

THE WEATHER
Washington, Dec. 27.—Cloudy to night and Sunday; colder tomorrow.
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S. F. WHEELER GAVE MONEY BACK, WIFE SAYS, BEFORE FIGHT
Convicted Attorney Will Come Back From New York Monday, She Declares
PRODUCES AFFIDAVIT TO PROVE INNOCENCE
Solomon A. Lewinsohn, of New York Avers He Furnished the \$15,000

Samuel F. Wheeler, the lawyer, convicted of embezzlement here last December and under sentence of one year in prison, will be in Philadelphia Monday to reopen a fight to establish his innocence, according to his wife.

Wheeler's principal weapon in his battle will be an affidavit furnished by Solomon A. Lewinsohn, of New York city, Lewinsohn avers that he, and not Francis Powell, gave Wheeler \$15,000 as bail for a principal in the International Lumber and Development Co. case.

Wheeler, who is now in New York city, was convicted of appropriating to his own use the \$15,000 which, it was testified, had been given to him by Powell.

Conviction Called Unfair
"Mr. Wheeler's conviction was unfair," Mrs. Wheeler asserted this afternoon. "I bring this fight to you because I believe he is innocent."

Wheeler is not a coward. He is not running away from anything. But he doesn't want to go to jail when he is innocent.

Wheeler's wife said her husband had been given to her by Lewinsohn, who he knew as Wagner, but he could not locate Lewinsohn.

Wheeler said he had no idea where his brother was. He declared that he had kept in touch with him "this would not have happened."

The former judge was never in the garage business or any other business in New York with Samuel Wheeler. My husband is now connected with an oil company in New York.

Woods Given Legion Job
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Indianapolis, Dec. 27.—(By A. P.)—An announcement was made today of the appointment of Arthur Woods, of New York, as chairman of the Americanization commission of the American Legion.

Held in Gem Theft



Harry Kelly, of Erie, Pa., and Clara Veite, of Detroit, who are under \$5000 bail each here to answer charges of jewel thefts. Police say they believe the couple responsible for a series of gem robberies in this city.

"HOME FOR WOMAN WHO'S IN THE WAY" GETS \$2000 LEGACY

A bequest of \$2000 to the home for the "Woman Who is in the Way," is included in the will of Sophia D. Thein, who died recently in the Lankenau Hospital, leaving \$20,000 to relatives.

Peculiar Clause in Will of Sophia D. Thein Puzzles Officials. Institution Unknown

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FIRE AND BABY WITH XMAS

Although Warehouse Was Destroyed Man Glad Home Didn't Burn
Although his \$5000 feed warehouse is destroyed, Joseph Weber, 8107 Eastwick avenue, is rejoicing today because his home did not burn down.

NAB AUTO THIEF SUSPECTS

Two Men Captured After Pursuit of Four Blocks
A pursuit of four blocks, in which several shots were fired, resulted in the arrest of two automobile thief suspects, who were both held without bail for court this morning by Magistrate Greiss.

MYSTERY IN INJURED MAN

Patient in Abington Hospital Gives No Name or Address
An unidentified man, believed to be a resident of Jenkintown, is in the Abington Hospital suffering from injuries about his face and hand.

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Wife of Slain Man Tries to Kill Herself and Baby

Mrs. Bertha Spring and Child Found in Bedroom in Holyoke With Gas Jets Open. Husband Was Killed in Gloucester

Following word from the authorities at Gloucester, that her husband Salem had been murdered in a lunch room in that city on October 10, and buried in Potter's field, Mrs. Bertha Spring, of Holyoke, Mass., attempted to kill her four months old baby and herself last night by gas.

Neighbors who watched her every move since the news of the murder was received detected the odor of gas and forced the door of her bedroom. Three gas jets were found wide open.

WOMAN DENIES SHE CONFESSED THEFT

Dramatic Situation in Court When Alleged Jewel Crook Gives Lie to Detective

HELD WITH MAN IN BAIL HAS GOOD ARMY RECORD

After a tense preliminary hearing punctuated by a dramatic and hysterical denial of guilt on jewelry theft charges, Harry Kelly, forty-five years old, of Erie, Pa., and Clara Veite, forty years old, of Detroit, were held in \$5000 bail each by Magistrate Meekers today in the Central Station.

WOMAN IS ATTRACTIVE

Clara Veite is a brunette with fine features. She was attractive in her black heavy coat and gray collar and sable toque. Kelly is rather distinguished-looking with a touch of gray in his hair.

WINTRY WEATHER FORECAST

Washington, Dec. 27.—(By A. P.)—Weather prospects for the week beginning Monday, issued by the Weather Bureau today, include: North and Middle Atlantic states: Unsettled with occasional ice storms and temperature somewhat below normal.

DIDN'T KNOW HE WAS DRUNK

Victim of John Barleycorn Thus Explains Reckless Use of Revolver
Pietro Peraro, a downcast victim of John Barleycorn, pleaded that he was drunk and didn't know what he was doing when charged today with frightening women with a revolver.

FOUGHT WITH CONDUCTOR

Man Denies He Tried to Pull Trolley Pole From Wire
George Butler, twenty-six years old, 2422 West Clearfield street, was held under \$300 bail for further hearing by Magistrate Price, of the Twenty-second street court, today, charged with attempting to pull the trolley pole of an Allegheny avenue car from the wire.

ATTACKS CRITIC IN THEATRE

Manager of French Playhouse Defies Writer to Fight
Paris, Dec. 27.—(By A. P.)—Alphonse Franck, manager of the Gymnase Theatre, made a personal attack on Ernest Charles, a dramatic critic, at the Variete Theatre. The two men have been bitter enemies and have fought several times.

MOTHER AND SON POISONED BY WINE; 54 DEATHS IN U. S.

Woman Here May Be Added to List of Fatalities Caused by Wood Alcohol

BEVERAGE GIVEN TO FAMILY AS A CHRISTMAS PRESENT
Stomach Pump Saves Life of Five-Year-Old Boy—Chemists Make Analysis

What Wood Alcohol Is; Process of Denaturing

Wood alcohol is distilled from green wood, cut in the forests of this state, in the form of wood chips. It is made in retorts, and is also a by-product of charcoal and acetate of lime.

Denatured alcohol is made by combining ten gallons of pure graded alcohol with one gallon of wood alcohol and one-half gallon of benzene.

One victim of wood alcohol poisoning, who is in a critical condition in a hospital here, has been added to the list of dead and dying Christmas celebrators who partook of wines or whiskeys.

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FAKE BOOZE KILLS 54; CRUSADE BEGINS

Chicago, Dec. 27.—(By A. P.)—Five victims of wood alcohol poisoning are dead here, a sixth is dying and several others are seriously ill as a result of Christmas party.

A CLOSE SHAVE!

John R. Matson, forty-nine years old, 1247 North Fraser street, a carpenter by trade, was struck by a trolley car at Sixteenth and Market streets this morning, rolled under the car so that a jack was necessary to lift the car and get Matson to the sidewalk.

SKATING TODAY

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Gustine,
Concourse,
Hunting Park.

PASSENGERS HURT AS FERRYBOAT HITS LANDING

Several passengers on the P. R. R. ferryboat Camden were slightly injured at noon today when the boat struck the dock at the foot of Market street.

SIXTY-FOUR DEATHS FROM WOOD ALCOHOL

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Sixty-four deaths have occurred in the United States from wood alcohol "whisky" since Christmas.

LOS 'BRIDEGROOM' FOUND IN HOSPITAL

Doctor Vermilye Silent on His Failure to Appear for Wedding
FIANCEE SPEEDS TO HIM

By the Associated Press
New York, Dec. 27.—Dr. William G. Vermilye, a former mayor surgeon, who failed to appear at Monson, Mass., on Christmas Day for his wedding with Miss Ruth M. Keeney, refused today to discuss the case in any way.

Admiral Driven From One City to Another—Government Dwindling Rapidly

By the Associated Press
Paris, Dec. 27.—Revolutionary Socialists have formed a committee government in Leningrad, Siberia, and Kolchak's All-Russian government established its headquarters after being driven from Omsk according to news received in French official circles today.

GO MILES OF WINE CELLARS

Big Champagne Firms at Rheims Repair Damages of War
Rheims, Dec. 27.—(By A. P.)—Labyrinthine wine cellars beneath Rheims and Epemery are being rapidly put in order by the big champagne firms of the city.

OFFER TO BUY ST. CHARLES

Full Payment in Sight for Newlin Haines Co. Creditors
Atlantic City, Dec. 27.—(By A. P.)—A full payment in sight for the creditors of the Haines Co., including Philadelphia firms which hold nearly three-fourths of claims aggregating more than \$200,000, that an offer of \$1,225,000 has been made for the Hotel St. Charles.

KANSAS MINERS RETURNING

General Resumption of Work Expected in Pittsburg District Today
Pittsburg, Kan., Dec. 27.—(By A. P.)—General resumption of mining in the Pittsburg district was looked for today, following the action late yesterday of the executive committee of District 14, United Mine Workers of America, in calling off the strike in thirteen mines.

WILL TRY EX-CROWN PRINCE

Looting and Other Criminal Offenses to Be Charged
London, Dec. 27.—(By A. P.)—Frederick William, the former German crown prince, will be included in the list of persons who surrender for trial in demand by the French. This information is contained in an unofficial report of a recent meeting between British law officials and Edward Ignace, French under secretary for military justice.

DIES AT AGE OF 128

Former Slave Served in One Family Through Six Generations
Parkersburg, W. Va., Dec. 27.—(By A. P.)—William Peyton, a negro, one of the oldest men in the United States, died yesterday at Little Hocking, O., near Parkersburg, at the age of 128 years.

BOLSHEVIK PEACE OFFER RECEIVED AS TRAP FOR ALLIES

Any Compromise With Lenin Declared Fraught With Grave Danger
BREATHING SPELL SOUGHT FOR "WORLD REVOLUTION"

Reported Gold Discovery Held Out as Bait to Win Recognition
By E. F. KOSKOTH
Special Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger in Switzerland.
Geneva, Dec. 27.—Not only on the battlefields in Russia are the opponents of the Bolshevik dictators fighting a losing fight. In the parliaments and press of western Europe—yes, and even in government offices—the avowed and secret protectors of Lenin are gradually overpowering opposition to the recognition of the Russian soviet and scheming with ever-increasing boldness for "peace" with the terrorists of Moscow.

Lenin's Allies Gain Ground
It is unessential whether this policy of intervention was a wise or practical policy or not; the important point is that the Entente governments have abandoned it against their will under the increasing pressure of forces whose avowed aim is the overthrow of the existing order of society, and who have long been clamoring for a peace which goes farther and demand that they shall recognize and conclude peace with the soviet rulers.

All the world wants peace and the restoration of order and prosperity throughout Europe, and it is evident that this is impossible so long as the Russian chaos persists. The question is: Will this restoration be furthered by an agreement with the power that has been chiefly instrumental until now in preventing it?

Two Hostile Camps in Europe
Europe is divided on this issue into two hostile camps. In Lenin's camp are the Socialists of the "Second International," who advocate a future settlement of universal soviet dictatorship. The pro-Germans. It is clear from their passionate eagerness to bring about peace with Lenin that they have been chiefly instrumental until now in preventing it.

America Stands Firm
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