THE WEATHER
Washington, Dec. 18.—Cloudy tonight with snow flurries.
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

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GIRL TELLS JURY SHE DIDN'T MEAN TO SLAY FATHER

Clara Bartel Collapses Before Taking Stand in Own Defense. Sedatives Administered

MOTHER PERMITTED TO SIT AND HOLD CHILD'S HAND

She Sobs Throughout Trial. Counsel Relates Incidents of Alleged Cruelty

By a Staff Correspondent

Doylestown, Dec. 18.—Clara Bartel, sixteen-year-old girl charged with the murder of her father, took the witness stand in her own defense this afternoon.

Weeping, and in a voice husky with emotion—a voice scarcely audible at first, even in the unnatural stillness of the courtroom—she told the jury that she had not meant to kill her father; that she had picked up the shotgun which he himself had taught her to use, in order to frighten him; that she had not known that the gun was cocked and loaded; and that it had gone off in her hands.

A little while before she went to the stand, with head high, though tears overflowed her eyes and streamed down her cheeks, she had collapsed utterly, losing consciousness for a moment.

Spectators in Tears

The courtroom was surcharged with emotion. Women among the spectators sobbed, and men were not ashamed of the tears that they wiped away with their hands.

Perhaps the most dramatic moment of the trial thus far was when the girl collapsed shortly after court resumed early this afternoon.

She was sitting alone near her counsel, J. Hibbs Buckman. The principal witness for the commonwealth, Mrs. William Steinmueller, Clara's aunt had resumed the stand for cross-examination.

Exhausted by her emotions of the morning, when she had sobbed at times almost hysterically, Clara was sitting dully in her chair, wiping her eyes now and then, and keeping herself in hand with visible effort.

Suddenly she sobbed aloud, a long, convulsive sob that shook her whole body. And then she slumped in her chair, in collapse.

Physician Goes to Her Aid

Dr. G. A. Parker, the Bartel family physician, who at the morning session had testified to finding the father's body and pronouncing him dead, was sitting in the courtroom and hurried to the girl's side. There was a sharp stir among the crowd, a quick taking of breath and exclamations of pity and concern. Doctor Parker administered a sedative as soon as the girl had recovered from the faint, which lasted but a moment.

Judge Ryan waited anxiously until the girl was revived. Then court attendants brought from the judge's chambers a big heavily upholstered leather armchair and arranged it for the girl. She leaned back, with eyes half closed, and the trial was resumed. Her mother and Mrs. Nightengale, the probation officer, were permitted to bring their chairs into the reserved space in front of the judge's dais, and they sat there beside the girl holding her hands.

J. Hibs Buckman, outlining the defense, declared that the girl had not meant to kill her father. While the jury listened in horrified attention he told how the dead man had beaten his wife and daughter; how he had cursed them, and how he had finally ordered Clara out of the house to earn her own living when she wanted to sell Liberty Bonds.

Says Father Struck Her

Mr. Buckman said that Bartel had struck and cursed Clara continually; that he had persecuted her from the time she found some old love-letters hidden in the barn; that there had been a frightful scene in Mrs. Bartel's bedroom the morning of the shooting, in which Bartel had struck his wife.

Clara had broken down before, during the morning session. It was during the earlier cross-examination of her aunt, Mrs. Steinmuller.

Mr. Bushman at that time sat down beside the weeping girl, and tried to comfort her. She threw her arms about his neck and laid her head on his

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BOILER BLAST ROCKS ARCH ST. BUILDING; WILD RUSH TO STREET

Windows Smashed and Manhole Hurled Twenty Feet—Heating Plant Wrecked

An extra effort to heat up the six-story building at 1009 Arch street this afternoon was too much for the boiler, and a valve blew out with a loud explosion.

The floor shook, the plate glass window of the United States Rubber Co. on the first floor was shattered and a manhole lid in the pavement was thrown twenty feet into the air.

There was a rush for the street by the people in the building. Everybody got out without injury. They returned later, but it was to cold and shivery offices, for the heating plant was wrecked.

Reserve Patrolman Perkins, who is stationed at Tenth and Arch streets, turned in an alarm as soon as he heard the explosion, but the firemen were not needed. E. R. Bartlett, general manager of the rubber company, said it would be impossible to estimate the damage until a careful examination of the heating plant in the basement could be made.

The Weathervane

Snow flurries
Tonight and Friday.
Wind hurries
And brings a dry day.
So we'll willingly endure
Slowly rising temperature.

15 Horses Freeze to Death in Cars That Arrive Here

Others in Shipment of 40 Dying—Crowd Watches Helplessly as Train Leaves West Phila. for Greenwich Point

Fifteen horses, shipped from Delaware to Philadelphia in open-lattice stock cars, were frozen to death this morning on their way here.

They were consigned to a fertilizing plant at Greenwich Point, and were diverted to the Pennsylvania Railroad freight yards at Thirtieth and Race streets by mistake.

Huddled together in an effort to shield themselves from the biting cold, the horses, which were on their way to slaughter, perished slowly as the train raced north.

The bodies, brown, dappled gray, and black, with none of the sleekness and gloss of youth, but with every evidence of a long horse-life faithfully and laboriously lived, lay frozen and stiff, in this death train. The train carried with it something more tragic than the Siberian death trains because there could be not even the comfort of words among this silent, tortured trainload.

There were two carloads in the consignment, with about twenty horses in each. Only one of the horses in the forward car was dead. In the rear car more than half had suffered to the death.

A group of men was attracted to the cars. They could do nothing. A gun would have been the best comforter for the dying, but no one had the authority to kill them.

Soon the train pulled out of the yard. The dying in the cars were silent. But their quivering flesh was terrible proof of their pain.

Just as the train disappeared down the tracks for the Greenwich Point abattoir, Al Renning, a slaughterer for a beef packing firm, came to the siding. He carried a great ax.

"Too late," the huge fellow said, and he said it with a deal of sorrow, "I could have helped those poor animals."

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will make an investigation of this method of shipping animals in zero weather.

CITY HALL LOOP BILL WITHDRAWN

Mitten Says Purpose Was to Handle Christmas Shoppers. Favors Dunlap Plan

WANTS OTHER BILLS PASSED

In the face of a possible veto by Mayor Smith, if the measure were passed, the Rapid Transit Co. today withdrew its bill providing a relocation of tracks around City Hall.

Members of Select and Common Councils were informed in a letter from Thomas E. Mitten, president of the company, that an alternative plan, suggested by Chief Dunlap, bureau of highways, calling for running of Market street trolley cars directly through City Hall, should be considered.

The withdrawal of the first plan was explained on the ground that the relocation was desired to accommodate the Christmas rush and that it is now too late for that purpose.

The company in the same communication urged passage of two other bills, one, the drastic one-way traffic ordinance requiring all vehicular traffic to move in the same direction as the trolleys and prohibiting parking in the central section; the other authorizing a loop at Gorgas lane and Musgrave street, Germantown.

The company also proposed an ordinance permitting the removal of tracks on Passyunk avenue and on Dickinson street, now unused as a result of decisions by the Public Service Commission and the Superior Court.

Trolley cars formerly run on Passyunk avenue east of Sixteenth street are to be diverted to Snyder avenue. The company declares the change will result in improved service. Passyunk avenue business men objected to the rerouting plan.

FORGOT SOMETHING? YES—

There Was a Fire—Furniture Removed—Baby Left Upstairs

Yes, something was forgotten, but what was it?

Several negroes deliberated thusly this morning while they were reviewing the articles saved during a fire in a tenement house at 1337 Lombard street.

A quick inventory showed that they had saved the beds, the refrigerator, the tables and chairs, the stovelifter, the scuttle, and——

But there sure was another thing missing.

While they were deliberating Patrolman Shanklin, of the Twelfth and Pine streets station, groped his way upstairs and saw something protruding above the covers of a bed. It was a baby.

"Come on, we have to go out," said Shanklin, "there's been a fire."

"Bah," said the youngster, as his eyes blinked. But he went—in Shanklin's arms.

HOW ABOUT IT, DANIEL?

Did You Ride in the Beauty Corner or Not?

Travel, travel little stars
In your snowy Pullman cars,
I can see my special chair—
But I hate to burst in there,

Did Daniel Lane, Penn student with the ticket to the Ogontz School "Beauty Special," claim the popular seat when the limited pulled out of Broad Street Station this afternoon?

He was on hand. So were the Ogontz girls and their chaperones. But girls got on at North Philadelphia and were holding the car when he arrived. He had not entered the beauty corner when the train pulled out.

He had supposed he was the only man lucky enough to hold a reservation in this wonderful car. But a number of others, one a navy officer, were aboard. Maybe that made Daniel mad.

Where he finally decided to ride is a mystery. It probably depends on how much nerve Daniel has.

PRINCE IS WELCOMED HOME

Was Struck by Similarity of English and American Life

London, Dec. 18.—(By A. P.)—Sir Edward E. Cooper, lord mayor of London, today formally welcomed the Prince of Wales home from his visit to Canada and the United States. The ceremonies took place in the Guildhall in the presence of a representative gathering, including United States Ambassador John W. Davis, Premier Lloyd George and former Premier Asquith.

The prince said the warmth of the welcome he first experienced in Newfoundland followed him throughout his travels in North America. He said he greatly enjoyed his first visit to the United States, where he was accorded the hospitality for which the Americans are famous.

Referring to the United States, the prince said he was struck by the fact that the life and politics of "that great country closely resembled our own."

PERSHING IN RACE FOR PRESIDENCY

His Candidacy Formally Started by Former Currency Comptroller Dawes

CHECK TO WOOD BOOM

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

Washington, Dec. 18.—General Pershing is in the race for the Republican nomination for president. He is in the hands of his friends, as General Wood is, and his friends are pushing him.

The Pershing movement will be launched in Nebraska, which means an invasion of Wood territory, for the politicians have been conceding Nebraska to Colonel Roosevelt's political legatee. The manager of the Pershing movement is General Charles G. Dawes, of Chicago.

General Dawes is a banker in Chicago. He was controller of the currency under McKinley and has been active in politics ever since. General Dawes was chief of the purchase and supply division of the A. E. F., with headquarters at Paris. He was one of the right-hand men of General Pershing abroad. He is now demobilized and has returned to banking in Chicago.

The Pershing movement has, moreover, the approval of Senator Warren, of Wyoming, who is the general's father-in-law.

Senator Warren is a very wealthy man. His support of Pershing, together with that of Mr. Dawes, insures another well-financed movement for the Republican nomination for the presidency in addition to those of General Wood and Governor Lowden.

Pershing as a Block to Wood Boom

When the Republican national committee met here recently it was recognized that Wood must be stopped. Apparently General Dawes saw that, too. Hence the psychological moment has arrived for the promotion of the Pershing candidacy. Its appearance insures what every one in the recent Republican gathering hoped for, the development of a rival to Wood, enough of a national figure to challenge him in the preliminary running and bring about a nomination on the floor of the convention.

Rivalry between Wood and Pershing is sharp. Pershing has always stood in Wood's way and got the thing that Wood wanted.

Pershing Always Nosed Wood Out

A certain coolness between these Roosevelt generals dates back from Philippine days. Since then Pershing has always nosed Wood out—from the command of the Mexican expedition and later from the biggest opportunity that ever came to an American general since Grant, from the command of the American expeditionary force to France. Even General Wood's ambition to go to France in command of a division is supposed to have been defeated by Pershing who, according to Secretary Baker, refused to have General Wood under him.

If Pershing should now nose Wood out of the presidency it would be the final act of the drama.

General Pershing enjoys a freedom to appear before the country and incidentally acquire support that General Wood does not. Pershing is a general in the army, as such he does about as he likes, much to the distress of General March, the chief of staff.

General Pershing is now touring the country inspecting posts and camps on his own account, and subject to no orders, except from the President. He is now in Detroit. In a day or so he will be in Chicago.

The development of the Pershing boom will be watched with satisfaction by the Republican organization and with anxiety by the Wood promoters. The politicians will hope that Wood and Pershing will kill each other off, destroy the possibilities of a military candidate and leave the way open for one of their baby dolls.

MERCURY 4 ABOVE; COLDEST DEC. 18 IN CITY SINCE 1876

Four Degrees Below Registered in Tacony, Willow Grove and Other Suburbs

FRIGID WEATHER BRINGS SUFFERING TO THE POOR

Skating on Fairmount Park Lakes—Ice in Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers

B-r-r-r! Below Zero! Look at the Thermometer!

Tacony	4 below
Willow Grove	4 below
Germantown	Zero
Bryn Mawr	Zero
Palmyra, N. J.	Zero
Jenkintown	Zero
Narberth	Zero
Moorestown, N. J.	1 above
Norristown	4 above
Camden	5 above

Cold of unexpected intensity gripped the city today, and sent the official temperature down to four degrees, the coldest December 18 since 1876.

Unofficial temperatures from outlying sections of the city were as low as four below zero. The cold resulted in suffering among the poor, and people whose occupations keep them outdoors felt it acutely.

The frigid wave has brought pleasure for thousands, however. There is skating on Concourse, Gustine and Hunting Park lakes, Fairmount Park, and on ponds in the suburbs. Ice is clogging the Schuylkill and Delaware rivers.

The lowest official temperature, that of four above, was recorded at 7 o'clock this morning. That made this the city's coldest day in two years. The coldest December day on record was the thirtieth, in 1917, with the mercury four below. At 4 o'clock this afternoon, the temperature had risen to 12.

Tonight, says the weatherman, the temperature will be about 10 above zero. Tomorrow the cold is expected to abate. Cloudy weather tonight, with occasional snow flurries, is forecast.

Trolley Cars Cold

In those sections of the city where the morning milk was served early the fluid was a solid cake of ice in the bottle and had to be thawed for coffee.

Although the coal restrictions have been lifted by the government, many of the trolley cars had a North Pole atmosphere. Passengers had some consolation in the fact that the cold would kill the germs and did not complain.

The big drop in temperature incidentally brought a deluge of orders to coal yards. Those with empty bins were reminded that winter was really here and started to increase the supply on general principles.

Ferryboat passengers huddled inside the cabins, as the fierce wind on the river added greatly to the frigidity. Many small craft had a difficult task in picking their way to wharves along the shore, as at many places the ice was caked in small piles and obstructed progress.

Hard On Traffic Police

Postmen, patrolmen, letter carriers and other outdoor workers found the cold had a sting which hurt the traffic policemen, at their fixed posts, kept stamping their feet and slapping their arms against their bodies to keep up circulation.

Christmas shoppers scurried along the streets with checks and noses pink, but enjoying, nevertheless, the bite of the dry, bracing cold.

Despite the bitter night applications from homeless persons for shelter were comparatively few.

Only two homeless men applied at the Inasmuch Mission, 1011 Locust street. Fifty-six went to the Galilee Mission, 828 Vine street, but that was only about the average since December 1.

The relatively small number of idle and penniless men in Philadelphia this winter is pointed to as proof of the prosperity of the city.

The cold weather seems to have left the West and Northwest and even Canada for a visit to the East.

Twenty-four below zero was the mark at Ball's Mills, near Williamsport, Pa. It was 10 below at Shenandoah, Pa. This was the coldest December 18 on record in the Shenandoah region.

Northfield, Vt. registered 22 below and Canton, N. Y., 20 below. Zero temperature was reached at New York, six below at Boston, 2 below at Buffalo and 8 below at Albany.

32 I. W. W.'s CONVICTED

Kansas City, Dec. 18.—A verdict of guilty on all four counts in the indictment was returned by the jury this afternoon in the cases of thirty-two members of the Industrial Workers of the World on trial in the federal court in Kansas City, Kan., on charges of violating the espionage act.

RUM WORTH $2500 STOLEN FROM COLONEL M'FADDEN

Thieves Drive Up to Bryn Mawr Mansion in Truck—Raid Treasure in Cellar While Servants and Family Sleep

They've done it again.

It seems no matter how hard a man may try, or how deep he hides it, somebody or other will find his treasure. Lieutenant Colonel J. Franklin McFadden was forehanded, like lots of other people, but thieves have stolen $2500 worth of his good liquor just the same.

The crime was committed under cover of night at the Bryn Mawr mansion of the former captain of the First City Troop. A houseful of servants slept, and members of the family were equally oblivious while the treasure was removed from the vaults beneath the house.

Tracks of a motortruck were plainly visible the next day. It stopped behind some evergreens, and under cover of the brush and hedges the thieves advanced upon the house, forced their way into the cellar, and were confronted by rows and rows of bottles and demijohns.

There was champagne. There was wine. And in twelve demijohns was, it is whispered, some of the smoothest and finest whisky that ever was. The thieves got it all, thirty-five gallons of it.

The colonel has put private detectives on the case, and although the theft happened two weeks ago, no sign of the lost liquid has been discovered.

MRS. GEORGIA MAWRY REYBURN

MRS. REYBURN TO WED

Former Wife of W. S. Reyburn Gets License in New York

A marriage license has been issued in New York to Erwin Albert Morse, son of Charles W. Morse, the steamship man, and Mrs. Georgie Maury Reyburn, of Washington. When they obtained the license last Saturday the couple told the clerk that they planned to be married at the Rutgers' Presbyterian Church, Seventy-third street, Monday. At the church information regarding the wedding was refused.

Mrs. Reyburn has two children by her former marriage. She was awarded their custody in December, 1917, when she obtained a divorce from William Stuart Reyburn, son of former Mayor Reyburn.

Mr. Morse said he was thirty-one years old and described his occupation as "shipbuilding." This is his first marriage.

Mrs. Reyburn gave her age as twenty-eight. In June, 1911, she married Mr. Reyburn at St. John's Episcopal Church, Washington.

Mrs. Reyburn was awarded her divorce on the grounds of "intolerable cruelty."

WOOD SEES "RED" PERIL

Tells Colorado Legislators Alien Agitators Cause Labor Unrest

Denver, Col., Dec. 18.—(By A. P.)—Indifference of the average American toward the performance of his civic duties and the willingness of the "red" alien and the agitator to usurp the functions of local government are factors in the wave of unrest which is sweeping the nation, Major General Leonard Wood told members of the Colorado Legislature today.

"We have been attributing much of our unrest to the ranks of labor," said General Wood, "but during my recent travels through the riot zones I have learned that 95 per cent of American workingmen are straight. In many instances, however, they are under the domination of the agitators, who are responsible for most of the unrest.

"The remedy that can be most effectively applied right now is a strict supervision of immigration.

"The American Legion can be looked upon as a bulwark in the nation's industrial life, and to the members of the Legion is going to be delegated the task of suppressing the treasonable activities of the rabid alien in event no other means of suppressing him can be found."

ASKS BRITISH SHOWDOWN

Lloyd George May Be Forced to Explain Foreign Policy

London, Dec. 18.—(By A. P.)—Sir Donald MacLean, Liberal leader in the House of Commons, today opened the way for debate in the course of which Premier Lloyd George is expected to make an important statement on the government's policy affecting a number of questions.

Speaking on the appropriation bill Sir Donald demanded that the people be taken into the government's confidence regarding its foreign policy. He requested information especially relative to the arrangement for the defense of France and also regarding the position of the allied and associated powers concerning the Adriatic situation. Further, he demanded to know whether Russia was to be left absolutely alone.

PREMIERS TO MEET AGAIN

Lloyd George, Nitti and Clemenceau to Discuss Fiume

London, Dec. 18.—(By A. P.)—Premiers Lloyd George, of Great Britain, and Nitti, of Italy, have been invited to meet Clemenceau, of France, and possibly an American representative in Paris, in the course of a few days, it was stated here today. An effort to settle the question of Fiume is the purpose of the meeting.

BIG MONEY TRAILS

25-1 and 20-1 Shots at New Orleans Follow Grove A in First Race

New Orleans, Dec. 18.—Zodeste and Dewitt, long shots, trailed Grove A., who paid 4-1, in the first race at New Orleans today. Zodeste and Dewitt were started to pay 25 and 20-1, respectively, to win, but paid well anyhow.

FIRST RACE, claiming, purse $500, maiden two-year-olds, 6 furlongs.
Grove A., 113, Pence 4 to 1 8 to 5 7 to 10
Modeste, 111, Giles 25 to 1 10 to 1 5 to 1
Dewitt, 110, Pauley 20 to 1 8 to 1 4 to 1
Time, 1:15 1-5. Nasheiah, Virginia D'Or, P. Moody, Betty Curry, Ogden Girl, Lady Jane, Princess Lou, On High and Emma J. also ran.

SECOND RACE, claiming, purse $500, for three-year-olds and up, five and a half furlongs.
American Eagle, 111,
Walls, 108 10 to 1 4 to 1 2 to 1
Numbo Jumbo, 111,
Buxton, 108 5 to 2 even 1 to 2
Arch Plotter, 101,
Heinlein, 108 12 to 1 5 to 1 5 to 2
Time, 1:07. Sabrebush, Onico, Dancing Girl, Irish Maid, M. Bert Thurman, Mary Tom, Valerie West, Scarpia II and Mack Garner also ran.

HAVANA RESULTS

FIRST RACE, purse $600, three-year-olds and up, claiming, five and a half furlongs:
Beverly James, 102,
Chiretta, 105 3 to 1 6 to 5 3 to 5
Al Hudson, 110,
Ormes, 105 20 to 1 8 to 1 4 to 1
Hola, 110, H. Garner 3 to 1 6 to 5 3 to 5
Time, 1:09 4-5. Unwise Child, Tidal, Miss Ivan, Iron Bay and Artist also ran.

French Deputies Elect Deschanel

Paris, Dec. 18.—(By A. P.)—Paul Deschanel was unanimously re-elected president of the Chamber of Deputies today.

INDEPENDENT SPLIT IN COUNCIL BATTLE IS PURELY A DREAM

Wish Is Father to Dire Forebodings and Leaders Are Not Doing the Talking

MOORE ISN'T FORCING HIS VIEWS ON ANY ONE

Cunningham Appears Undisturbed Regarding His Position—Penrose's Hands Off

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN

The attention of the politicians, for the time being, is directed toward the problem of the organization of the new Council. It takes a place, in point of interest, beside the question of the succession to J. Hampton Moore in the Third Congressional district.

There have been rumors that a split was imminent among the eleven Independent councilmen who form the majority of that body; that every day sees the chances of Charles B. Hall, the regular Republican candidate for the presidency, improving; that two of the Independents were at least lukewarm in his support.

It is possible that the wish is father to the thought with the gentlemen who spread such melancholy forebodings. There has been, it is true, some friction, but nothing more than might be expected where certain units in the victorious faction fancied they were not getting all that was coming to them.

As for a wide open split it is a dream.

Leaders Not Talking

There has been, in the first place, too much irresponsible and foolish street-corner conversation. The leaders are not doing the talking. They have not done any.

The gossip that Mayor-elect Moore is trying to force his views and candidates upon the Independent councilmen is superheated air.

It would be strange, indeed, if Mr. Moore were not desirous of having the councilmanic majority help him work out his well-defined plans for a greater and better Philadelphia. All his appointments thus far have been with this purpose in view.

He has had a number of conferences with the councilmen-elect. Several of them drop in to see him every day. To all of them he has expressed a desire for their hearty co-operation and invited their support. That he has persistently attempted to bias their views in favor of any particular candidate is not the fact.

Neither is it to be supposed that his colleagues on the Independent ticket, the new councilmen, themselves a potential part of the new charter administrative system, would rush ahead pell-mell and organize without consultation with the Mayor. Just as the Mayor will take no definite step affecting the city's interests without consultation with members of Council.

Cunningham Not Disturbed

Thomas W. Cunningham, of the Alliance, is not disturbed in the slightest as to his own position as a leader nor his relations with the Mayor-elect. He is going along perfectly satisfied that equal justice will be done those who fought on the Independent side. There will be individual instances of disappointment, no doubt, but "Tom" Cunningham estimates political results by general averages.

As for Senator Penrose it can be given on the best authority that he has not in any way sought to influence Mr. Moore in the choice of his cabinet. Suggestions that Mr. Cunningham is to dictate appointments or pass upon the availability of candidates can be pigeonholed just where they probably belong by those who best know J. Hampton Moore.

Political dilettantes who imagine that Mr. Cunningham will not be consulted and his opinions and suggestions given the careful consideration they deserve are out of touch with the situation. Mr. Cunningham deserves this consideration. He is the head and directing power of a representative political organization; just as George W. Coles is likewise the executive head of a potential organization of right-minded citizens who gave

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COAL INQUIRY DELAYED

Commission to Be Named This Week; Hearings After Holidays

Washington, Dec. 18.—(By A. P.)—The presidential commission to investigate wages and prices in the bituminous coal industry will be appointed this week, Attorney General Palmer said today, but it will not begin work until after the Christmas holidays. Mr. Palmer explained that the inquiry could not begin until official reports showed that the miners had returned to work.

The attorney general will appear tomorrow before the Senate committee which is investigating the circumstances surrounding the Indianapolis agreement which ended the strike.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 18.—(By A. P.)—The international convention of the United Mine Workers of America will be held in Indianapolis if called to meet on January 19 or thereafter, but if before that time it will be held in Columbus, O. This announcement was made today by John L. Lewis, acting president of the mine workers.

SENATE DELAYS SUGAR BILL

Foes Prevent Vote on Broadening Powers of Federal Board

Washington, Dec. 18.—Sugar legislation received another setback in the Senate today, when advocates of the bill to extend federal control and licensing during 1920 were unable, because of the protracted opposition debate, to bring to a vote the House amendments broadening the powers proposed for the United States sugar equalization board.

Senator Harrison, Democrat, of Mississippi, again sought the Senate concurrence in House amendments, hoping for a vote before the railroad bill came up. Senator Ransdell, Democrat, of Louisiana, who led the opposition, declared the bill proposed to "inflict awful punishment" on the sugar industry alone.

The sugar legislation, said Senator Gay, Democrat, of Louisiana, had stiffened Cuban quotations and would force the sugar board to buy at famine prices if enacted. He predicted normal conditions by February.

Attorney General Palmer was asked in a resolution passed today by the House to report by what authority he fixed seventeen and eighteen cents as the price for the Louisiana sugar crop. Representative Tinkham, Republican, of Massachusetts, author of the resolution, said living costs had increased $940,000,000 because of this price fixing.

SHOPPERS SEE FIRE SCARE

Rush in Chestnut Street, but No Blaze at Boothby's

Christmas shoppers in the neighborhood of Thirteenth and Chestnut streets momentarily forgot their missions in the excitement caused by the rear of the fire engines and the clanging of the bells as a host of firemen arrived at a building on Chestnut street, near Thirteenth, Boothby's restaurant.

The street was blocked for fifteen minutes by spectators, waiting for "something to happen," but the fire proved a flivver. An exhaust fan covered with oil and grease, which was being removed from the rear of the building, had caught fire, and some excited person had turned in the alarm. There was no damage.

HERE'S REAL TOUGH LUCK

Salem, Mass., Folk Walk in Zero Weather When Trolleys Stop

Salem, Mass., Dec. 18.—(By A. P.)—Suspension of virtually all trolley service on the Salem division of the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Co. today forced thousands of residents of this city, Beverly and Peabody to walk to work in below-zero weather or to ride in crowded, unheated motor-buses.

The tie-up was in accordance with the decision of the public trustees of the railway to remove the cars unless the cities revoked all jitney licenses.

PRESIDENT BRAVES COLD

Spends Half Hour Outdoors and Works on Important Matters

Washington, Dec. 18.—(By A. P.)—Intense cold and an overcast sky did not prevent President Wilson from spending his usual half hour today on the south portico of the White House. This was the fourth anniversary of the wedding of the President and Mrs. Wilson, but no celebration was arranged.

Mr. Wilson began work early and was understood to be engaged on matters of importance, an announcement concerning which was expected during the afternoon.

$2,422,071 E. B. SMITH ESTATE ADJUDICATED

Adjudication in the estate of the late Edward B. Smith, Philadelphia banker and clubman, has been handed down by Judge W. F. Solly in the Orphans' Court at Norristown. His personal estate had been inventoried at $2,422,071. His wife receives the household goods, horses and stable equipment of the Gwyned Valley estate, valued at $15,000, the contents of the house at Nineteenth and De Lancey streets, valued at $16,000, $25,000 cash, and the Gwyned Valley and Philadelphia real estate.

AUTO HITS WOMAN; DRIVER RUSHES AWAY

An unidentified woman, well-dressed, about thirty-eight years old, received a probable fractured skull when struck by an automobile at the corner of Lancaster avenue and Fifty-second street, at 3 o'clock this afternoon. he driver of the car did not stop. The woman is in a semi-conscious condition in the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital.

MAY DISSOLVE PARLIAMENT

Reports of General Election in Great Britain Revived

London, Dec. 18.—(By A. P.)—Recent predictions that a general election will be held in the near future are revived by several newspapers in connection with rumors current in the parliamentary lobbies.

Parliament will be prorogued next week until the second week in February, when, according to widespread belief, the government will immediately prepare for a dissolution of Parliament and an election to test the country's confidence in the coalition cabinet.

DISCUSS SCAPA FLOW AGAIN

French Cabinet Officials Report, but No Decision Is Reached

Paris, Dec. 18.—(By A. P.)—The question of what Germany should pay for sinking the Scapa Flow fleet was again before the supreme council today. Louis Loucheur, French minister of reconstruction, and Georges Leygues, minister of marine, reported on the discussions yesterday between the allied and German experts. No decision was reached.

One more boundary question was settled by the council today when it delineated the frontier between Galicia and Bukowina. Chancellor Renner, of Austria, having secured action for the relief of the Austrian people, will leave Paris tonight.

DEMOCRATIC CHIEF IN SENATE WILL BE CHOSEN SATURDAY

Hitchcock-Underwood Fight's Result Will Clarify Treaty Situation

NEBRASKAN CONFIDENT AS HE CALLS CAUCUS

Lodge and Administration Leader Must Get Together for Peace Action

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Washington, Dec. 18. — Senator Hitchcock has called a Democratic caucus for Saturday to choose the leader of the Senate Democrats. Senator Hitchcock is confident. His supporters claim twenty-four votes for him as against eighteen votes for Senator Underwood with Carter Glass, of Virginia, not taking his seat.

The southern vote, which goes mostly to Senator Underwood, is divided, the older and more influential southern members being claimed for Senator Hitchcock. Among his supporters are said to be Senators Simmons, Swanson, Overman, Hoke Smith, Fletcher, of Florida, and Culberson and Sheppard, of Texas. The western senators generally are for Senator Hitchcock except Senator Pittman, while the few eastern Democratic senators are reported to favor Senator Underwood.

To Clarify Treaty Situation

The settlement of this leadership fight will clarify the treaty situation. As it is now the Democratic senators are pulling in all directions. They are all working for a compromise, but without authority. It is necessary to deliver practically the entire Democratic vote to any compromise to insure its passage.

To do this requires the delivery of the President as well, for there are apparently enough Democratic senators who will vote only as the President desires to secure the defeat of the treaty in case the result is displeasing to the President.

Senator Underwood can deliver only a small fraction of the minority to any radical program of passing the peace treaty without regard to the league of nations. The various other senators who are working for a compromise are like the mild reservationist Republicans in the earlier stages of the treaty negotiations. They have their own votes to dispose of, but no others. And Senator Lodge is now in the position that Senator Hitchcock was in earlier in the treaty fight.

The men who come to make terms with Mr. Lodge must show him they have the votes. They must be able to do what Senators McCumber, Kellogg and McNary were never able to do in dealing with Senator Hitchcock.

Knox Proposal Doomed

One may dismiss the Knox proposal to separate the treaty from the covenant as impracticable. There will always be enough Democrats loyal to the President to defeat that proposal, even should Republicans like McCumber, McNary and Colt be willing to vote for it. Anything less than this will lose the votes of the bitter-ender Republicans with their Democratic allies. To carry it will have to have substantially the whole Democratic vote. That is to say, that to carry it will have to command the acquiescence of the Democratic senators who vote as the White House tells them to vote.

To talk of a compromise being effected which takes the situation out of the hands of Lodge and Wilson is to talk moonshine.

Virtually every vote that Lodge controls and every vote that Wilson controls must be thrown to the compromise. Two very obstinate men must reach an agreement. All the present voluntary efforts by other men than Lodge and Wilson representatives serve to draw the two sides nearer together, but in the end the dealing must be between Lodge and Hitchcock, if Hitchcock is elected leader. The principals must get together, otherwise nothing will happen.

Compromise is Probable

The real thing that stands in the way of the treaty is the constitution. When it was provided that a treaty must command two-thirds of the Senate, a nearly impossible web was established. No important treaty on which there is room for difference of opinion will ever get through the Senate, except after a long dispute. If it were not for the sheer necessity of making peace with Germany, the present treaty would not stand a ghost of a show of ever being adopted.

That necessity is likely in the end to force a compromise. But when you attempt to count the votes and realize that action requires a meeting of minds between Wilson and Lodge, you realize the difficulties.

Such efforts at compromise as are being made now have been going on for months. Hardly any one of influence has come to Washington without his particular program of compromise. The League to Enforce Peace has been busy

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CUBAN SENATE FAVORS PACT

House May Delay Vote on Treaty Until U. S. Takes Action

Havana, Dec. 18.—(By A. P.)—Approval of the treaty of peace with Germany was unanimously voted by the Cuban Senate last night. The pact cannot be brought before the House before January 19, when the Cuban Congress will reconvene following the Christmas holidays.

Strong opposition is expressed in the House. Several representatives, especially Liberals, oppose its consideration until final action is taken on the treaty by the United States Senate.

Skating Today

Concourse lake.
Gustine lake.
Hunting Park lake.
Merion Cricket Club.
Haverford College pond.
Darby creek.