

**THE WEATHER**  
Washington, Feb. 3.—Fair today; partly cloudy and colder tomorrow.

TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR									
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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 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 he was going to vote against it.

In addition to the president's secretary job attacked by Councilman Joseph P. Gaffney, who whips, three councilmen at \$3500 each may be cut out of a vote.

"I feel that the layout of councilman clerks 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."

"I am in the Council to vote according to my conscience and convictions. If the majority are right I will vote with them. If the majority are wrong I will vote against them."

## 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 unmerciful wallop.

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.

## GAS TRAGEDIES 30 PERSONS; LEAK IN MAIN IS BLAMED

Patrolman Arouses Families in 12 Homes After Noticing Queer Action of Light

HAD TO BREAK INTO SOME HOUSES TO WAKE TENANTS  
U. G. I. Crew Tears Up Wishart Street in Attempt to Locate Source of Fumes

Gas Tragedies Grow  
Today—Thirty persons overcome by gas at Wishart street, between Front and A streets.

Yesterday—Mother killed and four overcome at 3217 Hope street. January 19—Family of five wiped out when gas from a broken man at Second and Arch streets, and Allegheny avenue filled the home of John J. Kelly, at 641 West Allegheny avenue.

January 8—Nine persons victims of a leak in the gas mains near the home of Mrs. Bessie Turnbull, 2321 Frank R. Markforte, 1142 South Algonquin street, today informed Prosecutor Wolverson, of Camden county, he believed his brother George, missing since Wednesday, was in the house.

According to Markforte, his brother, a prosperous building contractor, bought the Laurel Springs residence and had planned to install his family there. The family is now said to be in New York City.

The brother who sought the prosecutor's aid said he had an engagement Thursday with his brother. They were going to New York, he said, to bring the building contractor's family to Laurel Springs.

On Wednesday night the Laurel Springs home was destroyed by fire. The brother said he believes his brother was trapped in the burning house and that he lost his life. He has not seen him since, he asserted. The man's family reported he had not arrived at New York.

Wolverson assigned a detective to investigate. Volunteer firemen at Laurel Springs raked through the ruins this afternoon.

## WILSON NARROWLY ESCAPES INFLUENZA

Doctor Grayson Takes Extra Precautions on Account of President's Bad Cold

By the Associated Press  
Washington, Feb. 3.—(By A. P.)—President Wilson contracted a cold several days ago and had a narrow escape from influenza. Rear Admiral Grayson said today. Every precaution is now being taken to protect the President, Doctor Grayson explained.

No person with even the suspicion of a cold is permitted to enter his room. Mr. Wilson is not likely to leave Washington for some time. Doctor Grayson intimated in discussing reports from various sections of the country, that the President's escape from influenza was a narrow one.

President steadily improving. Doctor Grayson said he thought it would be unwise to change his course of treatment. The President's improvement from week to week is noticeable. Doctor Grayson continued. He is allowed to walk from room to room on the second floor with the aid of his cane, but so far has not been permitted to venture below the stairs out of his wheel chair.

By B. F. KOSPOTH  
Special Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger in Switzerland  
Geneva, Feb. 3.—According to the Bolsheviks, a practice in Russia, the rule of terror—the dictatorship of a few all-powerful leaders—is to cease as soon as "capitalism" and the "bourgeoisie" have been definitely annihilated. Capitalism—that is to say, commerce and industry—is dead in Russia today and the middle classes are utterly cowed and degraded, yet Lenin and his associates maintain their dictatorship unchanged.

Whatever ideals some of the Red chiefs may have owned originally, they have now without exception acquired a taste for absolute power and no longer entertain any thought of relinquishing it. Instead of the communist state outlined in their writings, they have established in Russia a new bureaucratic absolutism differing from czarism only in that it is based, not on the "divine right of kings" but on the "scientific" dogma of Marxism and socialist philosophy.

The entire situation in the Soviet republic today, characterized by this abnormal gulf between Bolshevik theory and practice.

The rule of terror has become a permanent feature of the Bolshevik government. The rule of terror is still going on, as they were in the beginning, a minority of the Russian people and consequently cannot maintain their government by force. Lenin is quite outspoken on this subject.

"Permanent State of War"  
The dictatorship of the proletariat, he says, "consists in a permanent state of war against the foes of communism. People who protest against acts of terrorism committed by the dictatorship forget that the term dictatorship means, in all languages it means simply a rule of terror. It is also defined as a government sustained by force. Lenin, the dictatorship must be most pitiless."

## 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 contentions 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"  
Figure 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, referring to the admiral's work as commander of the United States naval forces in European waters, "that in his book he tells a story of going to the British admirals, who had been placed by Rear Admiral Sims in command of the American destroyers based on Queenstown, Ireland. As justifying his contention that individual duties ashore are necessarily of secondary importance to duties at sea."

## CORTEL YOUNG BACKS GIRL, 9, RESCUES ROBINSON IN JOB

Mother in Hospital, Children Alone in House When Blaze Is Discovered

TURNERS' HALL IS BURNED  
Bravery and quick action on the part of nine-year-old Mary O'Shaughnessy saved her two-year-old sister Catharine 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.

## 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  
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An 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 favor a reservation, which was substituted for it.

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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 Inspectors' 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.

## 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.

## Heatless Days Face N. Y.

Health Chief Trying to Avert Strike of Stationary Engineers  
New York, Feb. 3.—(By A. P.)—Efforts to avert the strike of stationary engineers and firemen, scheduled for tomorrow morning, have been unsuccessful. Health Commissioner Copeland announced after a conference with hotel proprietors, real estate men and office building managers.

## Fire Sweeps Town

Flames Originating in Restaurant Spread to Adjoining Buildings  
Hudson Falls, N. Y., Feb. 3.—(By A. P.)—Fire starting in a Greek restaurant today threatened with destruction the business center of Hudson Falls. Three blocks of buildings had been destroyed by 10 a. m. and the fire was spreading. The loss was expected to exceed \$500,000.