

GERARD'S CUSSWORD PLEASES PHILADELPHIA

Ambassador's Reply to German Threat Regarded as Appropriate and Patriotic

LANDMARK IN DIPLOMACY

Calling of Kaiser's Bluff a Tribute to Great American Game of Poker, Says Ex-Governor Bunn

Profane Patriotism That Won Victories

DAMN the torpedoes—go ahead.—Farquhar. War is hell.—Sherman. By the eternal!—Andrew Jackson.

In the name of the Great Jehovah and the Continental Congress.—Ethan Allen. I'll make Spanish the court language of hell.—Fighting Bob Evans. Give 'em hell, boys.—T. R. Tut, tut.—Woodrow Wilson.

The remark of Ambassador Gerard when he answered a threat from the German Foreign Minister's representative by saying: "Then I'll tell you, unless he signs over all kinds of arguments about ever in Philadelphia today."

Mr. Gerard said it when Count Montenegro, of the American Department of the German Foreign Office, told him that unless he signed an amendment to the treaty of 1924, granting safe conduct to all German ships from American ports in case of war, American newspapers in Berlin would be held as hostages. As is known, the emphatic rejoinder successfully called the bluff.

Those philological students who concern themselves with the language of diplomacy were all mixed up, with what attitude they assume. The practical folk, though, those who know something of the workings of diplomatic language as it ordinarily is, and as Mr. Gerard has made it, predict the supreme moment of the American diplomat, though they are too modest or too cautious to surrender their anonymity.

DIPLOMATIC LANDMARK

They figure that the American diplomats will lead the field henceforth because nowhere in the world is swearing developed to such a high, scientific degree as in this country, nor is there any place where people are so well trained in the calling of a bluff.

"Poker has done that," said ex-Governor Woodrow Wilson, "and it is the only game that has done it. Many folk today were asked to comment on Mr. Gerard's remark and to forecast its effect on diplomatic language. Some were too fearful to say anything, others talked too much to be named in print, and others were very free, indeed, to match the frankness of Uncle David H. Lane, political sage and Republican Organization Nestor. Said he: "I'm fairly expert in judging things political and profane, but I hardly count myself competent to pass judgment on remarks diplomatic and international."

THINKS GERMAN ENJOYED IT

A man of reasonably wide diplomatic knowledge said: "It was superb. I wouldn't dare let any one know I thought so, but it certainly was grand. Only an American could have done it. Any other country's representative would probably have floundered. The long, round-about, mixed-up 'diplomatic' route of language and fact to carry his point. But Mr. Gerard! I'll bet even the Germans enjoyed that he said. And with God on his side, too." Another man, not untraveled, said: "It only goes to show that even a diplomat can be human. It's exactly what any real man would have thought in a similar situation, and Mr. Gerard had the courage—and the good sense, too—to say what he thought. I think the German language teachers ought to take the occurrence as a triumph. It shows how well they have taught the English language; how well their pupils understand it."

BUNN DELIGHTED

Ex-Governor Bunn, of Idaho, a good Philadelphian, quoting him more fully, had this to say: "I am delighted. I like to see people paid in their own coin. Kaisers and Kings and their representatives should be addressed in the language of their own tongue. Then there is another thing. They say Gerard called the German Minister's bluff. Exactly that's the good old American thing, the great national game, and it teaches us. Every man should henceforth be taught to play poker, and diplomats should take a post-graduate course." There were a few prattish-minded commentators who said only the language, and not the result. But as for the man on the street: Three out of every five thought Gerard ought to be the next President on the strength of the way he said it.

WOULD STOP MARKET "TIPS"

New York Change Favors Punishing Firms That Employ Newspapermen

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The New York Stock Exchange today is on record as favoring severe discipline for members who employ newspapermen to give them tips on confidential matters that break the market. Suspension for not more than one year is a probability for any member who violates the resolution adopted by the exchange members.

Before leaving today for Washington to assist in drafting the House Rules Committee report Sherman L. Whipple, counsel for the note bank committee, said he was in favor of congressional legislation which would prohibit stock speculation by buying on margins and short selling. "The people of the West and South," he said, "will demand such legislation when they learn that it is their stock, borrowed and sold, which makes that kind of trading possible."

Recruits' Certificates Misused

Colonel C. A. F. Hensfield, in charge of the army recruiting station at 1227 Arch street, has been informed that men who have passed the physical examination for army employment are using the certificates to get employment in other parts of the country. There have been many cases of men who have applied for enlistment, passed the physical examination, and then disappeared. Many of these men are using their certificates to get employment at large manufacturing plants requiring vouchers of physical fitness.

Shots Follow Refusal to Wed

LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 17.—Crazed by jealousy, J. Frank Rudisill, twenty-eight years old, of Rohrerstown, called at the home of Miss Elsie Dutton, twenty-two years old, in Lancaster, yesterday, and upon her refusal to marry him fired three revolver shots at her. One went through her ear and inflicted a superficial scalp wound. Rudisill then fled, making his escape.

Veteran Indian Fighter Dies

CARLISLE, Pa., Feb. 17.—August Kenesha, veteran of forty battles with Comanches and Indians, for twenty-five years quartermaster of the Carlisle Indian School, died in the Carlisle Hospital after an operation. He was seventy-three years old. He was a native of Germany, having come to this country at the age of thirteen. He served in the United States army, and was a member of the Carlisle Indian School.

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CITIZENSHIP SEEKERS MULCTED BY GRAFTERS

"Runners" Wait in Corridors and Get Fees for Advising the Gullible

The unprecedented rush for naturalization papers, and the grafting of the law, is proving a rich though tainted harvest for the unscrupulous "runner," who frequents the corridors of Federal Buildings, waiting unwary applicants for naturalization, according to information received by the Bureau of Naturalization in the Department of Labor.

The Philadelphia runner is apparently a fixed as well as notoriously obnoxious institution in the Federal building at Ninth and Market streets. He is not employed by the Government, but forces advice upon aliens, giving the impression that he can assist them in procuring naturalization. For this he demands a fee, the size depending upon the gullibility of the applicant and the size of his bank roll.

Giving such advice free is a part of the official duty of the representatives of the Department of Labor in the Federal building. It is apparent, therefore, that these runners are virtually impostors upon the naturalization seekers and steps are being taken to remedy the evil.

It is the Government's intention, in the interest of the aliens, to forbid the presence of runners in corridors and office rooms of Federal buildings and thus force an abandonment of the nefarious practice of soliciting fees for unauthorized and unnecessary services.

All aliens should know that there is not the slightest need of employing any person to assist them in filing declarations of intention or petitions for naturalization, commonly known as first and second papers. Under the provisions of the naturalization law five dollars covers the entire cost of naturalization, of which one dollar represents the fee for the declaration of intention, and four dollars for the petition for naturalization and issuance of the final certificate confirming citizenship.

TWO COWS DIE WHEN FIRE SWEEPS STABLE

Two Limousines and Building Also Destroyed—Loss \$15,000

Two valuable cows and two limousines were destroyed this morning when fire swept the stable and garage of F. Stork, a retired manufacturer, at 600 Church lane, Germantown, shortly before daybreak, causing a \$15,000 loss.

The fire started on the second floor of the building and burned down to the ground where the cows were kept. The two limousines, before the Bremen arrived through the neighborhood had perished and the automobiles burned. Only the framework of the building stood after the fire had been extinguished.

SHOTS HALT TWO MEN ACCUSED OF ROBBERY

Detectives and Patrolmen in Chase After Alleged Burglars—Third Suspect Escapes

A dozen or more shots were fired after three fleeing burglars early today by policemen of the Tenth and Buttonwood streets station after they had discovered them holding a grocery at 1227 Ridge avenue. One of the shots struck John Bricker, twenty-two years old, of Chicago, Ill. He was wounded in the right leg and removed as a prisoner to the Hahnemann Hospital.

The house next at the Tenth and Buttonwood streets station received a telephone message about 1 o'clock this morning that burglars were in the grocery at the Ridge avenue address. The store is owned by Philip Hoffman.

District Detectives Windrich and Kirber and Patrolmen McCarty, Singer and McIntyre were sent around to investigate. They reached the place they say they saw Bricker and two companions removing crates of eggs from the store. Sixteen crates of eggs were on the floor ready to be taken out when the police arrived. The policemen chased them for several squares, all the time firing at them. More than a dozen shots were fired. After Bricker was wounded Edward Clarke, seventeen years old, of 1227 Green street, one of the party, tripped and was caught. The third man escaped.

BRIDE LOCKS UP HUSBAND WHO WOULD A-SOLDIERING

"Wife Won't Let Me Start," Recruit Tells Corporal

NEW CASTLE, Pa., Feb. 17.—A promising recruit was lost to the coast artillery when Mrs. Harry Lent, seventeen years old, a bride of a few weeks, encountered her nineteen-year-old husband on the way to the station with Corporal Hackett to board a train for Columbus, O. She took her husband home and locked him up.

In applying, Lent said he was unmarried, and passing the examination, was accepted on his way to the train he met his wife and was talking to her, aside from the corporal. Their conversation became heated and the corporal, inquiring, was told by Lent: "It is my wife, and she won't let me go."

Cloud Settles Over Lansdale Bringing Driving Snowstorm

LANSDALE, Pa., Feb. 17.—Yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock it grew so dark here that buildings twenty feet away looked like a gray blur. Persons on one side of the street could not be seen from the other side. Vehicles were forced to stop and trolley cars crawled along.

With the darkness there was a gale accompanied by blinding snow. But the condition lasted less than ten minutes. The atmosphere cleared and it stopped snowing and blowing.

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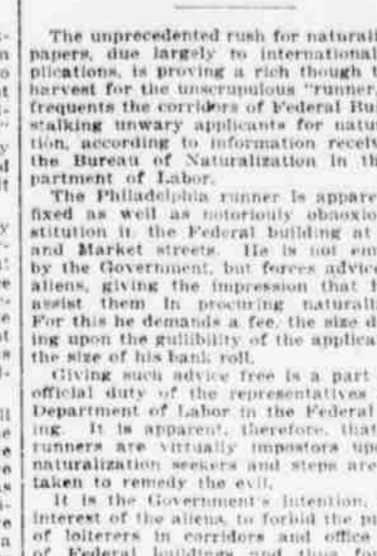
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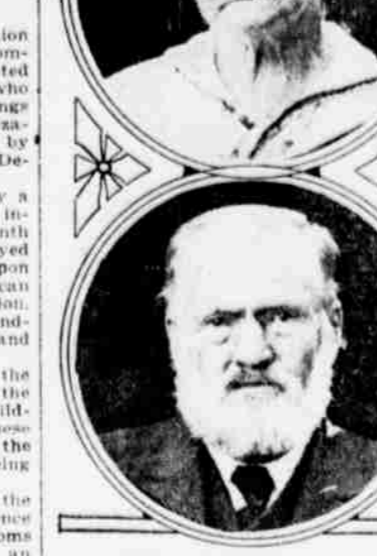
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MONEY MACHINE FRAUD SUIT TRIED IN READING

Glove Manufacturer Demands Return of \$58,965 in Securities and Notes



READING, Pa., Feb. 17.—The equity suit of E. H. Meinig, glove manufacturer, against the International Money Machine Company, and its president, Edward C. Baker, in which the plaintiff is seeking return of \$58,965 worth of securities, a note for \$28,865 and a \$100 check which he gave in payment for 5000 shares of money-machine stock was tried today.

Meinig also has criminal prosecutions pending against Baker for conspiracy to defraud. The arrests caused a sensation several months ago. The Chamber of Commerce had backed a project which resulted in the erection of a \$150,000 plant in this city, in which the money-machine company was to move from Terre Haute, Ind.

Today the plaintiff, Meinig, alleged that false representations were made to induce him to buy the stock. He said he was told that the \$2.50 a share at which the stock was being sold above its par value of \$10 was to go to a fund to be used for advertising and stock sale commissions, when the truth was that the company was paying forty-five per cent commission on the sale of stock.

WEDDED FIFTY YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. Levi H. Heaton, of Woodbury, N. J., who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary surrounded by relatives and friends.

WOODBURY COUPLE MARK FIFTIETH WEDDING DAY

Mr. and Mrs. Levi H. Heaton Receive Congratulations From Kin and Neighbors

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Mr. and Mrs. Heaton were the recipients of many beautiful and useful gifts, including \$150 in gold from the children. Cut glass, silver and china were also given. Among the out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Powell and daughter Elsie, of Chester, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Austin and sons, and Mrs. Laura Hutzblom, of Elmer; Mrs. Rose Harrington, Mrs. Hannah Dills and daughters beta and Mildred, Mrs. James Eastlack and Mrs. Bartholomew, of Edinboro; Mrs. Phoebe Cook, of Bridgeton; Mrs. Elizabeth Rainier, of Shiloh; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Clark, of Vine land; Mrs. Jane Hallinger, of Clayton; Mrs. Harry Tompkins, of Pottsville; Mr. and Mrs. John Heaton and daughter Edythe, of Toga; Miss Ethel Heaton and Claude Miles, of Kennett Square; Mrs. Charles Williams, of Riverside; Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Williams, of Toga; Mrs. William Heaton, of Hoopland; Mr. and Mrs. George Heaton, of Hoopland Park; Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schott and daughter Laura, of Glassboro; Mrs. Tansen Wilden and daughter Ethel, of Maurice town; Miss Bertha Lewis, of Gloucester; Mrs. Mary Klink, of Highland Park; Miss Hazel Dileher, of Mahanoy City, Pa., and a large number of Woodbury friends and neighbors.

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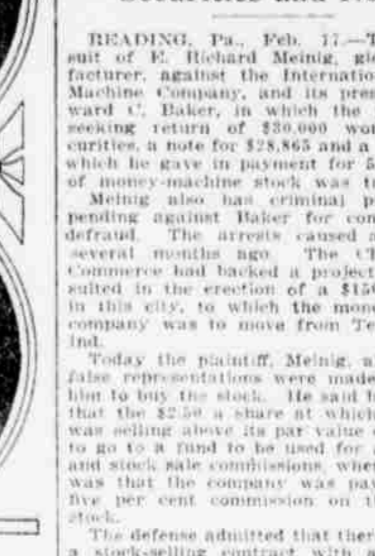
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Crescote Given in Error Kills Child

CHESTER, Pa., Feb. 17.—Mistaking a bottle of crescote for medicine, Mrs. Mark Hurlburt, of 629 Green street, gave her son Charles, who became sick during the night, a fatal dose. A physician hurried the child to the Chester Hospital, where it died in a short time.

GANG SETS UPON COP WHO WILL NOT USE GUN

Ruffians Beat Policeman Senseless When He Tries to Arrest One of Them



Policeman James Murphy, of the Sixty-first and Thompson streets station, was beaten into unconsciousness by a gang of toughs early today when he refrained from using his pistol.

Murphy, who lives at 5835 Carpenter street, was approached by four men on Market street, east of Fifty-third, one of whom Murphy recognized as being wanted on a warrant. With an exclamation that they would "get" Murphy, the gang attacked him, hurling him to the ground. Murphy pulled his gun and several times his finger was about to pull the trigger, but he refrained from firing. The gang beat him severely and kicked him, leaving him bleeding in the gutter. A passerby telephoned to the Fifty-fifth and Pine streets station, the motor patrol of which hurried Murphy to the West Philadelphia Hospital. Detectives Seal, Wooten, Silve and Martin are on the trail of the gang.

LITTLE GIRL IN BLOOMERS PUZZLES LORD ABERDEEN

Titled Lecturer at Bryn Mawr Finds It Hard to Collect Thoughts as Result

The small figure of a six-year-old girl, attired in striped bloomers and brown goshaws, stalked down the aisle of Taylor Hall, Bryn Mawr College, while the Marquis of Aberdeen and Tamar was in the midst of an address on "Canada and Her Leading Statesmen." The girl, who flourished a wave of bright yellow hair, beneath which twinkled a pair of big blue eyes, assumed a position of vantage on a front-row chair.

Before long the girl slipped from the chair to the floor, resting on one hand, and peering attentively at the speaker, who was telling of the work of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the wonders of Canada. "Ah—hum—um—yes. Most picturesque country—Canada." The speaker fixed his glasses, gazed at the small figure on the floor, smiled and continued.

"As I remarked—a most picturesque—Canada is—"

Desiring to be more at ease, the youngster settled back and lay full length on the floor and listened to the remainder of the lecture on her back.

The Scotch nobleman assumed a perplexed attitude, passed his hand over his forehead and struggled on with his discourse.

The child is said to be the six-year-old daughter of a professor at the college.

Brewery Workers Ask Eight-Hour Day

LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 17.—The employees of Lancaster's three big breweries have demanded an eight-hour day through the Brewery Workers' Union, to take effect March 1. At present the workers have a nine-hour day with a minimum weekly wage of \$15 and a maximum of \$19.

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