

GIRLS MAY BECOME ENGLISH NOBILITY

Chicago Youngsters Are Adopted by Marchioness Huntly

Chicago, Dec. 5 (AP)—The door of English nobility has opened for two little Chicago girls, Marjorie and Isabelle Neuser, whose adoption by the Marchioness Huntly of Orion Hall, Peterborough, England, will make them heirs to an estate of several millions.

Until yesterday Marjorie and Isabelle, who are eight and ten years old, led the lives of thousands of other Chicago girls—minus wealth and social position. Their father, Floyd C. Muser, an advertising salesman, had died in February. For ten months they had lived with their step-mother, Mrs. Louise Muser.

Leave for Society

Today they left for the glamour of English society life because their great aunt, the Marchioness, expressed a desire to adopt them. In her youth she had been a Chicagoan, and the girls had heard their father tell of his aunt who had married a marquis.

Arthur Campbell, Jr., a son of the Marchioness by her first marriage, came to Chicago to arrange adoption proceedings. He is a prominent lawyer. Henry Turner signed the necessary papers yesterday after the girls' step-mother had agreed to surrender them.

The Marchioness inherited a large estate from her second husband, James MacDonald, Cincinnati. Her present husband, the Marquis is 81 years old and holds 11 other titles besides his marquisate.

Accompanied by Mr. Campbell, whose father, an English barrister, was the Marchioness' first husband, the girls will go as wards of the Chicago court to Peterborough, there to be adopted by the Marchioness.

OBELISK LOCATED IN CENTRAL PARK

New York Monument Known as Cleopatra's Needle

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—About 3,500 years ago Thothmes III, King of Egypt, raised a monument in obelisk at the Temple of Heliopolis, six miles from present-day Cairo. New Yorkers interested in deciphering the cuneiform script covering the obelisk need not travel to Egypt for that purpose. Thothmes' royal monument, for almost forty years, has raised its head in Central Park, New York City.

A companion obelisk also looks on another world than that of ancient Egypt from the Thames Embankment in London. It is the second obelisk of the pair created in Heliopolis to commemorate the glory of the god, Amen-Ra. Called Cleopatra's Needles, "The title of Cleopatra's Needle is claimed for both the New York and London obelisks," says a bulletin from the Washington, D. C. headquarters of the National Geographic society. "During the lifetime of Cleopatra the two obelisks were moved from Heliopolis to Alexandria. It is affirmed that this removal was by Cleopatra's decree, but that the troublous times during the latter years of her reign prevented their being raised. While they were lying on the Alexandria sands, the name, Cleopatra's Needles, was said to have been given them. History does not record valid evidences of Cleopatra's interest in needles of stone or other material. It was during the reign of Augustus Caesar that the obelisks were finally mounted.

A Transportation Problem

The New York obelisk, more than 67 feet high, was presented to the United States by the Egyptian government. Its removal to New York presented a novel problem because of its excessive weight. The obelisk was lowered to a wooden caisson in which it was floated to the dock and was placed in the steamship which carried it to America by opening a port in her bow. On arrival it was transported by rail to Central Park where towers and trunnions were used in raising it. The London obelisk was removed from Egypt in 1869. It had been presented to George IV by Mohammed Ali in 1812, but no effort was made to remove it for many years. Finally, it was encased in a steel cylinder and shipped to England in the obelisk ship, Cleopatra.

Europe Has Most Obelisks

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the obelisk there are today more of these monuments outside Egypt than in it. The practice of denuding Egypt of her obelisks began during the sixth century B. C. when Ashurbanipal, the Assyrian, removed a pair to Nineveh. At present Egypt has four at Karnak, and also the Mataria and Luxor obelisks. Rome has twelve of various sizes. Constantinople has two and England, America and France each have one. The largest of these is in the piazza of St. John Lateran, at Rome. The material used in the obelisks is a pink granite from the quarries of Assuan, anciently Syene.

16 CITIES NAME THEIR LEADERS

Massachusetts Elections Bring Forth Interesting Results

Boston, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Highlights of 16 municipal elections in Massachusetts yesterday included Mayor Charles S. Ashley's decisive victory at New Bedford for his 24th term, the narrow rout of Mayor Andrew J. (Bossy) Gillis' foes in Newburyport's councilmanic contest, the overthrow of Mayor Robert A. Bakeman of Peabody and the swamping of Holyoke's only woman aspirant for the mayoralty.

In 10 cities mayors were elected, five named lesser officers, while one, Lowell, held a primary. Seven mayors were re-elected. New Bedford returned Mayor Ashley by 14,827 votes to 10,431 for Charles F. Archambault, his nearest opponent in a five-cornered race. The outcome was regarded as a vindication of Ashley's handling of the recent textile disturbances in that city.

At Newburyport, Gillis, recently released from a 60 day term at the Essex county jail for illegal operation of his gasoline station conducted a whirlwind campaign for his state of six councilmen with the result that all were elected. Assured of nine adherents out of 12 members in the next council, Gillis' supporters announced that the first business before the new city governing body would be the repeal of the obnoxious zoning ordinance which was largely responsible for his legal difficulties.

Holyoke returned Mayor F. G. Burnham and in doing so secured under Alderman Elizabeth Towne, the city's first woman candidate for the office. She received only 478 votes while Burnham got 12,119 and former Mayor John F. Cronin, 8,607.

Great Upset

Peabody witnessed one of the greatest upsets in its history. Mayor Robert A. Bakeman, a Congressional minister, was defeated by Councilor J. Leo Sullivan. The latter's majority was the largest ever given a mayoralty candidate in that city. Bakeman, who aroused considerable criticism last year when he granted a permit for a protest meeting on the eve of the execution of Sacco and Vanzetti, received only 2,741 votes while Sullivan polled 4,028. Of the eight mayors who sought reelection, Bakeman was the only one to be defeated.

Forrest V. Smith, president of the chamber of commerce, was elected mayor of Haverhill over Alderman Parkman B. Flanders, a socialist, by a vote of 8,922 to 5,097. The election was nonpartisan, as were all other mayoralty contests except in Pittsfield where Jay P. Barnes, democrat, was re-elected over Samuel G. Cole, Republican. Barnes polled 7,159 to Cole's 5,555. For the first time in four years, the democrats will control all branches of the city government.

At Fitchburg, Dr. Joseph N. Carriere, former secretary of the state dental board, won in a four-cornered contest. He defeated Patrick F. Shea, his nearest opponent, 5,549 to 2,272. It was Fitchburg's last annual election. The biennial plan will govern future terms.

Reelections included those of Mayor Albert H. Stone of Gardner over James A. Timpany by a majority of 561 votes, Mayor Thomas J. McGrath, Quincy, over Charles A. Ross, 12,145 to 9,067, Mayor Fred E. Briggs, Attleboro, unopposed, and Mayor Henry H. Parsons of Gloucester over Col. John E. Parker by a majority of 64 votes. Parsons, who will start his eighth term, received 2,755 to 2,691 for Parker. It was Parsons' fifth consecutive victory.

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DAPPER DAN DIES FOLLOWING BOMB

Did Not Think He Had Any Enemies

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 5 (AP)—The "smiling peacemaker" of the St. Paul underworld, "Dapper Danny" Hogan, who said he didn't have an enemy in the world, lay last night and watched surgeons amputate his right leg, shattered by a bomb.

And then he died. Earlier in the day Hogan, restaurant proprietor, who long has been known as a mediator in gang disputes, stepped on the starter of his automobile. A dynamite bomb had been placed under the floor board of the car, and the touch on the starter button exploded it.

"I didn't know I had an enemy in the world," he said at the hospital. "I don't know who did it, or much what happened. I touched the starter, and that's all I remember."

Leg Shattered

Hogan's right leg was shattered and he suffered other injuries. Accepting the physician's advice against an anesthetic, Hogan remained conscious while the leg was being amputated. A dozen friends offered their blood for transfusion but Hogan died before such an operation could be performed. Hogan was 48 years old and married.

Mutterings of revenge from gangsters in reprisal for some real or fancied wrong at the hands of "Dapper Danny" reached police today as they sought clues. "Big time" gunmen were believed to have planted the dynamite in Hogan's car. Police think that New York gunmen were involved. Descriptions of two men seen near the Hogan home early yesterday were in the hands of detectives, who also had fragments of the bomb as slender clues.

Gamblers or liquor dealers, police said, were probably back of the slaying.

JURY HAS LARGE JOB TO COMPLETE

Must Find Out About Gambling in Philadelphia

Philadelphia, Dec. 5 (AP)—With the story of organized gambling as it was alleged to have flourished here under police protection in past years revealed in detail by two of its victims, both convicts, the special grand jury investigating bootlegging, gambling and police corruption, today was under instructions from the court to ascertain how many gambling houses had been operating with police protection this year, who conducted the establishments and to whom money had been paid for protection.

The witnesses who told the story before Judge Edwin O. Lewis in open court were Dr. Thomas "English Tommy" Gilchrist, narcotic peddler and gambler, and Charles F. Toomey, defaulting bank official who is serving a 10-year prison sentence for embezzling \$242,000 from the P. D. Kelly Trust Company, the bulk of which he said he had lost in Philadelphia gambling houses. Gilchrist is serving a three-year term.

Names Max Mayer

Gilchrist named Max Mayer, mercantile appraiser and republican organization ward leader, as one of his nine partners in a gambling house which he said had netted its operators \$902,000 in four years. In addition, he declared that he had paid Mayer \$1,000 a month "for the privilege of running the place and because he was leader of the ward he asserted that he had paid \$200 a day for police protection and named several officials to whom the money

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RAIDS 'PETTERS'; IS SENT TO JAIL

Greenwich Man Gets Year for Robbing "Spooners"

Bridgeport, Dec. 5 (AP)—Joseph Hegeman, 19, of Greenwich, who conducted several profitable raids upon "Petter's Paradise" in Greenwich was sentenced to a year in jail by Judge Arthur F. Ellis in criminal superior court yesterday when he entered a plea of guilty to three counts of robbery with violence.

His wife, Agnes, also aged 19 and against whom the same charges have been lodged, entered a plea of not guilty and will be tried at a later date.

In presenting the case to the court Assistant State's Attorney Leorn W. Willis declared that "It was a serious case as has come before the court in a long time."

The Hegemans who have been married but four months hit upon the plan of making nocturnal raids upon spooners in the section of Greenwich that had been named "Petter's Paradise." At the point of a gun Hegeman would force occupants of parked autos to turn their moneys over to him, while his wife stayed in their small car with the engine running to assist in a speedy departure.

Joseph Tripp, 18, and Albert Bennett, 19, both of Wilmington, Del., were given suspended jail sentences of one year each and placed on probation when they entered pleas of guilty to theft of an automobile. George Goodwin, 22, Bridgeport, was sentenced to six months in jail when he pleaded guilty to theft of brass piping from the former factory site in this city that was being dismantled.

Harry Allen, 41, of 422 East Main street, was sentenced to jail for three months when he pleaded guilty to a charge of burglary. Albert Thorpe, 18 and James E. Caplock, 16, both of New Britain, were returned to the Chelsea reformatory when they entered pleas of guilty to theft of an automobile.

Express Companies Said to Be Merging

New York, Dec. 5 (AP)—The New York Herald Tribune said today that plans have been completed to unite the express companies of the United States into a giant combination of securities corporations with a potential capital of more than \$200,000,000.

This capital would be available for investment under direction of a number of outstanding financiers who are directors of the Adams Express company, the American Express company and the American Railway Express company and would exceed the capital of any existing investment trusts. They would manage the large cash fund under control of the express companies.

The plan would be put into operation when the railroad express business as they are now planning to do after contracts with the American Railway Express company expire March 1, 1929.

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