You're Thinking of Summer Hobbies Now. Wouldn't a HUNDRED DOLLARS Help a Lot? Page

THE WEATHER
Fair and colder tonight and Tuesday; lowest temperature tomorrow about 32 degrees; strong westerly wind.

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SAY COLES KEPT RUM RING FACTS FROM PEPPER

New Attempt to Squelch Probe of McConnell Laid to Prosecutor Here

WALNUT SAYS SUPERIOR OBJECTED TO HIS PLANS

Offer to Give Proof to Senator Brought Official Objections, Law League Asserts

WASHINGTON WIGGLES NOW

Latest Excuse for Ouster Is That Ex-Official Wasn't Loyal to G. O. P.

United States District Attorney Coles advised T. Henry Walnut against submitting evidence in the liquor scandal investigation to United States Senator Pepper, according to information received by the Law Enforcement League.

In the belief that big political interests are centering their efforts on Pennsylvania in an effort to stifle prohibition enforcement in this State, officials of the Law Enforcement League arranged a meeting this afternoon to which Mr. Walnut was invited.

League officials said today that Senator Pepper told them recently that Mr. Walnut proposed to lay the liquor-ring evidence before the Senator. Mr. Pepper said he agreed to look over the evidence as a private citizn. The Senator said Mr. Walnut did not reappear with the evidence.

Coles Objected to Procedure

League officials continued that when Mr. Walnut was questioned about failure to carry out his purpose, Mr. Walnut said Mr. Coles had advised him against that course.

This was one of the matters to be taken up by the executive committee of the League at this afternoon's meeting.

"Bigger Game" in Sight

Mr. Walnut was ousted suddenly as Special Assistant United States Attorney in the middle of a Grand Jury investigation in which he intended to seek an indictment of William C. McConnell, former Prohibition Director for Pennsylvania, and even "bigger game."

The members of the League Executive Committee are Joseph M. Steele, president; Edward H. Bonsall treasurer; William H. Ball, Walter F. Ballinger, David D. Lupton, E. J. Rafferty, William R. Nicholson, Sr., Allan Sutherland and John Walton.

Mr. Nicholson is secretary of the league. He said politicians are making a tremendous assault against prohibition enforcement in Pennsylvania on the theory that if made entirely ineffective here it will be dealt a heavy blow in other States.

Washington sought anew today to justify its position in the dismissal of Mr. Walnut.

Assistant Attorney General Goff had endeavored to explain that Mr. Walnut was ousted because he was a Democrat, to which Mr. Walnut had replied that he was always an Independent Republican, recalling the wrath of the Democrats here when he was appointed.

Now Washington officials seek a new loophole by asserting that Mr. Walnut was a Republican only in name, that he supported Governor Cox in the last presidential campaign, was a Democrat by activity and association if not by party affiliation, and that his removal was under consideration "for weeks" before he was finally removed from office.

Walnut Sticks to Main Issue

Mr. Walnut's instant reply this afternoon was this:

"All this is beside the issue. I am going to present the entire facts this week, and then I'm done.

"I repeat that I am a Republican, an Independent Republican. The fact that I supported Cox makes me none the less one. I also supported Roosevelt and Hughes."

In their effort to wriggle out of an awkward hole, Department of Justice officials and others in Washington likewise presented these "allegations" today:

That a week before Mr. Walnut was dismissed he called at the Department of Justice and asked what its attitude was to be toward the McConnell case and others to go before the Philadelphia Grand Jury, and was told by Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, Assistant Attorney General in charge of prohibition matters, to "prosecute them to the limit."

That Mr. Walnut had other evidences of the determination of the Department of Justice to go through with the prosecutions, and that there is not the slightest disposition on the part of any official in Washington to block the prosecution of McConnell or others, or embarrass the District Attorney's office in Philadelphia in the handling of these cases.

Says Coles Had All Evidence

That Mr. Walnut "never would have been removed if the Department were not satisfied District Attorney Coles had all the evidence necessary to indict individuals under investigation."

There were other developments in

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ELIOT, 88, IN FINE FETTLE

President Emeritus of Harvard Keeps Health by Exercise

Cambridge, Mass., March 20.—Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard University, celebrated his eighty-eighth birthday today by doing his regular day's work. He said he was enjoying perfect health.

He keeps in condition by light exercises daily and walks whenever the weather permits.

Model a Suicide

(c) International

MISS PAULINE VIRGINIA CLARK
Artist's model, who took a fatal dose of poison in her Boston apartment last week in the course of a party attended by several students, one of whom has since taken his own life, after confessing he supplied the girl with the drug she used

PRINCETON STUDENT ELOPES TO ELKTON

Louis O. Brewster, Elizabeth, N. J., Weds Miss Joan Peterson

Announcement was made today by Mrs. John B. Peterson, 34 South Twenty-first street, of the marriage of her daughter, Joan, to Louis Oakley Brewster, of Elizabeth, N. J., a junior at Princeton, revealing another runaway romance to add to the lengthening list.

Mr. Brewster came to this city Saturday to take his fiancee to the Penn-Princeton basketball game. Instead of doing that, however, the two boarded a train for Elkton, Md., and were married. The bride's parents remained in ignorance of this until the following morning.

The affair had its origin last summer at Bay Head, a New Jersey seaside resort, and progressed so favorably that announcement of the engagement was made recently. It had been planned to defer the marriage until a year from this date, at which time Mr. Brewster would have received his diploma, but a year is a long time, particularly when one is in love.

"I did not want a church wedding anyway," explained Mrs. Brewster today, at her new home in Elizabeth. "The reason we went to Elkton to be married was that I am only twenty years old, and could not get a license here."

Her husband is expected to complete his course at college.

GREAT BOOTLEGGING RING UNEARTHED IN FLORIDA

Operators, Backed by Bankers, Offer "All the Liquor You Want"

Miami, Fla., March 20.—(By A. P.)—A bootlegging ring has been uncovered here so thoroughly organized that its contracts were backed by some Miami bankers who also acted as trustees for the funds covering large sales, Colonel L. G. Nutt, of the Internal Revenue Bureau, has reported to Prohibition Commissioner Haynes.

"In substance," Colonel Nutt's report said, "the operators brazenly proposed: 'We will contract for all the liquor you want—Scotch, Irish or champagnes. We will go and fetch it.' " The conveying of liquor from nearby foreign shores, the report added, "was a minor transaction compared with the program for putting it ashore and shipping it to northern points."

BOY KILLED, MAN INJURED WHEN HIT BY SHORE TRAIN

Milk Wagon in Which They Were Riding Carried 100 Feet

A boy was killed and a man was badly hurt early today when a West Jersey and Seashore passenger train, backing out of the station at Bridgeton, N. J., smashed a milk wagon at the Southeast avenue grade crossing.

George Hunt, eighteen years old, died soon after the accident. His stepfather, Harry S. Young, who was with him in the milk wagon, is in the Bridgeton Hospital.

The wagon was carried more than 100 feet down the track before the train was stopped. The horse was killed.

RECEIVERS FOR LUCILE, LTD.

Creditors List Dressmakers' Debts at $175,000—Assets, $75,000

New York, March 20.—(By A. P.)—An involuntary bankruptcy petition against Lucile, Ltd., dressmakers, of New York and Paris, was filed here today, listing liabilities at $175,000 and assets at $75,000.

Federal Judge Knox appointed James K. Cuddy and G. H. Tolman joint receivers, under $20,000 bond. The house for years has been one of the most prominent in the creation of fashionable gowns and other wearing apparel for women.

Lady Duff-Gordon, of Paris, is both the financial and creative head of the business. Lucile, Ltd., is still doing business, said the firm's statement, and will continue.

COLDER AS WINTER ENDS

Rain to Stay Most of Today, Weatherman Says—Storm Warning Out

Colder weather is on the way and will arrive tonight. According to the local Weather Bureau, the mercury will drop to 32 degrees.

Storm warnings to cover the Atlantic Coast from Charleston, S. C., to Eastport, Me., were issued today by the Weather Bureau. A severe storm, central over Michigan, is moving east-northeastward, the announcement says, and will be attended by strong west and northwest winds, and probably gales, this afternoon and tonight.

The arrival of spring tomorrow will see fair weather, but it will remain cold, the weatherman said. The reign of winter ends officially at 4:49 o'clock in the afternoon.

THE JOB YOU ARE LOOKING FOR MAY be found in the Help Wanted columns on page 28.—Adv.

LOVE AND RIVALRY LED TO SUICIDES OF MODEL AND FIANCE

Finding of Larsen's Body at Boston Reveals Death Pact With Pauline Clark

LETTERS EXONERATE BAYARD WHARTON

Love, rivalry, an attachment to luxury and a growing bitterness toward life were mixed in the mental crucible from which emerged voluntary death for Pauline Virginia Clark and Otto Halder Larsen, at Boston.

The suicide by poison of the former artists' model as she was surrounded by friends early last Thursday morning had a gripping sequel yesterday in the discovery of Larsen's body in the Fenway, behind the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

Larsen, a student in the chemical engineering course at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was one of the party of friends who assembled at her invitation in Miss Clark's apartment Wednesday night, in Boston's Back Bay district.

One of the friends of the former model present was Bayard Wharton, Harvard College student, war hero and son of Henry Wharton, of 8623 Germantown avenue, Chestnut Hill. He was in his college dormitory when Miss Clark telephoned an invitation to join her other friends.

Body Is Found

After Miss Clark had fallen in a dying condition in the reception room of her suite, Larsen summoned physicians and then disappeared. Police were searching for him when his body was found.

Before drinking some of the same poison which he had prepared for Miss Clark, known to sculptors as a "Perfect Venus," Larsen wrote two letters, one to Medical Examiner Magrath, the other to a Boston newspaper.

The letters disclosed that Larsen, a Norwegian, loved Miss Clark, that she apparently returned his love and that she was torn between a desire to give up all her wealthy friends for him and a desire for luxury, which she had made an anodyne for an increasing bitterness toward life.

The letters give amazing material for the psychologist and the neurologist and suggest the sweep of an old Greek tragedy.

At the start of his letter to Medical Examiner Magrath Larsen wrote:

"In order that the disgraceful comment of certain Boston newspapers upon the death of Miss Clark may be given a chance to come to completion, I take the liberty in this way to tell what I know about the tragedy."

Part of the letter follows:

"Miss Clark was not a 'society belle' of the pleasure-seeking type. Her charming parties were given to kill the moroseness her life had precipitated in her. Defiant of society, too strong to ask for help or sympathy, she had long ago decided upon how the end should be when her many devoted friends no longer could divorce her from the misery of her own thoughts.

"Knowing me to be a chemist, she asked me to get her some poison. I agreed, extracting from her the promise that she would not use it until her mother came back. She gave her promise and I prepared for her a solution, although I did not anticipate to what end. Neither Mr. ——— nor any of the other gentlemen in the party had any

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TWO WOMEN AND MAN HURT IN CRASH AT HAMMONTON

Auto Sidewipes Another Car and Two Are in Hospital

Two women and a man were injured last night when an automobile driven by Frederick Firch, of Gloucester, N. J., crashed into the touring car of J. M. Gransbeck, 4120 North Broad street, a short distance below Hammonton.

Gransback had driven his car to the side of the White Horse pike and was adjusting a tire, when a machine containing Firch, Miss Nellie Block, of Paulsboro, and three others, struck the touring car and drove it seventy-five feet in the ditch along the road.

Miss Bloch is believed to have been internally injured. She is in the Egg Harbor Hospital. Firch is in the Hammonton Hospital. The others escaped with slight injuries. Mrs. Gransbeck was cut and bruised.

TOO MUCH POLITICS AND CHEAP CHATTER ARE HOLDING UP FAIR

Col. McCain Shows Petty Jealousies and Self-Seeking Methods Are Hampering Progress With Plans for the Sesqui-Centennial

MAYOR CAN'T RUN SHOW AND CITY AT SAME TIME; REAL DIRECTOR SHOULD BE NAMED IMMEDIATELY

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN

THE time has come when it is necessary to speak bluntly and unreservedly about Philadelphia's proposed Sesqui-Centennial.

It is more than two years since the idea of a great international exposition to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence was definitely projected.

It is a trifle less than eighteen months since the first active step was taken toward crystallizing that idea into actuality.

On November 1, 1920, Mayor Moore called a conference of leading citizens to discuss the plan. Out of that grew the Committee of One Hundred. From this arose the Sesqui-Centennial Exhibition Association, with a board of twenty-five directors.

Little Real Work Done

At present the only visible evidence of the existence of an organized movement on behalf of this great international project is two stenographers, a corresponding secretary pro tem. and a half-sheet poster in the junior ballroom in the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. After the lapse of a year only 1700 citizens have been enrolled as members of the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition, at $10 per head.

No organized system of publicity has been established in all this time. The newspapers have been left to their own resources to dig out facts connected with the project.

The most conspicuous and spectacular efforts to advertise the proposed event, up to the present, have been undertaken and put through by individuals and organizations having no official connection with the Mayor's Board of Directors in control of its destinies.

Fraternal organizations, such as the Elks and Order of United Americans, individual citizens, men identified with historical and other societies, like Burd Patterson, of Pittsburgh, have been boosting Philadelphia's exposition. Philadelphia, meantime, sits practically at ease, metaphorically twiddling her thumbs, or going lethargically through the motions of doing something.

Blame Easy to Fix

What is the trouble? Wherein lies the responsibility?

The reply is evident to any one with a superficial knowledge of the situation. There has been, and is, too much cheap politics in the movement; too much blowing of bugles and tooting of horns; too much talk; too much conversation, and too little concentrated effort.

Too many individuals directly or in-

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CROW WILL ENTER RACE, SAYS RUMOR

State Political Pot Again Boils Over, With Reed Adding Bubbles

LAUNCH FISHER BOOM HERE

The tangled political situation in Pennsylvania was thrown into further confusion today by word that United States Senator Crow probably will be a candidate at the primary, a decision apparently reached overnight.

Politicians early today had believed they saw daylight ahead through the expected resignation of Crow and the naming by Governor Sproul of John A. Bell, Pittsburgh banker, as his successor.

From a nebulous mass of rumors, underground hints and significant remarks from leaders, belief had so crystallized that a regular time schedule had been worked out for the expected change in this State's representation in the United States Senate.

Organization leaders today, however, received a long-distance telephone message from Pittsburgh that Crow is undecided, but that he very likely will run for the nomination.

"Smoke Screen" Is Seen

Crow is now a Senator by grace of an appointment by Governor Sproul, who named him to succeed the late Senator Knox. He was able to go to Washington to take the oath of office, but since then he has been ill in Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh.

Vare leaders here will support Crow if the senior Senator enters the May primary. If he doesn't, the Philadelphia Organization is willing to back Mr. Bell, a multi-millionaire and a dominant figure in Allegheny County politics.

State leaders appear to be "up in the air," although there are some who say the bosses are throwing out smoke screens and that they have their real purposes worked out to the smallest detail.

But that opinion does not give proper weight to the clash of interests within the Pennsylvania G. O. P. Various groups are milling around, each seeking an advantage in the present turmoil.

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11 ARE OVERCOME IN LEBANON FIRE

Smoke Knocks Out Firemen Fighting $100,000 Blaze in Business District

LARGE BUILDING WRECKED

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger

Lebanon, Pa., March 20.—Eleven firemen were overcome by smoke today while fighting a fire which destroyed the Weimer Building, Cumberland and Jannon streets, this city, and for an hour threatened the chief business district. The loss was estimated at $100,000.

The McCrory five and ten-cent store occupied the first floor, the law offices of S. P. Light and D. Light were on the second and the Keystone Gun Club had quarters on the third floor of the ruined structure.

The Weimer Building was separated by a narrow alleyway from the Bon Ton store, one of the largest mercantile establishments in the city. Firemen battled to save that building and flooded the first floor and basement with water.

Among other places periled were Shenk's department store, Kinney Shoe Shop, Ulrich Photo Studio and Bashore's Clothing store. In these buildings water flooded the cellars, destroying large stocks of goods.

The fire is believed to have started in the basement of the Weimer Building. Girl clerks, warned by the cries of other employes, who discovered the flames, ran out into the street. Occupants of the upper floors were notified and removed some of their valuable records before the flames surged above the first floor.

City firemen, with others from Annville, East Lebanon, West Lebanon and Schaefferstown, plunged into clouds of smoke on the first floor in their effort to save the building. One by one the men fell until a total of eleven had collapsed and been carried out. They were sent to the hospital, where the majority revived quickly.

Police roped off the area about the burning building to safeguard crowds attracted by Lebanon's biggest fire in twenty years. At the Bon Ton Store patrons and employes left quickly without disorder.

Within an hour after the fire began, flames were spurting from every window of the place and firemen feared the walls would collapse. A company of firefighters was stationed in the alleyway adjoining the Bon Ton store and played lines on the store walls. The air was almost calm, that fact helping the firemen in their fight to keep the flames from spreading.

The firemen overcome by smoke and taken to the hospital were Samuel Mulford, Charles Wolf, Roy Donley, John Dooley, Ray Anspath, Lewis Riebold, Paul Deitzler and William Chadwick.

During the eight hours the fire raged trolley traffic was cut off with many adjoining towns.

GROCER COMMITS SUICIDE

East Thompson Street Man Shoots Himself in Head at Breakfast Table

Firing a revolver into his right temple, Antonio Pashonetti, fifty-six years old, a grocer, living at 2616 East Thompson street, committed suicide this morning while sitting at the breakfast table. Before him on the table was found a letter from his son complaining of money matters.

In his pocket was found a summons to appear before the Grand Jury today in connection with the case of three men arrested after they held him up and robbed him about a week ago.

He had scribbled a note at the bottom of his son's letter, sending "love to his kiddies." The ink on the note had not dried when he was found by a patrolman. Police say he has a wife and three children living on Dickinson street.

WRITING PRIZE LIMERICKS IS PALMYRA MAN'S BIG HOBBY

Marcus H. Schontz Wasn't Much Surprised When Told of Winning—He Did It Last Year, Too

About twenty minutes' riding in a train which leaves from Camden will land you in the town of Palmyra, N. J., and therein resides one Marcus H. Schontz, on Garfield avenue, with his wife and three children.

M. H. SCHONTZ

Now, something else has been added to the household—joy and delight brought in the form of a hundred-dollar Lim'rick check! When the jury decided that the line sent in by Mr. Schontz deserved the honors for the day, we called him on the phone, to announce our arrival.

He was not home, but we talked with his wife, who told us that he is employed in the auditing department of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Need we say that Fifteenth and Market sounded far more attractive than Palmyra, because we had left home that nice knitted scarf of ours and shivered at the thought of crossing the Delaware.

The completed Lim'rick is as follows:

LIM'RICK NO 32
There once was a girlie named Kate
Who started to skate at 8:08.
But at 8:21
She declared she was done—
A mere "slip of a girl" on a "skate."

As usual, when telling a fellow over the phone that he had won, Mr. Schontz thought we might be kidding him, but we carefully and patiently repeated the line, and told him very definitely that it was written on yellow paper with blue lines, and then he finally believed us.

Besides, he wasn't quite so difficult to convince, because last year the same little bird flitted out to whisper the selfsame message in his ear.

Of course, we've all heard about people who are born under a lucky star. Well, we have but this to say: some

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DO YOU WANT A USED AUTOMOBILE? The Classified columns of the Public Ledger list some of the best bargains to be found in Used Cars on pages 26, 27, and 28.—Adv.

M'COACH DEMOTED SECOND TIME TO POLICE LIEUTENANT

Supreme Court Rules Safety Director Can "Fire" Without Giving Reasons

VETERAN CAPTAIN ACCUSED OF NEGLECT, INEFFICIENCY

Police Captain David McCoach was demoted once more to a lieutenancy by a ruling made today by the State Supreme Court, which holds that the Director of Public Safety has a right to demote any one he sees fit without recourse to the trial board, or even giving a reason for his action.

Captain McCoach was demoted by the Police Trial Board of the Civil Service Commission, on charges of "neglect, inefficiency and disobedience," filed against him June 7, 1920.

He refused to accept this verdict and began mandamus proceedings to get back his old job as captain. He was sustained in decision given by Judge Rogers, who held that no facts had been produced to warrant the captain's demotion.

"The trial court," Judge Rogers held, "must have pertinent facts on which to rest its findings. If these pertinent facts are lacking the findings of the commission cannot be sustained. The testimony represented is quite inadequate to support the conclusions of the commission."

The Supreme Court did not dispute the facts alleged by Judge Rogers, and reversed him for quite another reason. Justice Walling, who wrote the majority opinion, held that there exists no "law to prevent the demotion of a policeman without formal proceedings before the Civil Service Commission. Unless restrained by statute a city may promote, demote or discharge a policeman at will under the rule that the power which appoints may remove."

Supreme Court Justice Kephart wrote a dissenting opinion, in which he says: "By the opinion of the majority of this court, any officer in the police force may be demoted without trial, without reason given or cause shown, merely on the order of the Director of Public Safety. Ths notwithstanding the fact that the new City Charter was designed to frustrate this very purpose.

McCoach's pay as captain in the Police Department was stopped from the date of his demotion, May 14, 1920. Captain McCoach is a veteran of more than forty years of service.

WEEKS ORDERS RETURN OF U. S. RHINELAND TROOPS

Entire Force to Be in America by July 1 Next

Washington, March 20.—(By A. P.)—Orders directing the return to the United States by July 1 of all American troops now on the Rhine were issued today by Secretary Weeks. The operation of two army transports now employed in returning troops will be continued.

The order includes the return by the end of the fiscal year of the entire force of approximately 2000 men excepted from the previous order of several weeks ago under which the homeward movement of the majority of the American Rhine contingent is now in progress.

The action of the War Department was merely a continuation of the policy previously announced for withdrawing the American forces from the Rhine territory as early as possible, Mr. Weeks said. It was indicated that the status of army legislation in Congress in no way influenced the department's decision and also that the controversy over payment by Germany for the maintenance of the Rhineland troops was not involved.

LUG OFF SAFE; GET $3

Thieves Break Into Chain Store at 4501 North Fifth Street

Thieves broke into the store of the American Stores Company at 4501 North Fifth street last night, carried out the safe, broke it open and got $3.

They carried the safe to a vacant lot in the rear and hammered the door open with a sledge.

Going to Portugal

Harris & Ewing

MRS. FRED M. DEARING
Wife of the newly appointed United States Minister to Portugal

RAILROAD MEN GET SENTENCES TO JAIL

Two Veteran Employes of P. and R. Punished for Disobedience of Order

JUDGE OVERLOOKS PETITION

Charles Evans, of Norristown, and Walter Yenkle, of Olney, veteran Reading Railroad employes, were sentenced to jail in the Norristown Court today for disobedience of orders which resulted in the death of twenty-seven persons in a wreck at Bryn Athyn.

Judges Swartz and Miller, before jailing the conductor and engineer, gave attention to a petition signed by approximately 5000 persons in Montgomery County, asking that sentence be suspended.

"I never saw such a formidable application," said Judge Swartz, "and signed by so many persons for whom I have the highest regard. They say they are familiar with the facts on which the convictions were had, but I think not. If they were, they would not ask the Court to excuse these men for refusing to obey orders. I would not feel as though I had done my full duty if I suspended sentence."

Evans, the conductor, was sentenced to nine months, and Yenkle, the engineer, to six months in the Montgomery County jail. Each must pay a fine of $500 and the costs of prosecution.

When the petition asking for a suspension of sentence was handed to the Court, recess of a half hour was taken while the Judges went over it. Judge Swartz remarked that of many letters he had received in connection with the case, one had been insulting.

NEW YORK RENT LAW VALID

U. S. Supreme Court Upholds "Police Power" for General Welfare

Washington, March 20.—(By A. P.)—The New York State rent law of 1920 was today held valid by the Supreme Court.

The decision, delivered by Justice Clarke, held that the emergencies declared in the act existed at the time the law was passed and that the act was a proper exercise of the police power of the State for the general welfare. Justices McKenna, Vandeventer and McReynolds dissented.

ROTAN PLANS LAW AGAINST BUCKET SHOPS

District Attorney Rotan announced today that he will have introduced at the next session of the Legislature a bill to protect the public from fraudulent transactions in stocks and bonds. He suggested that the bill would provide for the licensing of brokerage houses and periodic examinations by the State Banking Commissions.

LAW LEAGUE TO ROUSE DRY SENTIMENT

The Law Enforcement League has sent letters to all Episcopal bishops and ministers in Pennsylvania asking their views on the possibility of stirring up a great popular demand for strict enforcement of the prohibition law.

WAR SHOCK VICTIM SUICIDE

New Jersey Veteran Ends Life With Revolver He Carried in France

Maplewood, N. J., March 20.—(By A. P.)—Nervousness due to shell shock in the war is believed to have caused Ralph W. Harrison, thirty-one, to shoot and kill himself at his home here early today. He had been under treatment for nervous disorders, his parents said.

He shot himself with the revolver he had carried through the fighting in France. He was a graduate of Lafayette College, where he played baseball and basketball.

The best writing papers are WHITING papers.—Adv.

TWO DEAD IN CARD FIGHT

Four Seriously Wounded in Shooting in Mining Town

Pittsburgh, March 20.—(By A. P.)—The death list of a shooting at Bishop, a mining town near McDonald, last night, was increased to two today when John Gibson died at a hospital here. Jesse Walls was the other victim.

Luke Kins and James Thornhill, who were wounded, are in a serious condition.

The fight grew out of a card game. Four arrests have been made.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR HELP? PERHAPS the very person you want is advertising under Situations on page 28.—Adv.

HARDING STANDS PAT AS BACKERS PUSH BONUS BILL

Declines to State Position on Certificate Plan Sponsored in House

LEADERS FAIL TO OBTAIN APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE

Speaker Gillett Refuses to Agree to Suspension of Rules

SENATE LIKELY TO BALK

Presidential Veto Forecast If Congress Adopts Measure Now Decided On

By CLINTON W. GILBERT
Staff Correspondent Evening Public Ledger
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Washington, March 20.—The House leaders are going ahead to pass the bonus bill providing for certificates on which soldiers may borrow from the banks. This is the result of their conference at the White House this morning with President Harding.

Instead of leaving it to Chairman Fordney, of the Ways and Means Committee, this time, the leaders went in a body to see the President. The delegation included Majority Leader Mondell and Representatives Longworth, Fess, Campbell, Towner and Fordney.

They failed to secure the approval of President Harding to their compromise bill, but proceeded with plans to adopt the measure.

A special rule will be required for consideration of the bill, as Speaker Gillett today declined to allow the measure to be brought out under a suspension of the rules. The Republican leaders late today will hold a conference and decide on procedure.

Harding Keeps Hands Off

After the White House conference the following statement was issued by Mr. Mondell:

"The legislative situation relating to the bonus bill was fully presented to the President, with detailed explanation of the provisions which remove the menace of excessive drafts on the Treasury in the immediate future and avoid any program of added taxation. The President went over the entire situation with an apprisal of commitments made.

"He advised the committee that the legislation is a responsibility of Congress, and in view of expressions previously made, he did not think it essential to offer any recommendation."

The conference lasted for two hours, during which every argument for the proposed bonus bill was presented by the Congressmen. After it was over one of the committee said that the delegation was "no longer afraid of opposition from the President."

This is not taken to mean that the President will accept the bill if it is passed by both Houses. It is supposed to mean that the gunning for hte bill by the executive branch will cease.

Attacks Upon Bill

During the President's absence in Florida, some grave breaches have been made in the walls of the bonus supporters by the statements of Secretary Mellon and Controller Crissinger that the proposed bill was the worst and most dangerous yet suggested.

Demoralization on the bill has been increased by the new practice which has grown up this year of the two departments of the Government carrying on their diplomatic relations through the press. Something like the modern practice of nations of shouting at each other across the waters has grown up in Washington.

The House leaders prepare a bdonus bill. There is no party authority which can bring the executive and legislative branches together upon this piece of legislation. So the executive branch goes gunning for the legislative branch in newspaper statements. The consequence has been misunderstanding and bad temper which this morning's conference sought to remove.

President Stands Pat

The last part of Mendell's statement is understood to mean that the Executive has made his position on bonus legislation sufficiently clear and that he adheres to his position. In other words, Mr. Harding stands pat.

It is generally believed that if the bill goes through the House and Senate Mr. Harding will have to veto it. He has repeatedly declared that he would not accept a bill which did not provide revenue to pay the bonus, and that he was equally opposed to borrowing money to pay the bonus.

This bill does not provide revenue and does compel the borrowing of money for

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AGED WOMAN SUFFOCATED

Perishes by Gas in Her Room at 2305 North Driscoll Street

An aged woman known as "Mrs. Scanlin" was suffocated by gas in her room at 2305 North Driscoll street this morning.

The police believe that her death was accidental. They are making an effort to learn if she has relatives in the city. She had been living at the Driscoll street house a short time, they say, was reticent about her affairs and had no visitors.

PERHAPS THE VERY ARTICLES YOU are looking for is in the For Sale columns today. See page 28.—Adv.