

SHARK DRIVEN FROM CITY BATHING GROUND

**Capt. Everingham Hits In. der With Oar at Asbury
Avenue---Group Is Closed, Bathing Being Allowed
Only at Steel Enclosed Fourth Ave. Grounds.**

The shark scare in Asbury Park has become a reality. A shark believed to have been about 12 feet long was encountered by Life Guard Captain Benjamin Everingham in a surf boat within 50 feet of the outer ropes at the Asbury avenue bathing grounds at 11.45 o'clock this morning. Everingham struck at the big fish twice, with his oar, and with a swirling of the waters the shark turned and shot out to sea. A few minutes later Everingham returned to the beach and told his story. Orders were immediately given to clear the surf of bathers, and no more tickets were sold at the Asbury avenue group.

Because of the shark menace bathing is now permitted at only the Fourth avenue grounds, which have been enclosed with heavy mesh wire.

Everingham was patrolling the bathing grounds a short distance beyond the ropes when he sighted the shark headed directly for the boat. He lifted one of the oars from its lock and struck viciously at the slimy back of the sea monster. Everingham declares he struck the shark, and as it turned to head out to sea, he struck it again. The oar was the only weapon he had in the boat, despite the belief that all the patrolling boats had been equipped with rifles and axes.

Persons on the shore and along the south side of the fishing pier saw Everingham striking the water with his oar and were puzzled over his actions until they learned that he had seen a shark.

Considerable excitement prevailed after Everingham's announcement, and it did not require much urging from the guards to clear the water of the bathers. There were about 100 persons bathing at the Asbury avenue grounds at the time.

Everingham declares the shark appeared to be as long as the boat. He believes that, had he been armed with an axe or harpoon he might have succeeded in wounding or killing the shark.

Stretching of the protecting network of wire about the Fourth avenue grounds was about completed this afternoon. As soon as the placing of this barrier is finished men engaged on the job will start on the other grounds, which will be reopened as

fast as they are completed.

Reassured by the patrolling life boats, which were rowed up and down the coast at a short distance beyond the ropes enclosing the outer end of the Fourth avenue bathing grounds, a big crowd of bathers spent the morning in the surf there, but there was an apparent disposition to keep within the lines. There is a motor boat patrol at Fourth avenue.

Sharks have now become a subject of general conversation all along the coast. Expert opinion has been freely offered, and much of it has been contradictory and largely related to fiction rather than fact. Despite reports of schools of sharks having been seen, it is declared a scientific fact that man-eating sharks do not travel in schools. No sharks have been seen off the local beach or off Ocean Grove, although Laughlin R. Hetrick, proprietor of the fishing yacht Tuna, says that schools of the basking blue variety have been seen far out from the deck of the Tuna. None of them have been seen near the shore, however.

There is considerable speculation here today as to whether it was really a shark that attacked Charles Bruder at Spring Lake. Opinion is markedly varied, some holding that the fish may have been a giant mackerel or a swordfish.

Bruder Funeral Held.

SPRING LAKE, July 8.—The funeral of Charles Bruder, who was killed by a shark Thursday afternoon while swimming about 400 yards off the beach here, was held this morning at 10.30 from St. Andrew's Methodist church. Burial was made at Atlantic View cemetery, Manasquan, the expenses being borne by the management of the Essex and Sussex hotel, where he was a hallboy. Efforts are now being made to locate his mother in Switzerland, whose sole support the boy was. The hotel management has communicated with the Swiss consul at Philadelphia. In the meantime a fund of \$1,000 is to be raised to be forwarded to her. Another son is in the army and therefore is unable to support his mother.

The boro has placed two motor boats, supplied with rifles, to keep a sharp lookout for sharks. Manager Joseph Oliver has also had a row boat placed at each pavilion.

Thursday's tragedy was seen by several persons from windows in the Hotel Monmouth and from the Essex and Sussex. Among those in the latter hotel was Mrs. George W. Childs, a society woman from Philadelphia. She was standing on her private balcony when
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she heard screams and asked her maid to hand her anett glass.

Immediately she saw Bruder taken from the water she called up F. T. Keating, assistant manager of the hotel, informed him of what had occurred and ordered her automobile. Three minutes later she was speeding to Deal Beach to notify her niece, daughter of Robert W. Chester, not to take her afternoon plunge in the surf.

Hotels Warned by Telephone

Mr. Keating passed the word along to David H. Mumer, manager of the hotel, and while Keating was notifying every physician within reach Mr. Mumer ordered the telephone operators to call up every "central" between Point Pleasant and Atlantic Highlands and spread the alarm. It was said that every hotel along the coast was reached within 15 minutes.

Dowling Thankful For Escape

One thankful man was Robert W. Dowling, 19-year-old son of Robert H. Dowling, president of the City Investing company, New York. Last summer he swam around the island of Manhattan, a distance of 10 miles, and since coming to Spring Lake has thought nothing of swimming a few miles from shore.

An hour before Bruder was killed, young Dowling came in from a two-mile swim and passed directly over the spot where the shark struck the bell boy.

"Never again," said Dowling, "that I'm not here. I guess I was lucky."

Another to thank his stars is Leonard J. Hill, a wholesale druggist, of 131 Riverside drive, New York city, who is summering at the Essex and staying with his wife. He swam five miles down the coast, keeping a quarter of a mile outside of the breakers. He came in about the same time as

Dowling, and swears he will keep inside the ropes after this.

Mrs. Childs suggested on her return from Deal Beach that a subscription be taken up and that Bruder's Swaps, with no relatives in this country, be given a proper burial. This will be added to by guests at the Monmouth hotel, the Breakers and by the cottagers. The hotel management insisted upon bearing all the expense and turning over the fund to Bruder's mother in Luzerne, Switzerland, whom he had supported for years.

Dr. Charles Yullouster, Swiss consul in Philadelphia, was notified by telegraph. He said it would be better to inter the body in this country because the war would make shipment difficult. The consul will arrange to have the body sent to Bruder's mother thru the Swiss embassy in Washington.

That Bruder was killed by a shark was vouched for by Dr. W. O. Schaffner, who said he had examined the body carefully 15 minutes after the dye tag man was taken from the sea by Life Guards Ciska Anderson and George White.

Bruder's Injuries Described

"There is not the slightest doubt that a man-eating shark inflicted the injuries," he said. "Bruder's right leg was frightfully torn and the bone was broken off half way between the knee and ankle. The left foot was mangled as well as the lower end of the left and right. The leg bone was denuded of flesh from a point half way below the knee. There was a deep gash above the left knee, which penetrated to the bone. On the right side of the mid-thigh lay down a piece of flesh as big as a marble and was missing. Bruder died from loss of blood and shock."

The doctor said that from his knowledge of sharks he believed the big fish struck either three or four times in rapid succession. In order to strike he was forced to turn on his side as his length is under the head and set low. The force of the first blow failed to drive Bruder under the water, but he was partly submerged by the second. When the two waves touched him the head was jam above water and he was suffocating.