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Man Meets Death at Cedar Lake—Camden Canoeists Rescued

Four persons were drowned in the South Jersey-Philadelphia area during the weekend, and many others were dragged from the water after bathing and boating accidents.

Among those rescued were two Camden men who clung to their overturned canoe in the Delaware river until they were picked up by three men and three women in a power boat.

The dead were:

Martin Masso, 22, of Philadelphia.

William Weems, 30, of 7 South Florida avenue, Atlantic City.

Ernest Stier, 10, of 721 Gaul street, Philadelphia.

James McDermott, 34, of 135 Wilder street, Philadelphia.

Masso had been spending his vacation at Downtown, near Landisville. Yesterday he, his brother, John, and friends went for a swim in Cedar Lake, Newtonsville. Masso was swimming away from the rest of his party when he suddenly sank. It was believed he was seized with cramps.

Body Found at Shore

Weems' body was found floating in the Thorofare, Atlantic City, yesterday. He is believed to have walked into the surf while in a daze, the current carrying his body to the backwater. He had been reported missing by a brother earlier in the week.

The body was found by Edward Thomas, of 2618 Monterey avenue, and George Brown, of 2909 Sunset

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avenue, both Atlantic City, who were fishing.

The Stier boy drowned when he fell into a rain-filled quarry hole at Croyden, Pa. He tried to crawl up the side of a steep sand bank but the sands gave way under him and he slipped back in the water. Exhausted, he tried to swim but his strength was spent and he soon sank to the bottom.

McDermott plunged to his death from a pier at the foot of Christian street, Philadelphia, into the Delaware river. He was known as a strong swimmer and friends who saw him floundering in the water thought he was joking until it was too late to help him.

Fireman Summons Aid

The rescued canoeists are Wallace D. Schoellkopf, 34, of 1105 North Twenty-third street, and Ralph E. Prickitt, Jr., 20, of 1009 North Twenty-third street.

They had rigged their small craft with a sail and were boating near Delair bridge when a sudden squall capsized them. They clung to the canoe and drifted with the current for some minutes.

A fireman on the Washington-Atlantic City express of the Pennsylvania Railroad noticed their plight and brought the train to a stop at the Delair station. He notified the police who, in turn, advised the Philadelphia harbor patrol.

Meanwhile, the six persons in the power boat noticed a paddle floating downstream. They surmised that some canoeists had met with an accident and started up the river full speed. They drew alongside the up-turned craft and helped Schoellkopf and Prickitt aboard.

Twenty minutes later, the police boat arrived and took the two men to shore. Neither suffered any ill effects from the experience. In the confusion, they forgot to learn the names of their rescuers.

Lifeguards at Blackwood rescued two Philadelphians in Lake Morgan. Florence Brikcio, 2940 Anargo street, was pulled from the water after suffering a cramp by Guard William Verdier. A few minutes later, his brother, Harry, rescued Abraham Scrock, 4842 Hutchinson street.

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