THE WEATHER
Fair tonight and Sunday; cooler tonight; fresh northerly winds.

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HARDINGS CHEERED AT PICNIC LUNCH ON VALLEY FORGE TRIP

President's Party, En Route by Auto, Stops at Inn Near Perryville, Md.

TO BE WEEK-END GUESTS AT SENATOR KNOX'S HOME

President Harding and his wife, who are speeding to Valley Forge to spend the week-end at Senator Knox's home, enjoyed a quiet little basket luncheon on the porch of a country inn at Conewingo, Md., at noon today.

The luncheon over, Mr. and Mrs. Harding stepped down from the porch for a brief stroll along the banks of the Susquehanna. With them was Senator Knox. At 12:45 o'clock the party reentered their big cars, and resumed their journey. They are expected at Valley Forge about 4 o'clock.

The people of Conewingo, which is not far from Perryville, gathered around and cheered when the cars rolled up with the President's party, and came to a stop before the little building which bears the name "Tow Path Inn."

The Hardings' arrival had been heralded by the appearance in the "pilot car" of the President's secretary, George B. Christian.

This car contained several baskets of luncheon, packed by Mrs. Harding's own hand, with all the regular surprises that womenfolk prepare for such occasions. Mr. Christian made arrangements for coffee and a few minutes afterward the White House car arrived with the rest of the party. Close behind came a car with secret service operatives and newspapermen.

President and Mrs. Harding left the White House at 8:30 o'clock this morning, stopped at the residence of Senator Philander C. Knox, picked up Senator Knox, picked up the Senator and Mrs. Knox and started on their trip to pass the week-end at Valley Forge.

The other members of the auto party are Brigadier General Charles H. Sawyer, the President's personal physician; his secretary, and Warren S. Martin, Senator Knox's private secretary. The visit is entirely informal.

Although the visit to the Knox home was planned primarily to give the President and Mrs. Harding a rest, it became known today that there will be a conference between the President and Senator Penrose tomorrow. It was announced at the senior Senator's Spruce street home that Mr. Penrose will motor out to Valley Forge for luncheon at 1 o'clock.

May Address Children

Details are being arranged by the school authorities to have the 1200 school children who are picnicking at Valley Forge Park get a glimpse of the President. The children will be assembled along the road close to the Knox home, and when the President's auto passes by it is probable that he will stop long enough to say a few words to them.

The Rev. W. Herbert Burk, pastor of the Valley Forge Memorial Chapel, has arranged for a special service in the chapel at 10:45 tomorrow morning. It is expected that President and Mrs. Harding will attend. After the service the President will be asked to say a few words from the open-air pulpit outside the church.

At that time it is the plan of the Valley Forge Historical Society to make him an honorary patron of the organization and present him with the insignia of the order. President Harding is the second President to visit Valley Forge. The other one was Theodore Roosevelt, who came to lay the cornerstone of the Valley Forge Memorial Chapel and attend the wedding of Senator Knox's daughter, Rebecca, to James R. Tindle, in 1903.

Go Through Rising Sun

The first Pennsylvania town to be passed through by the motor party was Avondale, in Chester County, and from thence through historic Kennett Square, the birthplace of Bayard Taylor, the famous writer and diplomat; to West Chester, the county seat of Chester County, and from that point to Valley Forge, passing through Paoli.

Depending entirely upon circumstances, one of four nearby golf courses will be afforded the opportunity of entertaining the President this afternoon. It is planned for Mr. Harding, Senator Knox, Mr. Christian and Mr. Martin to make up a foursome in the ancient game and to play at least two rounds.

Just which club will be selected has not yet been decided upon. The four nearby clubs include St. Davids, Tredyffrin, Gulf Mills and Phoenixville.

At dinner tonight the Knox house guests will be augmented by Mr. and Mrs. James R. Tindle, of Valley Forge. Mrs. Tindle is the Senator's daughter. Outside of this couple it is not planned to entertain any other guests during the President's visit.

The evening will be spent at the Knox home and the Senator has planned a private showing of a new motion picture film for entertainment. This new

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FIRE DAMAGES STORE

Firemen Battle Shoe Company Flames Two Hours

Fire damaged the store and stock of the Roseman & Leveson Shoe Co., 44 North Eighth street, early this morning.

The flames were discovered shortly after midnight in the second-floor rear. They spread rapidly through the second floor and communicated to the third floor by way of the elevator shaft. The fire did not reach the first floor, but the shoe stock there was severely damaged by water.

Firemen battled the flames for two hours before they were extinguished. Members of the firm said today they could not estimate the amount of damage, but that it would be heavy.

COOL WEATHER IN STORE

Should Be Followed Next Week by Normal Temperature

Washington, June 4.—(By A. P.)—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday are:

Atlantic and East Gulf States—Cool first half, normal temperature thereafter; generally fair.

Ohio Valley and Tennessee—Region of Great Lakes cool and fair first part, normal temperature and local showers thereafter.

Miss Robertson Admits Congress "Fusses" Her

Declares on Visit Here She Feels That Eyes Are Burning in Her Back—Opposes Woman in Cabinet

Miss Alice Robertson, of Oklahoma, the white-haired, kindly faced woman who is the only member of her sex in Congress, is opposed to the suggestion of a woman member for the President's Cabinet.

The suggestion has been made in connection with the move for a new Department of Public Welfare in the Federal Government, headed by a secretary with Cabinet rank.

"I do not approve of it," Miss Robertson said. She was seen at the Cowle School, Oak Lane. She came from Washington last night to be present at an Elmira College alumni luncheon at the school.

Women Not Yet Fully Prepared

"We are too new," she continued, still discussing the suggestion of a woman cabinet officer. "Although service to the party is service to the country, too, yet women are not yet fully prepared for the higher offices of the Government.

"There are women in large industrial plants who would do," she conceded, "but they are not available. To do a man's work, a real man's work, one must press on and on and on.

"Men and women were made for different things," she continued, branching off to expound her beliefs that have become generally known since her election to the House of Representatives. "A woman must remember she is a finer being. The greatest things in the world for a woman is home, husband and babies."

Miss Robertson added that money is good only for what can be bought with it and that clothes wear out and jewels may be lost, but that the finer things of life are beyond a money value.

Vote Will Not Unsex Women

The vote will not unsex women, she continued in stating her belief that gradually women will go back to the "normal, old-fashioned" life in the realization that the ballot, while a definite gain, is not of overwhelming importance.

Miss Robertson had a confession to make, also. She admitted that she is still "fussed" in the House, where the entire membership is masculine, herself excepted. She said at roll-calls she feels as though hundreds of eyes were burning into her back.

The Congressmen may relax and stretch their feet under their desks and no one notices, she said. But if she relaxes in that manner she feels as though everybody on the floor was looking at her.

Curious About Cafe

Miss Robertson said she is curious about the Senate cafe de luxe which the members of the upper chamber have established. And she had a little tale to tell about the way Senate employes forget all else in serving their Senatorial masters.

On one occasion, she said, she was riding in a Senate elevator. She was carried up and down five times before she could get out because at every attempt a peremptory ring for service would be given by some solon and the operator would speed to the waiting Senator.

BABY BORN WHILE POLICE RAID HOME

Stork Brings Boy to Alleged Proprietor of Liquor Establishment

TO CHRISTEN HIM "MASH"

While police were conducting a raid at 644 North Seventh street early today a baby was born there.

Frank Bush, the baby's father; Max, his uncle, and Louis, his grandfather, were arrested as the alleged proprietors of an illicit liquor establishment and will be given a hearing later in the day at the Federal Building before United States Commissioner Manley.

Lieutenant Walsh and District Detectives McCormick, McCarthy and Forgey, of the Tenth and Buttonwood streets station, were on their way home today when they were attracted by cries coming from the house.

Believing that a murder was really being committed the police surrounded the house. The lieutenant made his way through the rear of the house. Upon reaching the third floor the police say they detected the father and his two sons making moonshine liquor.

Two stills, one of ten gallons capacity and the other of thirty gallons, were confiscated together with seven barrels of illicit raisin mash, twenty-two gallons of "moonshine" and other apparatus used in the making of the liquor.

A limousine and a touring car standing in front of the house were likewise confiscated.

While the raid was being executed, the baby was born. When the happy father was informed it was a boy he told the detectives, they said, that he would call him Mash instead of Morris, a name previously selected should the stork bring him a boy.

GIRL'S CRIES MAY EXPOSE THEFT OF EXPENSIVE AUTO

Police Stop Car on Broad Street When Young Woman Screams

The screams of a young woman in a touring car speeding up Broad street shortly after midnight caused three patrolmen to halt the machine with revolvers.

Elizabeth Wilson, twenty-two years old, of Fifty-second and Chestnut streets, a well-dressed, attractive young woman, said she had accepted an invitation to ride in the car, but that the men began treating her roughly.

The young woman said she was eating lunch in a place at Twelfth and Filbert streets about midnight when the men entered and sat at the same table. They suggested a ride, she said.

The men later told police they were Louis Brown and Joseph Braskin, of New York City, and John Pekin, Wallace street near Eleventh. Patrolmen Mears, De Forrest and Kister, of the Tenth and Buttonwood streets station, who heard the girl's cries, halted the machine at Broad and Olive streets, above Fairmount avenue.

Police say the expensive touring car the men had was stolen. The police allege the license tags were fakes and that the real tags were concealed in the tonneau. The men were held on suspicion of having stolen the auto.

Get That Free Bike and Go Picking Wild Flowers

Do you like wild flowers as table decorations, girls?

No doubt your mother does and would thank you for bringing some to her. All around Philadelphia are flowers abloom just waiting to be picked.

You can ride out to the daisy fields or to the wild ramblers and Johnny-jump-ups on one of the Black Beauty bicycles the PUBLIC LEDGER offers boys and girls for thirty-five subscriptions.

Fine recreation, health-promoting, educational.

The contest is now under way and continues until September 15.

EX-GRIDIRON STAR THRASHES ROWDIES

Lou Siegel, Former Penn Charter Tackle, Attacked by Two Men After Leaving Trolley

ONE HELD, OTHER FLEES

Lou Siegel, a former tackle on the Penn Charter football team and an all-round athlete, suppressed two rowdies who indulged, it is said, in vile language on an Eighth street car last night and then thrashed both of them when they followed him from the car.

One of the men, who gave his name as Robert Vogt, Eleventh street and Montgomery avenue, was arrested and held in bail. The other man escaped.

The men boarded the car at Columbia avenue and almost immediately began to address each other in vile language. Siegel, an athletic youth of quiet demeanor, suggested to the noisy passengers that it would be well to suppress their remarks. He reminded them that many women were on the car.

The men sneered at him and told him to keep his seat.

But there was something in the attitude of Siegel that convinced them that he meant business. The two boisterous passengers remained quiet after his warning. Siegel left the car at Allegheny avenue and the men followed him.

When convinced that no one would interfere, they attacked Siegel. He fought them both and was having much the better of the battle when Patrolman Roseberger arrived. He arrested Vogt and Siegel, the other man fled.

Siegel was immediately released at the Germantown avenue and Lycoming street station house.

Magistrate Price held Vogt in $300 bail to keep the peace and warmly commended Siegel for his gallantry. "It is men of your type," said the Magistrate, "that we should have on the cars and then women passengers would not be compelled to encounter rowdyism." The Magistrate recommended Siegel for a position to an official of the P. R. T. who was present.

AUTOS MAY HAVE STILLS

Product, However, Will Not Violate Volstead Act

Boston, June 4.—(By A. P.)—A prediction that automobiles within a few years will carry individual stills to produce fuel for their operation was made last night by Thomas A. Edison, Jr.

Discussing carburetion at the graduation exercises of the Knights of Columbus Automobile School, Mr. Edison said he had been seeking a substitute for gasoline for ten years. The problem would be solved, he said, by the manufacture of individual distilleries to be attached to cars, the stills to be operated by the heat and motion of the motor, and to produce from petroleum and other ingredients a combustible mixture supplied as constantly as current is generated by electric cars while in motion.

A car of average power, in his opinion, could be equipped to produce sufficient fuel to run itself and enough by-products to pay for its maintenance.

ARRESTS WHOLE FAMILY

Patrolman Says They Interfered With Shipyard Workers

Three members of one family were arrested today charged with interfering with workers on the way to Cramp's shipyard. They were taken to City Hall where they gave their names as Bridget, Anna and Patrick McGovern, Cedar and Ann streets.

Patrolman Buffington, who arrested the McGoverns, said Mrs. McGovern made uncomplimentary remarks regarding the men working at the shipyard and that he actions had a tendency to cause toub'e. Whe he arrested the women he said other members of the family interfered.

Patrick McGovern was held in $500 bail by Magistrate Renshaw to keep the peace. Mrs. McGovern was fined $12.50 and Anna McGovern was discharged.

Immigrant Schooner Grounded

Vineyard Haven, Mass., June 4.—(By A. P.)—The packet schooner William H. Draper, with ninety immigrants aboard, bound from Brava for New Bedford, went aground in a fog today at the western entrance to Vineyard Sound.

NEWHALL VERGES ON INSANITY AFTER ADMITTING MURDER

Slayer of Josie Howard Has Species of "Shell Shock," Physicians Say

MAY ESCAPE DEATH TRIAL; IS HELD WITHOUT BAIL

Lester Newhall, confessed slayer of Josephine Howard, was held without bail by Magistrate Renshaw today at Central Police Station, for a further hearing June 24.

He is suffering from a species of "shell-shock," according to Police Surgeon John Egan, and is in so serious a mental state that he will have to go to the hospital for at least ten days before he will be recovered sufficiently to write the confession he made verbally last night to detectives.

There is a possibility that the youth may never come to trial. He is said to be just on the verge of insanity at present, and is not in a mental state to consult an attorney or understand perfectly what is going on about him.

Unless he improves under treatment, it is likely the District Attorney's office will have him examined by alienists, and take steps according to their findings.

Gave in Under Grilling

Newhall confessed to having shot "Josie," as he calls the murdered girl, at Eighteenth and Cherry streets, of last week. The girl, a telephone operator, lived with her mother at 408 North Eighteenth street, and was returning from a dance with James Sullivan, a University of Pennsylvania student, when she was fired on by Newhall, who shot twice and then fled, when he saw the girl fall.

The case took a sudden and extraordinary turn today when Dr. Egan discovered Newhall's precarious mental condition.

Captain of Detectives Souder had planned to wait until Monday before arraigning the youth before a magistrate. The prisoner, after making his verbal confession last night, had promised to reduce it to writing today.

Newhall's manner was so strange, his gaze so blank and vacant, that Captain Souder determined to have the youth examined. Accordingly he was taken into Captain Souder's office and Dr. Egan went over him thoroughly.

What he found led to the immediate hearing, so that he could be sent to the hospital at Moyamensing Prison.

The hearing was perfunctory. Newhall did not seem to realize what was happening. It was necessary to steer him into the court, as he was too dazed to know where to go. He stood in front of the Magistrate's desk twirling his cap in his hand and gazing into vacancy.

"What is your name?" asked the clerk.

Answers Questions Vaguely

Newhall simply stared at him. The clerk repeated the question again in a bellow. Newhall smiled faintly as the idea struck on his consciousness, and said, "Oh, my name's Lester Newhall."

The same thing was true of the address. He didn't seem to get the idea at first, but answered readily enough when he understood.

Detective William Belshaw, head of the murder squad, then stepped up and said: "We charge this man with the murder of Josephine Howard, and ask he be held without bail for a further hearing."

"Very well," said the magistrate, "the hearing will be June 24."

Newhall was led out of the room. He had been there only a few minutes, and apparently hadn't the faintest idea what had happened. He was taken back to Captain Souder's office.

His sisters, Mrs. Hazel Grissin and Mrs. Florence Berryman, were waiting

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MASKED MEN BOARD U. S. SHIP AND ATTACK CREW

Badly Injure Eight on Mitchell at Old Point Comfort

Old Point Comfort, Va., June 4.—(By A. P.)—A party of masked men boarded the Shipping Board steamer Mitchell in Hampton Roads today and attacked the crew, badly injuring eight and slightly injuring several others.

A naval detachment answered the Mitchell's call for help, but before the bluejackets arrived the attackers escaped.

Chief Officer Henry Leon Dodge, of the steamship, said the raiders announced that they were strikers and proposed to "drive everybody from American ships." The raiders, numbering thirty, came alongside the ship in a large power boat. Scrambling over the side, they overpowered the watchman and attacked the crew. They warned Dodge that they would be back later to "get" the chief engineer.

WITHDRAW YAP GARRISON

Japan Leaves South Pacific Islands to Police Guard

Tokio, June 3.—(By A. P.)—The Minister of the Navy, it was officially announced today, has ordered the withdrawal of the naval garrisons from the islands in the South Pacific, including the Island of Yap, leaving the protection of the islands, including the wireless installation in Yap, to the police force attached to the civil administration.

Several destroyers, it is added, will remain in the waters as guard ships.

The action of the Japanese naval authorities announced in the foregoing was forecast in the Tokio press on May 1. The navy, the newspapers then stated, was preparing to withdraw the principal garrisons of the Pacific islands held by Japan under mandate and to place these islands in control of the Colonial Bureau.

SILK ROBBERS SUCCEED

Get $6400 in Goods From Store at 11 North Ninth Street

Thieves entered the factory of the Simkin Manufacturing Co., on the third floor of a building at 11 North Ninth street, early today and obtained loot valued at $6400.

The robbers forced a door and took large quantities of expensive silks.

Dancing Tonight, PALM GARDEN, 39th and Market sts. Schwartz's Orchestra. 15 pieces. Vacation Contest.—Adv.

Engaged to Wed

MISS MARY LEMMERHIRT

Mr. and Mrs. A. Lemmerhirt, 2525 South Colorado street, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mary Lemmerhirt, to James V. Hazlett, son of Recorder of Deeds James M. Hazlett and Mrs. Hazlett, 1813 South Broad street

MRS. JOHN A. RIGG ESCAPES HOLD-UP

Chauffeur Frustrates Attempt to Rob Wife of Traction Magnate and Guests in Auto

SUSPECT IS ARRESTED

Mrs. John A. Rigg, wife of a Philadelphia street railway magnate, her woman companion and two guests escaped from a highwayman as they were proceeding in an automobile from the Rigg country estate to Reading, twelve miles distant, at noon yesterday.

The highwayman's attempt to rob the party was frustrated by the cool wit of Frank Beaver, of Reading, who was driving the automobile.

Instead of halting the car when the armed bandit sprang out in front of the party on the Morgantown road, Beaver accelerated the engine, and the machine leaped forward so rapidly that the robber had to jump for his life.

Mrs. Rigg, who is sixty-six years old, was completely unnerved by the attempted hold-up, and is today confined to bed under the care of her physician.

Her companions, Miss Lena Kurtz and Mrs. Selena Spears, both of this city, are none the worse for their experience.

Miss Kurtz went to the police when the party reached Reading and declared she had recognized the hold-up man as Victor Hicks, thirty-five years old, a farmer who lives near Joanna, some distance from Reading.

When the police arrested Hicks, they found a revolver and a bag containing several hundred dollars in his possession.

Mr. Rigg, who is in this city, was not apprised of the attempted hold-up until this morning.

He and his wife live at the Longacre during the winter months. She had been at their summer home near Reading for some time. They also have a residence in Reading.

PARENTS AWAIT BODY OF HERO LISTED AS SLACKER

Lieutenant, Educated Here, Was Killed Leading Men in France

Reading, Pa., June 4.—While awaiting the return of their son's body from France, where he was killed leading his men over the top, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Davis, of this city, were informed he had been placed on the slacker list by the First Draft District of Harrisburg.

The son, Lieutenant Robert A. Davis, was born in Reading, attended the local high school and graduated from Peirce Business College, Philadelphia, after which he was employed at the Fourth Street National Bank, Philadelphia. For more than two years he was Harrisburg representative for investment bankers.

He applied for admission to Fort Niagara Training School on April 30, 1917. For the first Liberty loan in June, 1917, he served as campaign director of the Middletown, Pa., district. In July, 1917, he enlisted at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., where he was commissioned. Later he became an instructor of recruits. Before going overseas he was promoted to the headquarters company.

NEWS TO PENROSE

Knows Nothing of Voters' League, He Says

Senator Penrose, who is passing a few days at his home, 1331 Spruce street, after six months' absence in Washington, said today he "knows nothing about the Voters' League" being formed here for the fall campaign.

Various independent bodies, including women's organizations, are merging in the new league so that co-ordinated efforts can be made at the primaries and at the November election.

W. Harry Baker, secretary of the Republican State Committee, and Harmon S. Kephart, former State Treasurer, called on the Senator today. This afternoon Mr. Penrose went out to call on a few friends and to do some shopping.

"LUKE McLUKE" DEAD

Cincinnati Humorist Victim of Appendicitis Operation

Cincinnati, O., June 4.—(By A. P.)—James S. Hastings (Luke McLuke), widely known as a newspaperman and humorist, died at midnight at a Cincinnati hospital. He was fifty-three years of age.

Mr. Hastings was operated upon last Saturday for appendicitis, and his condition was considered favorable until yesterday when he suffered a relapse.

Mr. Hastings had been on the staff of the Cincinnati Enquirer for twenty years.

He is survived by a widow and four children.

COLORADO TOWNS SWEPT BY FLOODS; MILLIONS DAMAGE

Report That Hundreds Lost Lives in Pueblo Region Unconfirmed

LIGHTNING STARTS FIRES; WATERS NOW RECEDING

By the Associated Press

Denver, June 4.—The flood which inundated parts of Pueblo, Col., last night when the Arkansas River went on a rampage, due to heavy rains, was receding today, according to word received here. Damage estimated at millions of dollars was done by heavy rains and floods in Eastern and Central Colorado.

The first information that there had been loss of life at Pueblo was received today. One report from railroad sources said there had been "considerable loss of life and property," while a telegram to the Denver Times contained a statement that "hundreds of lives have been lost." The Times announced it could not verify the report.

The dispatch to the Times said the deaths occurred in the Grove district, populated mainly by foreigners. Residents of the quarter had been warned that the flood was coming, but did not leave their small frame and adobe houses in time to avoid the onrushing waters, the dispatch said.

Skeptical of Big Death Toll

Newspapermen in Denver, who were familiar with the location of the district, were skeptical about such a heavy loss of life. They pointed out that there are many high hills near the quarter on which people might take refuge.

Pueblo is without electric light, power and water pressure, according to reports that reached the Denver office of the Western Union Telegraph Co. Other reports said fires started by lightning were burning in various parts of the city, and that due to the lack of water pressure the fires could not be extinguished.

Early today rain was reported to be falling steadily throughout Eastern Colorado. According to a message received at the offices of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad Co. here from its operator at Larkspur, water in the Union Station at Pueblo, which stood at nine feet six inches at 10 o'clock last night had receded to three feet six inches at 4 o'clock this morning.

The message said parts of Pueblo were piled with driftwood and derailed railroad equipment and that the downtown quarter was covered with two feet of mud.

Terrible Havoc Wrought

The first train to reach Denver from Pueblo today arrived at 8 A. M., nearly twelve hours late. It left Pueblo just as the flood waters were beginning to overflow levees and was held up at Colorado Springs. Passengers described the flood as the worst they had ever witnessed.

From all over that part of Colorado lying east of the Rocky Mountains, but with the heaviest damage and probable loss of life reported from Pueblo, where

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You'll Sleep Less but Some Faster Tonight

When you go to bed tonight, set all your watches and clocks ahead just one hour.

If you are in the habit of getting up at a set time and stick to that time, you'll lose one hour of sleep; otherwise, when you wake up tomorrow morning, you'll never know there hes been a change in time unless

You are a commuter.

You work in the Weather Bureau or the Postoffice.

If you are the former, you'll find local trains running one hour ahead of their former schedules, which makes it the same time according to your watch.

If you work in the Weather Bureau you can get to work an hour later, because they have Eastern Standard Time. If you are a Postoffice employe, you'll be told that all mail leaves the office one hour earlier than usual.

CARROLL ROBERTSON TO BE ARRESTED FOR "SPANKING"

Chastisement of Boy Months Ago Causes Warrant to Be Issued

Carroll Robertson, 330 South Twenty-first street, will be surrendered to the Detective Bureau Monday by his attorney, John Kent Kane, on a fugitive warrant from New Jersey. He is accused of assault and battery on a boy, according to the police.

The police say that Mr. Robinson, while motoring through Haddon Heights on December 31, jumped out of his machine and attacked one of a group of children after a missile had cracked the windshield of his car.

The injured boy is Henry Boone, Jr., of Haddon Heights, and the boy's father swore the warrant out before a Camden County Justice of the Peace. The warrant alleges that Mr. Robertson choked, beat and kicked the boy.

Mr. Robertson is known socially. His wife was Miss Marion Shipley.

Mr. Robertson declared this afternoon that the charge was ridiculous, and savored of "blackmail."

"I spanked the boy in front of his mother," the banker said, "after he had thrown a heavy pencil through the windshield of an automobile in which I was driving a party of friends to the Pine Valley Country Club.

"That was on December 23, and I never heard anything more of the incident until a few days ago. I have placed the case in the hands of an attorney, and will fight this obvious attempt to mulct me for giving that boy precisely what he deserved."

PLANS TO RUSH BEER BILL

Volstead Wants Immediate Action to Forestall Palmer Ruling

Washington, June 4.—(By A. P.)—Chairman Volstead, of the House Judiciary Committee, announced today that he would ask the Rules Committee early next week to give right of way to his beer bill that it might be called up for immediate consideration.

Should the bill take its usual course it might not reach a vote this session. Mr. Volstead said the committee was anxious to make it a law before the Bureau of Internal Revenue could put into effect a ruling of former Attorney General Palmer that the Enforcement Act did not prohibit use of beer on a physicians' prescription.

GENERAL STRIKE IN ARGENTINA A FAILURE

BUENOS AIRES, June 4.—The general strike ordered by the trades unions is generally conceded to have proved a failure, few trades responding to the strike call. The union laborers are reported to be restive under the strike order and will hold a meeting today to discuss the situation, in view of the fact that the government is protecting non-union laborers. The number of non-union men is increasing daily in he port area, where the stoppage has been most seriously felt.

RUMANIAN MINISTER ARRIVES IN BELGRADE

PARIS, June 4.—Take Jonescu, Minister without portfolio in the Rumania Cabinet, will arrive in Belgrade today for the purpose of negotiating an alliance between Rumania and Jugo Slavia, says the Echo de Paris. Jugo-Slvia has already concluded such a treaty with Czecho-Slovakia, and the impending negotiations, if successful, will result, the newspaper declares, in the definite formation of the "little entente."

PELTS MUST BE DRY TO WIN STATE BOUNTIES

HARRISBURG, June 4.—Postal authorities and men connected with the State Game Commission are trying to devise some ways of preventing pelts of animals upon which people claim bounties from being sent during warm months without being properly dried. The State bounty law requires skins upon which claims are based to be dried so they are not offensive, but many have reached the office of the commission in anything but a dry state, and postal workers complained that persons who killed animals were in too much of a hurry to get the skins mailed and were in such bad condition that they could not be handled.

PORT WORKERS STRIKE AT PROGRESO, YUCATAN

VERA CRUZ, June 4.—Port workers at Progreso, Yucatan, have declared a twenty-four-hour general strike in sympathy with port workers of this city who walked out early this week as a protest against the deportation of radicals by the Mexican Government.

FREED IN U-BOAT OUTRAGE

Lieut. Neumann Acquitted of Sinking British Hospital Ship

Leipsic, June 4.—(By A. P.)—The formal acquittal of Lieutenant Karl Neumann, charged with sinking the hospital ship Dover Castle while he was in command of a German submarine during the war, was announced today.

When the case of Neumann came up on May 31 before the court trying those accused of war guilt, the proceedings were stayed, a preliminary examination having resulted in the establishment of Neumann's complete innocence.

TOO HOT FOR A VEST

Thief Takes Suit From Window, but Drops Waistcoat

Some one threw a brick through the bulk window of the dyeing establishment of A. J. Martin, 208 Broadway, Camden, about 3 o'clock this morning, took a man's suit hanging in the window, but dropped the vest on the sidewalk.

The proprietor who lives above was awakened by the crash, but saw no one when he looked out the window. He investigated the store, found the broken window and the brick lying on the floor.

PRESIDENT UNAIDED IN FIGHT TO PLACE WOMAN IN CABINET

Sawyer Seems to Be His Sole Supporter in Public Welfare Department Plan

POLITICIANS SAY MEASURE IS MERE SENTIMENTALITY

By CLINTON W. GILBERT

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Washington, June 4.—President Harding will have to use all his powers of persuasion to get through Congress the Administration bill creating a new Department of Public Welfare. This proposal had a curious origin and has met with a curious fate.

During the campaign the Republicans had the new women voters to bear in mind and they also had to meet the charge that their candidate was reactionary. They thought long and hard and at last had a bright idea:

"Let us create a department of public welfare of cabinet rank and appoint a woman at the head of it."

Mr. Harding talked the suggestion over with his friend, Doctor, now Brigadier General, Sawyer. Sawyer thought well of it. Harding was convinced. It would appeal to the women to promise the newly enfranchised sex a Cabinet position. It would appeal to the progressives who were interested in social improvement. It was forward looking. No one would be against it. Accordingly, the new department was promised.

Rarely has a sentimental idea been received more unkindly. Everybody seems to be against it, except the faithful General Sawyer and some of the women, it being a mistake to suppose that women any more than men will unite solidly upon anything, even upon an honor for one of their sex.

Would Include Existing Bureaus

Into the new department, it is proposed, in the Kenyon-Fess bill which reposes in the Committee on Education, to include the existing bureaus which have to do with public health, the existing Bureau of Education in the Department of the Interior, the care of the disabled soldiers, the proposed maternity bureau and the children's bureau from the Department of Labor. This, by way of beginning welfare, being a large subject capable of indefinite development.

Education, so far as the National Government is concerned, is divided into two factions, those who demand a Federal Department of Education with a Cabinet officer at its head, and those who want to keep the Federal Bureau of Education so small that no one can see it.

Educators who want a separate department of education opposed putting it in the hands of some lady who has to worry about maternity, public health and disabled soldiers.

The Catholic Church and other churches which have parochial schools and which have succeeded hitherto in keeping appropriations for the Bureau of Education mighty small, do not want to see any change which will increase the scope of Federal supervision of schooling. All education seems to be arrayed against the Public Welfare Department.

Soldiers Dislike Mothering

The soldiers do not want to be mothered by a lady Cabinet member. The American Legion prefers to have the disabled soldiers put in care of the Treasury Department, where the money is. They are obtaining what they want through legislation along this line and are cold to the new department.

Practical persons interested in the success of the Government object to the proposal as unnecessary and unfortunate in its tendencies. They inclined jealously to guard the Cabinet against further extensions.

One additional Cabinet officer would not, perhaps, they say, make the Cabinet unwieldy and turn its sessions into mass-meetings, but behind the new Department of Public Welfare they see other new departments: the proposed Department of Public Works, which engineers advocate; the proposed Department of the Air Service, which aircraft men declare necessary; the proposed Department of Education, which they see splitting off from the new Department of Public Welfare.

Hard-boiled politicians declare the new department is only a piece of sentimentality. They do not want a woman Cabinet officer. And if it is suggested that the President abandon the idea of naming a woman, they see Brigadier General Sawyer in the Cabinet. They have no more enthusiasm for Brigadier General Sawyer than they have for a woman.

Amused at Sawyer's Blunder

Just now they are laughing heartily at a blunder of Sawyer's who, striving to aid the Kenyon-Fess bill, wrote a letter appealing to members of the House Committee on Education, as Republicans, to carry out the party pledges, and report the bill. Inadvertently, General Sawyer sent his letter to the Democratic members of the committee.

The idea of the practical politicians is delay, delay and delay, until the new department is forgotten or until the opposition of the churches strips it of its educational features and the opposition of the soldiers takes away from it the mothering of the soldiers and the opposition of the less orthodox medical sects makes its health features dubious, until, in short, the new Cabinet lady would have as little to do as Vice President Coolidge.

The hard-boiled politicians never lack for devices or arguments. The Administration is reorganizing the Government. Senator Smoot and Walter Brown, of Ohio, are busy "bringing order out of chaos," as George Creel said he would do with Wilson's affairs at Paris, just before Mr. Creel began to find it difficult to get by the President's buffers at the Peace Conference White House.

Politicians Urge Delay

"Why not wait?" asks the politicians, who like neither women Cabinet officers nor Dr. Sawyer. "Why not wait until Smoot and Brown have reported? It would be unwise to inject a new department into the chaos which these gentlemen are straightening out."

It will be a long time before this report is made and acted upon. And in that time many things may happen to the new Department of Public Welfare.

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