

THE WEATHER
Increasing cloudiness tonight followed by rain in early morning and Friday; slowly rising temperature.
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

WEAVER UNITS UNGER FORGED \$12,000 CHECK

Chairman of Board of Trustees Admits, However, Signature Looks Like His Own

DECLARES HANDWRITING EXPERTS MUST DECIDE

Doesn't Wish to Criticize Bank Methods, but Asserts He Is Mystified

MAY SEIZE FUGITIVE'S HOME

Family of Embezzler Must Show Property Was Not Acquired With Stolen Money

John Weaver, former Mayor and chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Evans Institute Fund, has turned over to handwriting experts the check for \$12,000 countersigned by him, which Walter A. Unger cashed before he fled more than a week ago.

The "Boy Speculator," who as assistant treasurer of the Evans Fund stole securities estimated at about \$200,000 from the fund's strong box at the Girard National Bank and lost them gambling in stock with the bank's money, has a transfer from the \$12,000 check to the order of the bank.

The check bore Mr. Weaver's signature, as did all checks on the fund. Mr. Unger said today he could not recall having signed it, though the signature looked like his own. He has called handwriting experts into consultation to determine whether it is genuine or not.

The chairman of the board raised the question of the bank's methods in cashing a check for so large a sum, and asked the board to inquire into the matter. He said he had consulted with the board and they had decided not to do so.

Will Not Say It Is Forgery "I will not say the check is a forgery," said Mr. Weaver, "nor will I say that I signed it. I certainly cannot recall having done so. It looks like my signature, and it may be my signature, but in order to make sure that I have it in the hands of a handwriting expert to determine its authenticity."

"I am in the habit of getting hundreds of checks to be countersigned, but I believe I had noticed this particular check which was made payable to the order of the Girard National Bank. I certainly would have questioned it."

"Not that I would have thought it improper, because a check drawn in this manner is not unusual. It is a common fund to another. We had two funds, one a repair fund, the other for reading purposes. If I did sign that check, I did so on the 27th of February, 27, Tuesday, February 28, and it is likely that it was mailed to Unger at the Girard National Bank."

"Far be it from me to criticize the banking system, but I believe the banking system is a puzzle to me, but from what I have learned since the disappearance of Unger it looks to me as though the withdrawal of this particular \$12,000 certainly was surrounded by mysterious actions on the part of Unger."

"He presented this check for payment on March 1, and asked that it be honored in \$100 bills."

"Let Me Have It in Fifties" "It was told that he would have to wait until 11 o'clock to get all of it in \$100 bills, and said, 'Well, let me have it in fifties.' Certainly Unger had no intention of having this money in fifties, but I was told that he had it in fifties."

"I can't conceive why the bank did not advise me sooner than they did. It was on Thursday afternoon between 3 and 3:30 o'clock that I was called on the telephone and asked if Unger had taken the \$12,000 to the Evans Institute to meet the payroll."

"I don't wish to criticize, but certainly is mysterious. I wish to state that I promptly would have counterchecked that check in view of the fact that the name of the bank was the Girard National Bank, and I was enough not to do it in his own name. He had the authority to sign the checks which were to be countersigned by me. I am sure that I was having this information in the bank and that I was whether I really did sign it or not."

"Mr. Weaver was told that the superintendent of the detective agency seeking Unger had said yesterday that a warrant had been sworn out for Unger, but that this was contradicted today. There certainly will be a warrant issued for this man's arrest," said Mr. Weaver. "The only question is who shall swear out this warrant. In order to determine who should do it, counsel for the university, the bank and the trustees will hold a conference today."

"In conclusion, I wish to add that the board of trustees will leave no step unturned in order to recover anything that can be for the institution. Any property, automobiles or anything bought by Unger with the money misappropriated from the fund will be attached at once."

Mr. Weaver was greatly interested in getting data relative to Unger's purchase of his home. He said that the information was now at work getting the purchase of the property, and that the burden of proof will be thrown upon the members of the family to show that they were not the beneficiaries of the trust fund of which he was assistant treasurer.

Miss Margaret Thompson, of Cynwya, who sold the home to the Unger family, is advertising. See page 26.—Ad.

President's Train Guarded by Elaborate Precautions

Washington, March 9.—(By A. P.) Elaborate precautions were taken by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad to protect the special train on which President Harding is traveling to Florida.

Every yard of track is being inspected by a pilot train running ahead of the special, with the general roadmaster of the line riding on the rear of the pilot to make the inspection. No train is permitted to be operated on any switch turned on the track between the special and pilot train.

A picked crew of conductors and trainmen is operating the special, and the general road foreman of engineers is riding in the engine cab.

ANOTHER BROKER SHUTS UP SHOP

Kravis & Co., South 15th St., Lays Failure to Kardos & Burke Crash

SET LIABILITY AT \$30,000

Kravis & Co., brokers, with offices on the fourth floor of the Transportation Building, 26 South Fifteenth street, closed today, and a petition in bankruptcy was filed in the Federal Court by J. Howard Rebes and Roy Pressman, attorneys.

The brokerage firm did not belong to either the New York or the Consolidated Stock Exchange, and had but thirty active accounts.

According to the manager, assets will total about \$10,000 and liabilities \$30,000. It is pointed out, however, that the firm has been under way for several days and the recent failure of the brokerage house of Kardos & Burke, of this city and New York.

The Kardos & Burke company were Kravis & Co.'s New York correspondents. It is said the Kravis firm lost a large amount of money in the failure of the bigger concern.

Until closing time last night Kravis & Co. were being swarmed by customers who demanded their accounts be canceled.

Members of the firm are Albert Kravis and Maurice Weinstein. The firm employed clerks and an outside salesman. It had rented ticker service furnished by the Consolidated Exchange.

Total liabilities of the brokerage firm at Grand, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

An interesting feature of the schedule, as filed, concerns "the personal liability" of the firm members. Mr. Kravis, 21, is listed as having a liability of \$20,000. Mr. Weinstein, 27, is listed as having a liability of \$10,000.

In a petition filed in Pittsburgh for the appointment of an ancillary receiver, the receiver is Isaac Glacken, of L. A. Gerson & Co., 27 South Broad street, a charge is made that the failure was "fraudulent." The petition was filed by counsel for Einar Barford.

Clarence Loeb, receiver for E. D. Dier & Co., announced that a complete report of the condition of the concern is being prepared and will be filed with the Federal Court in New York by the receivers in that city, included in the report, Mr. Loeb says, will be that of the Philadelphia office of the firm at 1433 Walnut street.

New York, March 9.—An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in Federal Court today against the firm of L. A. Gerson & Co., stock brokers. Liabilities and assets were not estimated in the petition. The firm had no stock exchange connection.

DR. A. J. GERSON'S HOME LOOTED; THIEVES GET \$250

Another Apartment at 39th and Ludlow Also Entered

A thief last night ransacked the apartment of Dr. Armand J. Gerson, Superintendent of Schools, Thirty-ninth and Ludlow streets, and stole \$200 in cash and jewelry and a \$50 Liberty Bond.

Dr. Gerson went to a meeting and Mrs. Gerson was absent. The Association Superintendent returned about 9 o'clock and found all the rooms of the first-floor suite in disorder.

The thieves also entered the apartment of Frank A. Kissel, on the same floor of the apartment house. They found only the house money, amounting to less than \$10. Under the mattress in the bedroom were found several hundred dollars, and a \$200 fur coat lay on the bed.

DOCTOR FACES CHARGES

Lombard Street Osteopath Accused of Swindling Wholesalers

Dr. Charles Blackledge, a Negro, who says he is an osteopath with office at 1414 Lombard street, was held in \$10,000 bail for further hearing by Magistrate O'Brien today on a charge of conspiracy to defraud druggists.

Several druggists complained that Blackledge had obtained goods on approval and that no payment was made. Later, it was charged, Blackledge would claim that he was not at home when delivery was made, and that the goods were stolen. Police are looking for an "impostor," who, they say, is an accomplice of Blackledge.

WHEN PRINCESS MARY AND LASCELLES EACH SAID "I DO"



This photograph was taken in Westminster Abbey while the Archbishop of Canterbury was performing the ceremony which made Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles man and wife. At the left of the Princess bride is her royal father, the King of England, and to her right is the wedding party, in which stood Queen Mary and Queen Mother Alexandra. To the rear in the chancel are the Archbishop of York and other church dignitaries, while in the aisle in the foreground are the bridesmaids.

FORGED TO BUY CLOTHES FOR BRIDE

Youthful Husband Confesses to Using Grandfather's Name to Obtain Money

HELD FOR FURTHER HEARING

Yielding to a wish to buy clothes and luxuries for his fifteen-year-old bride, Harry Glacken, twenty-one years old, of Hagersville, forged the name of his grandfather to so many checks as completely to exhaust the elder man's account in the bank.

Young Glacken, charged with forgery, was taken before Magistrate Coward in the Central Station today and held in \$500 bail for further examination tomorrow. His grandfather is Isaac Glacken, of 5933 Chancellor street.

Discovery was made of what the young man was doing when he decided to buy his bride a fur coat in a Marvin street department store. The \$349 check he gave in payment for the coat was returned from the bank because all that Isaac Glacken had deposited had been drawn out.

When he learned that he was discovered Glacken begged his grandfather to forgive him, but detectives were already on their way to Hagersville.

The young man eloped last December with Catherine Catauack, whose parents live near Broad and Diamond streets. They were married at Elkton, Md. Before the elopement young Glacken pleaded in vain for two hours with his grandfather for a loan of \$250. Mr. Glacken is junior at the apartments at the Chancery street address, and the money he had on deposit in a West Philadelphia bank represented the savings of his father.

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PRINCESS AND VISCOUNT LEAVE LONDON FOR ITALY

Royal Bridal Pair Almost Overwhelmed by Great Crowd

London, March 9.—(By A. P.)—Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles left Victoria station today on their way to Paris. They were almost overwhelmed by the salutations of a great crowd.

"Princess Mary and Viscountess Lascelles," as she is designated by the official court circular, wore an attractive moleskin coat and a blue hat. Women admirers, particularly, pressed forward to catch a glimpse of the newly married couple and almost broke through the police cordon. The honeymooners are on their way to Italy and plan to spend an extended period in Florence.

\$2500 IN JEWELRY STOLEN FROM HARRY KESSLER HOME

Two Rings and Barpin Taken While Germantown Family Is Absent

Jewelry and luggage valued at \$2500 were stolen last night from the home of Harry Kessler, 6523 Lincoln drive, Germantown, while the family was away.

Two rings and a barpin were taken, together with a handsome traveling bag. All the missing articles were taken from a locked closet, which was forced. The loss was covered by insurance.

GROCERY STORES ROBBED

Cash and Canned Goods Carried Away by Burglars

Two grocery stores of the American Stores Company were robbed last night. At 324 West Chelton avenue burglars, in a forceful combination with the force, opened the door and took \$100.80 in cash.

At 5238 Germantown avenue thieves carried off groceries and canned goods worth about \$100.

Couldn't Convince Him He Was Lim'rick Winner

Leo McClain Made Us Show Him Police Card 'n Everything—He and His Three Little Girls Have Been Lim'rickin Long Time

Leo McClain, winner of Limerick No. 23, assured us that he is skeptic, and we certainly do agree with him. Called him up on the phone in the morning at the Federal Reserve Bank, where he is employed in the discount department, to break the news to him.

And could we convince him? We could not. Said he we believe us when we got there. So we up and put on our gum shoes and woolen scarf that we got for Christmas and set out.

Mr. McClain is married, has three children and lives at 2503 West Somerset street. Last year and this, he and his three little girls have each night, after lessons are put away, doped out an answer to the Limerick. They will most certainly be glad when they hear that Dinky has won the HUNDRED DOLLARS.

With a family of four it was almost superfluous to ask what the check would be spent for, but we did venture, in a thin, piping voice to ask, "Is it as we suggested that he 'look pretty' and other witty things like that?"

HOSPITAL PATIENT LEAPS TO DEATH

Cuban Dental Student at U. of P. Commits Suicide Early This Morning

EVADES HIS ATTENDANT

Mario Molins, Cuban dental student at the University of Pennsylvania and a patient in the University Hospital, by a pretext induced his nurse to open a window early this morning and then jumped to the sidewalk.

The young man, attired in night clothing, dived head foremost to the stone flagging where his skull was crushed. He fell on an operating table in the hospital.

Molins boarded at 4048 Walnut street with his wife, Edith, who is a niece of Health Commissioner Gutierrez, of Havana, Cuba. He practiced dentistry in Havana for four years and came here last fall to study for a degree. The climate affected his health and he suffered from pneumonia during the winter.

He became ill again recently and was nursed by his wife. On March 5 he was admitted to the University Hospital. A graduate nurse was assigned to his private room. It was her practice to give him a sponge bath every morning.

A few minutes before 6 o'clock today the nurse prepared the patient's bath. As she moved around the room Molins said: "It's very hot in this room. Can't you open a window while you are heating the water?"

The nurse later told hospital authorities that her patient seemed rational. She raised a window and started to complete arrangements for the bath. When she turned again the bedclothes had been thrown back and the bed was empty. She ran to the window and saw Molins sprawled on the walk.

The nurse summoned help and the dying man was carried to the accident ward. A surgeon was preparing to operate when Molins died.

Mrs. Leo F. Tetz, 217 Fort Forty-first street, is an aunt of the dead student and was much shocked by his death. The first address given as Molins' residence was 1022 Walnut street, but investigation showed that to be a private residence.

DEMOCRATIC HARMONIZERS WOULD MOLLIFY SHULL

To Name Him for Senate if He Will Quit Race for Governor

Harrisburg, March 9.—A movement toward real Democratic harmony was started today with the proposal that Judge Samuel Shull, of Monroe, be endorsed for United States Senator.

Judge Shull at present is the Bondwell candidate for Governor. It is understood here he will accept the senatorial nomination and quit the gubernatorial race if the former nomination is offered him.

This plan, if adopted, will eliminate all prospects of a fight in the Democratic primary.

FUGITIVE HIDES IN BARREL

Inmate of Reformatory at Bordentown, N. J., Captured in Camden

GIRL TO ASSIST IN 'GHOST' HUNT

Mary Ellen Will Sleep in 'Haunted' House Tonight to Lure 'Spook' Back

SECOND NIGHT PASSES WITH NO WEIRD VISITOR

Antigonish Eerie Appears to Be on Vacation as Scientist Seeks It

By a Correspondent Attached to the Antigonish Expedition

Caledonia Mills, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, March 9.—In an attempt to lure the elusive Antigonish ghost back to the home of Alexander MacDonald, old acquaintances of the spook tonight will sleep in the "haunted" house.

For two nights Dr. W. Franklin Prince, chief of our ghost-hunting expedition, has been left undisturbed by the spirit, and neither have we, his companions, noticed any manifestations. It may be that the ghost has been taken on vacation but will return to see its "friends." It has stayed away when only strangers were here.

Mary Ellen, the adopted daughter of MacDonald, and MacDonald himself, who were driven from the house some weeks ago because of the weird occurrences, will sleep tonight in their home.

Conditions under which the ghost is said to have appeared will be duplicated in order to entice the spook out of its hiding place to perform new "stunts" with familiar surroundings.

Interest in the search will center chiefly around Mary Ellen. Dr. Prince will watch especially for any manifestations associating themselves with her. Nothing unusual occurred in the MacDonald home last night, although Dr. Prince was on the alert for the best sign. He did not hear a single unnatural sound nor see anything which would indicate the presence of the spook.

The scientist is hoping that there will be some development tonight when Mary Ellen stays here. His past investigation in spirit mysteries leads him to take special interest in even such things which boys or girls are associated.

He had a lengthy talk with Mary Ellen, and upon his request she agreed to spend another night under the roof of the "haunted" house.

Mary Ellen, who enters into the spirit of the chase with all the enthusiasm of the buoyant youth, came over to the farmhouse, worked with the doctor in the interior, placing the furniture in its wonted position and tidying up with that peculiar efficiency that is the exclusive gift of every woman. She spoke freely of the strange things she has witnessed in and about the farm.

Dr. Prince kept her busy with a rapid fire of questions, all of which she answered fearlessly and accurately. He was not satisfied with the answers.

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SWEETHEARTS, 100 YEARS OLD, PARTED BY DEATH

Had Arranged to Wed in Youth, but Illness Spoiled Plan

Rochester, N. Y., March 9.—(By A. P.)—The death yesterday of the Rev. Peter McNab at York, Livingston County, ended a romance with few parallels. Mr. McNab on January 5 celebrated his hundredth birthday. Next April 4, if she lives, the sweetheart of his youth, Miss Charlotte Walker, also of York, will celebrate her hundredth birthday.

Their marriage, planned early in life, was postponed and eventually abandoned because of Mr. McNab's ill health. They remained intimate friends throughout their lives, however.

Mr. McNab's health became impaired shortly after he had entered the ministry of the United Presbyterian Church, and he did not recover for twenty years. After his recovery he did not re-enter the ministry.

IRISH REPUBLICANS FREE TWO CAPTIVES

BELFAST, March 9.—Jack Baird and Albert York, who were kidnapped a month ago as an act of reprisal for the arrest of Republicans on the Tyrone-Donagel border, near Strabane, were released last night.

N. Y.-SAN FRANCISCO STEAMSHIP LINE RENEWED

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9.—Arrival of the Pacific Mail liner Venezuela, scheduled for some time before nightfall, will mark renewal of the steamship passenger service between New York and San Francisco started by the Pacific Mail in 1918 and discontinued in the 50's. The first ship on the run was the old sidewheeler S. S. California, which sailed via Cape Horn and brought the first argonauts from the East after the discovery of gold.

BLUEBIRDS IN JERSEY

One of Sure Signs That Spring is Near

The one indisputable sign that spring is very near at hand has arrived—the birds.

From New Jersey towns comes the report that the bluebirds have arrived by the scores and chirp and peck about through the furries of snow as though they really enjoyed it.

ANOTHER WOMAN REPORTS DAYLIGHT STREET ROBBERY

Says Man Grabbed Bills and Bank-book and Fled

Another case of a woman robbed in the street in broad daylight is being investigated by the police.

Miss Rose Amarinick reported that while she was walking yesterday afternoon from the office of the Northwestern Furniture Company, 9 South Second street, where she is employed, to bank, she was attacked on Third street near Chestnut by a man who tore her bankbook from her hand and ran.

The book contained ten \$1 bills, which Miss Amarinick had intended to deposit. She says the robber was a tall man, about 6 feet 3 or 4 inches in height.

RUSSIA IS CRUCIAL ISSUE FOR GENOA

U. S. Non-Participation Forces Other Questions Into the Background

HUGHES FOR "OPEN DOOR"

By CLINTON W. GILBERT

Washington, March 9.—With the United States refusing to participate, and with German reparations excluded, the one big question which is before the Genoa conference is Russia. This is apparent from the fact that Russia is the only subject which Secretary Hughes stresses, and it is the only one whose decision is regarded as affecting the interests of the United States.

With the United States unwilling or unable to discuss the question of the allied debt, it was inevitable that reparations would not be considered, and with reparations left out, the only thing that was reaching some understanding with Russia by which, as Mr. Hughes said, production could be restored in the land of the Soviets.

Mr. Hughes indicates this country's position with regard to Russia—partly to safeguard our interests, secondly to put pressure upon Lenin to take the steps which Mr. Hughes regards as necessary before trade relations can be resumed. These steps are a recognition of property rights under international law and a preservation of equal rights for all in the development of Russia's commercial opportunities, in short, "the open door."

Against Exclusive Privileges

This sets the United States against any arrangement by which exclusive privileges and monopolies are granted in Russia in consideration of trade agreements. That is the one danger to the United States in its position with regard to Russia and in its failure to participate at Genoa.

Behind Mr. Hughes' insistence on preserving the open door in Russia are various rumors touching the activities of our spies, the great German capitalist, in Russia. There have been stories of an Anglo-French understanding for the exclusive development of Russia through the Germans. No evidence of this.

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COMMITTEE TO NAME SITE FOR FAIR TODAY

Will Be Reported to Board of Directors Next Week

Final choice of a site for the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition will be made at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the association in Mayor Moore's office at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The choice will be reported to the Board of Directors next Tuesday and its approval will be asked. Then the site will be made public.

City Council will back the exposition to the limit, no matter what site is chosen. Richard Wright, president of Council, predicted upon his return from a sojourn in Florida. He made the prediction while commenting upon an outbreak in Council last week by Joseph Gaffney and Charles von Tegen, who warned members of the fair board that they would not look with favor on the selection of the Parkway.

OLD "PRETZEL MAN" DIES WHEN STRUCK BY TRUCK

Familiar Figure on East Girard Avenue Killed in Auto Accident

William Wolfe, eighty-three years old, a familiar figure about Girard and Montgomery avenues, where he has sold pretzels for thirty years, was killed when struck by a motor truck this morning, while crossing Girard avenue near Front street.

He lived at 645 North Franklin street and was known to theatre crowds and school children to whom he sold pretzels. He had lost his voice and recently used a whistle to attract buyers.

The "pretzel man" appeared to be near-sighted. He saw a truck coming in the opposite direction and waited for it to pass. Then he hurried forward, not seeing a truck of the Pennsylvania Sugar Company, driven by Edward Dunbar, twenty-two years old, 215 East Allen street. Before Dunbar could stop the old man had been knocked down and the wheels went over him. He was killed instantly. Dunbar took the injured man to St. Mary's hospital, but he was dead.

Dunbar surrendered to the police of the Front and Master streets station.

KIDNAPPING PLOTS CHARGED

Organized Band of Mexicans Believed Working on Border

TO ADVISE BANKS AGAINST SOLDIER BONUS ADVANCES

Comptroller Crissinger Says He Will Oppose Loans on Service Certificates

PLAN IS BRANDED WORST KIND OF "FROZEN CREDIT"

Currency Head Asserts Action Would Be Cautionary, but Not Mandatory

NON-NEGOTIABLE PAPER

Declares It Would Load Financial Institutions With Securities Unmovable for 3 Years

By the Associated Press

Washington, March 9.—Comptroller of the Currency Crissinger announced today that in the event of the enactment of soldiers' bonus legislation providing for payments by adjusted service certificates, he would advise national banks to decline to accept the certificates as security for loans.

Mr. Crissinger described the proposed plan of issuing adjusted service certificates for use by the soldiers, if desired, as collateral for loans to 80 per cent of their face value, as "the worst kind of frozen credit," and declared, while he would be without authority to order national banks to refuse to accept them as security, he would strongly advise against their acceptance.

The certificates would be "non-negotiable paper," Mr. Crissinger explained, and loans upon them would load the banks up for the three-year term which they cover with an unmovable mass of security.

The certificates would be similar to real estate loans which are not redeemable at Federal Reserve banks, he said, and "far from the liquid security best for the banks."

Congressmen on both sides of the bonus question in the House are predicting privately that the measure will