

THE WEATHER

Washington, Dec. 29.—Cloudy and probably snow; warmer tomorrow.

TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

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BLIND MEN ASK PROBE OF HOME; HIT MANAGEMENT

Charge Irregularity and Demand Removal of Head of Lancaster Avenue Institution

SUPERINTENDENT DEFENDED BY J. HENRY SCATTERGOOD

Says Profits From Outside Business Do Not Defraud Organization Mills Conducts

Frank J. Grabowski, 3519 Lancaster avenue, as chairman of beneficiaries of the Pennsylvania Working Home for Blind Men, Thirty-sixth street and Lancaster avenue, has issued a public appeal, arraigning the management and conduct of the institution.

Particularly virulent are the sections of the appeal which refer to Frederick H. Mills, superintendent of the home. Not only is Mills accused by Grabowski of mismanaging the affairs of the institution, but his actions are alleged to have the warrant and cognizance of the board of managers.

Removal of Mills and remedying of "unfair, intolerable and most deplorable conditions" is asked.

An investigation also is urged, and Senator Paton, of the West Philadelphia district, among others, has been petitioned to aid in this direction.

Says Mills Reaps Profit

Mills is set forth, maintains competitive broom factories, to which it is asserted, he diverts business of the home. "He buys materials as an individual and sells it to himself as superintendent at a higher rate," the appeal charges. "He uses the funds part of the money from the home and results it to the public, with resultant profit to himself and loss to the institution."

Further charges involve dishonesty in management, falsification of records and improper language on the part of the superintendent. It is declared that "this institution is profiting greatly, if not well, by steadily self-sustaining."

In the two years of the war, it is said, the institution should have shown a profit. The superintendent is quoted as saying: "We have got to have a deficit or we can't get money by gifts and appropriations."

The reference to appropriations is held to apply to a charge that Mills uses our allotted sum in a means to aid him in obtaining large sums of money from the state, the city and the general public."

Say Mills Boasts of Power

Mills also is accused of boasting that he "can always be home of managers around my little finger," and that "six members of that board will do anything I tell them to do."

Defense of Mills and denial of the charges made by Grabowski against superintendent and board were made today by J. Henry Scattergood, a manager of the home.

"Mills, as superintendent, has the confidence and approval of the board," said Mr. Scattergood. "These charges, in so far as they accuse him of profiting from outside business, are true, but they do not defraud the home. In fact, their benefit to the institution, as they enable us to keep it in its head a man of Mills's capacity, which we could not do on the salary paid to him out of the home's income."

"I consider Mr. Mills a man peculiarly fitted for the position. He is a humanitarian as well as a business man, with executive and administrative qualities which we wanted in a superintendent before declining the position at the salary offered. He had been more than twenty years in the home's employ as a sales agent. He could make more money outside than we could pay him. To retain his services the board suspended the bylaws requiring the superintendent to give all his energies to that position and enabled Mr. Mills to seek his income as he has done by buying and selling broomcorn and other materials."

Nothing Dishonest in Practice

"There was nothing dishonest, nothing concealed in this action, nor has the institution or its beneficiaries suffered thereby."

"Blind men are difficult to handle. Their affliction makes them suspicious, and being unable to see for themselves, accept all they hear as true. They take up with the first person with sighted workers, for they cannot work as fast or with the same accuracy."

"The present trouble, I believe, is due, in part to rival manufacturers. Labor agitators among the men have stirred up some of the disturbance. Efforts have been made to organize union among the men, and G. W. Miller, I understand, has been active in this movement."

"We receive only a small appropriation from Councils and state, which, with our other sources of income, falls far short of our needs."

"If it were not for Mr. Mills's outside activities our annual deficit would be greater."

"Speaking for myself and associate managers, I can say that Mr. Mills's conduct has our entire approval."

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HURT IN FALL ON ICE

Mrs. Harry McGowan, sixty-five years old, of 1743 North Twentieth street, slipped on the ice and fell at Eighth street and Hunting Park avenue this morning at 6:45 o'clock. Her head was badly cut in striking the pavement. She was taken to St. Luke's Hospital.



SAM'L F. WHEELER RETURNS TO FACE SPECIAL HEARING

Convicted Lawyer Stakes Fight for Liberty on Affidavit Al leging Restitution

JUDGE PROMISES PAROLE IF NEW EVIDENCE JUSTIFIES

Maurer Obtains Bench Warrant and Suggests Defendant Carry Appeal to Pardon Board

Parole for S. F. Wheeler if New Evidence Warrants

N.Y. Market Closes for 30 Minutes Because of Transportation Delay

New York, Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—The stock exchange broke all precedents in its history this morning when interruption to local transportation, due to the strike, prevented most of those concerned in Wall street affairs from reaching the street at the usual time.

Before the opening time arrived President William H. Remick announced that the exchange would open at 10 o'clock, but immediately take a recess until 10:30.

At 10 o'clock the gong sounded for the opening, but was immediately followed by another bell beginning the session and no transactions were made, and there was no effort to make even nominal quotations until 10:30 o'clock.

About 100 brokers were on the door at the regular opening time, less than one-sixth of those who are usually in attendance.

The outside market followed the example of the exchange, business in the Street Cub also being postponed from 10 to 10:30. The Consolidated Exchange was also closed from 10 to 10:30.

Subway, elevated and surface lines were affected by the accident and thousands of persons were late for work.

LEAGUE COUNCIL TO MEET

Call for First Session to Be Issued After Treaty Ratification

Paris, Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—In formal notice of the first meeting of the council of the League of Nations, to be held on January 10, it was agreed that the exchange of ratifications of the treaty of Versailles. Ambassador Wal-

lace cabled the State Department in Washington to this effect after this morning's meeting of the Supreme Court.

It is still an open question whether the trial for the first session will be issued by Premier Wilson as originally provided for, or whether it shall be issued by Premier Clemenceau, president of the Peace Conference.

The next move was made by Mr. Carr and he has been in communication with his client. Mr. Carr gained Judge Martin's consent for a special hearing.

Stakes All on Affidavit

The big card in Wheeler's play for liberty today will be an affidavit said to have been sworn to by Solomon A. Lewinsohn.

The affiant, stating he was known to Wheeler as "Wagner"

claims it was he who gave Wheeler the \$15,000 which figured in the lawyer's summing up.

Lewinsohn is further said to have given Wheeler return of the

money he had received from his counsel.

Mr. Maurer holds that if the convicted man has any new evidence, that such evidence must be presented before the board of pardons. But pending decision by the board, he asserts, Wheeler must begin serving his term.

The convicted man's attorneys hope to keep his client from being shown by Judge Martin that the case can remain on the docket. It is said that Wheeler will accompany Mr. Carr to the judge's private chambers this afternoon.

The state's highest tribunal last week refused to hear argument for a new trial and Wheeler's bondsman was ordered to produce him in court so that he might begin service of his prison term.

Properties Were Sold

William C. Dederick, who gave the same address on Forty-sixth street as the house occupied by the condemned man, was the spokesman for the condemned man.

The condemned man was 23 years old. His name was John V. Dederick, a salaried employee of the state government.

He was condemned on the same day as the condemned man.

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COLD COMES WITH SNOW

Early Morning Fall Also Accompanied by High Wind

Stinging snow, driven by a high wind, stung the early risers this morning, beginning about 4 o'clock and lasting long enough to close the schools for those who, coming into the central section of the city to work, had to stand on the corner and wait for a car.

The snow lasted long enough to cover the ground with a very thin layer and ceased falling shortly before 9 o'clock.

The weatherman predicted there would be no great snowfall during the next twenty-four hours, but the forecasters were wrong.

On Saturday night there was a heavy fall of snow, with temperatures dropping to 32 degrees.

The snow stopped Saturday morning.

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SOON TO DEMAND KAISER

Allies Await Day Treaty Is Effective

Paris, Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—Ex-Emperor of former Emperor William II of Germany will be demanded from Holland as soon as the treaty of peace becomes effective, according to a statement made by the British Foreign Secretary to the British and French governments.

Dis派ches from Amerongen say the

war is greatly worried over

recently published revelations that

marginal notations are made on official

documents show his responsibility for

causing the world war. He is devoting

every afternoon to drafting his defense,

which he will send to King George of

England.

Governor Sprout will leave today that his

affair of Saturday, in which he said

Mr. Moore's wishes would be

considered in the matter of all appointments

in the city, need no amplification.

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FIRST WOMAN BARRISTER

England Will Have Female Lawyer

London, Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—A female lawyer, Margery Thomson will be the first woman barrister in the United Kingdom. Her application for admission as a student for the bar was accepted by the benchers of Lincoln's Inn today.

The decision of the benchers was reached following the giving of royal assent last week to the bill which removed sex disqualification.

ATTACK ELECTION LAWS

Constitutionality Is Questioned by Counsel for Indicted Senator

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—Constitutionality of the United States election laws was questioned in a demurser attacking the indictments against Senator Truman H. Newberry and 134 others, filed today by Martin W. Linton, attorney for the respondents.

The demurser also sought for

that a majority of the counts in the

indictments do not constitute offenses

against the United States.

Turkey Hash

Turkey hash dinner? Well, we should smile!

Winds increasing in moderate style.

Clouds a-comin' with snow in their wake.

Warmer tomorrow and no mistake.

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GIGANTIC ROUND-UP PLANNED FOR SALE OF POISON WHISKY

Brooklyn Undertaker, Alleged "Kingpin" of Ring, Already Under Arrest

FIRST-DEGREE MURDER CHARGES TO BE PRESSED

Greatest "Get-Rich-Quick" Scheme Revealed in "Liquid Death" Probe

By CLINTON W. GILBERT
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Washington, Dec. 29.—The retirement of Viscount Grey as British ambassador and