

Thursday, May 30, 1929

MISS CELIA SPRAGUE WRITES HER PEOPLE OF CLINIC DISASTER LAST WEEK

Cleveland, Ohio, Wednesday, May 15, '29

Dear folks:-

By the time you get this you will have read in the Plain Dealer of the terrible tragedy that has happened here this noon. You will probably read that it is on E 93 and wonder about me. I do live right under the nose of where it happened. We are just five houses from where it happened but of course it was noon time and I was way out at school and didn't know that anything had happened until I got into the terrible traffic coming home and couldn't turn off where I usually do to come home and then I drove past a hospital and saw the terrible crowds there and realized that something dreadful had happened. I put my car up and walked up to the corner and got an extra and saw the Building where the explosion and fire was. It simply can't be described. I never saw anything so terrible and hearing people tell of what happened when it happened and the terrible sights they saw. There are just millions of people standing on the street corner just looking but there really is much to see now. The traffic is terrible it just crawls by this street all the time of people going to see it. They said that when it happened no one could see Euclid Avenue from here and around the corner the gas can still be smelled very plainly but the danger is entirely past. I never have been near a great tragedy before and I have certainly had enough. I never saw so many police and wagons and ambulances in my life. It was considered the best equipped Clinic in the U. S. and Europe and so many of the famous doctors that are connected with it, have been killed. You will get a full account in the paper but nothing can describe the sight that it is of the people and traffic etc., and hearing people tell of the terrible things. Dr. Crile the famous Dr. that founded the Clinic is unharmed but how terrible he must feel. We are so in the center of it that I don't know whether things will quiet down for tonight or not. News boys are calling extras on the street continually. Now there isn't anything for you to worry about for we are safe, but I thought you would like to hear from me right away.

Love Celia

MR. AND MRS. HENRY CROSS MARRIED SIXTY YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cross were married May 22, 1862, and May the 20th., Mr. Cross was 82 years old.

They celebrated the events at their home on West First Street, Sunday, May 19th., as some could not be here the 22nd. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Sparks and son Harry and daughter Helen, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Allen and sons Elwyn and Gailen of Lansing, a great grandson little Jack Wilson, a granddaughter and husband Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hawkins of Canton, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. O. E. McLaughlin. One granddaughter and family could not attend on account of sickness.

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Mrs. Irvin Powers is recovering nicely from her operation and left St. Lawrence hospital going to the home of Mrs. J. A. Cortright on Seymour street in Lansing Monday for a few days stay before returning to her home the last of the week.

Rev. and Mrs. D. A. Rood left early Tuesday morning for Wilmore, Kentucky to attend the Commencement exercises of Asbury College, at the new Hughes memorial auditorium, dedicated Monday afternoon of this week.

Mrs. Lila B. Surine of Nashville, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Surine of Detroit, and Mr. and Mrs. Luman Surine of Kalamo, were last week callers on their relative William Surine, who is very ill.

V. S. Gutchess of Battle Creek spent several days last week with his wife, Dorothy, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Loveland. Miss Vera Loveland and Mr. Marshall Berry were over for Decoration Day and also Sunday.

I am asking the farmers about Vermontville to study again the cut of the riding cultivator shown this week, note its simplicity and yet it has everything needful for a most perfect tool and the price, only \$55.00 Glasgow, Nashville.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Buchanan and Francis Hopper of Detroit were guests at the Hopper home Saturday night and Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan recently enjoyed two trips, one to Boston and other eastern points, and the other to Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Ruth Hallenbeck tea English in the Nashville school gain next year.

Mrs. Mary Snoko spent Monday night and Tuesday with her sister Mrs. Wm. Ward and family.

Mrs. E. E. Loveland is gaining and able to sit out doors a short time each day.

STUART SPRAGUE'S ABILITY RECOGNIZED

Former Vermontville and Charlton Young Man Making Rapids Stride In His Chosen Profession In New York

Mrs. W. B. Otto says Stuart Sprague, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sprague of Vermontville-Charlotte, is well on the way to a fine legal success in New York. After he completed his law course at the University of New York went with the law firm of which his brother, G. C. Sprague, has been a member for a number of years. The younger brother after a few months was picked to handle the legal business of the National Broadcasting Co., and is now giving all his time to this company. As this is a new and rapidly expanding field the assignment is a fine tribute to the ability of the young barrister. Miss Frances Sprague is in charge of the Standard Oil library at Elizabeth, N. J., an institution given over almost entirely to works and statistics dealing with petroleum. She is very happy in her employment which was secured for her by Herbert Brown, husband of Katherine Griffith, and all students in Oil College at about the same time. Miss Evelyn Sprague who entertained Mrs. Otto for several days over the last week end, is in library work in Detroit, which she has followed with profit and pleasure some time. —Republican—Tribune

Mrs. Anna Marsh and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Bishop were callers at Frank Hay's Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Hawkins made a shopping trip to Nashville, Saturday.

James Roach of the Echo force spent Tuesday night with his grandfather's folks.

Mrs. Lee Kilpatrick is learning the telephone operators duties and will take Vera French's place at the switch board.

Miss Marian Snell is one of Olivet's graduates this year, and will receive her life teachers certificate at the close of summer school.

Jones Martin and family motored up from Battle Creek Wednesday night last week to bring flowers for the cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Morey of Muskegon spent Memorial Day with his sister and husband Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hopper.

William Fox, who has been spending the past few weeks at the home of his son Greeley Fox since leaving Pennock hospital, is able to take auto rides and is much better since his operation. He is now at the home of his daughter Mrs. Charlie Warner at the Warnerville store.