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Sir Raphael West Clewley is the medical officer in administrative charge of the Department of Health, Canberra, with seniority next to the Director-General of Health. He was made a captain in the A.A.M.C. in 1915, and in 1920 he proceeded on a British colonial service appointment to the Malay States. In 1921, at the request of the Australian authorities, he accepted an appointment as the Australian Institute of Tropical Medicine at Townsville. He was appointed Director of the Institute in 1922. In 1924 he was seconded to the service of the Mandated Territory of New Guinea as acting Director of Public Health, and from 1925 to 1928 he was in New Guinea as Director. He was transferred to Canberra in 1934.

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QUEER THEFT FROM VARSITY

Mercury Worth £6 6/- Stolen

SERIOUS EFFECT

THE police are investigating the extraordinary theft of 14 lb. of mercury from a room at the Physics Department at the University last night.

The theft may seriously affect the supplies of radium, which the University sends to the Adelaide Hospital, as mercury is an essential item for use in the apparatus by which radium is prepared.

The scene of the theft was a room belonging to the Physics Department, in the old buildings at the rear of the University, which were at one time the police barracks. As no other door was forced except to this room, the thief was evidently intent only on obtaining the mercury.

The metal is valued at 9/ a lb., but the monetary loss will be outweighed by the inconvenience and interruption to radium treatment of sufferers at the Adelaide Hospital.

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Mr. I. H. Boas, chief of the division of forest products of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, will attend the fourth British Empire Forestry Conference, to be held in South Africa next October. He will represent the United Commonwealth. He will also visit Canada, the United States, and Europe, investigate the latest developments in forestry, and establish and renew contact with forest product investigators in other countries.

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Mercury Stolen From University

Fourteen pounds of mercury, valued at £6 6/-, was stolen on Thursday night from the physics department at the Adelaide University. A door was forced to obtain the mercury. No other loss has been discovered. The theft may affect the treatment of patients with radium at the Adelaide Hospital, as mercury is an essential agent in the apparatus by which the University prepares radium for the hospital.

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Dr. Alex Burnard, teacher of composition and orchestration at the Elder Conservatorium, has accepted an offer from the Director of the State Conservatorium of Music in Sydney (Dr. Bainbridge) of a position on the staff. He and Mrs. Burnard will leave Adelaide at the end of January, and Dr. Burnard will begin his duties when the new year begins on February 1st. Dr. Burnard, who has been a music critic of "The Advertiser" for several years, was born in Mount Lofty. He was born in Malvern in 1900. He was educated at Prince Alfred College and the Elder Conservatorium, obtaining his degree as Conservatorium in 1927, and Doctor of Music in 1932. Before the year in which he was in Adelaide as a composer and conductor.

Mail 5-1-35

Thief Wasted Precious Radium Gas EFFECT ON PATIENTS

An explanation was given today of the effect on patients at the Adelaide Hospital of the strange theft of mercury from the physics department of the university, which is being investigated by Detective Strangway. It is one of the most remarkable thefts ever dealt with by the C.I.B.

As a result of the theft the university has been unable to supply the hospital with the usual amount of radio-active gas, which is produced from radium and is used instead of radium for the treatment of many out-patients.

Next week radium will have to be used for the treatment of patients, and because the radium is too valuable for the hospital authorities to take the risk of losing it, the patients will have to be treated in the hospital.

When the radio-active gas is used patients are able to go to their homes. The radio-gas or the actual radium is administered in needles, which are left inserted in the part of the body under treatment.

MERCURY COLLECTS GAS

The thief must have had a knowledge of the scientific equipment in the room which he entered. The room contained a glass apparatus, with glass taps, in which radium is deposited in a hermetically sealed vacuum, and throws off a radio-active gas. From time to time the gas is collected and sent to the hospital. Mercury is used in collecting the gas in the hospital.

The main damage done by the thief, who stole 14 lb. of mercury, was in opening the apparatus and allowing air to enter and throw the precious radio-gas to escape. It will be some time before more gas is created.

The thief poured mercury into some empty bottle, which had been left in the room and carried away the bottles.

"I cannot imagine what kind of person stole the mercury," said Prof. Kerr Grant today. "One use to which it could be put is in locating gold in gold ore."

"Our work will be dislocated temporarily following the theft, but we have supplies of radium on which we can fall back," said a doctor associated with the radiologist's department at the hospital. "A small quantity of radio-active gas which was retrieved from the apparatus was delivered to us yesterday afternoon."

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PUZZLING THEFT OF MERCURY

Delicate Plant Not Injured

The theft of 14 lb. of mercury, worth £6 6/-, from the Adelaide University was disclosed at the week-end. The mercury was taken from a room containing a plant for collecting radio-active gas emanations, which are supplied to the Adelaide Hospital and used for similar purposes to those of radium needles. The authorities are at a loss to understand the reason for the theft. They believe that, as the delicate instrument was not damaged, the thief had some knowledge of the apparatus.

It is expected that within a few days a normal supply of radio-active emanations will again be available.

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DEATH OF SIR HERBERT PHILLIPPS

Life-Long Service To Community

SAVINGS BANK CHAIRMAN

Many Tributes By Public Men



SIR HERBERT PHILLIPPS

After lifelong service to the State in commerce, finance, and charitable work, Sir Herbert Phillipps died at his home at Gilberton shortly before 10 p.m. yesterday at the age of 87. He had labored unflinchingly for many years in the interests of a number of institutions and had rendered valuable service as chairman of the Savings Bank of South Australia. Sir Herbert Phillipps was re-elected chairman of the board of trustees of the bank only last Wednesday, and was in the city following day. He became ill on Friday, and failed to rally from a heart attack he suffered on Saturday.

Sir Herbert Phillipps was also one of the most active of Adelaide's ardent church and charitable workers, and his benevolent institutions that knew his practical support are many. But it was perhaps his long association with the Savings Bank, of which he was chairman for 33 years, that brought his name before the widest section of the community. His services to the State were rewarded with a knighthood in 1929.

Many tributes were paid last night by representative public men, among whom were some who had been associated with Sir Herbert Phillipps for many years.

Sir Herbert Phillipps was born in Adelaide in 1847, in a cottage in Rosina street. His father died in 1853, leaving his wife with six daughters and one son, who was later married to a daughter to Norwood, near Clayton Church. Sir Herbert Phillipps obtained his first schooling at a school in Carrington, and at the age of nine became a pupil of the late Mr. J. L. Young, in his school in Stephens place. Later, he attended Mr. Webster's private school in Kensington, and the Penleng Commercial School in Pulteney street, where for a period he was a teacher.

Little Known Service

His first introduction to commercial life was his appointment to a position in the office of Mr. W. A. Wearing, in Queen's Counsel, who later became a Judge of the Supreme Court. It is believed from Mr. Wearing's office in 1878, and was for a time in Pulteney street, Port Adelaide. It was his experience during this period on the wharfs that enabled him to render a most important but little known service to one of the State's major industries. Sir Herbert Phillipps looked advantage of his position to learn about the basic principles of loading ships. About this time a method was made of shipping of sulphate slimes from Port Pirie to England. Much difficulty was experienced in loading them as they proved an unstable cargo, and shipping firms were beginning to refuse them as unsafe. Sir Herbert Phillipps devised a method by which the slimes could be carried in perfect safety. But for this, the history of the slimes would probably not have been established for some considerable time.

After a visit to England in 1881, Sir

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Herbert Phillipps joined the firm of G. and R. Bull in 1881 as a partner. Australian partner. He remained with the firm until 1901. He also managed the company's business in the Murray. Chaffey Bros. when they started their irrigation enterprises on the Murray.

Association With Savings Bank

Two years after his appointment as trustee of the Savings Bank in 1900, Sir Herbert Phillipps was elected chairman, and this year was elected to that office for the 33rd successive year. The only other trustee to approach Sir Herbert Phillipps's record of more than 32 years as chairman was the late Sir Henry Avers, who presided over meetings of the Board of Directors for 25 years. A coincidence that Sir Herbert Phillipps was born in the same year in which the Savings Bank was established by Parliament for the establishment of the Savings Bank. Other positions filled by Sir Herbert Phillipps in the commercial world include a residence on the Adelaide Chamber of Commerce on two occasions, and the presidency of the Board of Directors of the Adelaide Chamber of Commerce on two occasions, and the presidency of the Board of Directors of the Adelaide Chamber of Commerce on two occasions, and the presidency of the Board of Directors of the Adelaide Chamber of Commerce on two occasions.

Sir Herbert Phillipps at one time was chairman of the Congregational Union and president of the Adelaide Y.M.C.A. He was always a supporter of the Queen's Home, and was for a long time connected with the Children's Hospital. Other bodies for which he has performed valuable services include the Seamen's Mission, the Royal Institution for the Blind, the Cottage Homes, the Blind, Deaf and Dumb Institution, the British and Foreign Bible Society and the London Missionary Society. He also took a great interest in the provision of opportunities for young men to widen their knowledge. He was himself a keen student at the Union College when he started in employment, and he had been a member of the Board of Commercial Studies at the University of Adelaide since its inception.

In June, 1929, Sir Herbert's services to the community were recognised by the conferring of the honor of Knight Bachelor. This was the culmination of a series of honors which he had conferred upon him. He served as Consul for Belgium from 1897 until 1922. He was decorated with the Order of Leopold in 1906, with the Cross of Officer of the Crown in 1920, and in 1922 with the Medaille Civique (First Class). On resigning the consulate, he was authorised to retain the title of Honorary Consul. In 1922 he was elected an Honorary Associate of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem.

Wide Circle of Friends

With all his activities, Sir Herbert Phillipps still found time to cultivate the respect and affection of a wide circle of friends. He was a fluent and cultured speaker. He had varied interest in archaeological discoveries, particularly from the viewpoint of their religious significance. As his beautiful home, "Crimmelan," Gilberton, he had entertained many distinguished visitors.

He had made a good recovery from a fractured kneecap, which he sustained in Melbourne in 1930, when he fell on the floor of the Australia Club.

Sir Herbert Phillipps had been a widower for many years. He leaves two sons—Tarlton, who resides in Western Australia, and Malcolm, of Henley Beach. He had three daughters, Mrs. Harold Greenway of Sydney (who at present is in Adelaide), Mrs. W. Hamlyn of Perth, and Mrs. G. Lance Dean, of Kalangadoo.