

### GANN ROW TURNS LIGHT ON REALITY

Important In Itself But Reveals Need For Keeping Hoover Well

WENT TO SEE HOOVER

Frank R. Kent in Baltimore Sun. It is remarkable how often some little matter will shed an illuminating light upon really interesting and important things. For example, the controversy over where the President Curtis' sister, Dolly, will sit at Washington dinner parties to which she, as Mrs. Curtis' official hostess, is invited.

It is difficult to imagine anything more essentially trivial and ridiculous than this business about whether Mrs. Gann shall have precedence over the ambassadorial and cabinet ladies, or they over her. It is hard to think of anything about which fewer people really care. Yet the result is to clarify certain matters not trivial at all and give opportunity for a better grasp on several more or less basic realities.

One of these is—or ought to be—the more general appreciation of the importance to the country of Herbert Hoover's health. It will seem to most people who reflect upon the number and quality of the vice president, as evinced by this and various other little incidents since Mr. Curtis' election, and who are aware of the constitutional provisions concerning succession to the presidency, that the White House secret service force should be immediately doubled, more and better presidential physicians provided and Mr. Hoover, in addition to his medicine-ball exercise in the morning, compelled to adopt the after-lunch nap policy of his predecessor. Clearly this is a period when the country can take no chances for its president—for four years anyhow. That was fairly clear to those who knew the vice president before he was nominated. It ought to be obvious to everybody now.

A second thing which the Mrs. Gann incident has affected is the reputation for subtlety and shrewdness of the diplomatic corps. At least it does not seem to the discerning that the diplomats cleverly handled this situation. It seems that they rather muffed the ball and were thrown by the astute Stimson for a considerable loss—behind, in fact, their own goal line. Had they not, with such absurd solemnity and as a body, taken the matter up with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State would have had considerably more trouble in getting out of the hole in which he had been put by the insistence of Mr. Curtis on his "social rights," and at which the diplomats were greatly—though privately—amused.

In addition they would not have given the Secretary of State the neat chance of compelling the diplomats themselves to render the decision (which they naturally dislike), to give Mr. Curtis' sister, Dolly, the precedence he demands for her. Obviously, when Mr. Stimson put the thing up to the diplomats to decide there was but one decision possible. Mr. Stimson might have decided against Mr. Curtis' sister Dolly as did Mr. Kellogg, but the diplomats could not decide against her. The diplomats were in the exact position of the hungry but well-bred man to whom the chicken is passed first. He can't very well take all the breast for himself and leave just the back for the other fellow.

That is what a politician would do—or a banker—but not a diplomat. A diplomat has to do the decent

### Camera Catches Famed Art. Pose



Old masters have delighted to paint pictures depicting the faithfulness of dogs, but above is an actual photograph which illustrates the same thing more forcibly than any imaginative painting. Near Lawrence, Kas., the outstretched German police dog, above, was killed by an automobile. Its mate guarded the body for hours as shown. The auto turned over twice after striking the huge dog, but the occupants escaped injury.

thing always. That is what makes him a diplomat. He has to play the gentleman. What these diplomats did was to go to Mr. Stimson in a state of great internal amusement. They came away with the collective diplomatic foot tight in the trap and not amused at all. They had given Mr. Stimson just the chance he needed to escape without offending either the vice president or the diplomats. Mr. Curtis and his sister, Dolly, in their charming Kansas way, carry their silly little point, and if the diplomats are offended they have offended themselves, which is, of course, paradoxically impossible. To a detached person the diplomats do not seem to be very smart—in this.

The third thing of significance about the incident is that before Mr. Stimson transferred the hole from himself to the diplomats he held an hour's conference with Mr. Hoover. This raises two interesting questions. One is whether the decision that took all the fun out of the situation for the diplomats was really Mr. Stimson's or was it Mr. Stimson's chief? The second question is whether, if Mr. Stimson had to take this weighty matter to the White House for decision, what sort of things will he decide for himself? There is not perhaps enough in this to prove what has been so often said—to wit, that Mr. Hoover as

president would be his own secretary of State, but it is interesting nevertheless.

### People From Over World Visit Tomb General R. E. Lee

LEXINGTON, Va., April 16.—Visitors to the tomb of General Robert E. Lee this March numbered more than 1,000 in excess of those who visited the shrine during the same month last year, a recent report of the custodian of Lee chapel at Washington and Lee university shows.

Names of 2,647 visitors from 37 states and from eight foreign countries—Australia, France, Japan, Canada, England, Korea, Mexico, and Guatemala—are listed on the chapel registry. California and Washington were among the far western states represented.

As Spring has opened, visitors have appeared in increasing numbers. The total for March exceeded that of February by 1,781. Several large buses from New York filled with tourists, have recently appeared here.

Among prominent visitors at the chapel during March were: James J. Davis, secretary of labor, Washington, D. C.; Rear Admiral and Mrs. W. L. Capps, Washington, D. C.; Senator and Mrs. G. H. Moses of New Hampshire; and Prof. and Mrs. Albert H. Gilmer of Lafayette college, Easton, Pa., institution of which Dr. George Junkin, Stonewall Jackson's father-in-law and whose picture hangs in the chapel, was founder before he became president of Washington and Lee university in 1848.

"The recumbent statue of General Lee is becoming known more and more internationally," the U. D. C. custodian of the chapel said. "All visitors from foreign countries remark about the beauty of the statue and describe it as one of the most beautiful pieces of sculpture to be seen. A recent visitors at the chapel, a native of Greece, seemed worried over the whiteness of the marble. He had been accustomed to a much darker stone. An Italian, used to the

white Carrara marble statues of Italy, noticed nothing unusual about it. A young New Yorker, just returned from the Louvre, described the work as far more beautiful than anything he had seen in France."

### New Wheat Disease Discovered In State

RALEIGH, April 16.—A disease of wheat, new to North Carolina, and causing a reduction of 20 per cent in the yield of grain in affected fields has been discovered by Dr. S. G. Lehman, plant pathologist, at State college.

This disease is sometimes called mosaic but in its severe aspect is known as "rosette." The disease has been known for some years in Indiana and Illinois and has probably been in this State for four or five years without its presence being known. How it came here, Dr. Lehman does not know.

He says, however, that growers may locate it in their fields by the patches of badly dwarfed plants found scattered about after growth of healthy plants has started in the Spring. On examining these patches, the grower will find an abnormal blue-green color of the Fall leaves. This will be followed by a mosaic mottling of the new Spring leaves, the dying of outer leaves and Fall tillers, a browning at the base of affected plants and excessive development of Spring tillers. This will give the diseased plants a bunched appearance. Some of the plants may be killed entirely while in the dwarfed stage.

Later when healthy plants are heading, the diseased plants may send up short, weak stems which bear poorly filled heads. The diseased plants also remain green while the normal plants are ripening. The loss in affected spots amounts to about 100 per cent and the small

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amount of grain sometimes produced is shriveled and worthless.

Dr. Lehman advocates resistant varieties as one control method. He also suggests that the diseased plants be destroyed when centers of infestation are found. The trouble is caused by a virus in the soil and is not transferred by seed. It is spread by a transfer of infected soil and diseased straw.

Poultry growers having an excess of eggs at this season are advised to store a supply for use next Winter by preserving them in the sodium silicate of water-glass solution.

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