THE WEATHER Rain this afternoon and tonight; lowest tonight about 30 degrees; Saturday fair; south to west winds.

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NAB EXTORTIONISTS FOR PLOT AGAINST MRS. JONES WISTER

H. F. Michell, Another Intended Victim, Helps Trap Men Accused of Conspiracy

ONE PRISONER ADMITS WRITING SOCIETY WOMAN



HENRY F. MICHELL

A band of organized extortionists is believed to have been broken up by the arrest of two men, accused of sending threatening letters demanding money to Mrs. Jones Wister, society weman, of 1819 Walnut street, and to Henry F. Michell, seed merchant, 518 Market street.

The prisoners are George Clemo Franklin street below Spring Garden, and William Dougherty, Race street ear Eighth. Clemo, according to Desetives Lowry and Test, has admitted writing the letter to Mrs. Wister. The men were captured at 11 o'clock last night, after they had been duped late accepting a package of tissue paper, supposedly money, following their demand upon Mr. Michell. Mrs. Wister received her letter De-ember 28. It was dated December 27, and had been mailed at 11 p, m. at South Penn Square Station.

Letter to Mrs. Wister The letter follows:

Dear Mrs. Jones Wister: Here is few lines to ask you for \$200; as four of us in the gang, and we are asking a small sum of \$200 from ten wil be no more said about it, and if you don't then we will see to it on the night of January 7, 8:30

So if you should come over with it see that you bring it yourself in \$10 bills and see that you don't try to set a trap for us, as we are alive and you yourself is known to us, so tie it up in newspaper and tie it with a red string and leave it inside the door of 438 North Franklin street. and on the hour of 9 o'clock on night of December 28, Thursday.

There will be no harm done you as long as you don't try to set a trap r us, as we will watch every move you make from the time you get this, letter, so do as we say. Things will be all right, but don't try to set a trap, as we are there strong.

Open the door and set it behind the door and go away, as you will be watched from the time you get th etter until you put the money inside Thanking you ahead of time,

T. P. M. GANG Pittsburgh, Pa.

Death Threat for Michell Mr. Michell received his letter sev-

ful days ago. In it it was demanded that \$300 be delivered to the cashier of a restaurant at 263 North Ninth last night, on pain of death if He was instructed in the letter to be his package with red string. If he

notified any one of the demand he was warned that his head would be blown

Acting under instructions from Pos tal Inspector Hawkworth and Detectives Barron and Lavery, of the Eleventh and Winter streets station, Mr. Michell delivered a mackage of installar red a package of imitation money, at directed, to the cashier of the rea-durant. Soon after the two prisoners called for it and were arrested. Mr. Michell delivered his package

imself, to the cashier of the restau-at. He left, and the hidden detectives atched closely. Shortly after the two lleged extortionists entered the restau-rant, asked for the packet, received it. rted down Ninth street, followed and started down Ninth street, Iollowed by the detectives and Postal Inspector Hawkworth. At Arch street, just as one of the men tore open the package and discovered it contained paper, they

When the men were being taken to City Hall to be looked over by the de-tectives before being turned over to the postal inspectors for violation of the

examined to see if they can be traced to the 'T. P. M.' gang.

T. P. M. gang. prisoners will have a hearing be-United States Commissioner Mauey at the Federal Building.

REMBRANDT CANVAS STOLEN Hamburg, Jan. 14. — Rembrandt's andscape. 'After the Thunderstorm.' Sas stolen from a private owner here anuary 5, and supposedly was shipped to the United States on board the steamblin Mongolia, which sailed January 6.

o the United States on board the steam-hip Mongolia, which sailed January 6. The painting, which is on wood, is sixty-five centimeters in length and orty-nine centimeters high. It is said be valued at \$2,000,000.

Lim'rick Prize Goes to Jenkintown

That audience out at the Orpheum Theatre in Germantown, gave the prize for

Limerick No. 23

MRS. H. F. HALL, 111 York Road, Jenkintown, Pa.

The limerick, as Mrs. Hall completed it, is as follows: The suitor who wooed Sister Sue

Sued to suit her, so what could she do? She had to say, "Yes," But since then, I con-It's purse-suit instead of

purr-Sue.

Another Limpin' Lim'rick Today—See Page 2

LANSDOWNE SPLIT GABELL IS GIVEN OVER 'CHEEK' DANCE 18 MONTHS IN JAII

Bank Sentenced-\$10,000

Bail Pending Appeal

North Penn Bank Case

William T. Gabell, director-

iberty under bail pending appeal.

in bail, pending outcome of appeal.

Two to five years.

oanking commissioner.

be insolvent.

000 bail.

Elwood H. Strang, paying teller-

STILL TO BE TRIED

Charles A. Ambler, former state

Daniel F. Lafean, former state

Evan L. Ambler, assistant cashier

William T. Gabell, 5607 North Third

street, clerk and director of the wrecked

North Penn Bank, was sentenced to

serve not les than eighteen months nor

more than two years by Judge Martin

in Criminal Court today on charges of

An appeal to the Superior Court for

counsel for the defendant, and pending

the outcome he was released in \$10,-

The \$35-a-week director-clerk of the

bank was tried and convicted last June,

A motion for a new trial, made at that

time, was refused today and the appeal

Wife With Him in Court

Gabell, who is sixty-one years old and broken in health, appeared in the

Criminal Court, Room 653, City Hall,

with his wife and counsel, Daniel

had an excellent reputation for hon-

the hands of others" in the wreck of the

The lawyer referred to "one man.

woman to the altar when he already

had a wife, who had received certain immunity from the court" in arguing that Gabell should be sentenced lightly.

Judge Martin, in serving sentence

declared he was convinced that there was no criminal intent on the part of

Thinks Intentions Good

is part, but it is my unpleasant duty

to impose sentence in view of the fact that so many poor people lost their life savings in the failure of this in-stitution. I am compered to make an example of the defendant and send him

INCENDIARIES BURN COAL

MINING TOWN: LOSS \$250,000

Business Section of Madera, Clear-

field County, Destroyed by Fire,

Clearfield, Pa., Jan. 14.—(By A. P.)

Fires believed to have been of in-

cendiary origin today destroyed fifteen buildings in the business section of Ma-

deira, a thriving town in the bituminous coal district, with a loss estimated at

Clearfield, Houtzdele, Osceola and Phillipsburg, but when it was found

the flaces dynarite crews from nearby

aines were called to the scene and blew

up a number of buildings in the path

could make no headway agains

"I believe that he became connected

the defendant

The defendant was termed "a tool in

The attorney made a pathetic plea for

taken to the Superior Court.

Result of Trials in

Women and Legion Post Dis- Director of Defunct North Penn agree-Objectionable Steps Used in Hall the Cause

ARE WITHDRAWN JUDGE LENIENT IN CHARGE

Dancing has become a swious problem in Lansdowne. Women of the Twentieth Century Club are of one opinion and members of the Lansdowne post of the American Legion another.

About a week ago the Lansdowne post held a dance in the hall of the Twentieth Century Club, which they rented for the occasion. The hall was tastefully decorated with greens and signs to the effect that Cheek to Cheek and Other Objectionable Forms of Dancing Are Not Permitted." The signs had been contributed by the Twentieth Century Club.

In the course of the evening, several ouples on the floor did a little "cheekcouples on the floor did a little "cheek-to-cheek" dancing or something that looked like it, according to Mrs. Samuel Kent, president of the club. They were warned by a committee of three bers of the club who were on hand to oversee the affair, that they would have to observe the rules.

The Legion post, which was planning a series of monthly dances at the Twen-tieth Century Club, has decided to discontinue this program and hold all future affairs at the Craftsman's Club in Drexel Hill.

The Twentieth Century Club has issued a statement justifying its position,

with the new code of dancing throughout the United States, in colleges, club-houses, dancing classes and the best clubs, the board of the Twentieth Century Club will hereafter require lessees of the club to bring chaperons with them, these chaperons responsible to the club dance secretary for the enforcement of the hall rules.

"The board asks the hearty co-operation of its patrons and the parents of the town in its efforts to keep the clubhouse as it has always been-a center "We are only within our rights in enforcing rules of dancing that the club has decided are best," said Mrs. Samuel Kent, president of the club, "and we do not mean to criticize the American Legion dance. The dancing was not objectionable, but some of it did break rules about 'cheek-to-cheek'

"We are going to hold the rest of dances somewhere other than the Twen-tieth Century Club," declared J. S. Shoemaker, of the executive and entertainment committees of the Lansdowne

Members of the Twentieth Century Club say the dancing rules were not aimed at any particular organization and that the town was especially proud of the American Legion.

MIST. RAIN AND SLUSH ON WINTER'S WORST DAY

Gloomy All Day and Warmer, Is Weatherman's Prediction

Today started out to be winter an soon became something worse. And more to the purpose, the weatherman could see only mist and fog and gloom and rain until some time tonight. couldn't even predict with any cer-tainty, he said, when the rain would cease this evening, though he was hopeul tomorrow would be fair. It was easily the most unpleasant

lay of the winter season, with streets covered with slush and mud. Horses who lost their tempers. crept along and automobiles skidded around corners while their drivers strained to see through rain-obscured

Late last night, when the youngsters the only ones who would have appreciated it—were all sung in bed, the city was treated to what looked like the bestal inspectors for violation of the postal inspectors for violation of the postal laws. Detectives Test and Lowry produced a letter similar to the one sent the seed merchant, and, according to the detectives. Clemo said calmly, "Yes, I wrote it." That was the letter sent to quite an inch deep. Then, toward morning, the snow turned to sleet, morning, the snow turned to sleet, that coated Mrs. Wister.
Four other letters sent prominent which froze as it fell. Rising temperature soon dissipated the ice that coated turn soon dissipated the ice that coated trolley wires and made pavements slipting allow took the place of ice. pery, and slush took the place of ice.
A heavy mist spread over the city at 10 o'clock, and gave signs of having come to stay for the rest of the day. When it was at its thickest, shortly after 11 o'clock, the electric current in the central part of the city took a sudden slump. Lights became dim and some passenger elevators in central buildings went on strike. The Philadelphi Electric Co, said it was station trouble The Philadelphia and got the lights to burning brightly

again in a half hour.

Today's temperature is above normal for the season, which is 32 degrees.

ARE YOU A JUDGE OF A CIGARY Smoke Godfrey S. Mahn's Key West PRINCE OFALL Coronas. 10c; 2 for & 15c.—Adv.

MYSTERIOUS BLAST RENDS HOUSE; MAN

Police Lay Woodstock St. Explosion to Bomb, but Man Received No Threats

SAFE WITH FAMILY

TAKES WIFE AND CHILDREN

A mysterious explosion at midnight shattered the home of Fred Vesper, at 1339 South Woodstock street, and drove him, with his wife and three chilrelative's house for shelter.

The police have not been able to determine the cause of the explosion. They believe it was a bomb, though Vesper says he had received no threatening letters or intimations that he or his family were in danger, and has no enemies so far as he knews. He is a young man, a tallor by trade, with a shop at Twentieth and Reed streets.

So violent was the explosion that the brickwork on the front wall of the house along the ceiling line of the second floor, was bulged about seven inches, and window frames were blown out on the first and second floors.

Carries Family Out

his family escaped. He carried the children and their mother to the street, and they found t fuge in the house of his mother-in-las nearby.

Vesper and his v . Mary, with their baby son, Dominic, were sleeping in the Efghteen months to two years; at second floor front room; Anna, four years old, and Santo, two years old, Louis H. Michel, president-Not were in bed in the rear room on the second floor. Ralph T. Moyer, cashier-Twelve fifteen years. Prisoner released

The family had gone to bed at 10 o'clock, and all were asteep. The explosion, as nearly as Vesper can tell, occurred a few minutes before midnight "I was asleep," he said, "when sud-denly I seemed to hear an explosion in a dream and there was a red flash be-fore my eyes. I did not fully wake and lay in bed drowsily, thinking l had dreamed of a red flash. dreamed of the sound and the sigh

'Then I heard a noise outside people pushing about the step and shouting. I heard them call my name, and realized that something had happened. I sprang out of bed and ran downstairs in my night clothes.

"On the first floor I saw the curtains was hearing in the land."

were burning in the hall. They had been torn down and were scattered about in burning pieces. I stamped them out with my bare feet and then ran to open the door, where people were pounding. My neighbors came in and asked we had I not heard the terrible conspiracy and receiving deposits as an official of an institution he knew to asked me had I not heard the terrible a new trial was taken immediately by

Will Have to Move

"I ran upstairs then for the family and carried the youngest down. I took Gabell was sentenced to serve eighteen months to two years on each to leave the house, it is so badly damcharge, but Judge Martin ruled that aged."

An alarm of fire was turned in by a

watchman in a stable nearby. firemen found the flames had been tinguished by Vesper and his friends

when they arrived.

The ceiling in the front parlor was damaged, door frames on the first and second floors were burned, windows were blown out, and the house generally wrecked by the explosion. Yet the po-lice could find no point where there was evidence of an explosive having been set off. Vesper is positive no gas was burning when he went to bed, nor was there any gas leak.

An inspector from the U. G. I. Co. visited the house early this morning and found meter and pipes intact and in working order. He said he did not believe the explosion was caused by il-luminating gas. The police are trying to determine what caused the explosion.

NEW STRIKE OF ACTORS known thief, who led an unsuspecting THREATENED IN NEW YORK Managers Called Together to Act

on Equity Demand

New York, Jan. 14.—(By A. P.)-Possibility of a new actors' strike loomed today when members of the Producing Managers' Association were called together to act on a demand of the Actors' Equity Association that the with the hank with the thought that he could help in rehabilitating it," the judge said, 'but unfortunately for him he was there when the doors were closed, "I believe there was more gross negliproducing firm of Lee & J. J. Shubert dropped from the managers' associa-

The Equity, which conducted the actors' strike in 1919, submitted its demand yesterday, basing it on allega-tions that the Shuberts had been guilty of "flagrant and continued violation of the basic agreement of September 6, 1919." It was this agreement which ended the 1919 strike.

The violations charged include "un-

fair discrimination, failure to give con-tracts, failure to pay according to contract and discharge of actors who complain of such matters."

Lee Shubert denied the charge of con-

tinued violation of the agreement, asserting that it was based on "six or seven dinkey little cases" in which he admitted injustices might have been and Marie, three years old, on the sec done. It was impossible, he declared, for members of the firm to give personal attention to all minor disputes theatrical companies.

Fire companies were summoned from GIRL THIEF IS FOUND TO BE MENTALLY UNSOUND at 1740 South Twenty fourth street, who conducts a fruit store on the ground floor of the Bannon house. Weiss, when

Comes of Prominent Baltimore Fam-Hy-Robbed Sleeping Car

of the flames,
Among the buildings destroyed was that occupied by the Madera Times, two moving picture theatres and the Hile-Railroad men reported that just before the fire was discovered they saw two men running from one of the buildings, which soon afterward burst into flames. A determined effort is being made to

run down the supposed incendiaries.

Three persons were hurt, including a the facts did not become known until bystander, who was struck by a flying today. She is a victim of a form of in-piece of masonry after a dynamite blast. sanity which hesembles kleptomania.

Mrs. Banaon's husband, who does night work, was away when the fire

Veterans' Pitiable Plight Spurs Agencies to Action

Ex-Service Men, Weakened Mentally by War Horrors, Found Wandering Country Without Proper Aid

A grave problem that is confronting the country—the mentally delinquent A grave put the mentally delinquent the country—the mentally delinquent service men who are at large, without proper care, and certain former service men who are "panhandling" and trying to get upon the government payroll by means of fake ailments—will be dismeans of the fake ailments—will be dismeans of fake ailments—will be dismeans of the fake ailments—wi TO HOME OF HER MOTHER Tustin, of the Department of Welfare.

The meeting will be held in Room 590, City Hall. In attendance will be Director Tustin, Romain Hassrick, chief of the city's Legal Aid Bureau; Miss Elizabeth Wood, representing the Red Cross; Frank J. Dorsey, representing the Knights of Columbus; Robert J. Fuller, representing the Federal Board of Vocational Education; Colonel William S. Valantine, United States army recruit. senting the Federal Board of Voca-tional Education; Colonel William S. Valantine, United States army recruit-ing Service; Commander Clarence Gul-branson, United States navy recruiting service; W. Veryl Walton, war-risk insurance; Dr. W. G. Stimpson, United States Public Health Service; Dr. Edgar Faries, chief physician of the Wel-fare Department, and representatives from the Y. M. C. A. and other organizations

Two Cases Are Cited The entire matter came to a head with the commitment to the House of Correc-tion yesterday of Theodore Roosevelt Cramer, former service man, nome is at Vincentown, N. J. s declared to be weak mentally. has been wandering about the country, living from hand to mouth, himself un-Though the explosion was violent, and a small fire followed it, Vesper and

was being arranged he ran away again. When he showed himsel at the Bureau of Legal Aid he was sent to the House of Correction, there to be held until his case is properly adjusted by the gov-

Fights, Was Patient in In-

stitution Six Weeks

at the hospital. Recently his condition took a turn for the worse, and his re-covery was not expected. His son and

daughter were present when he died. He was a widower, his wife having died

several years ago.

Logan McKnight Bullitt was one of the sons of John Christian Bullitt, him-

self a widely known lawyer of this city, who in 1882 prepared the city charter,

known as the Bullitt bill, superceded

only recently by the Woodward char-

Family Came Here in 1849

The Bullitts came to Philadelphia in 1849 from Jefferson county, Ky.,

practice of law and soon becoming wide-

ly known for his oratorical skill and

legal acumen. The Bullitt family, of English and French extraction, had

times, and a maternal ancestor preceded

graduation and became a mine foreman. A few months later he was made super-

intendent and for a year remained in charge of more than 1000 men, though

himself only twenty-one years old.

At the end of that time he was engaged by the Northern Pacific Rail-

road Co. and sent west to be superin-

tendent of coal mines in North Dakota.

Montana and Washington. He was in-terested in coal mines most of his life.

Championed Clean Government

the West, and there developed the fighting spirit which he carried effec-

into Philadelphia's political

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GIRL IS HEROINE OF FIRE

Child Runs Two Squares in Night

gown to Give Alarm

Ten - year - old Madeline Bannon

clothed in only nightgown, coat and

shoes, ran more than two blocks through

the snow and bitter cold early this

morning to give an alarm of a fire which threatened the lives of her aged grand-

mother and her baby sister.

Mrs. James Bannon lives with her

husband and grandchildren, Madeline

ond floor of a house at 1741 Poin

Breeze avenue.

At about 5 o'clock this morning she

or and aroused the two children

Madeline refused to let her grandmother

go out to give the alarm, and took the

detected smoke issuing from the

awakened by the shivering girl,

loss at several thousand dollars.

On his return East he married Miss

He spent five adventurous years in

John Christian Bullitt taking up

Another man was sent to the Phila-delphia Hospital today for the same reason. He is Peter Sarkel, who was on his way from San Antonio, Tex., to Mahanov City, via New York, when he appealed to the Legal Aid for assistance of some kind. He is a former service man, but is not sick or mentally impaired. His case is being looked into also

According to Mr. Hassrick, chief of the bureau, every bona-fide case that comes to the bureau is taken up at once with the federal authorities at 140 North Broad street, where are located the Vocational Training Bureau, war-isk incurrence and mubils health, services the Vocational Training Bureau, war-risk insurance and public health services of the government for this district taking in Pennsylvania and Delaware Prompt attention is given his request-for aid for the men, according to Mr. Hassrick. But the fake cases, the men who tell false stories about their condition, in order to escape work, or to supported because they cannot obtain work, according to Chief Hassrick, are increasing at an alarming extent. No mercy will be shown these men if exposed, he said.

Roam About Country As for the mentally weak, as the law now stands, a man once sent to a government hospital for treatment for men-tal disorders, who escapes, cannot be forcibly returned there. In consequence, men who may have escaped, or been discharged as cured, only to have a recurrence of their mental malady, roam about the country. What is an old case in one district becomes a new case in another district when the man bob up there. The seriousness of the situation may be seen, it is pointed out when it is realized one-third of the mer requiring treatment as a result of their army experience, are mental cases

LOGAN M. BULLITT COUNCIL TO PUSH DIES IN HOSPITAL WORLD'S FAIR PLAN

Attorney, Prominent in Reform Members Urged to Act Quickly in Preparing for Change in Law for 1926 Event

DEATH NOT UNEXPECTED DIFFER ON FINANCING FETE Repe

Logan M. Bullitt, for years prominent of an attorney and fighter for clean politics here, died at 8:55 this morning in the Pennsylvania Hospital of hardening of the arteries.

M. Bullitt was fifty aight years old Mr. Bullitt was fifty-eight years old, constitution to insure funds for a leader in the Chamber of Deputies and and made his home in Torresdale. He world's fair in celebration of the 150th Charles C. A. Jonnart, who was rebeen in failing health for two years anniversary of American independence called to Paris from Marseilles.

to be held in this city in 1926. Joseph P. Gaffney, Vare leader, said that unless the committee took quick action and submitted a bill to the present session of the Legislature at Har risburg, Philadelphia would miss a great

opportunity.

James A. Develin chairman of the legislative committee of Council, said in reply to Councilman Gaffney that would be another meeting of the committee next week to consider the problem so funds can be provided. "Mr. Chairman." "Mr. Chairman," said Councilman Gaffney, in making his plea, "some-thing ought to be done in the nature of constitutional amendment in order to prepare for the exposition to be held

If we are going to allow the present Legislature to adjourn without presenting a bill to amend the constitution. I am afraid we will later find to our chagrin that we have failed, miserably failed, to take time by the fore-George Washington as commander of British Colonial *roops.

Logan M. Bullitt was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1883. He went to Dunbar, a mining town in western Pennsylvania, upon his graduation and because when the property of the pro

"Act Now," Says Councilman "Unless we take this action," continued the councilman, "we will probably be handicapped and be anable to finance the proposed celebration. It is Continued on Page Fourteen, Column Four resulting.



RAOUL PERET President of the French Chamber of Deputies, who has been entrusted

FRENCH MINISTRY

President of Chamber of Deputies Asked to Form Cabinet by President

BRIAND MAY BE MEMBER

By the Associated Press Paris, Jan. 14.—Raoul Peret, presient of the Chamber of Deputies, was asked today by President Millerand to form a cabinet to succeed the one by George Leygues, which resigned Wednesday. M. Peret accepted the task and im-

diately began consultations with his friends over the formation of a miniswas expected to return to the residential residence by 6 o'clock this rening to report on the outcome of his

luctant to assume office as head of a new cabinet, because of his health and his lack of knowledge of the nation's foreign affairs.

Aristide Briand, former premier, has

expressed his willingness to serve under M. Peret, either in the department of foreign affairs or any other capacity. Rene Viviani has refused definitely to

take office. President Millerand conferred this

WOMAN DEAD FROM BURNS AFTER EXPLOSION IN STOVE

Margaret Monar, died last night in 1527 Ritner street, died last night in the Methodist Hospital, several hours after she had been burned, following another scrutiny. It mevitably becomes known that the President-elect explosion of a gas stove at her home. Physicians faced a futile task in their efforts to save the life of the for she had been severely burned from head to foot. When neighbors rushed into the house after the explosion they found her enveloped in flames.

Miss Mohan went to the third floor of the house shortly after noon, to do some housework. She was in the room but a short time when the stove ex-ploded, igniting her clothing and the curtains and draperies.

She screamed for help, and her father

and neighbors living in an adjoining house responded, while an alarm was sent to the fire companies. Blankets were wrapped about Miss Mohan and he flames extinguished. Firemen confined the fire to the room in which it started, only small damage

FOUR SACKS OF REGISTERED MAIL DISAPPEARS

MOUNT VERNON, Ill., Jan. 14 .- Four sacks of registered mail, one reported to have \$80,000 for use in making up payrells at Franklin county coal mines, disappeared here today. An estimate of the value of the contents of the other three sacks was not available. The sacks were received at the local postoffice from St. Louis. Federal authorities refused to discuss the matter-

SOVIET ORDERS STRIKERS TO RETURN TO WORK

LONDON, Jan. 14 .- The "strike situation" in Russia has caused the Soviet government to take strong remedial measures, it is asserted in a Central News dispatch from Helsingfore today, "The government," says the message, "has decreed a warning to all strikers that unless they returned to work immediately they would be imprisoned for terms of from one to five years and that their families will be deprived of food cards.

WILSON KEPT FROM PLAY

Abandon Trip to Theatre

Washingon, Jan. 14.- (By A. P.)in an alarm and the fire was extinguished before the house was greatly While Madeline was gone the grand-Those in close touch with the President say his condition has so improved that he can go out for the evening, and it is expected that having once made his mother had carried the younger girl to safety in a neighbor's home. J.-L. Sullivan, a butcher, conducts a meat shop in conjunction with the fruit plans to resume his former practice of almost weekly attendance at a vaudestore. The flames destroyed virtually all of his stock. He estimated the ville theatre, he will find occasion to resume this custom when the weather

permits.

HARDING SEES LEGISLATORS Snowsform Compels President to Three Members of House Among

Senator's Callers Today

Marion, O., Jan. 14. (By A. P.) President Wilson prepared to go to a President elect Harding's conferences avoids theatre last night, for the first time again covered a wide variety of public since his illness, but was prevented at questions today, with problems of legthe last moment by a downfall of snow. islation at the present session of Congress predominating.

Three members of the House of Rep. resentatives were among his callers, and he also had appointments with Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and with former Governor Forbes and Judge Johnson, of the Philippine islands. The House members to visit him were Representatives Denison, of Illinois; Bacharach

New Jersey, and Sanford, of New

CABINET BUILDERS PRESSING HARDING TO DECIDE QUICKLY

Interested Persons Fear Loss of Advantage Unless He Commits Himself Soon

PRESIDENT-ELECT LIKELY TO MOVE CAUTIOUSLY

By CLINTON W. GILBERT Staff Correspondent Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1981, by Public Ledger Co.

Marion, Jan. 14.—There are signs that some interested persons are trying to hurry President elect Harding into an early announcement of cabinet appointments.

Stories have been given out from time to time that Mr. Harding was likely to name some members of his official family within a few days. First it was to be on New Year's Day. Then within ten days after New Year's Day, and now it is to be before the departure

These suggestions do not come from Mr. Harding. All that is known from him is that he would like to make public the name of two cabinet members before he names the rest of his official family, these two being presumably the secretary of state and the secretary of the treasury.

The wish is probably father to the thought in the suggestion of early appointments. Friends of some of the candidates who think their chances good now do not like the caution with which the President-elect is proceeding. They think that an early an-nouncement would assure the appointment of their men. Premature an-nouncements are an old trick. When President Taft was debating his cabi-net the announcement was made under circumstances of apparent authority that Frank W. Hitchcock would be ment of their men. postmaster general. Taft thought that had been made to force his hand. He was angry and sent for Hitchcock. and told him that the premature publication had all but cost him the place

Harding Moves Cautiously

Mr. Harding is by nature a cautious man and he is proceeding with extracaution to the choice of his His method is, when he has ordinary a possible member under consideration. have an exhaustive inquiry made into the candidate's history and connections. The motives of those urging his selection are scrutinized. Confidential agents look into and report upon the interests which the candidate may represent and the interests of those who are active in his behalf and who may perhaps ex-

pect to profit by his being in office And when Mr. Harding gets around to making a choice in his own mind he does not tender the place positively and finally to the candidate. His cau-AFTER EXPLOSION IN STOVE

Father Makes Futile Effort to Save
Her When Clothing Took Fire
Margaret Mohan, ferty years old, of 1527 Ritner street, died last night in
Then the methodist His caution continues to operate. He does no more than ask his choice whether he would feel free to accept a certain post to him. Mr. Harding remains free to reconsider if circumstances should make this appointment inexpedient.

has So and So in mind for such and such a secretaryship. Perhaps it is the intention at headquarters here that it become known. Then follows the public and party reaction to the suggestion. Everybody who has any reason why the prospective appointee should not be named is heard from. If in any way the appointment later be embarassing to Mr. Harding or to his party. Mr. Harding is sure to be told of it.

Hears Loud Objections

How this works has been illustrated How this works has been illustrated in the case of Charles G. Dawes, of Chicago, who was and may still be the likeliest prospect for secretary of the treasury. Mr. Harding made a tentative offer of the post to Mr. Dawes. It was one of those "would you serve if I should ask you" offers. The fact of this approach became known.

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Irenediately those who thought they knew why Mr. Dawes should not be secretary of the treasury made themselves heard with loud voices. Republicans in Illinois filed their protest and more important members of the United States Senate declared their objections to Mr. Dawes. The Chicago banker had been friendly, it was said, to John Skelton Williams in his fight for confirmation as comptroller of the currency, to which office President Wilson had reappointed him.

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The Republican majority in the Senate is narrow and the influence of Mr. Dawes, it was charged, had won over two Republican votes to Williams so that it was only by preventing the sub-ject of Williams' confirmation coming up that the Republicans were able to forestall it. Mr. Harding now knows all about Mr. Dawes. He may go shead and appoint him. The general opin-ion here is that he will.

Finds Out First

The Dawes case illustrates Mr. Harding's cautious methods and their results. In cabinet making the President-elect is following out his idea of acting after conference. He finds out first. He has really encouraged the recognitation which has zone on in the speculation which has gone on in the press with regard to cabinet members. He has wanted to know the public reaction in advance of committing himself further than to a tentative and conditional inquiry into a candidate's readi-

onsequences of his method. He is finding the advice and criticism which is coming in burdensome. A President who picks his cabinet less cautiously who picks his capinet less cautionaly avoids the thood of objections to which Mr. Harding is compelled to listen. Had Mr. Harding when he approached Mr. Dawes made a definite offer and obtained an acceptance, most of the fil-ing of objections to Mr. Dawes would have been cut off.

Almost everybedy who is supposed to be on the list for the cabinet is under fire. It is harnssing for Mr. Harding and for the candidates. The friends of some who think their chances good today would like to see the process of selection hurried up.

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