

CONFERENCE OF RURAL LIFE EXPONENTS HERE; NOTED MEN IN CITY

Cores of Delegates From Four States Open Important Session in the Chamber of Commerce

PLANS FOR RURAL UPLIFT

Scientific Management of Crops to Be Discussed by Experts in Agriculture

The high cost of living will take a big drop this season, if one is venturously inclined, and if as many theories are put into actual practice as are being brought to town today by scores of delegates to the annual four-State Rural Life Conference...

Delegates are arriving today from New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania. This is the third annual conference, but it is the first time that delegates have attended from other States than Pennsylvania.

The program, beginning tonight, will include the subject of rural education, which now includes instruction in agriculture, school buildings and equipment...

It is felt by officers of the Pennsylvania Rural Progress Association, under whose auspices the conference will be held, that if all these problems are fairly tackled so that there may be a rural development in the four States...

Among noted speakers who will address the conference are the following: Dr. L. H. Bailey, former dean of the New York State College of Agriculture...

FALLS DEAD ON "L" TRAIN

Mrs. Irwin N. Megargee Succumbs to Heart Disease

Mrs. Irwin N. Megargee, 48 years old, widow of Irwin N. Megargee, of the firm of Megargee & Co., paper manufacturer...

BICK MAN DIES ON TRAIN

Coal Dealer Suffers Relapse and Quickly Succumbs

James McClacken, 25 years old, a coal dealer, of 1721 East Thompson street, died last night on a Reading Railway train as it was approaching this city.

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GIRL SAYS MEN SEIZED, DRUGGED AND HELD HER

Jersey Merchant's Daughter Asserts She Was Kept Prisoner Under Threats

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Drugged, kidnapped and held prisoner by two men for three days, Miss Marlon Artriss, 18 years old, escaped yesterday afternoon and collapsed as she told her story to the police.

She is the daughter of Joseph Artriss, a wealthy retired merchant, of Teaneck, N. J. She spent the early part of last week visiting her aunt, Mrs. Mabel O'Ryan, of Union street, Jersey City.

On Thursday, when her aunt, she came to Manhattan, and attended a theatre. They separated at the 14th street subway station. Miss Artriss rode to Manhattan street intending to go from there to the Fort Lee ferry, thence home by street car.

According to the story Miss Artriss snatched out to the police, she became confused and lost her way. At Manhattan and 125th streets two men approached and politely asked if they could be of service. When she explained where she wanted to go they offered to show her the way.

The three had walked but a few steps when a taxicab drew up to the curb. It was then growing dusk. Despite her screams, she was thrust into the machine by the two men. As she continued her cries a gag was thrust into her mouth and securely bound.

Gradually she lost consciousness from some drug, with which the gag was saturated. When she awoke, Miss Artriss found herself in a dark room. Both men were there. They threatened to kill her, she says, if she made any outcry or attempted to escape. About midnight the men prepared to leave the room. Before going she was forced to swallow the contents of a glass, which immediately put her to sleep.

All day Friday and Saturday she remained in a semiconscious state, the two men forcing drugs down her throat at intervals. Miss Artriss awoke yesterday afternoon and found herself alone for the first time. After two hours of effort she finally escaped from the house. She ran for 15 blocks, she said, before she met Patrolman Mullaly, of East 15th street. Miss Fisher has been living in Camden since she came from Russia to America. Some time ago she was visiting, just casually, a daughter of Louis Cohen, of 215 Federal street, Camden, and there was introduced to Louis Feinberg, of Chicago, who is Henry's father.

When Louis Feinberg went home he asked for Rebecca's picture; wanted to show it to his son, he said. As she told the story this morning: "When Henry saw my picture he fell in love with me, and sent me his picture. I promptly fell in love with him, and I kept writing to each other, and about a month ago he proposed to me and I accepted him. A week ago he sent me the ring, and yesterday a ticket, suggesting that I come to Chicago and get married there. So I'm going."

"KNOCKER" SHOT FOR SARCASM

Attack Follows Remark About Cut of Assailant's Coat

A sarcastic remark regarding the cut of his coat caused a quarrel between two men, 624 Fitzwater street, to draw a revolver and fire a bullet into the left arm of Tony D'Vincentia, 709 Christian street, according to Torphy's testimony today before Magistrate Ingher in the 2d and Christian streets station.

CAUGHT PLAYING PINOCCHLE

Not a Nickel in Sight When Atlantic City Police Raid Alleged Gambling Den

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FAT MAN FALLS ON GIRL

Eleven-year-old Child Badly Injured While Sledding in Westmont

A 250-pound man, knocked off his feet by a sled, fell upon Virginia Poinsett, 21 years old, of 222 Virginia avenue, Westmont, Camden County, and the girl is in a serious condition at her home today with a fractured left shoulder and other injuries.

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MISS REBECCA FISHER

Who left her home in this city today to marry a Chicago man. Neither bride nor bridegroom has seen the other; it is a case of love at first sight—of photographs.

CAMDEN GIRL TO WED MAN SHE HASN'T SEEN

"Henry Fell in Love With My Picture," She Says—Leaves for Chicago

Miss Rebecca Fisher, 22, and pretty, of 440 South 3d street, Camden, is speeding toward Chicago to be married to Henry Feinberg, 25, and wealthy, of 284 West 12th street, in that metropolis. The particular interest that attaches to the scheduled event is that Miss Fisher has never seen her intended husband.

When she went away this morning she willingly gave her picture to a reporter, but balked at giving her fiancé's. Under persuasion she told the reason for refusing: she wanted to look at the picture during the train ride to Chicago.

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"MARIE-ODILE" TO BE MODIFIED AS RESULT OF CATHOLIC PROTEST

Several Changes in Parts Called Offensive Ordered by Director Wilson at Conference

GERMANS MAY PROTEST

Certain lines offensive to Catholics in "Marie-Odile" today will be cut out of the play.

The changes which will be put into effect tonight at the Adelphi amount virtually to a censoring of the production by the police. Plans for the pruning of the play were outlined at a conference in the office of Director of Public Safety Wilson, Miss Frances Starr, who is the part of the novitiate; Leonard Blumberg, manager of the Adelphi Theatre, and several Catholic leaders participated in the conference.

Director Wilson listened attentively to the arguments of both sides. He said he had seen "Marie-Odile" and stated that he had not received a mistaken impression of convent life, nor did he believe that it was an untrue representation of the routine in such a Catholic institution. He advised the producers, however, to make several changes.

Certain lines offensive to Catholics will be cut from the play today, and the scene in which a Prussian sergeant and a corporal discuss a convent will be removed. Minor changes will also be made in other parts of the play.

Besides Miss Starr and Leonard Blumberg, manager of the Adelphi, the following were present at the conference in Director Wilson's office: Former Congressman J. Washington Longue, John O'Dea, representing the Ancient Order of Hibernians; the Rev. John J. Wheeler, head of the Catholic Theatre Movement; Peter J. Hoban, representing the Holy Name Society; Frank Young, business manager of the "Marie-Odile" company; James A. Flaherty, Henry B. Stillman, V. Phillips Dodge and Maurice J. Speiser, attorney for the Shuberts.

Miss Starr, it is understood, made an impressive plea for the retention of the parts which met the objection of Philadelphia Catholics. She took the stand of her sponsor, David Belasco, in stating that the play was not intended to be offensive to Catholics, but was only intended to present a realistic interpretation of the life of a novice in a convent.

The dialogue between the Prussian sergeant and corporal which will be pruned from the play, takes place in the convent after it has been invaded by a company of Prussian soldiers. The soldiers are boisterous in their manner and they show scant reverence for the sacred relics of the convent. They also speak lightly and roughly of the nuns. The line particularly objected to by Catholics is when the Prussian sergeant remarks, "I have been in convents before."

Reports were current today that German societies of this city would make a demand that the play be suppressed.

LEADERS TRY TO SAVE SLEUTHS IN SHAKE-UP

"Things Fixed" for Agnew and He Will Be Restored—Robinson May Go

Director Wilson's shake-up in the Detective Bureau has resulted in some "tail hustling" by Organization leaders who are anxious to save their favorites from being sent away from City Hall. In making the changes, the Director said he would take orders from no one, but it was freely predicted today that several of the demoted men would soon be back at their old places.

County Commissioner Scott is back of the movement to have Edward Agnew, one of the organization henchmen of the 17th Ward, who was sent to the Tenth district, restored to the Detective Bureau. Following several conferences it has been announced that he has had things "fixed up" and that Agnew will continue in plain clothes.

William Gleason, of the automobile squad, who was sent to the 27th District, is quoted as saying that he would be back on the job. Gleason said that Congressman Costello, his ward leader, would look after his interests. Other detectives, who were regarded as "dead wood," and ordered to street duty, are working through their ward leaders to be restored.

It is rumored that the position of Assistant Superintendent of Police will be restored and given to Detective Frank O'Connor, who is backed by Senator Vane. Despite repeated denials the report that Superintendent Robinson will be asked to resign and Captain Callahan, recently reappointed to his old position, will be named as superintendent, is credited by many in the police bureau. It is said that if Robinson is supplanted he will get the job of State Fire Marshal.

\$1,094,874 School Bills Approved

The Finance Committee of the Board of Education today approved bills aggregating \$1,094,874.52, including salaries of teachers and other employes. The principal items were: Salaries, \$688,559.87; furniture, \$64,570.14; supplies, \$16,634.28, and payments on the purchase of sites for new schools, \$259,997.89. The balance of school funds on hand amounts to \$2,482,629.49.

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