

A WASHINGTON DAYBOOK

By HERBERT C. PLUMMER
 WASHINGTON, Mar. 7.—If you are fortunate enough to catch Charlie Kohen when he is not busy appraising some historical document or trying to determine the authenticity of a famous man's signature, he will tell you some highly interesting stories about collecting valuable relics of the past.

Kohen runs a tiny little shop off Connecticut avenue on M street in Washington. For a number of years he has been collecting photographs of presidents, letters from the most famous figures in the national life of this country, and old documents that shed light on our history.

He has had many unusual experiences and come in contact with some interesting people.

Ford "Jewed" Him
 His favorite story is how Henry Ford made him come down \$5 on a sale.

A man dropped into Kohen's shop one day by chance and asked to see any old American money that he might have. A large collection was placed before him, and the prospective buyer spent considerable time looking them over. He selected some and asked how much they cost.

"The bill comes to \$81, sir," Kohen said, "but we'll make it an even \$80."
 "Make it \$75 and I'll take them," the man replied.

Kohen demurred at first, but finally agreed to sell at that figure. "Now, Mr. Kohen," the buyer said, after the sale had been completed, "I am Henry Ford of Detroit. I am greatly interested in old American money. We shall do a lot of business together. Will you not be kind enough to let me know when you run across more coins like these?"

The flabbergasted Kohen said yes. And the two have had "a lot of business together" since that day. Ford has been back several times.

"And oh, yes," he reminds, "I have more than made up that \$5 he made me come down on the first transaction."

A Lincoln Forgery
 The collector has a framed piece of handwriting, purported to be that of Abraham Lincoln, but which he says ruefully is not worth the paper it is written on.

"One of the cleverest pieces of forgery I have ever have seen, and it cost me plenty," he said. "I was certainly taken in on that one."

"It is the one thing we collectors must watch with the greatest care—these forged documents. Stamps and coins also are faked frequently. Even now I have a suit in the courts to recover a large sum of money that I lost by buying a collection of bogus stamps."

But Kohen was in high spirits the morning of our visit to his shop. He had just bought a collection of original transcripts of songs by a famous composer that were popular in the eighties.

BISHOP JENKINS VISITS LAS VEGAS

The Rt. Rev. Thomas Jenkins, newly elected bishop of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Nevada made his first visit to Las Vegas this week, arriving early Sunday morning.

Bishop Jenkins presided as celebrant at the early morning communion service, and preached the sermon at the 11 o'clock service, which was sung by the vested choir of 20.

Bishop Jenkins spent several days here in consultation with the vicar, Rev. Boyd Parker.

3-STATE PARLEY MOVED TO ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.

SANTA FE, Mar. 5, (Special)—The Tri-State conference on the Colorado River pact was scheduled to move this morning from Bishop's Lodge, near Santa Fe, to Albuquerque.

Slight colds have affected two of the Arizona delegates, because of the altitude at Santa Fe, which is 300 feet.

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 7, (AP)—The treasury department has equipped an athletic field for its employes. An order has been issued providing for compulsory, daily physical exercise.

BUDAPEST, Mar. 7, &—More maternity homes and child welfare centers will be opened here. The Hungarian government has adopted the strategy of Premier Mussolini to increase the birth rate.

SARK, England, Mar. 7, (AP)—The Channel island Brechou, one-quarter mile west of Sark, has been offered for sale. The buyer will obtain a seat in the Parliament of Sark. He will be his own constituency.

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NEW PROVIDENCE, Bahama Islands, Mar. 7, (AP)—Governor Sir Charles Orr suspended all immigration from Cuba, Bermuda, Jamaica, Turks Island and British Honduras for a year. First class passengers and tourists will be permitted to land.

MOSCOW, Mar. 7, (AP)—The Soviet government has forbidden the opening of new liquor shops in industrial cities. The sale of vodka is also prohibited on holidays, pay days and in public places such as theaters, clubs and hotels.

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 7, (AP)—Mrs. Thit Jensen, Danish feminist and traveler, says American men are the "best" in the world. She is Denmark's foremost champion of feminine rights.

About New York

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK

NEW YORK, Mar. 7—A millionaire's son who went to night school because he had no time for college recently took his first vacation in six years.

He had just bought for himself, at the age of 23, the massive General Motors building on Broadway. The price was \$15,000,000, but Hugo Hoffman, the boy real estate operator of New York, called on no

one for help. He just paid out his own money and assumed some mortgage obligations. The latter he intends to meet with rent money received from the General Motors corporation—which pays him about \$900,000 a year—and other tenants.

Young Hoffman looks more like a movie hero than a landlord. Blond, blue-eyed and slender, he resembles Conrad Nagel as he sits at a large window overlooking Columbus circle and Central park. He gazes out of the window a great deal.

"You know," he said to me, "we are all dreamers in this business."

out his business several years ago for more than \$4,000,000. Hugo could have gone to the most expensive schools, but instead he preferred to work. So he took a job in Wall street, and studied law at night at New York university.

The stock and bond pace, however, left him weary. With his father, therefore, he formed a commercial banking company that handled automobile "paper" and gradually got into real estate financing. Then the father went to Florida to live and left the son to carry on, more or less alone.

His first big deal was the purchase and sale at a big profit of a 22-story building in the financial district. He did the same thing with a Park avenue apartment, convinced by his success that Manhattan property offered the best opportunities, he decided to be-

come thereafter a skyscraper landlord—the bigger the building the better.

Forgotten

"Broadway," said a couple of newspapers recently, "will see Texas Guinan in her first motion picture March 16, when 'Queen of the Night Clubs' opens at the Serand." Such is the "feminine Bill Hart's" fame in this city, to which she came some seven or eight years ago from the Wild West lots of Hollywood.

Incidentally, a girl at Texas' present "club" says the two most ridiculous types on Broadway are the old boys who ask, "May I kiss you?" and those who remove their spectacles before embarking on a taxi ride.

10-POUND FROG TO FIELD MUSEUM

CHICAGO, Feb. 28, (AP)—Rare members of the frog family—one a giant of 10 pounds from Africa and the other a pygmy no larger than a child's fingernail—have been added to the strange denizens of this world preserved in the Field Museum of Natural History.

The giant bullfrog, or "Rana goliath," comes from Southern Cameroon and French West Africa. Members of this family are regarded as rare delicacies by the African tribesmen. The small frog is a native of Cuba. It would take 150 of his type to balance the scale at one ounce.

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