

PIANO ROW TENANTS TO OFFER RENT RISE

Willing to Pay More to Girard Estate, but Not to Profiteers, Heppe Declares

PREDICTS BIDDING CONTEST

The tenants of "Piano Row," in Chestnut street, between Eleventh and Twelfth, have united in an agreement to submit an offer to the estate of Stephen Girard to pay an increased rental for this block, which, according to C. J. Heppe, head of the piano concern of that name, may prove attractive enough to the real estate committee as an income proposition to leave the property just as it is.

As a result of newspaper advertising in both the Philadelphia and New York newspapers this week, offering "Piano Row" for rent on a long-term improvement lease, the Girard estate is receiving many offers and inquiries in relation to the property.

Hazelton Markel, superintendent of the estate, said today no offer will be seriously considered or anything definitely decided as to the disposition of the property until the real estate committee meets Friday, considers a sufficient time has elapsed since the advertising to give all parties interested an opportunity to submit bids.

Mr. Heppe, who is one of the oldest tenants of the row, said today: "The tenants are prepared to pay the estate of Stephen Girard a large rental, but they positively will not be held up

and gouged by any syndicate of real estate profiteers in the event of their securing control of the property.

"If these old piano firms must get out and find new quarters it is going to cause them a hardship and so the whole matter will resolve into a bidder's battle between tenants and selfish real estate interests."

Francis Shunk Brown, chairman of the real estate committee of the estate, expects something definite to be decided at Friday's meeting.

"The directors of the Girard Trust have a kindly feeling for the old tenants of 'Piano Row' and every consideration will be shown them in this matter," he said.

PRAISES HERO-HUSBAND

Mrs. Frank Roberts Calls Carnegie Medal Winner Self-Sacrificing

"He never thinks of himself," says Mrs. Frank Walter Roberts in praise of her husband, who saved five girls from drowning two years ago and who on Saturday received a silver Carnegie medal and announcement that \$1600 would follow. Mr. Roberts, who is forty-nine years of age, and who lives at 1610 Wallace street, performed the rescue July 29, 1918, when a boat holding six girls from sixteen to twenty years of age, capsized in a reservoir near the Masonic Home at Ellipse-town.

Only one girl could swim and two of the others had gone down for the third time before Roberts reached them.

The \$1500 will be invested in remodeling the house on a twenty-three-acre farm owned by the Roberts in Delaware.

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Adventure of Runaways, 11 and 15 Years Old, Respectively, Interrupted by Detective

FATHERS TAKE THEM HOME

"We are going to Philadelphia for a little adventure, do not worry." This message was sent by two little New York girls, tired of Manhattan

monotony, to their parents before they embarked for Philadelphia.

They are eleven-year-old Edith Crane, 312 West Eleventh street, and Ellen Forrest, fifteen years old, 903 Eighth avenue, New York city.

It was to see the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall and other places of interest that Edith and Ellen came to this city. They had also heard there were many things here which New York could not boast of. It was with great anticipation that they left New York on Sunday night.

Last night they were found at Sixteenth and Arch streets by District Detective McFarland. He saw readily that the girls, who were neatly dressed, compared with the description of two girls who were missing from New York on Sunday night.

"Would you two girls like to go to a picture show?" asked McFarland in a fatherly manner.

"Yes, indeed, we would," replied Edith, and Ellen seconded the motion.

But McFarland took them to the House of Detention.

"When does the show start?" asked Ellen.

Then very gradually McFarland imparted the news that they were being held to await the arrival of their father.

There were a few girlish tears—but they changed to smiles this morning when the girls were taken home by their two delighted fathers.

SECOND VICTIM DIES
George Henry, twenty-two years old, of 1548 South Twenty-fourth street, died at 10 o'clock last night in the Polyclinic Hospital, the second victim of an explosion of alcohol in the cellar of his home.

John Logan, the other victim, died yesterday morning in St. Agnes's Hospital.

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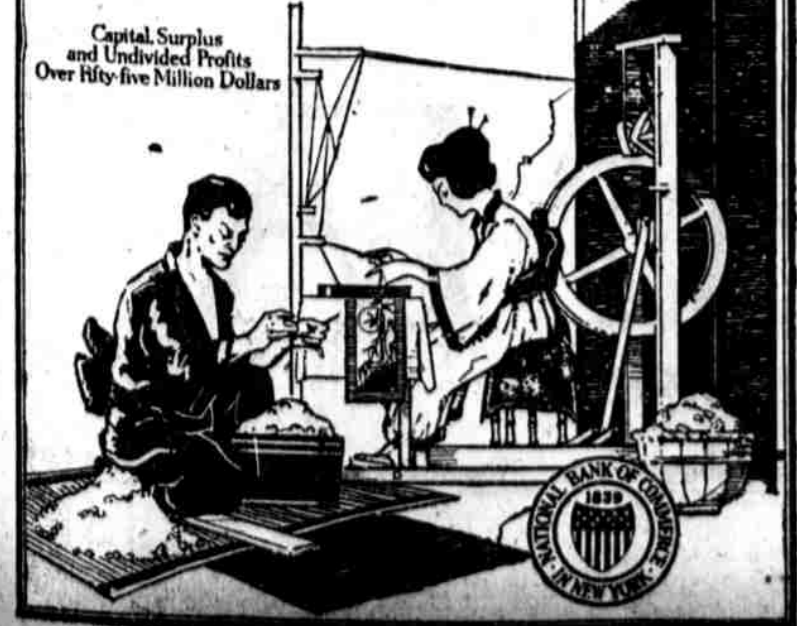
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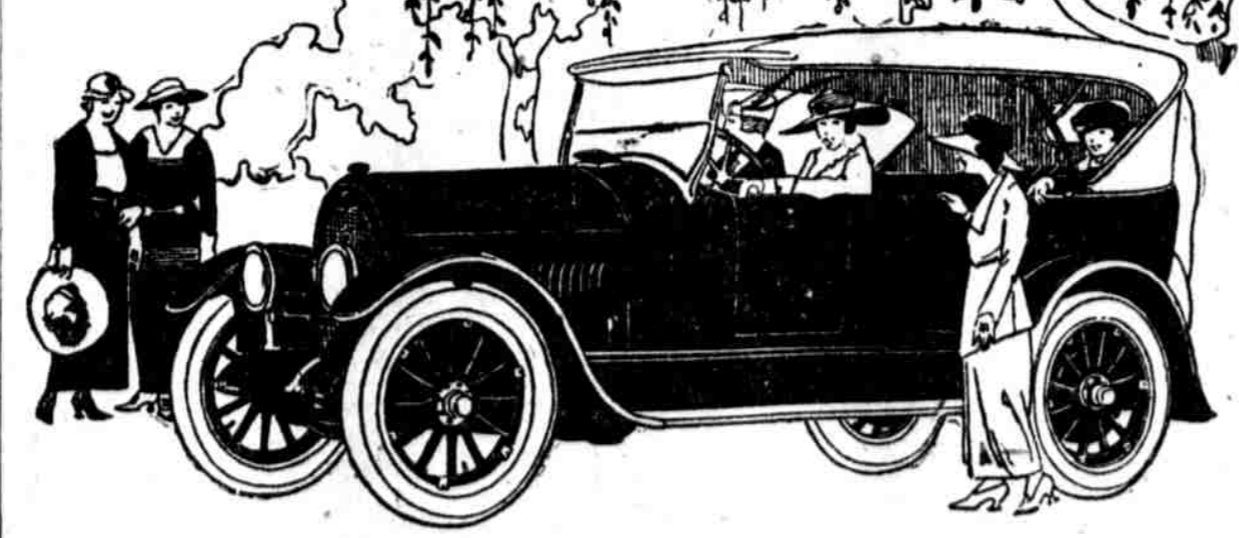
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