THE WEATHER
Washington, Dec. 9.—Rain tonight; probably turning to snow Wednesday.
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

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BILLY DANSEY SHOT IN ERROR FOR DOG, IS THEORY OFFERED

Suggested That Hammonton Boy Was Unintentionally Killed in Dahlia Field

FARMER AND WOMAN ARE ARRESTED IN CASE

Councilman's Son and Accomplice Suspect Held in Jail. Man Aided Hunt

Piecing together the bits of evidence in their possession, the detectives investigating the death of Billy Dansey, of Hammonton, N. J., have built up a theory that the child was shot in mistake for his dog while playing in the dahlia beds of the White farm.

Charles S. White, twenty-nine years old, a dahlia farmer and next door neighbor of the Danseys, is in jail at Mays Landing, charged with the murder. Mrs. Edith Jones, housekeeper for Councilman Edward H. White, father of the prisoner, is also in the jail, charged with having been accessory after the fact.

It is known that Jack, little Billy Dansey's pet dog, was shot while digging about in the dahlia fields. The dog was only slightly wounded, was cared for at the Dansey home and was first let run on October 8, the day Billy Dansey disappeared.

Boy and dog, it is believed by the county authorities, went to the dahlia field, where some one shot at the dog, missed, hit the boy, and either killed him outright or severely wounded him.

A little boy like Billy, say the detectives, could easily have been moved about without detection in the big willow dahlia baskets used on the White farm. These baskets are 3½ feet long by 14 inches deep and several feet wide.

White and Mrs. Jones were arrested by Detectives J. P. Wilson and Benjamin Nussbaum.

More Arrests Promised

"There will be more arrests made in the Billy Dansey case," said Prosecutor Gaskill this morning at Atlantic City. Just in what direction suspicion pointed, or who the suspected persons were, would not be divulged.

During the night and this morning White was closely questioned at the jail at Mays Landing. Both he and Mrs. Jones will be subjected to a further examination today and asked to explain certain actions which led to the arrests.

The two are held without bail to await the action of the grand jury. This does not convene for more than a week. A special session to take up the Dansey case is being considered.

The arrest of Mrs. Jones and White was kept a secret in Hammonton. Even Mrs. Dansey, mother of the two-and-a-half-year-old dead boy, who saw the detectives drive away with the prisoners, did not know they were arrested for the murder of her boy.

Other than saying that White and Mrs. Jones had been under suspicion and almost constant surveillance for several weeks, Prosecutor Edmund C. Gaskill refused to talk about the case.

"It bears out my conviction from the start that something was not on the level in this case," he said. "I am proud of the success of my men, who have worked untiringly on the case, Sundays, holidays and weekdays since the case began."

Promises Sensation

"Charles S. White knows what happened to Billy Dansey," said Detective Nussbaum. "The boy was dead at the hour White says he saw him in the dahlia field. We are positive we have the solution of the mystery now that he and Mrs. Jones are in jail. Because it would give away our hand and prevent other developments in the case, we cannot tell more at this time. The developments will be sensational enough when they come."

The two detectives drove to Hammonton about dark last night, he explained. They went to the home of Magistrate Strouse, and after swearing out the warrants went to the White home by a roundabout way and placed White and Mrs. Jones under arrest. Neither showed any emotion, according to the detectives.

The Town Hall had been cleared of spectators. The hearing there was a mere formality. After the two were held the detectives cautioned Strouse against talking and took the prisoners to Mays Landing.

Directed Searchers

White is supposedly the last person who saw Billy alive. It was this man who told the authorities of seeing the boy playing in the dahlia field about 10 o'clock on the morning of October 8, and gave them the first directions in the search. The direction he said the boy had taken as he wandered away from the field was opposite from that leading to the Folsom swamp, where three weeks later the skeleton of little Billy was recovered.

According to Nussbaum, Charles White is the father of little Charlie White, Billy Dansey's playmate, for whom it was said early in the case kidnappers mistook Billy. The detectives would not explain completely how they first fastened suspicion on the pair or what their theory was as to the time and place of the little victim's murder.

In Reserve Militia

White was a first sergeant in the local reserve militia company, and known to all the town. His father, Councilman E. H. White, is a master painter at 5326 Market street, Philadelphia.

He is about five feet ten inches tall, and weighs about 140 pounds. He is very dark, and remains immoved by his arrest.

Mrs. Jones is about fifty-five years

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"Prove It," Cries Mercier of "Ill-Treatment" Charge

GERMANS COMPLAIN IN TODAY'S INSTALMENT OF CARDINAL MERCIER'S STORY OF THE WAR, PUBLISHED ON PAGE 15, OF "ILL TREATMENT" BY BELGIANS OF PRISONERS OF WAR. WHEN THE CARDINAL ASKS FOR DETAILS AND PROOF NO ANSWER IS RECEIVED.

Chronology of Events in Billy Dansey Case

Oct. 8, 1919—George W. Dansey, known as Billy, two and a half years old, disappeared from his home in Hammonton, N. J. Believed kidnapped.

Oct. 9—Searching parties begin scouring woods and swamps near boy's home; $100 reward offered.

Oct. 13—Letter bearing this date, mailed at Newark, N. J., purporting to be from "kidnapper" of boy, said Billy was taken in mistake for grandson of Councilman E. H. White, of Hammonton.

Oct. 28—Reward increased to $2000.

Oct. 30—Detectives work on theory boy is buried near home.

Nov. 21—Missing boy's body, reduced to skeleton, found on edge of Folsom swamp, two miles from Hammonton. Child's garments scattered nearby.

Nov. 29—Inquest held. Bones identified as those of Billy. Mrs. Dansey identifies garments.

Dec. 8—Charles S. White, son of Councilman White, and Mrs. Edith Jones, the councilman's housekeeper, arrested, the former charged with murder of boy, the latter accused of being accessory after the fact.

Dec. 9—Prosecutor Gaskill, of Atlantic county, promises additional arrests.

BROTHER SHOT BY MISTAKE

Youth Fires in Dark When Lad Playfully Points Toy Pistol

Deceived by the glint from the barrel of a toy pistol in the hands of his brother, Albert, eleven years old, Arthur Swanson, eighteen years old, 519 Wolf street, last night shot the younger boy through the cheek, believing he was a burglar. The bullet penetrated the cheek and came out near the ear.

According to the police, Albert had been playing in the yard with a toy pistol, and suddenly entered the darkened kitchen. The elder boy procured a revolver and shot. Albert is in the Methodist Hospital and will recover. His brother was released in $500 bail today. He will have a hearing before Magistrate Baker next Tuesday.

BURGLAR ALARM ERRATIC

Detail of Police Called to Bank, but Find No Robbers

Six patrolmen were sleeping peacefully in the Media and Peach streets station.

Suddenly the telephone rang. It was an ominous ring.

A sergeant picked it up yawningly.

"Burglars, bank, Franklin Trust Co., Fifty-second and Market streets!" said a voice.

Like a flash the sextet of bluecoats were on their feet. They dashed off in a patrol to the bank and surrounded it.

But there was not a robber in sight. There was no sign that any had called at the bank. A representative of the bank said today that the burglar alarm was somewhat erratic, and had the habit of going off when no one was around.

300 LBS. OF SUGAR FOUND

Sweetening Located in Cellar When Police Arrest Two Suspects

Three hundred pounds of sugar, a gross of soap and thirty pairs of rubber boots, arctics and rubber shoes were discovered in the cellar of a house on Nineteenth street above Arch shortly before 8 o'clock this morning when two patrolmen followed a man they saw unloading part of the goods from an automobile.

Patrolmen Watts and Lanihan, of the Fifteenth and Vine streets station, while on their way to work, saw a man furtively take something from an automobile at the curb in front of the house, and enter an alley. They followed him and caught him in the yard in the rear of the house.

Then, in the cellar, they discovered his companion. There they found that the men had about finished cacheing the sugar, soap, boots and rubbers. They arrested both men.

At the police station they gave their names and addresses as John Devlin, Forty-sixth street near Poplar, and Zacharias Robinson, Fifteenth street above Arch. Neither would tell where they obtained the sugar and other articles. Both were held under $800 bail by Magistrate Grelis for a further hearing.

AGED COUPLE GAS VICTIMS

Found Unconscious in Home and Roomer Is Held

Gustave Helm, eighty-two years old, and his wife Margaret, eighty years old, were found unconscious from gas at 2 o'clock this morning in their home, 1126 Nevada street. Physicians say both will recover.

The plight of the aged couple was discovered by John Roth, a roomer. Roth notified a patrolman, who shut off the gas and sent the couple to a hospital.

Roth was arraigned this morning before Magistrate Glenn in the Fourth and York streets station and held in $500 bail for a further hearing December 22 as a material witness.

GIRL AUTO THIEF ON STAND

Florence Duke Taken to Mays Landing to Identify Alleged Aides

Florence Duke, the girl automobile thief, who is serving a sentence of twelve years in the Eastern Penitentiary, was taken to Mays Landing today to testify against three of her alleged accomplices in extensive thefts in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Seymour Nathanson and his two brothers, Martin and Jeremiah, are on trial at Mays Landing, charged with receiving stolen motorcars. They were proprietors of the Boardwalk Garage, Atlantic City, and are charged with using it for the reception of machines that had been driven off by the twenty-two-year-old girl bandit.

The girl has admitted the theft of about twenty motorcars. When convicted, after her arrest here last March, she refused to give the names of her confederates, but later accused the Nathansons and two other men.

GOULD'S DIVORCE VALID

French Court Overrules Objection of His Wife

Paris, Dec. 9.—(By A. P.)—The decree of divorce obtained by Frank J. Gould, of New York, from his wife, Edith Kelly Gould, was sustained in judicial proceedings here today. The court overruled Mrs. Gould's plea that it had no jurisdiction because of her being a resident of the United States.

PLOT TO KIDNAP WOMAN ALLEGED; 2 MEN ARE HELD

Prisoners Said to Have Confessed and to Have Named Third, Who Is Now Sought

PRISONERS SUSPECTED OF BEING MOTOR BANDITS

Both Held Without Bail—Used Guns in Effort to Escape Arrest

An alleged attempt to kidnap Mrs. Katherine O'Brien McNamee, supposed to live at 5612 Appletree street, was made early today by two young men suspected of being automobile bandits.

As a matter of fact, Mrs. McNamee does not live in Appletree street, but in New York. The Appletree street house is the home of her sister, Mrs. Frank McNamara.

The men were arrested by three detectives, made quick confessions, the police say, and each was held without bail for a further hearing by Magistrate Mecleary at Central Station.

The defendants are John W. Reynolds, Seventh and Buttonwood streets, and Charles Walls, Fifty-fourth street and Kingsessing avenue.

The prisoners had promised, according to the police, to abduct Mrs. McNamee for $100.

Reynolds and Walls confessed, the police say, that the kidnapping was planned by a third man, a relative of the woman. Mrs. McNamee had invested $5000 in his business, so the alleged confession goes, and he wanted her abducted so he could have the whole thing for himself.

Met in Chinatown

The three alleged plotters are said to have arranged details in a Chinatown restaurant. Then they bought revolvers at a pawn shop.

Next they obtained a big green touring car, with Pennsylvania and California licenses.

It happened that District Detectives Beecraft, Ferguson and Sibre were near Fifty-sixth and Appletree streets looking for automobile bandits when the green car suddenly appeared out of the darkness. It stopped before the house at No. 5612.

Reynolds, one of the two men in the machine, looked about cautiously, it is said. Then he and his companion whispered. The detectives didn't like the looks of the car. They agreed that it resembled an automobile which had figured in several hold-ups.

Beecroft, Ferguson and Sibre approached the car.

Asks License

"Let's see your license," demanded Beecroft of Reynolds, who it is charged drew forth a revolver. It is asserted that he stuck it under the nose of Beecroft and said, "You git."

Walls was the second man in the car. He also displayed a revolver, it is charged. The other detectives made a flank movement on the men in the car, and knocked the weapons from their hands. The two men were overpowered and driven to the Sixty-first and Thompson streets police station.

There, it is said, they confessed that they had come out to kidnap Mrs. McNamee.

Hearing at Central Station

Later the prisoners were taken to Central Station for a hearing.

Sibre testified there that a previous attempt had been made to kidnap Mrs. McNamee.

One of the prisoners, accompanied by the third man in the case, Sibre said, went to the woman's home yesterday afternoon, but she chased them out with a revolver.

Mrs. McNamara believes the would-be kidnappers, if such they are, made a big mistake.

"My sister, Mrs. McNamee, in New York, has considerable money," she explained, "and it is possible that these men were looking for her, and thought she lived with me.

"I have a five-year-old daughter, Katherine, who was left $5000 by an aunt who died two years ago. But I do not believe they were after the child."

Mrs. McNamara denied that she had chased any one from the house yesterday.

The police believe the prisoners are connected with the bandits who held up and robbed Mrs. Jacob Taylor, of Fifty-fourth and Spruce streets, Sunday night, and who also robbed the home of Benjamin Small, 6202 Washington avenue.

ONE KILLED, ONE DYING

Two Others Seriously Injured by Car's Plunge Down Embankment

Reading, Dec. 9.—One man is dead, one dying, two are seriously injured, and four have minor cuts and bruises as the result of a railroad accident last evening near Lorraine.

All had been working at Klapperthal, where a Reading Railway locomotive had jumped the track. They were leaving for their homes in Birdsboro, when the motortruck in which they were riding left the track and plunged down the embankment.

The dead man is Rocco Simon. Joe Currot, of Birdsboro, suffered a fractured skull and other injuries and is dying.

Little Drops of Whisky at $833 Per Drop! What!

Have another one, boys, at $833 a drop!

If the International Reform League has its way a pint will be taxed $500,000, even if we do have a "wet spell."

This is the way the expert on figures at a shop where whisky was succeeded by 2.75 per cent, and in turn succeeded by nothing at all, sums it up:

There are ten drinks to a pint.

Each drink, therefore, would cost $50,000 in tax.

There are sixty drops to the average drink.

Therefore, each drop of whisky would cost $833 in tax.

If you are still thirsty, add to this the cost of the whisky and then go back to the soft drink counter.

(c) Clinedinst.

MRS. RUFUS S. DAY

Daughter-in-law of William Rufus Day, associate justice of the United States Supreme Court. She is one of the most accomplished and attractive members of the national capital's social clubs.

G. O. P. TO GATHER IN CHICAGO JUNE 8

Party Leaders, Confident of Victory, Virtually Choose Time and Place for Convention

WOOD GETS FLYING START

By CLINTON W. GILBERT
Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger

Washington, Dec. 9.—Chicago, June 8; that is almost certainly the place and the date of the Republican national convention. The convention will open on Tuesday instead of Wednesday, so as to allow plenty of time for the transaction of business and avoid the Saturday rush in which conventions generally end.

The gathering of Republicans here is one of the largest ever get together outside of a national convention. Chairman Will H. Hays's method of keeping constantly in personal touch with party leaders everywhere has produced results. Interest in the party is very keen. Another factor has contributed to the size of the gathering, and that is the extraordinary confidence that prevails among the Republicans. These men, who come from all parts of the Union and who are closer in touch with the voters everywhere than any one in Washington, are absolutely sure the country has swung strongly over to the Republicans. The belief prevails that any Republican can be elected President. The country wants to get away from Wilson and all that he stands for, men say.

Nation Anxious for Change

They express the sentiment of the voters in many ways, but it all means that the people have reacted from the democratic. They call the issue "Americanism," meaning thereby a getting back into safe constitutional channels, so far as the relations between the White House and Congress are concerned, and an avoidance of the example of England and other European countries so far as organized labor is concerned.

"Conservative but constructive" is another phrase used, and sometimes people put it a little more emphatically as "no bolshevism." But, no matter how expressed, the party men gathered in Washington bring back the word that the nation has gone through some profound experience, does not like it and wishes to get back to the simpler and rather idyllic days of the past.

This may be a vain hope. What has happened to America as a result of the war no one may yet measure, but whatever it is the country would like to wipe it out as an unpleasant nightmare and go on as it once was in days before it caught a glimpse of European class consciousness as vaguely manifested in this country.

The feeling is general that to go back to the Republican party is to put a lot of unpleasant possibilities forever behind. This resolution does not react in its fullest, for every one expresses a desire that "justice" should be done to labor. The feeling is that the Republican party will do justice to labor, while the Democratic party, in view of its record in the coal strike, may do anything.

"Any Republican Can Win"

The party leaders here in Washington are conscious of this state of the public mind. They believe it is too firmly established to be changed by any accident of candidates or any incident of the campaign. The interest in poli-

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MOORE GOES DUCK HUNTING

Mayor-elect's Party Bags Seven at Mouth of Potomac

Mayor-elect Moore among other things has become a Nimrod.

Mr. Moore has indulged in a little duck hunting, while aboard the Eisenlohr yacht.

The yacht was stopped off the mouth of the Potomac river.

Seven ducks were bagged by the Mayor-elect, Thomas W. Cunningham, David J. Smyth and George W. Coles.

Beyond saying that the Mayor-elect had shouldered a gun the message did not say who shot the most.

Neither did it state whether Mayor-elect and his party bagged "lame-ducks."

WILL FIGHT H. C. OF L.

Woolen Company President Plans Chain of Provision Stores

Lawrence, Mass., Dec. 9.—(By A. P.)—William M. Wood, president of the American Woolen Co., today served notice on retail business men of this city that unless prices of commodities essential to living were marked down sharply and within a short time he would set up a retail store organization here on a large scale to supply employes of the company with groceries, provisions, fuel, clothing, hardware and other articles.

STATE COMMISSION TAKES UP REVISION OF CONSTITUTION

Lewis Named Secretary and Special Committees Are Appointed—Start Conferences

CAUTION IN WORK IS URGED BY SCHAFFER

Women Enter Debates—Judge White, Veteran of 1873 Convention, Honor Guest

Subjects to Be Considered in Constitution Revision

Prohibition. Woman suffrage. Income and inheritance taxes. Wider range of taxable subjects. Home rule for cities. Consolidation Philadelphia courts.

Provision for Philadelphia metropolitan area. Repeal of present provisions relating to special legislation. Reclassification of counties and cities. Reduction of number of elective officers in various counties and co-ordination of present state government departments.

By a Staff Correspondent

Harrisburg, Dec. 9.—"If our task is well performed we and the agencies which shall follow after us and the people in putting their final approval on what shall have its beginnings here today will be doing not only Pennsylvania but constitutional government everywhere a forward looking service."

Attorney General Schaffer in these words epitomized the expected results of the constitutional revison commission which he called into session in the senate chamber of the state capitol here this morning.

The commission's organization was accomplished with a smoothness and unanimity that boded well for expedition of the important task referred to by the attorney general.

After prayer had been offered by the Rev. Dr. Lewis S. Mudge, pastor of the Harrisburg Presbyterian Church, the roll was called and revealed the presence of nineteen of the twenty-five members of the commission.

Cyrus E. Woods, secretary of the commonwealth, read the gubernatorial proclamation and commission of the board and administered the oath to those members present.

In calling the commission to order Mr. Schaffer said in part:

"The task before us calls for earnest study, unremitting work, patient hearing of every view presented, tolerance of each others' opinions, the wisest judgment, and absolute fearlessness in arriving at the conclusions which we deem to be right."

Dr. William Draper Lewis, of Philadelphia, was elected secretary at a salary of $500 per month "with the consent of the Governor" on motion of George Wharton Pepper, of Philadelphia.

Chairman Schaffer named John S. Fisher, of Indiana, and Edward J. Fox, of Northampton, as members of the committee on organization, the chairman being designated as a member.

Hampton L. Carson, of Philadelphia, then moved for the appointment of five committees to consider related subjects.

Committees Are Named

Chairman Schaffer appointed the committees as follows:

Bill of rights, legislature and legislation and the executive, A. Mitchell Palmer, chairman; George E. Alter, John S. Fisher, Chester J. Tyson and W. I. Schaffer.

Judiciary, impeachment, oaths of office, etc., Hampton L. Carson, chairman; Mayer Sulzberger, John P. Kelley, F. J. Fox and James Gay Gordon.

Suffrage and elections, public officers, county officers and new counties, Francis Newton Thorpe, chairman; Isaac Sharpless, William B. Wilson, Mrs. John O. Miller and R. L. Munce.

Taxation, corporations, railroads and canals—George Wharton Pepper, chairman; Gifford Pinchot, T. DeWitt Cuyler, James H. Reed and E. J. Stackpole.

Education, militia, cities and amendments—Edgar F. Smith, chairman; John P. Connelly, Charles H. English, Mrs. Barclay H. Warburton and William Perrine.

The committees remained in session almost two hours and resumed their work after a brief session of the commission to complete the organization.

Members of the committee said that various sections of the constitution, such as those relating to taxation, greater measure of home rule for cities, state government, suffrage and other matters, had been considered, but that no conclusions had been reached and possibly would not be for several days.

The committees on taxation and cities held a joint session during the afternoon.

Palmer Among Absentees

The absentees were T. DeWitt Cuyler, Edgar Fahs Smith, James Gay Gordon, of Philadelphia; Dr. Isaac Sharpless, of Haverford; Secretary of Labor Wilson and Attorney General Palmer.

Governor Sproul was not present, but the spectators comprised representatives of virtually every department and state board in Harrisburg. A picturesque bit of color was added by the

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44-HOUR WEEK IN 1921

Pressmen's Union Decides on Reduction of Hours

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 9.—(By A. P.)—An agreement to establish the forty-four-hour week in 1921 was approved by the members of the International Printing Pressmen's and Assistants' Union of North America, by a majority of ten to one, according to an official announcement here today of the results of a referendum vote cast in November.

Other propositions approved were an arbitration agreement between the American Newspaper Publishers' Association and the International Printing Pressmen's and Assistants' Union, and an agreement between employing printers of the United States and Canada and the international organization.

Physician and Friend Lost in Jersey Swamp, Is Belief

Two Phila. Men in Gunning Party Missing Since Saturday—Companion Returns Here After Futile Two-Day Search

A physician of this city and his gunning companion, missing since Saturday night, are believed to be lost in the swamps and salt holes near Sea Breeze, N. J.

Dr. William J. Fitzpatrick, 3548 North Broad street, is the missing physician. His companion is Frederick Simmons, Tulip street above Princeton avenue, Tacony.

A third member of the gunning party, Lewis Steinhauser, 3542 North Carlisle street, has returned to this city after a fruitless search Saturday night and Sunday for his lost companions.

Steinhauser, proprietor of an automobile repair shop, is a member of the Keystone Yacht Club, Tacony. He owns a motorboat, in which the three men started Saturday from Bridgeton, N. J., on a duck hunting trip.

Gunning All Afternoon

"We had been gunning all Saturday afternoon," said Steinhauser today. "I was at the wheel of my boat and had her pointed for Ship John Light. We had started out at 7 o'clock Saturday morning for Bridgeton. Late Saturday afternoon I was tired and cheesy and must have dozed off.

"About 6 o'clock Saturday evening I awoke and found the boat anchored in shallow water near Sea Breeze, about fifteen miles from Bridgeton. I was alone in the boat.

"I turned the engine over and started out for midstream. As I had drawn out from shore about fifty feet I heard Doctor Fitzpatrick and Mr. Simmons hailing me. It was too dark to see, but I tried to turn back.

"But the engine stalled and I had to drift, finally landing three miles below at Columbus cove. I anchored the boat and walked three miles before I found a house. It was the home of a negro, Sam Winrow, who had an automobile. Winrow drove me to the home of Albert Gandy, at Lanning's wharf. Gandy had a telephone and from there I phoned up and down the shore, telling every one I could reach to keep a lookout for the men."

Hunted for Men Sunday

Steinhauser said he hunted all day Sunday for his missing companions. Once he telephoned to this city to learn if they had returned home. He said he finally got his engine running and set out for the yacht club at Tacony.

Steinhauser enlisted the aid of Joseph S. Phalen, 3626 North Broad street, a brother-in-law of the missing physician. Phalen and Steinhauser today asked the City Hall detective bureau to help in the search.

Charles Schwar, head of the missing persons bureau, assigned Detective Haenley to the case. Haenley, Steinhauser, Phalen and E. Paul, a nephew of Doctor Fitzpatrick, left for Bridgeton to resume the search there.

It was planned to start this afternoon from Bridgeton in Steinhauser's motorboat and proceed to the point where the men were heard Saturday night.

Detective Schwar said today there was a quart of whisky on board when the hunters started their trip.

According to Steinhauser there are numerous salt holes and quicksands around the point where he heard the men calling. He fears that Doctor Fitzpatrick and Simmons may have stumbled into a hole or bog and were unable to extricate themselves.

Doctor Fitzpatrick lives with his mother and sister.

Mrs. Frank Fox, mother of Simmons, is waiting at her home, 7115 Tulip street, for the return of her son. She has with her his nine-month-old boy baby, and his daughter Ruby, eight years old, by a former wife. Simmons's second wife died with influenza, leaving a two-day-old baby. Mrs. Fox has been taking care of the children ever since.

FIVE CITY FIREMEN ACCUSED OF THEFT

Five city firemen, charged with taking a quantity of wearing apparel from the store of Epstein, Laison & Co., 326 Market street, during a fire were ordered today to appear before the Investigation Board of the Bureau of Fire.

AMERICAN SCHOONER ABANDONED AT SEA

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The American schooner Orlando V. Wooten, 677 tons gross, from West African ports for New York with a cargo of mahogany logs, has been abandoned at sea, according to a report received here today by insurance underwriters.

TWO PHILA. WOMEN FOR G. O. P. BODY

Mrs. Barclay Warburton and Mrs. J. Willis Martin to Be on National Committee

SECRECY ON APPOINTMENTS

By a Staff Correspondent

Washington, Dec. 9.—Pennsylvania, which heretofore has not been represented on the executive committee of the Women's national Republican committee, will win such recognition on the new council of one hundred which has been organized to allow the women of the country to meet with the national Republican committee.

Announcement of this was made today following a conference in the rooms of Miss Mary Garrett Hay, women's national chairman.

Indications are Pennsylvania will have two representatives on this council of one hundred leading Republican women, Mrs. Barclay Warburton and Mrs. J. Willis Martin, wife of Judge Martin. As both of these women are Philadelphians, it would appear political activity of Philadelphia women will result in their dominance of the management of the women's party affairs in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Warburton is state chairman of the women's Republican committee in Pennsylvania. The appointment of Mrs. Warburton and probably also of Mrs. Martin to the council of 100 is forecast by the announcement today that these two women leaders are the only two Pennsylvania women invited by the national leaders to attend the conference of women with the men's Republican national committee here tomorrow.

Mrs. Warburton and Mrs. Martin have also been invited to a dinner to be given tonight by Miss Hay, the women's national committee chairman, in honor of the women representatives of the various states.

The council of one hundred, the membership of which will be announced tomorrow by Will Hays, the Republican national chairman, will be the women's counterpart of the men's Republican national committee.

POLK LAUDS CLEMENCEAU

Aged French Premier Astonishes American Peace Envoy

Paris, Dec. 9.—Frank L. Polk, under secretary of state and head of the American peace delegation, yesterday bade farewell to the French and other newspaper correspondents on the eve of his departure for the United States. Mr. Polk declared Premier Clemenceau had astonished him most of all during his stay in Paris. "He is a figure prodigiously original and interesting, of whom I shall always retain a memory," he said, adding, "I wish I might have a similar old age."

MRS. EMILY POWELL KILLS DAUGHTER, 10

Daughter of Horace G. Lippincott, in Denver, Murders Sleeping Child, According to Report

TRIES TO END HER OWN LIFE

Mrs. Emily R. Powell, daughter of Horace G. Lippincott, of Wyncote, and socially prominent, shot and killed her ten-year-old daughter Jacqueline and then shot herself through the eye today, according to dispatches from Denver, Colorado.

Mrs. Powell, who has been living in the West for the last two years, and who has separated from her husband, is said to be in a critical condition.

The following note was found in Mrs. Powell's apartment after the double shooting:

"I wish before I died I might have known what has always been wrong with my life—the more I loved people the more I always hurt them."

Killed As She Slept

The daughter was shot and killed as she lay asleep in her mother's apartment in the fashionable Capitol Hill residence district of Denver.

After shooting the child, Mrs. Powell turned the weapon on herself. The bullet entered her left eye. She was hurried to a hospital.

Mrs. Powell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lippincott, live at "Stonehouse," Wyncote. Mr. Lippincott is senior partner of Lippincott and Co., wholesale grocers, 20 North Delaware avenue.

Mrs. Powell has two brothers, George Lippincott, Wyncote, associated in business with his father, and Rowland Lippincott, 135 South Eighteenth street, member of an investment firm in the Real Estate Trust Building.

No Private Advices

At Rowland Lippincott's this afternoon George Lippincott was informed of the dispatches from Denver. He said the family had received no private advices of his sister's alleged act.

Mr. Lippincott added that his sister had been married for fifteen years and that Jacqueline was her only child. Her husband is Edwin Powell, he said, but Mr. Lippincott has no knowledge of his whereabouts. The couple had been separated for some time, he said.

Mr. Lippincott said he understood his sister had been delicate for a long time, and that she had worried greatly over the separation.

Speaker Gillett Inherits $100,000

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 9.—(By A. P.)—Speaker Frederick H. Gillett, of the National House of Representatives, is given $100,000 in the will of his father-in-law, William Erle, of Worcester, filed for probate today. Mrs. Gillett is given $100,000, her two daughters, Miss Frances Helen Hoar and Miss Louisa Ruth Hoar, are given $100,000 each and an annual income of $8000 from a trust fund.

COAL STRIKE MAY END TODAY; FRIGID WAVE GRIPS WEST

Hunger and Distress Spread in Sub-Zero Weather—Eastern Sweep Forecast

MINERS CONVENE TO ACT ON PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL

Acceptance Predicted — Court Cases Postponed—Industries on Half-Time Basis

By the Associated Press

Indianapolis, Dec. 9.—Settlement today of the strike of 400,000 bituminous coal miners was confidently predicted when the executive board and scale committee of the miners met to consider the proposal of President Wilson, already approved by John L. Lewis, acting president, and William Green, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America.

Miners and government officials continued in their refusal to make public the terms of the proposal on which hinges the outcome of the strike. However, Attorney General Palmer said that he would have a statement to make late today.

The first step today toward a settlement was postponement of the contempt proceedings against the miners and the grand jury investigation of an alleged conspiracy between miners and operators.

Closed Session of Miners

The meeting of the miners this afternoon was closed and there was no indication of the length of time the miners would consume in discussion of the proposals. Miners' officials, however, expressed confidence that the executive board and scale committee would approve any course which had been acceptable to Lewis and Green. These miners' officials agreed in their Washington conference to urge the proposal as a basis for settlement of the tie-up of the coal industry.

In the face of the expected settlement, Fuel Administrator Garfield, at Washington, put into effect today the most drastic regulations for fuel economy since the restrictions of 1918, reducing the nation's industries virtually to one-half time basis.

Even if the strike were settled today, he declared, fuel-saving measures would be necessary, as several weeks would be required before the nation's normal supply could be restored.

Sub-Zero Weather Grips West

The most severe weather of the winter, with sub-zero temperatures and further depletion of the diminished coal reserve, gripped nearly all of the country west of the Mississippi river, with a spread southward and eastward forecast for tonight and tomorrow.

Districts where the fuel reserve already virtually was exhausted were chief sufferers today from the swoop of low temperatures. At Butte, Mont., with 30 degrees below zero, hundreds were reported in distress, suffering from hunger and cold. A prolonged period over the whole country is indicated, the weather bureau announced today.

Zero temperatures spread over Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Wisconsin, Minnesota, the Dakotas, northern Iowa, and parts of other western states. Severe interference with the movement of coal from the Colorado mines was caused by the cold, temperatures in that state ranging from 11 to 19 degrees below zero, the latter mark being reached at Denver. Storms interrupted Colorado trains. At Casper, Wyo., the temperature was 18 below zero.

In Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma, where mining by volunteers from surface deposits either was going on or in prospect, it was reported that such work probably would be impossible in the face of the adverse weather conditions. In Kansas, where it was hoped soon to see 100 carloads of fuel a day taken out, mines for several days have been worked under circumstances that heretofore had caused a cessation of labor.

Should the cold snap be protracted in those states reports said much suffering might be expected.

Driving snow accompanied the falling temperatures in some places and in Montana a train stalled Sunday at Sheridan, still was fast in a six-foot drift. The passengers were taken into the town, however.

No Change at Mines

At Lander, Wyo., it was 34 degrees below zero, 26 below at Livingston, Mont., with 25 below reported from various places in eastern Oregon. Great Falls, Mont., had a temperature of 38 below zero.

At the coal mines throughout the country the last twenty-four hours recorded virtually no change in the general situation.

In addition to the drastic measures put into effect by the fuel administration to conserve the bituminous coal supply of the nation, the railroad administration made further sweeping cuts in passenger trains. Beginning tomorrow nearly 300 through, local and suburban trains will be discontinued on the New York Central and the Pennsylvania lines alone.

Contempt Cases Postponed

Hearing on the charges of contempt of court filed against eighty-four general and district officials of the United Mine Workers of America was postponed pending the outcome of the meeting of miners.

The postponement was until next Tuesday morning and was granted by Judge A. B. Anderson on motion of C.

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Crank Up the Old Mill; Gas Tank Is New Coal Bin

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 9.—(By A. P.)—One of the largest automobile plants in the city, compelled to close by the orders of the national fuel administrator, will attempt to reopen tomorrow with gasoline furnishing the motive power to operate its machinery.

Hundreds of automobile motors will be hooked up to turn the factory wheels.

Employes in twenty-one departments have been ordered to return tomorrow.