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# Bridgeport Evening Farmer.

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"I think I am safe in saying that conditions in America are worse than they have been in years," said Hardie.

The British Labor Society began its ninth annual conference here today with the largest attendance in its history. Philip Snowden, called by many people's ablest Socialist, called the meeting to order and will preside throughout the conference.

The present labor question will be one of the matters discussed. The labor party leaders expect that the proposed taxes could easily net a sum for pensions. Both Liberals and Conservatives view the labor program with disfavor, and are considered too radical even for the former.

## MARINE GUARD AS ESCORT FOR BODY OF CONSUL CHENEY

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## HELD FOR THEFT OF FIRE NOZZLES

Morris and Coniac Acknowledged Taking Lead Pipe and Brass Fire Equipment.

John D. Morris and Joseph Coniac were arraigned in the City court this morning on charges of stealing fire equipment. They were arrested yesterday by Detective Hackett and Patrolman Coughlin and charged with breaking into a vacant house owned by Mrs. A. B. Beers at Main and Houston streets, and stripping it of the lead piping.

They also stole the brass nozzles from the fire hose at Court Exchange building, and also at the Naugle dock. The prisoners acknowledged the thefts to Capt. Arnold.

Their cases were continued till Jan. 29 by Judge Fisher who felt that he should not sit on the case, being a partner of Judge Beers. Bonds for the accused were fixed at 500 each.

## WEDDED AT RECTORY OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S

Miss Agnes Genevieve Kelly Becomes Bride of Well Known "Loco" Salesman.

Late this afternoon at St. Augustine's rectory, Rev. Charles J. McElroy united in wedlock Miss Agnes Genevieve Kelly, daughter of Mrs. Margaret R. and the late Major M. J. Kelly of 290 Golden Hill street, and Mr. M. V. Doud of this city. The bride was gowned in a handsome creation of white silk with imported lace and carried a bouquet of orchids. The bridesmaid, Miss Margaret Kelly, sister of the bride, was costumed in lavender silk and carried bouquets. The groom was attended by Mr. George Fox, who is associated with him in the sales department of the Locomobile Company.

Following the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the home of the mother of the bride where a wedding breakfast was accorded to the wedding guests who comprised only the relatives and immediate friends. This evening the bride and groom will leave for New York from where to-morrow they will leave for Florida where they will pass their honeymoon at Palm Beach. Upon their return they will reside at 290 Golden Hill street. The bride had bowed upon her many exquisite wedding gifts.

Mr. Doud is one of the best known of the sales agents of the Locomobile Company and is the fortunate possessor of a disposition that is the very personification of optimism. Because of his prodigious geniality it is a well known "locomobile" that gloom cannot pervade a company which numbers him among its assets. He has been a very active member of the company's selling corps and his services to

## YOUNG BUSINESS MAN INVENTS NEW SHIPPING METHOD

Sealed barges and canal boats after the fashion of sealed freight cars is the idea of William E. Howes, son of William T. Howes, of the firm of William T. Howes & Co., in order to stop leaks in the cargoes of coal carrying vessels in the coast trade. To-day a number of coal dealers went to the works of Archibald McQueen, 30 yards in order to examine the first boat to come through from New York under seal.

The boat is the S. E. Vincent of McWilliams Blue Ball Line. She comes from Perth Amboy with 619 tons of bituminous coal. The first boat to be fitted with the sealing apparatus was the James H. Mulford of the McQueen line. Mr. Howes built the appliances in this city and fitted them to the boat, New York boat owners who have seen the boat in operation are anxious to have their boats.

The plan is to batten down the hatches by using long timbers which pass over the center of the hatches and extend the full length of the boat. These timbers are held in place by iron bars which are lugged to fit over the ridge of the hatch, from port to starboard. The bars fit over rings close to the deck and are held in place by a half inch steel cable which circles the hatches, both ends being run through a hole in the deck to every other hatch. The bars fit over rings close to the deck and are held in place by a half inch steel cable which circles the hatches, both ends being run through a hole in the deck to every other hatch. The bars fit over rings close to the deck and are held in place by a half inch steel cable which circles the hatches, both ends being run through a hole in the deck to every other hatch. The bars fit over rings close to the deck and are held in place by a half inch steel cable which circles the hatches, both ends being run through a hole in the deck to every other hatch.

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Ferry Perloti and Anton Gelbel were arrested yesterday for attempting to sell a quantity of lead pipe. They were brought to headquarters by Patrolman McCarthy and discharged by the superintendent, later when it was ascertained that the boys were right and had obtained the stuff they were selling honestly.

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The Past Sachems' Association of Konkopotanauh Tribe, I. O. R. M., will hold a banquet tomorrow evening at Carr's grill room in Cannon street, starting down to the hall at 7:30. It is expected that about 300 members of the association and guests will sit down to the spread and a special menu has been prepared by the management of the grill room.

## DEATH OF MRS. M'LEAN

Mother of Head of Connecticut Apostolate Dies at Stamford.

(Special from United Press.)

Stamford, Jan. 27.—Mrs. Hugh McClean, the mother of Rev. Peter H. McClean of Hartford, the head of the Connecticut Apostolate, died at her home in this city this morning. She was 80 years of age and is survived by seven children and a grand child. She was a sister of the late Father Ryle of this diocese.

## DAYTON POLICE ARE PUZZLED

Crimes Against Women Continue, But no Clue to Perpetrators.

(Special from United Press.)

Dayton, Jan. 27.—The wave of crime against women since the finding of the body of Mary Forsythe last Saturday has puzzled the police here. Late yesterday two girls were attacked on the street by a man. They beat off their assailant with umbrellas and hats. This is but one of the many cases reported to the police.

So far the police have proven ineffective in securing enough evidence to make arrests. One man, Elwood Welmer, of well to do parents, is in jail but it is thought he will be released within the next 24 hours.

## WEALTHY COUPLE FOUND MURDERED

Bodies Found in Barn Yard at Home, Newton Square, in Pennsylvania.

(Special from United Press.)

Philadelphia, Jan. 27.—Henry James, a wealthy farmer and his wife were found murdered in the barnyard at their home near Newton Square in Chester County early this morning. The dead bodies were found by George Johnson, a nephew who went to the place for a visit.

## FARMERS' ASSOCIATION ORGANIZES FOR WORK

Savage of Mansfield, President; Pease of Fairfield, Vice President.

(Special from United Press.)

Hartford, Jan. 27.—The Farmers' Association of the 1909 Legislature completed its permanent organization to-day previous to the opening of the day's session. Representative Savage of Mansfield was elected president; Representative Simeon Pease, Fairfield, vice president; Representative E. M. Thomson of Windsor, secretary; Representative Herbert K. Peach, Killingly, assistant secretary. The executive committee consists of the foregoing officers and the following eight members, one from each county: Hartford county, Ed. E. King, East Hartford; New Haven county, Alfred Rose, North Branford; New London county, Senator Allen Ledyard; Fairfield county, George W. Ogden, Wilton; Tolland county, Senator Higgins, Coventry; Windham county, A. V. Grosvenor, Pomfret; Litchfield county, H. J. Williams, Barkhamstead; Middlesex county, A. E. Parmelee, Killingworth.

The association will meet each morning before the legislative session.

## SEC. ROOT EXPLAINS FISHERIES TREATY

Washington, Jan. 27.—Ellihu Root, the retiring premier of the Roosevelt administration, today performed his last official act in his capacity of secretary of state by appearing before the Senate foreign relations committee to explain the provisions of the fisheries treaty which he has just negotiated with Great Britain and which is designed to put at rest the long standing difficulties between the government and fishermen. The treaty has not yet been signed although its provisions have been fully agreed upon.

## KING MENELIK OF ABYSSINIA REPORTED DEAD

(Special from United Press.)

London, Jan. 27.—No confirmation is obtainable to-day of the reported death of King Menelik of Abyssinia. The latest reports received here say that the King was dying but as his death had been expected for months no special importance was attached to this report.

Messages from Rome say that the Empress Taitu seized the reins of government to prevent Prince Lig Jassou, the son of a daughter of Menelik's first wife from ascending the throne. It was Menelik's wish that Lig succeed him.

## WILL BANQUET AT CARR'S

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## HELD FOR THEFT OF FIRE NOZZLES

Morris and Coniac Acknowledged Taking Lead Pipe and Brass Fire Equipment.

John D. Morris and Joseph Coniac were arraigned in the City court this morning on charges of stealing fire equipment. They were arrested yesterday by Detective Hackett and Patrolman Coughlin and charged with breaking into a vacant house owned by Mrs. A. B. Beers at Main and Houston streets, and stripping it of the lead piping.

They also stole the brass nozzles from the fire hose at Court Exchange building, and also at the Naugle dock. The prisoners acknowledged the thefts to Capt. Arnold.

Their cases were continued till Jan. 29 by Judge Fisher who felt that he should not sit on the case, being a partner of Judge Beers. Bonds for the accused were fixed at 500 each.

## WEDDED AT RECTORY OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S

Miss Agnes Genevieve Kelly Becomes Bride of Well Known "Loco" Salesman.

Late this afternoon at St. Augustine's rectory, Rev. Charles J. McElroy united in wedlock Miss Agnes Genevieve Kelly, daughter of Mrs. Margaret R. and the late Major M. J. Kelly of 290 Golden Hill street, and Mr. M. V. Doud of this city. The bride was gowned in a handsome creation of white silk with imported lace and carried a bouquet of orchids. The bridesmaid, Miss Margaret Kelly, sister of the bride, was costumed in lavender silk and carried bouquets. The groom was attended by Mr. George Fox, who is associated with him in the sales department of the Locomobile Company.

Following the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the home of the mother of the bride where a wedding breakfast was accorded to the wedding guests who comprised only the relatives and immediate friends. This evening the bride and groom will leave for New York from where to-morrow they will leave for Florida where they will pass their honeymoon at Palm Beach. Upon their return they will reside at 290 Golden Hill street. The bride had bowed upon her many exquisite wedding gifts.

Mr. Doud is one of the best known of the sales agents of the Locomobile Company and is the fortunate possessor of a disposition that is the very personification of optimism. Because of his prodigious geniality it is a well known "locomobile" that gloom cannot pervade a company which numbers him among its assets. He has been a very active member of the company's selling corps and his services to

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