

THE WEATHER
Washington, March 17.—Fair and
clear tonight and Thursday.
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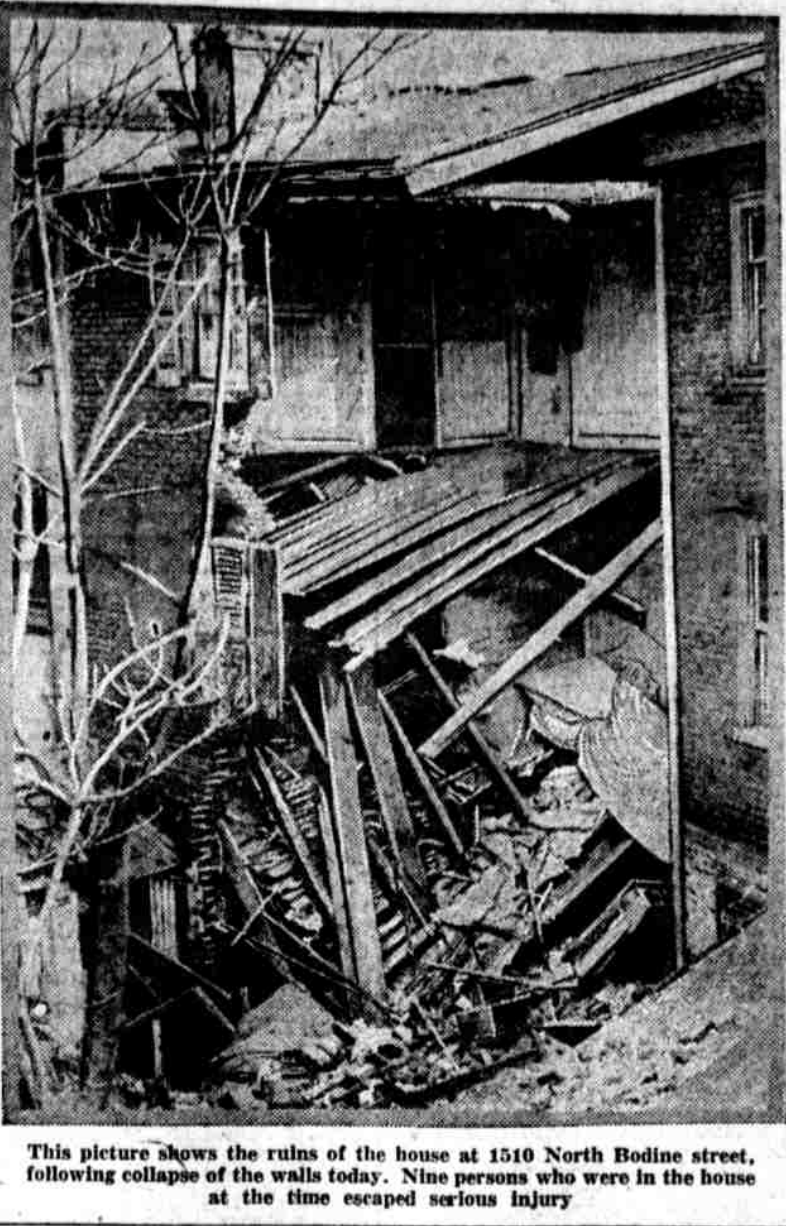
30-YR. TERM ASKED AS BERGDOLL FAILS TO MAKE DEFENSE

Judge Advocate Brands Slacker "Despicable Coward" and "Skulking Liar"
JUDGE INFERS HE'S READY TO BATTLE WEINBERGER
Likens Defense Counsel to Judas—Says Desertion Crime Is as Bad as Murder

Bergdoll Almost Faints at Prosecution's Demand
In demanding a thirty-year term for Grover C. Bergdoll today, Judge Advocate Cresson said: "Bergdoll's crime was committed during wartime and he is subject to wartime punishment—any punishment a court-martial may decree."
Bergdoll almost fainted when he heard the recommendation of the judge advocate.

By a Staff Correspondent
Governors Island, N. Y., March 17.—At least thirty years in prison and a dishonorable discharge from the United States army is the punishment demanded for Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, millionaire draft-dodger and deserter, now being tried by court-martial.

THREE-STORY HOUSE COLLAPSES



This picture shows the ruins of the house at 1510 North Bodine street, following collapse of the walls today. Nine persons who were in the house at the time escaped serious injury.

NINE ESCAPE DEATH IN HOUSE COLLAPSE

Lives of Six Adults and Three Children Endangered as Home in Bodine Street Is Wrecked
The entire rear of a three-story brick house at 1510 Bodine street collapsed at 5:30 o'clock this morning as six adults and three children were asleep on the two upper floors. All escaped serious injury.

THREE TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Three of the occupants required hospital treatment after the crash. Eliza Wolf, her mother, Mrs. Wolf, and her daughter, Eliza, were suffering from shock and were sent to St. Mary's Hospital. John Wolf received a sprained back and was sent to the same hospital.

Children Carried to Safety

Martin Wolf, assisted by Patrolman Smith, carried the children down the stairway out to the street. The children, Eliza, five years old; Martha, five years old; and John, two years old. The Wolf family were in the front and middle bedroom of the second floor.

VENTNOR APARTMENT BURNS

Fire Wrecks Interior of the Austin Tenants Escape
Atlantic City, March 17.—Fire wrecked the interior of the Austin, one of the most fashionable apartment houses in Ventnor City, about 3 o'clock this morning.

CHILD HELD IN KILLING

Coroner Follows Law in Case of Girl, 12, Who Shot Sister, 10
Coroner Knight today held Grace Albright, twelve years old, 232 West Highland avenue, Chestnut Hill, for the action of the juvenile court as the result of the death of her little sister, Mary, ten years old, whom she accidentally shot in their home, March 5.

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Washington, March 17.—Herbert Hoover's opposition to committing the United States to undefined and unlimited engagements abroad is shown in a letter which has come into the possession of the Washington Bureau of the PUBLIC LEADER.

CURB CRIME, PLEA TO METROLOGISTS IN MAYOR'S WELCOME

"I Know There Are Bandits in City Hall and All Walks of Life," He Warns Conference
DRUG EVIL GAINING GRIP; HIGH IDEALS AIM, HE SAYS
George W. Burnham Greeted Conferees as Layman—Hits Opponents of "Drys"

Calendar of Business at Methodist Conference

- 1. a. m.—Formal opening, with welcome by Mayor Moore on behalf of city. George W. Burnham on behalf of congregation. Business session followed.
2. p. m.—Women's Home Missionary Society anniversary. The Rev. Dr. Daniel M. Brummitt, editor of the Epworth Herald, spoke on "Americanization."
3. p. m.—Pentecostal service, conducted by the Rev. Dr. Charles M. Boswell.
8. p. m.—Conference Claimants' Entertainment and Banquet. The Rev. Dr. Charles R. Oatley, Chicago, and the Rev. Dr. J. D. C. Hanna, speakers.

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Mysterious Woman Tries to Visit Former Kaiser

Amerongen, March 17.—(By A. P.)—Considerable excitement was caused here on Sunday by an attempt by a mysterious German woman to visit former Emperor William. She appeared at the gates of Bentinck castle, but was denied admittance and later had a conversation with the warden, leaving a bouquet of flowers for Count Hohenzollern.

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REIGN OF TERROR GRIPS GERMAN KAPP TO RETIRE

Hundreds Slain in Twenty-four Towns as Spartacans Begin Uprisings
AGITATION FOR SOVIET AS REBEL REGIME FALLS
Machine Guns Bark in Berlin 59 Killed in U. S. Army Occupation Zone
Official Announcement Made That Rebel Chancellor Will Resign

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