### RANKERS' SUITS TEST CONSTITUTIONALITY OF ESCHEAT ACT OF 1915

Financiers Also Prepared to Attack Statute in Next Session of the General Assembly

DEPOSITS UNCLAIMED

Three bills in equity attacking the constutionality of the escheat act of 1915 are waiting decis on in the courts of this State, hills bankers operating under the State was are lining up their forces to carry air fight against the law into the next

The bankers, following the failure of the sating Legislature to provide funds for the operation of the act, will ask the next person of the State lawmakers to repeal ne measure.

The principal object of David Speer, who has been campaigning for the enforcement of the act, has been to see that advertisements of all unclaimed deposits and other ments of all unclaimed deposits and other rands held by State banks beyond certain prescribed periods are duly advertised, as the act requires. But according to bankers, the expense of this advertising must be to be to be the State, and as no money has been appropriated the Auditor General, who is charged with the operation of the act, has done nothing but receive reports from banks.

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For 1916, according to information given to Mr. Speer by the Auditor General. 20,50 reports were filed under the escheat st. many of them contain ng 100 items sech. The Dollar Savings Bank, of Pittshurgh, with deposits of more than \$31,000,500, advertised under its charter 1910 unclaimed deposits for an aggregate of \$802,115. Using the as a basis of calculation, Mr. Speer has estimated that there is fully 15,000,000 in cash or property in Pennsylvania banks coming under the five classes for which escheat is provided by the act. These classes are: These classes are: First Deposits of money, not increased at decreased and on which interest has not been credited in the depositors' pass

ok at the request of the depositor, for Second. Property held for storage or safekeeping, to which actual access has not been had by the person for whom the same

is beld, for seven years. Third. Dividends or profits declared by a corporation or copartnership to stockholders or members and not paid, for three years. Fourth. Debts and interest on debts, due to creditors and not paid, for three years. Fifth. Property held for the benefit of nother, demandable but not received, for

seven years. The banks say they have carried out to the letter their obligation under the act to report property of the specified kinds to the Auditor General. The act provides that after the required advertising the property

PURPOSE OF SUIT

The purpose of the suit by three Pennsylvania banks in which decision is now pending was first to enjoin the Auditor General from advertising the accounts they had reported to him—an unnecessary pro-ceeding, in view of the lack of an approprintion. They also are attacking the constitutionality of the act. One of their main contentions is, in effect, that advertising the accounts and other holdings of living persons is an unwarrantable invasion of the depositor's right to privacy. "The fundamental vice of the act," they assert, "is that it deals with the property of persons who are living and known."

An illustration of how this works out in practice is provided by R. Stuart Smith, who with John G. Johnson appeared as counsel for the three plaintiff banks. He has a client, a woman, who for a dozen years has been living on a ranch in Mon-tan. When she left Philadelphia she stored s heat of silver in a safe deposit vault at sheal bank. The only occasion she had have this open occurred 10 years ago men she gave her lawyer power of attor-by to obtain some pieces of the set and send them to her. Under the act of 1915 it was necessary for the bank to report this silverware in January, although the owner is known and has been paying rent on the safe-deposit box every year. Should the act ever be enforced, it will now be necessary for this woman to prove her owner-ship in court, bearing a proportionate share of the costs and of the advertising expense. As the law permits extra-territorial serv-ice, this may involve considerable additional

The banks party to the suit and others interested say that the estimate of \$55,000,-309 in unclaimed deposits made by Mr. Epser is exaggerated. But they are re-hetant to offer an opinion as to the real amount involved.

#### UTIZEN-MARINES FINISH FIRST THREE WEEKS OF TRAINING

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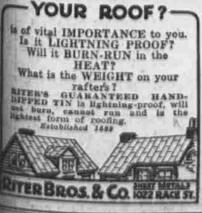
Captain Robert Lee Russell, commandant at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, and about fifty other officers from the army, may and marine corps, as well as retired National Guard commanders and several thousand unofficial visitors, were at Lamstown yesterday afternoon, when the first period of three weeks' work of the Marine Carps civilian reserve came to a close. The came will lear the carps of the came will lear the carps. carps civilian reserve came to a close. The camp will last three weeks more, but with the same week-enders that began the saining course and a different set of conious students.

Captain Russell congratulated the men a their "splendid appearance" and "fine spection." On the program were a dress arade, trench-digging and religious serv-tes conducted by Father Lallou, of St. John's Roman Catholic Church.

The following who have finished their The following who have finished their thee weeks' course at the training camp are volunteered to remain until it is closed, setsmber 1: George W. Anthony, R. C. Shunger, Stewart Beurer, E. B. Dunkelssten, Andrew Gordon, Elmer A. Harvey, F. Heavner, Glider Jackson, J. Barry Raly, R. B. Kirkpatrick, C. S. Marsh, I. S. Baner, R. W. Platt, R. Sibley, W. C. Cheer and G. B. Sheldon, Jr.

Fire Does \$500 Damage

Pire of unknown origin destroyed the sirfor of two stories of the building at 11; South Fifth street early today.causing has of \$500. The first floor was occupied a Joseph Kaplan, ladies' tailor. Ten perses were on the two upper floors, but the started and escaped.



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PRIEST DEFIES ORDER ON A. O. H. EXPOSURE

Continued from Page One affairs in this diocess that Jeopardizes the salvation of thousands of souls."

In connection with the Cronin murder, Father McDermott wrote:

old me.

The Rev. Francis J. McGovern, rector of
St. Patrick's Church. Pottsville, where mass
will be said for the Ancient Order of Hibernians, is criticized by Father McDermott
for changing his opinion of that organization. Speaking of Father McGovern, he

At St. Mary's Church, Philadelphia, he re-hemently declared he would not sing a requiem deless the invitation to an A. O. H. division to titend the fineral was revoked. His conduct on that occasion made the A. O. H. resoive, as they said, "to sun' for Father McDermott and force him to recognize the order.

"OFFENSE TO CATHOLICS" Father McDermott adds: "Few priests realize more fully than he, what a scandal an A. O. H. mass would give to God-fearing Catholics, and what offense it would be to the non-Catholic population of the coal

Father McDermott says:

This mass is not desired as a propillation for he sins of the order nor as a thanksgiving for he uncoveranted mercles that have restrained for from destroying it, but that it is employed an advertisement which will form a stronger ducement to unaspecting Catholics to join the book. O. H. than an invitation or exhoriation from he sites.

Speaking of the court of honor that will be erected in Pottsville for the A. O. H., Father McDermott says:

It would seem to the same mind that Potts-ville is the place the A. O. H. should studiously avoid. If it desires to escape the odium of its syll deed.

RECALL McLAUGHLIN'S GIFT Father McDermott also wrote to the

before by putting them in the manetuary of the Cathedral.

Your graceful acknowledgment of these gifts and congratulations, as well as the blessings sent in exchange for them, leave no doubt that yourself and the A. O. H. are friends and that the order enjoys your cordiol approval and has your best wishes.

Formerly Catholics could safely and successfully reject A. O. H. Importunities to join by pleading that their priests condemned it, but now they can offer no excuse for refusing to join when their archibishop blesses the A. O. H. What security will inexperienced youths have sgainst its wiles to invelte them into the order when they find that their teachers have been made recruiting sergeants for the A. O. H. through its gifts to convents and parachilal schools, when they find that commencement day is the date fixed for their initiation?

After telling the Archbishop that his blessing of the A. O. H. was "a blunder, a crime, or both," Father McDermott added:

You owe it to yourself and to religion to You owe it to yourself and to religion to return their gifts and recall your blessings if the A. O. A. have put a false construction on your action.

MUST GRIN AT PRAISE

And he added: And he added:

In the present instance neither your simcollety nor inexperience, nor ignorance of A.

H. methods, prevented you from suspecting
the object A. O. H. officials had in offering
out sifts and congratulations.

You know well what would be meted out to
out if you had withheld your blessings; you
must when its official organ hails you as "the
instinguished bishop of Philadelphia, whose zeal
and intelligence are doing so much to promote
the interests of religion in the diocese."

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Father McDermott wrote the Archbishop that the latter called the A. O. H. "a bad lot" at his home in Allentown in Septem-

You would not incur the hatred of "a bad lot." nor the loss of popularity, nor of revenue by opposing the A. O. H. Valiant soldier, you would first only when the general shielded you from the fire of the enemy. When you said that you would fight only from behind the Bishop's back, you meant that you would not light at all.

In the final paragraphs of his letter to the Archibichon Esther McDlermett, see the the Archbishop Father McDermott speaks of the Ladies' A. O. H. Auxiliary. He

Me are told that young people must have anusement. Very true, but not amusement which destroys a sense of decency, self-respect and a prudent reserve which form the bright-est ornament of our frish girls. It must not be an amusement which is dangerous, if not ruin-tons, to souls,

#### CRONIN MURDER RECALLED BY PRIEST'S A. O. H. ATTACK

atriots in Philadelphia had knowledge of the A. O. H. in connection with the murder of Dr. P. H. Cronin, a Chicago physician, recalls the fact that two residents of this city were among those involved in the evestigation of that yet-unsolved mystery Doctor Cronin disappeared from his home early in May, 1889, and on May 23 of that year his body, naked and bearing marks of brutal murder, was found in the catch basin of a sewer on Evanston avenue. The fact that a Catholic emblem about his neck was undisturbed created a suspicion against members of the Clan-na-Gael. Several prominent members of that secret Irish rder were questioned, among them Luke Dillon and Peter McGeehan, of this city.

Dillon at that time was teller in a savings fund on Chestnut street west of Fifteenth, and was active among the friends of Ireland in this city. McGeehan was an

fromworker, but not especially active in the Clan-na-Gael.
Daniel Coughlin, of Chicago, appeared to be the chief suspect, but the police investi-gation, although widespread, did not result

in conviction. Local bodies of Irish sympathisers offered financial assistance in the search for the murderers and the Hibernians and Irish-American Club, like the Clan-na-Gael, adopted resolutions of sympathy and deplored the crime.

Doctor Cronin was jured to death on pretext of a professional call, and his funeral, which took place from the Cathedral in Chicago, was attended by more than 7000 members of various fraternal orders. The estensible cause of the Cronin murder was the physician's insistence upon an accounting for funds of the Clan-na-Gael, which were alleged to have been misused in grain market speculations by officers of the organization.

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NEW TRIPLETS AND THEIR MOTHER



Mrs. Morris Brodsky, 8000 Gibson avenue, and her son, Saut, and two daughters, Sadie and Annie. Thirteen children have been born to her previously.

TRIPLETS BORN; HAVE TWINS

West Philadelphia Woman Congrat-

ulated on Arrival of Three

A mother in West Philadelphia received congratulations today on the birth of trip-lets. The woman is Mrs. Yetta Brodsky, of Eightleth street and Gibson avenue. She has just returned to her home from

the St. Agnes Hospital, where the triplets were born. Dr. John C. Hirst, of 1823 Pine street, who attended the mother, gaid that

Mrs. Brodsky is the wife of Maurice Brodsky, a contractor and builder. The couple have been married just 20 years, and during that time they have had 16 children. 12 of whom are now living. When they were married the husband was 19

One set of twins was born to the couple

One set of twins was born to the couple several years ago, but only one of these lived. The triplets will be christened Sarah, Saul and Anna. The oldest child, who was recently married, is Mrs. Rose Winokur. The others, ranging downward in ages, are Rebecca, David, William, Lilly, Samuel, Sadie, Eva and Isadore.

WILLS ADMITTED TO PROBATE

George Y. Keegan Disposes of \$10,000

Estate in Private Bequests

Wills admitted to probate today were those of George Y. Keegan, 2217 West Somerset street, which, in private bequests, disposes of property valued at \$10,000; Syl-vester S. Garwood, 6408 Elimwood avenue,

\$5800; Thomas J. Henry, 1320 South Fifty third street, \$3200; Mary Coll, 625 North Shedwick street, \$2100, and William H

Wagner, who died in the German Hospital

\$2000. The personalty of the estate of Kathryn Ide Siboni has been appraised at \$40,940.60 Sallie M. Caldwell, \$17,169.87, and Gratz C. Jordan, \$8741.20.

Showalter to Defend Chess Title

CHICAGO, Aug. 14.—Jackson W. Shev f Georgetown, Ky., will defend his title of

on States chess champion in a tournam e played in the rooms of the Kenwood lub here beginning today.

he expects all the three children to live.

years old and the bride 17 years.

AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS

#### 'LITTLE NAVY' MEN FIGHT PENDING BILL

'Double Crossed," They Say, by Administration, Which Accepted Increase

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—The revolt of Democratic "small navy" and pacifist mem-bers of the House against the Administra-tion will reach its climax when the Senate program for the construction of eight capital ships is taken up in the House tomorrow. The disaffection, which has been bubbling and simmering throughout this session of Congress, will culminate in a general denunciation of the methods used by President Wilson and his advisers in nutting the parallel program. putting the naval preparedness program through Congress. The Administration indorsement of the enormous increases placed in the naval bill by the Senate is looked upon by the Democratic "little navy" representatives as violating promises made to them early in the session. They say frankly that they have been "double-crossed" and they propose to inform the House and the country of the fact in no uncertain terms tomorrow.

Majority Leader Kitchin will be one of the spokesmen for the pacifist group. He said today that he expected to discuss the "inside politics" of the naval bill. Representatives Page, of North Carolina, and Hensley, of Missouri, who represented the pac ficist Democrats in negotiations with the Administration leaders when the naval bill was bore the House Naval Committee originally, are also expected to join in the attack.

The "little navy" men assert that the Administration agreed to accept and fight for the naval bill as framed in the House as the "Administration bill," if the pacifist group would forego opposition to the measure. pacifists were in a position to beat the bill. They accepted the four battle cruiser plan in the House bill to keep the Democratic House vote sol'd, with the understanding that the Administration would make no effort further to increase the bill.

Representatives Page and Hensley, it is said, were assured by Secretary Daniels that the four-ship plan was satisfactory to the Administration. shows that Daniels told Chairman Padgett, of the House committee, that he was "tickled to death" with the House bill, But when the bill reached the Senate the agreement was forgotten, the antis alleged

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Republican Candidate Makes Speech in Cour de Alenes Region, Then Talks to Women of Spokane

OFF TO TACOMA NEXT

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 14.-The Coeur d'Alene district of Idaho claimed the attention of Charles E. Hughes this morn-Motoring over to Cour d'Alene after an automobile parade in Spokane. where he and Mrs. Hughes spent Sunday, the Republican presidential nominee addressed a meeting of miners. He dwelt upon the relations of capital and labor as In the Detroit address, and advocated a protective tariff and sound Americaniem. Returning to Spokane, Mr. Hughes addressed a meeting composed exclusively of women. He said his attitude toward suf-frage was in some ways original. He beleved in it because it was right and also because every delay in granting the vote to women bred danger. The shortest cut should be taken, he declared, because sex hitterness and sex antagonism are one of the worst menues the nation can face. After an address to the general public early this evening Mr. Hughes will leave

Although the candidate's voice has now hardened and gained strength, so that he no longer experiences difficulty in speaking, his campaign managers on the trip are urging use of sounding boards at fu-ture outdoor meetings. Doctor Ditman, Mr Hugher's physician, is particularly appre-hensive lest his patient strain his voice tomorrow night in Tacoma's vast amphi-theater and is trying to provide a sounding board.

Hughes started his second week of cam-paigning today. In point of time he is only one-fifth through with his present trip, and in point of mileage he has 6000 miles more to go. Yesterday was a day of ab-solute rest for him, and he gained new vim by utter avoidance of strenuosity. Gibson, Mr. Hughes's valet, heaved a sigh of relief when Spokane was reached, be-causes Mr. Hughes's supply of white vests was rapidly being depleted. They were

all delivered freshly laundered today. Next to his whiskers, Hughes can best be distinguished by his white vests. He rarely appears without one. William McKinley was the last presidential aspirant who put the white vest into politics.

Today Mr. Hugher's whiskers were even more closely trimmed than before. They only half concealed a mouthful of teeth of which Roosevelt would be proud. It is noticeable also that Mr. Hughes clicks his teeth together occasionally a la Theo-

Judgment Against Woodbury Man

Judge Lloyd, of the Camden Circuit ourt, today entered judgment against Wilbur R. Titus, a prominent builder of Woodbury, N. J., in favor of the Haddon Heights National base for \$2201.30. The suit arose over an alleged forgod check issued by Edward Oliver, clerk of the school board of Center township, for \$201.30 and increased by \$2000 when presented to the bank. Titus and his brother Walter are now under in-dictment on the forgery charge. The check was given in payment for work on Center township schoolhouses, and its alleged forgery was discovered when the ink of the first numeral turned green, while the other figures stayed blue, the color of the link used by Oliver.



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