

## TOWER TO QUIT IN FEW MONTHS; HILL WELCOME

### Ambassador at Berlin Says He Will Shortly Send in His Resignation.

### German Foreign Office Denies That Any Objection Is Entertained to Successor.

BERLIN, March 27.—Upon being shown press cables today, which intimate that he is attempting to hold his position as United States Ambassador to Germany, Charles Tower issued an official denial. He said with undeniable positiveness that he would forward his resignation to President Roosevelt within the next few months. He says he has no desire to remain as the American representative in Berlin, but is anxious to get back to the United States.

Interest in the misadventure was increased today by the foreign office, which authorized a statement that the Kaiser never said or wrote a word which could be interpreted as an objection to Dr. Hill's appointment as ambassador to Berlin.

The Kaiser, it is explicitly stated, expressed his approval last November of the doctor's selection, and his attitude has remained unchanged.

### No Statement Coming Here.

It is denied that any official German statement is on its way or will be sent to Washington explaining the least change of view in the ambassadorship matter, because no change of view has occurred.

The foreign office explanation completely disposes of the last shadow of doubt but that Washington has been misled. Even after the foreign office's declaration yesterday that Dr. Hill was acceptable, the suspicion lingered that the Kaiser might have expressed himself personally to a different effect. Today's announcement settles the matter finally, so far as Germany is concerned.

### Press Against Tower.

The Berlin press is filled with the United States ambassadorship controversy today. The Lokal Anzeiger publishes an official communication from the foreign office denouncing the report that Germany ever objected to Dr. Hill's appointment, declaring it the purest invention and denying explicitly that any communication is on its way to Washington explaining the Fatherland's alleged change of attitude.

The Kaiser in polite and conventional terms, the Morgen Post says, expressed regret at the ambassador's expected departure at a recent embassy dinner, and the ambassador evidently interpreted his expressions of regret as meaning that Germany desired him to remain. Whereupon he sought means to retain his post.

The paper thinks Tower's desire unlikely to be fulfilled, as it says it regards it almost certain that Hill will become ambassador.

The Tageblatt views the affair as an attempt to discredit Hill, condemns what it terms "the intrigue," and considers Tower's recall imminent.

### Kaiser Silent.

No word has yet been received from the Kaiser about the incident.

His majesty is in Venice on his way to spend his vacation in Cortu. He must have heard of the ambassadorship controversy. Perhaps he expects to make some statement, but it is deemed more likely in diplomatic circles that he thinks further talking would simply make a bad matter worse.

It is thought here that when Ambassador Tower's letter reaches Washington it will be made public and cabled back to Berlin.

## Tower's Recall Half Expected; Ignored Root

The authorized and explicit statement from the German foreign office today that neither the Kaiser, nor the foreign office itself, had given basis for the reported unacceptability of Dr. Hill as

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## THE WEATHER REPORT.

The depression that was central over Lake Michigan Thursday morning has passed off to sea over the New England coast. In its eastward movement it caused high southwesterly winds and unusually high temperatures in central and eastern districts, but no precipitation to speak of. A second depression is central this morning in eastern Colorado. It will probably advance eastward during the next 36 hours and cause unsettled weather, possibly attended by rain in the Ohio Valley, the lower Lake region, and the northern portion of the Middle Atlantic States. It will be somewhat colder tonight in the Ohio Valley and the Middle Atlantic States.

Steamers departing today for Europe will have fresh southwesterly winds and fair weather to the Grand Banks.

### TEMPERATURE.

9 a. m.	65
12 noon	74
1 p. m.	77

### SUN TABLE.

Sun rises	6:53
Sun sets	6:13

### TIDE TABLE.

High water today	3:54 a. m.
Low water today	10:48 p. m.
High water tomorrow	4:30 a. m.
Low water tomorrow	11:02 a. m.

## Mme. Anna Gould Confesses She May Wed Prince Helie In Talking to Her Friends



Snapshot of Prince Helie de Sagan, Cousin of Anna Gould's Former Husband, Who Followed Her Across the Atlantic.

## George Gould Said to Dislike Noble Suitor's Actions.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Following declarations by friends of Mme. Anna Gould today that in private conversations she has admitted she may wed Prince Helie de Sagan and her refusal to deny such an intention when questioned by newspaper men, society is counting certainly on their marriage at no distant date. There is the keenest outside discussion of probable plans for the ceremony.

When the direct question, "Mme. Gould, are you going to wed Prince De Sagan?" was put she answered: "We are not engaged."

"Really, I cannot say as to that."

"Will your marriage take place here or abroad?"

"Oh, really, I cannot discuss the matter any further. I do so dislike the notoriety. I have had too much of it already."

If Mme. Gould does marry the prince it will be in direct opposition to at least one of her brothers, George Gould, according to friends of the family. George Gould is said to have opinions of his own regarding a man of the prince's age and reputation following Mme. Gould to America, and they do not favor the prince.

Gould's silence in regard to the reported wedding-to-be, it is stated, is because of his hope to win his sister to his way of thinking before she does engage herself to De Sagan.

## WILLIAMS ROUSED BY WILFLEY CASE

### Will Introduce Resolution to Show the President's Position.

John Sharp Williams, minority leader in the House, announced today that in the near future he will introduce a resolution, which, by its terms, will bring cutting information whether or not President Roosevelt has been unduly active in regard to the Wilfley impeachment charges now pending before the House.

There was a hot wrangle in the Committee on Judiciary to-day as to whether it should report to the House the mere fact that the impeachment charges had not been sustained, or whether it should report in its report the severe censure of the judge contained in the subcommittee's report on the case.

One or two members of the committee declared they were in favor of bringing impeachment proceedings against Wilfley for his conduct as a judge in the Federal court at Shanghai, China, or at least asking the House to authorize further investigation to determine whether impeachment proceedings should be started.

Representative Diekmann, later in the day, arose on the floor of the House and denied the truth of certain newspaper reports that the President had questioned the right of the Judiciary Committee to criticize Judge Wilfley harshly, when it had found that the impeachment charges were not sustained.

Mr. Williams explained that he would not introduce his resolution unless he found that the facts, as set forth in the newspapers, were true. Mr. Diekmann said the President had not questioned the rights of the committee, or of any member in any way; that the President had not thumped his desk in the heat of argument, and that there was nothing to indicate that the Executive sought to infringe on the privileges of the House.

## SENTENCED TO DIE; FIRST DEATH ORDER IN JUDGE'S CAREER

### Justice Stafford Condemns Youth for Murder of Brother.

### Date for Execution of Albert Brown Is Set For June 29.

"It is the law that speaks, and it expresses no wish or will of mine," said Justice Stafford in Criminal Court No. 1 this morning when he was called upon for the first time in his career as a justice of the Supreme Court of the District to pass the sentence of death upon a man convicted of murder in the first degree.

Albert Brown, a colored youth of twenty-three years, stood before the bar of justice and heard the sentence passed upon him without a quiver. He had been convicted of the murder of his own brother, and not a muscle of his face moved as he heard the solemn words of the sentence pronounced by the court. He had nothing to say in his own behalf.

### First Death Sentence.

"In the eight years that I have sat upon the bench," said Justice Stafford, "this is the first time that it has been necessary for me to pronounce the extreme penalty provided by law for murder in the first degree. No discretion is left me in the matter of sentence. It is the law that speaks, and it expresses no wish or will of mine."

The court set the date for the execution on June 29.

Brown was convicted of the murder of his younger brother, Harvey, November 4. According to the testimony given at the trial, Harvey had interfered and prevented him from beating a girl. He went downtown, bought a revolver, and returned to an alley near his home, where he waited two hours for his brother to appear.

### Shoots Brother Down.

Without a word of warning he opened fire, and then stood over the prostrate form of his brother and fired the remaining bullets into his brother's head.

John Howard, a colored youth, was sentenced to fifteen years for assault with a dangerous weapon upon Mrs. Ida Jost at Brentwood. Frank Lee was sentenced to ten years for assault with a knife, and William Bird was given eight years for robbery.

## BEEF PRICES HIGH AND GOING HIGHER; SUPPLY IS SCARCE

### Sales Fall Off Third, While Other Meats Are in Demand.

With the best grade of beef selling wholesale at 94 cents a pound, a price higher than the local meat dealers have known in years, Washington householders may look forward to paying still higher prices for their steaks and roasts than those over which there has been such complaint and comment for the past year or more. In fact, according to the best information obtainable among retail dealers, there is reason to believe that unless the market takes a decided change for the benefit of the consumer, the price of beef will reach a height never before known in this city.

Scarcity of cattle and the strength of the grain and hide markets are given by the local representatives of the big Western meat concerns as the reasons for the unprecedented rise in the wholesale price of beef during the last few weeks. There is always an advance, they say, at this season of the year, but the present rise has been more rapid and of a greater extent than ever should be.

The advance in live stock has been equally as marked, and that the price of beef on the hoof in Chicago and other Western beef markets have dropped off in the East were necessarily raised.

Whatever the cause of the advance, it has resulted in a big decline in the demand for beef in this city and other Eastern points. The sales during the last few days in the Washington wholesale beef market have dropped off to nearly one-third, it is said. On the other hand, there has been a corresponding increase in the demand for pork and veal, which has shown little change in price. With the wholesale price of beef running from 92 to 104 cents a pound, meat dealers are looking forward to 12-cent beef, and it is said that unless the demand for beef continues to decrease the latter figure will be reached.

The retailers have, in certain grades of beef, already advanced their prices, and there is a general feeling among them that if wholesale prices go higher a corresponding raise in retail prices cannot be helped. The remedy, they say, lies in a widespread falling off in the public demand for beef and meat until things readjust themselves.

There has been until the recent jump in price a greater demand than ever before. No relief is expected in the depleted live stock markets of the West until the grass-fed cattle of Texas begin to arrive.

## SHERMAN IMPROVES.

Reports from Garfield Hospital today are that Representative James S. Sherman of New York, one of the House leaders, continues to improve, and that he will be able to leave that institution in a few days.

## \$1.25 to Baltimore and Return

Every Saturday and Sunday via Pennsylvania Railroad. Tickets good returning until Sunday night. All regular trains except the "Congressional Limited."—Advt.

## RIDGELY RESIGNS; TO BE PRESIDENT OF MISSOURI BANK



LAWRENCE O. MURRAY, Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Labor, Who Will Succeed Mr. Ridgely as Comptroller of the Treasury.

## Comptroller's Letter Delivered Today at the White House.

### Probably Will Be Succeeded by Lawrence O. Murray.

William Barrett Ridgely, Comptroller of the Currency, today presented his resignation to the President, to take effect upon his acceptance of the presidency of the reorganized National Bank of Commerce in Kansas City.

While the official announcement has not yet been made, it is regarded as certain that Lawrence O. Murray, Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Labor, is to succeed Mr. Ridgely. His appointment by the President will doubtless be given out shortly.

Mr. Murray, who has been seriously ill for several weeks with the grip, is now at Atlantic City recuperating.

## Not Ready to Leave.

Mr. Ridgely's resignation will not take effect at once, but will be held by the President until Mr. Ridgely is ready to accept the presidency of the reorganized National Bank of Commerce.

Mr. Ridgely called at the White House this morning and held a conference with the President. What he was in the Executive Office, Senators Cullom and Hopkins called. Senator Cullom in the father of Mr. Ridgely's first wife, and it was through his influence that the latter secured the appointment to the comptrollership.

"Yes, I guess Ridgely is turning in his resignation right now," remarked Senator Cullom, when he was asked about the matter. "And I guess, he added, that he'll take the job out at Kansas City."

Mr. Ridgely came out of the President's office five minutes afterward, and confirmed the story.

"They say they want me out at Kansas City," he said, "and I guess I'll take the place when they get things ready. I cannot say definitely when that will be."

## Mr. Murray's Career.

Mr. Murray is one of the young men that has forced to the front under the tutelage of President Roosevelt. He is a member of the inner circle of the White House, and is said to have given the President some hard games at tennis and other outdoor sports.

Mr. Murray was chosen by the President for service on the Committee on Department Methods, which was headed by Charles Hallam Keep, and became known as the "Keep Commission." Since the departure of Mr. Keep from the Government service, Mr. Murray has been recognized as the head of the committee, and has directed the several important investigations conducted into department procedure and official problems.

The President also named Mr. Murray as one of the special commissioners to go to Goldfield, Nev., at the time of the mining troubles, and make a report on conditions there.

## STAGE LURES FUTURE STARS FROM HOMES

### "Man From Egypt," Rehearsing Here, Selected as Vehicle to Distance Fame.

### Everything Is Smooth Until Relatives Enter Conspiracy With Police.

Again "The Man From Egypt" rests peacefully and quietly, undisturbed by the clanging of cymbals, the siren voices of daintily-gowned Amazons, and the music of many instruments. The quiet of the pyramids and the Sphinx prevails once more. For the second time within two weeks the police stepped in today and halted the pace of "The Man From Egypt." Two more future stars of the footlights have been denied the privilege of following their chosen profession and are safe again under the parental roof.

Answering an advertisement in a Washington newspaper, several young women obtained employment as minor principals and chorus girls in "The Man From Egypt," a musical show that it was intended to put on the road April 1. This morning Detectives Evans and O'Dea, of the Central Office, visited the Pythian Temple, where the rehearsals are being conducted, and when they left the officers were accompanied by Genevieve Keyes and Lulu Gant, two fifteen-year-old girls.

### Left on Tuesday.

Both girls had been reported missing from their homes since Tuesday. Their parents had no idea where they had gone, and had appealed to the police in the hope of finding them. Genevieve is the daughter of Mrs. J. W. Keyes, who conducts a rooming house at 421 New Jersey avenue southeast. Lulu lives with her parents.

Searching the city the detectives had failed to find any trace of the girls. It was remembered that Katie Nelson, a pretty fifteen-year-old girl, who disappeared from her home in E. street southwest, had wooed fame through the medium of the stage. Central Office Detectives O'Dea and Evans thought they had better interview "The Man From Egypt." When they looked in on the rehearsal this morning, the detectives were greeted with a dazzling sight. On the little stage in Pythian Temple more than twenty-five young women dressed in gay costumes of varied hues, were going through their act.

It was some time before the detectives could convince the two girls that they were wanted at home. Life on the road and the possibility of future fame appealed to the girls, and they were loath to accompany the officers. Mr. Gant was notified and took his daughter home. Genevieve was placed in charge of the matron at the House of Detention.

## Won't Give Up Stage.

"I don't intend to give up the stage," said Genevieve. "When the company goes to Annapolis, on April 4, I will be with it."

Mrs. Keyes thinks otherwise. She says her daughter will be carefully guarded at the New Jersey avenue house. There will be no stars in the Keyes family this year. Genevieve was to be the maid in the play, and the part was considered an important one. Her girl friends had joined the company, and they were intended to witness a rehearsal.

After the rehearsal, some life didn't look good to Genevieve. "The Man From Egypt" needed a maid and also another girl in the chorus. So Genevieve and Lulu signed a contract. They received a salary of \$25 a week. They decided it would be best not to return home, and they neglected to inform their parents that they were going on the stage.

## Dreamed of Fame.

They obtained rooms in a downtown hotel, and for the last three days had been working steadily to learn their parts. It never entered their heads that their parents might become worried over their prolonged absence. Some time in the future they expected to send their photographs and articles from magazines telling of their rapid rise before the footlights.

Everything was going smoothly until the police interfered. Both girls, however, expressed their determination to remain with the troupe, and if "The Man From Egypt" were to start out without a maid, it won't be the maid's fault.

## CAPT. DIEHL TO COMMAND NEW BATTLESHIP IDAHO

Orders were being issued at the War Department detaching Capt. S. W. B. Diehl from special temporary duty in the Navy Department, and assigning him to command the new battleship Idaho, which was ordered to be placed in commission in the next few days.

Captain Diehl is well known in Washington, and is a graduate of the Annapolis naval academy. He is the son of a prominent family, and is a member of the navy. He is a member of the navy, and is a member of the navy.

## MILLIONAIRE POLITICIAN DYING OF OVEREXERTION

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## HEAT PROSTRATION FIRST IN MARCH; WOMAN RECOVERS

Overcome by heat, Mrs. May Florence, twenty-five years old, fell unconscious to the pavement at Seventh and G streets northwest at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. She was taken to the Emergency Hospital. Physicians revived her within a few minutes.

Mrs. Florence then was able to go to her home, 641 Fifth street northwest.

This is the first heat prostration of the year in the District. Doctors at the Emergency Hospital and the police say that it is the first time a heat prostration has ever occurred here in the month of March.

Mrs. Florence had been in the shopping district for several hours, and it is believed that her long walk along the unshaded street was responsible for her succumbing to the rays of the sun.

Despite Mrs. Florence's experience, however, there comes from the mysterious precincts known as the Government Weather Bureau the announcement that "were most unwise to take those steps in regard to the changing of certain rainfall."

For the gentle, insinuating breezes are but stuns in the employ of a cold wave which is predicted.

Evidently Sir Cupid has been neglecting the opportunity to prove the assertion that "in spring a young man's fancies lightly turn to thoughts of love," for up to today not one lover's swain had applied to the license clerk.

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## Strange Tragedy Duplicate of One in Which Local Man Died.

BOSTON, March 27.—So many strange features developed today in connection with the triple tragedy at the Blomquist House in Belmont last night that the police are unwilling to accept the theory that Ernest W. Blomquist and his wife and child were burned to death through mere accident. The fire was discovered about 10 o'clock and, although attempts were made to rescue the family, their charred bodies were found in the ruins today.

The police are endeavoring to run down a story current during the fire that earlier in the night two pistol shots and screams were heard in the house. Neighbors declare that the blaze started up so suddenly that it may have been incendiary. Flames, they say, seemed to flare up simultaneously in several places.

Within a short distance of the Blomquist house stood the residence of John Clark, of Washington, which burned down in the same manner. The police are making a searching investigation.

## Did You Know

that a mole on your face has a meaning? It is a mark of nature, telling you something of your characteristics and a brief epitome of the future in store for you. It all depends on what part of the face the mole is located whether its significance is good or bad. Everybody is interested in fortunes, so everybody will be interested in the page article on moles in the magazine section of next Sunday's Times. There is a chart with all the moles numerically indicated together with the explanations.

This is just one of the many bright features in the magazine section for next Sunday. Be sure you get The Times and read them all.