THE WEATHER
Rain this afternoon and tonight, probably clearing tomorrow morning; slightly warmer tonight.
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WORLD IN SHADOW OF "SECOND COMING," CONAN DOYLE SAYS

On Threshold of Tremendous Revelation in Spiritual Sense

WILL DISPEL DOUBTS OF SPIRITUALISM

Sir Arthur Has Poor Opinion of Psychical Research Societies. Don't Go Far Enough

TRAVEL IN A CIRCLE

Warns of Fraud and Declares Hypocrites Are Found in Every Faith

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN

New York, April 17.—The outstanding feature of a half hour's talk with Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, in his suite at the Ambassador Hotel, was a remarkable declaration by him that will provoke, I am sure, wide discussion in the religious circles of every denomination.

It is the culmination of everything that this distinguished writer could say on the subject that is uppermost in his heart.

I might designate it as Conan Doyle's Great Hope.

This is what he said:

"I believe that we are standing upon the threshold of a great revelation concerning the life beyond. A vast deal has been written and spoken about the Second Coming. I am not so sure that we are not already within the shadow of that momentous event. Not in a material sense, understand, but in the spiritual: The spirit world revealed to us through the evidence of our own faculties and beyond question of a doubt.

"The manifestations of spiritual presences, their ability to reach out to us on earth and communicate with us, grow more frequent and impressive as the years go by. It is probable that the culmination of all this may be demonstrated shortly in some remarkably definite, widespread and cumulative evidence, what we of the faith already know are facts, of wonderful things concerning the world beyond."

Differs From Other Visitors

There are features connected with Conan Doyle's appearance in this country at this time that distinguish him from others of his countrymen and countrywomen who have visited our shores in the past.

His entourage is imposing. It is all the more charming for that reason. It consists of Lady Doyle, three children, a secretary, a governess and a maid.

They go with him, and have gone with him, pretty much all over the world.

His present lecture tour is not a private money-making enterprise. He is the Missioner of a Faith.

All his earnings in excess of necessary expenses are to be divided among spiritualist organizations for the propagation of that faith.

Conan Doyle is the kind of a man one delights to meet. He is a big man of seventeen stone, possibly, hearty, outspoken, and, doubtless because of his wide experience of the world, displays no trace of what has been variously described as English reserve or aloofness.

His smile is infectious. His laughter is hearty. Beneath all, though, there is manifest the deep sincerity of a belief in what he has seen and heard and experienced with those "beyond the threshold."

Frankly a Spiritualist

"I am frankly and undisguisedly a spiritualist," said Sir Arthur. "In my lectures I speak as a spiritualist. I have a world of sympathy for the humble spiritualist who believes and is satisfied with the faith that is in him. He's had to endure a lot in the past. It hasn't been fashionable to belong to the sect.

"After the audience had been dismissed at one of my lectures in England a very plain man, evidently a poor man, waited to see me and said:

"'I want to thank you, sir, for one thing in your lecture tonight. All the other speakers that I've ever listened to have said "the spiritualists say so and so," or "they believe so and so," but tonight you stood before us and said, "We spiritualists think and believe thus and so."'

"It was one of the greatest compliments I ever received," said the great novelist.

In the course of our talk the matter of the investigation of spiritualistic phenomena came up. That led to mention of the Seybert Commission of the University of Pennsylvania.

Sir Arthur smiled as he said. "I'm familiar with it. Everybody who has ever read the report of the Seybert Commission, and who is familiar with the provisions of the Seybert will can readily draw their own conclusions from the report of that commission, which was appointed to investigate spiritualism."

Not a Fair Inquiry

"A very considerable sum of money was at stake, involving the endowment of a chair in the University," I supplemented.

"Exactly," he continued. "Spiritualism did not have anything like a fair opportunity in the investigations of the committee. The spiritualist mediums used were not of the highest class, even at that time, and the result was not only unsatisfactory but exceedingly unfair."

It was suggested that in the present state of psychic experiment and investigation the work of the Seybert Commission would receive a very low mark for efficiency. Some of the mediums that were then selected to demonstrate the truth of spiritualism were already under suspicion of fraud. Some were suspected of being impostors, and from beginning to end, based on the detailed report of the commission's proceedings, the affair was largely a farce based on ordinary rules of scientific procedure.

This opened up the entire question of psychical research.

Sir Arthur, it might be said parenthetically, is not enamored of societies of psychical research. His description

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A. Conan Doyle's Beliefs

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle believes the "second coming" is so near we are already in its shadow.

Spirits are refining their methods of communicating with this world and manifestations grow more frequent and impressive.

All psychical researchers are unfair because they hold a hostile attitude when they start investigations.

Suicides in the hereafter will have a very unhappy experience.

Insane persons may be possessed of devils that may be exorcised.

BAPTIST MINISTERS HIT DOYLE'S THEORY

Novelist Branded a "Fool" and Money-Seeker at Pastors' Meeting

"SHOULD STICK TO FICTION"

Emphatic disagreement with the views of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle regarding the spiritual "second coming" of Christ was expressed by clergymen attending the regular weekly meeting of Baptist ministers today at the First Church, Seventeenth and Sansom streets.

Many agreed that he novelist is qualified for writing of fiction and should place his spiritual views in that category.

Several of the ministers questioned the real motives of Mr. Doyle's visit to this country.

Asked what he thought of the novelist's statement concerning the second spiritual coming of Christ, the Rev. Dr. T. M. Eastwood, of Burlington Baptist Church, said:

"Conan Doyle is a fool and is in the same class with Margaret Asquith. The only difference is that she has her gold and has gone back with it."

The Rev. A. F. Ballbach, of the Fox Chase Baptist Church, said:

"Even in the Old Testament God condemned spiritualism. He commanded that people who agitated spiritualism be stoned to death. Christ was resurrected, but the people of whom Doyle speaks never were."

"Christ himself said he didn't know when he would return," said the Rev. S. Arthur Debar, of Lansdowne church, "so how could Mr. Doyle know anything about it."

The Rev. Joseph A. Bennett, pastor of Gethsemane Church, Eighteenth street and Columbia avenue, said:

"I think Conan Doyle is fine in fiction, but when he talks about the second coming of Christ his mind is still working in fiction."

That Doyle and Sir Oliver Lodge may be right or wrong in their spiritistic beliefs, was the only comment today of Dr. Walter Sonneberg, of Mt. Airy. Dr. Sonneberg, a philosopher and scientist, spoke at the weekly meeting of Presbyterian ministers in the Witherspoon Hall. He said he thinks they both sincerely believed in their own doctrines, but declined further discussion on the ground that "there is too much fraud connected with psychic matters on the whole."

ARREST NAVAL OFFICER, CHARGING $4000 THEFT

Held for Deserting Ship With Part of Payroll

Otis C. Pettitt, of 2740 South Marshall street, a naval officer, was arrested today and charged with the theft of $4000 of Government funds.

Last July, according to naval and Department of Justice authorities, Pettitt deserted the U. S. S. Beaufort at Charleston, taking with him a considerable portion of the ship's payroll. After a long search Robert B. Clark, a Department of Justice investigator, located Pettitt near his home in the city.

Clark said that Pettitt admitted the theft and said that his ruin had been brought about by gambling and dissipation.

He was turned over to the naval authorities for court-martial.

WARRANT FOR DR. THACHER

Counsel for Physician Attending du Pont Child Accepts Service

A warrant was issued today for the arrest of Dr. G. H. Thacher, prominent physician, for failing to report a communicable disease within the time specified by act of Assembly.

Dr. Thacher was attending physician in the case of Alexis du Pont, son of Francis I. du Pont, wealthy chemist, when the child died of diphtheria recently. The case was the subject last week of a Board of Health investigation, and following the hearing it was recommended that the physician be prosecuted. Director Furbush turned the matter over to the City Solicitor.

Assistant City Solicitor Coyne took out the warrant today before Magistrate Renshaw. His attorney was notified and accepted service for his client. Dr. Thacher was notified to appear for a hearing at Central Police Station Wednesday morning.

NAB PATSY JOYCE'S KIN

Brother of Youth Shot by Patrolman Incited Riot, Is Charge

Stephen Joyce, of East Ann street, near Twenty-fifth, whose brother, Patrick Joyce, was shot and killed last year by Patrolman Drennan, was held for court today by Magistrate Renshaw in $1000 bail, charged with inciting to riot and assault and battery on an officer.

House Sergeant Walter Hartley, of the Belgrade and Clearfield streets station, brought the charges, which grew out of an attack upon him by four youths at Emery and Clearfield streets yesterday afternoon. Hartley said that he was ready to "shoot to kill" when other patrolmen of his district arrived and arrested Joyce.

the best writing papers are WRITING papers.—Adv.

Sees New Revelation

SIR A. CONAN DOYLE
Creator of Sherlock Holmes tells of his convictions as to nearness of the "Second Coming"

MEETS BURGLARS WITH FUSILLADE; THEY FLEE

John Harper, West Queen Lane, Lays Ambush for Intruders

John Harper fired at burglars who tried to break into his dwelling and ice cream store, 244 West Queen lane, at 1:30 o'clock this morning, and frightened them away. Mr. Harper and his wife had closed the store and retired, but were not yet asleep when they were startled by the noise of breaking glass. A moment later another tinkle confirmed suspicions and Harper grabbed a revolver.

"We went out on the landing," he said today in telling of his adventure, "and waited for the burglars to come. They seemed to be slow, so I went upstairs and opened a window overlooking the kitchen.

"Sure enough, there were two men. I fired but missed. They didn't wait for a second shot, and fled. I fired several more shots, but I think they all must have gone wild."

When the police from the Germantown station arrived they found a complete kit of burglars' tools lying near the window.

CAPTAIN G. S. RUHLAND'S YACHT DESTROYED BY FIRE

Gasoline Stove Explodes Off New Castle, Del.

The yacht Catherine, a fifty-five-foot boat belonging to Captain G. S. Ruhland, of Chestnut Hill, was destroyed by fire off New Castle, Del., shortly after 7 o'clock last evening.

The boat, en route from Chesapeake City to Philadelphia, broke a driving shaft and the captain anchored while repairs were made.

Mr. Ruhland was preparing supper on the gasoline stove when it exploded, and within a short time the boat was in flames. The captain used a yawl boat and attempted to fight the flames, but a large hole burned in the stern and the boat sank in twenty-five feet of water. The loss is about $2000.

MOTOR PARTIES DELAYED

Machines Returning From Shore Tax Ferry Space

Hours of weary waiting was the portion of motorists returning from the shore last night and this morning when they arrived at the ferry stations on the Jersey side. The boats, running upon the closest possible schedule and packing on as many automobiles as could be carried with safety, were unable to cope with the steady stream of vehicles.

The thousands of men, women and children who had journeyed to the shore have shared better. They arrived at the terminals of the Pennsylvania and Reading railroads in hordes, but there is always room for one more on a ferryboat, and they were ferried across without acident and with but slight inconvenience.

Altogether it was a record-breaking crowd, it being estimated that more than 250,000 Philadelphians made their way to the various coast resorts over the Easter holidays.

There were 7600 motorcars carried over by the Pennsylvania Railroad ferries alone.

ASK DELAY IN SMALL TRIAL

Governor Wants Postponement Until Atfer Republican Convention

Waukegan, Ill., April 17.—(By A. P.)—Start of the trial of Governor Len Small, scheduled for today, was temporarily postponed while attorneys for the State considered a request from the Governor's counsel for stipulations covering the introduction of documentary evidence and for postponement of the case for another week.

The week's delay was asked because the Republican State Convention is to be held at Springfield Friday.

ALTER, DODGING, BLAMES SPROUL FOR WONER ACT

Prodded by Pinchot, Attorney General Disavows "Wettest Dry Law"

BUCK IN BEIDLEMAN CASE IS PASSED TO SCHAFFER

The darts flung at his candidacy by Gifford Pinchot, independent candidate, made Attorney General Alter here today disavow responsibility for the Woner act, condemned by the dry forces as the "wettest dry act possible."

Mr. Alter came here today to argue before the Supreme Court and, incidentally, to further his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Governor, for which he is opposed by Mr. Pinchot.

Although the Attorney General sat in conferences on the Woner act and virtually drafted that measure he passed it back today to Governor Sproul and to the Legislature. Alter is the candidate of Governor Sproul and the contractors' combine.

Asked for Views

At the Union League this morning where he was greeted by former Governor Edwin S. Stuart, Harry S. McDevitt, secretary to the Governor, and by others, Mr. Alter was asked for his views on the Woner act.

"My connection with it was mechanical," Mr. Alter said. "I drew what the Governor and the Legislature wanted. I was not determining questions of policy. A good many people are in jail, however, under the Woner act. I will co-operate in every way possible in the enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment and will be glad to see our law strengthened in any way which experience shows will most fully carry out the mandate of the Constitution of the United States."

"Are you afraid of the Pinchot boom?"

"It would not do to answer that in the affirmative," he replied. "If I answered it in the negative it would seem boastful. You can say that I am confident."

Itinerary Not Arranged

Questioned about plans for his speaking tour, the combine candidate replied:

"I haven't any itinerary arranged as yet, but after the meeting of the Pardon Board on Wednesday I hope to get around the State quite a bit. I will certainly enjoy getting around as much as I can. I want to be here Friday night for the meeting of the Woman's Republican Club, and I think I will be here."

The Friday night meeting will be that of the group headed by Mrs. Archibald R. Harmon, who is identified with the Vare organization.

The Attorney General was asked about the employment of outside attorneys by State officials, although the law requires that the Attorney General's department handle all legal business of the State.

"It has been a hobby of mine," he replied, "to curtail the employment of outside counsel. There may be cases, however, in which it is essential.

Mr. Alter was told that attacks along that line were based specifically on the employment of Lieutenant Governor Beidleman by the then Auditor General, Charles A. Snyder.

"That was under Attorney General Schaffer's administration," replied Mr. Alter. "I had nothing to do with it."

Here for Supreme Court Case

The Attorney General came here today to appear before the Supreme Court on two important cases arising out of legislation passed by the 1921 Legislature.

The first is a test of the mine-cave

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RAIN, THEN SUN AND COLDER

Weatherman Predicts Moisture This P. M.—Fair Tomorrow

To sharpen the contrast between the weather of yesterday and today the weather man has scheduled rain for this afternoon. It is to continue tonight, but the sun, which shone so gloriously on the Easter parades, will break through the clouds again tomorrow morning.

At the same time cold weather will arrive. The mercury will range between 40 and 50 degrees tomorrow, the forecaster says. Today the mercury reached 60 at noon and the weather man said it will go higher with the arrival of rain.

The following storm warning was issued today by the Weather Bureau at Washington:

Southwest storm warnings. Cape Henry to Eastport; disturbance over Great Lakes will increase in intensity and move eastward. Strong southerly winds will increase and become of gale force tonight.

LIM'RICK WINNER CAN NOW BUY COVETED RADIOPHONE

Mrs. Kissinger, of Lansford, Pa., Has Wanted One, but Cost Seemed Just Too Much to Be Practical

$100—$50—and $25!

Those are the magic figures, fans—the prizes for the Consolation Lim'rick which will run on the 22d. Saturday next. Skim down the list in case you are not sure, to find out if you are eligible for it, and if you are, go to it.

MRS. KATHARINE B. KISSINGER

The same rules hold good, and there is no limit to the number of answers to be sent. So take plenty of settin' up exercises so as to fill your lungs with lots of fresh air, and free your brain of cobwebs.

The Lim'rick armfid some more distance reaching for Lim'rick No. 56, and it took the winner so much by surprise that at first she could say nothing. She is Mrs. Katherine B. Kissinger, of 115 East Ridge street, Lansford, Pa. Her last line completes the Lim'rick as follows:

LIM'RICK No 56
A polar bear out at the Zoo
Said, "I'm sorry the winter is through;
It was certainly nice
To lie 'round on the ice—
We bears pay no pole tax, do you?"

The nine other contestants who won places on the ballot and are therefore eligible to compete for the Consolation prizes are:

W. B. Boland, 709 Marlyn road.
Theophilus Zuber, Glenside, Pa.
Katherine Kelly, Philadelphia Trust Company.
Charles Arthur, Rosemont, Pa.
Mrs. G. W. Prachtel, 2022 North Camac street.
H. W. Barnes, Wilmington, Del.
H. J. Hudson, 711 North Fortieth street.
Anna Beghtel, 931 Atwood road.
Frances Taylor, 610 West 141st street, New York.

Mrs. Kissinger has been bitten by the radio bug as well as the Lim'rick bug, and she has been very anxious to get a radiophone. She has read in the papers of the progress made, of long-distance

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2 CONTRACTORS DROWN WHEN LAUNCH UPSETS

Bodies of St. Michael's, Md., Men Not Yet Recovered

Easton, Md., April 17.—Edwin S. Harper and Flavius Fairbanks, contractors of St. Michael's, Md., were drowned this morning when a gasoline launch in which they were riding to McDaniel capsized in Major's Creek. The launch with the engine still running was found drifting down the stream. Searching parties are trying to find the bodies.

A brisk wind was blowing along the creek this morning and it is believed that the craft was overturned as it was making for the shore. The hats of both men were found floating on the surface of the creek as well as a number of papers belonging to them.

Harper and Fairbanks were building a barn for John Kolkemp, a farmer of McDaniel. The structure would have been completed in a few days. As the creek is very deep where the launch capsized it is believed that the searchers will have much difficulty in reaching the bodies.

UNITED MACHINERY CO. LOSES IN SUPREME COURT

Restraining Clause in Lease Held Illegal and Is Prohibited

Washington, April 17.—(By A. P.)—The Government today won in the Supreme Court in the case brought by the United Shoe Machinery Corporation and others to have set aside the restraining order prohibiting them from using certain lease clauses in their contracts for the rental of patented machinery.

The Supreme Court affirmed the decree of the United States District Court at St. Louis, which enjoined the corporation, under the Clayton act.

The lower Federal Court prohibited the corporation from compelling, by lease agreements, the exclusive use of its machines, and from enforcing an alternative royalty clause, found to be prohibitive, upon all footwear manufactured in factories where machines of competitors were also used. It also held invalid the agreement by which the corporation required those using its machines to purchase supplies from it.

Justice McKenna dissented, but did not express his views. Justice Brandeis took no part in the consideration of the case.

BAKHMETEFF MAY ESCAPE PART IN SEMENOV PROBE

Diplomatic Immunity Expected to Be Extended Russian Envoy

Washington, April 17.—(By A. P.)—The State Department is understood to be preparing to call the attention of the Senate Labor Committee to the usual diplomatic immunity of foreign Ambassadors in connection with the committee's subpoena of Boris Bakhmeteff, the last accredited Russian Ambassador here, to testify in its investigation of the affairs of General Gregorie Semenov.

A protest against the committee's summons is understood to have been communicated to the department by embassy officials. The impression was given today that Mr. Brakhmeteff still might reasonably be regarded as a full-fledged Ambassador, despite the fact that the Kerensky government, which sent him here, went out of existence five years ago.

Suggestion that General Semenoff was en route to Paris for the purpose of meeting Grand Duke Nicholas to plan a counter revolution against the Soviet regime in Russia was made by Immigration Inspector Zurbrick at Vancouver in a report to the Immigration Bureau laid before the Senate committee today.

JAPAN ENDS DAIREN PARLEY

Delegates Withdrawn From Conference With Chita Representatives

Tokio, April 17.—(By A. P.)—Japan has instructed her delegates to withdraw from the Dairen conference with representatives of the Siberian Government at Chita. The Government has not yet been advised whether the delegates have actually left.

The ground for withdrawal was that the Chita Government made proposals in reply to Japan's notification of the date for evacuation of Siberia which upset the agreement reached regarding the protection of lives and property and the adoption of the open-door policy.

In consequence of Japan's decision, the Government is sending the staff of the Eighth Division, with a brigade of infantry, a regiment of cavalry, field artillery and a battalion of engineers "to replace the troops now stationed in Siberia," according to an official announcement today.

MARSHAL SELLS POCOMOKE

Former Rum-Runner Purchased by Member of Bader's Firm

Atlantic City, April 17.—Edward Holland, of the Edward L. Bader Construction Company, of which Mayor Bader is president, today bought in at auction the schooner Pocomoke for $9000. The original cost was $28,000, according to United States Marshal Mulhern, who conducted the sale. It is reported that she will be a freighter for the Bader company.

The Pocomoke was seized July 5 by Federal officers when its skipper, Joseph Roy, who was sentenced to prison for rum-running, was taken into custody.

TROLLEY KILLS WOMAN

Mrs. Julia Buddey, Green Street, Hit at Bywood Station

Mrs. Julia Buddey, 1522 Green street, was killed last night by a Philadelphia and West Chester trolley car at Bywood Station.

Mrs. Buddey and her husband, William Buddey, were hurrying to catch the car, and in crossing the track, Mrs. Buddey became confused and stepped into the trolley car's path. She died while being taken to the hospital.

ALTER ARGUES TAX CASE

Fights Appeal of Coal Companies in State Supreme Court

Attorney General Alter, candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor, argued, on behalf of the Commonwealth, today in the State Supreme Court, in an appeal by coal companies against the act imposing a tax of one and a half per cent on coal at the mine mouth. The Dauphin County Court upheld the act, and the decision is appealed from by the Thomas Colliery Company. It has been estimated the yearly revenue from this tax would amount to $7,500,000.

PERHAPS THE VERY ARTICLE YOU ARE looking for is in the Fur Sale column today. See page 36.—Adv.

PRIEST FIGHTS THUG OVER CHURCH ALTAR SEXTON BADLY CUT

Rev. J. J. McGuire, Rector of St. Peter Claver's, Faces Robber Wielding Screwdriver

POLICE FINALLY ARRIVE AND SUBDUE HUGE INTRUDER

The Rev. James J. McGuire, rector of St. Peter Claver's Catholic Church, Twelfth and Lombard streets, today grappled over the altar with a Negro robber who had been caught in the act of stealing a seven-branch brass candelabrum.

Though Father McGuire was unhurt, his nerves were badly shaken by the encounter. St. Clair Harris, the Negro sexton, was badly cut about the hands by the robber, who wielded a six-inch screwdriver as a weapon.

The robber gave his name as James Porter, twenty-eight years old, 622 South Nineteenth street. He was finally arrested by a detective, who knocked him out with a punch on the jaw.

Porter was discovered in the church by the sexton, who lives in the parish residence, 502 South Twelfth street, and who had gone into the church at 10:30 o'clock this morning to clean.

Small Thefts Noted

St. Peter Claver's is a church for Negro Catholics, conducted by the Congregation of the Holy Ghost. It possesses a famous shrine, and has been the recipient of some beautiful and costly gifts from Catholics in all parts of Philadelphia. For six months there have been small thefts from the church, and last night the sextion discovered that a lock had been removed from a

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"TRUSTY" ESCAPES

William Dehaven Merely Walked Away From Quarry, Officials Say

William Dehaven, sixty-five, a "trusty" at the House of Correction, where he was serving a three months' sentence, escaped this morning. Officials say he walked away from a gang working in the quarry near Pennypack Creek.

He entered the House of Correction March 26, after being sentenced by Magistrate Dorn under the charge of being idle and worthless. His former address was 260 Leverington avenue. He is five feet ten inches in height, weighs 157 pounds, and has a light complexion, gray hair and blue eyes. He was coatless when last seen.

TORNADO HITS ILLINOIS

Seven Killed, Thirty-five Hurt, in Centralia District

Centralia, Ill., April 17.—(By A. P.)—Reports received here state that seven persons were killed and about thirty-five injured, some seriously, in the tornado which struck this section early today. One woman was reported killed instantly at Lake Centralia, ten miles north of here.

One baby was killed and two persons seriously injured at Irvinton, a town of 300 people, six miles south of here. One family of seven, all of whom were injured, were dragged from the ruins of their home.

It is also reported that a tornado struck Walnut Hill, a town of 100 persons, as well as the village of Shookville.

CHANGE SUBSIDY BILL

Denby and Lasker Agree to Eliminate Reserve Plan

Washington, April 17.—(By A. P.)—Agreement was reached today by Secretary Denby and Chairman Lasker, of the Shipping Board, for elimination of the provision in the pending administration ship subsidy bill for a merchant marine naval reserve.

Organization of adequate naval reserves will be left to separate legislative treatment in measures to be proposed by the Navy Department.

LAST-MINUTE NEWS

RAIN HALTS PENN-HOLY CROSS GAME

The Penn-Holy Cross game scheduled for Franklin Field this afternoon was called off on account of rain. Jack Barry's team may play here tomorrow.

BOOKBINDER FILES NEW TRIAL MOTION

Motions for a new trial for Emanuel Bookbinder, proprietor of a restaurant at Second and Walnut street, convicted on charges of violating the prhibition laws last Monday, were filed today in the United States District Court.

SEEK TO INVALIDATE DIER STOCK SALE

A bill in equity to invalidate transfer of one hundred shares of the New Street Corporation, valued at $275,000, to Charles J. Eisenlohr, of this city, by E. D. Dier & Co., was filed in the U. S. District Court today by Joseph Sternberger, representing Manfred W. Ehrick, trustee in bankruptcy of Dier & Co.

FIRE RAGES IN CENTER OF POCOMOKE CITY

CRISFIELD, MD., April 17.—A big fire is raging at Pocomoke City. Strong winds have carried the flames to twelve buildings in the heart of the town. Crisfield, Princess Anne and Salisbury fire departments have responded to a call for aid.

GRAHAM CANDIDACY ATTACKED IN COURT

Isadore Stern, Out for House Seat, Says Congressman Is Resident of N. Y.

HEARING AT HARRISBURG

Harrisburg, April 17.—Former Representative Isadore Stern today attacked in Court the legality of Congressman George S. Graham's residence in Philadelphia.

Mr. Stern is a candidate against Congressman Graham for the congressional nomination to represent the same Philadelphia constituency.

Judges Hargest and Fox, in the Dauphin County Court, heard Mr. Stern's contention that the Philadelphia Congressman licenses his three automobiles as a resident of New York State, maintains a fifty-acre estate at Islip, Long Island, and claims an apartment in the St. James Annex, Philadelphia, as the legal residence of himself, his wife and daughter.

Mr. Stern sponsored the declaration that this apartment consisted originally of a room and bath.

Congressman Graham was surrounded by a strong array of counsel, former Judge James Gay Gordon, Joseph Gilfillan and Lieutenant Governor Beidleman. Mr. Stern sought to prove by the Congressman's own testimony that he was not a legal resident of Philadelphia.

The Congressman testified that he paid his Federal income tax in Philadelphia, and paid non-resident income tax in New York. The Congressman said that, while he pays license fees to the State of New York on three cars, he could not afford to own an automobile in Pennsylvania or Washington.

Michael Stroup, former Dauphin County District Attorney, represented Mr. Stern. Congressman Graham retorted sharply to some of his questions.

The Congressman was asked what

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VARE ASKS ATTENDANCE

Telegraphs Pennsylvania Delegation to Be in Congress Tomorrow

Congressman Vare today sent telegrams from this city to all his colleagues in the Pennsylvania delegation to the House urging them to be in their seats tomorrow when the Naval Appropriations Bill is called up.

He has an amendment which would increase the Navy personnel from 67,000, the number in the bill, to 86,000, the total strength desired by President Harding. The amendment has passed the Committee of the Whole.

THE JOB YOU ARE LOOKING FOR MAY be found in the Help Wanted columns on page 30.—Adv.

BOK URGES SCHWAB AS FAIR DIRECTOR

Renews $50,000 Offer for Five Years, Mayor's Secretary Says

U. S. ASKS NATIONAL FIGURE

Edward Bok has renewed his offer to guarantee the salary of a director general of the Sesqui-Centennial, and has suggested Charles M. Schwab for the place.

This was made known today by Durell Shuster, secretary to Mayor Moore, who confirmed reports that the renewed offer had been made.

When Mr. Bok first offered to pay $50,000 a year for five years as the salary of a director general of the great fair planned here for 1926 he suggested Herbert Hoover as the man for the position. Mr. Hoover declined to accept the offer.

A declaration that Federal aid to the Sesqui-Centennial depends on the appointment of a director probably will be considered tomorrow afternoon when the fair's Board of Directors meets in City Hall.

March 21 the Board of Directors virtually approved a proposal for "Committee Rule" advanced by Mayor Moore, president of the Sesqui-Centennial Association and chairman of the executive committee.

Madden Demands Director

A sharp revival of the director-generalship plan was caused by a declaration from Chairman Madden, of the House Appropriations Committee at Washington.

Mr. Madden said the committee will not consider any legislation toward a Federal appropriation to the fair until the "committee is assured that a director of national reputation, whose appointment would assure the success of the affair, is named."

Co-operating with the Sesqui-Centennial Association is the Independence Celebration Commission named by Governor Sproul. It represents the Commonwealth in the great world fair planned for 1926.

At a recent meeting of the State Commission a resolution was passed favoring the appointment of an "executive head" for the fair. The phrase "executive head" was substituted for "director general" in the resolution.

Robins Wants Director

Thomas Robins, chairman of the State Commission, called attention today to the resolution favoring an "ex-

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BOOKS—Rare First Editions—Literature of Other Nations—Autographs, etc.? Do you buy books to sell? See the Public Ledger Book Exchange, published every Saturday morning and Tuesday evening—on our book review, page—Adv.

BERLIN RECOGNIZES RUSSIA; NEW PACT SIGNED AT RAPALLO

Nullify Brest-Litovsk Treaty. Agreement Rude Surprise to Genoa Conference

ALLIED DELEGATES MEET TO CONSIDER SITUATION

By the Associated Press

Genoa, April 17.—A treaty between Germany and Russia was signed at Rapallo yesterday, the signatories being the Foreign Ministers of the two countries, George Chicherin for Russia, and Dr. Walter Rathenau for Germany. The treaty nullifies the Brest-Litovsk Treaty, and re-establishes full diplomatic relations on an equality basis.

The pact cancels all war claims, as well as claims arising from the nationalization of property.

The treaty represents the conclusion of negotiations begun many months ago. This action by delegates to the economic conference in meeting independently and negotiating a treaty outside the scope of the conference itself, is pointed to as establishing a striking precedent for the nations who are participating in the discussion of the Russian problem here.

Renounce War Claims

In connection with the mutual renunciation of nationalization of property claims and war claims, the treaty expressed the friendly hope that other Powers would do likewise.

Announcement of the signing of the treaty came as a rather rude surprise to the Genoa Conference, and it was pointed to by observers as likely to make more difficult the position of some of the other allies in their attitude toward Russia.

By the new treaty replacing the Brest-Litovsk pact, which has been so humiliating to the Soviet leaders, Germany is the first great Power to grant Russia full recognition. Poland and the Baltic States have long had diplomatic relations with the Soviet Government, but Germany has been withholding recognition because of failure to obtain satisfaction of the claims for the murder of Count Mierbach, who was assassinated in Moscow in 1918, when he went there as German Ambassador under the terms of the Brest-Litovsk Treaty.

Premier Facta, of Italy, as president of the Economic Conference, issued a sudden summons this afternoon for a conference at 3 P. M. of the heads of the inviting Powers now in Genoa. It is believed one reason for the call of the conference was the announcement of the signing of the Russo-German Treaty.

To Adjust Attitude on Russia

The announced object of the meeting was to adjust by consultation the attitude of the Allies toward the Russian question. The Japanese were included in the invitation.

George Chicherin, head of the Russian delegation, has telegraphed to Moscow for instructions on the proposal made at the conference for resumption of friendly relations between Russia and Europe. The Russians have been asked to speed up their answers to various points, particularly concerning the question of pre-war debts, but no ultimatum has been issued.

"After Genoa, what?" is now being asked by the delegates. Experts and delegates alike are agreed that it probably would be necessary to have two more conferences, at least, before peace is restored in Europe and financial reconstruction becomes possible.

Granting that the Russian problem is settled in principle, and recognition is granted Russia by the Genoa conferees—which apparently is the most that can be hoped for from the present gathering—a disarmament conference probably would be the next step in an effort to end what the Russians say is virtually a state of war between Japan and Soviet Russia, and Rumania and Soviet Russia.

France has expressed a desire to discuss disarmament with her friends, but not with her enemies; consequently, there may be some difficulty in getting her to enter a general disarmament or peace conference embracing all the Powers which still have armies on a war footing.

No Participation by U. S.

The United States and Germany probably would not participate in this, as Germany is already disarmed under the terms of the Versailles Treaty, and the United States is not directly concerned with European army affairs.

Washington is generally regarded as the best site for an economic conference to follow the disarmament meeting, but holding the meeting there would scarcely be possible unless the Russian Government were in the meantime recognized by the United States.

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SAW NAKED MEN BRANDED

German Tells of Horrors in Prison at Moscow

Berlin, April 17 (By A. P.)—Fritz Nolde, a German business man, who has just been released from Butirka prison in Moscow and returned to Berlin, declares that there has been no modification of the treatment of prisoners there since the Moscow Government announced that the dreaded Cheka and its methods were things of the past.

Nolde said that from his cell window he saw naked men branded with hot irons and heard the cries of the victims. His experiences in the Soviet prison were so much more horrible than the shelter and hardships that he endured in the world war that there was no comparison.

TWO DIE IN AUTO UPSET

Hazleton Woman and Chauffeur Victims of Mountain Accident

Hazleton, Pa., April 17.—(By A. P.)—Mrs. J. Clifton Lang, wife of a theatre manager here, and August Voth, chauffeur of the Lang automobile, died today from injuries suffered when the Lang machine turned over on the Conyngham Mountain last night.

Mr. Lang was badly hurt.

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