper Hospital the surgeons amputated all but the thumb and index finger.

It was reported to Prosecutor Kraft yesterday that thieves had robbed the roof box at the Haddon Heights Catholic Church. It was the evident intention of the thieves to get the sacred vessels of solid gold, but they were safely under lock and key.

As a result of the title to the property not being clear, Vice-Chancellor Learning yesterday dismissed the bill filed by Emma Cattell against the Board of Freeholders of Gloucester county, which had agreed to purchase land in the rear of the court house at Woodbury. The complainant wanted the contract reformed.