

THE WEATHER
 Washington, April 23.—Fair tonight and warmer; fair and cloudy tomorrow.

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RAISED \$30,000 BY BOGUS CHECK GAME IS CHARGE

Police Seek Man Buying Autos With "Certified" Paper on Mythical Bank

RENTED AN OFFICE HERE AND POSED AS LAWYER

Boston Residents Say They Were Swindled of Cars and Cash

The raising of at least \$30,000 through alleged bogus checks drawn on a mythical bank in Camden by a man giving his name as F. L. Adams has been revealed by a visit to this city by C. S. Kirkland, of Boston.

Four of the checks have been deposited in banks in Philadelphia, one in a Camden institution and others are expected to make their appearance any day.

In virtually every case "Adams" is said to have purchased a high-priced automobile, and to have given in exchange a certified check, receiving, in addition to the automobile, cash for the difference between the face value of the check and the selling price of the automobile.

Three weeks ago this man rented an office in the Land Title Building from the Associated Brokers. He said he was a lawyer, and that his principal business was the management of his own estate. The firm name of Jones & Adams was printed on the office door.

The first of the alleged swindles occurred a few days later when Mr. Kirkland received word from Adams that he was interested in an automobile Kirkland advertised. Satisfactory negotiations were carried on; and Adams went to Boston to purchase the car.

Difference in Cash
 He presented two checks drawn on the Central National Bank of Camden. The checks were apparently properly certified and Mr. Kirkland did not hesitate to accept them at their face value of \$4,500. He gave Adams the automobile and cash for a bogus check drawn on the Camden bank.

There is, no Central National Bank of Camden, as Mr. Kirkland discovered when he tried to collect on the check and he was equally unsuccessful when he tried to reach "Adams." Mr. Kirkland and his attorney, G. C. Johnston, did find, however, that there is a Central Trust Company of Camden, and the checks were certified in the name of the treasurer of that institution.

No Clue to Swindler
 The others said to have been swindled by "Adams" discovered the same state of affairs. Charles Beckman, of the city detective force, has been assigned to investigate the case and arrest "Adams." So far no clue to his whereabouts has been found, the address he gave when applying for his office having been found to be false.

Three checks drawn by "Adams" totaling \$3500 are on deposit at the Girard Trust Company, one is at the Philadelphia National Bank and another at the Central Trust Company in Camden. Others are still in the possession of the men swindled.

William E. Miller, an insurance adjuster, 400 Walnut street, in charge of the case for the companies insuring the automobiles, says that at least six expensive automobiles were obtained by the passing of the worthless checks.

Thomas Gamon, Jr., assistant cashier of the Federal Reserve Bank, where another check is supposed to have been deposited, said today that the total amount obtained by "Adams" will reach at least \$30,000. The checks, he said, showed signs of expert workmanship and looked genuine in every way. They were printed in the name of Jones & Adams and signed by Adams.

WILSON SAYS ITALY CAN'T HAVE FIUME; ISSUES STATEMENT

Declares U. S. Must Stand by Principles in Dealing With Rome's Claims

Paris, April 23.—President Wilson issued a statement this afternoon declaring America must stand by the principles it has already enunciated in making decisions regarding Italy's claims.

A new set of principles cannot be established for the Balkans, he said. The President held that Fiume cannot be given to Italy, but must be made available as a support for the small nations behind it.



MRS. SUSIE BOOLSK
 She was killed early this morning by Joseph Giesko because of a superstitious fear he had of a threat made by the woman. Mrs. Boolsk lived at 2052 Newcomb street.

HEROINE'S MEDAL AWARDED MOTHER OF DROWNED GIRL

Miss Mary E. Smith, Who Gave Life Trying to Save Another, Honored by Commission

Six months after her death from drowning Miss Mary E. Smith, 240 Mechanic street, Camden, has been honored with the award of a bronze Carnegie hero medal, which was presented to her mother, Mrs. Eva Kobershten, a friend, Miss Anna H. Mickelley.

Miss Mickelley was wading in an inlet of the Delaware river when she suddenly stepped into fifteen feet of water. Her cries attracted Mary Smith, who, although she could not swim, waded without hesitation into the water and extended her hand to Miss Mickelley. The effort was tragic, for both girls sank in the deep water. Miss Smith struggled strenuously to disengage the other's hold, but failed. They rose twice to the surface, but went down finally never to come up.

The Carnegie hero fund commission, meeting at Pittsburgh, awarded the medal to the heroine's mother. In all, two silver medals and thirteen bronze medals were given. Six of the heroes lost their lives.

\$5000 IN TROPHIES RECOVERED THROUGH DOWNTOWN RAID

Booker T. Washington Newspaper Clippings Furnish Clue to Woodbury, N. J., Robbery

Much of the jewelry, medals and other trophies valued at \$5000, stolen from the home of George H. McCarty, a well-known trapezist, in Woodbury, N. J., were recovered today in a house on Waverly street near Thirtieth.

Three negroes were arrested and held without bail by Magistrate Pennock, in Central Station. The prisoners gave the names of George White, Charles Brown and Albert Valentine.

The men were arrested within thirty hours after the crime had been reported to the Philadelphia police, by Detectives Cope, Morarity and Osterhold. McCarty highly commended the work of the detectives.

One of the men was arrested while attempting to pawn a medal near Fifteenth and South streets, and the two others were arrested at the Waverly street house.

McCarty and his wife were at their farm near Centerville, N. J., at the time of the robbery.

The men ransacked the house. A small safe which had been stolen was recovered in the cellar of the Waverly street house. The disappearance of newspaper clippings on Dr. Booker T. Washington, led the police to believe that the crime had been committed by negroes.

CAVALRY TO AID LOAN

Detachment Traveling Overland to New York Parades Here Today

Family of 6 Badly Burned When Fire Wrecks Home

Parents in Critical Condition After Rescue by Sons—Young Man Hurt in Leap for Life—All in Hospital

The family of Isaac Silverstein, of 1140 Moore street, narrowly escaped death today when fire swept the home in which they slept shortly after 4 o'clock this morning. Silverstein, his wife and their four grown children were badly burned and are in the St. Agnes hospital.

Isaac Silverstein, sixty, burns of the neck, face and right hand, condition critical.

Edward Silverstein, twenty-five, slight burns, lacerations of left arm, bruises.

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Jacob Silverstein, twenty-two, burns of hands and face.

Lillian Silverstein, nineteen, burns of forehead and hands.

Edward who was trapped in the building after helping to lead his parents and sisters to safety, leaped from a second-story window and was injured when he struck the back fence.

Silverstein conducts a cigar and candy store at the address which is the south-west corner of Spruett and Moore streets. The building is a two-story brick store and dwelling.

The fire is believed to have started in the store and smoldered while the family slept in the rooms above. The entire first floor was enveloped by the flames, which were sweeping up the stairs leading from the back of the house to Moore street, when it was discovered by Jacob and Edward, whose room is directly above the stairs. They were awakened by the smoke. The flames were already creeping along the carpet at the head of the stairs.

The boys leaped out of bed and awoke their sisters and parents. Rose and Lillian were led down the blazing stairs.

Way to the street. All were burned in the descent.

They then returned for their parents and, with Jacob in the lead, started down the blazing stairs. Jacob and his parents reached the street, but Edward's escape was cut off by smoke and flames. He returned to the second-story rear room and leaped from the window to the yard. He struck his side and arm on the fence and was painfully injured.

In the meantime the family, clad only in their night clothes, shivered in the damp morning air as they huddled together in the yard. The screams and cries of the women around the neighbors, and William McDermid, of 1127 Moore street, junior of the Read School at Eleventh and Moore streets, was attracted to the scene and turned in an alarm.

Patrolman La Sasso, of the Third and Dickinson streets station, also heard the cries of the woman and sent for a patrol wagon, which conveyed the family to the hospital.

When the firemen arrived the blaze was sweeping through the upper floors. They substituted it after a battle of more than an hour.

Virtually the entire first floor was destroyed or made useless and most of the second floor. The loss will amount to several thousand dollars.

Four children and their mother, Mrs. Patrick Gray, were forced to flee into the street today, when flames threatened their home at 5220 Rodman street. The fire started in a closet on the second floor from some unknown cause, and destroyed \$500 worth of property before it was extinguished by firemen.

The flames were first discovered by a neighbor, T. W. Karsh, who lives at 5218 Rodman street. He smelled the smoke of the fire and ran into the house, warning the inmates. He afterward turned in the alarm.

ANGERED TENANTS BEGIN COURT WAR ON RENT ADVANCE

Three Hundred in Downtown Section Back Man Who Defies Eviction Notice

WOULD INVALIDATE WRIT Association's Member Refuses to Pay More or Move. Women Menace Agent

The fight by tenants to prevent rent increases has been taken into court. Nearly 300 families residing in the section bounded by Tenth, Twelfth and Shunk streets and Moyamensing avenue, who face increases of from \$3 to \$5 monthly, are interested in the action taken before Judge Audenberg by Michael J. Roach, of 2539 South Twelfth street, to stay the execution of a sheriff's writ served on him last Saturday by William L. Gaubert, a real estate agent, representing William Bryant, a coal dealer. A hearing will be held on Monday.

Bryant, who owns the houses in the section, is said to have sold them to a group of speculators last week. Tenants, however, declare that the sale has not been consummated and is a "trick" to force them to pay the new rent increases from \$15 to \$18 and from \$20 to \$25 a month.

The tenants have banded together as the Tenants' Protective Association, of which Roach is president. His action in fighting eviction is regarded as a test case.

Could Get No Constables
 Gaubert admitted today that he had served sheriff's notices on a half-dozen or more tenants, but declared he could not get any constables to help him dispossess those who refused to pay the higher rents.

"The constables are all bought up," he declared. "But I'll get them; they're officers of the law and they should do their duty."

He keeps a padlock on the door of his office at Twelfth and Porter streets. "They're simply wild around here about the increase in rents; several women have come in and offered to lick me. But my padlock keeps them out," he said.

The houses are on Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth street, Sartain, Jessup, Alter, near Porter and Shunk streets.

Recitals of insanitary conditions of their houses because of no repairs for many years were made by the tenants, who base their refusal to pay higher rents on these conditions. Complaints of bad housing conditions have been made by them to the Philadelphia Housing Association.

Roach, surrounded by a group of his neighbors in his home at 2539 South Twelfth street, today said that the increase of \$5 asked by the agent comes on top of several other increases the last year.

Tenants Asked Compromise
 "When all the tenants along here were first notified of the increase," he said, "a committee of us went to the real estate man's office, and appealed to him for some compromise. The houses weren't worth the increased rents because of their awful condition, for they've been rarely fixed or papered in the twelve years since they were put up by Bryant, the coal man. But we were willing to pay some little increase, Gaubert didn't want to listen to us; he told us to get out. So we organized and the tenants paid over to me and the other officers of our association the old rents which were deposited in the bank. The agent then took a change of mind, and asked that he be paid to former rents. That was done for March and April. Now he comes along

CHILD OF TITANIC VICTIM WINS FIGHT FOR FORTUNE

Posthumous Son of Lucien P. Smith, Jr., Under Court Decision Will Inherit \$165,083 From Grandmother's Estate

Announcement today from Pittsburgh that seven-year-old Lucien P. Smith, Jr., whose father perished on the Titanic, had been awarded one-third of the estate of Mrs. Anna H. Smith, his grandmother, ends a legal fight in the courts which followed a thrilling chapter of tragedy and romance.

As a result of the court decision, the boy will receive \$165,083. The estate left by Mrs. Smith was valued at \$495,249.

The child was born several months after his father's death and was thrown into a vortex of legal complications almost from the day of his birth.

His mother, Mrs. Lucien P. Smith, who was also aboard the Titanic, but survived, later married Robert W. Daniel, a banker, of this city, who was among those rescued from the Titanic. Mrs. Smith met him on the rescue ship Carpathia a few hours after her husband had perished. Two years later, August 18, 1914, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Daniel were married in New York.

Legal Battle Begun
 The marriage of Mrs. Smith to Daniel was the signal for a contest for the estate of Mrs. Anna H. Smith, James Smith and Mrs. Paul McKel, brother and sister of the late Lucien P. Smith, contested the amount bequeathed to the boy. Under the will of the late James Cochran, grandfather of the Titanic victim, he would have received one-eighth of the Cochran estate at the death of his mother. It was claimed by Congressman James A. Hughes, of Huntington, W. Va., grandfather of Lucien P. Smith, Jr., that this legacy should go to the child.

ITALIANS RENEW THREAT TO BREAK NEGOTIATIONS IF ALLIES REFUSE FIUME

FRENCH AND BRITISH SUPPORT PRESIDENT ON ADRIATIC PORT

By CLINTON W. GILBERT
 Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger With the Peace Delegation in Europe By Wireless

Paris, April 23.—President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George and Clemenceau are standing firm against the attitude of Italy on the question of Fiume.

Premier Orlando still declines to compromise on his demand for this Adriatic port, but the postponement of the Italian parliament until May 6 indicates his unwillingness to break off negotiations with his allies.

President Wilson and the British and French premiers are all willing to compromise with Italy, but they are united against giving the Italians title to Fiume outright.

The delay over the arrival of the Germans at Versailles gives additional time to the council of four to arrive at a settlement of this question. The treaty will not be ready even when the German delegates arrive, so that ample time is afforded to continue the Italian discussion.

It is believed here that Italy is almost certain to yield in the end.

ELMER JACOBS TO FACE GIANTS TWENTY MILLION INVESTED IN LOAN

Weather Conditions Favor Total for City Over \$11,000,000, Opening of Season at Phillies' Park With Reports in From Only Few Banks

EXPECT A LARGE CROWD WOMEN WORKERS MARCH

Weather Conditions at Opening Games
 National League
 New York at Philadelphia, clear, Brooklyn at Boston, clear, Philadelphia at Chicago, rain, St. Louis at Cincinnati, cloudy.

American League
 Boston at New York, clear, Athletics at Washington, clear, Cleveland at Detroit, clear, Chicago at St. Louis, clear.

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL
 Under perfect weather conditions, meaning a flawless blue sky, unimpeded sunshine and a fast, dry diamond, the 1919 baseball season made its debut at the Phillies' Park this afternoon.

A letter day could not have been asked for the promotion of the national game and one of the largest opening day crowds in years was looked for.

John McGraw and his high-priced troupe of Giants furnished the other half of the initial audience, arriving here last night in safe and sane rail coach coaches. Last winter, while in an optimistic mood, John Jay gave his permission to travel to Philadelphia in airplanes, but that was last winter.

When it came time to make the aerial journey the clever manager exposed a cluster of railroad tickets and said his players could go up in the air in ball games without the aid of machines. That enabled the sky journey. Anyway, there was no risk of volunteers to make the trip.

Metrag Optimistic
 Before the lid of the box score was officially piled open, McGraw upset a very optimistic interview regarding the chances of his ball club in the pennant race.

"The Giants are the best ball players I ever managed," he said. "I am perfectly satisfied with the work done thus far, for the men are hitting the ball and will get better as the warmer weather comes. The pitching staff will

WATCHMAN FOUND DEAD IN CHAIR

William Taylor, seventy years old, of 3126 Haverford avenue, was found dead today in his chair at the Commercial Truck Company, Twenty-seventh and Brown streets, where he was night watchman. He had made his last round at 5:30 o'clock and returned to his chair to wait the day watchman, John Cannon. He is survived by his wife and eight children.

NAVY DIRIGIBLE SAILS OVER THIS CITY

The naval dirigible Z-3, which left Cape May this morning arrived at noon and flew over Philadelphia in the interest of the Victory Loan. Pamphlets boosting the loan were dropped in the path of the big airship. Ensign Tyndall is in charge of the craft. He has a crew of three men with him.

HALF BILLION APPROACHED IN VICTORY LOAN

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Unofficial reports to the treasury today indicated that aggregating subscriptions to the Victory Liberty Loan were approaching \$500,000,000, although official figures still stood at \$115,077,000 reported last night.

NEW RIOTS IN HAMBURG OPPOSES FEEDING REDS

Mobs Plunder and Battle in Harbor Quarter, Report
 Berlin, April 23.—(By A. P.)—There have been serious disturbances at Hamburg recently. A mob plundered the harbor quarter and clashed with the police, several people being killed and wounded. A dispatch to the Vorwaerts says there was a "regular battle" in the suburb of St. Pauli, west of the city, on Saturday. A policeman was killed and several others were wounded, but the rioters suffered worse than the officers.

North Russian Leader Believes Plan Won't Be Efficacious

Archangel, April 23. (delayed).—(By A. P.)—Opposition by officials of the government of north Russia to the plan of feeding Bolshevik Russia is based not only on unwillingness to provision territory occupied by forces of a government the north Russians are fighting, but because they believe the plan would not be efficacious in combating Bolshevism.

Punshon Has the Punch

Proof of the fact will be found on Monday next on the story page of the Evening Public Ledger.

Orlando Will Not Resume Place in Conference Unless Powers Reverse Position

WILSON STANDS PAT FOR JUGO-SLAV PORT

"Big Three" Keep Attention on Japanese Issue While Italy Holds Aloof

ALL NATIONS NEED PEACE America in Position to Make Treaty Even if All Allies Should Balk

By the Associated Press
 Paris, April 23.—The Italian delegation to the Peace Conference reasserted today its determination to stand firm on the question of Fiume, indicating that, unless the council changed its position, the delegation would not return to the conference.

An early settlement of the difficulty is consequently thought to be improbable, especially as President Wilson is understood to be equally as firm as the Italian representatives.

With Premier Orlando still absent, Premiers Clemenceau and Lloyd George and President Wilson resumed this morning the consideration of questions concerning China and Japan.

The facts of the deadlock over the Italian claims in the Adriatic, according to the Petit Parisien, are as follows:

President Wilson proposed that Fiume, which is not mentioned in the treaty of London, be given to a free city, but attached to the Jugo-Slav customs system, and, further, that the London treaty should be subjected to a total revision.

Italy refused to accept this proposal, whereupon President Wilson withdrew, leaving Italy alone with the representatives of the other four signatories of the treaty.

Another patriotic argument will be staged this afternoon, when thousands of Philadelphia women will parade the business district and demonstrate their determination to "finish the job" by contributing to the Victory Liberty Loan.

The total of \$10,167,200 for the first day of the drive (Monday) broke all first-day records and is three-quarters of a million more than the subscriptions obtained on the first day of the fourth loan, when the total was \$9,311,650.

With more than \$10,000 reported from central city districts early today, the total from the women's committee so far is nearly \$2,000,000.

Mrs. Samuel D. Litt, chairman of the central city stores committee, reported a subscription of \$10,000 from M. Silverman & Sons; \$20,000 from Perry & Co.; \$16,000 from J. J. Louchheim, captain of team No. 1.

Mrs. George Dallas Dixon, chairman of the Pennsylvania Railroad women's war relief, reported \$6750 obtained through the booth in Broad Street Station, in charge of Mrs. W. W. Atterbury.

Mrs. Thomson Chairman
 Mrs. Walter S. Thomson, chairman of the women's Victory Liberty Loan committee, reported today that the total from the women's committee so far is nearly \$2,000,000.

Nations Cannot Balk
 The suggestion is widely circulated in Paris that Great Britain and France cannot sign a treaty with Germany if Italy refuses because under the London agreement no member of the Entente is to sign a separate peace. The suggestion, however, apparently has not had any great effect on the negotiations, as the delegates expressed the opinion that no single nation can afford to hinder a peace conforming to the provisions of the armistice broadly and that rights under secret treaties will be lightly regarded by the peoples who are clamoring for a settlement of the world war.

As the United States is not a signatory of the London agreement not to make a separate peace, even the most serious break in the conference would not prevent her from making a peace with Germany under a crisis which might arise as a result of European alliances, but that American delegates refuse to give serious consideration to such an eventuality.

Italy Demands Coast
 One compromise proposed to the Italians, making provision for the recognition of their claim to Fiume in exchange for the abandonment of their claim to the Dalmatian coast, was rejected.

Earlier in the day a member of the Italian delegation told the Associated Press that it considered it useless for the Italian delegates to take part in further conferences unless the Allies were willing to grant their requests.

The Temps says that the new frontier between Great Britain and France apparently has been definitely fixed as Italy demanded it and as France and Great Britain in 1915 promised it should run. The frontier will be drawn to the north of the Brenner pass in Tyrol.

[The Brenner pass is the lowest of all the passes that traverse the main chain of the Alps. It is the shortest route between central Germany and Italy.]

U. S. Favors Ending Blockade
 The discussion of the German blockade problem developed a diversity of opinion, and a special meeting of the council of four will be held on Monday.

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