Just Be Patient! Today's Thursday, Tomorrow's Friday and Next Day—the LIMPIN' LIM'RICK

THE WEATHER
Fair and colder tonight and Friday with temperature falling to about 25 degrees by morning; fresh winds.
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5
48	48	47	47	45	47	50	50	50	

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PARK SITE BEST FOR FAIR IN 1926, ENGINEERS SAY

"Revised Cret Plan," Including Parkway, Urged in Report of Joint Committee on Sites

MAKES GREAT BUILDINGS PERMANENT HELP TO CITY

Investigators Also Favor Marine Exhibit With Fully Equipped Ships on Schuylkill

DECISION IS NOT FINAL

Executive Body, in Session Today, Will Take Steps for Public Hearings

The Fairmount Park and Parkway site for the Sesqui-Centennial Exhibition was recommended this afternoon by the committee of the Engineers' Club, the committees of the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and the Philadelphia Real Estate Board concurring.

The recommendation was made to the Executive Committee of the Sesqui-Centennial Association at its meeting with Mayor Moore at City Hall. The site decided on is the one known as the "revised Cret plan."

It comprises the territory along the Parkway beyond Vine street, including both banks of the river in Fairmount Park, so far as may be necessary.

The engineers, in their investigation, classified the various sites suggested in three groups, in the order of desirability.

Group No. 1, or Fairmount Park sites, included, of course, the "Revised Cret Plan." Group No. 2 embraced the northern sites, Pennypack, Roxborough, Tacony and Juniata Parks, and lower and upper Roosevelt Boulevard.

Group No. 3 included the southern sites, League Island Park, Hog Island, Fortieth Ward and Cannonball Farm.

The report made by the committee of the Engineers' Club and concurred in by resolution of the other committees, with summary of findings, follows:

"The Fairmount Park and Parkway region was found, after all influencing features involved had been carefully weighed, to rate highest in net advantages as a territory within which the site for the exposition can be located.

"After independent investigation this decision was concurred in by the committees of the Architects and the Real Estate Board in a resolution, passed jointly by those two bodies and the Engineers' Committee, which specified the site of highest rating in this region in these terms:

The Favored Location

"'It is unanimously recommended that a territory from Vine street, including the Parkway and Park, as far as is essential for the purpose (including territory on both sides of the river, if needed) is the most desirable site for the Sesqui-Centennial. If the city acquires other contiguous land in the meantime which can be used advantageously in connection with this site, it may be added.'

"For purposes of this report this site is hereafter designated the Fairmount Park-Parkway site, or revised 'Cret' plan. It includes most of the lower Fairmount Park, or 'Cret' site and may extend, as the resolution states, as far into the upper Fairmount Park site and other parts of Fairmount Park as may be found necessary when the actual plans for the exposition are being made. The latter two sites named were the two originally proposed for this region.

"The Engineers' Committee believes the primary and striking advantages of this site are its accessibility, its adaptability for the creation of a world's fair development of surpassing beauty, and the possibility of the use and construction of buildings which will be

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CONNEAUTVILLE CASHIER CONFESSES, WIFE SAYS

Forgeries, Conversion of Funds and Fraudulent Entries Admitted

Meadville, Pa., Feb. 2.—(By A. P.)—J. T. Snodgrass, cashier of the defunct bank of Conneautville, a private institution, has made a complete confession of numerous charges, including forgery, conversion of partnership funds, conversion of private funds entered for deposit, fraudulent entry in co-partnership books, and several lesser charges, virtually covering every charge made by the directors of the bank, according to a statement made by Mrs. Snodgrass today. Snodgrass has also resigned as treasurer of the Methodist Church and as treasurer for the Cribbs Memorial Home at Conneautville. He attributes his downfall to overwork, but maintains that he did not use one cent for personal use. He assigned all of his property today for the benefit of depositors in the bank.

Conneautville, Pa., Feb. 2.—(By A. P.)—J. T. Snodgrass, former cashier of the Bank of Conneautville, which was closed last Monday by its president, Paul Sturtevant, when he discovered it was in financial difficulties, has been released on $5000 bail.

Frank W. King, a State Bank Examiner, who was sent here last Monday by Commissioner of Banking Fisher to assist in untangling the affairs of the bank, said today he found the books badly muddled, and it would be impossible for him to tell just how much the bank was involved.

HARVEY GOES TO LONDON

Paris, Feb. 2.—(By A. P.)—George Harvey, the American Ambassador to Great Britain, left for London today. He had spent several days in Paris on his way from Cannes, where he suffered minor injuries in an automobile accident during the recent meeting of the Allied Supreme Council.

Believed Murdered

WILLIAM D. TAYLOR
Motion picture director, whose body was found today at his home in Los Angeles, under circumstances indicating murder

W. D. TAYLOR, NOTED FILM DIRECTOR, FOUND DEAD; MURDER IS INDICATED

Discovered in His Home at Los Angeles, Shot Through Neck

Los Angeles, Feb. 2.—(By A. P.)—William D. Taylor, director for one of the largest film companies operating here, and nationally known in the motion picture industry, was found dead at his home here today under circumstances that the police said indicated murder.

He had been shot through the neck. The body was found near a desk in Taylor's room, upon which there was a canceled check. The wound, according to the police, indicated that it was fired from behind by some person standing up while Taylor apparently was seated before the desk examining the check. The bullet went through the neck, ranging downward and penetrating the heart.

William D. Taylor was a native of Ireland, having been born in County Cork. After receiving his education at Clifton College, England, he studied intensive engineering in France and Germany. After a career as an "all-around" actor on the stage, he transferred his talents to the screen and became an actor for Thomas H. Ince, Vitagraph and other companies.

As a producer he directed "The Iconoclast," "Tale of Two Cities," "Davy Crockett," "Tom Sawyer," "Captain Kidd, Jr.," "The Witching Hour," "Sacred and Profane Love," "Huckleberry Finn," "Wealth" and "The Green Temptation," not yet released.

Following his production of "Johanna Enlists," he joined the British Fusiliers and was a captain in the British reserves.

MRS. BERGDOLL IS FINED FOR STARVING LIVESTOCK

Ex-Brewery Horses Alone Cared for on Erwin's Farm, It Is Testified

Mrs. Emma Bergdoll, one of whose slacker sons is a fugitive in Germany, with another serving time for evading the draft, was fined $13.50 at Llanerch today for cruelty to animals. The caretaker of Erwin Bergdoll's estate at Chester pike and Darby Creek was fined a similar amount upon the same charge.

It was testified before Magistrate Roy Blackburn, in Llanerch, by William H. Mulvaney, agent for the Woman's Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, that Mrs. Bergdoll and Matthew Groppenbacker, the caretaker, had virtually allowed the stock to starve.

According to Mulvaney, there are fifty-eight head of stock on the place, horses, cattle, sheep and pigs. With the exception of three big brewery horses, which are in good condition, he said, the animals are in a pitiable state. They had not been fed for a week, he testified, had no bedding whatever, and for a month have not had enough to eat.

Mrs. Bergdoll attended the hearing and was in a particularly defiant and angry humor.

"It is a shame to arrest me," she declared. "I have done nothing. This place belongs to Erwin. He hasn't any right to be in jail. He is a farmer, and is married, and he was in the fourth class in the draft, and they changed him to class one. It is an outrage."

HARDING SEES FLAWS IN REFUNDING BILL

Objects to Some Features of Measure Passed by Senate

Washington, Feb. 2.—(By A. P.)—President Harding objects to some of the provisions of the Allied Debt Refunding Bill as passed by the Senate, according to information understood to have been given today to the House Ways and Means Committee.

Members of the committee had conferred today with Secretary Mellon regarding the bill, Chairman Fordney said action would be deferred until he could consult with the Executive.

Secretary Mellon was understood to have expressed Administration objection to the provisions adopted by the Senate requiring that the bonds mature in not more than twenty-five years from next June 15, and fixing the minimum interest rate at 4¼ per cent. The Secretary was said to have agreed, however, to accept the bill in its present form if that should be necessary.

It was said the Secretary told the committee it might be desirable for the United States to accept obligations of the debtor nations running as long as fifty years and that in such cases it might be desirable to fix the interest rate at 4 per cent.

Five Years for Burglar

Judge Patterson today sentenced William Winfield, a Negro, of 1243 St. Albans street, to five years in the Eastern Penitentiary, after the defendant had pleaded guilty to burglary at the home of Alfred Gibson, 1802 Carpenter street, and Louise Washington, 1431 Montrose street.

GOOD REAL ESTATE OFFERINGS ARE always available. Read Classified Real Estate classification—pages 28 and 34.—Adv.

BEAUTIFUL "VAMP" GOT KOHN'S WEALTH PROBERS DECLARE

"Baby Doll" on Whom Broker Is Said to Have Lavished Fortune Is Sought

CAN'T GET $37,000 BAIL; WIFE VISITS HIM IN JAIL

Detectives are searching for a woman known to them as the "Baby Doll" and the "Vamp," on whom Edwin E. Kohn, bankrupt broker, is said to have spent a fortune for jewels, furs, silks and motorcars.

The old detective adage, "Look for the woman," was injected into the case today as Kohn, dejected, weary, and nervous, was in a narrow cell in Moyamensing Prison unable to raise $37,000 in bail.

The new quest of the detectives hunting for assets that may aid creditors of E. E. Kohn & Co., 1522 Walnut street, was a splash of color against the background of the $3,500,000 failure on January 21.

With the small amount of money he had left after he reached the prison yesterday, Kohn "burned the wires" trying to reach some one who would put up $37,000 in security for his release.

Friends Fail to Help Him

The bankrupt broker, against whom criminal charges are multiplying rapidly, made two calls to New York City, but it is said to have obtained no encouragement. As a result he could not sleep during the night and looked careworn when his prison breakfast was given him shortly after dawn.

Mrs. Kohn, the accused man's wife, was at the District Attorney's office in the City Hall before 9 o'clock this morning. She wore a costly sable wrap, and her ears and fingers sparkled with big diamonds.

Mrs. Kohn told attaches of the office that she was willing to turn over everything she has to obtain her husband's release.

"He will die down there in prison," she complained. "He could never accustom himself to a prison cot and prison food. Confinement will break down his health."

"My husband is a victim in this case. He is not as black as he has been painted. Some employes of the firm are to blame for the failure."

Mrs. Kohn professed ignorance of the whereabouts of George H. Kohn, her son, for whom warrants have been issued. The twenty-year-old youth was a member of the firm and is charged with fraudulent conversion and embezzlement.

Caught in Rooming House

Kohn, the head of the firm, was caught yesterday in a rooming house at 4320 Market street, where he had been living as Edwin Kirk.

The affairs of the firm are now in the care of David Phillips and Thomas Hyndman, who were appointed receivers in bankruptcy by Federal Judge Thompson.

The receivers today received information which caused them to hurry to New York City. The appointment of an ancillary receiver in New York is imminent. There is said to be a possibility that an ancillary receiver may be named who is friendly to the Kohn interests.

District Attorney Rotan said he was anxious to present the case to the Grand Jury this month. He believes speedy action will serve as a warning to brok-

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SUN SCARES GROUNDHOG

Weather Prophet Saw Shadow If He Came Out at All

The unexpected appearance of sunshine today has rendered it a foregone conclusion that Brother Groundhog, upon leaving his hole, was appalled at his own shadow and retired again to his lair. It follows, according to all tradition, that the arrival of spring will be delayed for at least six weeks.

It had seemed probable, in view of the heavy rain and overcast skies with which the day started, that even should Brother Groundhog make his expected appearance on this momentous occasion, there would not be enough sunlight to cast a shadow. These hopes for the early demise of winter were rudely dispelled, however, when the sun broke through the clouds at noon.

Si's Romance Ends With Lim'ricks

A girl out in far Andalusia
Said, "Silas, I hate t' refuse y'
But I'm after that prize
For th' Lim'ricks," and Si said, "Oh, gosh, then goldurn it, I'll lose y'."

Silas Didn't Have the Right Dope on It

Now if Silas had only been wise
He wouldn't have wasted his sighs;
He'd have written a line
For a Lim'rick so fine
That he'd win the girl, too, for a prize.

And he could do it day after tomorrow. That's when they begin again—these Limpin' Lim'ricks. Gee! Can you wait?

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS A DAY!

That's SOME inducement, eh?

So grab the first newsboy you see on SATURDAY, pry him loose from an EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER and get to work on the Lim'rick you'll find there.

EXPECT ARBUCKLE JURY TO DISAGREE

Failure to Reach Verdict Forecast as Deliberations Are Resumed

GET NEW INSTRUCTIONS

By the Associated Press

San Francisco, Feb. 2.—The jury in the second trial of Roscoe C. Arbuckle on a manslaughter charge, in connection with the death of Miss Virginia Rappe, returned to its deliberations at 10 o'clock today, after having been locked up since 11 o'clock last night. There was no indication of how the jury stood, but forecasts that the trial would end in a disagreement were being passed about the corridors.

The jury returned to its deliberations fortified with the re-reading of the full set of final instructions by the Court and the testimony of Josephine Keza, a chambermaid at the Hotel St. Francis, who testified to hearing a woman's agonized cry at the time that Arbuckle was supposed to have been inflicting fatal injuries on Miss Rappe while they were alone in his room.

Both instruction and testimony were resubmitted to the jury at its request yesterday after it had retired. The request confused speculation as to how the jury stood.

There was a small crowd in the courtroom today.

The case was given to the jury of eleven men and one woman at 3:44 P. M. yesterday.

Mrs. Estelle Baumeister, one of the two alternate jurors, said as the twelve were walking into the jury rooms, that she would have voted not guilty.

"Even if Arbuckle had anything to do with the young woman," she said, "I believe that death would still have been an accident and not intent."

The end of the trial came suddenly and without warning to the State, Judge Louderback and the majority of the crowd in the courtroom.

Deputy District Attorney U'Ren ended his address to the jury early yesterday afternoon. After a recess, in which counsel for the defense conferred, and when proceedings were resumed Gavin McNab, Arbuckle's chief counsel, announced that the attorney had decided that it was unnecessary for them to make an argument.

"We would only weary the jurors," he said. "We therefore submit it without argument."

Mrs. Minta Durfee Arbuckle broke into sobs as the jury filed out.

Another "hung jury," a disagreement, is what Arbuckle most fears.

"Another hung jury," he said a few days ago, "means that I can never go back to the films."

"This is the end," said District Attorney Brady, as the jurors filed out. "No matter what this jury does this is the final. I'm through with the case for good."

PHILA. LIKE "MAIN STREET"? NEVER, SAYS MRS. ASQUITH

Doubts Gothamite's Suggestion City Is Made Up of "Lot of Villages"—Declares Homes and Babies Most Important in World

By a Staff Correspondent

New York, Feb. 2.—Margot Asquith is perfectly sure she is not going to find Philadelphia slow.

If it be like "Main Street," well and good. There is at the same time the current and highly interesting rumor that Philadelphia is a city of homes.

And Margot Asquith, quietly puffing at a cigarette, or leaning eagerly forward, with clear brown eyes snapping, declares that home and babies are the most valuable and important things in the world.

"But I do not believe Philadelphia is slow," came a serious after-thought. "I have heard it is extremely busy and I am very anxious to go there and see for myself."

All of which conversation took place very informally in Mrs. Asquith's luxurious living room in the Ambassador Hotel. England's famous feminine Shaw leaned a bit languidly against a taupe velour lounge, the traces of the rough voyage on the Carmania still quite patent on her clear, pallid skin. There was little to suggest the daring autobiographer whose pen caused a certain section of parliamentary England to run to cover. A very gentle person sat there instead, a grandmother sort of person, one might say.

Pearls Adorn Neck

She wore a light gray silk dress and her hair was gray, too, and curly. A string of pearls about her neck was the only personal concession to adornment. The room itself though was filled with flowers.

The conversation turned to Philadelphia in course of the discussion of the remarkable Margot's first impressions of New York.

"Please tell me all about it," she said, "I am going to be perfectly frank and say I don't know anything or anybody there."

"It's like a series of villages over there," suggested some one who lived in New York.

Great Britain's illustrious visitor cocked her head a bit on the side.

"Like the book 'Main Street'?" she asked, and then a very knowing look crept into the eyes that have pierced into every high and mighty corner of England.

"I don't believe it," she added. "I

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THUGS SHOOT YOUTH WHO UPSET PLOT TO ROB PRIVATE BANK

Ran to Brother's Aid When Masked Men Held Up Father's Richmond Street Office

CALL FOR DOCTOR DELAYED BY BANDITS CUTTING WIRES

Sigmund Domanski was shot and seriously wounded at 9:55 o'clock today by one of five masked bandits who sought to hold up his father's private bank and real estate office at 2548 Richmond street.

The twenty-year-old youth was in a rear room when he heard the robbers command Victor, his brother, to hold up his hands. As he ran into the office he was dropped with a steel bullet which pierced his left side.

The robbers fled after the shot and escaped in a touring car driven by a sixth confederate. They drove south on Richmond street at high speed.

The robbers apparently had cut the telephone wires from the office. The severed wires were discovered after vain efforts had been made to summon a physician and the police.

Victor Domanski, the injured youth's brother, was alone in the office a few minutes before 10 o'clock. Vincent Domanski, father of the young men, was in the living room on the second floor, while Mrs. Domanski was in the first floor rear.

"A well-dressed young man came in about 9:55 o'clock," said Victor, after his brother had been taken to St. Mary's Hospital. "The stranger told me he wanted an American Express money order. He laid a $20 bill on the counter.

"I got a blank and started to make an entry when four men, masked with white handkerchiefs, hurried into the office. All had revolvers. They ordered me to hold up my hands. I 'ducked' below the counter.

"Sigmund ran in from the rear and entered the office before I could warn him. As soon as he appeared one of the masked men jerked his automatic pistol toward him and fired.

"The bandits then ran out after one had grabbed the $20 bill, and jumped into an automobile, which had another man at the wheel. My father rushed down, but fainted when he saw Sigmund on the floor. My brother was conscious and kept saying he was hurt. I tried to telephone but couldn't get the operator. I tried another phone with no better luck. Later we found the wires had been cut."

An operation was performed on the wounded youth soon after a patrol brought him to the hospital. Surgeons removed the .32-caliber steel-jacketed ball. While Sigmund's condition is serious, surgeons say he may recover. He graduated from the Northeast High School two years ago.

PITTS GETS 5 DAYS TO SHOW WHY HE SHOULD KEEP JOB

Reports Disregarded in Giving Elevator Licenses, Is Charge

Robert A. Pitts, chief of the Bureau of Elevator Inspection, was suspended today and ordered to show cause in five days why he should not be dismissed.

The issuance of licenses for elevators reported as unsafe by an inspector of the bureau was the reason given by Assistant Director of Public Safety Tempest for demanding Pitts' official head.

Mr. Tempest said Pitts licensed unsafe elevators in buildings on Race street near Eleventh and on Twelfth street near Buttonwood. Although freight elevators in design, he said the "lifts" were used for passenger service and their interlocking devices were not in good condition.

Mr. Tempest further made known that State Senator Salus, Vare leader of the Fourth Ward, and Joseph W. Salus were listed as the owners of the Race street structure.

The Assistant Director ordered an inspection of elevators in all industrial buildings in the city as a result of an investigation made in the two buildings he named today.

The reports which Pitts is said to have ignored were made by Herman Vopper, an elevator inspector. Pitts lives at 5143 Locust street and is said to be a follower of Harry A. Mackey, Vare leader of the Forty-sixth Ward. As bureau chief he receives $3500 a year.

E. E. RITTER TAKES POISON

Norfolk Manager for Philadelphia Firm Ends Life

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 2.—(By A. P.)—E. E. Ritter, of Black River, N. Y., ended his life in his office here late yesterday by taking poison. Ritter was manager of a local branch of a Philadelphia firm.

His body was found by a representative of his employers, who came here to check up the accounts of his office.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Camden Police Destroy 120 Gallons of Seized Liquor

Camden police this morning poured away 120 gallons of liquor, of good and bad quality, seized in raids during the last year. Benjamin McClong, chief clerk of the Police Department, Assistant Chief Hyde and Captain Humes had charge of destroying the stuff.

At the same time eight copper stills that had been captured were demolished together with several gambling machines.

NEW ORLEANS RESULTS

FIRST RACE, purse $1000, two-year-old maiden fillies, 3 furlongs.
1. Lady Boss, 114, Peel.....16-5 6-5 3-5
2. St. Angelina, 114, Buxton.13-5 even 1-2
3. Mascotte, 114, Barker.....6-1 2-1 even
Time, :38 3-5. Dearie, Rejection, Mildred Lorraine, Gallantella and Gossipburn also ran. Coupled H. T. Griffin entry.

HAVANA RESULTS

FIRST RACE, three-year-olds and up, claiming purse $700, 6 furlongs.
1. John J. Carey, 110, Dribble 4-1 8-5 4-5
2. Dragoon, 110, Kennedy.....3-1 6-5 2-5
3. Shy Ann, 103, McLaughlin 6-1 5-2 6-5
Time, 1:14 4-5. Confidence, Col. Lillard, Iuro, Kayman, Thornbloom, Altamaha, White Crown, Prosperous, Baby and Acclamation also ran.

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

Van Ness Dry Act Invalid, Highest N. J. Court Rules

Errors and Appeals Tribunal Reverses Decision of Supreme Bench in Bitterly Fought Prohibition Enforcement Case

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger

Trenton, Feb. 2.—The Van Ness State prohibition enforcement act was declared unconstitutional today by the Court of Errors and Appeals, the highest judiciary in New Jersey. The vote was 8 to 4.

The finding reverses a recent decision of the Supreme Court, which held that all the provisions of the act were constitutional.

The members of the Court of Errors and Appeals, however, differed on several of the important points involved. The vote in its final decision was:

For reversal of Supreme Court and invalidation of act—Chancellor Walker, Chief Justice Gummere, Justices Swayze, Kalisch, Katzenbach, Judges Gardner, Ackerson and Van Buskirk. For affirmation of the Supreme Court and affirmance of law—Justices Parker and Black and Judges White and Williams.

The first question voted upon was the right of trial by jury, five members of the court voted that the no-jury provision of the act was unconstitutional and six members voted that it was constitutional.

On the second question as to whether the provision of the act declaring by implication that violations of the Eighteenth Amendment shall be deemed disorderly acts as distinguishable from those that are criminal in their nature the court divided six to six. On the question that the act violates the State constitutional provision that every law shall embrace but one subject and that shall be expressed in the title, two of the members of the court voted that the act violated this provision and nine voted that it did not.

Nine of the Judges voted that the provisions of the act making the Judges of the Courts of Common Pleas and, in certain circumstances, the Justices of the Supreme Court, magistrates, and requiring them to enforce the act in given proceedings were not void and two voted that the provisions were void.

The fifth and last question, "Shall the judgments under review be reversed?" was decided in favor of reversal by a vote of eight to four.

The Van Ness act has been bitterly fought. The Supreme Court, in upholding the act two months ago, gave its decision in three test cases affecting 300 appeals which both sides conceded were typical of all features of the act to which exception had been taken.

The Van Ness act was made the campaign issue in the last State election, and while the Republicans, standing for State enforcement, won control of the Legislature, the Democrats, standing for modification of the act, made large gains in the lawmaking body and succeeded in defeating Mrs. Jennie C. Van Ness, of Essex County, who introduced the law at the instance of the Anti-Saloon League, for re-election to the Assembly.

The Van Ness act, which has been termed one of the most stringent dry enforcement laws in the Union, was passed over Governor Edwards' vote by the 1921 Legislature, and became effective on April 30 last.

'FAMILY ARE WILD' AT 'MRS. ANASTASE'

But Heiress-Fiancee of Baldwin Workman Says Her Romance Is 'Wonderful'

IN NEW YORK FOR WEDDING

By a Staff Correspondent

New York, Feb. 2.—"It is wonderful."

Her fine eyes glowing, yet nearly brimming with tears, Mrs. Marion Ream Stephens, heiress to one-seventh of a $40,000,000 fortune, said just that this morning about her coming marriage, on Saturday, to Anastase Vonsiatskoy-Vonsiatsky, the twenty-three-year-old Russian Pole serving his apprenticeship at Baldwin's, in Eddystone.

Clad very simply in black and looking as slim as a schoolgirl, Mrs. Stephens let herself quietly into her mother's apartment at the Hotel Chatham.

Unattended save by a bellhop, she had slipped through the clutches of the battalion of reporters who met the Twentieth Century Limited on which she arrived at 9 o'clock from Chicago to spend these last pre-nuptial days shopping and making final wedding arrangements in New York.

She breathed a sigh of relief as she made her way into the luxurious hallway and then she turned to face one lone reporter.

Like a Schoolgirl

"My family are wild about it," she cried, excitedly. "I mean about all the publicity that has come."

Mrs. Stephens reminded one more than ever of a very appealing schoolgirl, a schoolgirl who had got herself in a perfectly awful fix.

"You know it isn't as it has been represented at all," she explained. "Mr. Vonsiatsky isn't just a poor workman. He is a young chemist working in various departments. There is nothing sensational or spectacular about the match."

Mrs. Stephens paused and it was then her charming eyes filled with tears.

"It isn't sensational at all. It is wonderful. Mr. Vonsiatsky is splen-

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MELLON SUGGESTS NEW BONUS TAXES

Increase in Postage and Tobacco Levies Would Raise $200,000,000 a Year

$100,000,000 ON AUTOS

By the Associated Press

Washington, Feb. 2.—The soldiers' bonus should be paid out of special taxes, such as increased first and second class postage and tobacco levies, Secretary Mellon declared today before the House Ways and Means Committee.

Secretary Mellon reiterated his belief that it would be impracticable to depend on the foreign debt for financing the proposed "five way" adjusted compensation plan because the revenue from that source is problematical.

These estimates of revenue from special sources were made by the Secretary:

One cent increase in first class postage, $70,000,000.

Increased second class postage to wipe out deficits in that branch of the Postoffice Department, $30,000,000.

Increased cigarette tax, the increase amounting to fifty cents on 1000, $25,000,000.

Increased tobacco tax, two cents a pound, $5,000,000.

Increased documentary stamp taxes, $40,000,000.

A tax of two cents on each bank check, $30,000,000.

A license tax of fifty cents a horsepower on automobiles, $100,000,000.

The total estimated return from these taxes was $300,000,000.

Mr. Mellon said the bonus would

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TWO OVERCOME BY GAS

Man Collapses as He Tries to Carry Wife From Home

John Slavin, fifty, 5332 North Howard street, was overcome by gas fumes early this morning, when he attempted to carry his unconscious wife from their gas-filled room. He called for help as he sank to the floor, and neighbors responded to the call, carrying both out of the house.

It is believed the gas fumes came from the heater in the cellar.

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS

HAVANA—Second—Black Baby, 3-1, even, 1-2, won; Good Hope, 3-1, even, 1-2, second; Wedgewood, 8-1, 5-2, 6-5, third. Time, 1:07 1-5. Sun Rose, Marion Hellins, Midian also ran.

SPECIAL POLICE FIND BOOTLEG STORE

Sixty gallons of finished liquor, twelve barrels of mash and two large stills were captured at 2253 North Fourth street today by special police investigators. A man in the premises at the time escaped.

MINERS' SCALE COMMITTEE TO MEET FEBRUARY 8

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 2.—The scale committee of the United Mine Workers of America, which will formulate the demands of the miners to replace the wage agreement with the operators, which expires March 31, will meet in Indianapolis next Wednesday, February 8, John L. Lewis, international president announced here today.

NEW ENGLAND MILL WAGES CUT

BOSTON, Feb. 2.—A reduction of 20 per cent in the wages of cotton mill operatives was announced in several northern New England cotton mill centers today. With the cuts imposed a week ago in Rhode Island and Connecticut and readjustment forced in other centers it was indicated that virtually the entire cotton manufacturing industry of New England, except the city of Lawrence, would soon be on lower wage levels. In some cases, notably in New Hampshire mills, an increase in working hours from forty-eight to fifty-four weekly, was announced.

CARDINALS MEET IN SECRET SESSION TO ELECT PONTIFF

Moderates Hold Balance of Power as Prelates Go Into Seclusion

SACRED COLLEGE LEADERS PREDICT BRIEF CONCLAVE

Reporter, Clad as Waiter, Tried to Enter Conclave

Rome, Feb. 2.—(By A. P.)—Major excommunication and instant dismissal from the Vatican household is the penalty which will be inflicted upon any person in attendance at the conclave, if found guilty of imparting information concerning its deliberations or votes to persons outside before the vote is officially announced. Cardinal Gasparri, the camerlengo, served notice to this effect today to all concerned.

The Cardinal's instructions came after the reported discovery that one newspaper correspondent had practically completed arrangements to don a waiter's uniform, and, for a large monetary consideration, had induced a designated waiter to allow the journalist to enter the conclave in his stead. The correspondent is said to have first opened negotiations with a barber, but this plan was abandoned, it was reported, because it was feared that his unskilled efforts might prove dangerous for the cardinals.

By the Associated Press

Rome, Feb. 2.—The conclave of the Sacred College which is to choose a successor to Pope Benedict XV began its sittings today. The fifty-two Cardinals who are in Rome went into seclusion last night, and when the great oak barrier at the entrance of the courtyard of St. Damaso was closed they were cut off from communication with the outside world until their sacred task was done. The first ballot probably will not be taken until Friday morning.

The celebration of mass in the Sistine Chapel, with prayers for the enlightenment of the Cardinals in their choice of a new Pope, was the last public ceremony attended by the Cardinals before entering the conclave. Cardinal Vanutelli, dean of the Sacred College, officiated.

The attendance was restricted to the Cardinals, the officers of the Swiss Guards and the members of the Vatican household. A photographer who contrived to gain entrance to the chapel was ejected, taken to the commissariat of the Vatican and later expelled from the premises.

Peace was the keynote of the address delivered before the Sacred College by Monsignor Galli, director of the Vatican museum. In his exhortation for the election of a Pope, he said:

"The election of a Pontiff at the present moment has a particular significance. The world's upheaval, in which humanity finds itself, requires a Pope who will be able to give the world true peace—peace which men by themselves cannot find, because they forget God, for through God alone can come true peace."

The balloting is not expected to consume more than two days and the next Pope, in the consensus of opinion in Vatican circles, will come from among the moderate section of the Sacred College. Neither the "irreconcilables" nor the "peace party," which favors closer relations with the Italian Government, is understood to have a chance to elect its candidate, the moderates holding the balance of power.

Crowds in St. Peter's Square

Notwithstanding the delay in the balloting, crowds gathered this morning in St. Peter's Square to watch for the telltale smoke wreaths from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel, where the conclave sits. A ballot is taken on the morning and evening of each day the conclave is in session, and these smoke puffs are the only indication to the watchers as to progress being made. When no election is effected a little straw is burned with the voting papers, causing the smoke to assume a dark color. When a choice is finally made the ballots, burning alone, emit a thin wisp of light smoke.

Until the election is effected the only communication between the approximately 250 persons in the Vatican and the outside is through the "ruota" or turning box at the entrance of the courtyard, and such communications as are made in this way are not allowed to come to the attention of the Cardinals. Penalty for violation of this secrecy is excommunication.

Monsignor Mahoney, spiritual director of the American College, has gone to Naples to meet Cardinal O'Connell, Archbishop of Boston, who is a passenger on the steamship President Wilson, which, steamship officials here say, is not due until Saturday. As in 1914, when Pope Benedict was elected, Cardinal O'Connell may arrive in Rome too late to participate in the conclave.

Expect Conclave to Be Short

The confidence that the conclave would be of short duration is shared by Cardinal Gasparri, who, in making

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SLAY AND ROB DAIRYMAN

Masked Bandits Kill John Smeltz, of Dauphin County

Pottsville, Pa., Feb. 2.—(By A. P.)—John Smeltz, of Loyalton, Dauphin County, was shot down by two masked bandits late last night and instantly killed, after which they robbed him of a large sum of money. He was a dairyman and returning home about 11:30 o'clock, turned from the main road to cross a field to his home.

A small car was standing along the road and, just as he passed it, three shots were fired. One struck him in the back of the head and killed him instantly. His son, who was in the machine with him, jumped out and ran to the nearest house and gave the alarm. When aid responded Smeltz was dead and his money gone.