

'MAMA, COME HOME' IS CHILD'S PLEA

Furniture Dealer's Wife Missing With \$350 Since Trip to Bank

IS WILLING TO FORGIVE

"Mother, come home; me an' daddy want you."

This is the plea of five-year-old Charlie Benton, of 2410 Frankford avenue. His father, Charles Benton, plus him in the request and asked that the message in the child's own words be broadcast by the police.

Mrs. Benton, an attractive woman of twenty-six, left her husband's furniture store Monday to deposit \$350 in the bank. She did not reach the bank and has not been seen since.

Benton says he is convinced that there is no man in the case, as Mrs. Benton seemed to be perfectly happy at home.

"I think some one lured her away, possibly another woman, and that she spent the money and is afraid to return," he says. "But I don't care

what she has done. I will forgive her if she will come back to me and little Charlie. He is heartbroken, wore a brown coat, red hat, black shoes and carried a beaded handbag which contained the money."

OLD YORK ROAD DRIVE

\$250 Voted by Oak Lane Branch to Home Service Department

Members of the Old York road branch of the Red Cross, which includes Oak Lane, have voted to contribute \$250 to the sixth annual rollout just completed by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter. At a meeting held at the home of Mrs. Mary Asbury it was decided that the money be given specifically for the home service department.

This gift makes a total of more than \$2400 contributed by the Old York road branch to the chapter.

The amount collected for the recent membership campaign in the Old York road section and Oak Lane was \$1424.75, and the returns are as yet incomplete. Mrs. Robert Burwood and Mrs. Owen Osborne, who conducted the rollout, report that this is the largest enrollment yet secured in this locality.

UNUSUAL DILIGENCE

Always faithful to the duties of her position, a model for other stenographers, the near approach of the holiday season will give on the part of Cain O'Flaherty, follow this energetic character in the Al-Star comic section of the Sunday Public Ledger. "Make it a Habit."—Ad.

JOSEF HOFMANN GIVES A BEAUTIFUL PIANO RECITAL

Exquisite Performance of Chopin Features a Widely Diversified Program

Last evening on the stage of the Academy of Music Josef Hofmann, the second giant of the piano to give a recital the same day in the same auditorium, presented a beautiful program under the auspices of the Philadelphia Forum. As was the case in the afternoon, the Academy was filled to the doors, and

last evening there was a substantial overflow to the extent of a couple of hundred on the stage.

Mr. Hofmann's program was built around eight of the études of Chopin, which occupied the main position. These were preceded by the Variations Scrievnes of Mendelssohn, the lovely Gluck-Brahms gavotte and the march from the "Ruins of Athens" by Beethoven, transcribed by Saint-Saens, and were followed by the usual Liszt finale, this particular number being the Consolation in D flat and the much more rarely heard Spanish Rhapsody.

While this program did not give Mr. Hofmann the best opportunity to show the enormous gift with which he is endowed and the encompassing manner in

which those gifts have been cultivated, as did the program of the recital which he gave some time ago in the foyer, still it presented some formidable features. The Mendelssohn variations were performed with the vigor and the vast tonal power which Mr. Hofmann possesses to perhaps a greater degree than any pianist now on the concert platform, if not, indeed, since his great master Rubinstein himself. The gavotte and the "Ruins of Athens" made no demands either technical or interpretative upon a pianist of Mr. Hofmann's ability, but were of course beautifully played, the march being given in the manner of a pausing procession, growing constantly louder and then dying away.

There have never been such études written as those of Chopin. They may possibly have been intended as studies, of technique, but if so the emotional and harmonic elements which they possess have put the purely technical far in the background as the salient features of the compositions, although it must not be understood that they make no technical demands. In the group which Mr. Hofmann chose every possible emotional feeling was portrayed. In them Mr. Hofmann had the best opportunity of the evening to show his marvelous command of the keyboard, his gigantic tone and his interpretative facilities. The accuracy of his sense of rhythm, in which he is supreme, was

shown to the best advantage in the score he played after the first group, the A major polonaise of Chopin, and his tonal powers were shown in this, in the Revolutionary étude (C minor) and in the Liszt Rhapsody.

The harp étude (A flat) gave opportunity for his beautiful singing tone and arpeggio work, and the duet étude (C sharp minor) for the sense of part playing. The Consolation of Liszt, somewhat sentimental, was finely played, the sentiment never being allowed to descend into sentimentality.

Mr. Hofmann gave a beautiful concert and played from beginning to end in superb style. The recital was one of the best events on the Forum program for the season.

TO DISCUSS BUSINESS

Dr. D. R. Friday to Talk Before Foremen's Club Tonight

Dr. David R. Friday, president of the Michigan State Agricultural College, an authority on business and economic conditions, will speak on "Will Business Be Good in 1923?" at a meeting of the Foremen's Club in Stetson Auditorium tonight.

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