LIM'RICKS!—LIMPIN' LIM'RICKS! Remember 'Em? ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS! What? Wait!

THE WEATHER
Heavy snow this afternoon, tonight and probably Sunday; little change in temperature; northeast winds.
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

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HEAVIEST STORM IN RECENT YEARS IS SWEEPING CITY

Washington Is Cut Off From Outside by Severe Snow and Gale

LOWER TEMPERATURES ARE NOT EXPECTED HERE

Philadelphia is in the grip of what threatens to be the severest snowstorm in years, with a predicted fall of twelve to fifteen inches.

Washington is almost cut off from the outside world today by a blizzard, one of the worst in the city's history. Baltimore likewise reported from 14 to 16 inches of snow at 8 o'clock.

All points south have been reporting heavy snows for the last two days. The great Southern storm has moved up so that Philadelphia lies within its scope, and the weather forecaster predicts blizzard weather for this city during the next twenty-four hours, or perhaps longer.

The official forecast for Philadelphia, issued at 10 o'clock today, was "Heavy snow this afternoon, tonight and probably Sunday; little change in temperature, with lowest about 25 degrees. High northeast winds and gales."

Heavy Wind With Snow

The fall of snow between 2 o'clock this morning, when the storm began in Philadelphia, and 8 o'clock, when the morning observations were taken at the Weather Bureau here, was two inches. The wind blew it into eddies along house lines and at some points in car tracks, so that it seemed even deeper.

The snow will be even heavier at points near Philadelphia to the west and northwest, nearer the center of the storm. At West Chester and Phoenixville the forecaster expects eighteen inches.

Winds of gale intensity are expected. A "gale" is wind with a velocity of at least forty miles an hour. This is the predicted minimum for Philadelphia today.

One fortunate circumstance is that the temperature will not be low. At 8 o'clock this morning the thermometer stood at 18 degrees. It had risen to 19 degrees at 10 o'clock, with a predicted tendency upward through the day. Tonight the lowest expected is about 25 degrees. Though it will not be low enough for the snow to turn to rain, or to melt, it will yet be comparatively easy to keep houses warm, or to withstand the onset of the wind if one has to be outdoors.

Works by Fits and Starts

The storm which is sweeping this part of the country is a freak in some respects. The snow fell thick and fast between 2 and 6 o'clock this morning, then stopped altogether. It resumed a couple of hours later, and may continue in much the same manner, by fits and starts, until the storm area moves away.

The center of the big storm last night was at Hatteras, N. C., moving then to Norfolk, Va., and thence in the direction of this city.

The storm seemed to spill its biggest bag of snow as it passed over Washington. One train got out of the capital for New York, stopping at Philadelphia. A local train was sent out to Baltimore. These were the only trains moved during the night from Washington.

Officials at the Union Station, Washington, shortly before 9 o'clock reported that no passenger trains had left Washington since midnight, and with the snow continuing, prospects of getting any trains out were said to be poor. Three trains had arrived since midnight, two from New York long overdue, and one Baltimore and Ohio express from Cincinnati.

Railroad officials were attempting to get a train, comprising day coaches only, out before noon for Baltimore and possibly to Philadelphia and other points north. Trains from the South were reported held up in yards between Washington and Baltimore and in the Maryland city.

It was the heaviest snowfall in Washington since the blizzard of '88. Starting late yesterday afternoon, the snow early today had exceed the capital to a depth of from a foot and a half to two feet. Street car service was practically suspended early today, and motorists were all activity, governmental and otherwise, would be greatly curtailed.

Pennsylvania avenue was strewn with the hulks of wrecked automobiles. Absence of wind prevented the formation of drifts, but the depth on the level was enough to stand virtually all vehicles except those of the heavier types.

Jersey Towns Hit Differently

New Jersey was oddly hit by the storm. Atlantic City reported only one-quarter of an inch by 8 o'clock this morning, whereas Cape May reported a blizzard with snow of four inches and a fifty-mile-an-hour gale. Snow is re-

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DRUG CLERK FOILS BANDITS HOLDING UP HIS FATHER

Drops Behind Counter as Gun Wavers—Intruders Flee

Quick action by William Irete, clerk in his father's drug store at Fifty-first and Master streets, foiled five bandits who entered the store and covered the proprietor and clerk with revolvers.

The clerk complied with an order to "put up his hands," but as one of the hold-up men stepped forward he dropped behind the counter. With this the men became frightened and ran from the store.

Frank I. Irete, owner of the store, grabbed his revolver and ran after them. Their automobile was waiting in front of the store and Irete opened fire as they jumped in and sped away.

Irete believes at least one of his shots took effect. The bandits did not attempt to return the shots.

Police of the Peach and Media streets station have sent out a flier to all the hospitals to be on the lookout for a wounded man. Detective Williams has been assigned to the case.

The men entered the store about 10:15 last night. The clerk and proprietor were alone at the time.

DO YOU WANT A JOB? THERE ARE plenty of them advertised in the Help Wanted columns today on page 20.—Adv.

When She Was Happy

MRS. OSCAR ROSIER

This picture shows the woman who is held for the murder of her husband and his stenographer in carefree mood before tragedy entered her life

THEY GOT STEVE AND NOW THEY'RE HUNTING FOR MIKE

Arrest of Man as Wife-Beater Leads Police to Still in Cellar

When Annie Lazezski complained to police at Nicetown last night that her husband, Steve, had been beating her, she led them right to a twenty-five-gallon still.

The patrolmen who went with Annie to her home at 1909 Brunner street possessed such a keen sense of smell that the minute they entered the house they knew there was a still in operation in the cellar.

They arrested Steve. Then they took him down cellar and asked him about the still attached to the heater.

"Take that thing out of here," said Steve. "It belongs to a lodger and I don't want it around."

Police took it and are looking for "Mike" Feidik, the lodger, said to be the owner. They also took three barrels of mash, ten gallons of moonshine and twenty sacks of rye.

Magistrate Dorn held Steve in $500 bail for a further hearing on the charge of beating his wife.

EFFINGHAM PEROT DIES; NOTED PHILANTHROPIST

Was 85 Years Old and Prominent in Social and Episcopal Affairs

Effingham Perot, noted in social and philanthropic circles in this city, died today at his home, 917 Clinton street. He was eighty-five years old.

Mr. Perot was born in Philadelphia August 10, 1837, the son of Joseph Perot and Sarah Wister Morris. He graduated from the Episcopal Academy in 1857 and from the University of Pennsylvania four years later.

He was rector's warden of St. Andrew's Church in this city and for thirty years was treasurer of the City Mission. He was also a member of the council of the Episcopal Church Home for Children and of the University Club.

He is survived by his widow, who was Miss Mary E. Burroughs.

The funeral will take place next Tuesday in St. Andrew's Church. Interment will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

$50,000 BLAZE IN ICE PLANT GIVES FIREMEN HARD FIGHT

Melting Cakes Add to Difficulties in Atlantic City

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger

Atlantic City, Jan. 28.—Smoldering embers from a small blaze yesterday afternoon broke out into flames shortly before 9 o'clock last night at the storage house here of the American Ice Company and gave the fire-fighters one of the hardest battles of years, doing damage estimated at $50,000.

Two companies responded to the alarm but were confronted with a difficult situation. The building, which is used as a storage house and cold storage plant, is of peculiar construction, having practically double walls throughout. Between these walls are layers of shavings and cork for the purpose of isolating the various rooms. The flames found their way to these inflammable packings and spread through out the building, sending flames high above the roof, eighty-five feet from the street.

Fire Chief Barnett ordered the gates of the wagon yard torn down, and after a hundred head of horses had been removed to safety, brought up great engines capable of throwing four streams at once.

The firemen, armed with lanterns, axes and hose, fought their way through the smoke, but found the storage rooms packed full with 5000 tons of ice. Great cakes were melting from the intense heat and, sliding from their closely packed positions, added to the difficulties of the firmen.

Chief Barnett then ordered his men to the roof, where tons of water were poured into the flames, which were gradually brought under control early this morning.

CHINESE PREMIER RESIGNS

Liang Shih-Yi Held Reigns of State Only One Month

Pekin, Jan. 28.—(By A. P.)—Liang Shih-Yi has tendered his resignation as Premier. Dr. W. W. Yen, the Foreign Minister, who has been acting as Premier during the absence from Pekin of Liang Shih-Yi, is understood to have refused to accept the premiership on the ground that he is needed in the foreign office. Liang served only a month.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE—Augusta, Charleston, Savannah — through service daily; 1609 Chestnut st., Phila. Tel. Locust 5393. —Adv.

BROTHER IS SILENT ON CHARGES MADE AT ROSIER INQUEST

Counsel for Arthur Says He Is Co-operating With District Attorney

SLAYER DISAPPOINTED; SHE EXPECTED TO WIN FREEDOM

"Jerry" Would Have Been 20 Years Old Tomorrow

Mildred Reckitt, the stenographer who was shot to death last Saturday by Mrs. Oscar Rosier, would have been twenty years old tomorrow. She was born January 29, 1902.

Miss Reckitt's mother is still numbed by shock, but is slowly recovering. Relatives believe the birth anniversary of "Jerry" will plunge her into renewed grief.

While Mrs. Oscar Rosier, slayer of her husband and his stenographer, Mildred G. Reckitt, sits in her cell, in Moyamensing Prison today, her attorneys are preparing the legal moves that are expected to reunite her with her baby early next week.

The infant, three months old, is with Mrs. Rosier's mother. Following the action of the Coroner yesterday in holding Mrs. Rosier without bail, her baby was taken from her and she was returned to the cell in which she has been kept since her arrest after the double murder last Saturday, at her husband's office, 1314 Walnut street.

Meanwhile, no reply is made by Arthur Rosier, brother of the dead man, to charges hurled at him in court yesterday by John R. K. Scott, counsel for Mrs. Rosier. He refused to be seen this morning at the Rosier home, 25 Kent road, Stonehurst.

Seeks to Show Conspiracy

Mr. Scott sought to show by witnesses that Oscar Rosier was engaged in a conspiracy with Arthur to rid himself of his wife, and that Arthur's part in the plot was that of arousing Mrs. Rosier to ill feeling against her husband and at the same time, if possible, involving her in a compromising situation which would provide grounds for a divorce.

The Coroner said that if this were found to be true, the dead man's brother was an accessory before the fact, and should be arrested by the District Attorney.

Mr. Scott said in addition that the young wife was goaded to her act by Arthur Rosier, and that the latter did this with an eye to inheriting his brother's estate.

Arthur Rosier denied these charges emphatically yesterday on the witness stand.

Mrs. Rosier Regains Poise

Frank S. Schrenk, attorney for Arthur Rosier, said today his client was cooperating with the District Attorney in the prosecution of the case. Rosier will make no statement concerning Mr. Scott's insinuations, he said, at least not for the present. He will be guided solely by the District Attorney's office.

Mrs. Rosier, who fainted twice at the inquest, recovered her poise gradually, after the ordeal was over. She was accompanied back to prison by William T. Connor, associated with Mr. Scott in the defense. During the ride down Mr. Connor consoled and soothed the woman.

He remained with her until the prison gates closed once more upon her. As he left the prison he said the woman seemed in better spirits.

Mourns Baby's Absence

Mrs. Rosier, after a restless night, is trying to regain her composure, but she continually cries for her baby. She is told the infant is receiving the best of care, but she is inconsolable. The baby should be with her, she insists, but the prison attaches explain how impossible that is under the circumstances.

As for the infant, he is happy with his grandmother, content just as long as his bottle of milk appears with regularity and he is covered up warmly in his little crib.

No attempt will be made today to take out a writ of habeas corpus for Mrs. Rosier. She will spend the weekend in jail, as counsel does not contemplate any movement looking for her release from Moyamensing until Monday.

A petition to the court, that the distracted woman be taken to the House of Detention and confined there, is in process of preparation.

She Expected Release

Mrs. Rosier is bitterly disappointed that she must stay in prison, having expected that her release would be ordered following the inquest.

Prison attendants are having a hard time convincing her that the world was not made in a day, and that the wheels of the law must move before she can be taken to the House of Detention. Her answer is the continual cry for her baby.

Still Loyal to Daughter

The tragic death of his daughter has etched new lines of care in the face of William G. Reckitt, 2425 West Cumberland street. He expressed bitter resentment today over what he called "morbid interest" in the case.

"Nothing detrimental to my daughter was brought out at the inquest," he said. "The things that have been said about her are due to people with degenerate minds and morbid curiosity. I believe Mrs. Rosier's condition was such that she would have shot down any woman she found in the office with her husband."

Edna Reckitt, an attractive blonde, a few years older than "Jerry," her sister, also staunchly defended her sister.

"Any one who has been out in the business world would not have seen anything out of the way in a girl being in an office after business hours with her employer," she said. "Mildred worked too hard. I have called for her as late as 6 o'clock and she would be too busy to leave. She often took work home with her."

THEY WEAR 'EM IN SWARTHMORE

Miss Helen Morton (left) and Miss Ruth Sharpless appeared as pictured on a skating pond. Immediately they became the cynosure of all eyes. But behold! "Shriveled souls" complained to the police force, who has so far been outgeneraled at every turn and has been unable to get close enough to issue official warning. The town is now divided into two camps composed of those who like the pants and those who don't

DAVIS SHAKES UP ENFORCING STAFF

Harvey Duncan Sent to Kansas City, Abel to Indianapolis, Larson to Denver

MOVE COMES AS SURPRISE

HARRY L. DUNCAN

Three changes were made today in the local prohibition enforcement staff and others are rumored as a result of the appointment of the Rev. John T. Davis as Federal Prohibition Director for Pennsylvania.

Harvey L. Duncan, law enforcing officer for the Philadelphia district, was transferred to Kansas City. W. H. Abel, legal adviser of the Prohibition Department, was sent to Indianapolis, and H. L. Larson, special agent for Philadelphia, was sent to Denver.

Removal of Duncan, who came here October 15, when liquor violations were supposed to be at their peak, caused considerable surprise.

When Duncan arrived here he announced he would clean up the city, and it was generally believed he had made good headway. He came at a time when there was dissatisfaction with the work of William C. McConnell. Duncan went out on the firing line frequently and personally directed raids on several places where liquor was sold.

Samuel L. Rutter, acting assistant director of prohibition, announced the changes named, but would make no comment.

Mr. Davis has gone to Pittsburgh to meet the personnel of the headquarters there.

BOSCH MAGNETO INQUIRY IS SHIFTED TO NEW YORK

Kern Cables Resignation as Bank President From Europe

New York, Jan. 28.—(By A. P.)—The United States Attorney's office in New York will investigate the sale of the Bosch Magneto Company in 1918 by A. Mitchell Palmer, then Alien Property Custodian.

Allentown, Pa., Jan. 28.—The resignation of Martin E. Kern as president of the Penn Counties Trust Company, here, was announced yesterday afternoon.

Kern is in Paris. His resignation, it was stated, was given "to avoid prejudice against the institution while slanders are being circulated about him." Nathan A. Haas, a vice president, was chosen to succeed Kern.

Allegations have been made that Kern has served several jail terms, and that he is a German, making illegal his purchase of the Bosch Magneto Company, which he bought from the Alien Property Custodian.

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CARDINAL LEAVES HERE FOR ROME

Accompanied to N. Y. by Prominent Churchmen—Sailed From There at 10 A. M.

TOO LATE TO VOTE FOR POPE

Prominent clergy of the Catholic Church and also numerous laymen wished Cardinal Dougherty "God-speed" at Broad Street Station this morning when he left on the 8 o'clock train for New York. He sailed from there at 10 o'clock on the steamship La Loraine for Havre on his way to Rome. The Cardinal does not expect to reach Rome in time to participate in the election of a Pope to succeed Benedict XV, but will be there in time to extend congratulations to the successor.

Cardinal Dougherty declined to make any comment regarding Pope Benedict's successor.

When he arrived at the station many persons thronged about him. Several knelt and kissed his hand and wished him "safe across."

The clergymen who accompanied the Cardinal to New York are the Rev. Joseph A. Whitaker, chancellor of the diocese; Monsignor M. C. Donovan, St. Agatha's Church; the Rev. John J. Greensil, St. Edmund's; the Rev. J. A. McCullough, St. Gabriel's; the Rev. J. A. Mullen, Our Lady of Lourdes; Monsignor F. J. Fitzpatrick, St. Malachy's; the Rev. D. J. Brouglal, Church of the Ascension; the Rev. Francis P. Magnin, Church of the Immaculate Heart, Chester.

The Cardinal was accompanied by his secretary, the Rev. Dr. Hugh L. Lamb, and Chancellor Whitaker when he arrived here from New York last night. They met him upon his arrival there. The Cardinal said he had benefited greatly by his trip to the West Indies.

Speaking of Pope Benedict, he said: "He was clearly a providential Pope. He was elected just at the outbreak of the war and he died just as peace was established. From the beginning he had a thorny path to tread. His success was marvelous. Many contending nations strove each to draw him to its side during the war, irrespective of right, but he never swerved from the path of justice. As a result, he won the confidence of the world. He never ceased to plead the cause of the war

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MAN, WIFE AND 4 CHILDREN SAVED FROM BLAZING HOME

Firemen Carry Family Down Ladders When Trapped in Bedrooms

Alexander Maliszewski and his wife and four children were carried from the upper stories of their burning home, 2949 Richmond street, by firemen at 7 A. M. today, after the flames, which started in the cellar, had cut off their escape.

The fire was discovered shortly after a man named Anthony had attended to the furnace. As he returned he smelled smoke and, going back, discovered the cellar was already ablaze.

Engine Company No. 28 and Truck No. 10 responded to the alarm, and when they arrived it was found the fire had spread to the first floor, which was a saloon, and was threatening the upper stories.

Laddermen of Truck No. 10 gained entrance to the two upper floors through the windows and carried out Maliszewski, his wife, Rose, and Alexander, Jr., aged ten. Members of Company No. 28 rescued Edward, six, and Leonard, aged four.

The family was sheltered in the homes of neighbors. The damage, which was confined largely to the first floor and the basement, is estimated at $1000.

APARTMENTS TO SUIT EVERY PURSE and meet every requirement may be found quickly by consulting the Apartments classification on pages 19 and 20.—Adv.

WOMEN SCRAMBLE FOR NOMINATION TO LEGISLATURE

Rush Starts Following Announcement Vares Would Support Them at Primary

PROMISED RECOGNITION PLEASES MRS. WARBURTON

Following the announcement that the Vare organization would back a number of women for membership in the State House of Representatives in the May primaries, politicians reported today that already a lively rush was under way among the women to be among those considered.

This it was declared was especially the case in the West Philadelphia and Germantown districts. In South Philadelphia, the home of the Vare organization, ward leaders, under orders from the Vares, began to scan a list of availables who might be sent to the Legislature in place of several men who have heretofore had seats in Harrisburg.

Women leaders in Philadelphia, Mrs. Barclay H. Warburton, vice chairman of the Republican State Committee; Mrs. Thomas Robins, assistant secretary of the State Committee, representing one element and Mrs. A. R. Harmon, representing the Vare organization, will begin a series of conferences with a view of fixing upon women candidates.

Mrs. Warburton Pleased

This wave of interest in candidates for the Legislature arose, of course, when news of the conference held yesterday afternoon between Senator Vare and Mrs. Warburton reached the women at their homes last night.

Mrs. Warburton was pleased over the results of the conference. She said she hopes that organization leaders all over the State will follow the example of Senator Vare, who has promised to support women for the Legislature and also to increase the size of the ward committees so as to add one woman to the two men now representing each division.

The women make it plain, however, that this recognition will not succeed in choking them off from further inquiry into the slating of candidates for the high State offices for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Internal Affairs.

It was explained, at the conclusion of the conference yesterday that this important subject had not been touched on in any tangible way. The women will keep after this phase of the situation.

They appreciate the fact that the slating of women candidates by an ironclad Vare organization is not going to contribute materially to a change in the political complexion of the Vare delegation to the House at Harrisburg even though it may alter the social aspect.

Thirty-five Women May Be Elected

Throughout the State, it is anticipated that between thirty-five and forty women will be among the 207 members of the 1922 House. These will be elected, it is believed, in districts where more than one representative is to be elected. In Philadelphia there are twelve legislative districts where more than one member is elected.

Senator Vare's call on Mrs. Warbur-

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CHILD DIES OF BURNS

Lighted Pile of Paper While He Was Playing

Three-year-old Joseph Costa, of 4338 Elizabeth street, who was burned Wednesday when he lighted a pile of paper with which he was playing, died at the Frankford Hospital late yesterday afternoon. The child had been left with two brothers, only a little older, while the mother was out of the house shopping for a few minutes. He was taken to Frankford Hospital, but taken home again that night against the advice of hospital authorities. Thursday morning he became worse and was taken back to the hospital. Convulsions and death followed yesterday.

BRITISH TO PROTECT CHINESE SALT OFFICE

PEKIN, Jan. 28.—British marines are being held in readiness to land at Bankow to protect the salt administration office against seizure by the forces of General Wu-Pei-Fu, who are said to be under orders to occupy it. General Wu is inspector general of Hupeh province.

CHURCHMEN TO STUDY LABOR CONDITIONS

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Nine prominent clergymen and laymen have been appointed by the World Alliance for International Friendship through the churches to study labor conditions in the United States and Europe. Dr. Henry A. Atkinson, general secretary of the World Alliance, is chairman of the committee and will represent the United States.

FIRE ROUTS FAMILIES

Store Slightly Damaged in Manayunk

Several families living at 4429 Main street, Manayunk, had an unpleasant thrill this morning when fire was discovered shortly after 7 o'clock in the fruit and produce store of Morris Calman on the first floor.

The prompt arrival of the fire apparatus prevented the fire from doing other damage than that of burning a small hole in the floor of the fruit store.

ROOMS AND BOARDING TO FIT YOUR purse in advertising. See page 20.—Adv.

MERCIER HAS INFLUENZA

Forced to Stop at Milan While En Route to Rome

Paris, Jan. 28.—(By A. P.)—Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, has stopped off at Milan on his way to Rome to attend the conclave of the Sacred College, and is said to be suffering from an attack of influenza, says a Havas dispatch from Rome today.

He received an enthusiastic reception upon his arrival in Milan, the message states, but he was tired when he reached that city and found himself compelled to interrupt his trip and remain in bed.

Want a Hundred Dollars?

The LIM'RICK bug's around again. He's going to scatter ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR bills about something scandalous. And maybe you couldn't use a hundred dollars just about now—eh?

You remember last time the Lim'rick bug scattered 'em here, don't you? Did you get one?

He's come back again. He'll make his first appearance, or rather, his reappearance, NEXT SATURDAY. Same rules, same reward, same idea exactly. We thought we'd finished with him, but the fans wouldn't let him rest. Kept at us all the time, so here we are.

He'll git y'—this bug—so he will,
An' he'll grab y' and sting y' until
Y'r mind goes all blooey.
Y'r temper goes flooey—
But A HUNDRED looks good on a bill.

FIRE TRUCK RUSHES WOMAN TO DOCTOR

Used as Ambulance to Save Victim's Life in Cabot Street Blaze

CLOTHES IGNITED BY RANGE

By using a fire engine as an ambulance, Mrs. Beatrice Heebner, twenty-five, of 3008 Cabot street, was saved from probable death today by quick action of firemen.

Mrs. Heebner was preparing dinner when her clothing was ignited by the gas range. She was quickly enveloped in flames. Neighbors heard her screams. Wrapping the woman in rugs they carried her to the street.

When chemical engine No. 44 arrived the driver immediately placed the woman on the seat and rushed her to Lankenau Hospital.

She was burned on the arms, face and body. Physicians said that the quick action of the firemen probably saved the woman's life.

$850 GONE IN 2 GEM THEFTS

Residence and Nurses' Home Rifled During Night—No Clues Found

Thieves entered the home of Mrs. J. Rosenweig, 1504 Diamond street, last night, and escaped with jewelry valued at $850. The house was entered shortly after midnight. Before that time two men were seen lurking in the neighborhood. No trace of them has been found.

At about the same hour, the robbery of $200 worth of jewelry occurred at the Nurses' Home, 4008 Ogden street. No trace of the thief or thieves in this case has been found.

INSISTS CANVAS IS DA VINCI

Owner Is Suing Art Critic for Halting Sale of Painting

New York, Jan. 28. — Mrs. Andree Hahn arrived yesterday from Paris with her husband, Captain H. J. Hahn, a former American air pilot, prepared, she said, to spend $1,000,000 if necessary to prove that "La Belle Ferroniere," which they are trying to sell to the Kansas City Art Institute, was painted by Leonardo da Vinci.

Mr. Hahn is suing Sir Joseph Duveen, art dealer and critic, for $500,000, claiming he halted sale of the painting by pronouncing it a mere copy of a Leonardo.

NATION'S FARMERS KEEP INDEPENDENT STAND IN POLITICS

Washington Conference Fails to Align Agriculturists With Any Other Faction

MIDDLE COURSE BETWEEN CAPITAL AND LABOR

By CLINTON W. GILBERT

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Washington, Jan. 27.—The farmer remains a bloc not only in Congress, but in the Nation.

In the farm conference, capital and labor played for his support. Neither got it. He will play with one or the other as suits his purpose and serves his end. The Administration invited him back squarely into the Republican Party. In response, he indorsed the so-called bloc on the hill, which is part Republican and part Democrat. Its leaders are now Republican. In a Congress with a Democratic majority its leaders will be Democrats.

The victory of Mr. Gompers in the morning turned into the discomfiture of Mr. Gompers in the afternoon. The incident of the two votes upon the burden which labor should bear in deflation was typical of the farmers' position.

In the morning the committee on prices brought in a report upon transportation costs. It was a committee controlled by the capitalistically inclined. It would have the Adamson Law repealed. In general it would throw the burden of cost reduction upon labor. The committee had little excuse for invading the field, for there was a committee on transportation whose business it was to report upon cutting freight rates.

Gompers Wins One Victory

Mr. Gompers rose to the defense of labor. The farmers gave him their attention. They extended his time of speaking. They agreed with him. By a large majority they recommitted the report. They declined to let themselves be used as part of the propaganda to cut wages.

In the afternoon the committee on transportation made its report. The burden of deflation, it said, must be borne by both capital and labor. Up rose Mr. Gompers to move that this part of the report be cut out. It was, he said, inconsistent with the fine spirit of fairness which the conference had shown in the morning. Labor had already borne its part of the sacrifice necessary to get down prices.

The farmers demolished this with their speeches and their votes. The report was adopted almost unanimously. The delegates refused to be part of the labor propaganda against the reduction of wages. Some people tell you that the farmer is essentially a capitalist and that his interests are with the capitalists. Others prove to you that politically the farmer will never count, being in the minority, unless he acts with labor in the industrial cities.

Preserves Independence

The farmer does not see it either way. He preserves his independence. He has learned the lesson that in a democracy it is not the majority that has its way so often as the organized minority. He is part of an organized minority, a bloc. And that is what he has voted to remain.

He is politically self conscious. The success of the bloc in Congress has made him confident. About the halls of the Willard you hear them say, "We are the strongest element in the country and we can run it if we only stand together." In the weakness of parties bloc tactics have grown strong. The old ties have given place to a sense of a commoner interest.

The Democratic and the Republican farmers co-operate. That is what has happened. The co-operative movement, which was to solve marketing problems, has seen its biggest development in politics. It is impossible to see the end of this movement unless the farmers themselves split into factions.

Co-operation Gains

And the co-operative movement has developed economically to a surprising extent. Beginning among the citrus fruit growers it has spread among other farmers. There are tobacco co-operatives and cotton co-operatives, wool co-operatives, and since credit has been scarce, co-operatives for the raising of credit. Biggest of all is the grain co-operative movement, which is not yet on its feet.

Adversity has brought the farmer together both politically and economically. During prosperous times he was a strong individualist. Today he is all for united action, whether in Congress or in cheapening the costs of marketing his product.

Co-operative marketing and co-operative seeking of credit have their political repercussion. They make for the forming and preserving of blocs. You see the background of the farmers' bloc in such a conference as this one. You cannot frighten it out of existence by calling it un-American. You cannot put it on the head and say nice words to it. You cannot successfully invoke it into alliances. It is not tempted by the magic word majority. It is in the mood of the big business man, who said, "You give me 25 per cent of the stock of this company and I'll control the company."

Susquehanna Valley Storm-Swept

Harrisburg, Jan. 28.—Railroad and trolley traffic throughout the lower Susquehanna Valley was hampered today by a heavy snowstorm which swept in from the South. Warnings of further delays were given at some of the towns in this section, but Harrisburg was not badly affected.

Seize Twenty-four Barrels of Mash

Lebanon, Pa., Jan. 28.—Twenty-four barrels of whisky mash were seized today by State police under direction of Corporal Kauffman at the home of Radi Rubovich, tenant on a 200-acre farm near Grantville, East Hanover Township. Several stills and considerable finished product disappeared before the officers arrived. Rubovich is in jail.

DO YOU NEED A BABY CARRIAGE, OR A store or anything else for the house? Perhaps it's in the For Sale column today on pages 19 and 20.—Adv.