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THE WEATHER  
Fair tonight and probably Thursday;  
little change in temperature; gentle  
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## BELL CO. LOSES CLEAR TO LIMIT DIER INQUIRY

Receiver Refuses to Curtail Scope of Probe of Brokers' Failure

LAWYERS START WRANGLE AS EMPLOYEES TAKE STAND  
Effort to Show Extent of Plunges Blocked by Stream of Objectors

FEDERAL COURT TO DECIDE  
Questions Are to Be Passed On by Judges Before Hearings Start Again

A petition by attorneys for Frank F. Bell & Co., brokers with whom the bankrupt firm of E. D. Dier & Co. had business, with the referee today, to halt proceedings while the courts determine the scope of questions which may be asked the Bell & Co.'s employees, was denied today.

Frank McAdams offered the petition this morning before Edward E. Hoffman, referee in bankruptcy, who has been conducting a series of hearings in the Dier case. Mr. McAdams contended that the employees of Bell & Co. cannot properly be asked questions which go outside the matter of the Dier bankruptcy, especially concerning the accounts of other clients of the Bell firm.

After the discussion Mr. McAdams threw another monkey-wrench into the inquiry by advising his witnesses to answer only questions directly connected with the bankruptcy.

Later the referee agreed to send the petition to the Federal Court for final decision.

The petition was signed by Mr. McAdams and by Walter B. Gibson, and William Wilson, attorneys for the Bell & Co. The petition requests the court to grant the Bell & Co. a writ of prohibition to restrain the Federal court from this district for determination.

## MOTHER AND SON SAVED FROM FIRE

Firemen-Year-Old Boy Nearly Lost Life Trying to Save Parent

In an attempt to save the life of his mother during a fire at their home, Montgomery avenue and Dover street, shortly after 1 o'clock this morning, Herman Meritz, fifteen years old, narrowly escaped death. He and his mother, Mrs. Rose Meritz, were trapped on the second floor. The boy reached a window and was about to jump when he heard shouts of help from his mother. He returned to get her and both were hemmed in by flames and smoke. Escape seemed impossible when two firemen groped their way in the room and carried the mother and son to safety.

Isaac Meritz, father of the boy, carried two other children from the house and was returning for his wife when the fire broke out.

Mrs. Meritz was rescued, but received at the Northwestern General Hospital.

The fire caused several hundred dollars' worth of damage.

Several families were forced to flee their homes last night, when fire was discovered in the paint works of Montgomery and Tenth streets, 1718 Germantown avenue. A number of small houses adjoin the paint works in the rear. Through the good work of the firemen the flames were prevented from spreading.

## TRY MRS. ROBERTSON FOR ALLEGED FAKE HOLD-UP

Conspiracy to Defraud and Larceny Charges Against Deal, N. J., Woman

Freeland, N. J., May 24.—(By A. P.)—The trial of Sarah L. Robertson in Monmouth County Courtroom began today on charges of conspiracy to defraud and larceny. Her indictment grew out of an alleged fake hold-up of a dinner party in her home near Deal on February 18, when she reported to the police that \$50,000 in jewels had been stolen.

The authorities, on questioning her, through admissions she made, were able to locate the missing jewels in a home of one of her friends, Mrs. Robertson. She was arrested and following the arrest of two men, John Bailey and Samuel Casson.

According to the police, confessed that Casson had hired him to stage a fake hold-up of the Robertson dinner party at the home of Mrs. Robertson. He demanded her jewels. She denied the Bailey confession and has insisted that the affair was a plot. She is being tried on the conspiracy charge with the Loyds of London as complainant, while the larceny charge is being pressed by one of her guests at the hold-up dinner who declares that he lost \$50 in cash through the affair.

## RECOUNT FAVORS SPROWLS

Donora Physician Wins Republican Nomination to Legislature

Washington, Pa., May 24.—(By A. P.)—The scales in the contest for the Republican nomination for Assembly District 1 lay today in the hands of the Spruells of Donora.

Friends of the physician, who was defeated in Saturday's official count by Charles S. Van Vorhis, of Charleroi, requested the County Commissioners to recount the votes from Ellzworth.

The recount revealed that Spruells received thirty-eight, as listed on the tally sheet.

Missing Auto Tag Cost Jumps

In the last month it has cost Max Fieberg, 1223 North Forty-second street, \$25 to learn that a rear license tag is an important detail when driving an automobile. Less than a month ago Fieberg had a car with a Woodford Guard House tag and was paid \$100 after his arrest at Twelfth and Market streets.

## Chorus Girl Bride



MRS. B. J. CABROLL, JR.  
Former Miss Gladys E. Ziehlman.  
"Follies" dancers, whose marriages have antagonized her husband's wealthy parents because young Mr. Carroll was divorced from his first wife only five weeks ago.

## GEN. WOOD'S YACHT RIDES GALE SAFELY

Party, Missing for 36 Hours, is Safe on Island Near Mindoro

Manila, May 24.—(By A. P.)—Leonard Wood, Governor General of the Philippines, is safe after being missing for thirty-six hours in the yacht *Alto* following a typhoon, according to word received here today.

The yacht was reported to have taken refuge behind Hin Island near Mindoro, where the Governor General, accompanied by his wife and daughter, had gone Saturday on an inspection trip. The party is expected to return to Manila tomorrow.

The storm rose so suddenly that many vessels navigating the open sea were unable to reach safety before it was upon them, and the Governor's yacht was one of many vessels reported missing.

The storm was said to have done considerable damage in and around Manila, many persons being injured. No deaths were reported.

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## CITY CUTS P. R. T. VALUATION HALF

Estimate to Public Service Board Puts \$147,339,822 as Proper Figure

COMPANY'S COST THEORY IS RAPPED IN REPORT

## HOP OFF IN FLIGHT TO GIRDL GLOBE

White Plains, N. Y., May 24.—Coroner Edward Fitzgerald has postponed the formal inquest into the killing of Clarence Peters, described by Walter S. Ward, millionaire baking company official, as one of the "smallest group" in his profession of shooting the former sailor near Kenico Reservoir a week ago.

The inquest has been put off until the coroner's investigators can clear up several points in the Ward confession with which Mr. Fitzgerald, in the light of late developments, is far from satisfied.

Mr. Fitzgerald emphatically denied last night that he had said that his mind was made up and he was convinced that Ward had shot Peters in self-defense.

He was not convinced of anything yet, said Coroner Fitzgerald. "I intend to continue with my investigation and will hold an open hearing when I call the inquest. You can rest assured that I will do all I can to solve the mystery. Some things about the case look queer to me, and I intend to ask several questions that have not yet been satisfactorily explained."

One of the questions which have puzzled Coroner Fitzgerald is the disappearance of Ward's pistol. According to Ward's story, Peters began the attack by firing a shot which missed Ward and went through a window in the latter's Peewee coupe. Then, Ward says, he shot Peters through the chest and Peters fell by the roadside, outside the car. But when the sailor's body was found four hours after the shooting, no pistol or revolver was found with it.

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## ARMENIANS URGE PROBE OF TURKISH ATROCITIES

BOSTON, May 24.—The Armenian National Union of America has forwarded a telegram to President Harding urging that the United States Government accept the invitation of Great Britain to join with that country, Italy and France in investigation of reported Turkish persecutions of Armenians and Greeks in Asia Minor. The telegram says that private advices received from Turkey corroborate press dispatches concerning these persecutions.

## FATHER IS HELD IN SON'S DEATH

Henry Schmei, Tuckerton, N. J., Further Plans to Be Made Regarding Accusation After Body Is Found in Lake

Henry Schmei was arrested last night in his home at Tuckerton, N. J., on a warrant charging "suspicion of murder," after the finding of the body of his son, Henry Schmei, in a lake yesterday 200 yards from his home.

The boy at the time of his disappearance was supposed to have run away from his home to escape punishment. Authorities say the boy was dead when the body was immersed.

The father, who was placed in an automobile and rushed away to the county jail through a threatening mob that gathered near the house.

The father, who was charged with either intentionally or through neglect, killing the boy, was held in \$5,000 bail.

He left his bed when Sheriff Brown presented the warrant issued by Recorder Arthur King, of Tuckerton. Physicians who had performed an autopsy on the body had concluded that the boy's death was not due to drowning.

Disproves Father's Story

The boy, contrary to the story told by the father, was clothed in the same suit, stockings and shoes worn when he returned home from school on the day he disappeared.

Just before Schmei was taken to the Tuckerton jail, Wilfred H. Jayne, Prosecutor of Ocean County, said the case against the father "looks pretty well." He added that there is evidence not yet disclosed and hinted that the condition of the body indicated that the boy was dead before immersion. Physicians who had performed an autopsy would not admit that intoxication was the cause.

Through the official view of the manner of the boy's death was shared by the townfolk and the village teemed with indignation gossip, little had been disclosed late last night to support the theory of foul play.

The boy, with a record of frequent misbehavior, was facing a reform school and some who claimed that he had been in the hands of a madman, who had made available believe either that he threw himself into the lake in despair or that he fell in while in headlong flight from his father, who was about to punish him for a serious offense.

Father Shows Grief

The father talked freely before his arrest of the circumstances of the son's disappearance last night. He showed every evidence of genuine grief and spoke clear and connected account of the boy's death.

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## CROWD SHOWS MASOTONS ON THREE BRITISH FLIERS AS THEY LEAVE CROYDON

By the Associated Press  
Croydon, Eng., May 24.—Major W. T. Blake and his two companions started from the airfield here at 3:05 o'clock this afternoon on their attempted 30,000-mile airplane flight around the world.

The three aviators—Major Blake, Captain Norman MacMillan and Lieutenant Colonel L. E. Broome—made their start in the DH-9 airplane equipped for their trip without the attendant plane with photographers and moving picture operators, which it had been planned to send with them, as far as Athens, as it was found impossible to get the second machine ready on time.

Major Blake expressed confidence of making the world tour within ninety days. He hoped to be on American soil early in August.

Crowd Watches Take-Off

A crowd assembled to watch the departure with every one in holiday attire on the occasion of Empire Day, who showered insults on the aviators. These included a black cat and a rabbit's foot. Messages received by Major Blake included one from King George's secretary, reading: "Their Majesties wish you all good luck and good success."

Major Blake bade an affectionate farewell to his wife and their two young children just before climbing aboard the airplane.

The expedition carries only 672 pounds of baggage, leaving behind a folding bed that was part of the equipment in order to lighten up the machine.

Several hours of the most minute changes in the fueling and equipment. A special camera for aerial work, with a revolving tripod, was attached to the machine at Major Blake's request.

Fly in Frail Machine

Colonel Broome, the scientific member of the party, who has spent many years in Alaska, the Aleutian Islands and the Pacific Northwest, said the frail, frail machine and Greenland if time permitted.

"I am the luckiest and proudest man in the world to be able to participate in such a momentous flight," he said. "I am sure it will be a successful one."

Not all the air experts who watched the preparations for the flight, however, were so optimistic. Some of them thought the DH-9 was extremely small.

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