THE WEATHER
Cloudy and unsettled with thundershowers late today; Sunday probably fair; moderate southwest winds.
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

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COX BEGINS HEDGING ON LEAGUE AS CAMPAIGN ISSUE

Girl Bookkeeper Battles Robber at 2d and Walnut; Thieves Lose $1200 After Auto Crash

VICTIM CHASES MEN AFTER BEING FELLED BY BLOW OF THIEF

Thug's Car Halted Upon Colliding With Second Machine at 2d and Ionic Streets

MONEY HAD BEEN DRAWN FROM A NEARBY BANK

Heroine Refused to Surrender Employer's Funds Without Fight—Screamed for Help

A plucky girl bookkeeper fought a highwayman who had stolen a payroll of $1200 from her at Second and Ionic streets shortly before noon today, got up when he knocked her down, and chased him, screaming for help.

The money was recovered when he and a companion, who was waiting in an automobile, drove the machine into another car, near Delaware avenue and Walnut street, and abandoned the money with the wrecked automobile.

The heroine of the exciting chase was Miss Pauline Ruvinsky, twenty-five years old, 3119 Montgomery avenue. She has been employed for some years as bookkeeper by Chabrow Bros., butter commission merchants, at 24 South Front street.

Saturday Custom

It has been Miss Ruvinsky's custom every Saturday morning to go to the Sixth National Bank, at Second and Pine streets, to draw money to pay the firm's employes.

This morning she had been to bank, and had drawn $1234. She put the money in a cardboard folder, which she carried in her hand. She had gone as far as Ionic street, which is a small street near Walnut, and crossed from the east side of the street to the west. At Second and Ionic streets a man came up quietly behind her and grabbed the wallet. She turned when he tugged harder and pulled it from her hand.

Though frightened, the girl realized that the man was a highwayman and she must do what she could to protect the firm's money. She screamed and tried to catch him. He backed away. The girl closed in and struggled with him, trying to wrest the wallet away from him. He struck her in the chest, knocking her down. Though one of her arms was cut and she was badly bruised by the fall, the plucky girl sprang up full of fight.

She screamed again when she saw that he had taken to his heels, and followed as fast as she could, calling for help.

Tells of Adventure

The girl afterward gave a graphic description of her adventure. She said: "I've been going to the bank every Saturday for the last three and a half years to get the payroll," said Miss Ruvinsky.

"I take the car to the bank at Second and Pine, but it isn't convenient to get back by car, so I walk. I was walking along today and passed Second and Walnut streets, which is a place I never like to pass, because there are often rough-looking men hanging around there.

"I passed the corner of Second and Walnut streets, however, and went up Second street on the east side. At the alley—I think it's called Ionic street—I felt somebody tug at the wallet. It had more than $1000 in it, and I was holding it with my right hand, close to my body.

"I didn't realize what it meant at first, until the man gave a hard jerk and pulled it out of my hand. I realized that he had taken the money and I started to scream. He hit me on the chest with his fist and knocked me down in the gutter.

Stunned for Instant

"I was stunned for an instant, but got up right quick and saw him running down the alley toward Front street. I ran after him as fast as I could, screaming for help and calling out that he stolen the payroll.

"There was a big crowd by the time I got to Front street, and some policemen had taken up the chase, so I felt I could leave it to them. I hurried back to the office to tell Mr. Chabrow what had happened.

"I wasn't afraid. I wasn't thinking of anything but the money. I didn't see any gun, and I didn't get a good look at him, for it happened too quickly. But I went after him as fast as I could, for I couldn't let him get away with all that money."

The machine in which the highwaymen escaped was a powerful car, bear-

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MISS PAULINE RUVINSKY
Plucky young woman who chased auto bandit after she had been robbed of a $1200 payroll

CAPTURE SUSPECTS IN CHASE ON ROOFS

Police Recover $1000 of Supposed Stolen Goods After Arrest of Three Men

DETECTIVES BRAVE GUNS

Three youths, suspected of many robberies, were arrested early this morning after a running pistol fight over housetops near Tenth and Vine streets.

The prisoners gave their names as Eric Jenson, nineteen years old, of Hatfield, Pa.; John Logan, eighteen years old, of 616 South Hancock street, and Frank Fisher, eighteen years old, of Washington, D. C. The three were taken to Central Police Station after their arrest, and were held without bail by Magistrate Mecleary to await an investigation.

Information reached the police last night that the three young men had been moving a quantity of goods all day from their room in Vine street above Tenth. The detectives waited until nearly midnight, then went quietly to the house and up the stairs to the men's room.

The room was empty. A scuffling noise outside the window notified the detectives that the men had taken to the fire-escape, closing the window behind them to delay pursuit.

When the detectives got to the fire-escape the men were nowhere in sight. As Forgy and McCormick, the detectives, ran up the iron steps, however, an arm, with a revolver was thrust over the parapet and the detectives were told they would be shot if the came any further.

Instead of halting they drew their own revolvers and fired in the air, at the same time dashing to the roof.

The three fugitives did not wait to fight. Instead they ran, dodging for cover behind chimneys. The detectives fired in the air repeatedly to halt the dodging men. The trio jumped an areaway, taking chances of a fall to the street below. The detectives leaped after them, and finally cornered them behind a row of chimneys.

When the three had been sent to the Tenth and Buttonwood streets station their room was searched. The detectives found silverware valued at $1000, a quantity of army goods, fifty keys, boxes of foreign coins, a set of burglar's tools and many pawntickets.

M'GRAW READY TO TALK

District Attorney Asked to See Baseball Man

New York, Aug. 14.—(By A. P.)—John J. McGraw, manager of the New York Giants, through his physician, Dr. William Bender, signified readiness today to submit to an examination to substantiate his claim that he was too ill to testify in the investigation of how John C. Slavin, musical comedy actor, was injured last Sunday morning.

Yesterday a county medical examiner, sent to the McGraw home by the district attorney's office, was halted at the door and informed that the baseball man was not to be seen, interviewed or examined by any one.

Early today Assistant District Attorney Unger was requested to come to McGraw's apartment at once.

MAN SHOT, WIFE HELD

Shooting Follows an Attempt at Reconciliation by Husband

John Alferi, twenty-one years old, of 815 Reed street, was shot, probably fatally, at Twelfth and Mifflin streets, at 10:30 o'clock last night. His estranged wife, Mrs. Susan Alferi, is held by the police of the Fourth street and Snyder avenue station, charged with the shooting. Alferi received wounds of the chin and right side of his abdomen. He was taken to St. Agnes's Hospital.

The Alferis had been separated six months, and the husband went to the wife's home last night to bring about a reconciliation.

J. FINCH WILBUR IS DEAD

Former Swarthmore College Athlete Succumbs in New York

J. Finch Wilbur, formerly of Swarthmore, Pa., died in New York city last Wednesday night after a brief illness. He was buried in Flushing, L. I., yesterday.

Mr. Wilbur was graduated from Swarthmore College in 1908 and was a member of the varsity lacrosse team. He also played on the football team. After leaving college Mr. Wilbur took up civil engineering work and was quite successful.

He is survived by a mother and a brother.

BELIEVED STRIKE VICTIM

Joseph Charlton Blackjacked on Steps of Own Home

Joseph Charlton, fifty years old, of 240 East Tioga street, was blackjacked at 10:30 o'clock last night, as he sat upon his doorstep. His injuries were treated by a physician in the neighborhood.

Charlton is employed at the Nicetown Dye Works, at C and Westmoreland streets. There is a strike on at the plant, and Charlton refused to quit work. Detectives Walker and McClay, of the Front and Westmoreland streets station, are working on the case.

CARS CRUSH R. R. EMPLOYE

Track Repairman Killed When Locomotive Shifts Carriers

Michael Yanaconi, thirty-two years old, of 1725 Warnock street, a track repairman, was killed instantly at 10 o'clock this morning under cars being shifted on the Reading Railway on American street above Oxford.

The man was working between two cars, when a locomotive shifted them. Yanaconi's body was cut in two.

BANK CONNECTED WITH PONZI FIRM CLOSED BY STATE

Mass. Commission, After Probe, Finds Polish Industrial Association Unsafe

WIFE STILL LOYAL TO FINANCIER IN TROUBLE

Efforts Are Being Made to Salvage Millions Invested in Schemes

By the Associated Press

Boston, Aug. 14.—Bank Commissioner Joseph C. Allen today took charge of the affairs of the Polish Industrial Association, conducting a private bank at 37 Cross street in this city. Henry H. Chmielinski, president of the Hanover Trust Co., the chief depositary of Charles Ponzi, which was closed last Wednesday by the commissioners, is president of the Polish Industrial Association.

Bank Commissioner Allen said that the loans of the association were either bad or of doubtful value and there was virtually no cash left. He said its affairs were hopelessly interwoven with those of the Hanover Trust Co. The capital of the association is $13,775 and it had deposits of about $350,000.

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy directed against three officers of the Old Colony Foreign Exchange Co. was filed in the Federal Court today. The petition was signed by Karen Larsen, of Medford, with a claim of $400; Ejnar Petersen, of Somerville, $950, and Mary Lutzt, of Medford, $500. "Raymond M. Meyers, Charles M. Brightwell and Gunnar R. A. Lindblad, doing business as the Old Colony Foreign Exchange Co.," are named in the action.

At the same time another petition for the appointment of a receiver for Ponzi and his Securities Exchange Co. was filed. This action was taken by three creditors who earlier in the week started bankruptcy proceedings. A hearing was ordered for next Tuesday.

The financial ship that has been piloted by Ponzi was high and dry on the rocks today and federal and state officials made determined efforts to salvage the cargo of millions of dollars intrusted to Ponzi by thousands of investors in his "50 per cent in three months."

Ponzi ate his breakfast in the Middlesex county jail in East Cambridge, a prisoner of the United States Government, in default of $25,000 bonds.

Three officers of the Old Colony Foreign Exchange Co., a rival concern of Ponzi's Securities Exchange Co., had their morning meal in the Charles street jail, prisoners of the commonwealth in default of $50,000 bonds each. Samuel Zorn, said to be an employe of the Old Colony Foreign Exchange Co., was at hearquarters awaiting a hearing on a charge of larceny of $500 from persons unknown. He also had spent the night in jail. He was today released under $2000 bonds.

The three officers of the company who were held are Charles M. Brightwell, president and treasurer of the concern; Raymond Meyers, office manager, and Fred Meyers, sales agent. The Meyers are brothers.

The men were held on technical charges of larceny of $500 from persons unknown. Upon representation of Albert Hurwitz, assistant attorney general, that the company's transactions probably would be shown to have amounted to hundreds of thousands of dollars; the bonds were set at a high figure.

Holders of unpaid notes of the Securities Exchange Co. and the Old Colony Foreign Exchange Co. flocked to the office of the attorney general at the State House in such numbers today that guards had difficulty in maintaining order. Persons holding notes of the Ponzi company were interviewed in one room, while those who had done business with the Old Colony concern were directed to another office. There was much pushing and scrambling for places near the head of the line. Shouts of "I want my money!" were frequently heard. At the offices the names and addresses of noteholders and a description of their notes showing the amount paid in and other details were tabulated by representatives of the attorney general.

Ponzi, whose boudsman surrendered him yesterday to the federal authorities, was confronted with the alternative of remaining in federal custody or, if he could find another boudsman, of being arrested again by the commonwealth under a blanket warrant issued in the municipal court, charging him with larceny in fifty-three counts, totaling $24,000.

Ponzi to Remain in Jail

It was said that if Ponzi could find another boudsman and elected to face rearrest by the state a bond of prohibitive figures would be asked. The authorities were said to be determined that the sensational financier should remain in custody, the principal reason for this being a desire to preserve for his creditors whatever assets he may have and the fear that Ponzi might seek to dissipate or transfer them if out on bail.

Edwin L. Pride, federal auditor of Ponzi's accounts, has placed the latter's known liabilities at $8,000,000, and Ponzi claimed assets of about $4,000,000. In this connection Mr. Pride said:

"I am inclined to believe that a great deal of money collected by Ponzi and his agents has been deposited in the names of others. The results of a rig-

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WOMAN FATALLY BURNED BY LAMP IN FALL ON STAIRS

Vertigo Blamed for Attack That Causes Death—Husband Also Hurt

An attack of vertigo caused Mrs. Mary Bakley, 918 North Ninth street, Camden, to fall downstairs with a lighted lamp in her hand this morning and she received burns which resulted in her death, at the Cooper Hospital.

Harry Bakley, husband of the woman, heard her fall. When he reached the first floor he found his wife enveloped in flames. He wrapped her in a quilt and then extinguished flames which had started to spread through the house.

Bakley was badly burned on the hands and arms. Mrs. Bakley, who is twenty-four years old, had been ill for some time. She had risen to obtain medicine when she met with the accident.

AUTO HITS AGED WOMAN

Machine Hurled Into Her When Struck by Motortruck

Struck by an automobile, which had been knocked on the sidewalk by a motortruck, Miss Mary Seifert, sixty-nine years old, of 1029 Jefferson street, was seriously injured at Eleventh and Jefferson streets at 11:05 o'clock this morning.

Mrs. Leifert received a fracture of the skull and was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, where she is not expected to recover.

Harry Marsch, twenty-eight years old, of North Mutter street, driver of the truck, and Harry Lee, thirty-three years old, of Alder street and Montgomery avenue, driver of the automobile, were both arrested and are being held.

AUTOIST HELD IN ACCIDENT

Traffic Patrolman Says Man Was Speeding When He Hit Girl

Timed by a traffic patrolman who claimed he drove his automobile 550 feet in thirteen seconds, or at the rate of twenty-nine miles an hour, when he struck a girl, Harry Lackner, 1115 Green street, was held in $800 bail for court by Magistrate Mecleary yesterday in Central Station.

While crossing Broad street at Tioga street Miss Agnes M. Conahan, 3551 North Twenty-first street, was struck and knocked down by Lackner's car. Sufficiently recovered from her injuries to testify at the hearing, Miss Conahan said that Lackner continued on his way without offering her any aid. The accident occurred July 25. Lackner said his car could not make more than fifteen miles an hour.

STORM DISPERSES POSSE

Man Wanted Here on Shooting Charge Escapes in N. J. Swamps

A posse of policemen and citizens after an all day and all night hunt for LeFredda Antonio, through swamps and woods between Delanco and Beverly, N. J., had to give up the search last night when a severe storm drove them to shelter. Antonio, wanted in this city for shooting a man and woman, is still at large.

Several shots were exchanged with the fugitive and Chief of Police George Hahner, of Delanco, had a narrow escape from bullets. Only glimpses of the man could be had when flashes of lightning revealed him. Chief of Police McGovern, of Beverly, also took part in the chase. He believes that Antonio has been aided and sheltered by friends in that vicinity.

JAPAN ANSWERS U. S. NOTE

Reply to Saghalien Occupation Protest Received in Capital

Washington, Aug. 14.—(By A. P.)—Japan's reply to the American note protesting against Japanese occupation of the northern part of the Island of Saghalien was received today at the State Department.

The note was described as a lengthy one, and it was understood that it went thoroughly into the whole question of the Japanese policy in Siberia. The document, together with the original American note, may be made public next week.

$40,000 IN GEMS STOLEN

Taken From Safe in Home of Resident of Asbury Park

Asbury Park, N. J., Aug. 14.—(By A. P.)—Jewels valued at nearly $40,000 were stolen last night from a safe in the residence of Samuel Metzger, an official of the Guggenheim Corporation, while the family was absent, it became known today.

The thieves overlooked a number of securities in the safe, which was opened, police say, by some one who understood the combination.

HIGHER RATES IN CANADA

Dominion Board Permits Increase to United States Railroads

Ottawa, Aug. 14.—(By A. P.)—The Dominion board of railway commissioners today granted increases in through rates to United States roads in Canada to conform with those recently approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington.

These increases apply to all commodities except coal and coke.

Bomb Exploded in Court Room

Buenos Aires, Aug. 14.—(By A. P.)—A bomb was exploded yesterday afternoon in the palace of justice, at the door of the criminal court, where eleven alleged anarchists, accused of plotting for a Communist revolution last March, were being tried. There was a panic in the building, but no one was injured by the explosion.

ROAR OF RUSSIAN BIG GUNS HEARD IN POLISH CAPITAL

Invaders Reported Drawing Near Beleaguered City From Rear

BOLSHEVIKI SWEEPING RELENTLESSLY FORWARD

Iron Ring Encircling Warsaw Now Only Twenty Miles Distant

By the Associated Press

Warsaw, Aug. 14.—The roar of artillery on the battle front can be plainly heard in Warsaw.

The Russians have brought up artillery in the region of Radzymin, just south of the Bug. Observers say the enemy has not yet in position guns heavy enough to reach this city with their fire.

The Russians attacking Warsaw have worked well toward the rear of that city's defenses and are attacking Plonsk, within a dozen miles of the Vistula northwest of the Polish capital, according to Friday night's official Polish communique, available today.

The statement says the enermy is advancing toward the Novo Georgievsk-Zegrje sector, north of Warsaw, and that masses of Bolsheviki are attacking Nasielsk (twenty-two miles northwest of Warsaw) and Plonsk (sixteen miles west of Nasielsk and about thirty-two miles northwest of Warsaw).

The communique announces that the preliminary attacks upon these places were repulsed by the Poles.

Philadelphia Man In Peace Delegation

Poland's peace delegation, consisting of sixteen members, with military aids, clerks and stenographers, one of whom is a woman, are prepared to leave for the battle front to meet representatives of the Russian Soviet Government.

Two representatives of the American relief organization, Herschel Walker, of Philadelphia, and Maurice Pate, have received permission from Moscow to accompany the Polish commission to Minsk, where they will confer with Bolshevik authorities regarding the treating of 300,000 children formerly cared for by the Americans, but now within the Bolshevik lines.

Up until early this morning there was no response from Moscow to a wireless dispatch naming newspaper correspondents to accompany the Polish delegation. Announcement was made last night that correspondents would not be permitted to go to the front unless word allowing them to travel came from the Bolsheviki.

Personnel of Delegation

Four of the delegates will be military officers, six will be foreign office representatives, counsellors and advisors and six will be diet leaders. M. Dombski, under-minister of foreign affairs, will head the delegation. Among the members will be M. Wrobwski, under-secretary at the foreign office, M. Olzovsqi, a counsellor; General Kulinski and Major Stamirowskfli. The names of the diet members of the delegation have not been announced.

Members of the mission were last night asked by the foreign office to assemble at 3 o'clock this morning and it is probable they will start soon afterward toward Sisdlce. This side of Siedlce, the delegation, which will show white flags, will meet Soviet representatives who will escort the Poles probably to Minsk.

All the delegates will take with them blankets and food supplies, as those who have been within the Bolshevik lines say there is a scarcity of provisions there. Arrangements have been made for newspaper correspondents to start today and overtake the delegation if the Soviet Government approves the names of the men selected here.

London, Aug. 14.—(By A. P.)—The Russian army is continuing its drive to the north of Warsaw and has closely approached the river Vkra, an affluent of the Bug, which joins that river close to its confluence with the Vistula near Novo Georgievsk, northwest of the Polish capital, it is shown in Friday's official statement from Moscow, received today. The statement reads:

"In the Sarny region we occupied Bezhan village.

"Our troops, advancing toward the river Vkra, have reached points fourteen miles east of that river. We have captured Wengrow, thirty-eight miles northeast of Warsaw and Lukow (fifty miles southeast of Warsaw). After the occupation of Wyszkow (twenty-six miles northeast of Warsaw) we have advanced to the west, south and southeast.

"In the region of Vladimir-Volynski, (on the southern front near the Galician border) we are continuing to advance.

"In the Crimean section in the Orinkhoff region, our cavalry is fiercely engaged with considerable enemy forces."

The rush of Polish refugees to Danzig, reported in Berlin dispatches earlier this week, has created such a serious situation there that Sir Reginald Tower, the high commissioner for the free city under the league, has decided not to allow any one to enter except emigrants with American vises on their passports, en route to the United States, says a Danzig dispatch to the London Times. All the refugees are examined on the frontier of the free city's domain and are turned back unless the American vises are on their papers.

A camp for the refugees which has been organized now contains 15,000 persons.

Berlin, Aug. 14.—(By A. P.)—Russian patrols have just forced their way into the town of Ellovo, situated in

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"LITTLE ENTENTE" IS FORMED

Rome, Aug. 13.—(By. A. P.)—An agreement has been reached between the Prague, Belgrade and Bucharest governments, called the "Little Entente," for the self-protection of Czecho-Slovakia, Serbia and Rumania against Russia or enemies in the Balkans, according to the Giornale D'Italia today.

To make this coalition more effective, says the newspaper, the "Little Entente" is anxious to have the Adriatic problem settled, so that Serbia may be free from any threat on the part of Italy.

TODAY'S BASEBALL SCORES

PHILLIES...	0	1	0	1	0	0	—
BOSTON (1st)	0	0	0	0	0	0	—

Meadows and Wheat; Watson and O'Neill. Rigler and Moran.

BERLIN TO GET AIRPLANE MAIL FROM SHIPS

BERLIN, Aug. 14.—A contract for carrying mails by airplanes from incoming steamers to Berlin has been closed with the German Lloyd air line by the ministroy of posts. The first flight will take place next Monday, when the steamer Susquehanna will arrive at Bremen. Initial consignments of American phosphats, comprising three cargoes carried in two American and one Dutch steamer, have arrived at Hamburg.

M'GRAW DECLARES MIND WAS "BLANK"

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—John J. McGraw, manager of the New York Giants, today told the district attorney's office his mind was "blank" as to how John C. Slavin, musical comedy actor, received a fractured skull while in his company early last Sunday morning.

EXPELLED LEGISLATOR ARRESTED AND ACQUITTED

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—August Claessens, one of the five Socialist members expelled by the New York assembly last spring was arraigned in the West Side Court today charged with violation of a city ordiance in distributing Socialist propaganda at a street rally here last night. He was acquitted.

"SUPERIOR" ARMY OFFICERS TO BE RETAINED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—Commanding officers of regimental and coast defense units of the army who win the rating of "superior" and "above the average" will be retained with their commands for at least two years, the War Department announced today. The policy was adopted with a view to obtaining and maintaining the highest efficiency, the announcement said.

IMPORTS OF RAISINS INCREASE 1400 PER CENT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—Increased consumption of raisins in the United States since the advent of prohibition is believed to account for the 1400 per cent increase in imports of this commodity from Spain during the first six months of 1920.

POLICE CAN'T FIND WOMAN KIDNAPPER

"Rose McDonnelle," Named by "Crank," Not Known in the Tenderloin

CONFESSION IS DOUBTED

Rose McDonnelle is the name of the woman who now has Blakely Coughlin, according to Augusto Pasquale, "The Crank."

She formerly lived near Twelfth and Vine streets, "The Crank" insists, and was the accomplice of the mysterious "Joe" mentioned by Pasquale as the real kidnapper of the Norristown baby.

This "confession" of "The Crank" the police are taking as they have taken his previous "confessions." They are not putting much faith in it. It was made by Pasquale at the secret hearing in Norristown yesterday when he was held without bail on charges of kidnapping, extortion and burglary.

An investigation in the vicinity of Twelfth and Vine streets discovered nobody who had ever heard of Rose McDonnelle. "The Crank," at Norristown, volunteered the additional information that her companion, "Joe," was sometimes called "Joe the Coker," but this has not so far helped to fix the man in the minds of the police.

In connection with his naming of "Rose" and "Joe" as the real kidnappers, "The Crank" declared they are holding Blakely to assure the release of himself, "The Crank," from jail.

"The Crank" added a number of details. He admitted for the first time

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MURDER THEORY IN LOVE TRAGEDY

Investigation of Supposed Double Suicide Takes New Turn

GIRL'S FACE NOT MARRED

By a Staff Correspondent

Washington, Aug. 14.—Authorities investigating the supposed double suicide of Mary Speeringer and J. Ford Thompson, near Emmitsburg, Md., developed a new theory today, pointing to murder.

The investigation suddenly took a new turn when it was noted there were no powder marks on the Waynesboro girl's head where the fatal bullet entered or on her face, and that the revolver from which the shot was fired lay eighteen inches from her left hand instead of her right.

What appeared to be a plain suicide pact, ending as planned, thus became a mystery.

That Thompson's death followed a deliberate suicide suggestion from the Waynesboro girl, who could not marry him, was the belief expressed by Thompson's cousin, Dr. J. Lawn Thompson, a prominent physician and surgeon of the capital. In the meantime, Sheriff W. E. Wertonbaker, of Frederick county, Md., who likewise clings to the double-suicide theory, is investigating incidents which preceded the discovery of the double tragedy.

More than 300 letters exchanged by Thompson and the girl were found in their rooms in the Slagel Hotel in Emmitsburg, run by her aunt. They are filled with references to love and

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NOMINEE'S MIND DRAWING AWAY FROM WILSON'S

Cox's Speech Before West Virginia Democrats "Lacks Punch"

GOVERNOR TRIES TO PLEASE BOTH FACTIONS IN PARTY

Candidate Silent on Importance of Taking Versailles Treaty Without Change

NO COMPROMISE PROPOSAL

"Smoke Screen," Charged to Republicans, Not Yet Blown Away

By CLINTON W. GILBERT
Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger

Wheeling, W. Va., Aug. 14.—Governor Cox made a reservationist speech in opening his campaign for the presidency here today before the Democratic state convention. His big issue as indicated in this address is the League of Nations and quick action upon it, "putting it into practical operation," as he expressed it, without months of useless discussion.

The speech implies rather than expresses a willingness to accept reservations. The working of the governor's mind is shown in the sentence, "The platform of our party gives us the opportunity to render moral co-operation in the greatest movement of righteousness in the history of the world, **and at the same time to hold our own interests free from peril."**

Those last words, "Our own interests free from peril," are not Wilson doctrine. They imply a recognition of the reasonableness of some of the doubts that prompted support of reservations.

The speech gets away from the Wilson position in many ways; the Lodge reservations are not condemned; the Republican senators are not accused of breaking the heart of the world, in the language of the President, but of being dishonest about their own reservations, and of insisting upon them in the senatorial discussion only to abandon them in their party convention.

Republican Position Vague

The issue which Governor Cox seeks to raise is that the Republican proposal of a substitute for the League of Nations is vague and leads to delay. The Republicans' offer, he says, is really nothing more definite than the announcement of a hope that an entirely new arrangement may be made in world affairs. What method they have in mind, if it is concretely in any one's mind, the people do not know. No unprejudiced person, says Governor Cox, can deny that the consequence of abandoning the league and attempting an entirely new project will be prolonged delay. If the people want the issue settled quickly and settled in a way that, by general agreement, is likely to prevent future wars, while at the same time holding our own interests free from peril, Governor Cox invites them to vote for the Democratic ticket.

That is the line of his appeal to the court. He assumes that the public is familiar with the League of Nations; that negotiations have gone so far forward that, if the country is to have any device to reduce the chances of war, it is the most feasible device; that it can be adopted with the least delay and that it can be made free from all peril to national interests. Let us put an end to all delay and discussion and accept the league properly safe-

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COX SAYS G. O. P. IS BEFOGGING ISSUE

Tells West Virginia Democrats Huge Campaign Fund Is Being Raised by Republicans

By the Associated Press

Wheeling, W. Va., Aug. 14.—Governor Cox opened fire this afternoon on his Republican opposition, charging its leadership with "attempted trickery" of the American people in opposing the League of Nations, and with conducting a campaign behind a "smoke screen" to secure partisan spoils.

Mr. Cox spoke before the Democratic state convention of West Virginia, which assembled to adopt a platform and select a candidate for justice of the Supreme Court, two presidential electors-at-large and twelve district electors.

Governor John J. Cornwell, for Senators W. E. Chilton and Clarke

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