

## COUSINS UNITED AFTER LONG SEARCH

Herman Balk, 2513 Douglas Street, Located Here by Nova Scotia Physician

### TRAIL BEGAN IN RUSSIA

After a search lasting for years and covering both American continents, Dr. Maurice Balk, a physician of Tusket, Nova Scotia, found his cousin, Herman Balk, at 2513 Douglas avenue, in this city.

The cousins had never met. They became acquainted only through family traditions. Dr. Balk's father and Herman Balk's uncle were a half-century ago left their native town in West Russia. The former went to England and the latter settled in the United States. They never heard of each other again.

Dr. Balk said he had spent a small fortune in trying to find his great uncle or one of his descendants. He ran down clues in Brazil and in various towns of the United States. Recently he heard in New York of the Balk family in Philadelphia.

Last night reunion was accomplished. Dr. Balk listened while Mr. Balk played his closest photograph records. Satisfied, Dr. Balk will shortly return to Nova Scotia to resume his practice.

### TWO FIEMEN ARE HURT IN PAINT PLANT BLAZE

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Two firemen were injured and damage amounting to several thousand dollars resulted in five fires in various sections of the city this morning.

Shortly before 4:30 o'clock Ladder-men Harry Damm and Frank Balkie, of Truck Company No. 9, Twenty-first and Market streets, were overcome by smoke while fighting a blaze in the James S. Wilson & Sons' Paint Company's four-story brick building at 2039 Arch street.

A sedan belonging to J. Feischer, 307 Queen street, caught fire when the motor backfired at Sixty-first street and Elmwood avenue at 12:30 o'clock this morning. Engine Company No. 40 extinguished the blaze.

Fire starting in a rubbish pile in the cellar of the home of Dominic Studo, 1700 North Sixty-second street, caused several hundred dollars' damage to the kitchen and rear stables.

### NEW POSTOFFICE URGED

Federal Commission Also Would Restore Tube Service in Phila.

Restoration of the pneumatic-mail tube service here, selection of a site for a new Postoffice building and improvement of the present Federal Building are among recommendations submitted to Congress by the Joint Postal Commission.

A decentralization policy advocated by the commission would contemplate as a means of eliminating "particularly bad" platform congestion at the central Postoffice use of "exceptional opportunities for rail connections at North Philadelphia, taking advantage of the strategic situation of the West Philadelphia office for local distribution, and use of the Second street station for carrier delivery purposes."

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## MARION C. BOURNE REVEALS SECRET WEDDING TO N. Y. MAN

Daughter of Late Millionaire Is Bride of R. C. Elbert—Mystery in Date of Marriage in Baltimore

Philadelphia society learned with surprise today of the marriage of Miss Marion C. Bourne, daughter of the late Commodore Frederick G. Bourne, millionaire head of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, and Robert C. Elbert, of New York. Miss Bourne is a sister of Mrs. Ralph B. Strasburger, and has been living with her at Normandy Farm, Gwynedd Valley.

According to a brief announcement yesterday by Frank L. Balk, of New York, Miss Bourne married Mr. Elbert in Baltimore. The date or exact place of the wedding could not be learned, but it is believed they went to Baltimore from this city for the ceremony.

Commodore Bourne left an estate of \$43,000,000, in which his three daughters shared.

Miss Marie Bourne, a sister of the bride, lost a \$25,000 pearl necklace while visiting at Gwynedd Valley some months ago. A housemaid, Madeline Tenenent, was found guilty of the theft of the jewel in the Montgomery County Court at Norristown and paroled in custody of a Red Cross social worker.

At least to some members of the Bourne family the wedding was as much of a surprise as it will be to their many friends in New York and Philadelphia. At the home of Mrs. Arthur K. Bourne, sister-in-law of the bride, it was said today that news of the marriage had just reached there.

In May, 1918, the engagement was announced of Miss Bourne to Alexander Benson, a son of Mrs. Edwin N. Benson, of Chestnut Hill. Mr. Benson's father was at one time president of the Union League. At the time

### THERMAL UNIT UNPOPULAR

New York City Echoes Philadelphia's Chorus of Disapproval

Opposition is developing in New York City to adoption there of the British thermal unit standard for gas in place of the candle-power standard.

Murray Halbert, president of the Board of Aldermen and one of the most outspoken opponents of the new standard, quoted Colonel George Cox, Mayor, of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER, now in England.

Colonel MacLean called last Saturday that England is rising up in wrath against the B. T. U. system and that there is a general wall that gas is cost-purchased from the executive of her father's will, who included her brother, Arthur K. Bourne, and George P. Vail, the beautiful estate of Commodore Bourne on Dark Island, in the St. Lawrence River, near Alexandria Bay.

The great castle-like house was specially beloved by Mrs. Elbert, as she had spent much time there. Following the purchase for \$250,000 she decided that she had paid too much for the property, and sought last year to set aside the sale and get her money back.

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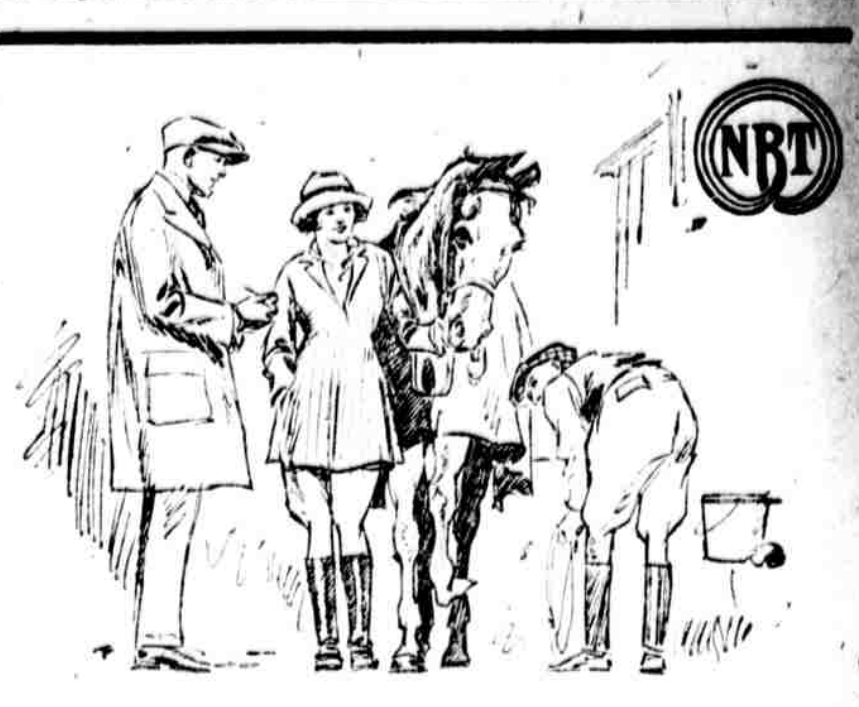
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