GOSSIP OF THE HOTEL LOBBIES

STORIES OF HUMAN INTEREST FROM EVERYWHERE.

Looks Like Another Saulsbury Will Be Sent to the Senate by Delaware, Says a Visitor From Wilmington—A New York Photographer Recalls How He Got John D. to Pose for Him.

"The Bayards and Saulsburys of yore controlled the politics of Delaware, and it is more than an even chance that another member of the Saulsbury family, Willard by name, will shortly be elected to the United States Senate from our state," remarked Charles E. Dubell, a prominent financier of Wilmington, who was at the Belvedere yesterday. "Willard Saulsbury is a man of ability and a lawyer of fine standing, but he could not exactly be called popular with the voters, as he is no handshaker and has none of the gifts of a whoop-'em-up campaign orator. He married into the wealthy du Pont family.

"The rank and file of Delaware Democrats perhaps concede Mr. Saulsbury's right to the toga, as he was an early and strenuous Wilson boomer, but there are ambitious gentlemen within the party who are not going to let him capture it without a struggle. L. Irving Handy, lawyer and former congressman, who is one of the most eloquent stump speakers in the country and who was at one time William Jennings Bryan's chief lieutenant, has an acute buzzing of the senatorial bee in his auricular organs, and ex-Senator R. R. Kenney is another avowed aspirant, but there is no golden promise of success for either of this pair.

"The election of some Democrat is assured, inasmuch as the Democrats are in control of the legislature, and the man chosen will succeed Senator Richardson, a Republican. Mr. Richardson is a man of immense wealth who greatly prefers business to politics, and his friends say that he will bid adieu to Washington on March 4 with feelings of unqualified delight."

How He Caught Rockefeller.

"I had an adventure some years ago with John D. Rockefeller that is still vivid in my memory," said W. R. Sansom, of New York, at the Emerson.

"I was a youngster then, making my living, and pretty good money at times, by taking pictures of notable people and selling them to the big newspapers. On this particular occasion I had notice that the papers were willing to buy the likeness of the oil magnate, and so, although it was Sunday, I set out with my machine on a promenade of Fifth avenue with a grim determination to 'mug' John D. I knew his church-going habits, and so I lay in wait for him not far from the sacred edifice, my heart beating as I wondered what sort of treatment I was going to get at his hands.

"Finally I spied him, accompanied by his brother-in-law, advancing in my direction. Very nervous, but doing my best to seem composed, I walked up to him and, bowing deferentially, said: 'Mr. Rockefeller, you see from this instrument I carry that I am after you for a picture. It means a great deal to me and will be an enormous kindness on your part just to spare a second or two of your time.' I talked fast for fear he would not stay to hear me out.

"'Young man,' he answered, looking at me hard, 'I do not at all approve of this. You must be aware that this is Sunday, and work on Sunday is wrong except in cases of absolute necessity. You'll have to excuse me.'

"'But, Mr. Rockefeller, it is a case of necessity. This is the only way I can earn a living, and surely you would not deprive me of a chance to make a few dollars when I need them so badly!' That last appeal did the trick. I saw signs of relenting and knew I had him. 'Well, then,' he said, 'on condition that you will hereafter cease this Sunday labor I'll allow you to take me.'

"At that we walked around the corner on Fifty-ninth street, and very graciously the old gentleman stood while my camera performed its function. The pictures were extra good, and as I disposed of enough to bring me a score of plunks I've always had a soft spot in my heart for John D. Rockefeller."

Fast-vanishing Blessing.

"After years of prodigal use of one of the greatest blessings that ever entered a human habitation the people of our section are waking up to the sad truth that the supply of natural gas is rapidly dwindling and that the day of its complete disappearance is not far in the future," said Charles N. Osgood, of Kansas City, at the Rennert. "It is giving out with us just as it did in all the older districts of the United States.

"With this failing supply the price has been advanced and the consuming public is highly indignant. For years at the low rate of 25 cents per 1,000 feet there was in thousands of homes an extravagant and wasteful use of the best heat-producing substance ever known, and the furnaces of shops, mills and factories, paying but 15 cents per 1,000, burned it even more recklessly. It is the old story of slaughter of the goose that furnished the golden egg.

"At the present rate of 31 cents natural gas is still a tremendous bargain proposition, for experts figure that at 40 to 50 cents it is a blessing to the consumer. I would wish it in my kitchen even if it went to 60 cents, for I regard it as the greatest boon to the housewife that this century has vouchsafed. Every one who has ever used it knows what a luxury it is and the prospect of its going is, indeed, a sad one."

South's First Battle Song.

"It's a curious thing how few even among our Southern people know anything of the origin of Dixie," remarked Senator R. M. Johnston, of Texas, when in Baltimore the other day. Nothing but the Senator's tender years kept him from shouldering a musket in the Confederate ranks, and as it was, he gave vent to his secession sympathies by beating a drum in one of the Georgia regimental bands.

"Now, even well informed folks," continued the Senator, "believe Dixie to have been the original battle tune of the South, but as a matter of fact, the Southern bands in the beginning of the war had not heard of Dixie and the song they relied on to animate the boys in gray was that stirring air, The Girl I Left Behind. At the outset, the Union bands played Dixie, which was composed by a famous minstrel of the olden days, Dan Emmett. Gradually the musicians of Lee and Johnston's forces got acquainted with the song of Emmett and pretty soon The Girl I Left Behind got relegated to the place of second favorite.

"As Dixie waxed in popular favor with the Johnnie Rebs it waned at the North, the Union bands seeming to realize that the foe had stolen their star piece and appropriated it permanently."

How Else Could He Spell It?

Whenever men gather in public writing rooms it is a common thing to hear some citizen ask his neighbor to help him out with the spelling of a word. Usually the word asked about is of a moderately difficult sort, and then again assistance is sought as to one that any fourth-grade school boy should be able to manage. An instance of the latter kind occurred recently when a well-dressed gentleman engaged in epistolary labor in the writing-room of one of the local hostelries, turned to a man sitting near him, who was also writing, with the remark: "My friend, will you be kind enough to tell me if q-u-i-c-k is the right way to spell quick. I have an idea that is correct, but would be obliged if you would inform me." The man thus addressed came very near falling off his chair, but by a hard struggle, mastered his emotions and told the stranger that his spelling was the acme of accuracy.

OFFICER CRUST :: :: Ed. Will Play No More Of These Tricks!!

SHE WEDS PORTO RICAN

Miss Plitt and Domingo Gigande Made Man and Wife.

Miss Amelia Plitt, the 16-years-old daughter of George E. Plitt, a butcher of 2652 Pennsylvania avenue, and Domingo Gigande, an 18-year-old Porto Rican, who were arrested in Washington, December 27 last, after they had eloped to that city early Christmas morning, were married last night at 8 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Foster U. Gift, pastor of Calvary English Lutheran Church at the parsonage, 1948 West North avenue. After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Gigande left for Washington, where they will make their home.

At the time of their arrest in Washington, Gigande was charged with abducting the girl from her home and the girl was held as the principal witness against him. They were brought back to Baltimore, and after the hearing Gigande was committed to jail to await the action of the Criminal Court as he was unable to furnish bail. However, bail was furnished one week later and he was released. The case against him is still pending, but it is thought that the charge will now be dismissed as the girl who accused him is now his wife. Gigande claimed that he had asked to marry the girl while they were in Washington, but was waiting for a friend to come and get the marriage license for him. Before the friend appeared, however, he was placed under arrest.

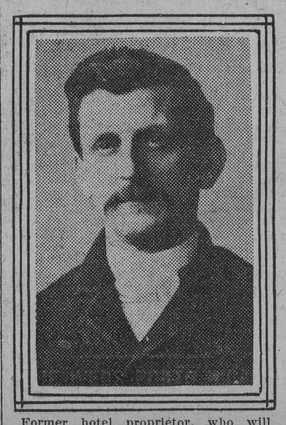
State's Attorney Broening became interested in the case and a few days ago received a letter from the young man's father, who is a prominent sugar refiner of Porto Rico, in which he gave his consent to the marriage if it was agreeable to Mr. Plitt, the father of the girl. Mr. Broening communicated with Mr. Plitt and the wedding was arranged. Mr. Plitt secured the license yesterday morning, and he stated after the wedding that his family was reconciled and that he and his wife, who were present at the ceremony, had given the young couple their blessing. Gigande and Miss Plitt met about one year ago at a dance, which was held near her home. At that time he was a student at one of the local medical schools and Miss Plitt was a pupil at Notre Dame Institute on Aisquith street. It was a case of love at first sight and the young Porto Rican began to call at the Plitt home. The girl's parents, however, objected to him and when he was not allowed to call at her home any longer, Miss Amelia met him down town. Last September, Gigande entered the Catholic University in Washington, but he would come to Baltimore every week to meet Miss Plitt. On the night before Christmas, Miss Plitt told her parents that she was going to sing at a church entertainment, but instead, she met her future husband and the two went to a theater. During the performance, according to her statement, Gigande persuaded her to elope with him to Washington. She consented and early Christmas morning they went to the capital. Becoming worried about his daughter's absence, Mr. Plitt notified the police and she and Gigande were located in Washington.

Gen. Robert E. Lee's Birthday.

As January 19, (the birthday of General Robert E. Lee) falls on Sunday, the celebration will be held on the following Monday. The thirty-third annual banquet of the Society of the Army and Navy of the Confederate States, in the state of Maryland, will be held at Kernan's Hotel at 7 o'clock on the evening of that day. Captain McHenry Howard will preside and Lieutenant Joseph Packard will be toastmaster. The following ex-Confederates will respond to the regular toasts: Senator Thomas B. Castron, of New Mexico; Hon. William A. Jones, of Virginia; Hon. James W. Collier, of Mississippi; Hon. Charles W. Stedman, of North Carolina; Hon. John Lamb, of Virginia.

The following will act as a committee to escort the guests from Washington: Hon. J. F. C. Talbott, Hon. James W. Denny, Oliver L. Rhodes and Walter Warner.

Louis A. Reinhardt



Former hotel proprietor, who will celebrate his sixty-eighth birthday tomorrow at his home, 1705 West Fayette street.

THE PEOPLE'S LETTER BOX

TOPICS DISCUSSED BY READERS OF THIS PAPER.

The Removal of Car Tracks From Fayette Street Between Gay and Aisquith—A Valuable Suggestion That Baltimore Street Be Straightened and the United Given a Compensatory Franchise.

Letters designed for publication in this column must be indorsed with the name and address of the writer.
Anonymous communications will not be considered.
When the writer so prefers his name will not be published.
Letters should not exceed 500 words.

To the Editor: I have read with much interest your article in today's American, setting forth the views of Mayor Preston and the members of the Paving Commission relative to the advisability of the removal of the track of the United Railways and Electric Company from that short but extremely narrow section of East Fayette street, between Gay and Aisquith streets. According to the article cited, immediately upon the removal of the track the Paving Commission would improve the thoroughfare in such a manner as to enhance considerably the attractiveness of the section surrounding the City Hall.

Such a plan appeals to me as being a most excellent one. At present, owing to the frequent passage of cars, traffic is seriously interfered with on Fayette street. Certainly the general attractiveness of the entire neighborhood would be greatly added to by a compliance on the part of the United Railways and Electric Company with the wishes of the Mayor, the Paving Commission, City Engineer McCay, Major Shirley, of the Topographical Survey Commission and others. To relinquish the right to the use of the street would involve quite a sacrifice on the part of the company, which is, of course, entitled to careful consideration.

I wish to suggest a suitable way in which the desired improvements may be carried out, and at the same time the company will not feel itself the loser. My plan in brief is this: To extend East Baltimore street so that it joins Lombard, as it logically should, thus making of the prominent thoroughfare the long, straight street which it ought to be, after which, in recognition of the action of the United in evacuating the part of Fayette street referred to, the company could be given the franchise to the newly opened section of Baltimore street.

That the continuation of Baltimore street would exert a most salutary influence over the entire eastern district of the city can hardly be doubted by anyone who will give the matter the careful consideration which it deserves. Just at present the section contiguous to what would be the meeting-place of Baltimore and Lombard streets forms one of the eyesores of the city, and the plan just outlined, if carried out in accordance with the present policy of those in charge of beautifying Baltimore, would transform this exceedingly unattractive locality into a flourishing center of activity.

A car line on the prolongation of Baltimore street would be a necessity, and it seems to me that the company would be only too willing to move its track on Fayette street in exchange for the privilige of obtaining a franchise on the new one.

Undoubtedly the idea from the standpoint of everybody concerned is worthy of the consideration of those concerned.

IMPROVEMENT.

Baltimore, January 16.

The One Who Gives a Boy a Gun.

To the Editor: After reading an article in today's issue of The American about an 8-year-old boy who is likely to be sent to a reform school or some similar institution for shooting a man with a gun given the boy for a Christmas present, I would like to inquire where they are going to put the ignoramus who gave him the gun? The poor, little boy should be sent home to his mother and the blame put on the right person.

I honestly believe that any person that gives a child of that age a gun should be held directly responsible for any damage the child may do with the gun, and I believe that all sensible people will agree with me. Very truly yours,

MAY H. TRUITT.

Salisbury, Md., January 13.

Maryland Was First.

To the Editor: In order to correct the belief expressed in your general telegraph news of this morning that Georgia is about to have erected a joint monument to the Blue and Gray, the first in the United States of a similar character, I beg to say that Maryland, in accord with her traditional tolerance and liberality, has had erected two such monuments and the State of Kentucky one.

The legislature of Maryland, in 1896, appropriated $12,000 for a monument on the battlefield of Antietam to commemorate alike the valor of her sons who wore the blue and those who wore the gray. This monument was dedicated May 30, 1900, the ceremonies being attended by Governor Smith, staff and officers of the M. N. G.; President McKinley and cabinet; Gen. George B. McClellan, Generals Longstreet and Wheeler; Senator Percy Daniel, of Virginia, and many other senators and representatives, also posts of G. A. R. and camps of C. S. A., thus making it a national event. A second monument was erected by the state in 1903 on Orchard Knob battlefield of Chattanooga, Tenn., and dedicated October 6. Kentucky has a similar memorial of this same battlefield.

BENJAMIN F. TAYLOR,
President of the Battlefield Commission, of Antietam and Chattanooga, of Maryland.

The Rockefeller Foundation Bill.

To the Editor: The bill to incorporate the Rockefeller Foundation (H. R. 21532), unanimously reported by the Judiciary Committee and debated on Monday of last week upon a motion to suspend the rules, will probably come up on Monday next, January 20, as unfinished business requiring a final vote. In its present form the bill has been carefully drawn to embody the improvements suggested by the criticisms of the original bill:

1. The element of perpetuity has been removed, provision having been made for the dissolution of the corporation and the distribution of its funds, either voluntarily or at the direction of Congress.

2. The amount of the endowment has been limited and the income is to be spent—not added to the principal.

3. The trustees are not to be a close corporation, the election of new members being subject to disapproval by certain specified representatives of the public interest.

4. Congress has complete power of amendment and repeal, and all gifts must be accepted subject to this understanding.

5. No exemption from state taxation is, or constitutionally could be, conferred by the bill, and no exemption whatever is conferred with respect to real estate.

6. A charter is sought through Congress solely because the gift is to the people of the United States, and is to be controlled by them rather than in the interest, however beneficient, of any one section.

I trust you will recognize in these features of the present bill an ample safeguard against any dangers that may have been attributed to the original plan and that by promoting the early passage of the bill you will enable the incorporators to enter upon the important work in the lines of education, public health and other wise philanthropy to which they are pledged.

Respectfully yours,

JEROME D. GREEN.

Trustee of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research and Member of the General Education Board.

Washington, D. C., January 16.

The Holy Land.

To the Editor: In your issue of the 13th you have an article on the proposed purchase of the Holy Land by Christians and Jews, the plan being commended and discussed by several ministers and rabbis. Is it not strange that not one of them seemed to know what God's own record has to say on the subject? The Scriptures of Truth are God's title deeds to that land. He says His eye is ever upon it. He says of Jerusalem that He has put His name there forever, and is it not so today? In Leviticus, xxv. 23, He says: "The land shall not be sold forever; for the land is Mine; for ye are strangers and sojourners with Me."

In Leviticus, xxvi. 34, 35, He says: "Then shall the land enjoy her Sabbaths as long as it lieth desolate and ye be in your enemies' land; even then shall the land rest and enjoy her Sabbath. As long as it lieth desolate it shall rest, because it did not rest in your Sabbath when ye dwelt upon it."

The land is lying desolate today, being trodden down of the gentiles until the times of the gentiles be fulfilled.

In II. Chronicles, vii., 20, 21, 22, He says: "Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them, and this house which I have sanctified for My name will I cast out of My sight, and will make it to be a proverb and a byword among all nations. And this house which is high shall be an astonishment to everyone that passeth it, so that he shall say, Why hath the Lord done this unto this land and unto this house? And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the Lord God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods and worshiped them and served them; therefore hath He brought all this evil upon them."

Other Scriptures show that God will bring back to His land His own people, and plead with them there, and they will return to Him and He will heal them. It is all written in the volume of the Book, and men may read and know, if they will take the Lord Jehovah's word and credit what He says. The trouble is that, like Peter, they know better than the Lord Himself, and constantly contradict Him, as Peter did. How infinitely merciful and patient He is.

JOHN R. HOOPER.

Baltimore, January 15.

State Flags and State Dress.

To the Editor: The proposition that the ladies who intend taking part in the inaugural procession shall wear dresses distinctive of their states will likely receive no more favorable consideration than the suggestion that the women of the various states take up the subject of a state garb. No good, but much harm, would follow the adoption of either or both of these whimsical notions. It is said that such distinctive raiment would teach individualism and would tend to deepen state pride. But state pride may go too deep. We know by experience that it has gone too deep. The invisible lines bounding the states of this Union are sufficient. We want no dress, no flags, no colors to remind us of any distinction. What we want is something to bind us so strongly together that nothing can separate us. Large as this country is, there is not enough room in it for more than one flag.

I solemnly protest, sir, against a state flag. It is not good for the country as a whole. The Maryland flag was carried in a parade at the Jamestown Exposition, and no good came of it. A spectator laughed at it, remarking that it looked like a cross between the Spanish and Chinese flags. Some hot-headed Marylanders left the ranks and pounced upon that spectator. This incident goes to show that the exhibition of state flags in another commonwealth does not tend to promote friendship between the states. Smaller incidents than that have caused wars between nations.

The same ill may result from the parading of such a thing as a distinctively state dress. There are men in the South who will hit quicker when you criticise their women than they will when you criticise their men or their state.

Let us think no more of this folly, but rather try to assist the incoming president in his pomised efforts to do all in his power to cement the states closer together.

H. O. T.

Baltimore, January 15.

Miss Wiggins Speaks Tomorrow.

Factory Conditions in Relation to Women and Children, is to be the subject of an address by Miss Mary C. Wiggins, chairman of the label committee of the National Consumers' League, tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Lea Thom, 204 West Lanvale street. The object of the league is the betterment of the condition of women and children, who work, and Miss Wiggins' address is one of many which the league will listen to during the year, along similar lines.

Jovian Order Luncheon.

The weekly luncheon of the Jovian Order was held yesterday at noon in the Emerson Hotel. Henry E. Warner was the speaker for the occasion, and entertained for nearly an hour. Plans were talked of by the members for the reuvenation, which takes place January 31. Melvin H. Jones, the Maryland statesman of the order, has charge of the arrange-

MISS WISE TO BE BRIDE OF A DUKE

BALTIMORE BEAUTY TO WED DESCENDANT OF RICHELIEU

News of Engagement of Society Belle Who Went Abroad and Member of Proud Family of French Nobility Comes as a Surprise—Ceremony Probably to Be Performed Here.

That Miss Elinor Douglas Wise, one of the most popular and beautiful society belles of this city until she recently departed for Europe to study and train a promising voice for grand opera, is to wed the Duke de Richelieu, a descendant of one of the oldest and proudest families of the French nobility, became known here yesterday. The wedding will probably take place in this city, where the mother of the bride-to-be resides. Miss Wise has returned from the other side with her sister, Julia, and is expected in Baltimore in a few days.

Miss Wise, whose brilliant social success is a matter of recent memory in this city, comes on both sides from distinguished ancestry. Her father, the late Capt. Frederic May Wise, of the United States Navy, won high note in the service, especially in the stirring times of the Boxer uprising in China, where he was sent in command of the Monocacy, with the allied forces who went to the relief of the foreign residents in the besieged districts.

The admirals in charge of the allied fleets unanimously elected him to the command of affairs in Taku, and so well did he discharge his duties that it was by his energy in completing the railroad and providing transportation that Tien-Tsin was saved.

His own vessel was fired on, and it was through the judgment and wise course of Captain Wise that war was averted between the United States and China. So highly did the Chinese themselves appreciate his services that they erected a votive tablet to his memory in Taku. He was also decorated by the Emperor of Germany for his services at this time.

Captain Wise belonged to the famous Virginia family of that name, and his maternal grandfather, Dr. Frederick May, was a noted resident of Washington before the Capitol was built. Miss Wise on her mother's side is descended from a mingled strain of French and the old Puritan blood of the famous Massachusetts family to which John Quincy Adams belonged.

Mrs. Wise's father, John P. Adams, obtained the first right of way for the railroad across Panama, connecting both oceans, which great advantage was owing to his foresight in hastening to France at a critical time, when the French rights in the matter were about to lapse.

Mrs. Wise's grandfather, Commodore John D. Danels, a prominent merchant of this city, was commander of the Columbian fleet under Boliver in the revolution which established the independence of Bolivia. He was the son of a young French officer, an intimate friend of General Lafayette, who came over with the latter to fight for the independence of the United States. So Miss Wise shares, though in a less degree, the noble French blood of her fiance.

Miss Wise is a sister of Mrs. John W. Frick, of Roland Park, and of Mrs. Josiah Macy, of Morristown, N. J., both famed for their beauty and as charming society hostesses.

Mr. Egan to Speak on Safety.

Accepting an invitation received from a committee of railroad employes of the Wabash, Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton, Vandalia and the Illinois Central Railroads, under whose auspices a joint "safety first" meeting will be held in Decatur, Ill., on the evening of January 25, the general safety committee of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad system has arranged for one of its members to address the meeting. C. W. Egan, general claim agent, will deliver an address on railroad safety, illustrated by stereopticon views which show the contributory causes of numerous railroad accidents both to passengers and employes. This lecture has been delivered by the Baltimore and Ohio general claim agent at each division point on the system, as well as at similar meetings conducted by other railroads. The photographs show actual conditions and railroad employes at work in busy terminals, on trains and in shops, also numerous safety devices which have been adopted for the protection of the traveling public and the men to whose care their lives are entrusted.

The monthly schedule of the general safety committee of the Baltimore and Ohio system will be devoted to the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton lines. Arrangements are now being made to hold meetings with the divisional safety committees and night meetings with the employes at Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Dayton, Lima and Toledo. The exact dates of these meetings will be announced within a few days.

WEATHER OBSERVATIONS

UNITED STATES WEATHER BUREAU,
Washington, January 16.

Forecast for Friday and Saturday: For Maryland and Virginia, rain and continued warm Friday; Saturday, generally fair; colder in the west portions and by night in the east portion; moderate south winds, shifting to west and northwest Saturday, becoming brisk.

For the District of Columbia, rain and continued warm Friday; Saturday, generally fair; colder by night; moderate south winds, shifting to west and northwest Saturday, becoming brisk.

For Delaware, rain Friday; Saturday cloudy; colder at night; moderate to brisk south winds, shifting to west and northwest Saturday, becoming brisk.

For New Jersey, rain Friday; Saturday, cloudy; rain in the north portion; colder at night; moderate to brisk south winds, shifting to west and northwest Saturday.

For Eastern Pennsylvania, rain and warmer Friday; Saturday, cloudy; colder by night; moderate south winds, shifting to northwest Saturday, becoming brisk.

For Eastern New York, rain and warmer Friday; Saturday, rain; colder at night; moderate to brisk south winds, shifting to west Saturday.

For Southern New England, rain Friday and probably Saturday; moderate to brisk winds, mostly southwest.

For Northern New England, rain Friday or Friday night and probably Saturday; moderate variable winds, becoming south.

For North Carolina, fair Friday; local rains at night or Saturday; colder Saturday in the west portion; moderate south and southwest winds.

For South Carolina, generally fair Friday and Saturday; colder Saturday in the west portion; moderate south and southwest winds.

For West Virginia, rain Friday; Saturday, local rains or snows and colder.

Weather Conditions and General Forecast: The Ohio River flood is slowly running out in the lower river. The stage at Evansville this morning at 8 o'clock was 46 feet and rising slowly. A flood stage in the Wabash River at Mount Carmel, Ill., is expected Saturday. The Mississippi River from Cairo to New Orleans will rise slowly, and, with the water now in sight, will probably reach a stage between 14 and 15 feet at New Orleans by the end of January.

Although pressure is rising in the far West, it remains low on the north coast, and an offshoot from this depression has moved rapidly east to Southern Minnesota. As a consequence, general rains have fallen in the Central Valleys, the South Upper Lake and the Lower Lake Regions, Southern New England and the Middle Atlantic States. There were also local rains in the Southwest, local snows in the Northwest and the Plateau States and general rains in the Pacific States.

Temperatures are still abnormally high in the West Gulf States and from the Mississippi Valley eastward, but they have fallen decidedly in the Northwest to winter conditions.

The disturbance over Minnesota will continue east-northeastward, attended by rains and snows Friday from the Middle and Upper Mississippi Valleys eastward that will continue during Saturday in the form of snow, mostly from the Lake Region eastward. There will also be local snows Friday in the Northwest, the Rocky Mountain Region and the Plateau States, and rains and snows in the Plains States and the North Pacific Region, followed by generally fair weather Saturday, except in the latter district.

Steamers departing Friday for European ports will have moderate south and southwest winds, with rain, to the Grand Banks.

Daily Report.

Custom-house, Baltimore, January 16.

Time.	Thermometer.	Relative Humidity.	Direction of Wind.	Velocity of Wind.	Precipitation	State of Weather.
8 A. M.	42	97	SW.	4	.43	Raining
8 P. M.	49	96	E.	2	.06	Raining

Normal temperature 46 | Highest temperature... 53
Mean temperature.. 46 | Lowest temperature.... 39

Maximum velocity of the wind, 8 miles an hour, from the southwest.

Record of Temperature.

The following table gives the minimum temperature at 8 o'clock last night for the past 24 hours at the stations named:

Atlantic City, cloudy	44	Montgomery, clear	44
Bismarck, snow	10	Montreal, cloudy	34
Boston, pt. cloudy	42	Nantucket, cloudy	40
Buffalo, cloudy	30	New Orleans, cloudy	54
Charleston, clear	54	New York, cloudy	38
Chicago, rain	42	Oklahoma, cloudy	54
Cleveland, rain	42	Pittsburgh, rain	42
Corpus Christi, cloudy	—	Philadelphia, rain	38
Denver, clear	38	Portland, Me., cloudy	38
Detroit, rain	36	Portland, Ore., rain	36
Duluth, rain	18	Providence, cloudy	38
Eastport, clear	36	Quebec, cloudy	26
Galveston, cloudy	58	Raleigh, pt. cloudy	46
Green Bay, cloudy	34	Salt Lake City, p.cldy	28
Hatteras, clear	50	San Francisco, rain	44
Havre, clear	*8	St. Louis, rain	50
Helena, cloudy	*4	St. Paul, cloudy	26
Jacksonville, cloudy	52	Scranton, cloudy	38
Kansas City, cloudy	48	Shreveport, pt. cloudy	58
Knoxville, cloudy	34	Spokane, cloudy	28
Louisville, cloudy	48	Tampa, cloudy	56
Marquette, cloudy	30	Washington, rain	42
Memphis, cloudy	52	Winnipeg, cloudy	2

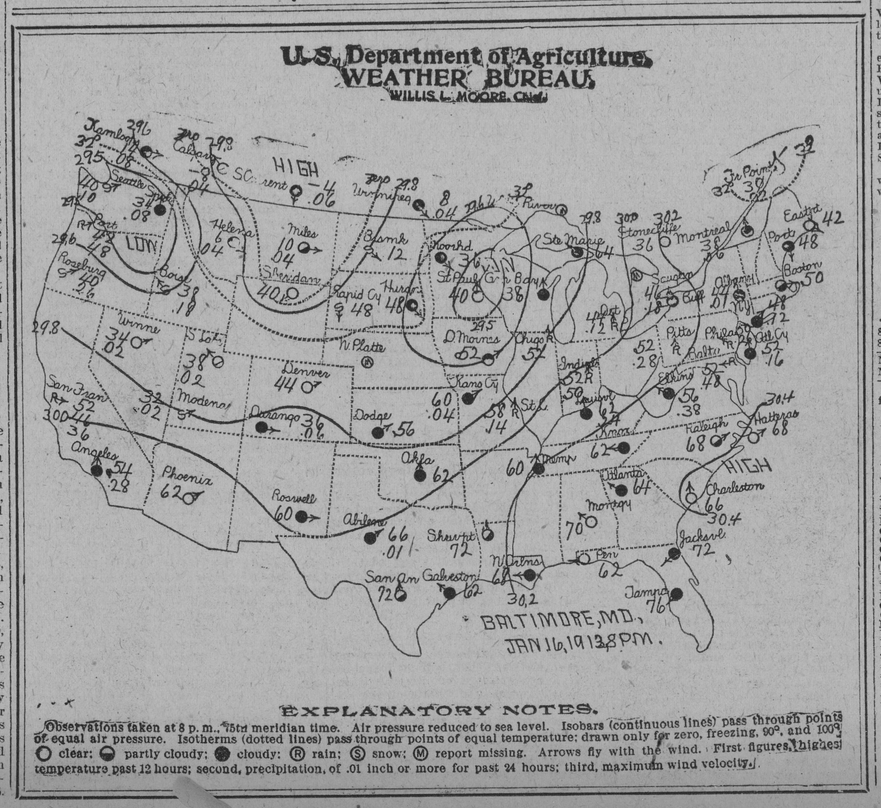
*Below zero.

Almanac for Today.

Sun Rises....7:25 A. M. | Sun Sets....5:30 P. M.
Moon Sets.....2:37 A. M. Saturday.

HIGH WATER.

1:53 A. M.....0.7 Foot | 2:07 P. M.....1.2 Feet
[Calculations expressed in Eastern Standard Time.]



EXPLANATORY NOTES.

Observations taken at 8 p. m., 75th meridian time. Air pressure reduced to sea level. Isobars (continuous lines) pass through points of equal air pressure. Isotherms (dotted lines) pass through points of equal temperature; drawn only for zero, freezing, 90°, and 100°. ○ clear; ◐ partly cloudy; ● cloudy; Ⓡ rain; Ⓢ snow; Ⓜ report missing. Arrows fly with the wind. First figures, highest temperature past 12 hours; second, precipitation, of .01 inch or more for past 24 hours; third, maximum wind velocity.

TELEPHONE RATE TO BE ATTACKED

PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION GETTING PLANS IN SHAPE.

At a Meeting of the Board of Trade Attended by Representatives of Many Organizations Resolutions Were Adopted Calling Upon Telephone Company to Assist In Obtaining a Full Investigation.

That a vigorous fight will be made before the Public Service Commission by the Protective Telephone Association for a reduction of rates was declared yesterday by officers of the association. Although the case will not come up until next April, the association is rapidly getting its plans into shape, and it is said at the offices of the Public Service Commission that the case will take precedence over the United Railways probe. Herbert Sheridan, of the Chamber of Commerce, is working diligently on behalf of the association, and states that the rates charged in Baltimore are out of proportion to the rates for telephone service in all of the other large cities of the country. Resolutions indorsing the activity of the association were unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Board of Trade held yesterday to consider the matter. Representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, Baltimore Clearing-house, the Stock Exchange, the Real Estate Exchange, Builders' Exchange, Merchants and Manufacturers' Association and numerous other organizations were present, and, being deeply interested in the matter, are determined to push the case vigorously. The following resolutions signed by the president, E. Stanley Gary, were unanimously adopted by the representatives of the various trade bodies:

Whereas, On December 11, 1912, the question of telephone rates was brought to the attention of this board by one of its constituent members with the request that the board lend its support to the Protective Telephone Association of Baltimore if, in its judgment, it deemed such action advisable; and,

Whereas, Decision on the matter was postponed until the present meeting in order that the situation might be further considered and the sentiment of the business community more fully ascertained; and,

Whereas, Further consideration of the subject and the strongly evidenced sentiment of the business community confirm this board in the opinion that it should heartily indorse the efforts of the Protective Telephone Association to obtain proper telephone rates and service for Baltimore city; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the action of the Protective Telephone Association of Baltimore in taking up and investigating telephone rates and service be and the same is hereby commended and indorsed as being of great benefit to the community, and be it further

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Board of Trade that the Public Service Commission would perform a public duty by assisting the Protective Telephone Association in every proper manner now provided by law in obtaining a full investigation of the whole subject, and it is further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to the Protective Telephone Association, the Public Service Commission of Maryland and the Baltimore press.

Thieves Break Open a Trunk.

Thieves broke into the apartment of Mrs. Nora Freeman, 605 Park avenue, in broad daylight Wednesday and looted the place of jewelry valued at $260 and $50 in money. The jewelry was in a trunk. It is believe that the thieves got into the apartment by means of duplicate keys. Mrs. Freeman and her daughter left their apartment about 3:45 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and returned before 6 o'clock. When Mrs. Freeman returned the apartment appeared to be in the same condition it was before she left, but when she went to her trunk in an adjoining room she found it open and the box which contained the jewelry on top. The lock on it was broken.

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