

Uses Chemical to Free Ship from Ice Hamper

Science was credited with another victory over nature today after a chemical compound had liberated a steamship from an ice-locked drydock in three minutes.

Dr. Howard T. Barnes of McGill university, using a high-pressure pump and hose, sprayed the thick ice about the Champlain dry dock at Lauzon, where the Italian freighter Concordia was frozen in.

Under the action of the chemical the ice splintered with a thunderous noise and the ship floated free. The ice was broken into small particles. Experiments have been made with the compound to break up river ice and to remove snow from streets.

"I can't remember the words of that new song," said the girl, returning from the show.

"That makes it easier," answered her father. "Now all you've got to do to make home happy is to forget the tune."

FATAL DROWNINGS IN COUNTY IN YEAR

Seventeen Persons Victims of Accidents in Lakes; Fewer Than 1928

Although the number of drownings in Lake county during the past 12 months did not reach the mark set in 1928, it did, nevertheless, exceed the total in 1927.

Seventeen persons lost their lives in Lake county waters in 1929, a review of the past year shows. Besides these 17, one Lake county man, Gus Johnson, formerly of Lake Forest, was found dead in the Chicago river.

In 1927 there were 12 drownings in Lake county. In 1928 this figure took an astonishing jump to 21 drownings. For a time it was hoped that the record for this year would be lower than the one for 1927, but a tragedy at Long Lake that took five lives in a twinkling sent the death total for this year beyond the former low mark.

The grim record follows:

- Drownings in 1929**
- March 15—Sam Christiansen, 38, Chicago, off "Uncle Sam" northeast of Waukegan.
 - June 24—Dorothy English, 2, Evanston, at Channel Lake.
 - July 4—Robert Kennedy, 12, Waukegan, at north beach.
 - July 7—John Degn, 22, Chicago, at Long Lake.
 - July 12—Herman Loeffler, 21, Chicago, and Hazel Pierritz, 16, Chicago at Lake Catherine.
 - July 14—Earl Sorenson, 18, Chicago, at Crooked Lake.
 - July 17—Gus Johnson, Lake Forest, in Chicago river. May have been suicide.
 - August 11—Louis Liberfrab, 17, Chicago, at Lake Zurich.
 - August 18—Joe Zielinski, 21, Chicago, at Druces Lake.
 - August 24—Charles Watechowiz, 44 Waukegan, in channel north of Manville plant.
 - August 27—Ernest Hanson, 40, Antioch, at Lake Marie.
 - Sept. 2—Harry Wizeman, 19, Cicero; Everett Veldman, 19, Cicero; Cornelius Gelderloos, 28, Chicago; George Ottenhoff, 21, Hinsdale; John Hoving, 23, Chicago; all drowned at same time in Long Lake.

Postpone Hearing on Waukegan Post Office Site Condemnation

Hearing on the condemnation action started by the United States treasury department against the property located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Madison and Utica streets for use as a site of the proposed \$335,000 federal building which was to have been started in federal court in Chicago, last week has been postponed until the first Monday in March.

Postponement of the case was asked by Assistant United States District Attorney Jacob Grossmann because of the great press of important cases which is crowding the docket of that court and which demand the attention of the Attorney Grossmann.

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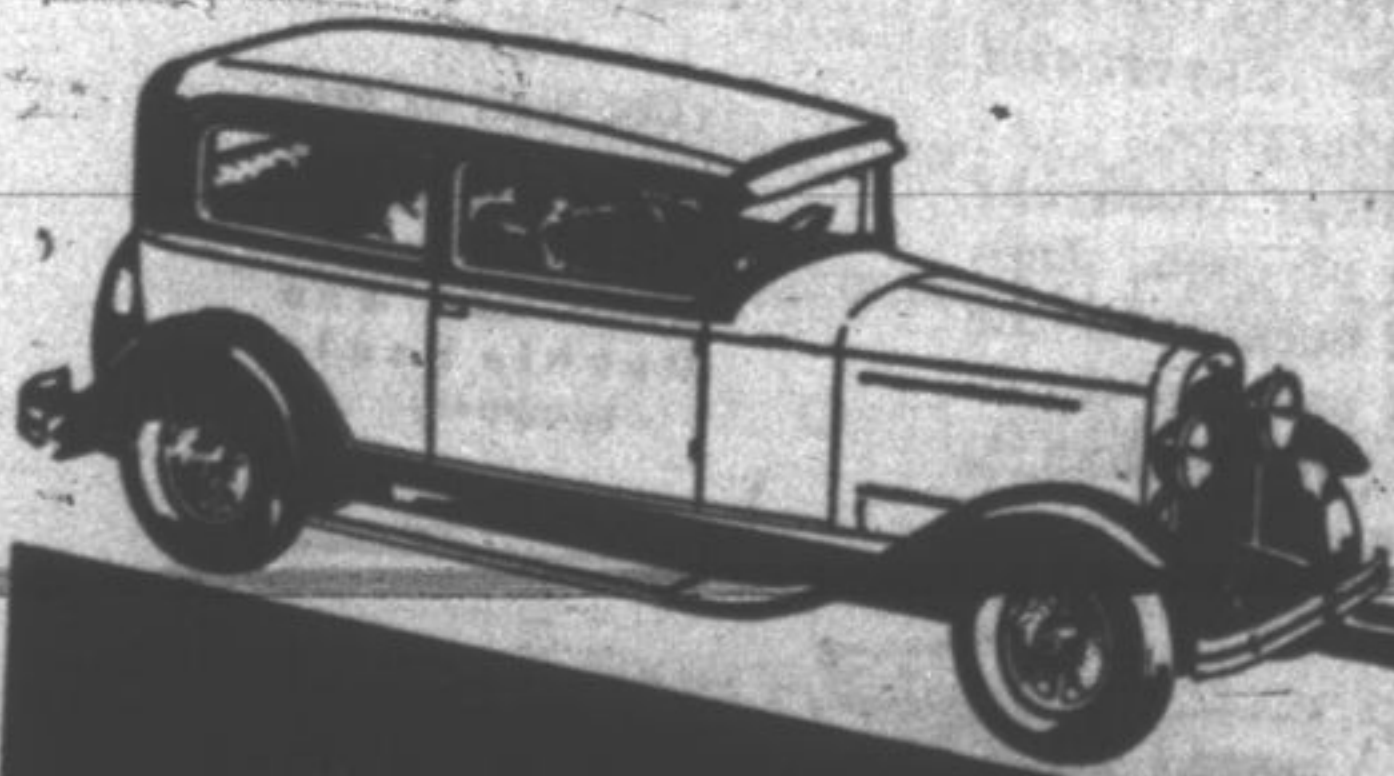
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