

125 YEARS AGO AUGUST 1898

THUS ENDS THE AMERICAN WAR FOR HUMANITY *Courier-News, August 13, 1898, page 1*



The Closing Chapter in the War against Spain. With simplicity in keeping with republican institutions, the war which has raged between Spain and the United States for a period of three months and 22 days was quietly terminated at 23 minutes past 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when Secretary Day for the United States and M. Cambon for Spain, in the presence of President McKinley, signed a protocol which will form the basis of a definitive treaty of peace. It is but simple justice to our sister republic of France to record the fact that to her good offices this speedy termination of a war that might have run on indefinitely was brought about, and the president himself deemed that action on the part of the French government as worthy of special praise. *Photo: Somerset County Militia, Company M, at old Court House, 1898*

100 YEARS AGO AUGUST 1923

TROLLEY STRIKE: JITNEY BUSES ARE IN VOGUE TODAY *Courier-News, August 1, 1923, page 11*

Bound Brook. The strike of the trolley operators in this vicinity is being handled by the Public Service Railway through the use of buses which are running from the station plaza to the various manufacturing plants in the vicinity and carrying employees to their work. The Public Service had operated buses in conjunction with their trolley system in the Manville vicinity for several months, the cars operating from the Manville crossroads to the Weston station in such a manner as to make connection with trolley cars. Some buses have been brought to the vicinity from New York City and accommodate almost as many passengers as do the large trolley cars operated on the Bound Brook-Raritan line.

Advertisement at right: Courier-News, August 1, 1923, page 2

TROLLEY TRACKS ARE GRADUALLY COVERED

Courier-News, August 31, 1923, page 15

Bound Brook. During the past month, or since the commencement, August 1, of the trolley strike, the tracks formerly used by the railroad company are rapidly disappearing from sight along the stretches of country road between this place and Somerville. This is due partly to natural causes, such as sand washed across them during times of heavy showers, and the growth of weeds, and partly to the use of the tracks by jitney service and trucks. In some places there are large stretches of tracks that have entirely disappeared and where one would be unable to recognize a trolley right of way unless familiar with the location. Should the Public Service ever decide to operate its cars over the tracks, considerable work will be necessary to clear them off before this can be done.

ST. ROCCO CELEBRATION SUCCESSFUL *Courier-News, August 21, 1923, p 11*

Raritan. The annual St. Rocco celebration, held by the Italian-American residents of Raritan Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and concluding yesterday, was successful in spite of the fact that no trolleys were running to Raritan, and that the main street of that town is torn up and being reconstructed. Hundreds of people came to town for the celebration in automobiles and by train, and the program for each of the three days was largely patronized. Friday was devoted to musical concerts by two bands, one from New York, and the other from a Catholic Orphan Asylum at Hopewell. Saturday there was a church service in St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church, followed by a parade, and in the evening, further band concerts and fireworks. Sunday's program was largely of a religious nature. ...

INTER-COUNTY LOOP DISBANDS *Courier-News, August 10, 1923, page 21*

After the withdrawal of the Bernardsville team and the Mendham team from the **Inter-County Baseball League**, other teams in the league, comprising Liberty Corner, New Providence, Far Hills, and Basking Ridge, decided to suspend all future games for the remainder of the season. Since early in the season, the two teams to withdraw have been on an even footing for first place in the league averages and because of poor attendance at the games in which other league teams participated with them, they were unable to meet their expenses ...

SEEN THIS WEEK *Bernardsville News, Aug 30, 1923, page 4*

- ⇒ Girl explaining to mother how hole happened to be burned into her dress by cigarette.
- ⇒ Many automobiles in need of a bath owing to the dust on the New Vernon road.
- ⇒ Copy of a Newark evening paper on porch roof on Anderson road. Had been seen there for some days. Bet the dealer got his for failing to deliver.
- ⇒ Chauffeur in local mountain colony arriving home from a six-hundred mile non-stop drive from Maine summer resort. Yes, he was a mess.
- ⇒ Ye scribe pushing his "Lizzie" to the nearest gasoline tank for a new supply, where the man in charge opined that they didn't run very far on their reputation. Luckily the gas station was nearby—and downhill.

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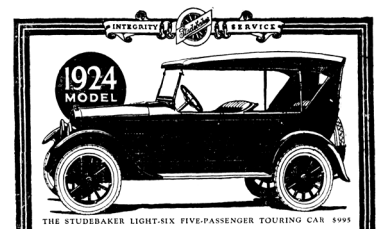
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