THE WEATHER
Unsettled tonight and Friday with probably showers; little change in temperature. Southwest to west winds.
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

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IDA KRAMER SLAIN BY BOY; WANTED MONEY

George Monroe, 18, of 1738 Fillmore Street, Camden, Confesses Voluntarily

CONSCIENCE TOO INSISTENT, WOULDN'T LET HIM SLEEP

Kidnapped Child to Get Ransom, but Killed Her With Stone When She Screamed

THEN SUNK BODY IN CREEK

Wrote Prosecutor One Letter, but Didn't Sign It—Second Note Gave Address

Ida Kramer, seven-year-old Woodbury girl, who vanished March 25 and was found dead in Newton Creek, near Camden, April 23, was kidnapped and then murdered by George Elmer Monroe, an eighteen-year-old boy of 1738 Fillmore street, Camden, according to a confession he made today to Prosecutor Wolverton.

If the boy had not volunteered a confession, made first in two letters, then confirmed verbally after he had been arrested this morning, the mystery might never have been cleared up, according to the Prosecutor. There was not the slightest suspicion pointing to Monroe, the Prosecutor said.

Monroe, according to his confession, kidnapped the girl because he was out of work and wanted "ransom money." He murdered her a few hours later because she screamed when she saw some people. The murder was committed within a few yards of the place where the body was found encased in the mud of the creek.

During the months that have elapsed since Monroe slew the child, striking her with a jagged rock on the head, he has been a prey to conscience. Not long after the little body was discovered he wrote a letter in which he described the circumstances of the kidnapping and the murder, and mailed it to the prosecutor. He lost his nerve at the end, however, and did not sign it.

Conscience Too Strong

Even with this letter in which the crime was sketched so clearly that there could be little doubt that it was written by the criminal, Monroe might have remained at liberty if it had not been for his conscience.

Night after night, he told the prosecutor, he was haunted with the memory of his crime. At last, when he had made up his mind that he could have peace in no other way, he wrote another letter, referring to the first, and this time gave his name and address.

Monroe was arrested today by County Detectives Smith and Doran. He was taken to the prosecutor's office, where he repeated the confession in greater detail, and then was taken to the Camden jail. Later the county detectives took him to revisit the scene of his crime, and to go step by step over the route he said he had traversed with the child.

Ransome Only Motive

"The kidnapping was for ransom and for no other reason, according to the confession," said the prosecutor. "It was a most extraordinary story. The boy said he had been out of work for several months. He comes of respectable parents, his father being Samuel Monroe, an employe of the Camden Water Bureau. The boy worked regularly, but lost his job some time before the crime was committed. He grew desperate finally and determined that he would kidnap some child and hold it for ransom.

"The boy said he went to Woodbury and saw little Ida playing with other children on the street near her father's butcher shop. Perhaps the reason he singled her out was that he heard another child say her name. He hid and watched his chance, then when she left the group of children followed her. He called her by name, and told her her mother wanted her.

"The child was unsuspicious and went with him. He led her away from her home and into a side street. He gradually got away from the neighborhood, using side streets, and got on a bus with her. They went from Camden to Fairview, he said, then along the Mt. Ephraim pike to Woodlyn, and made their way to the creek.

"The boy's idea was to find some place where he could hide the child until he was able to get a ransom for returning her. They reached Woodlyn by following back roads, so that no one saw them. When they were walking along near the creek, however, Ida saw some people and screamed to attract their attention.

Kills Her, Sinks Body

"That angered Monroe," he said, "and he picked up a piece of rock and struck the child over the head. She fell, and he was afraid she was dead. He said he took off his shoes and stockings, picked her up in his arms, and took her out into the creek and threw her there.

"He did not know to a certainty whether she was dead or not when he threw the body into the creek.

"The boy went home, but could not rest because of his conscience. He must have known he was safe when weeks passed and he escaped arrest. Finally, about the time the child's body was discovered, the gnawing of his conscience became too strong to be born longer, and he wrote the first letter I received.

"This letter was so complete and circumstantial that I was convinced it had been written by the murderer. It gave no name nor address, and our efforts to race it were vain.

"Yesterday, after weeks of thought and worry, the boy decided that he must make a clean breast of the murder. He wrote me another letter, in which he referred to the earlier one. I knew that we had the kidnapper and murderer, and the county detectives brought him in without difficulty."

Lost Pearls Found

MILDRED HARRIS

Actress missed costly necklace after visiting restaurant in Pittsburgh railroad station. The pearls were recovered at the home of a Negro employed as waiter at the station. He is in jail awaiting trial

FATHER OF SIX DIES TO SAVE CHILDREN

Guard at Westville, N. J., State Bridge Is Killed by Runaway

An attempt to stop a runaway team which was dashing across the State bridge at Westville, N. J., and headed toward a group of children playing in the street cost the life of Harry Becker, sixty-nine years old, the father of six children. For many years he was the toll gate keeper at Gloucester.

The bridge keeper grabbed the bridle of one of the horses, but lost his hold and was trampled down. He died in Cooper Hospital, Camden, this morning. The accident occurred Tuesday.

Becker was transferred to Westville several months ago after long service at the Gloucester toll gate.

AIR GLOBE-CIRCLERS ARE DELAYED BY FOG

Await Better Weather Before Taking Off From Paris

Paris, May 25.—(By A. P.)—Because of a slight fog today there was some delay in the departure of Major W. T. Blake, Captain Norman MacMillan and Lieutenant Colonel L. E. Broome, the British aviators who reached Paris yesterday from England on the first stage of their attempted 30,000-mile flight around the world. The airmen had their machine out on Bourget Field ready for the departure, but at 1:30 P. M. they were still awaiting more favorable conditions.

The next stop for the aviators will be Lyons. Their presence here synchronizes with the first of a four-day international exhibition in which many noted aviators are participating, including Lieutenant Ferrari, the Italian aviator of Rome-Tokio flight fame. The exhibition was attended by thousands of Ascension Day holiday-makers.

ALL WELL, SAYS WOOD

Wireless States General Will Reach Manila Tomorrow

Manila, P. I., May 25.—(By A. P.)—All is well with Governor General Wood and his party aboard the yacht Apo. A radiogram from the Apo received today said she was anchored in Pola Bay on the east coast of the island of Mindoro.

The typhoon, which swept northward across Southern Luzon and through Manila Tuesday, causing anxiety for the Governor's safety, has entirely subsided. The yacht escaped the storm by taking refuge behind an island off the Mindoro coast.

With Governor Wood are Mrs. Wood and their daughter, who started with him Saturday aboard the yacht on an inspection trip to Mindoro. The radiogram said the party expected to reach Manila tomorrow.

MILK DEALER LEFT $600,000 ESTATE

Peter Hernig Came to This Country Penniless When a Boy

Inventory of the personal estate of Peter Hernig, a wealthy milk dealer, who died in the Stetson Hospital March 25 at the age of sixty-nine, filed today showed an amount of $627,152.28. Of this his interest in the milk business was $224,646.47.

Hernig came to this country alone from Germany at the age of fourteen, penniless. His only trade was that of cabinet maker. He began the selling of milk here when it was customary to carry one's wares in buckets and announce it to the neighbors by means of a tin horn.

His success started after his marriage, for which ceremony he had to dye a dark color the one pair of breeches that he possessed. His first step toward big business was a loan to purchase a horse and a delivery wagon. At the time of his death he had a flourishing business in Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

SHOTS FLY, ROBBERS FLEE

Freight Car Thieves Get Away With Load of Stockings

Freight car robbers, after firing shots at pursuers shortly after midnight, escaped with a load of silk stockings stolen from freight cars of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway at Cumberland street.

A shifting crew chased the robbers, but halted when the shots flew. The men dropped part of their booty before escaping in a motortruck.

Detectives Richardson and Strumpf collected twenty-four boxes of stockings out of ninety-six missing from the cars.

MAID HELD IN GEM THEFT

Mrs. Weiss, 5833 Larchwood Ave., Charges Girl Stole $4000 in Gems

Bertha Freeman, colored, Chancellor street near Twenty third, was held in $1000 bail this morning, charged with the theft of $4000 in jewelry by Mrs. Lewis Weiss, 5833 Larchwood avenue. The girl was formerly employed by Mrs. Weiss as a maid.

The loss of the jewels, consisting of diamond barpins, lavalliers, brooches and rings, was discovered yesterday. At her hearing before Magistrate Dugan the girl stoutly denied the charge.

ARMSTRONG JOB 'BUCK' IS PASSED

Committee Sends Nomination to Council, but Expects Mayor to Act

CANDIDATE FOR PLACE EXPLAINS GUILTY PLEA

Weglein to See Moore Before Test Vote Is Taken by Lawmakers

Council's Law Committee today "passed the buck" to Mayor Moore on the appointment of Thomas F. Armstrong as city purchasing agent.

The committee voted to refer the appointment to Council without recommendation so Richard Weglein, president of Council, can lay before the Mayor all the papers in the case.

Under the charter, appointments by the Mayor to important offices must be confirmed by Council. Mr. Armstrong's confirmation was blocked several weeks ago on the ground he and his business concern had pleaded guilty of violating the Sherman anti-trust act.

Before action on the motion which sent the matter back to Council, a tie vote developed on a motion to approve confirmation of Armstrong, head of the Conklin-Armstrong Terra-Cotta Company.

Test Vote Is Tie

Councilmen Burch, Develin, Patton and Roper favored confirmation, while Councilmen Hall, Weglein, Cox and Gaffney opposed it. Two committee members, Buchholz and Hetzell, were absent.

Mr. Armstrong seemed to score heavily in his own defense. He read an affidavit from a former official of the United States Fuel Administration that the terra-cotta men virtually were advised by the Government to do the thing for which the Government later prosecuted them.

The affidavit, Mr. Armstrong said, was made by A. F. Greaves-Walker, now production manager of the American Refractories Company at Pittsburgh, and, during the war, chief of the industrial furnace section of the fuel administration.

A combination of terra cotta men, Mr. Walker was quoted as saying, was advised in order to save coal as the terra cotta business was not regarded as essential to prosecution of the war.

Score sin Own Defense

Another point made by Armstrong was in the reading of a letter from his counsel, Henry F. Twombly, of New York, who quoted Judge Learned Hand, of New York, as saying no injury to the public or moral obliquity was shown in the terra cotta case.

It was Judge Hand who imposed a fine on Mr. Armstrong and on the Conklin-Armstrong Company after guilty pleas. Armstrong today repeated his assertion he had been advised to plead "not guilty," but that he preferred to stand by the other terra cotta men.

Mr. Armstrong took the attitude that the Sherman Anti-Trust Act was inconsistent anyway. He quoted from a speech attributed to Secretary of State Hughes in which the Sherman act was condemned.

Mr. Armstrong mentioned the Lockwood Investigating Committee in New York, and said that Attorney General Daugherty was about to investigate the investigators.

"The Attorney General had better look out or they will investigate him," called out Councilman Gaffney.

While Mr. Armstrong was reading his evidence, Councilman Gans sat with his eyes closed. Gans is not a member of the committee. It was his motion originally that held up the purchasing agent appointment. Gans and Armstrong have been political enemies.

JUDGE BALKS PAROLE FOR FORMER CROOK

Finletter Hesitates to Accept Reformation of Mother of Five

Judge Finletter held the case of Mrs. Margaret Reilly, "Queen of Pickpockets," who has "gone straight" for two years for the sake of her husband and five children, under advisement today in spite of a plea for parole in which Assistant District Attorney Speiser joined.

Mrs. Reilly was brought to trial on three indictments, charging her with the theft of pocketbooks from Mrs. Ida Provensky and Mrs. Mary Gerhart. The charges have been standing for several years. The woman was arrested on a fugitive warrant, served on her on her husband's farm, where she left her children.

C. Stuart Patterson, Jr., her attorney, told the Court Mrs. Reilly expected soon to be a mother again.

"My investigation shows that she has been leading a respectable life for the last two years," Mr. Speiser added. "I believe she would continue to do so, given a chance."

"This giving of paroles has been tried before without much success," said the Judge. "Apparently the prisoner has reformed, but she seems always to break out again. I don't believe in these late reformations. They don't seem to 'take.' Yet there are other circumstances which I admit trouble me considerably. I don't know what to do. I am going to take this case under advisement."

The Court was informed there is another old warrant hanging over Mrs. Reilly in Boston which must be satisfied even if she is paroled here.

BEE'S BUZZ IN BUS BLAMED

Insect's Antics Caused Accident and Damage Suit

The buzzing of a bee in a Camden bus was the chief factor in a suit for $5000 damages filed in Camden today for Nevin Heusted, Jr., of Merchantville, N. J.

On his way to Camden High School a year ago a bee flew into a bus owned by Stewart Williams. "A rush to escape the insect started among the passengers, and Williams, the suit asserts, became frightened and drove the bus against a telegraph pole. Heusted's arm was injured.

APARTMENTS TO SUIT EVERY PURSE are most every requirement may be found quickly by consulting the Apartment classification on pages 29 and 30.—Adv.

Sentenced to Jail

CHARLES R. CRANE

SAY CRANE FACES PRISON IN SYRIA

American Ex-Minister to China Sentenced by French Military Court

UNITED STATES "SOUNDED"

By the Associated Press

Chicago, May 25.—Sentence of twenty years in prison on a charge of inciting recent disturbances in French mandate territory in Syria has been meted out to Charles R. Crane, of Chicago, by a French military court in Damascus, according to a copyrighted dispatch from Cairo, Egypt, published today in the Chicago Daily News. The dispatch is based on reports published in Arabic newspapers received in Cairo.

These reports, according to the Daily News, say the military court passed the sentence "after a hearing by default (this is in the absence of the accused)."

"A notice in the newspapers," the dispatch continued, "quoting the official communique adds that the American Government has been notified of the verdict.

"While Mr. Crane in the course of his travels avoids France and the French possessions, there is little possibility that the sentence will be carried out.

"According to the newspaper, the court held that Mr. Crane was equally responsible with numerous Syrians who are serving terms in prison on account of the outbreak. Reports from Syria are that political prisoners are obliged to sleep on the jail floor and to subsist on dry bread and olives.

"Miss Twsiech Rapwandji, fifteen years old, was recently arrested in Damascus because she was a pupil of Miss Nazid Aabed, a Moslem teacher involved in the disturbances. Miss Aabed was one of the women selected by Mr. Crane to receive educational benefits in the United States. His check for $1000 to defray her traveling expenses prompted the charge that the American Government was subsidizing the Syrian malcontents.

"She was arrested, deported from Damascus and confined in a jail near Douma, but she recently made her escape. According to reports, gendarmes arrested the Rahwandji girl in the hope of learning Miss Aabed's whereabouts. After they had put her through the 'third degree' in a vain effort to force the child to give information they sought, they locked her up for two hours in an empty tomb. She was then taken back to prison in a state of collapse."

Washington, May 25.—(By A. P.)—The French Government has inquired of the State Department as to the precise status of Charles R. Crane, who for the last six months has been investigating conditions in the Near East. The State Department, it was learned today, replied Mr. Crane was acting entirely on his own initiative and was without any Government commission.

Mr. Crane, after a trip across Siberia into Soviet Russia last year and after a short visit to the United States, left for Southern Europe. Recently he was heard from in Syria, where he was said to be making an inquiry into conditions of the Arabian and the Turkish populations. His activities soon attracted the attention of the French Government. Although French officials do not believe he incited the natives to resistance against the French military forces occupying Syria, they regard his presence as highly inimical.

The natives, with exalted ideals of American institutions, were said to have been encouraged by Mr. Crane's presence among them to resist the application of the French mandate over the country and to demand absolute independence.

Mr. Crane is a former American Minister to China and an authority on Far Eastern affairs. He acquired prominence in 1909, when he was first appointed Minister to China by President Taft. Preparing to take up his new duties, he delivered a number of speeches at San Francisco, which apparently aroused antagonism at Washington. His resignation was demanded and accepted by Secretary of State Knox. He was later reappointed by President Wilson.

18 CATS IN ONE ROOM

Companions of Woman Taken From Squalid Home and Killed

Agents of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals invaded a rooming house at 507 North Seventh street this morning. In one of the rooms they found a woman in bed with seven cats asleep beside her. On a stove nearby were seven other cats fighting feebly over the remnants of a fried egg. Curled up in a pail were two more and whining on a table were two small kittens.

The Board of Health was notified of the condition of the room, and the cats were sent to the Morris Refuge and put to death.

Cardinal Dougherty urges all Catholics to use the Manual of Prayers.—Adv.

ROBERTSON CASE DEFENSE JOLTED

Samuel Garn, Codefendant of Rich Woman, Changes Plea to Non Vult

MOTION TO QUASH HER INDICTMENT OVERRULED

Jewels Flashed in Court in Trial for Alleged Fake Hold-Up

By a Staff Correspondent

Freehold, N. J., May 25.—The ground was cut from under the defense of Mrs. Sarah L. Robertson in court here today when a co-defendant, also charged with attempting to defraud Lloyds in a fake jewel robbery, withdrew his plea of not guilty.

Samuel Gasn, a telegrapher at the Long Branch station of the New York and Long Branch Railroad, is charged with having framed up the robbery with the fair defendant and John Bailey, also indicted. Bailey is charged with having acted the part of the bandit who took the jewels at the point of a pistol.

Gasn's attorney, Charles E. Cook, of Asbury Park, arose and withdrew his client's plea, pleading non vult instead.

Mrs. Robertson was shocked, and sat as if frozen in her chair. Her jaw dropped and she gazed at her co-defendant.

At once her attorney, A. J. C. Stokes, leaped to his feet and withdrew her plea of not guilty and made a motion to quash the indictment, alleging Lloyds, of London, which insured the stolen jewels for $55,000, had no license or right to do business in New Jersey. Judge Rulif V. Lawrence overruled the motion.

Quick Change of Tactics

Previous to the trial Attorney Stokes had declared that he would depend on no technicalities, but when he lost the first round today through Gasn's change of plea he abruptly changed his tactics.

Prosecutor Charles F. Sexton, in outlining the case to the jury, told of Mrs. Robertson having insured her jewels, valued then at $73,500. She now values them at twice that sum.

She met Gasn, he said, having hired him to do odd jobs. Mrs. Robertson, the prosecutor said, told Gasn mortgages were due. She needed money and wanted a fake robbery arranged. She, Bailey and Gasn later, he said, arranged that Bailey should disguise himself as a burglar, go to a certain door, look in at a dinner party and if all were laughing to take that as his cue, go to the front door and ring.

Blankets, said Mr. Sexton, shrouded the doors and windows except the one Bailey was to peep through. The conspiracy was hatched in December, he said, and the "robbery" occurred February 18.

Mrs. Robertson arranged to have witnesses present, he said. A Miss Olive Robinson, a David S. Myer and Edgar Lazarus were all at dinner with her.

Bailey came in the night of the robbery, he said, pointed a gun and Mrs. Robertson screamed, backed up to a buffet, took her bag, filled with tissue paper only, and threw it to Bailey.

Then he described the hue and cry, and the statements of Mrs. Robertson that she had been robbed. That night at a card party, he quoted her as saying "I should worry, the jewels were insured."

Tells of Alleged Confession

Investigation followed, Mr. Sexton said, and Mrs. Robertson confessed and she gave to the investigators an order addressed to Mrs. Florence Pelletreau at the Belnord Apartments in New York for the jewels. In a cupboard there, he said, in tissue paper, the jewels supposed to have been stolen were found. The jewels, he said, were in his pocket. He produced for the jury a photograph of them.

First upon the witness stand was Joseph Morgan, of Roselle Park, N. J., the man who placed the insurance upon the jewels.

Mr. Morgan proved to be a most reluctant witness. He at first said he never heard of "Lloyds of London," but later amended this by saying he knew of no insurance company by that exact name.

R. G. Malthie, Morgan's partner, was next called. He admitted the premium on the policy had been paid by Mrs. Robertson and the policy had never been cancelled. Mr. Stokes drew out of the witness that the premium on the policy had not been paid within the ten days prescribed for the policy to remain in force.

Morgan was recalled and produced a statement made to him by Mrs. Robertson at her home the Sunday following the robbery.

Josiah Stratton, a notary, identified the statement by Mrs. Robertson signed by her at her Deal Beach home. The paper was a statement of claim.

Wears Gems in Court

Mrs. Robertson appeared in court clad in a Parisian gown and wearing $50,000 in jewels. The technical charge against her is conspiracy to defraud and larceny.

Mrs. Robertson, who is widow of C. C. Miller, wealthy philanthropist, and separated six years ago from her second husband, Dr. Joseph A. Robertson, was attired in the latest mode. Her titian hair was bound by a black band of tulle ending in a coquetish black bow at the left side of the head. Her gown was of deep fringe trimming. She wore black silk lace stockings and low black slippers. Her jewels consist of a $5000 diamond ring, large pear earrings, diamond horseshoe brooch, diamond lavalier with emerald pendant, and several other rings.

Ambassador Harvey Dons White 'Topper' Empire Day

London, May 25. — Ambassador George Harvey wore a white "topper" when he attended the Empire Day luncheon of Canadians yesterday, thus breaking into the sartorial class of Sam Weller, the late King Edward and Colonial Minister Winston Churchill.

The headgear is the ultra-correct one for morning and afternoon wear during the London season and is his own idea so far as Americans are concerned.

$100,000 Verdict to Widow Who Was Jilted by Bim Gump

Creditors of Mrs. Zander Hasten to Golden Barbecue as Australian Millionaire Debates on Paying Up. Appeal or Reconciliation

One Hundred Thousand Dollars!

That is the value placed upon the tender heart of a woman by a jury in Judge Richardson's Court this morning. And that makes her heart legal tender.

The verdict was the dramatic climax of the famous breach of promise suit brought by Mrs. Henrietta Zander against Benjamin B. Gump, the man who invented Australian money.

The more or less fair plaintiff was not in court when the sealed verdict was opened and read but, as the mention of the sum came from the bench, there was a veritable cyclone in the courtroom. The judge ordered the windows closed and his order was about to be obeyed when it was discovered that the cause was the combined sighs of relief from some hundred or more persons crowded in the back of the room. It later developed that these persons were creditors of the plaintiff.

There was a tense moment immediately following the announcement of the verdict. As the words fell from the judge's lips, S. Polycarp Hoovey, counsel for the defendant, was heard to sputter something.

"What was that you said?" demanded the judge, frowning down from the bench.

Mr. Hoovey stammered and seemed confused.

"Why, your honor," he explained, "I only said—that is, I remarked I regret it."

"Oh," said His Honor, still looking unconvinced, "I thought you said 'Try to get it.'"

The defendant, who sat beside his attorney, was affected visibly by the verdict but it was impossible to fathom his emotions. There was a suggestion of a tremble in the place where his chin should have been and he undoubtedly would have bitten his mustache nervously if he had had anything to bite it with.

Asked afterward whether he would put this day down as a triumph or a defeat in his diary, Mr. Gump said.

"Sir: I do not keep a diary."

"No," remarked his attorney, "that's just the trouble; you didn't keep it. You sent it back."

It is believed that this cryptic remark had some reference to one of the points in dispute during the trial.

"Mr. Gump," continued the reporter, "will you pay the verdict at once or will you appeal the case?"

"Ah," began the defendant, "If I only thought ——"

"Exactly," interrupted Mr. Hoovey. "But you didn't, so we've lost. Young man," turning to the reporter, "Mr. Gump declines to make a statement for publication."

"But," insisted the reporter, "in Mrs. Zander ——"

At the mention of the name, an expression of pain crossed the upper part of Mr. Gump's face. He muttered something that sounded like "seven

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LAST-MINUTE NEWS

SENATE MAKES MOVE TO CURTAIL DEBATE

WASHINGTON, May 25.—A movement, said to have the backing of a large number of Senators, to change the ancient Senate rules permitting unlimited debate, was initiated today at a conference of Republican Senators.

REPORT MEXICAN OFFICIAL ON WAY TO NEW YORK

EL PASO, TEX., May 25.—Reports in Juarez, across the border from here, are that Secretary de la Huerta left Mexico City Tuesday afternoon with Leon Salinas, president of the Board of the Mexican National lines, and will pass through El Paso early tomorrow on his way to New York, where he is to meet international financiers.

BELL EXPLANATION VAGUE ON CHECKS

Mentions "War Chest" Piled Up by Kephart in Statement

STATE LOST $11,000

What "Blasts" From Lewis Have Shown in Treasury

Blast No. 1—That State funds were juggled in the interest of politicians. That bank deposits and State books did not agree.

Blast No. 2—That "somebody" managed to "get" some $25,000 of State funds in check jugglery.

Blast No. 3—That delay in depositing $729,123 caused enormous loss to State.

Blast No. 4—Alleged check jugglery in bank accounts.

A State "war chest" piled up by Harmon W. Kephart when State Treasurer was mentioned today by John A. Bell, Pittsburgh banker, in explaining incident described in Auditor General Lewis' latest report on State finance jugglery.

Mr. Bell, who appeared before the United States Senate as successor to Senator Crow, stated that Kephart asked him to substitute checks of the Carnegie Trust Company for checks drawn by the treasurer of Allegheny County.

According to the report of Main & Co., made public by Mr. Lewis, Mr. Bell gave signed, but otherwise blank, checks to Kephart, then State Treasurer, apparently to keep State funds under cover.

As a result of these transactions, involving $1,223,901.16 of tax receipts, the auditing firm charge Mr. Lewis alleged that the State lost $11,000 in interest.

Mr. Bell, in his statement of explanation, was silent concerning the blank checks and insisted he thought Mr. Kephart was acting within his official authority.

Bell Issues Statement

Issued at Pittsburgh, Mr. Bell's statement follows:

"In 1918, during the war, Mr. Kephart, then State Treasurer, came to me as president of the Carnegie Trust Company, which was one of the depositories of the treasurer of Allegheny County, with reference to the manner of transferring the State collections to the State Treasury.

"He informed me that he intended to assemble about $500,000 as a war emergency fund. He asked for the substitution of bank checks for the county

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YERKES FOILS WRIT BY FREEING AUTOIST

But 'Fining Squire' Slaps Fines on Others Despite Higher Court Ruling

EXPECTED TILT ABSENT

A clash with the Delaware County courts was narrowly averted today by Justice of the Peace Yerkes, of Millbourne, through an adroit last minute move in dealing with the case of Dr. W. D. Kennedy, of Lansdowne.

Dr. Kennedy, a member of the Keystone Automobile Club, was summoned before the "fining squire" for failing to have the rear lamp on his automobile lighted.

Sixteen other motorists were also summoned before Yerkes. The stage was all set for a hot legal battle, as the judge had declared he intended to fine all who violated the automobile laws regardless of a ruling of Judge Johnson.

Upper Courts? Bah!

The judge forcibly asserted that motorists could waive a hearing and be released on bail to appear before the Court of Quarter Sessions. The judge held that a Justice of the Peace had no jurisdiction except to receive bail if a motorist chose to waive a hearing.

As Yerkes asserted he would pay no attention to this contention and go right along fining motorists there was a tense feeling when the hearing opened. The little courtroom was filled and one could hear a death's fall.

The first case called was that of Dr. Kennedy. His counsel, Joseph H. Hannum, said, "Dr. Kennedy is charged with driving without light."

"If he is guilty I'm going to fine him," snapped Yerkes.

"And if you do I'll go to Media and get a mandamus," concluded Mr. Hannum.

But right there the hearing came to a temporary halt because word was received that Joseph Sapio, the constable who arrested Dr. Kennedy, had been struck by an automobile just beyond the county line and was in the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital.

Deciding to waste no time in the

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FANNY WARD LOSES GOWNS

Actress Leaves Several Thousand Dollars' Worth in Taxi

Paris, May 25.—Fanny Ward, the movie actress, left several thousand dollars' worth of new dresses in a taxicab while she went into a shoe store yesterday, and when she came out the cab was gone.

Miss Ward had just taken the gowns from her dressmaker in anticipation of a trip to Deauville.

LLOYD GEORGE FACES CRITICS

Appears Before House of Commons and Debates Genoa Conference

POINTS OUT PEACE PACT AS BENEFICIAL RESULT

London Hears Prime Minister Will Meet Poincare Early in June

By the Associated Press

London, May 25.—Loud cheers greeted Prime Minister Lloyd George when he entered the House of Commons this afternoon for a debate on foreign policies of the Government which is likely to have an important bearing upon his political future.

The Genoa conference formed the text for the debate, with the Prime Minister ready to point to its achievements, such as the agreement for a truce and the economic results reached, and his opponents having for one thing the Russo-German treaty as the basis for criticisms of the happenings at Genoa.

Mr. Lloyd George in beginning his speech said he proposed dealing only with the business of the Genoa gathering and did not intend to discuss German relations or British relations with France, an opportunity for discussion of which would be provided next week.

War Atmosphere Remains

The Prime Minister, after reviewing the objects of the conference, said that in regard to the question whether the conference had succeeded he would simply state the facts fairly and let the members judge them fairly.

Although peace had been established in Europe it was quite clear, he said, that the war atmosphere to a certain extent remained.

As for Russia, it was hopeless for her, whatever her government, said the Prime Minister, to expect to extricate herself from the pit of squalid misery without the assistance of the other thirty nations.

There were three alternatives in dealing with the Russian situation, Mr. Lloyd George pointed out. The first was force, which had failed. No one had suggested that at Genoa. The second was to leave Russia to her fate.

Russo-German Pact Shows Peril

"But how," he asked, "could we insure Europe against the risks this policy would involve? The Russo-German agreement shows the sort of peril I mean."

Mr. Lloyd George will meet Premier Poincare of France at Boulogne or Calais, probably early in June, the Evening News today says it understands. The meeting will be for discussion of the general European political situation and questions left over from the Genoa Conference, the newspaper says.

No confirmation of the report that such a meeting has been arranged was obtainable at Downing Street today.

DR. RICHARDSON TO QUIT ST. MARY'S

Will Go to Burlington, Vt., as Rector of Church of St. Paul's

Dr. George Lynde Richardson has resigned as vicar of the Pro-Cathedral of St. Mary, at Broad and South streets. The resignation was received by Bishop Rhinelander this morning.

What effect the withdrawal of Dr. Richardson may have on the cathedral movement, in which, next to Bishop Rhinelander, he was the most conspicuous figure, cannot now be foreseen. After long years of preparation this movement at last obtained recognition from the diocesan convention when a committee was selected to confer with the Cathedral Committee.

Dr. Richardson will go to Burlington, Vt., September 1 as rector of the Church of St. Paul's. This is the largest parish in the Vermont diocese, and has about 870 communicants, an extensive department for work in the nearby university, and extensive buildings, including a chapel dedicated to All Saints.

Chosen Vicar in 1919

Dr. Richardson was chosen as vicar of the Pro-Cathedral in January, 1919, after he had served ten years as rector of the Church of St. Mary in West Philadelphia. An assistant, the Rev. Samuel Babcock Booth, formerly of St. Luke's parish, and a vestry were given to him.

No suggestion has come that Dr. Richardson's resignation in any way involves difficulties with his vestry, composed of representatives of the most prominent families in the diocese, or with the diocesan authorities.

A suit against the vicar, however, has been brought by Elijah Simms, a Negro janitor, whose place was given by police following an agitation said to have been sponsored by Dr. Richardson. The suit is still pending.

A statement is expected from the vicar, giving the reasons for his resignation.

Dr. Richardson is fifty-five years old, a native of Troy. After his ordination he served as curate in St. John's Church, Troy. From St. John's he went to St. Paul's Church at Albany and later to St. Peter's Church in Bennington, Vt., so that he is no stranger to the Vermont diocese. Just before coming to Philadelphia he was rector of the Church of the Messiah in Glens Falls, N. Y.

Countess Markievicz Guest Here

The Countess de Markievicz, first woman elected to the British Parliament, was the guest of honor today at a luncheon given by the Pennsylvania Women's Press Association at the Hotel Walton. Many women of prominence in civic affairs attended. After the luncheon the Countess will leave for Providence, where she is scheduled to speak. Her visit to this city is purely of a social nature.

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