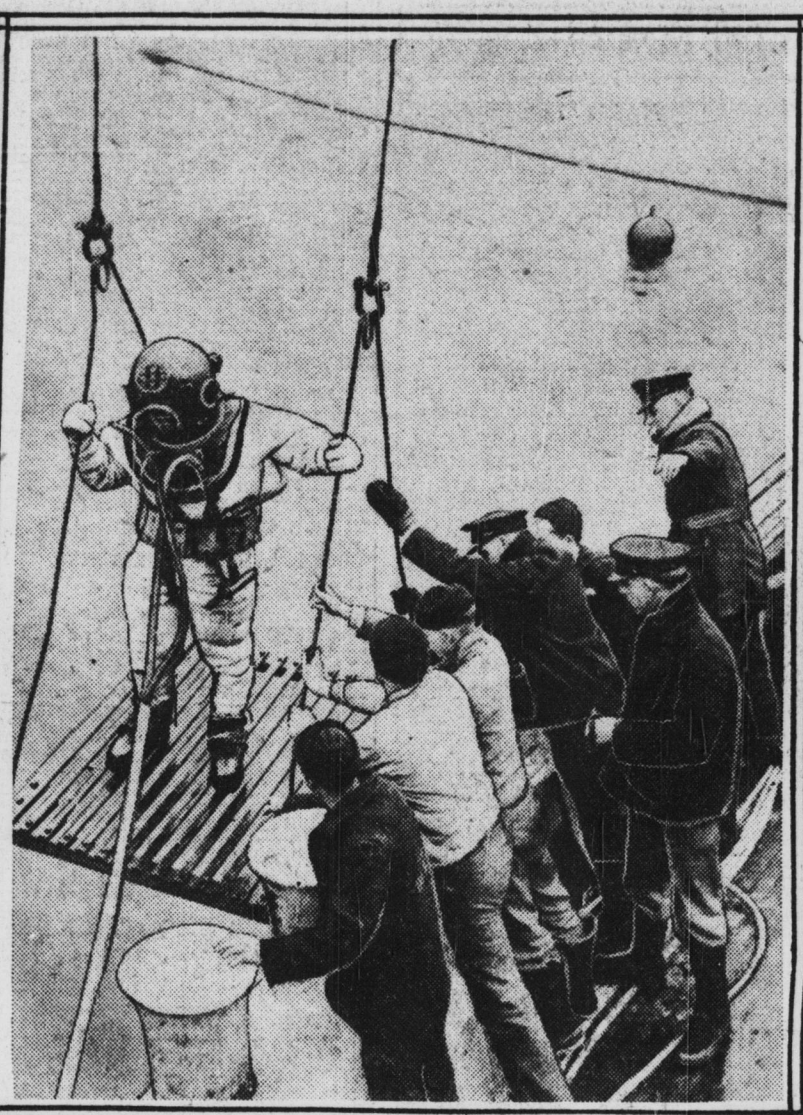


The submarine S-4 seen from the U. S. S. Falcon as it went down in the test dive Monday in Great South Pond, off Block Island. The crewless hulk of the vessel in which 40 men lost their lives is equipped with lifting hooks as a safety feature for raising it after accidental submergence.

—Associated Press and Wide World Photos.



At right: A diver being lowered from the Falcon to attach pontoon cables to the lifting hooks on the submarine S-4, by means of which she was partly raised yesterday, bow first.

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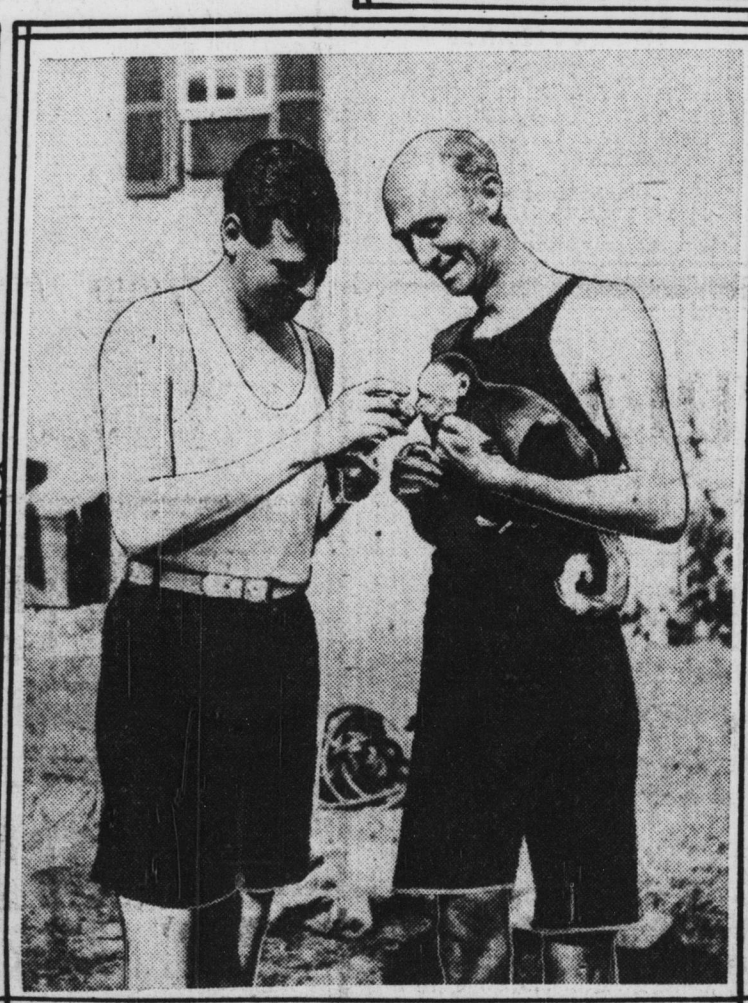


President-elect Hoover in Lima as he drove with President Leguia to the presidential palace in the Peruvian capital. The carriage is seen making its way through the streets as thousands gathered along the way to cheer the President-elect on his good-will visit. —Copyright by P. & A. Photos.

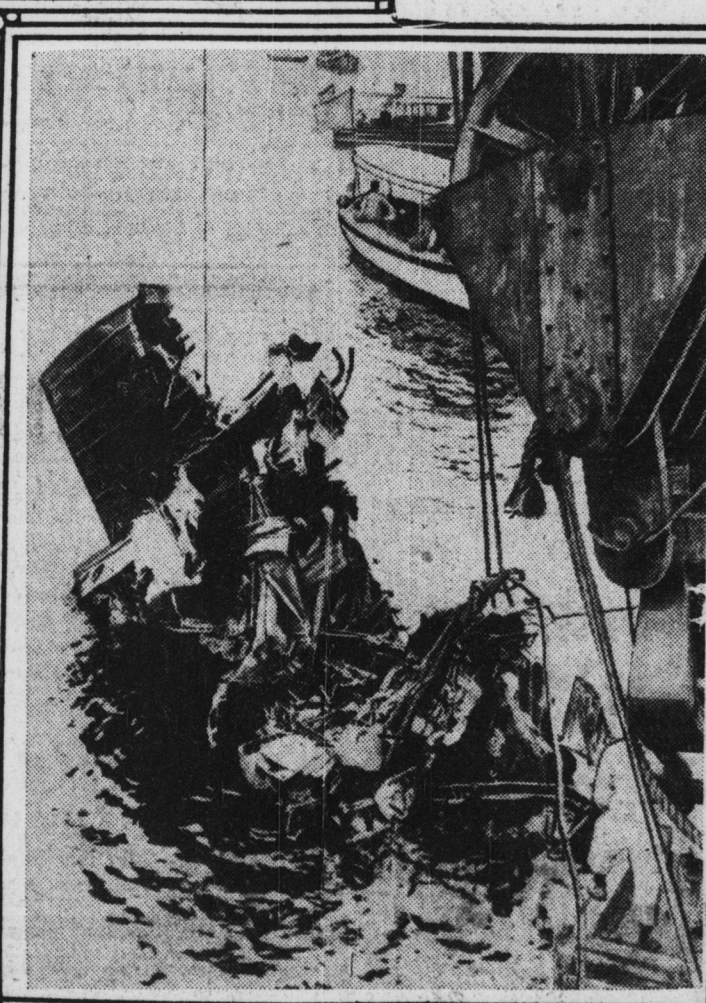


Postmaster Alden Puhler of Minot, Me., with Ipar, leader of the husky team which he will drive from Minot to Montreal and return with the first international dog-team mail. Leaving as soon as the snow is heavy enough this month, he will visit some 120 towns on the route, taking six weeks for the trip.

—Associated Press Photo.



Prince George of England (left) and William Beebe, the naturalist, with his monkey mascot Chiriqui during the recent visit of the prince in Bermuda. The royal visitor displayed great interest in Mr. Beebe's exploration of the tropical sea bottom there, and spent some time under the sea himself. —Wide World Photos.



Hauling up the wreckage of the giant plane Santos-Dumont in which 10 persons met death when it crashed into the bay off Rio de Janeiro. The crash occurred when the plane went out to meet the arriving Brazilian aviation pioneer, Alberto Santos-Dumont.

—Wide World Photos.



Looking over the beach pajama styles at Miami. Pleated trousers, tucked-in blouses and coolie coats form these dazzling ensembles, with either the square or the conventional round parasol to top off the effect. The colors match everything in the rainbow.

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## SEEK TO REVIVE VALUATION APPEAL

Washington and Georgetown Gas and Light Companies Fight Utilities Body Order.

The Washington Gas Light Co. and the Georgetown Gas Light Co., through attorneys Benjamin S. Minor, George F. Hoover and Swager Sherley, today filed a motion in the District Supreme Court to revive the appeals of the two companies from orders of the Public Utilities Commission fixing valuations of the properties of the companies. The suits were instituted August 14, 1917, and have lain dormant pending disposition by the court of the questions involved in the appeals of the Potomac Electric Power Co. from utility valuations.

The defendants named in the original suit were the then District Commissioners, who formed the utilities commission, so the court was asked to substitute the names of the present, Public Utilities Commissioners for those of the original defendants. Counsel also served notice on the commission that they will call the motion to the attention of Justice Peyton Gordon on Friday.

Counsel for the gas companies in an affidavit in support of their motion, in which they ask for a speedy hearing of the appeals when revived, tell the court that after the final decision in the Potomac Electric Co. case, it was considered advisable to have the commission make a new valuation rather than to proceed with the pending appeals.

January 19, 1926, they say, the companies petitioned the commission to have a new valuation made at which time the commission was advised of the pendency of the appeal. The commission did not order the valuation proceeding until after Congress passed the act requiring the company to pay all the expenses of the investigation and the valuation. July 2, 1928, they point out, the commission gave notice that August 13, 1928, it would proceed to consider the valuation of the properties of the companies.

### 33 CASES IN DISTRICT.

Health Office Report on Influenza Today—No Deaths.

Thirty-three cases of influenza were reported to the District Health Department today. No new deaths have been reported since one on Saturday.

## SEVEN NAVY DIVERS TO BE GRADUATED

First Class Will Be Sent to Posts on Atlantic and Pacific Coasts.

Seven men who have taken the first course in the Navy's deep sea diving school at the Washington Navy Yard will be graduated Saturday and sent to posts on the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts. The men have been studying and engaging in diving since July of this year and have performed satisfactorily all the tests which constitute the regulations for Navy divers.

With a steel cylinder tank in which conditions similar to depths up to 150 feet in open water can be reproduced, the men have been through a complete course in salvage, rescue and repair work. They also have studied the use of hand and power tools, the physics of diving, the care and preservation and upkeep of material and the calculation of air supply. Another important course given the men is one in first aid to divers and treatment of men for the "bends" or caisson disease, a malady which sometimes afflicts those subjected to the strain of high air pressures.

On alternating weeks the students have gone out into the Potomac with the diving boat Crilly. All of the men to be graduated are warrant or petty officers, and, prior to their taking the course, they had had diving experience. They are: Warrant Gunner F. C. Church, Warrant Carpenter William Shipman, Torpedoman, first class, David H. Boyd, Chief Gunner's Mate Joseph E. Hanson, Gunner's Mate, first class, Joseph Zieolkiewicz, Torpedoman, third class, Alton M. Chamberlin and Torpedoman, third class, W. Caldwell. The men have been studying under Lieut. Henry Hartley.

## HOLDS STREET CARS UNDER TRAFFIC LAWS

Court Overrules Motorman Charged With Failure to Slow Down at Intersection.

A motion to quash a ruling that street cars are not subject to traffic regulations of the District, was overruled by Judge Gus A. Schuldt in Police Court today.

Attorneys for William Padgett, employee of the Washington Railway & Electric Co. and motorman charged with failure to slow down at an intersection, contended that street cars were subject to rules made by the Public Utilities Commission, and not the Traffic act.



Henry E. Dixey, appearing in the revival of "The Beaux' Stratagem" at the National Theater this week, was pleasantly reminded of a benefit performance of the play in which he appeared here on March 18, 1886, for the Elks' Lodge, when he was presented with a cane yesterday by the local lodge. Left to right: George W. Harrison, charter member of the lodge; Mr. Dixey, M. G. McCormick, treasurer of the lodge, presenting the gift, and John D. Fitzgerald, lodge member.

## NORRIS COMPILES INSULL'S INTEREST

List of Applications Will Be Presented to Committee Considering West's Nomination.

By the Associated Press.

A long list of the applications of the Samuel Insull interest pending before the Federal Power Commission, of which Secretary West of the Interior Department is a member, has been prepared by Senator Norris of Nebraska, and will be presented to the Senate public lands committee, which is considering Mr. West's nomination.

The Secretary was questioned recently by the committee as to his former holdings of Insull companies' stock. He said he had invested about \$67,000 in this way, but had sold his holding for about \$118,000 when he became a member of the cabinet.

Chairman Nye of the committee, who will present the compilation on behalf of Senator Norris, has not computed the value of power which might be generated by the proposed leases.

A meeting of the committee has been called for late today to give further consideration to Mr. West's nomination.

## Berger Would Restore Citizenship To 1,500 Penalized Under War-Time Laws

By the Associated Press.

A resolution to restore the rights of citizenship to approximately 1,500 men and women who were convicted under the war time espionage act for utterances disapproving the war was introduced today by Representative Berger, Socialist, Wisconsin.

Berger was indicted five time on charges growing out of alleged acts of disloyalty during the war, and was sentenced for 20 years in the penitentiary by former Judge Keneaw M. Landis in Chicago. The verdict was later reversed by the Supreme Court.

His measure would request the President to proclaim a full pardon and amnesty, with restoration of civil rights, to all persons, who, during the war, "were convicted of utterances in speech or writing deemed to be prejudicial to the conduct of the war, or of conspiracies to violate war laws in which no acts of violence were involved."

Berger said not one of the 1,500 men and women convicted had committed an act of violence. He added that a general proclamation of amnesty followed the Civil War and that he supposed another would follow the World War.

## EVIDENCE LACKING, ACCUSED MAN FREED

Court Orders Release of Burgess F. Hart, Who Was Arrested by Dry Raiders.

By the Associated Press.

Insufficient evidence resulted in the freeing of Burgess F. Hart, one of four defendants arrested when police raided the Ambassador Oyster House, August 3. This action was taken by Judge Gus A. Schuldt in Police Court today.

Assistant United States Attorney R. F. Camilleri asked for a directed verdict in the case of Hart and lack of sufficient evidence was given as the grounds for the dropping of the possession charge. Hart having been in the oyster bar on the first floor of the house during the entire raid.

The others arrested are charged with sale and possession. They are William Deegan, 28; Francis Deegan, 21, and Clarence Myers, 35.

## UTILITY DEPOSITS HIT AT HEARING

Reigel Says Gas Was Cut Off at His Home When He Refused to Put Up Cash.

E. C. Reigel, identifying himself as director of the Washington Consumers' Guild, 28 Jackson place, occupied most of the hearing before the Public Utilities Commission today on the equity and reasonableness of utility companies requiring deposits from prospective customers in attacking the practices of the Washington Gas Light Co., Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co. and Potomac Electric Power Co.

In a series of tilts with lawyers representing these concerns, he made blanket charges of "trickery and petty larceny" against the concerns, and at one stage of the hearing Chairman John W. Childress of the commission threatened to halt the hearing if Mr. Reigel continued in his attitude. Immediately before the threat Mr. Reigel had stated that he did not intend to pay any attention to the attorneys' objections.

Silent on Membership.

Mr. Reigel testified that the Consumers' Guild was a non-profit corporation incorporated five days ago in the District, but refused to answer a question by Commissioner Harrison Brand, who sought to find out how many members there were in the guild.

He said that the Washington Gas Light Co. had discontinued service to his home in the Potomac Park Apartments when he refused to make a deposit for the same. As director of the Consumers' Guild, he said, he had asked the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co. to install service, but the company had refused to do so because he would not make a deposit.

He exhibited a bill for 23 cents rendered by the Potomac Electric Power Co. for electricity and stated that the charge for the service should have been 18 cents, but that 23 cents was the minimum charge.

Cites Losses on Bills.

Testimony as to deposits was introduced by the telephone and power companies. According to the first, there are 150,000 telephone stations in Washington, and of these 10,436 are represented by deposits. In 1928 the amount charged off to loss through failure to collect bills amounted to \$32,000.

## DEATH OF 2 GIRLS CHARGED TO TRIO

Driver and One of Occupants of Auto in Accident Confess, Police Say.

Special Dispatch to The Star. BALTIMORE, December 19.—Two alleged confessions yesterday solved the mystery of the death of two girls whose bodies were found early Monday near the Annapolis road near here.

Earl Shelsby, 22, of 1620 Benhill avenue, Curtis Bay, confessed, police say, that he was the driver of the automobile which struck the girls. William Jefferson, 24, of Curtis Creek, and his brother, Albert Jefferson, 27, of Curtis Bay, were other occupants of the car. Shelsby's damaged and blood-stained car was found in a garage. Marie Stolba, 15, and Thelma Vlack, 16, were the victims.

"Well, Albert usually tells the truth," the three were taken to Annapolis, where they were charged with causing the deaths of the girls.

Shelsby was arrested by Corp. Barnickol and Investigator Hart of the State police. The corporal was driving near Glenburnie Sunday night while off duty, when he passed an auto with one headlight out. He halted the driver, and when the car sped on, gave chase. At Glenburnie the fugitives turned down the Annapolis road at high speed. Barnickol forced them to stop after a mile chase.

Three men got out of the machine, the corporal said, while he inspected their car, finding the fender and the headlight smashed. They said the machine had been in an accident in Baltimore the previous night and had not been repaired. Barnickol made a note of their registration cards and tags before releasing them.

## LEHLBACH SEEKS DATA ON WELCH BILL PROTESTS

Budget Bureau and Personnel Classification Board Asked to Furnish Information.

Chairman Lehlbach of the House civil service committee today gave an emergency call to the Budget Bureau and the Personnel Classification Board asking them to get in his hands if possible today the data concerning and in answer to protest and complaints over the operation of the Welch pay bill, which he needs before drafting a remedial bill.

Mr. Lehlbach advised these two agencies that if this data is not ready today it should be sent to him at his home in Newark, N. J., so that he can be working upon the new bill during the Christmas recess. He had hoped to introduce the bill before the Christmas recess.

## When Your Valued Clerk Leaves

The quickest and most reliable way to fill the vacancy is by the proven route of The Star Help Wanted advertisement.

The Star is issued every afternoon and is delivered in the home within an hour. It is, therefore, entirely possible to choose the successor the same afternoon the advertisement appears.

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