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BUY STOCKS AND BONDS

Money Supposed to Be Invested to Aid Native Country—New Trick to Rob Aliens.

At a recent meeting of the editors and business managers of a few foreign language newspapers...

Nearly all this money was obtained by men who appealed to the patriotism of the Poles and sold them bonds or stocks...

Assistant District Attorney McQuade, who has been assigned by the District Attorney to look into complaints of swindling of foreign born persons...

Mr. McQuade in the last few days has uncovered a new form of graft which appears to have been worked with a great deal of profit.

The cablegrams came from Paris, Danzig, Marseilles and Havre. They all read about as follows: "Detained here. No ships. Please cable two hundred dollars Western Union to..."

The signature to the cable would be that of the immigrant, not the name of the person to whom the money was ordered sent...

Some of the immigrants have reached this port recently. They have all reported, when questioned by the police, that they did not send the cablegrams and did not receive the money.

They say they were approached in Paris while on their way to the port, or at the port of embarkation, by men representing themselves to be agents of the steamship agents in New York...

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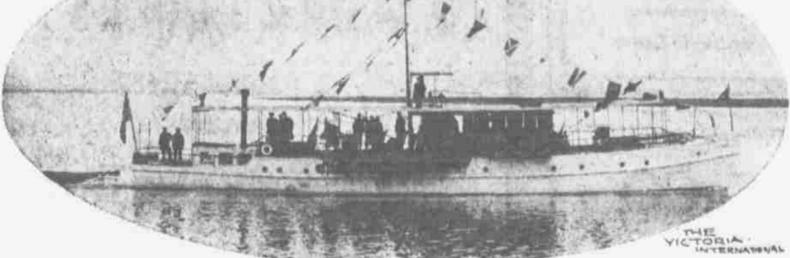
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Senator Harding and Party on Vacation Trip; Houseboat Victoria on Which They Cruise



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GOLF AND FISHING FOR HARDING TO-DAY

President-Elect Gets First Real Recreation on Florida Trip.

ROCKLEDGE, Fla., Jan. 21.—A game of golf here and possibly an hour or two of fishing late in the afternoon on the Indian River grounds to the south supplied to-day the first real recreation of President-elect Harding's houseboat trip down the Florida coast.

The boat Victoria, on which he is making his cruise, spent the night at anchor a few miles north of Rockledge. She was so far ahead of her schedule that it was said the President-elect and his party might remain overnight at a hotel here, but his companions on the Victoria thought it more likely that he would choose to sleep aboard so as to permit an early start to-morrow morning.

He is anxious to complete the southward journey to Miami while the water is good, and expects to travel a more leisurely schedule on the return trip.

MRS. HARDING COMES HERE WEDNESDAY

In Washington To-Day Preparing for Moving into the White House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Mrs. Warren G. Harding arrived here yesterday and is to-day making preparations for moving into the White House. After spending the night at the home of George B. Christian, her husband's secretary, she went to the Harding home in Wyoming Avenue and supervised the packing of boxes and trunks. On Wednesday Mrs. Harding will go to New York on a shopping trip.

Not far from the Harding home there were more signs of moving to-day. This was at No. 234 S Street, where the family of H. P. Fairbanks was getting ready to vacate in favor of President and Mrs. Wilson, who will move in March 4.

HITS MOTHER, GETS SIX MONTHS IN JAIL

Magistrate Calls Youth Out of Work "Menace to Community" in Imposing Sentence.

HARRY COHEN, twenty-four, admitted to Magistrate Folwell in the Flatbush Court, Brooklyn, to-day he had struck his mother, Mrs. Rose Cohen, a blow with his fist because she had refused to get him breakfast. She was resentful, he explained, because he had been out of work several months.

"At the place to which I am going to send you you'll get plenty of work for the next half year," commented Magistrate Folwell. "Any man who strikes his mother is a menace to the community and should be dealt with accordingly. Six months in the Workhouse."

NEW POLICE INDICTMENT.

Mr. Whitman Says It May Be Announced To-Morrow.

Former Gov. Whitman, who is conducting the Grand Jury inquiry into the city administration, did not go before the (Inquisitorial) body to-day, but said he would to-morrow, and that there would probably be another police indictment.

After Steinbrink counsel for the Board of Estimates in its investigation of city contracts to-day turned over to Gov. Whitman a lot of papers which he said contained a mass of concrete facts sufficient to warrant an investigation in one or more departments which might result in establishing criminality in connection with the departments. He refused to name the departments to which he had reference.

Thomas Bassford Dead. Thomas Bassford, retired lawyer, an authority on condemnation law, died yesterday at his home No. 20 West 74th Street. He was a graduate of the College and Columbia Law School. He spent the last five years of his life perfecting a system of subdividing houses, which, on the outbreak of the war, was offered to the Government. He is survived by his wife and son, Thomas Bassford Jr.

WORKED 2 PHONES TO TRAP THIEVES

While One Talks Over Wire Police Are Got Busy on Other Line and Trace Call.

The quick wit of Miss Gertrude Williams, a school teacher of No. 274 Hudson Boulevard, Jersey City, resulted to-day in the arrest of two youths accused of robbing her mother, Mrs. Gertrude Williams, on Jan. 8.

Mrs. Williams was crossing the Pennsylvania Railroad Bridge over Hudson Boulevard when two youths sprang at her and snatched her handbag containing \$80 in cash and \$200 in checks. Since then Miss Williams has been receiving telephone calls from two strange men who said they wanted to see her. Her business connected with some checks of yours."

When a telephone call came this morning Miss Williams notified her mother, who called the police on another telephone. While Miss Williams detained the men in conversation over the wire, the police traced the call and detectives went to a phone booth in a drug store at No. 245 Grove Street, where they arrested George McCoy, nineteen, of No. 215 Fifth Street, and Sigmund Grabowski, twenty, of No. 218 Second Street, Jersey City. According to the police Mrs. Williams identified Grabowski as one of the men who grabbed her purse.

CUT OFF IN WILL BY CATS AND AUNTS

Even Says Contest of Previous Document Endowing Feline Institutions Caused Discrimination.

John Ewen, the Yorkville attorney contesting the will of his aunt, Maria Louise Ewen, again took the witness stand to-day before surrogate Foley. He told of his earlier contest of the will of his aunt, Caroline Ewen, who had most of her large fortune for the care of cats, endowing, among other institutions, "Cats' House," a London, England. Maria Louise, whom will Ewen now contests, likewise bequeathed him of an estate of her \$200,000 estate.

The influence of his sole surviving aunt, Eliza Ewen, who lives in Riverdale, he testified, caused Maria Louise to leave him and his sisters out of her will. The reason given in the latter will for cutting off Ewen is that he had been a contest of Caroline's testament, which resulted in a compromise, giving him one-sixth of the residuary estate left to the cat societies.

Ewen testified that although he argued with Aunt Eliza three hours, he could awaken in her an sympathetic understanding.

ORDER AGAINST PICKETING.

Manufacturing Obtains Injunction Restraining Labor Union.

Morris Berger of No. 2 Madison Avenue, a manufacturer of dresses, obtained from Supreme Court Justice William P. Burr to-day an injunction restraining the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union and its officers. The order is directed against the officers and others from endeavoring to injure the business of the plaintiff by coercion to prevent plaintiff from obtaining employees from interviewing, threatening or turning away those wanting to enter plaintiff's place of business, or from gathering in groups before his business establishment.

NAVY YARD WANTS MEN.

Order to Rush Brazilian Battleship Calls for More Labor.

An order received to-day by officials of the Hull Division of the Navy Yard from Washington directed that the work on the Brazilian battleship Minas Geraes, which has been in the yard for several months undergoing repairs, should be completed by June 15. The order required an immediate call from the yard for workmen in four trades—armorers, fitters, painters and electricians. Officials also said that they could use some boiler makers.

PICTURE RIGHT POINT IN SUIT

Owner of English Translation Acts to Enjoin Photo Play.

The question whether copyright protection of English translations covers motion picture rights is involved in a motion before the Supreme Court in Kings County brought by John G. Underhill to-day.

Mr. Underhill, who claims the sole rights for English translations of the works of Jacinto Benavente, Spanish novelist and playwright, has been a producer of a motion picture version of "The Passion Flower," whose case was then argued in the department which is the ground of infringement of his rights. The defendants are Joseph Schenck and Helen Hadden. Justice Kapper reserved decision.

WHITMAN HEARS OF COP AS DIVORCE SPY

Special Prosecutor Receives Testimony of Detective Sergeant on Case Off His Beat.

Supreme Court Justice Mullon of the Bronx to-day sent ex-Gov. Charles S. Whitman, directing a grand jury examination of the Police Department, the testimony of Detective Sgt. Joseph J. O'Leary in the divorce case of William Schwenk against his wife, Emily, of No. 233 East 185th Street. O'Leary was a witness for the plaintiff.

The testimony disclosed that on Nov. 2, 1918, his brother Gustav, another man and O'Leary entered a furnished room house at No. 214 East 20th Street, and found Mrs. Schwenk there with Charles Miller of No. 401 East 54th Street. The wife testified she had been deceived there by a telephone message stating Schwenk was about to visit the place with a woman, and asked O'Leary, who also had known for several months, to accompany her for the purpose of getting evidence against her husband.

When Pettler opened the door of the room, according to the woman's testimony, a man stepped in and introduced himself as Detective Sgt. O'Leary. The 60th Street house is outside the East 54th Street precinct and O'Leary was on police duty at the time of the visit.

"The whole case," said Justice Mullon, "reeks with testimony that baffles me. There is no doubt the policeman used his shield in an irregular way and for some sort of a consideration."

YOUTH IN BELFRY GIVES A NEW NAME

Now Says He Is Harry Mayer, and That Father Lives in Sheffield, N. J.

The man who spent a week in the chilly belfry of the 18th Street Methodist Episcopal Church and greedily devoured soup on his release at the morning service yesterday, gave a new account of himself to-day.

He says now that he is Harry Mayer, and that he came here from Sheffield, N. J., where his father is superintendent of the Central Leather Works. He said he was a graduate from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and had worked for the Warner Chemical Company. He lived for a time, he said, at the Y. M. C. A. in West 23d Street and later with Dr. Herbert L. Gray of No. 288 West 22d Street.

He said he went to the church a week ago and found himself locked in the belfry. Dr. B. W. Saba of Bellevue, where the man was taken for treatment, said an examination disproved the story that he had been without food for a week.

WIFE GOES BACK TO MOTHER.

Supreme Court Justice Morone in White Plains to-day granted Dr. Calvin S. Harrison of Manhasset an interlocutory decree of separation from Bernice Harrison. Mrs. Harrison, according to her attorneys, had moved to her mother's home a few months after her marriage because she found life there so agreeable that she had never after thirty years with her mother.

It is rather unusual for a woman of that age not to be able to adjust herself in new surroundings," commented Justice Morone.

MOVING STAIRWAY INVENTOR, GOING BLIND, KILLS SELF

Max E. Smith, Who Aided in Designing Eads Bridge, Shoots Himself Twice.

Max Eberhardt Smith, a distinguished civil engineer and inventor, killed himself this morning in his home at No. 10 East 58th Street by firing a revolver bullet through his breast and another into his brain. He died almost instantly.

His wife, Mrs. Mary Smith, said the only reason she could advance for his suicide was his failing eyesight, which had worried him greatly of late. Although he was seventy-two years old, Mrs. Smith said he was in the best of health and did not look within fifteen years of his age.

Mrs. Smith was awaiting her husband at the breakfast table when he heard the two shots in his bedroom. She ran in and found him lying, partly dressed, on the bed, the revolver in his hand.

The dead man left two notes, one for his wife, the other for his son, George P. Smith of Morristown. These included his will and instructions for the disposal of certain effects. The letter to Mrs. Smith asked that his suicide be kept secret, that word be given out he had died as the result of an automobile accident.

Mr. Smith, who was President and chief engineer of the Continuous Transit Security Company, No. 351 West 53d Street, was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He aided Capt. Eads in the design and construction of the celebrated Eads Bridge over the Mississippi at St. Louis, and also in the Eads Jetty in the Mississippi below New Orleans. He was the inventor of the escalator or moving staircase used in stores and in subway and elevated railroad stations and he also built a moving sidewalk at the Chicago world's fair.

Max Eberhardt Smith, who had been a citizen of this country for more than fifty years.

DROWNED TRYING TO SAVE BROTHER

Jersey Youths Fall Into Pond When Ice on Which They Are Playing Breaks.

MATAWAN, N. J., Jan. 24.—Michael Meach, aged eleven, was drowned in a pond near here yesterday while playing on the ice with his brother, Steven, aged fifteen. Steven fell into the water when the ice broke under him. Michael went to his assistance and the ice broke and he went in also. John Hayes of Matawan and a railroad tower man went to their rescue.

Hayes tied a rope around his waist, while the towerman held the end of the rope. Hayes pulled Steven and got him to safety. Michael had disappeared and efforts to reach him were not successful. His body was recovered later.

SPUDS BLAZE A TRAIL.

Detectives Followed and Got Thief Who Made Confession.

A trail of potatoes dropping one by one from a van was followed by Detective David N. Brunswick, N. J., when he arrested Emanuel Hall, of Metuchen, in connection with a series of housebreakings. He says Hall confessed to-day.

Twenty bushels of potatoes and about \$150 worth of furniture were taken recently from the Metuchen home of housewife Hiram A. Stevie of the Kings County Supreme Court. Through the potatoes the van was traced to a barn in Plainfield, which was searched and there was found a sack of spuds. The police said he had failed to turn the gas off properly, and reported his death as accidental.

PUSSYFOOT POINTS THE WAY.

Says if America Makes Good All World Will Go Dry.

W. E. C. "Pussyfoot" Johnson at the Union 3rd Street meeting in the Methodist Collegiate Church to-day showed how America can lead in Prohibition.

"If America fails civilization at this supreme moment," he said, "the cause of Prohibition throughout the world is lost for a hundred years. If America makes good and enforces the law everywhere, the whole world will follow in her footsteps."

A short time ago the Prime Minister of England said that if it were possible to make good with Prohibition law that England herself would be dry within ten years. Does that mean anything to you?"

EX-DETECTIVE ON TRIAL.

Plant, Who Figured in Noted Cases, Accused of Three Crimes.

Selection of a jury for the trial of Carman Plant, former County Detective, was started before Justice Lasker in the Supreme Court, Mineola, L. I., to-day. He is accused of conspiracy, criminally receiving, stolen property and failure to perform duty.

None of the details on which the trial was based have been made public. Plant was active in a number of important murder cases in Nassau County which included the Wilkes and Letoury cases.

Admits Maintaining Fire Hazard, James A. Conaghan, Lessee of the building at No. 165 West 154th Street, pleaded guilty before Magistrate Cobb to-day on a charge of maintaining a fire hazard by keeping a stove in the place. He was convicted Dec. 22 of keeping a stove in a place in violation of the building law and was fined \$20. Conaghan promised to get the stove out by Feb. 1, and sentence was deferred.

Mary Garden on Job Here In New Role as Impresario; Asks End of Opera Rivalry



MARY GARDEN (left) AT HER DESK AS MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE CHICAGO OPERA COMPANY, DISCUSSING PLANS WITH CYRENA VAN GORDON, ONE OF HER STARS

Pays Tribute to Oscar Hammerstein—Her Company Opens Six Weeks' Season To-Night With "Norma."

Tendering the olive branch of peace to her rivals at the Metropolitan, Mary Garden has arrived to direct six weeks of opera by the Chicago Opera Association at the Manhattan Opera House when the Chicago company opens its six-week season to-night with "Norma."

While Miss Garden does not appear as soprano until to-morrow night in "Monna Vanna," it is not at all improbable that she may have ready a speech if the demands are insistent enough. There is no telling what an impresario will do for this will be New York's first opportunity of greeting one, and their ways are an unknown quantity.

In conversing with reporters she showed herself to be a real impresario, answering readily all questions, and jumping from information about a singer or next week's repertoire to minute details about the organization of the company. She said that she finds the work of managing director very interesting and that the results of the new order are already apparent in Chicago both by the popular enthusiasm evoked and by the number of subscriptions that are coming in.

As managing director of the company who said that she did not expect to have much active work this season as the repertoire and most of the details of the management had been worked out for the year before she assumed charge. Next year, however, she expects "my company to reflect my own personality."

Speaking about the repertoire this season, she said: "I am sorry we can't give 'Pellaea and Melisande,' but there is no Polka in my company. There will be no performance of 'Pellaea,' as promised, and there will be no German opera. In fact, we won't give German opera until it is again the usual thing to give it in German."

She said she would attend the opera to-night as manager and spectator, but added that she "hopes a certain speech will not be called for because she couldn't make one."

Man Dies From Gas. Korsten Hagen, thirty-five, employed in a Manhattan restaurant at No. 59 West 54th Street, was found dead from gas in his furnished room at No. 51 Second Place, Brooklyn, early to-day. The police said he had failed to turn the gas off properly, and reported his death as accidental.

2 CRASHES HURT 12; TRUCK BUMPS CAR, JITNEY OVERTURNS

Three Injured in Brooklyn When Milk Wagon Collides With Fulton Street Trolley.

Three persons were injured early to-day in a collision between a Fulton Street trolley car and a motor truck milk wagon at Gates Avenue, and Fulton Street, Brooklyn.

The injured, Matthew L. Canavan, thirty-one years old, No. 211 Lexington Avenue, at Brooklyn Hospital with a broken left leg.

John Swain, twenty-one years old, No. 397 Herkimer Street, cuts and bruises.

Miss Frances Williams, twenty years old, No. 171 Fulton Street, contusions of right hip.

The truck of the Delaney Milk Company, No. 64 Hergen Street, operated by Edward Myers, of No. 111 Linden Street, was, it is said, proceeding down Fort Greene Place at a fast clip and crashed into the trolley car. The impact threw passengers in the car from their seats. The motorist, Jesse Stewart, was not injured.

Windows in the car were broken but no one was cut with glass. There was no panic.

Myers, driver of the truck, was arrested, charged with reckless driving.

Nine passengers in a jitney bus were injured last night when the driver, in trying to avoid running over a fallen "live" wire lying on the street, turned his machine too sharply and ran into a telephone pole at Pacific Avenue and Ash Street, Jersey City. The driver and passengers were thrown into the street when the machine overturned.

HOLD-UP MEN USE PEPPER ON VICTIM. Broker's Clerk Ripped and Robbed by Highwaymen on Staten Island. Pepper thrown in his eyes by one of two hold-up men temporarily blinded William J. Hillman, clerk in a Manhattan broker's office, as he was leaving his home, No. 130 Ocean Avenue, Ardenholme, Staten Island, early to-day, and he was robbed of \$50 and his watch and chain.

Hillman was returning from a visit to Brooklyn when one of two shabby dressed men asked him for a man's eye. The pepper, thrown while he was musing with the request, injured his eyes, but his physician said he would not lose his sight.

NINTH DISTRICT TURNOUT.

Williams Association to Hold Annual Reception To-Night. Friends of former Alderman Thomas A. Williams, recently named deputy to County Clerk Schneider, will be out in force to-night when the Williams Association, Democratic organization of the Ninth District, holds its annual reception at Palm Garden in East 53d Street.

Charles F. Murphy, former Gov. Smith, Mayor Hyman and practically all the other city officials are expected to attend. The committee, headed by Mr. Williams and Mrs. Pauline Garland, woman Democratic leader of the district, is preparing for a record crowd. Mayor Vanderveer will take part in the entertainment preceding the dancing.

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