

Nebraska—Showers Sunday or Sunday night, somewhat warmer; Monday, partly cloudy and cooler.

Iowa—Fair and somewhat warmer Sunday; Monday probably showers.

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JOHNSON STAGED WILLARD

Ruhr, Court League U.S. Problems

Americans to Be Called to Settle European Tangle When Right Time Comes, Observer Says.

Issues Closely Related

By MARK SULLIVAN. Washington, May 12.—Before beginning a period in which America's problem in Europe will be treated from the point of view of being on the ground here in Europe, it may be illuminating to clear the ground by outlining these problems as they now stand, from the point of view of America.

The principal European problems of the American government are at this moment resolved into three, each more or less distinct from the other. Up to the beginning of the year they were looked upon as one. But with the French invasion of the Ruhr that and the associated matter of German reparations became a separate problem. By the dissociation of this problem the matter of the league of nations became a separate one. A little later, with Harding's proposal that America should join the world court there arose a third question which, although many democrats want to tie it up to the league of nations, will undoubtedly work out in the final evolution as a third and distinct issue.

Considering first, for convenience, and also because the processes of its solution are more immediate, the presence of the French in the Ruhr and the associated problem of German reparations.

In this field we may start with an axiom. That axiom is that the fixing of the amount of the German reparations as a definite sum—instead of the indeterminate sum which the Paris peace conference left it—must be the first step toward economic stability in the world. Until the amount Germany must pay is determined, and until Germany accepts the obligation

Tornado Sweeps Tennessee Town

Three Injured and Scores Made Homeless—Powder Plant Damaged.

Nashville, Tenn., May 12.—One man may die, two or less seriously injured and a score of persons are homeless as a result of a tornado which struck Edenwood, a small town five miles from here, this afternoon and swept on with full force to the former Old Hickory Powder plant, two miles ahead. The total damage is estimated at \$100,000.

Greatest damage was done at Old Hickory, formerly the largest powder plant in the world, where 25 sections of powder storage were destroyed, and 5,000,000 pounds of powder exposed, possibly beyond recovery. At Edenwood six homes two stores, a school house and the post office were wrecked, the Louisville and Nashville station was unroofed and barns were blown down.

Witnesses said the tornado came with apparently less than a minute's warning and within another moment had passed through the village, demolishing buildings and subsequently striking the government powder plant. The velocity of the wind was said to have been 100 miles an hour.

Boy Riding Coaster Is Injured by Automobile

Walter Johnson, 715 South Thirty-first street, was run down and severely bruised last night by an automobile driven by W. M. Wilson, 2334 South Thirty-first street, as Thirty-first and Jackson streets.

One Killed, Two Injured When Motor Cars Collide

Stevens Point, Wis., May 12.—Gaylord C. MacNish was killed and two men and two young women students at the State Normal school here were injured when an automobile driven by MacNish collided with that of Charles Worth tonight.

Bodies Believed to Be Lost Aviators Found

San Diego, Cal., May 12.—Two bodies, supposed to be those of Col. Francis Marshall, former chief of cavalry of the army, and Lieut. Charles Webber, aviator, who disappeared while flying from San Diego toward Tucson, Ariz., December 7, were found today in the Cuyamaca mountains of this county.

As soon as the report reached this city, Maj. Henry Arnold, commanding Rockwell field, from which Webber took his last flight, having Colonel Marshall as a passenger, organized a party to visit the scene and try to identify the bodies and the machine, in whose wreckage the bodies lay. He expressed little doubt that the bodies were those of Colonel Marshall and Lieutenant Webber.

Women Are Ready to Join Roundup for Ak-Sar-Ben

Committee Will Consider Offer of Aid in Making Success of Big Membership Drive.

Omaha business women are eager to become "cowgirls" and join the businessmen "cowboys" in the big roundup for Ak-Sar-Ben members. Miss Fay Watts, president of the Business Women's association, advised J. E. Davidson, big chief of the membership roundup, last night.

"Even though we can't go to the Den and take part in the activities, we know the value of Ak-Sar-Ben," said Miss Watts. "We stand ready to help the men in the big roundup and we won't leave the saddle until the 6,000 members are raised."

Other leaders in the women's organization joined with Miss Watts yesterday in the plea to let them "ride in the roundup."

Will Consider Offer. Charles Gardner, "Samson" of the Kingdom of Quivers, who is an honorary member of the Business Women's association, will confer Monday with Overseer Davidson and committee members of the executive committee and decide whether the women are needed.

"We'll do the business," said Mary Marsden Kinsey, president of the Women's Ad club. "We write about 70 per cent of the advertising that goes into the papers, and if we can do that, we are capable of holding our own in the roundup. We would like to help. The 'cowboys' would have to ride pretty fast if we did."

The Ak-Sar-Ben membership totaled more than 3,000 and is on its way toward the 4,000 mark, Samson said last night.

Confident of Success. "We should have the 6,000 before the big show starts," said Mr. Davidson. "We will have, because the cowboys have pledged to remain in the saddle until the 6,000th member is raised."

The women are anxiously waiting for the decision of the roundup committee.

"I hope we get a chance to organize and get men to join the Ak-Sar-Ben," said Miss Belle Ryan of the Altru club, a women's organization. "Tell the men to look out for us if we do get started."

Editorial Manager of Toledo Blade Dies

Toledo, May 12.—Nathaniel Curwin Wright, for 15 years editorial manager of the Toledo Blade, died of heart disease this morning at his home here. He was 53 years old.

Mr. Wright served as field correspondent for the Associated Press during the Spanish-American war. He wrote the vivid and famous story of the sinking of Admiral Cervera's fleet in Santiago bay.

If you like The Bee, tell your neighbors about it.

Charges of W. C. T. U. Stir Omaha

Ministers, Club Women and Others Condemn Judge Wappich for Practices in Police Court.

One Body Defends Him

Official, professional and ministerial Omaha stood agog yesterday over the charges made by a Women's Christian Temperance union committee against the alleged methods of Municipal Judge W. F. Wappich in central police court.

Members of the clergy who were interviewed were firmly opposed to "jazzing up justice" with witticisms, either clever or of the "coarse" variety described by the committee. City commissioners were somewhat inclined to take the matter lightly, one of them declaring that Judge Wappich is quite a "kiddier."

Committee Supported.

Women prominent in club circles generally hesitated to commit themselves, although several expressed confidence in the veracity of the members of the committee.

In the meantime the Women's Christian Temperance union shows no inclination to allow the matter to drop.

"The organization is solidly behind the committee and its report," said Dr. Jennie Callias, president of the union. "The women on the committee are above reproach. The remarks they say Judge Wappich made are perfectly awful, and I don't consider that a man who would make them is fit to be a judge."

"Before making its report the committee had legal advice, and its investigation will not have been in vain, for the members know what steps may be taken. There is a special meeting of the union called for Tuesday afternoon, at which time the report will be considered, resolutions prepared and further action planned."

Judge Defends Self.

Judge Wappich vigorously defended himself against the charges, declaring the women were simply shocked at the police court environment, and that the language is quite dignified.

The judge found support in the Nebraska Progressive club, members of which met Friday night, after the charges had been made public. A committee made up of Sam Klavner, J. Alprin, D. L. Smernoff and J. Garfield, appointed to investigate, reported that Judge Wappich's methods are above reproach and that he is the sort of a judge needed in a police court.

The report made by the investigating committee, charges Judge Wappich with disrespect for judicial authority, undue levity in his comments on the cases before him; laxity in the discharge of his duties; pronouncement of inaccurate and unwarranted decisions; utterance of coarse, ungentlemanly and un-American remarks and failure to give careful consideration of evidence.

"Without knowing the circumstances first hand I would hesitate to make a statement," said Mrs. H. C. Sumney, prominent officer and Women's club worker. "Of course I know the women on the committee and I consider them of the highest type, but, other things sound differently to other people."

Investigator Lauded. "I scarcely know Judge Wappich, but I have the greatest confidence in the judgment of Mrs. W. T. Graham, who is one member of the women's committee with whom I have worked."

Omaha Youth Is Voted Most Popular Member of Class at Princeton

Princeton, N. J., May 12.—Howard K. Gray of Omaha, president of the senior class at Princeton, was voted the "most representative Princetonian," the most popular member of the class and the member who had done the most for it by his fellow-seniors, Senior Statistics, published by the class, announced today.

John R. Martin of Winnetka, Ill., chairman of the Daily Princetonian and secretary of the class, was voted the "best all-around man outside of athletics."

James E. Davis, Clarkburg, W. Va., was declared to be the "handsome man," and William Taylor, Norfolk, Va., the "best dressed."

Movement to Acquit Envoy's Slayer Gaining

By Associated Press. Lausanne, May 12.—A strong popular movement in favor of the acquittal of Maurice Conradi, assassin of the bolshevik envoy Vorovsky, seems to be taking shape throughout Switzerland. Numerous letters charging harshness toward the prisoner are being received by the conservative newspapers whose editorials condemned Conradi, although admitting extenuating circumstances.

As for Conradi himself, he can scarcely complain of the treatment he is receiving from the authorities. After his preliminary examination he was taken, unhandcuffed and accompanied by only one detective, through the streets to the jail. On the way he stopped in a bakery and bought buns and cakes for his supper. He seems not in the least downcast, chatting and occasionally laughing.

Jewish Welfare Federation Heads Sued for \$15,000

Mrs. Dora Simberg Alleges Money Was Taken From Home While She Was Confined in Hospital.

Mrs. Dora Lena Simberg, 80-year-old charity ward, in whose home several thousands of dollars were found while she was a patient in a hospital here, filed suit yesterday in district court to recover the money, which she estimated at between \$14,000 and \$15,000.

Her attorney, John O. Yeiser, sr., named the defendants as Samuel H. Schaefer, Dr. Phillip Sher, Morris Levy, Henry Monsky, Dr. A. Greenberg and Mrs. E. A. Simon. All of them are leaders in the Jewish Welfare federation here.

Mr. Monsky, speaking for the defendants, said \$8,087.53 was found in the home and the search was instituted following a request made by Mrs. Simberg to one of the women charity workers who called on her while she was confined in a hospital.

Money in Milk Can. "The money was secreted in a 20-gallon milk can and other receptacles," read the Yeiser petition. "The gold was wrapped in a signal flag and the rest of the money was in 40 bills, hidden about the house."

"She felt safe about leaving the money in the house because she was the only one who knew about it," said Yeiser.

Yeiser said the woman accepted aid from the Jewish Welfare federation following her husband's death because she did not want anyone to know that she had the money.

"In March, 1923, she accidentally scalded herself and was taken to a hospital," the petition stated. "While in the hospital her home was entered and the money confiscated."

Helped 15 Years. "Mrs. Simberg and her husband were supported by the Jewish Welfare federation for from 10 to 15 years," said Mr. Monsky. "The Jewish Welfare federation, during the greater portion of this period, upon the fraudulent misrepresentations made by Mrs. Simberg, prior to her death, and Mrs. Simberg, that they were penniless."

Author of "Poison Pen" Letters Is Mystery

New York, May 12.—District Attorney Eanton admitted today that he did not know the identity of the author of obscene "poison pen" letters which have been sent through the mails to 300 socially prominent persons here and in other eastern cities.

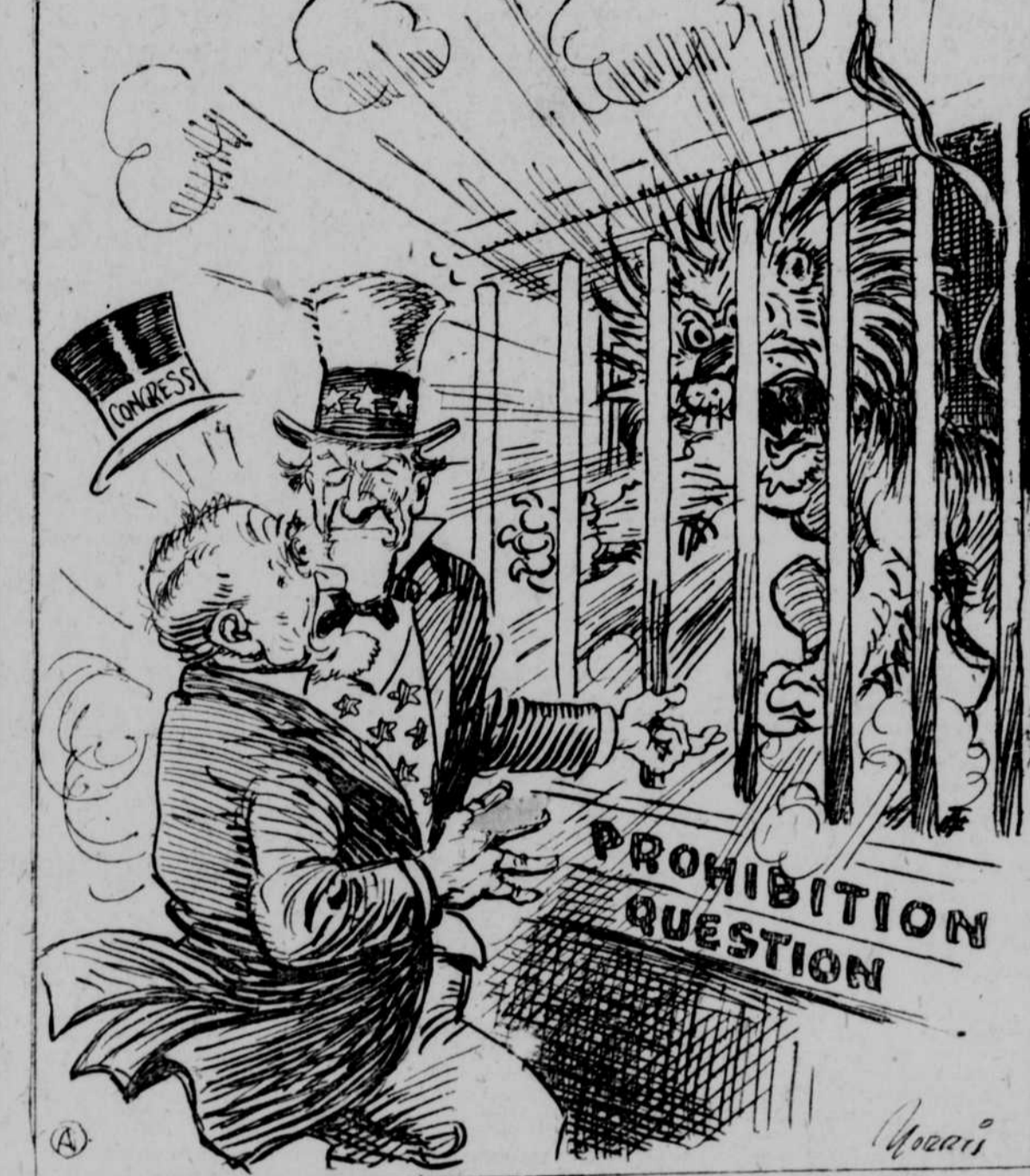
"We do not know yet who wrote the letters or who mailed them," said Prof. J. L. Taylor of Doane college, Crete, was elected vice president, and Margaret Davis of the Lincoln High school, secretary-treasurer.

Lincoln Woman Named Head of State History Teachers

Lincoln, May 12.—Laura B. Pfeiffer, associate professor of European history at the University of Nebraska, was elected president of the State History Teachers' association at the closing session here today.

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Uncle Sam: "I Expect You to Conquer the Beast Next December."



Mrs. Armstrong Loses Custody of Her Daughter, 4

Francis Armstrong Wins Suit to Modify Divorce Decree—Judge Day Scores Tactics in Case.

Maxine, 4, was taken from her mother, Mrs. Helen Armstrong, and placed in custody of her father, Francis Armstrong, by decision of District Judge Day yesterday after final testimony in the father's suit to modify the decree obtained by the mother February 1, 1922.

The case has been bitterly fought. Two weeks ago testimony was given by L. R. Johnson of the Union Pacific freight office, and Charles Sindelar of Kopsac Brothers company, who have been paying attention to Mrs. Armstrong since the divorce.

Mrs. Clara Chase, cousin of Mrs. Armstrong, testified yesterday that Mrs. Armstrong told her Sindelar had sent a tricycle to Maxine. Sindelar had denied this.

"In all my career on the bench," said Judge Day, "I have never heard so much perjured testimony or listened to so many coached witnesses as in this case. The mother, in my opinion, is not a proper person to have the little girl."

Provision was made in the decision for Mrs. Armstrong to see Maxine the first and second Saturdays and the second and fourth Sundays each month.

The Armstrongs were married in Papillion, October 15, 1917. Judge Wakeley awarded Mrs. Armstrong an absolute decree with custody of the girl and \$65 a month alimony. Armstrong filed a motion asking for reduction of alimony and custody of the child. He charges Mrs. Armstrong with giving false testimony.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m., May 12, 1923. Temperature. High, 67; low, 37; mean, 48; normal, 61. Total precipitation since January 1, 1.64. Relative Humidity, Percentage. 7 a. m. 65; noon, 57; 3 p. m., 38. Hourly Temperatures. 5 a. m. 38; 6 a. m. 38; 7 a. m. 38; 8 a. m. 38; 9 a. m. 38; 10 a. m. 38; 11 a. m. 38; 12 noon 38; 1 p. m. 38; 2 p. m. 38; 3 p. m. 38; 4 p. m. 38; 5 p. m. 38; 6 p. m. 38; 7 p. m. 38; 8 p. m. 38; 9 p. m. 38; 10 p. m. 38; 11 p. m. 38; 12 noon 38.

WHERE TO FIND THE BIG FEATURES IN THE SUNDAY BEE

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PART THREE. Page 1, 2, 3 and 4—Society. Page 5—Amusements. Page 6—Some Talk of Alexander, one of the Most Thrilling Short Stories From the Pen of A. H. Hutcheson, Author of the Famous Novel, "If Winter Comes." Page 7—Happy Land, for the Kiddies. Page 8—Letters From Little Falls of Happiness. Page 9—Fashion Fanny. Page 10—The True Story of the Heroism of the Diver Who First Hunted Killed Himself After She Ran Away With Another Woman's Husband.

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PART FIVE. Page 1—A Page of Interesting Nebraska Scenes. Page 2 and 3—Miscellaneous Pictures.

Five Taken in Raid Held on \$250 Bond Each by New Rule

A complaint of disorderly conduct by English and Ryan, who were arrested at 2240 North Thirtieth street last night, Ida Payne was charged with keeping a common and ill-governed house. Two other women and two men were arrested as assisting in the same manner.

Turks at Peace Parley Ask Police Protection

Lausanne, May 12.—The authorities of the canton of Vaud, of which this city is the capital, are taking measures to suppress any demonstrations by the extremists in encephalosis of the assassination of the soviet envoy Vorovsky.

A proclamation has been issued in the street or public squares and forbidding any processions organized with political significance.

Rumors of possible attempts on the lives of the Turkish delegates by disreputable Armenians and Greeks to force caused the Angora representatives to request additional police protection.

Deputy Finds Big Quantity of Hootch in Woman's Home

Agnes Brazda Fails to Recognize Thestrup in Serving Beer—Modern Plant Confiscated.

Three hundred and seventy-five quarts of beer and one gallon of wine were seized last night by Ole Thestrup, deputy sheriff, in a raid at the home of Agnes Brazda, 5107 South Twenty-first street. This is one of the biggest hauls in Omaha's history.

A shed in which a still was found was kept at an even temperature by an electric stove. A large vat was connected with an icing system for cooling beer.

Thestrup first went to the basement of the Brazda home, where a "saloon" with bar and booths, was located. He was waited on by Miss Brazda, who served him a glass of beer.

"Well, Agnes," he smiled, "I guess you don't know who I am."

She then recognized the deputy sheriff.

Miss Brazda offered to lead Thestrup to all the evidence if he would promise not to "tear up everything."

Miss Brazda was taken to the South Omaha jail. A charge of illegal possession will be placed against her Monday, the deputy said.

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Fort Worth, Tex., May 12.—Fire and Police Commissioner John Alderman and two firemen were injured tonight when flames wiped out an entire block in the business district, the main buildings of which were occupied by the Gabelt Garage. The loss is estimated at \$150,000 to \$200,000.

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Johnson Is Stopped in 11th Round

Former Champion of World Defeats Young Iowan After Desperate Battle—Youth on Floor at Bell.

Omahan Defeats Reich

RESULTS OF FIGHTS. Jess Willard knocked out Floyd Johnson in 11th round. Louis Firpo knocked out Jack McAuliffe, 11, third round. Jack Renault won from Fred Fulton, fourth round. Harry Drake won decision over Joe McCann, and fourth round. Tiny Jim Herman knocked out Al Reich, sixth round.

By DAMON RUNYON. By Universal Service.

Yankee Stadium, New York, May 12.—Youth, take off your hat and bow low and respectfully to age. The thing that wasn't in the cards, the thing that couldn't be occurred. Jess Willard, whose 43 years are supposed to make him the pugilistic personification of old Father Time himself, this afternoon emerged from Hasbenville with a rush and utterly wrecked a homebred ancient tradition, including the one that "they don't come back."

A little bit gray and looking as mature as a retired farmer, the former champion of the world stopped Floyd Johnson, the 23-year-old Iowa boy, after 11 rounds of desperate fighting, in the feature bout of the greatest boxing show for charity in the history of the country.

It was the show at the Yankee's new stadium for the benefit of the free milk fund of the mayor's committee for women and attended by 60,000 people.

Round after round the great crowd sat watching in amazement the return of the man the world of sport said could not come back as he fought Johnson into submission.

Johnson forced to quit. Round after round they watched, fairly astounded, the courageous exhibition of the young fellow from the midwest as he piled lead on and mauling into the gigantic form of the Kansan, taking terrific punishment.

In the 11th Willard knocked his youthful opponent over with terrific lightning uppercuts, Johnson being on the floor when the bell rang closing the round. Then, as Johnson sat on his stool in his corner dazed, his seconds working over him desperately.

Man Held as Suspect in N. Y. Bomb Plot

New York, May 12.—The Wall street bomb explosion was recalled again tonight when police arrested Noah Lerner, 23, an electrician, on a charge of homicide in connection with the disaster which killed more than 30 persons on September 16, 1922.

Lerner is charged with having hired the wagon that carried the explosives to Wall street, the police announced.

The information that brought his arrest was said to have been given to the district attorney by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Doyle of Baton Rouge, La.

Lerner was a resident of the Kuzbass colony in Russia, to which the Doyles and their two children were sent from New York, it was said, and they were reported to have told the district attorney that he bore a resemblance to his part in the Wall street tragedy.

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The northwest residential section of the city for a time was threatened because of the strong wind. The fire started on the second floor of the garage.

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Lifting it with a tenderness he knew to be of no avail, he tried to restore vitality by the warmth of his fingers. The least wriggle would have brought hope. But the fish was dead without any manner of doubt, had probably been dead some hours. He glanced angrily at the 12 prostrate men, and was tempted to arouse them by no gentle means. But his habit of self-restraint came to his aid. He placed the package on the table and raised that hand as well.

He was about to open the window when, out of the tail of his eye as it were, he noticed a peculiar expression on his employer's face. He described it afterwards as "a waxy" (Turn to Page Eight, Column One.)

THE HOUSE OF PERIL ---A Thrilling Story of Love and Mystery--- By Louis Tracy

CHAPTER I. What the Butler Found. Marie, the parlor maid, tossed her head indignantly. She rose to a turn toward the stairs and the upper regions of the house generally.

"A nice lot!" she cried. "Not one of 'em gone home. This joint ain't a fit place for a decent girl. I'll beat it at the end of the month."

The butler looked puzzled. He was, as all butlers should be, tall, portly, bald-headed and English. It is almost impossible to imagine an American butler. He glanced up the stairs, as though expecting the comparative gloom of the hallway landing to yield some sort of confirmation or denial of the girl's statement.

"Sure?" he inquired. "Of course, I'm sure." Indeed, Marie was vehemently so. "Didn't I peek in when I kern down? Dead

drunk, all of 'em. And, oh, the smell! Like passin' a corner saloon in Seventh avenue on a Saturday night bein' prohibited."

"Well, well," said the butler. "I'll just go 'n' see what the trouble is."

"Better ring up the fire station, an' get 'em to send you a hose," snorted the parlor maid.

The man turned on the stairs, apparently wishing to say something, but he repressed the words, whatever they might have been. Repression was a habit he had cultivated of late years. He walked on, trading with the remarkable lightness of step often found in big, heavy men.

His rooms were arranged in the shape of an "L," whereof the longer part faced the street and the shorter the rear. In the inner section, were a dining room table—were 13 young men, all in evening dress, all apparently sodden with alcohol, and quite insensible to anything but the butler made for the spacious drawing room, which had three windows facing west and two north. All of the main rooms on the first floor, and the interior more than justified the bar for maid's disagreeable recollection of the week-end odors of certain parts of Seventh avenue, although her sarcasmic comment had, to a some extent, prepared the butler for the extraordinary scene that met his eyes.

As he drew near, and clusters of electric lights shone through a slight haze of tobacco smoke. Mostly lying on the floor—three being mysteriously awkwardly across a long dining room table—were 13 young men, all in evening dress, all apparently sodden with alcohol, and quite insensible to anything but the butler made for the spacious drawing room, which had three windows facing west and two north. All of the main rooms on the first floor, and the interior more than justified the bar for maid's disagreeable recollection of the week-end odors of certain parts of Seventh avenue, although her sarcasmic comment had, to a some extent, prepared the butler for the extraordinary scene that met his eyes.

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