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Washington, Feb. 3.—Fair today;
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FIGHT IN COUNCIL
ON CLERK MEASURE
MAJOR BREAK TODAY

"Layout of Councilman Clerks Extravagant," Asserts Horn, Independent
SAYS HE WON'T ACT LIKE A RUBBER STAMP
Eleven-to-Ten Advantage of Moore Threatened—Roper and Lambertson Clash

A session as stormy as that attending the organization of the new Council may take place this afternoon when the twenty-one members of the city's legislative body meet on the fourth floor of City Hall.

The five-cornered contest among the various forces in the Forty-sixth ward, and the flurry between Sheriff Lambertson and Councilman W. W. Roper, independent leaders in the Twenty-second ward, are regarded as undercurrents that may swirl to the surface on the floor of Council.

The clerks, including a secretary to the president of the Council at \$3500 a year, apparently have been elected in unanimous vote of the eleven administrative Councilmen.

Calls Program Extravagant
Councilman William R. Horn, an independent of the Eighth or northeast district, this morning declared his belief that the clerkship program was extravagant and that it was going to be rejected.

In addition to the president's secretary job attacked by Councilman Joseph P. Gaffney, who is a Democrat, at \$3500 each may be rejected to a vote.

"I feel that the layout of councilman clerkships is extravagant," declared Mr. Horn. "My vote on the clerkships will be recorded as I think best. I am not going to act as a rubber stamp."

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Mr. Horn referred to Councilman Charles H. Hall, vice member from the Second district, who was the unsuccessful candidate for president of the Council.

McClain Ready to Wield Big Stick on Profiteers
He Is in Town to Name a Full Fair-Price Committee, and Has Great Hopes and Also a Few Fears Concerning His Plans

By GEORGE NOX MCGAIN
Former Lieutenant Governor McClain, with his warrant as fair-price commissioner for Pennsylvania signed, sealed, delivered and tucked safely in his inside pocket, is in town.

He is here to appoint a fair-price committee, but principally to hit the conscienceless profiteer an unscrupulously wallow.

In the matter of a fair-price committee, he has already made a start by appointing Mrs. H. C. Roper as its first member. It is the purpose of the commissioner to distribute his honors impartially, and for this reason his committee will be made up as follows:

Three women, one purchasing officer of the navy, one representative of the Central Labor Union, one man to represent the business men's organizations and three to represent large employers of labor. The committee will maintain headquarters at 703 Finance Building.

I found the former lieutenant governor, director of the commission of public welfare, not averse to declaring his hopes, aims, desires, plans, and even fears.

Expresses Himself Freely
Mr. McClain is always open-minded and free to express himself. He is hesitant about criticizing others, but, depositing his scruples, for the time being, in a mass paper weight on his desk, he said:

"You must not misconstrue the law under which we operate. My pricing committee is clothed with the same power as those of the old food administration. The amendments to the Lever food control act extended and continued the power of the old food law. This is not a political measure. It was a Republican Congress that rejuvenated it."

"We have full authority, where we need it," he said.

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GAS TRAGEDIES 30 PERSONS; LEAK IN MAIN IS BLAMED
Patrolman Arouses Families in 12 Homes After Noticing Queer Action of Light

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DANIELS COMBATS SIMS; CLASSES HIM AS SHORE ADMIRAL

Declares Officer's Judgment on Awards Influenced by 16 Years' Land Service
FAVORITISM IS DENIED IN DECORATING BAGLEY
Secretary Asserts Sims Slighted Admiral Wilson After Differences With Him

By the Associated Press
Washington, Feb. 3.—Taking up the contents of Rear Admiral William S. Sims in the matter of naval medals awarded point by point, Secretary Daniels, in his appearance today before the Senate investigating subcommittee, took direct and emphatic issue with the admiral.

Flanked by voluminous records from the Navy Department, the secretary went into detail in explaining changes he made in conferring decorations as recommended by the commanding officers of a high order, by the Knight bar of medal awards.

The naval secretary outlined to the committee the two chief differences between his views and the views held by Admiral Sims in the awarding of medals. These were at variance as to the importance of service at sea compared with service on shore duty.

On the question of whether a distinguished service medal should be awarded under any circumstances to a commander of a ship or a submarine damaged by enemy submarines or mines.

Asserting that Admiral Sims, while on shore duty both in the Spanish-American and world wars, "demonstrated ability of a high order," Secretary Daniels said "the position of Rear Admiral Sims in placing shore duty above sea duty in the danger zone is, no doubt, influenced by his own record."

Calls Sims a "Shore Admiral"
Figures were presented by Mr. Daniels showing that during the last twenty-five years Admiral Sims had served about sixteen years on shore duty and nine years at sea.

"So rarely did he take a sea trip," said the secretary, "that the admiral's title of 'Shore Admiral' is not a misnomer."

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CORTELYOU BACKS GIRL, 9, RESCUES ROBINSON IN JOB

Safety Director Says Superintendent of Police Is Doing His Duty
POLITICIANS IN QUANDARY

"Mr. Robinson is doing his duty as a police officer and as superintendent of police of this city."

That declaration by Director of Public Safety Cortelyou today was regarded as a virtual announcement that Superintendent of Police Robinson would be retained in office under the Moore administration, despite the fact that Robinson had been forced out of command of the Philadelphia police in 1918 at the demand of the federal authorities.

Director Cortelyou's statement was made following a blanket indorsement by Mayor Moore of the management of the police department by Director Cortelyou.

Promptly politicians raised the question: "What kind of a deal is being made, a part of which is the retention of Robinson?"

Leaders in the Republican Alliance, the president of which is Thomas W. Robinson, out of office in the administration of Mayor Moore, explained that only policy prevented their saying what they thought of Robinson's continuance in office.

TURNERS' HALL IS BURNED

Bravery and quick action on the part of nine-year-old Mary O'Shaughnessy saved her two-year-old sister Catherine from possible suffocation today during a fire at their home, 6112 Reinhardt street, shortly after twelve o'clock.

The two children, together with their brother John, seven years old, were alone in the house when the fire started. Their mother is ill in a hospital.

While all were playing Mary detected smoke coming from the cellar. She went down to investigate, and brother and sister followed. All were driven back by smoke and flame. Telling her brother to run to the street, Mary picked up her sister and groped her way to the front door.

Neighbors Care For Children
Neighbors took charge of the children and turned in an alarm. Several women living nearby helped to carry out the furniture and thus saved much of it from being destroyed.

For a time the home of Mrs. Oliver Dallas, 6114 Reinhardt street, was threatened, but the dwelling was saved through the quick work of the firemen. The fire caused a loss of \$500.

Two firemen were overcome by smoke during a blaze that destroyed the interior of the building and the furniture of Turners' Hall, 2536 North Fourth street, and for a time threatened the lives of the children.

FIREMEN SEEK BODY IN RUINS OF BLAZE
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WILSON ONLY BAR IN WAY OF TREATY

Democrats May Accept Lodge Reservations if President Doesn't Interfere
POLITICS PLAYS BIG PART

By CLINTON W. GILBERT
Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger
Washington, Feb. 3.—Only President Wilson can now prevent the ratification of the treaty.

The atmosphere has been cleared by Viscount Grey's letter, it has opened the way to general agreement. Details of the reservations become less important when it is known that the foreign nations are not greatly concerned just what reservations this country adopts nor in what language it expresses them.

The striking effect of the letter is the revival of the Johnson amendment with regard to the voting power of England and her colonies, expressed probably in the form of a reservation. The Johnson amendment opposes a treaty and is agreeable to England that does not reserve the right to vote.

The rule of the Johnson proposal is the right of a return to the Senate for a Senator to the Lodge camp. And with him may come back some of the other irreconcilables.

The indications are that Johnson will be referred to align himself with his party. He is seeking the nomination for the Presidency from the Republican party.

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RELEASED RUSSIAN IS REARRESTED

New York, Feb. 3.—Oscar Tywer, a Russian, who was released from a \$5000 bail after being arrested today on an indictment returned by the Cook county grand jury charging overthrow of the government by violence.

BERGDOLL ALIENISTS MEET

Outline Plans for Examination into Draft Dodger's Sanity
The Army Inspec commission, appointed by Lieutenant General Bullard, at Governor's Island, N. Y., to probe the sanity of Grover C. Bergdoll, met this morning to outline procedure plans for the first meeting on February 24.

GUARD HAS ODD PRISONER

This Bird Was Found Hanging on City Hall Window
A sergeant of the guard heard his strangle for help and dragged him to safety.

SIX DIE OF GAS POISONING

Newark Hotel Owner Is Arrested for Criminal Negligence
Newark, N. J., Feb. 3.—(By A. P.)—Six men were found dead of gas poisoning in a small hotel here today. They had been sleeping in one room, three on one bed, two on another and the sixth on a cot.

ARRESTED AFTER FIGHT

Shipyard Employee Charged With Striking Worker With Club
Following a fight during the noon hour at the New York shipbuilding yards today, Donald Fondula, twenty-four years old, 507 South Third street, Camden, was committed to jail by Mayor Anderson, of Gloucester.

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TRIES TO GET RING BACK

Man With Revolver Loses Nerve, Though, and Runs
When in doubt—run, appeared to be the motto of Alvin Karpis today as he fled from a jewelry store after demanding return of a diamond ring believed to have been stolen.

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