

Table with weather forecasts for Washington, Nov. 3, including temperature at each hour.

CRASH SURVIVORS HEARD NO WARNING, SAW NO LIGHTS

Inquest into Clarksboro Crossing Accident That Cost Fourteen Lives Begins

PARTY RODE TO DEATH WITH SONG AND MUSIC

Closed Road Compelled Detour That Led to Unguarded Railroad Tracks

House obscured their view of the track and no warning bell or whistle was heard nor light seen, according to survivors of the party of masqueraders struck by a train late Saturday evening at Clarksboro, N. J.

Two women and twelve men were killed and thirteen merrymakers were hurt, two probably fatally, when the train struck a motor truck full of members of the Glen Social club bound for Billingsport for the week-end.

The survivors testified this morning at an inquest held in Clarksboro, with Dr. Elwood C. Downes, coroner, presiding.

The inquest was held on the second floor of a structure owned by H. H. Clark, undertaker. Twelve hundred bodies of the victims were in another part of the building.

First Witness Tells of Trip The first witness called, after a jury had been assembled, was Harry Kilbride, a member of the Glen Social. Kilbride said the party had left the club's headquarters at Fifth street and Blagden avenue, about 8 o'clock Saturday evening.

A detour had to be made, Kilbride said, after New Jersey had been reached. "I did not see the train as we drew near the crossing," he testified. "I did not hear any whistle and heard no bell. I did not see the signal."

Light Rain Falling "I was sitting on the right fender of the truck at the time. There was a light rain falling and the truck's windshield had been lowered so the driver could have a good view of the road."

"The machine was moving at about eight miles an hour. Two houses blocked our view of the train and our best knowledge of its presence was when the locomotive hit the machine."

Kilbride's right leg was hurt in the crash. Harry Baumback, whose nose was hurt, was the next witness. He corroborated Kilbride's testimony and added that he had jumped but didn't know whether before or after the accident.

He made no mention of any warning signal had been given by the train. He said the side curtains of the motor truck had been rolled up, and the club members were sitting on narrow benches arranged along the side.

No Beer Kept, He Says Baumback said to his knowledge there were no beer kegs on board the truck. He was certain there were crates in the machine.

Julius Hahn, 3645 North Third street, was riding on the front seat with the driver. He said a house containing his view of the track and that when he saw the train he cried "We can make it, jump."

"The truck was going at the rate of about ten miles an hour," he said, "and when I saw the driver put on the brakes I jumped. I did not see the signal."

"The driver of the truck was perfectly sober. I rode on the seat with him all the way from Philadelphia and did not see him take a drink."

"We were the only two on the front seat, but two men were riding on the rear, and one on the running board."

A jury asked: "Did the driver of the truck give any warning whistle or did he make a long, continuous whistle on approaching the crossing?"

Whistle Not Blown, He Says "The whistle was not blown at all," replied Hahn. Then, continuing his testimony, he said:

"I do not know that there was any sound from the truck. When he left the ferry I warned every one in the party to refrain from singing and not to play any musical instrument, if it does his whistle once or twice, or did he make a long, continuous whistle on approaching the crossing?"

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The train, a local, which had left Salem at 10.15 o'clock, had reached its maximum speed and Brumleyer, the driver, suddenly saw the headlight and stopped abruptly in the path of the train.

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Dead and Injured in Clarksboro Crash

The Dead Emily Booth, 2704 North Hancock street. Mrs. Martha McAdams, 3071 North Orkney street. Edward Ohle, 3535 North Seventh street. Joseph Fagan, 2238 North Sixth street. Thomas Connel, 3512 North Second street. Cornelius Rezanan, 3403 North Third street. William De Witt, address unknown.

The Injured Harry Weizell, 3522 North Randolph street. William Bauhof, 3431 North Bodine street. William Weber, Second and Wishart streets. John Sandow, 3516 North Seventh street. August Friend, 3409 North Third street. Andrew Moore, 812 Berks street. Louis Hunter, 3408 North Philip street.

The Injured E. A. Donnelly, 3509 North American street. Elizabeth Booth, 2704 North Hancock street. Ruth Anderson, Franklin and Daikin streets. Benjamin Hieberker, 1970 East Medary avenue. Thomas Brown, 3071 Orkney street. Henry Hirsch, 3529 North Seventh street. William H. Buskin, or Burian, 3441 North Third street. Frank Henry, Westmoreland street, near Fifth. William Hartung, 511 West Glenwood avenue.

Arthur Anderson, Bristol pike. August Brehmer, 283 North Clinton street. Elmer McCreedy, 2502 North Sixth street. Stephen Basvski, 2422 South Seventh street. Frank Wernis, 248 West Glenwood avenue.

'BABE IN WOODS,' LOST THREE MONTHS, DEAD

Brooklyn Child Strayed From Grandparents' While Berry-ing in August

Providence, R. I., Nov. 3.—(By A. P.)—The body of two-year-old Evelyn Becker, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was discovered in the woods of West Green-wich yesterday by two hunters.

The child had been missing since August 10, when her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Becker, took her with them berrying on their farm. Leaving the child at the edge of the berry patch, they occasionally called to her and received an answering cry.

When she finally failed to reply they were unable to find her. The whole countryside joined in a fruitless search for the child. Her father, Anthony Becker, of Brooklyn, was summoned and his theory, expressed to the police, was that the little girl had been kidnapped.

The body was found within a mile of the Becker farm house.

PLUMB PLAN ABANDONED

Backers Now Advocate Extension of U. S. Rail Control for Two Years Washington, Nov. 3.—Hope for putting through Congress at the present session the so-called Plumb plan for turning over the railroads of the country to their employees and making the government and the stockholders minority interests in their operation virtually has been abandoned by the chiefs of the four great railroad brotherhoods and those officers of the American Federation of Labor who have heretofore given it their approval.

As a consequence of this decision a bill will be introduced in Congress, probably by Representative Nolan, of California, or some other member close to labor, providing an extension for two years after peace is declared of the present government control and operation of the carriers.

The two-year extension was said by labor leaders to have the approval of the railroad administration, if it does appear in Congress just about the time the House interstate commerce committee completes its draft of railroad legislation.

SLEUTHS TO WATCH POLLS

Lancaster Candidate Will Have Corps of Detectives on Guard Lancaster, Pa., Nov. 3.—A corps of private detectives will be brought here tomorrow from New York to prevent crooked operations at the polls. It was announced today by C. A. B. Zook, American party candidate for county commissioner, in a statement warning the "Republican organization not to resort to the illegal methods used in the past."

A reward has been offered in each case where prosecution is reached. The statement is also signed by three prominent attorneys.

SUGAR IS LESS SCARCE

Dealers Say a Little More is Promised for Week

Sugar dealers are predicting that more sugar will be available this week than last, and retail grocers say small quantities have been promised them, delivery of which will begin today. Refinery officials and groceryman both do not encourage the hope that sugar conditions will swing back to normal in the near future, though it is said there is a slight increase in the quantity and confectioners' sugar are being used by housewives, though these grades are scarcely any easier to procure than the others, except in a few neighborhoods.

FIVE ROBBERIES NET THIEVES \$10,000 IN NORTHEAST SECTION

Thugs Operate Boldly and Police Fail to Make Arrests in Any Cases

USE TWO MOTORTRUCKS TO CART LOOT IN ONE CASE

Grocer Is Blackjacked and Fur Store Is Robbed While Owners Look On

A series of robberies in the north and northeastern parts of the city during the last few days has netted thieves with loot valued at \$10,000.

In addition to many thefts by sneak thieves, five establishments were entered and looted. No arrests have been made in these cases.

Two bandits entered the grocery store conducted by Meyer Barr, 1336 North Twenty-second street, early this morning. While one of the men engaged Barr in conversation the other struck him down with a blackjack. He was carried to a rear room and tied to a chair.

Get \$500 in Loot One of the bandits emptied the cash register while the other stood guard at the door to prevent possible interference. The loot consisted of money and goods amounting to nearly \$500.

Barr was discovered by a customer who untied him and summoned the police.

Six robbers who arrived in an auto-bus to smash the windows of Max Moskowitz's store, 2542 Kensington avenue, yesterday morning and stole furs and clothing worth \$10,000.

The thieves returned to the store first covered each window with a rug and then broke the glass with rocks wrapped in paper.

While two men watched with drawn revolvers, the other four piled up the loot. They removed four valuable fur coats from figures in the windows and also took a lot of valuable cloth suits.

Crash Awakens Family When they smashed the second window the crash awakened Moskowitz and his wife. They looked out the window and saw the auto. Instead of fleeing the robbers opened fire on Mr. and Mrs. Moskowitz, who were compelled to shut the windows for safety.

The robbers then took more loot from the windows and went leisurely down Kensington avenue.

Perhaps the most daring robbery was that of the Niepman Manufacturing Co.'s plant on the city's waterfront. The robbers took more loot from the windows and went leisurely down Kensington avenue.

Use Two Motortrucks Early Saturday morning thieves with two motortrucks pulled up near a window on the Torresdale avenue side of the plant. They entered the place when the windows were closed.

Sweaters and other knit goods were piled on the sidewalk and leisurely loaded into each of the big trucks. When the men were about to pass the plant at the time the robbery occurred, it is said he did not appear.

While the robbers were loading the second truck the watchman discovered them and they fled, leaving a small pile of goods on the sidewalk.

Although the robbery was reported at 6.35 o'clock it is said the police did not start an investigation until three hours later.

A member of the firm said this morning he had no trace of the thieves had been found.

MUST KNOW WHO'S WHO

City Hall Cleaners Who Didn't Recognize Mayor's Brother Suspended Three City Hall cleaners have been suspended for a part of their job is to recognize the officials in the city's political hierarchy.

And especially to recognize Joseph Smith, the Mayor's secretary and brother.

The three cleaners return to duty today after a five days' suspension. They were ordered to clean out the vaults some time ago in preparation for the coming election. Five days ago Joseph Smith took a trip to the vault to look for money. He was proceeding and found one of the cleaners asleep in the vault and two others chatting.

"Why don't you get to work?" he asked. "Who the — are you?" they answered. He told them.

CALLS SKYLINE BOLSHIEV

Architect Says That City's Contour Makes Life Unwholesome

TWO COMMITTEES IN CLOSING MOVES FOR MOORE TODAY

Vare-Controlled Body and Republican Alliance Plan for Tomorrow's City Election

DOWNTOWN LEADER SEES PARTY A WINNER BY 100,000

Predicts Naming of Full Republican Ticket With Congressman for Mayor

Final action in the campaign for election tomorrow of Congressman Moore as Mayor and of the whole Republican ticket will be taken today and tonight at meetings of the city and ward committees.

Both the Vare-controlled city committee and the Republican Alliance will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock, when final instructions will be given the workers, and watchers' certificates and other election day paraphernalia will be distributed. The ward committees of these two central bodies will meet tonight.

In advance of these meetings Senator Vare, leader of the forces which battled for Judge Patterson in the primaries, significantly predicted the election of Congressman Moore by a majority of at least 100,000.

Further he looked to see every man on the Republican ticket elected and said there would be no "kissing."

Predicts Light Vote "The vote will be light," said Senator Vare, "because there is no opposition to speak of. The ticket will go through. There will be no cutting of the councilman ticket. I look for Congressman Moore to have not less than 100,000 majority and to carry the bridges when he came to town."

"As the state-wide strike proposed by the State Federation of Labor will not take place at once, if at all, I do not wish to comment on it now," the Governor explained. "There may be no such strike. Of course, such a strike would be ill-advised. It would add to the difficulty of the situation by doing what I have already done to convince the members of the unions of this. If I advised them they would probably pay no attention to me."

The stand taken by Francis Feehan, delegate to the federation convention from the Castle Shannon local of the United Mine Workers, was wise and patriotic, but Mr. Feehan is a state official. He is doing his duty both as a representative of the union and as a state official.

Meeting at 3 o'clock The meeting has been called for 3 o'clock this afternoon at headquarters of the Pennsylvania Building. On this occasion the women may offer suggestions for the filling of the new post of director of public welfare.

Senator Penrose is expected in his office today, where he is scheduled to meet a number of city and state leaders.

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Says Matter Out of His Hands "The government, of course, is taking the lead in having power under the laws to handle the situation as this. It is because the strike is a national problem and not merely a state problem that I am not making independent effort to bring about peace. The matter is out of my hands."

"So much depends upon the wise and prompt settlement of the strike that I wish to say as little as possible about it. We wish to do nothing to do a difficult situation—a situation that affects so many thousands throughout the state and nation, I am keeping in as close touch as possible with the situation, but action toward the settlement of the strike is being directed from Washington."

SUICIDE ATTEMPT FATAL

Man Who Cut Throat Friday Dies Today in Hospital

Fenwick Lorraine, sixty-one years old, 134 Lexington avenue, East Lansdowne, died today in the City Hospital early today as the result of a self-inflicted knife wound in the throat. He was taken to the hospital Saturday. Sergeant Robert Lorraine, recently discharged from the army, informed Deputy Coroner Blum today that his father had been nervous for the last three years. Saturday a carpenter working in the Lansdowne home found the elder Mr. Lorraine lying on the floor with a wound in his throat. A long knife was beside the body. The carpenter called Mrs. Robert Lorraine, who had her father-in-law taken to the hospital. The man was a mechanic.

State-Wide Walkout Threatened by Labor

Pennsylvania Federation Votes in Favor of Strike to Aid Steel Workers—Would Call Out Miners and Railroad Men

By the Associated Press

Pittsburgh, Oct. 3.—Union leaders in Pittsburgh in the interest of the steel strike began today to formulate plans to obtain from state unions approval of resolutions passed by the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor, which adjourned its special convention here yesterday.

Featuring the recommendations, adopted in the form of resolutions, was a call for a state-wide strike of organized labor as a last resort to secure "free speech, free press and free assembly."

The state federation may issue such a call, according to the resolution, which, in the opinion of the executive council, is deemed necessary "to compel retraction for law and the restoration of liberty as guaranteed by the constitution of the United States and of the state of Pennsylvania."

James H. Maurer, president of the federation, announced that he expected an opposition from the international unions concerning the proposed walkout, but rather their hearty approval.

The resolution, which asks Governor Sprout to call a special session of the Legislature to act as an impeachment tribunal against public officials guilty in the eyes of the labor men of violating their oaths of office, also petitioned the Governor and A. Mitchell Palmer, attorney general.

"That steps be taken at once to restore to the people of Pennsylvania the constitutional rights of free speech, free press and free public assembly. A referendum vote was ordered taken among the various local unions of the different crafts in the commonwealth on the question of organizing a labor party in Pennsylvania. Mr. Maurer announced the opening of subscriptions

for a half-million-dollar fund to be obtained by the sale of ten shares at \$10 for establishing a labor daily newspaper for Pennsylvania.

Three great groups of unions now attacked by their employers—the railroad men, miners and steel workers—were urged to "cooperate in their formation of a joint committee and refuse to make any settlements that do not include all of them, and the convention extended its "moral and financial strength" to the striking coal miners.

Mr. Feehan Protests The resolution endorsing the state federation's "moral and financial strength" to the striking miners, brought the first clash in the convention over recommendations of Mr. Feehan, sitting in the convention as a mine workers' delegate.

"I am opposed to the adoption of this resolution and wish to be so recorded," said Mr. Feehan. "I protest against this convention taking action against the United States Government. This resolution is a violation of the federal court injunction against the coal strike and this body in violation of the restraining order issued against that strike. I am a member of the United Mine Workers. I have made many sacrifices in its behalf, as a coal miner and as an official, but I am opposed to the policy of the present officials of the United Mine Workers of America and their defiance of the government. As between the United Mine Workers and the government, I stand with the government."

Mr. Feehan absolved the local union he represented from any responsibility for his remarks, and specifically declared he was speaking for himself and not for the local union.

Among other resolutions adopted was one urging railroad men, miners and steel workers to refuse to handle coal from the mine workers' strike. Continued on Page Eight, Column One

LABOR HAS HOPE OF SETTLEMENT OF COAL STRIKE

Report That Compers Suggested Way Stirs Interest, but Leaders Are Reticent

LEWIS "NONCOMMITTAL" ON RUMORED PROPOSAL

Wilson's Arbitration Offer Stands—First Full Working Day Since Walkout

Labor union officials appear more hopeful of a settlement of the coal strike, following a rumor that Samuel Compers had suggested a plan to end the walkout.

Union miners are still closed and the operators have no plan for resumption. Nearly 150,000 nonunion miners are reported at work in Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

John L. Lewis, acting head of the mine workers, is returning to Indianapolis headquarters.

By the Associated Press Washington, Nov. 3.—Labor officials declined today to discuss reports that Samuel Compers, president of the American Federation of Labor, had suggested a way of settling the coal strike.

Mr. Compers is in New York and in his absence officers of the federation said there was no one here to speak for him. In some labor circles, however, there was a more hopeful view of the situation.

Reports were awaited by the government from its agents in the coal fields, who had been directed to telegraph immediately all facts bearing on the attitude of the striking miners and especially whether they showed a disposition to return to work. The Department of the Interior, which had been instructed to watch conditions closely.

Wilson's Offer Still Open At the White House today it was said that President Wilson's offer for arbitration of the coal strike still was open. Meantime preparations for setting up of a commission on industrial unrest, as recommended by the public group in the recent industrial conference are going forward and the selection of the personnel is expected to be completed by the cabinet tomorrow.

One of the first effects of the coal strike has been the curtailment of passenger trains on some railroads. Director General Hines has given regional directors wide discretion in this matter, as they are in a position to survey the coal needs of their respective districts.

Freight Service Unhindered Freight service will not be disturbed unless the coal shortage becomes serious. A survey of all the coal stocks held by the thousands of tons stored at terminals, it would not be necessary to curtail this service for several weeks.

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Miners May Retain McAdoo as Counsel INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 3.—It was reported here today that William C. McAdoo, former Secretary of the Treasury, might be retained by the miners as counsel in the proceedings brought by the government to enforce the restraining order against the officials of the union.

MANY MINERS AT WORK IN WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA HARRISBURG, Nov. 3.—Reports received at departments of the state government from the coal strike regions indicated that many men were at work in the greater part of the Fayette and Westmoreland county fields and that everything was quiet.

Governor Sprout was in touch with various parts of the state through his office at the capitol, while the Department of Mines and state police were in constant communication with mining centers.

URGES U. S. MARINE MAIN OFFICE HERE

Senator Jones, of Washington, to Present Plans for Federal Shipping Policy

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Philadelphia is suggested as the headquarters of America's merchant marine by United States Senator Jones, of Washington, chairman of the Senate commerce committee.

The senator today was to present plans for a permanent government shipping policy. He intends to personally urge a bill which would abolish the Emergency Fleet Corporation and create a new merchant marine corporation. The new corporation would be managed by nine directors, with headquarters in this city. It would be empowered to operate government-owned or controlled ships for thirty years, but not in competition with established private lines.

Shipping Board Retained The bill Senator Jones urges would retain the present shipping board only in a supervisory capacity. It favors ultimate private ownership of the government's shipping property. The proposed merchant marine corporation would have no capital stock. It would take over all ships acquired by the government during the war and all vessels and property in the hands of the shipping board and the emergency fleet corporation, for operation, sale or other disposition, with a view to maintaining a permanent American merchant marine.

Operate All Federal Tonnage The new corporation, it is proposed, would operate all government merchant tonnage and shipping property while the shipping board would have a status similar to that which the Interstate Commerce Commission bears to railroad carriers.

The shipping board would have supervision over the shipping rates, and the Interstate Commerce Commission would be authorized, with the marine corporation, to require insurance. American safety and water carriers. Development of new shipping rates and lines for American shipping would be one of the principal functions of the shipping board.

The Jones bill declares for a federal policy of having a merchant marine "adequate to insure" American safety in emergencies and sufficient to carry the greater part of American commerce, together with ample shipbuilding and repair facilities, all ultimately to be owned and operated by private parties and capital.

The Weather

Tuesday, warmer, slight. Clouds tonight will lighten. "Ply" fore winds from east.

WIN IN 3 STATES, G. O. P. PREDICTION

Senator Jones, of Washington, Leaders Expect Republican Victory in New Jersey, Massachusetts and Kentucky

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