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## H. M. SOENNICHSEN

### Flood Fatality List Mounts to New Total of 11

Hundreds Made Homeless by Waters; Tourists Marooned; Relief in Sight for Flooded Districts

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 23.—Freshets, caused by unseasonably heavy rains, spread death and destruction in four states, made several hundred persons homeless, marooned tourists and threatened to cause flood conditions in the Ohio valley by Christmas.

From one to six lives lost Wednesday were added to the previous toll of five when a bridge at Catlettsburg, collapsed under pressure of high waters; two other workmen were seriously hurt and five were missing. Three children were drowned in Arkansas and two men in Kentucky Tuesday.

Tug river, on the boundary between Kentucky and West Virginia, overflowed its banks at Williamson, W. Va., making 300 homeless and damaging buildings and industrial plants.

W. C. Devereaux, weather forecaster at Cincinnati, issued a warning Wednesday in which he said inhabitants of the Ohio valley probably will witness a Christmas flood. Rising rapidly, the Ohio passed the 25-foot mark at Cincinnati Wednesday. Flood stage there is 51 feet.

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 23.—With the Tug and Clinch rivers receding and freezing temperatures prevailing relief was in sight Wednesday for the flood stricken districts of southern West Virginia where many residents of the lowlands in the two river valleys were forced from their homes and large damage was suffered by farmers, industries and railroads. The high water followed 48 hours of rain which ceased early Wednesday.

Bursting gas lines caused several fires at Williamson, the most serious of which was at the West Virginia Armature company, where an explosion wrecked the plant and caused \$30,000 damage.

Matewan and Kermit and other small towns also suffered severely. At Matewan, streets were submerged to a depth of five feet and damage was estimated at \$100,000.

A score of families trapped in their homes at Princeton by flood waters of the Bluestone river and Brush creek were rescued by firemen in boats. The two streams reached their highest mark since 1900, old residents said.

While streams in the extreme southern part of the state were reported to be falling, Maj. H. M. Triple, United States engineer in charge of the Huntington district, who spent the day in Charleston, said Wednesday night that the Kanawha river would reach flood stage by Thursday morning.

At Huntington, the Ohio river was rising at the rate of a sixteenth of a foot an hour.

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### OFTEN THE CLOTH COAT MERELY SUGGESTS THE BLOUSE EFFECT



armhole without destroying the straight up and down lines of the coat, for in spite of the obstacles to be overcome, the final ultimatum from fashion headquarters is that both the blouse and the deep armhole must have their place in the season's modes. And they have! Most successfully, too, for proof of which let the coat in this picture again bear witness. It is an elegant model made of dark green suede cloth, with collar of natural gray fox.

A DECIDED blouse for the evening wrap, but merely the suggestion of a blouse for the practical daytime topcoat—this is the decision of the mode. The problem has been how to introduce the blouse into the coat of cloth without interfering with the straightline silhouette—for women of fashion are loathe to forsake slenderizing lines. In more ways than one this covered effect has been achieved, at the same time introducing a blouse styling. By positioning a subtle fullness at the back above the skirt portion or perhaps placing it under the arm as the model shows in this picture, the almost impossible has been accomplished.

There is another difficulty which has vexed the designer from time to time, that is to adopt the very deep

Out of the confusion of styles launched at the beginning of every season there is always some one which stands out prominently—becomes a pronounced rogue. Such is the black or richly colored coat of either suede or deep pile weave, which is trimmed with light fluffy fur—the kind which flatters in its becomingness. In selecting the midwinter cloth coat one will be according to the dictates of the mode by selecting either a deep wine or dark green cloth trimmed with creamy colored badger or gray fox or wolf.

JULIA POTTONLEY.  
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### 200 IN NEW PRODUCTION

Two hundred of the cities most prominent society folks will be featured in the outstanding theatrical event of the season to be staged at the Parmele Theatre December 27 and 28, when the Volunteer Fire Department of Plattsmouth presents "Here's Your Hat" a two act musical comedy.

Babies of girls, gorgeous costumes beautiful scenery and snappy steps will be only a few of the outstanding features of the attraction which promises to be one of the best home talent productions staged here in years. Rehearsals have been in full swing for the past several days. New song hits and new dances which are being featured in "Here's Your Hat" will stand out in the minds of the audience long after the show is presented.

Among the leading choruses will be Nola Walk; Senora, a beautiful Spanish dance, The Story Book Ball, with a group of sixty tiny tots; Hello Baby, the bucket maid; the Pirate dance and a large number of others.

Miss Helen Wescott and Mrs. Katherine Walling will play the two leading lady parts in the show. These two characters are well known to local theatre lovers and are sure to meet with instant favor.

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## LODI TREASURE MYTH EXPLODED

Secret Passage in Palace Reveals Skeleton, but Gold Is Missing.

Rome.—When one mentions Lodi, this prosperous city of Lombardy, one thinks of fine Parmesan cheese, for many experts insist that the very finest is made in this district. But now Lodi is connected with hidden treasure, and the legend of a golden stag buried under its foundation when the ancient city was attacked by the Milanese prior to 1158, when Emperor Frederick took it under his protection and a new city was built five miles from the destroyed town.

It was about a month ago that the people of Lodi were aroused from their everyday stolidity by the rumor that a treasure had been found under the ancient palace of the Sommariva. In former years, whenever there was any digging in the vicinity of the Laus Pompea, gold coins were found, and workmen often showed their finds secretly to their friends. But the present discovery was on a far greater scale, it was said. It was supposed that a golden stag, golden helmets and shields, with other equally rare treasures, had been found.

The Sommariva owned their palace from 1221, when they were leaders of the popular party and enemies of the Orvenaghi, who headed the nobles. The Sommariva were Ghibelline and the others Guelph, and there was continual fighting. The Podesta made peace by exiling the Orvenaghi, and the Sommariva became lords of the town.

Palace Ceded to Ghisl.

The family held the palace until 50 years ago, keeping it in its original form until the time of Napoleon, when the head of the family was a general in the Austrian army. Napoleon stormed the bridge in 1796. After the return of the general from the war he had the palace reconstructed, but left the old foundations as they were, as well as the fireplace. He died in Vienna and his successors remained in possession until the head of the family, Marchese Emilio di Salerno, moved to Milan. He ceded the palace to the Ghisl family. It still retains much of the old building, and in order to keep it in touch with the traditions of ancient Lodi neither steam heat nor an elevator has been installed.

Some weeks ago during a cold spell the wife of the owner, Ghisl, called an old servant and told her to light the fire in the "ancient fireplace, at the back of which was an old coat of arms. Sticks and logs were being put into place when one of them lit the coat of arms, and as if by magic it sprung open, leaving a gaping hole.

The servant screamed and her mistress rushed in to see what had happened. She saw a huge opening in the back of the fireplace. Her son with friends decided to explore. With torches and ropes they entered, one by one, and found a winding staircase leading to the lower level, a distance of 15 feet down. It was necessary to take sticks, as the lower cavern was full of snakes, which had evidently been there for many years. On all sides were ancient walls with fragments of sculpture; on the floor were golden coins and a human skeleton.

Pit Believed Bottomless.

As night had fallen and they did not wish to alarm the people in the section of the palace where a convent of English nuns has its school, they postponed further search until daylight. The skeleton was taken to a sanitary office in order that they might examine it carefully and learn to what period it belonged. From the lower cavern the search continued down a walled passage under other palaces. The search has been delayed, as it is necessary to get permission for the examination of other properties under which the passage runs.

Old inhabitants remember that in the gardens of the Sommariva palace there was a big hole which was supposed to be bottomless. The legend surrounding this was so impressive that it was considered necessary to cover up the aperture so that no accidents should occur. It is thought this was connected with the fireplace in the library, and was a secret entrance for those who did not wish to be seen entering the house. Those were troublesome times, and men found it necessary to surround their movements with a great deal of mystery.

Ghisl, the owner of the palace, has thrown light on the discovery by admitting that his father, after he had bought the house, was very much interested in the legends in the books in the library. He studied there often, and discussed with his son the possibility of finding the hidden treasure. One day when he was sitting in the library near the fireplace he inadvertently knocked against the wall and found that it sounded hollow. With a sharp instrument he pried into the wall, and succeeded in finding a secret hiding place. In this repository was a box, which he opened. Inside was a document in which the secret of the hidden golden stag was told.

Kept the Secret.

There was a coat of arms with a head of the golden stag, and underneath was the same coat of arms that was in the fireplace, while below was a cabalistic sign with two crossed bones and four circles containing the legend, "Ab igne per infera ad lucem." The father kept the secret of this document to himself. Possibly he feared ridicule if he started searching for the

treasure, or possibly he could not understand the hidden directions. When he was on his death bed he called his son and handed him the box with the secret document, telling him all he knew of the treasure supposed to be hidden under the palace. This inscription has now been deciphered to mean: from the fireplace, ab igne; to the subterranean, per infera ad lucem; which means to enter back of the fireplace, descend below and continue until you reach the light, which is the exit into the garden.

It is necessary, as these walls are a historical monument, to undertake the search together with a government employee sent by the department of excavation. As the family is certain that apart from the few golden coins there is no other treasure, it has decided to leave the passage open, and live in the tradition that a treasure was once hidden underneath.

### Extracted Teeth in Lungs, Wins \$5,000

New York.—In the Richmond county Supreme court a jury awarded \$5,000 damages to Miss Kathleen Brennan, twenty-six-year-old daughter of W. L. Brennan, retired broker of West New Brighton, L. I., for injuries received from swallowing parts of two extracted teeth, due to the carelessness of the operating dentist. The plaintiff had sued for \$50,000.

The case which was bitterly contested, has been watched with interest by dentists throughout the state. The evidence showed that in May, 1923, Miss Brennan went to the office of Dr. Adolph Greenberg, dental surgeon, at Stapleton, S. I., took gas and had 16 teeth extracted. Three days later she became ill of an obscure and baffling affection of the lungs. The patient spent six weeks in St. Nicholas hospital and nine months in a sanitarium in New Jersey, but the illness persisted.

A year after the dental operation Miss Brennan was seized with a violent coughing spell one evening at dinner, and coughed up parts of two teeth.

The plaintiff's counsel presented two X-ray pictures, indicating the presence of the teeth in the lungs.

### Lincoln's Rail Partner, 106, Survives 5 Wives

Dallas, Texas.—Henry Plumer, 106-year-old father of 34 children, rail-splitter with Abraham Lincoln, is now alone in his vine-shaded cottage in Dallas, ever since the death of his fifth wife.

His father, now 133 years old, was still enjoying life in Georgetown, D. C., when Henry last heard from him two months ago. His mother lived to be 73 years old. Henry himself was one of 29 children. Two brothers, Jim and Tom Plumer, returned to Africa in one of the ships that carried slaves to their original home soon after the close of the war between the states. Both are in their nineties and still living.

Henry has survived all of his five wives, his fifth one having died 57 years ago in Dallas at the age of 13. Of Henry's 34 children, 21 are living, the oldest being Nick, 84 years old, and in Los Angeles, and the youngest a married daughter, 33 years old, who lives in Dallas. Eighteen of them were born in Dallas, but in the approximate three dozen offspring there are no sets of twins or triplets.

### Child Dead 8 Minutes, Restored by Adrenalin

New York.—Adrenalin administered into the heart of Raymond Siegfried, twenty-two months old, after he had been "dead" eight minutes in the Long Island College hospital, Brooklyn, brought the infant back to life. The operation was performed by Dr. Robert Ceeley.

The attending ward physician would not explain the case in detail, but other hospital authorities admitted that the child had been to all appearances dead eight minutes.

The baby, son of William Siegfried of 6019 Sixty-first street, Brooklyn, was afflicted two weeks ago with a pus secretion in the vicinity of the spine. Despite the doctor's efforts the child "died."

Eight minutes after the heart stopped beating, Doctor Ceeley injected the adrenalin and massaged around the heart. The infant stirred. The doctor hopes for its ultimate recovery.

### Woman in Court Sees Mate Believed Dead

Camden, N. J.—Albert Graham of Portland, Ore., confronted his wife, Catherine, who said she had believed him dead since 1908, in the Orphans' court here during the trial of a will case. The will was that of Genarone Taglianetti, who died intestate August 4, Mrs. Graham, under the name of Meyers, asked for letters of administration, alleging that she had been his common law wife since 1900.

Her claim is contested by a sister of the dead man, who contended that Mrs. Meyers had a husband. Her attorney produced Graham, who thus saw his wife for the first time in twenty-three years. The lawyer said that Graham had married Mrs. Meyers thirty years ago and had deserted her in 1903. Five years later she heard he had been drowned in Lake Michigan.



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### 200 Persons in 'Here's Your Hat' at Parmele

Performance for Benefit of Fire Department Looks to Go Over Big.

A show for the Volunteer Fire Department of Plattsmouth, will be given at the Parmele Theatre, December 27th and 28th.

Committee of Firemen have been chosen to manage the production and they have been actively engaged in preparatory work for the past weeks. Committees on tickets, general arrangements, talent, publicity, advertising and business are responsible for the assured success of the musical comedy.

Babies of beautiful girls, gorgeous costumes, beautiful scenery will be among the more prominent features of the entertainment which will rank above any home talent production staged in the city for some years past. Rehearsals have been in full swing for the past two weeks and all indications are that "Here's Your Hat" will go over big when presented next week.

The comedy will be the hit of the local season with its new songs, new dances, new features, new costumes, and new scenery. This show has started its first season on the stage of this country and Canada and has found instant favor when presented in other larger cities. The firemen consider themselves fortunate in having secured this attraction for Plattsmouth.

The plot is most interesting, dealing with Jack Winters, a young man who has faked an imaginary marriage in order to secure the wealth of his uncle, Colonel Winters, whose part is being played by Mr. Hilt Martin. Jack Winters, whose part is being played by Mr. Fred Warren, is very clever in his faked marriage and writes his uncle repeatedly for staggering amounts of money which he is using all of the time in purchasing costly gifts for Anne Marshall who is the portage of Polly Ross. The part of Anne Marshall is being played by Mrs. Robert Walling while Miss Helen Wescott plays the part of Polly Ross.

Miss Ross is a prominent society bud, entertains as a week end party at which Anne Marshall, Lester Davis (whose part is being played by June Marshall), Jack Winters, Nancy Ross and Grumpy Ross are visiting together with a number of entertainers and other society folks when Colonel Winters arrives, unexpectedly. Although Colonel Winters has threatened to visit his nephew and family a number of times, something always interfered with his visit. When he makes this sudden appearance Jack is put in a very miserable situation, when he attempts to secure a wife and children. This leads to complications which in its working result in humor. The work of the two dumb detectives "This" and "That," is most excellent in this scene.

The play is modern throughout and is probably the funniest comedy which is being shown in the country today. The appearance of the two detectives causes several exciting moments for the poor Daisy who aims to take charge of the household. She also flatters herself as being the social "champion." This part of Daisy Dumb is exceedingly clever and affords more laughs in "Here's Your Hat" than any other character part.

The entire show is centered about the lost diamond necklace belonging to Anne Marshall. The detectives gather the idea that Daisy Dumb has stolen them and lock her in her room, taking away her clothes, but she says she is not so dumb, she manages her

escape and with the detectives also puts on some mean scenes.

Poor Nannette and Thomas, the French maid and English butler, are forever worried about Daisy, but they finally decide to forget about it, and they do. But they later appear in a very effective love scene.

The players as they will appear, are as follows:

- Polly Ross, Grumpy's niece—Helen Wescott.
- Anne Marshall, Polly's protegee—Mrs. Robert Walling.
- Jack Winters, in love with Polly—Fred Warren.
- Lester Davis, the ideal man—June Marshall.
- Grumpy Ross, an old grouch—Paul Vandervoort.
- Colonel Winters—Hilt Martin.
- Nancy Ross, Grumpy's sister—Mattilde Olson.
- Daisy Dumb, in disguise—Sylvia Noble.
- Nannette, French maid—Edna Klinsger.
- Thomas, the butler—Merle Bell.
- "This" and "That" precocious detectives—Roy Olson and Norris Cummins.

### SEEKS A BROTHER

Mr. David Baum, who recently came to Plattsmouth to make his home at the Mason's Home was asked by Mrs. De Hart, who resides in Norfolk to find her brother, who resides in Plattsmouth and is a Mason, but whose name Mr. Baum has forgotten. He would like, if the brother of Mrs. De Hart reads, for him to call on him at the Masonic Home or over the telephone.

It is becoming a tremendously popular idea that the best way to stop lawlessness is to repeal laws, says the Fort Scott Tribune. By the same token the best way to satisfy hunger would be to die.

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