

MUNSEY BUILDING AND LAND VALUED AT \$1,152,620

Report of Special Board of Appraisers Was Made Public Today.

LAND \$22.50 PER FOOT \$152,620 Excess of Valuation Over \$1,000,000 Presented to Trust Company.

The report of the appraisers of the Munsey Building and the land which it occupies was made public today, the total value being fixed at \$1,152,620.

With a view to the purchase of the building for a banking home, the Munsey Trust Company and Mr. Munsey each appointed an appraiser to fix upon the value of the building. These two appraisers, Mr. Louis P. Shoemaker, representing the trust company, and Mr. J. L. Heiskell, representing Mr. Munsey, were authorized to name a third appraiser. They accordingly named Mr. Harold E. Doyle. All three of these men are expert appraisers, with a thorough knowledge of Washington land values.

Fixed By Appraisers. The price fixed by them as the value of the plot of ground on which the Munsey Building stands was \$250,000, which is \$22.50 per square foot for the entire area of 704.12. This committee secured from James L. Parsons, the well-known Washington builder, a price for constructing a similar building, a duplicate of the Munsey building. Mr. Parsons' figures were \$100,000 without carrying charges—that is, interest during the period of construction, and without architect's fees or superintendence of construction. These three items together—architect's fees, \$8,000; interest, \$40,000; and superintendence's salary, \$5,000—amount to \$145,000 which sum added to the \$100,000 building price, made the full cost of the building, not including the land, \$245,000.

By a special agreement entered into between the Munsey Trust Company and Mr. Munsey, the building was to be sold to the trust company at the price found by the board of appraisers to be its value, provided, however, the figures did not exceed \$1,000,000, the sum at which Mr. Munsey originally proposed selling the building to the trust company. Mr. Munsey volunteered the proposal that any sum fixed upon by the appraisers in excess of \$1,000,000 be presented to the trust company as a gift.

Lorimer Is to Run For Senate Again

William Lorimer is nearly ready to publicly announce his candidacy for United States Senator from Illinois. He will run at the Republican primaries in April.

Urges Direct Election Of Nation's Executive

Congressman Britten, an Illinois Republican, today introduced a bill providing for the direct election of the President and Vice President, limiting their tenure of office to one term of six years. The bill is so drawn that it will not prevent the candidacy of Colonel Roosevelt, Prof. Taft or President Wilson, if either should desire to run for a second term.

Denies Statements Accredited to Her

Miss M. J. Dickman, of the office of the Geological Survey, denies the report that she was guilty of wrongdoing by the smoke and gas resulting from the Sunday afternoon fire in the Hooe building, or that she was alarmed by the situation attending her exit from the building. She says that statements credited to her expressing fear were not substantiated.

To Wed Clubman



MISS SUZANNE CARROLL.

MAJOR HILL WINS SUZANNE CARROLL

Engagement Announced by Mother of Bride-to-Be, Mrs. J. Howell Carroll.

Major John Phillip Hill member of the Metropolitan Club, office in the Maryland National Guard, and United States district attorney for Maryland, is to marry Miss Suzanne Carroll, of Baltimore, daughter of the late J. Howell Carroll, formerly United States consul at Cadix, and the great-grandson of Charles Carroll, of Carrollton. The bride-to-be is accordingly a great-great-granddaughter of the signer of the Declaration of Independence.

The approaching wedding of the two is of great interest in Washington, where both Major Hill and Miss Carroll are prominent. Mr. Hill when in Washington makes his headquarters at the club.

Reach Compromise On Gas Tax Fight

A compromise was reached today in the litigation between the District and the Washington Gas Light Company, and the Georgetown Gas Company over the special tax against the service pipes of the two corporations. It was expected that the suits would be carried to the United States Supreme Court, but the final settlement ends the controversy and results in the payment of \$90,000 by the companies for taxes due and more than \$300 a year hereafter. The service pipes of the companies for the use of consumers and street lamp service, shall be hereafter regarded as real estate, while the meters shall be regarded as personal property, to be covered in the general tax and not subject to a special tax.

Ebbitt House Manager Up on Liquor Offense

George F. Schutt, proprietor of the Ebbitt House, is on trial before a jury in the District branch of the Police Court this afternoon charged with selling liquor in the cafe of his hotel after hours. The case rests on whether the hotel proprietor, by serving intoxicants through his agents after midnight in the cafe is guilty of violating the law if the drinks were purchased and paid for before midnight.

Sues Owner of Motor.

Ten thousand dollars is asked by Bertram C. Spurr in a suit filed in the District Supreme Court today against Franklin J. Drake. He alleges that while he was riding a bicycle near Thirteenth and G streets on May 8, last, he was run down by an automobile driven by the defendant.

WITNESS TURNS ON HIS FELLOWS

Massachusetts Prisoner Says Wool Company President Was Back of Plan.

EMPLOYED TO HELP "JOKE"

Contradictory Evidence Finally Forced From Man Who Tells of Dynamite Scheme.

BOSTON, May 20.—The complete story of the planting of dynamite to discredit the Lawrence strikers during the textile mill troubles of January, 1912, was revealed in court today. It came from the lips of Dennis J. Collins, the Cambridge dog fancier, who aided John J. Breen, the Lawrence undertaker and politician, who has already paid a fine of \$500 for his part in the plot, in placing it about the city.

Collins, jointly indicted with William M. Wood, multi-millionaire president of the American Woolen Company, and Frederick E. Atteau, head of a big mill supply house, had been practically abandoned by his wealthy co-defendants.

Witness Testifies. Collins testified that, after examining the package given him by Breen he was curious as to its use and asked Breen what he was going to do. He testified, "He said to me, 'Do you know President Wood, of the American Woolen Company?'"

"I told him I did not, and he said, 'Well, never mind, it'll be a good joke anyhow.'"

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Cuban Chief Takes Oath Without Fight

HAVANA, May 20.—Another precedent in the history of the republic of Cuba was established today when Gen. Mario G. Menocal, amid impressive ceremony, was inaugurated president to succeed Gen. Jose Miguel Gomez. Without opposition or disturbance of any kind, a Cuban had succeeded a Cuban as the republic's chief.

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Childless Couple Take Own Lives by Gas Asphyxiation

NEW YORK, May 20.—Heart-broken because, after nine years of married life, they were without children, Ellsworth Campbell, a wealthy contractor of Wood Haven, and his wife ended their lives early today. A policeman broke into the Ellsworth apartment and found the couple. Their hands were clasped and the fumes of gas were pouring into the room.

Friends of the couple knew of their grief and recently tried to cheer them, but when Ellsworth became involved in some slight financial trouble it is believed they agreed to end their lives together.

BANKER HOLDS OUT IN DEATH BATTLE

Poisoned Georgian Revives Little; Asks Ball Score, Then Wishes for End.

MACON, Ga., May 20.—B. Sanders Walker is still fighting the death from poison which physicians say must conquer his indomitable will. Today he was slightly better, though weaker, but he lost some of his fighting spirit, expressing the hope to nurses that death would come soon to relieve his suffering.

This is the fifth day since Walker took a nichloride of mercury tablet by mistake for a headache cure. No aid in his medical annals parallels his usual experience with bichloride being death of the victim within forty-eight hours.

Pennsylvania Named Labor Bureau Officer

Edward S. McGraw, of Williamsport, Pa., today was appointed by Secretary of Labor Wilson as his confidential clerk. Mr. McGraw is a young attorney, and is at present among the clerical force of the fire marshal at Harrisburg, Pa. He is a member of the Democratic Club of Williamsport of the state central Democratic committee, and took a leading part in the last Congressional campaign that saw Mr. Wilson elected.

Burleson Orders Annual Test of Office Scales

A periodical test of all scales used in the parcel post service was ordered by Postmaster General Burleson today. In the past, no general test for scales had been made, after they were once installed. A recent investigation revealed as a consequence that in many instances scales were found to be inaccurate due to long and hard service.

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PREPARE ACTION IN MINE INQUIRY

Senators Arrange for Thorough Investigation of Outrages in Coal Districts.

COMMITTEE IS SUMMONED

Members of Board Will Go Into West Virginia to Learn First-Hand Story of Abuses.

The Senate Committee on Education and Labor will meet tomorrow, in accordance with a call issued by Senator Hoke Smith, its chairman, today, and will order a prompt and favorable report on the resolution of Senator Kern for a thorough investigation into the West Virginia strike situation.

The resolution will be adopted by the Senate within a few days. Agreement as to the procedure has been reached by the leaders. Nothing can now stop the probe, in spite of the bitter opposition emanating from the mining interests.

To Enlarge Inquiry. Senator Smith today announced the meeting of the committee tomorrow. The work of the committee tomorrow will be to broaden the scope of the resolution.

An amendment proposed by Senator Kern will be incorporated. The amendment provides that the investigation shall extend to the question of wages paid and in general to the conditions leading up to the strike in the Paint Creek and Cabin Creek regions.

Not contenting itself with investigating at long range, the subcommittee will go into the Paint Creek and Cabin Creek regions and see things for itself. The men and women who, it is charged, have been grossly abused and Russianized in the West Virginia strike will be grilled and probably this will also occur in West Virginia instead of here, as the committee to send the subcommittee to West Virginia there are substantial reasons.

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Kern Greatly Pleased. The Indiana Senator has not yet had an audience with Eugene V. Debs, but he will see him if he comes here, and will gladly listen to Mr. Debs' version of the situation.

Many Roll Calls to Be Taken on Tariff

Roll calls and more roll calls will be required on the tariff bill in the Senate. This was made plain today when Senator Shoop let it be known he would begin making amendments as soon as consideration of the bill was undertaken on the floor. Moreover, Senator Shoop said he would demand a roll call on every amendment.

Cincinnati Street Car Strike Has Been Settled

CINCINNATI, Ohio, May 20.—Street car service, suspended almost completely for nine days, was resumed today, following the signing of an agreement by representatives of the Cincinnati Traction Company and their 2,000 striking employees. The settlement was reached last night after three days' bargaining.

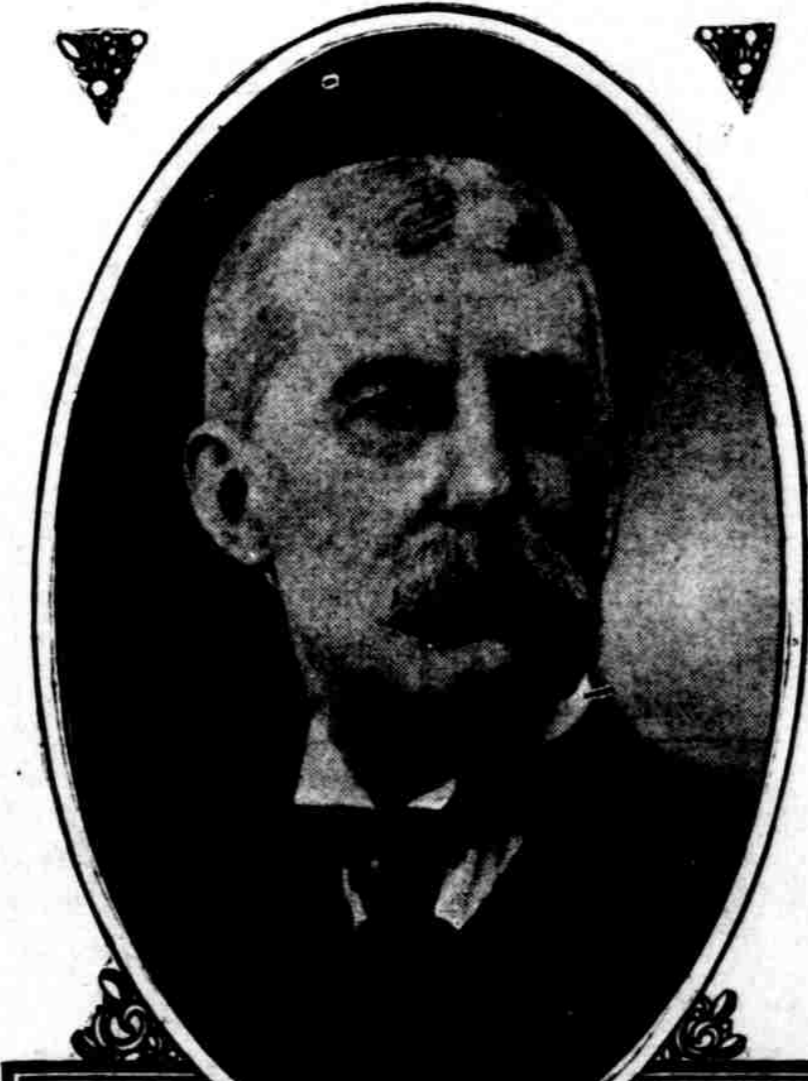
Boy Held for Robbery.

Henry Sellers, who in company with two other boys, the police believe, knocked down and robbed James J. O'Connell, 325 Madison avenue south of 14th street, was arrested today by the police. At all three holds, mounted police were stationed to see that no meetings were held.

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PATERSON, N. J., May 20.—Striking silk workers today were driven from the city limits of Paterson to hold their meetings. Owners of Turn Hall and Helvetia Hall were notified by the police today that they would be arrested for maintaining disorderly places if they permitted strike meetings in their halls. Turn Hall, but were turned away from there by the owner who had been warned by the police. At all three holds, mounted police were stationed to see that no meetings were held.

Millionaire Who Passed Away Today



HENRY M. FLAGLER. "WHITEHALL," MR. FLAGLER'S HOME IN FLORIDA.

Henry M. Flagler, Standard Oil magnate and builder of the Florida and East Coast railroad, died at his winter home, "Whitehall," here today. Mrs. Flagler and Mrs. Henry Harkness Flagler were with him. For several hours after his death an effort was made to withhold the fact. The body will be conveyed to St. Augustine for interment at that place in the family mausoleum at the date of the funeral has not yet been set.

MOTOR FIRE ENGINE PROVES ITS WORTH

Petworth Company Helps Save Home of H. E. Doyle After Fast Run to Chevy Chase.

Covering a distance of nearly five miles in seven minutes, an automobile fire engine and hose carriage raced from Petworth to Chevy Chase this morning, arriving in time to save the handsome suburban residence of Harold E. Doyle from destruction by the flames, and serving as an object lesson of the high efficiency and value of motor driven fire apparatus, especially for suburban use.

Capitalist Who Built Florida and East Coast Railroad Succumbs in South.

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The Florida East Coast railway was his most notable achievement. It represents a railway 32 miles in length, from Jacksonville at the northern end of the State of Florida, to Key West, at the southern tip, the nearest portion of the United States to the Tropic of Cancer, and practically the only town of any size and importance in the republic without a railroad.

ACUTE STAGE IN JAPAN SITUATION REACHED TODAY

On Reply of Japan to U. S. Note Depends Further Action in Land Bill Case.

MUCH UNEASINESS IS FELT

Official Circles Fear Island Empire May Plead Honor of Nation Is at Stake.

A critical stage has been reached in the California-Japanese situation, as it is now up to Japan to say whether she will insist on the Federal Government eradicating the objectionable anti-alien land act.

On the rejoinder of Japan to this Government's reply that the Webb-Bloodgood bill does not contravene the commercial treaty of 1911 and that the legislation is not intended as a blow at the national honor of Japan hinges the crisis in the negotiations.

Under the superficial veil of optimism in Administration circles, there is a fear that Japan will firmly reject the arguments of Secretary of State Bryan, as drafted by John Bassett Moore, counselor for the State Department. There is not the slightest hope that the explanation will meet the demands of the formal protest submitted by Viscount Chinda, the Japanese ambassador, although there is confidence that the rejoinder will be the paramount issue, the negotiations will ultimately be attended with success.

What will Japan do about it? That is the question here. Those closest to President Wilson and his advisers are confident that the rejoinder will be the paramount issue, the negotiations will ultimately be attended with success.

IN CONGRESS TODAY.

SENATE. Finance committee Democrats hold session. Subcommittee of Senate will be sent into West Virginia coal fields. President sends nominations to Senate.

HOUSE. Congressmen Sisson obtained consent to address body for one hour Friday. Adjournment taken until Friday. Congressman Trout introduced bill to amend District insurance laws. Congressman Britten introduced bill for direct elections of President and Vice President and a six-year term therefor. Bill for one-cent letter postage introduced by Congressman Rouse.