ROBBERS GET $309 IN 2 DRUG STORES

Bandits Force Woodland Avenue Proprietor to Open Safe; Customers Not Molested

THEFT 5TH & CUMBERLAND

Two drug stores were entered last night and while the proprietors were threatened with revolvers a safe in one place and a cash drawer in the other were rifled.

Three hundred dollars was taken from the store of Morris Senn, 4628 Woodland avenue, by three masked bandits, who covered as many customers with their weapons while the owner was forced to open his safe and deliver over its cash contents.

The men drove up to the drug store in a motorcar, stopped it directly in front of the establishment and entered the doorway with drawn revolvers. The three customers were lined into the rear of the establishment by one of the things while the second made them do his bidding and the third stood watch at the door.

As soon as the contents of the safe were in their hands the intruders ran and jumped into their machine. The three customers were not searched, nor were they asked to hand over their cash or valuables. They were John Allen, of 4628 Woodland avenue, Herbert Smith, of 4601 Passyunk avenue, and Clarence Henry, of 3605 North Seventeenth street.

The hold-up men were last seen speeding west on Woodland avenue. Police of the 45th [illegible] and Pine streets station were notified of the loss.

The three men were described as about five feet eight inches in height, weighing about 140 pounds and dressed in dark clothes and black hats.

Ten minutes before this affair, which occurred at 11 o'clock last night the drug store of John Randolph, southeast corner of Fifth and Cumberland streets, was entered by two young men, and the contents of the cash drawer, $9, were taken.

The proprietor was behind the counter at the time, about to wait on a customer who had entered a few minutes before the two men. One of the latter, drawing a revolver, ordered him to "reach for the sky," while he went through the cash drawer.

In the meantime the customer unguarded, slipped out the door and ran to the Fourth and York streets station, two blocks away.

A motor patrol with a detail of patrolmen was rushed to the store, but by the time it arrived the men had fled. The entire neighborhood was thoroughly combed without uncovering any trace of the bandits. They were not known to have had a motorcar and police are at a loss to understand how they disappeared so quickly.

THIEVES GET $3850 IN HOME

House in Frankford Entered During Absence of Family

Thieves forced an entrance to the home of P. S. Goldstein, 4449 Frankford avenue, yesterday and escaped with clothing, jewels and silverware valued at $3850.

The Goldstein family was absent from noon until midnight and discovered the theft on their return. Entrance had been effected by forcing a rear window.

An automobile and automobile stolen from the garage of Luther Barrington, 930 Noble street, were recovered early today at Eighth and Christian streets.

An automobile valued at $1400 and owned by Harry Segal, 1335 North Thirty-third street, was stolen from Thirtieth and Harper streets.

The window of the store of S. Rifkin & Son, 35 Market street, was smashed and three automatic revolvers, valued at $71, were stolen. Jewelry valued at $80 was taken from the store window of S. Bogay, 2527 South Second street. The window of the furniture store of Tony Labaro, 1202 South Eighth street, was smashed and two silk shirts worth $30 stolen.

HIGHWAYS ARE CLEARED

Report Shows Roads Have Been Made Passable Quickly

F. Melvin Bloom, manager of the touring department of the Keystone Automobile Club, issued a report today showing the condition of roads within the State. Highway Departments of Pennsylvania and New Jersey have accomplished in removing the snow big ways of snow.

The report shows the Lincoln Highway free from snow and ice and in [illegible] Conditions are good. Atlantic City and the seashore [illegible] counties.

The William Penn Highway [illegible] from [illegible] and Berks counties [illegible] Harrisburg.

HITS AT IRREVERENCE

Presbyterian Minister Says Unmingled Awe Will End Social Evils

[illegible]

MELLON VISITS TREASURY

Prospective Secretary Confers With Officials on Department's Work

Washington, Feb. 28.—(By A. P.)—Andrew W. Mellon, Pittsburgh banker, who has been chosen with the President-elect Harding as Secretary of the treasury, conferred today with the treasury officials with a view to familiarizing himself with the work of the department.

Mr. Mellon then went into conference with Assistant Secretary Gilbert in charge of local affairs of the department.

Gloucester Ex-Fire Chief Ill

Patrick Meades, veteran fire chief of Gloucester City, who resigned from active service six months ago, is seriously ill in his home, 411 North Broadway, Gloucester. He was taken sick with a heavy cold a week ago, and his condition yesterday was such that his family and other relatives were summoned to his bedside.

Harris & Ewing

MISS ELSIE HILL

She is the temporary chairman of the executive committee of the new National Woman's party, which will make permanent organization soon

DISCUSS SAFETY PROBLEMS

Council Holding February Meeting at Engineers' Club Today

Discussions of safety problems are the features of the February meeting of the Philadelphia Safety Council, composed of the Philadelphia section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the Engineering Society of the National Safety Council, at the Engineers' Club, 1317 Spruce street, today.

Speakers at the initial session this morning were S. E. Whiting, of the Liberty Mutual Insurance Co., on Lessons from Electrical Fatalities, and Warren Hilvary, superintendent of schools catalogs, of the Royal Indemnity Insurance Co., of New York, on Relation of Boiler Accessories to Safety.

Presentment of these addresses was followed by after-luncheon discussions, and tonight there will be a dinner at the clubhouse. M. L. DuBois is the presiding officer, in place of E. B. Tolstrup, president of the International Safety Council, who is ill, and F. L. Hurlburt is the acting secretary.

MITTEN GATHERS PROXIES

P. R. T. Head Preparing for Stockholders' Meeting March 17

The proxies of stockholders of the P. R. T. Co. are being gathered by Thomas E. Mitten, president of the company, in preparation for the stockholders' meeting scheduled for March 17.

Letters have been sent out and were learned today, requesting stockholders to send their proxies to the executive offices of the P. R. T. Co. if the stockholders are unable to be present themselves at the meeting.

The Co-operative Welfare Association of the P. R. T. Co. will hold a [illegible] tonight in the Metropolitan Opera House as a tribute to the Stotesbury-Mitten management of the company's affairs from 1911 until the present time.

FRAUD VERDICT SET ASIDE

U. S. Supreme Court Holds Seized Papers Should Not Have Been Used

Washington, Feb. 28.—(By A. P.)—Convictions in New York of Felix Gagliardo and associates, to defraud the government in connection with contracts for army clothing and equipment during the war, were set aside today by the Supreme Court.

The court held that papers in possession of the defendants were seized by government agents without a search warrant and that the use of the papers in evidence against them was a violation of their constitutional rights. The court ordered a new trial in the case of Gagliardo and others.

NIAGARA POWER LICENSE

Niagara Falls Co. Granted Fifty-Year Development Permit

Washington, Feb. 28.—(By A. P.)—The Niagara Falls Power Co. was granted a fifty-year license today for the development of power from the Niagara River by the Federal Power Commission. The company will be required to pay $20,000 annually for the first five years, $25,000 annually for the next five years and $30,000 annually thereafter for the use of water from the Niagara River above Niagara Falls. Under the terms of the license the company must complete its development within seven years. The license covers the development of power on the American side of the Niagara River above the Falls. The Niagara Falls Power Co. is a subsidiary of the Niagara Falls Power Co., which is a subsidiary of the Niagara Lockport and Ontario Power Co., which is a subsidiary of the Ontario Power Co. The Ontario Power Co. is a subsidiary of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission, a public utility of the Province of Ontario, Canada.

REAR ADMIRALS RETIRE

Mayo and Badger Quit Active Service in U. S. Navy

Washington, Feb. 28.—(By A. P.)—Rear Admirals Henry T. Mayo and Charles J. Badger retired from active service in the navy today. Admiral Mayo, who was born in Virginia, was commander in chief of the Atlantic fleet during the Mexican crisis in 1914. Admiral Badger was in charge of the naval station at Newport during the war.

VARE SILENT ON SLATE

Senator Waiting for "Public Sentiment to Crystallize"

[illegible]

TODAY'S LIM'RICK PRIZE WINNER WAS RADIO AIRPLANE OFFICER

Morales C. Vendig, Son of Hotel Proprietor, Gets Award on His Second Attempt to Break Into Hall of Fame

Jury of Dozen American Beauties in Offices of Wilson-Martin Packing Co. Cast Ballot That Gives Him Prize

Today's award in the limpin' lim'rick contest was made by a jury of girls from Wilson-Martin Co.'s meat-packing plant at Thirtieth and Market streets. A photograph of the jury appears on the back page.

The award to be announced tomorrow was made by a jury of employes of the Income Assurance Syndicate, 611 Widener Building, Juniper and Chestnut streets.

Now and then things break pretty soft for a fellow. Take John D. Rockefeller, for instance. But this again is something else. Consider the fortune of Morales C. Vendig. He became a limpin' lim'ricker exactly ten days ago. He sent in one last line. Nothing happened. He thought he would try it again. Sorta fun sittin' up at night writing all over the place. Note results.

In other words, Brother Eano, it gives us great pleasure indeed to introduce to you today's winner.

Mr. Vendig, who is a son of the late Charles Vendig, former president of the Hotel Vendig Co., makes his home at 1501 North Twelfth street, Oak Lane. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, electrical engineering, 1916, and also a graduate of Central High School. During the war he served as a radio officer in the air service. He saw service on five different flying fields in the United States and was radio officer in command at Love Field, Dallas, Tex., instructing pilots in the installation of wireless phones in airplanes. And now, ahem.

Will gentleman limerickers please go out of the room for a minute? That's better. Young lady last line-sters, we wish to tell you something. This young man of whom we speak is tall, handsome and not married.

Mr. Vendig couldn't for the life of him tell us since he got notice what he would do with the $100.

"It was so sudden," he said, "that it pretty nearly knocked me cold."

Today's winner is with the Pioneer Stevedore Co., 225 North Twelfth street, in the production end of the game.

"American Beauties" Pick Winner

Mr. Vendig's line was chosen by a jury made up of "some dozen American Beauties and every one of them sin-gle."

That's what we were told when we went out to the offices of the Wilson-Martin Co. in their big packing plant at Thirtieth and Market streets. And when we saw the jury we believed it.

We went in and took off our hat and then shielded our eyes from the glare of the reflections from our famous old, shiny dome, and then, while they were busy studying the lines on the ballots, we took the opportunity to look 'em over. And then reached their decision entirely too soon to please us. We wanted to stay.

When the votes were counted we found that the winning line had been written by

MORALES C. VENDIG
1501 North Twelfth street

The ballots as completed by Mr. Vendig were:

Limerick No. 61

[illegible] proved simple rank
He said red, red and that
Was a color he did not like.
O no! 'Twas a tomfoolie he drank.

The other lines on the ballots were:

No. 2. For the white fish were "blue" when he drank. A. R. Polike, 1734 North Gratz street.

No. 3. Coffee grounds are no grounds for a prank. Mrs. Margaret C. Poole, 117 South Pennsylvania avenue, Atlantic City, N. J.

No. 4. He drew more at the cork than the bank. Charles F. Spelier, 824 West Princess street, York, Pa.

No. 5. Hootch mon! Storms don't brew what he drank. Elias J. Horwitz, 2614 North Sixteenth street.

No. 6. On his "tiger," in "shampaign" he sank. Miss Ida Katzenstein, [illegible] Central street.

No. 7. It's milk for the catfish, I'll bank. [illegible] Jr., 106 [illegible] avenue, Glenside, Pa.

No. 8. The fish carried tails that he drank. Herbert S. Hopkins, 20 South [illegible] street, [illegible], Pa.

No. 9. At his tide the bar rose, then he drank. [illegible] Pennington, [illegible] Pa.

No. 10. But no shad roes to see what he drank. Miss Victoria Willert, [illegible]

The final selection by Mr. Vendig was No. 1. Our ballot and received ten votes cast by the jury, [illegible] Miss Katzenstein received the other two votes cast.

The members of the jury were:

Miss Lozetta Kirchen, 5522 Media street, accounting department.

Miss Minerva Rubin, 3525 Cambridge street, [illegible] office.

Miss Florence Kohler, 627 Parrish street, Conshohocken, Pa., bookkeeping department.

Miss Uncle Marsh, 315 North Thirty-[illegible] bookkeeping department.

Miss Helen Fisher, 1800 Arch street, [illegible] department.

Miss Eleanor Megerle, 414 Beech street, Conshohocken, Pa., cradle department.

Miss Mildred Hood, 5527 Jefferson street, [illegible] department.

Miss Florence M. Cleary, 209 Stiles street, [illegible] department.

Miss Nan Cassidy, 5457 Cedar avenue, [illegible] department.

Miss Catherine L. Dacey, 2418 South Garnet street, [illegible] department.

Miss Alice M. Reilly, 905 North 8th, Bookkeeping [illegible] department.

Miss Kathryn B. Stephens, 142 North Felton street, executive department.

The Lim'rickers' Letter Box

From Mrs. Laura B. Wentzler, [illegible]

[illegible]

Blames Chinese for Famine

Blame for the appalling famine in China was placed on the shoulders of that country by Rev. Dr. William E. Lampe, a missionary, who addressed the weekly meeting of Reformed Church ministers held this morning at the Reformed Church building, Sixteenth and Arch streets. China is a land of great resources, Dr. Lampe said, and it is the failure of the people to properly work them that has caused famine to spread over the country.

One Hundred Dollars Daily

For the Best Last Line Supplied by Any Reader of the Evening Public Ledger to the Incomplete Limerick Which Appears Below

RULES OF THE LIMERICK CONTEST

1. Contest is open to any one. All that is required for you to do is to write and send in your last lines to the Limerick using for convenience the coupon printed below. Please write plainly, and be sure to add your name and address.
2. All answers to the Limerick which is printed below must be received at the office of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER by 6 o'clock Wednesday evening. Address Postoffice Box number given on coupon. Answers left at the office of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER will also be admissible.
3. The winner of the ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR prize for the best last line to each Limerick will be announced one week after the Limerick is printed.
4. In case of ties, $100 will be awarded to each successful contestant.
5. The decision of the judges in each Limerick contest will be final.

THE WINNER OF TODAY'S CONTEST WILL BE ANNOUNCED ONE WEEK FROM TODAY

Cut Out and Mail

EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER,
TO THE LIMERICK CONTEST
P. O. Box 1523, Philadelphia.

LIMERICK NO. 67

There once was a kaiser named Bill,
Who longed for a war and its thrill;
"I vill beat dem," he cried,
But the whole world replied—

.....
(Write your answer on this line.)

Name .....

Street and No. .....

City and State .....

[illegible] It's something much more intangible and much harder to explain that that. You see there are infinite varieties of senses of [illegible]. If there weren't it wouldn't be possible for people to publish more than one [illegible] or magazine, because one would [illegible] and would satisfy all. But one man's [illegible] of fun is totally different from [illegible]. We have a sense of humor [illegible] the convulsions over certain [illegible] in the papers and leaves others [illegible]. Yet those others are immensely pleased [illegible] the sense of humor of those other thousands [illegible]. In this limerick business we have seen many people [illegible] which they seem to us to be really clever [illegible] and which we think are funny [illegible] to give the other fellow a chance [illegible] that in this particular case we'll admit some prominent [illegible] hit our funny bone [illegible]. We like it.

From "A Well Wisher"—"The more you print in our paper about your age, the more I am convinced that you are only a young fellow of about twenty-three. Yet, whatever or whoever you are, I think you are to be congratulated on your good humor and the [illegible] you have tried to maintain throughout the entire contest. I do not answer much of the limericks myself, yet I very much interested in them. Wishing you the best of luck in your work, I remain, remaining you than, where there are kickers there are also boosters."

[illegible] hard to maintain a good humor and good will when we get letters like that, while [illegible] we don't get enough two off [illegible] and braces up enough to make us [illegible] what a [illegible] old fossil we really are [illegible] throw dust."

From S. H. T., of Springfield avenue—"If I get that bangtail I will put you wise to a friend of mine who has a good supply—not [illegible] will sell a quart—and it's [illegible] stuff. [illegible] I don't know what will happen [illegible] I'll promise a party and that goes—for this month's issue. Help!"

From William B. Kirby, 138 West Commonwealth, Brilleston, N. J.—"I have been reading accounts in the limericks ever since they started, but I certainly am discouraged today when I see the sunk one which got the prize and mine as good, was not even on the ballot. I really don't think it's fair. What was the natural rhyme for 'Chase' concerning a fellow who was going to learn aviation. 'Ace' of course. You had the word 'bang' in your part of the limerick. I placed it up and brought in no less than four names of cards on my line. Thus: 'Nor trey-deuce nor knave but an ace.' You have always seemed to favor plays on words. I certainly think this was very much better than the winner.

"Your line was good, there's no doubt about that. A lot of other people must have thought so, too, for they sent in practically the same thing, but not quite so cleverly worded as yours, but using the same method of playing on the names of cards. We have, [illegible] explained that ideas that are concrete to a great many contestants may be not [illegible] in favor of those that are unique. J. P. Fitzpatrick, of Camden, asks us the same question about a line of his. The same principle applies."

From H. D. Downs, 653 Morris Building—"I'm not an astronomer guy,
But I'm star in the lim'ricks I try.
To be in your constellation,
Is my inclination
I don't get there and never ask why."

From "A Limericker"—"Please do not construe this as an impertinent question. Who do you, in the majority of cases, have in mind when you compose your limericks? Is it to [illegible] the girls, or to see a smile or hear a laugh? Strange to my mind, there should be a certain sex selected to judge certain limericks. Take Limerick No. 55, about the ball player. Pop. To my mind, this one should be judged solely by a male jury, because there are so many ball players whose names could be used in making the last line. A lot of good lines may go to waste simply because girls are ignorant of the names of ball players, and thus the contest loses point. Because I feel sure that the winning line will contain a ball player's name if a jury of men who are fans judged it, it would be the most appropriate one for the verse.

"We purposely delayed answering this letter because we wanted to wait until the limerick in question had been decided. We felt pretty sure that results would justify our system of juries. The winning line was chosen in Frank Bender back the a slat. The voting was done by both men and women who attended a dance held by the American Legion, and the winning line received such an overwhelming majority that it proved the women appreciated it as much as the men did. Do you remember the winning line on Limerick No. 20—'Athletics won't Phila. man's plate?' That was selected by a jury of girls in the Federal Reserve Bank. We had a good deal of experience with these girl juries now, and we're getting stronger and stronger in them every day. We find a very keen and discriminating sense of humor in almost all of them."

INJECT LABOR WAR INTO MINGO TRIAL

Defense Will Emphasize Part Which Coal Operators Played Before Matewan Shooting

VIEW SCENE OF TRAGEDY

Williamson, W. Va., Feb. 28.—Conditions in the industrial war between the coal operators and the miners, and the part that the "Battle of Matewan" played in it, will be laid before the jury when the defense in the trial of Sid Hatfield and his associates presents its case.

Among the things that the defense will attempt to prove will be that a detail of the Baldwin-Felts Detective Agency said: "We will keep the United Mine Workers from organizing the Mingo fields if we have to spend a million dollars and send a hundred souls to hell."

Former Deputy Sheriff Toney Webb will be called to testify that this statement was made to him in the office of a company at Stringg, where the operations were made. An attempt will be made to prove that the coal operators are defraying the expenses of the trial and that the army of detectives which is prosecuting the accused is engaged by the coal operators.

The defense will contend that the detectives were responsible for the battle in which ten lives were lost. An effort will be called to the fact that all of the men sent by the detective agency to make evictions were expert marksmen. To substantiate this contention letters and instructions which were secured from the body of Albert Felts, the Sid Hatfield after the battle will be offered in evidence.

It is alleged that these documents refer to the men sent to make the evictions as "picked men," and that many of them were war veterans.

The jury today went to Matewan, the scene of the shooting. It was expected that the jurors could better follow the testimony the defense will offer if they had a mind picture developed by a visit to the main street and principal buildings of the little mining town. Matewan is about eight miles from Williamson.

The prosecution has announced that it will close its case today and Judge R. D. Bailey, presiding in Circuit Court, said a night session would probably be held to hear remaining state witnesses.

Counsel for the state introduced its last important witness at the morning's session, when J. R. Anderson, former Baldwin-Felts detective and a member of the party engaged in the work of eviction, took the stand. Anderson's testimony was to the effect that he had not put his rifle down the day of the battle and that his pistol was locked in a grip not in his possession during the time evictions were being carried out.

3 Months in Jail for Gun Carrier

Antonio Capaserri, twenty-five years old, of 419 Pine street, Camden, was sentenced to three months in prison by Recorder Stackhouse today, on a charge of carrying concealed deadly weapons. The man was arrested on suspicion by City Detective Murray at Third and Dickinson streets, Camden, and had a loaded revolver in his pocket.

FIND MINE TOWN 'SHOT OFF THE MAP'

Governor Cornwell and Governor-Elect of West Virginia Visit Scene of Raids

FIRM SEEKS PROTECTION

By the Associated Press

Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 28.—Governor John J. Cornwell, accompanied by Governor-elect E. F. Morgan, who succeeds him in office on March 4, yesterday visited and inspected the workings of the Willis Branch Coal Co., in Fayette county, and the surrounding village of Willis Branch where much heavy gun fighting took place February 19, and upon their return to Charleston announced that the town resembled having been "literally shot off the face of the map."

The trip was made by the governor and his successor in response to a request from the Willis Branch Co. for additional armed protection. The governor-elect declined to say what he intended to do about the case after assuming office, but he made this comment:

"It is inconceivable that such conditions could exist in this day and age."

Governor Cornwell, however, described conditions there more in detail.

"Its citizens have abandoned it," he said referring to the village, "leaving personal effects, furniture and livestock behind. With the exception of half famished dogs, cats and chickens, which wander about streets, and a squad of state police on duty near the station, the town is devoid of life. The company store, office, postoffice, mine foreman's home and sixty-five of the remaining cottages are riddled with rifle bullets. The condition of other cottages shows they have been burned or wrecked with dynamite."

The governor said he learned that "every week, for the last year, the town has been shot up." Men who work in neighboring mines, he added, are blamed by the coal operators for these attacks.

Until February 19 the governor said the state police on duty told him a small number of miners and their families remained in the village and worked in the mines. The cottages of these, he said, "had been reenforced with sheet iron and sandbag barricades. For the better protection of their families they dug cellars where the women and children would remain until the nightly shooting ceased."

Reports of the fusillade of February 19 which filtered in indicated that only one man was slain. The next day, however, the small body of miners and their families made a hasty retreat to other parts.

Tired of Life, Woman Takes Gas

Mrs. James Camburn, thirty-six years old, was found dead in her room at Sixteenth and Master streets, yesterday. Gas jets were opened and a note on a table conveyed the information the woman had been "tired of living." The body was found after William Chambers, proprietor of the house, had reported to the police he had not seen Mrs. Camburn for two days. At St. Joseph's Hospital physicians said Mrs. Camburn had been dead at least twenty-four hours. Her husband is said to be in the army.

HOUSTON UPSETS INQUIRY ON LOANS

Withholds Files From Senate Committee Until Colby Examines Them

CONTEMPT, REED CHARGES

By the Associated Press

Washington, Feb. 28.—The Senate judiciary committee investigation of foreign loans and credits met with a check today when Chairman Nelson informed the committee that Secretary Houston had submitted treasury files he had been ordered to produce to Secretary Colby, of the State Department, for advice as to those which it would be compatible with public interests to present before the committee.

Senator Reed declared Secretary Houston "ought to be cited for contempt." Later the senator said that unless the committee summoned Mr. Houston to appear immediately with the full correspondence, he would "take the matter before the Senate."

The committee deferred until late today action on Senator Reed's motion directing Mr. Houston to appear tomorrow morning with copies of the complete correspondence with all the allied powers. The motion asserted that the committee did "not regard the transmission of the papers to the secretary of state as a compliance with the committee's request."

Assails Houston's Attitude

"The secretary of the Treasury," Mr. Reed declared, "has violated the mandate of a Senate committee. He has taken the matter out of our hands. His whole attitude from the beginning has been one of holding back."

Previously Mr. Houston had furnished the committee with the complete files in the case of Czecho-Slovakia and part of the papers in the Liberian loans negotiations. Today's investigation was to have begun the examination of correspondence in connection with the French, Italian and other allied loans.

President Wilson is expected to send to the House tomorrow in answer to a resolution of inquiry a statement of disbursements made by him from the $100,000,000 special war fund. It was being made up today from Treasury files and will cover only general items of expenditures, officials said, leaving smaller items to be obtained from the Treasury if the House desires them.

Congress on Homestretch

Congress today entered on the homestretch drive toward adjournment Friday with the whip and spur on appropriation bills and a scramble for the tape on the part of scores of other measures. Night sessions are in order, with an all-night finale, as usual, preceding inauguration day.

President Wilson signed today a bill providing for the return by the alien property custodian of property seized during the war and which belonged to women citizens of the United States and the allies who married enemy subjects before the declaration of war.

HOUSE REPUBLICANS CAUCUS TONIGHT

Washington, Feb. 28.—(By A. P.)—The full Republican membership of the next House was called to meet in caucus here tonight to organize the majority forces.

With the incoming members swelling the Republican majority to 169 by actual count, some Republican leaders were slightly apprehensive that the majority might be too big to handle. While they expressed some fear that the new members might attempt to take a hand in the selection of officers to serve for the next two years, the prediction was general that the present line-up would be retained.

Friends of Speaker Gillett and Representative Mondell, the Republican floor leader, were confident that their re-election would be unopposed, but Representative Knutson, of Minnesota, Republican whip, was prepared for a fight.

The conference tonight also will name the all-powerful committee on committees, which will make assignments to the various standing committees. Nearly all members of the present committee are expected to be renamed. The steering committee election may be deferred. Leaders predict no important changes in the heads of the big committees and declare that the seniority rule will be adhered to.

42 STATES ATTACK RAIL ACT IN SUPREME COURT

Attorneys for Plaintiffs and Railroads File Briefs in Case

Washington, Feb. 28.—(By A. P.)—The validity of the transportation act was attacked today in the Supreme Court by forty-two states and defended by counsel for the railroads.

The suit, the first of several of like nature to reach the highest court, was filed by the state of Wisconsin, but the attorneys general and railroad and public utility commissions of forty-one other states were permitted to become parties to it.

The only action in the case today was the filing of a brief by representatives of the states and the railroads. Oral argument will be heard some time this week.

The states' brief declared that, as now administered, the act, by centering all power over rates in the Interstate Commerce Commission, took away from the states rights specifically reserved to them by the federal constitution. The provisions for a fixed return on railway investment was made the basis for special attack as "uneconomic and unconstitutional."

Emphasis also was directed to the requirement that the commission group several roads together and make rates that would yield an aggregate fixed return to all roads in the group. This was alleged to place a "double burden" on shippers in that it compelled them to support "poor and worthless roads."

DISCUSSES BOLSHEVISM

"Gains and Losses of Bolshevism to Date" was discussed by Warwick Jimes Price before the New Century Club this afternoon at 2:30.

The College Club gave a "Stunt Party" this afternoon at 3:30. The hostesses included Miss Helen R. Biddle, Swarthmore; Miss Mabel G. Edwards, Vassar; Mrs. Rupert S. Holland, Brown; Miss Caroline K. Kenworthy, University of Pennsylvania, and Miss Frances Sappington, Wellesley.

DEATHS

HUNTER.—On Feb. 27, JOSEPHINE HUNTER. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, on Thurs., March 3, 2 p. m., at the Fairfax, Schoolhouse lane and Wayne ave. Interment private.

BILLFORD.—On Feb. 25, WILLIAM J. BILLFORD. Relatives and friends, also Wm. R. Schaffer Lodge, No. 119, F. and A. M., Lodge No. 22, B. P. O. E., invited to funeral services, on Wed., at 2 p. m., at his late residence, 1707 Diamond st. Interment Greenmount Cemetery.

HILDSBURN.—At Philadelphia, on Feb. 27, NINA RICHE, widow of Captain Samuel Hildsburn, U. S. A. Relatives and friends are invited to the services on Wed., at 2 p. m., at 1820 Chestnut st. Interment private.

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HARDING IN A "TOPPER"

Although innumerable pictures of the President-elect have been published, the above is the first showing Mr. Harding wearing a high hat. The photograph was taken at St. Augustine when he was making a speech at the dedication of a tablet

STATE DELEGATION NAMES OFFICERS

Recommends Rodgers, of Philadelphia, as House Sergeant-at-Arms

ALL BUT ONE REPUBLICANS

By a Staff Correspondent

Washington, Feb. 28.—Eight of the nine new members of the Pennsylvania congressional delegation participated in a delegation caucus this morning, preliminary to the general caucus of House Republicans tonight.

Thomas S. Butler, of West Chester, chairman of the naval affairs committee of the House and dean of the state delegation, was re-elected caucus chairman. Louis T. McFadden, of Canton, chairman of the House committee on banking and currency, was again chosen secretary.

Sergeant-at-arms Joseph G. Rodgers, of Philadelphia, was recommended for retention in his present post, and Representative W. W. Griest, of Lancaster, was re-elected Pennsylvania member of the House committee on committees.

This was the only action taken by the caucus. No attempt was made to bind the delegation to unit action on the House organization or party policy in the new Congress. There was no discussion of party measures, the House budget system, the House organization or other matters expected to come up in the general caucus tonight, members declared.

Representative George P. Darrow, of Philadelphia, is expected to be continued on the Republican steering committee and Representative Henry W. Watson, of Langhorne, on the ways and means committee in the new House organization.

Committee chairmanships now held by Pennsylvania members under the seniority rule are not expected to be disturbed by the committee on committees. These include Representative Thomas S. Butler as chairman of the naval committee; McFadden, banking and currency; George W. Edmonds, claims; Kreider, expenditures in the Interior Department; Walters, expenditures in the Department of Labor; Porter, foreign affairs; Kress, printing, and Focht, war claims.

Pennsylvania will continue to have more chairmanships than any other state.

With the organization of the Sixty-seventh Congress, the Pennsylvania delegation will be solidly Republican, with one exception. Representative Guy E. Campbell, of Pittsburgh, who came to Congress as a Democrat, and is so registered, but who captured the Republican nomination as well the last two times he has run, will be the only Democrat among the thirty-six Pennsylvania members. He has many friends and backers among Republican leaders in Allegheny county, and strong pressure has been exerted on him to induce him to come into the Republican fold. He represents a district which is normally Republican by from 7500 to 15,000. With women voting the average Republican majority in the Thirty-second district, the only one to send a Democratic representative this year, should be at least 15,000.

Camden Man Overcome by Gas

Thomas Slavey, seventy-nine years old, was found unconscious in his room at 2240 Broadway, Camden, this morning. Frederick Erb, with whom the man boarded, found him lying in bed with the gas stove turned on. It is believed by accident. Slavey is still unconscious in the Cooper Hospital.

HARDING ON WAY TO VISIT MARION

President-Elect Has Left Florida to Receive Formal Farewell From Home Town

COOLIDGE GETS SEND-OFF

By the Associated Press

On Board President-elect Harding's Special Train, Feb. 28.—With the preparations for the launching of the administration about complete, President-elect Harding was on his way back to Marion today to receive a formal farewell from his home town before entering the White House.

The President-elect's special train, which left St. Augustine, Fla., last night, is to reach Cincinnati this evening and Marion tomorrow morning. A lay-over of several hours is planned in Cincinnati, but Mr. and Mrs. Harding do not expect to leave their car. They will be in Marion until late Wednesday.

Only a final revision of the inaugural address remains to complete Mr. Harding's pre-inauguration tasks. He worked on this today and expected to have it finished by the time of his arrival in Marion.

The Harding residence in Marion has been leased, and the President-elect and his wife will make the home of his father, Dr. George T. Harding, their headquarters during the two-day visit.

Apparently it is Mr. Harding's irrevocable determination to withhold official proclamation of his cabinet until the eve of inauguration.

Northampton, Mass., Feb. 28.—(By A. P.)—Calvin Coolidge, Vice President-elect, set out for Washington with Mrs. Coolidge today with the idea of becoming fairly well settled in his new surroundings and ready to go to work after his oath of office is taken on inauguration day. The Coolidges were away with the God-speed of hundreds of their fellow-citizens who were at the station to see them off.

The demonstration, including cheers and handclasps, in a drizzle of rain, was spontaneous. The democratic nature of the send-off was shown when the former governor gathered to his in an embrace James Lucy, a shoemaker, whom he described as his philosopher friend. The next Vice-President and the shoemaker were photographed together.

The two young sons of the Coolidges, John and Calvin, Jr., remained here because of school sessions, but plan to attend the inaugural in Washington with their grandfather, Colonel John Coolidge, of Plymouth, Vt.

The Northampton city government has designated its Democratic mayor to go to Washington as its official representative at the inauguration.

To Speak on Bird Migration

Dr. Witmer Stone will lecture at the Academy of Natural Sciences, Nineteenth street below Race, tonight on "Bird Migration." This is one of the Ludwick free illustrated lectures, and the speaker will describe the results of the latest investigations in this most interesting phase of bird life.

Camden Patrolman Dies

Robert Rose, forty-six years old, a Camden patrolman for fourteen years, died early today in Cooper Hospital. He had been unconscious for the past week following his admittance, suffering from vertigo. He lived at 406 Jackson street, Camden, and leaves a wife and six children.

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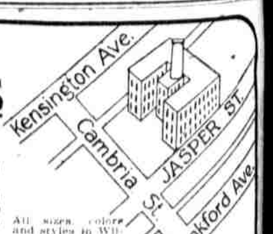

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