

**THE WEATHER**  
Fair weather and moderate temperatures tonight and Wednesday; fresh northerly winds.

TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR											
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## STRAIGHT 5-CENT FARE, NO TRANSFERS, MITTEN PLAN

### P. R. T. Asks Council to Authorize Method of Raising \$4,000,000 More Funds Needed Yearly

**ASKS QUICK ACTION TO OBTAIN MONEY FOR IMPROVEMENTS**

**Zone System Disregarded in Statement of Policy by Transit President**

**\$350,000 MONTHLY ADDED BY PROPOSED METHOD**

**State Commission Will Get New Tariff if Approved by Legislative Body**

**Mayor's Campaign Pledges on City Street Cleaning**

Platform pledge—"The city must clean its own streets and provide for the efficient collection and disposal of garbage."

Campaign address—"The new charter provides that the city shall do its own street cleaning and collection of garbage after December 31, 1920. The significance of this date should be borne in mind. The city is not to begin its own work when the new Mayor takes his seat, but a year thereafter."

Robert French, "the charter is the law. If it provides that the city shall do its own street cleaning, I will certainly live up to the law. What candidate will dare say he will not comply with the law? I would ask nothing more but that my adversary should make that statement."

### LILLIAN RUSSELL SEES WOMEN LEADERS



Miss Russell, who in private life is Mrs. Alexander P. Moore, of Pittsburg, was a caller today at the headquarters of the Republican Women's State Committee, 506 South Broad street. She came to look over the political field in Philadelphia and to encourage local women to register and vote. Mrs. Moore is seated in the middle of the little group. To the left is Mrs. George Horace Lorimer, and at the right is Mrs. Bessie Gibson Altman.

### NEW CITY LOAN BILL HAS NO PROVISION TO CLEAN STREETS

**Administration Measure Contains No Plan for Purchase of Equipment**

**SHORT-TERM FUND MAY BE BLOCKED BY VARE LEADERS**

**Mayor's Supporters Are Piqued Because They Were Ignored Over Question**

Municipal street cleaning is hanging in the balance today as the Moore administration whips into shape a permanent improvement loan bill which contains no provision for the purchase of street cleaning equipment.

The Mayor's policy toward the purchase of street cleaning equipment has not been outlined. Director of Public Works Caven explained when asked why the street cleaning problem had been passed over.

"City Controller Hadley and City Solicitor Smyth," the director continued, "have ruled that as the life of the equipment would be more than four years it cannot be taken care of in a permanent loan. A short-term loan would be necessary."

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### Olympic Hero's Mother Out to Register Early

**Mrs. Costello Says She Couldn't Look Athlete Son in Face if She Failed in Duty. Can't Understand Other Women**

"THERE, now, that's over! I wish my boy comes home from a victorious one in the Olympic games at Antwerp he will not be able to reproach his mother for not doing her duty as a citizen."

Mrs. Hannah R. Costello, of 4141 Ridge avenue, smiled homely on the registrars at the thirty-third division polling place of the Thirty-eighth ward registering to vote at 7 o'clock this morning and went home to prepare breakfast. She carried a "Votes for Women" banner. She had canvassed her neighborhood to get the women out.

Her son, Paul Costello, and Jack Kelly were the first to finish in the double section of the Olympic and Mrs. Costello was the first woman to register this morning in the northwestern section of the city.

Mrs. Costello was at her polling place at 4117 Ridge avenue before the registrars, in spite of the chill early morning wind.

"Why, where are all the women?" she asked when John Tyrrell, one of the registrars, appeared.

"I can't understand the women—I can't understand the women—I can't understand the women," she began.

"I never could," Mr. Tyrrell interrupted.

"I can't understand," Mrs. Costello resumed, "why they are not more eager to exercise the rights for which they fought so long and hard."

"It is a sacred duty to register. I wouldn't be able to look my boy in the face when he comes back from Antwerp if I couldn't say I had registered."

"He wouldn't upbraid me, but he would probably say, 'Ma, I'm surprised,'" Mrs. Costello answered all the questions asked her by the registrars without hesitancy, until Mr. Tyrrell asked her again.

She bent forward and whispered something in his ear.

He smiled and wrote two figures on the registration book. Another registrar peered over his shoulder, noted the woman's age, and wrote it in another book. She is fifty-two.

Asked her political preference, Mrs. Costello replied, "It's not a question of politics; it's a question of the best man, Harding."

Mrs. Kelly won her race, too. Mrs. MARY A. KELLY, mother of Jack Kelly, who is the Olympic champion oarsman and cousin of his, she began.

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### REBATE IS OWED HOUSEHOLDERS ON COAL PURCHASES

**Overcharges Made to "Meet" Recent Advance in Miners' Wages**

**NO INDICATIONS SHOWN OF RETURN OF MONEY**

**Public Is Made "Goat" in Dealings of Operators and Retailers**

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN

The Philadelphia householders and every other householders anywhere who had his ten tons of winter coal dumped into his cellar within the past five months has a \$5 bill due him as a rebate.

I said due him. It may get no further. The chances are that it will not. It will continue to remain due till the cows come home and later.

This \$5, and it may be more and it may be less, for exact figures and direct statements from coal producers and handlers are hard to obtain, is in the nature of a comeback. It is what should be coming to him as a return for an overcharge on his winter's coal.

It is his share of the estimated \$22,000,000, which may be more or may be less, that was collected by anthracite operators to meet the recent advance in miners' wages.

Over the years it is necessary to recite recent history in the anthracite coal regions. I have reference to the history of the last great coal gouge before the present one. I pointed out yesterday something between \$5,000,000 and \$13,000,000—and that is only an estimate—of the people's money disappeared between the offices of the coal operators and the hands of the retail dealers during 1918-1919.

It has never been heard from since so far as the rebate and the knowledge. It will never be heard of again.

**Operators Pass Buck**

I pointed out yesterday by quotations and statements, taken from the official report of the commission to investigate the cost of anthracite coal prior to 1916, how the retail dealers were pillaged as the coal collected out yesterday, some of the buck to the smaller fellows.

It was one of the leading operators of the anthracite region who directed my attention to this fact through certain documents and tables which he caused to be placed in my hands.

The money thus collected between June, 1915, and October, 1915, was a state coal tax collected by the operators and held by them for a year after the Roney coal tax act was declared unconstitutional.

The retail dealers confessed the truth of the charge to the coal commission. They acknowledged that they did grab and pocket all that they could get; that instead of the six-cent tax they had levied a twenty-five-cent tax.

To the coal bills of their customers in the years above mentioned they added nineteen cents above the then legal six cents per ton. They collected this amount and brazenly stuck it in their pockets.

When asked by the commission they acknowledged that they had some millions. Then, metaphorically, they nosed their thumbs and wigged their fingers at the coal commission and wanted to know, "what are you going to do about it?"

The official report of the coal commission of 1916-17 has this to say about this monumental grab:

"The unilateral action offered by the retailers in explaining their failure to refund the amount of this tax to the consumer, was that there had been no intention on the part of the consumer as a direct result of the advance in the price of coal on account of the tax."

They sought to explain the increase by retelling coal dealers in the sum of twenty-five cents a ton, as having been occasioned by a general increase in the cost of labor and supply.

**Profit of Retailers Swelled**

The commission further added: "The refunds made to them (the retailers) by the operators were in large part unexpected and the \$5,000,000 so represented in a very large measure, swelled the profits of the retailers in that amount mostly unexpected by them."

The prominence given to this piece of chicanery is merely to emphasize the fact that the public is ever and always the goat in such transactions.

The present instance of an advance in the price of coal of \$1 per ton is the latest example. The public foots the cost in such transactions.

Advances, it carries the corporation charges for the coal companies and when an advance in railroad freight rates is published the public pays all the bills.

It will be interesting to note the

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**Abolishment of all transfer and exchange tickets, and a straight five-cent fare for each ride**

This fare program was decided upon today at a meeting of the directors of the Rapid Transit Co.

Approval of Council was asked for this step in a communication sent to that body this afternoon by Thomas E. Mitten, president of the company.

It was pointed out in the communication that a straight five-cent fare for every one, everywhere, would increase the company's revenue \$350,000 a month, or \$4,270,000 a year, which is needed to continue operation of the company's lines.

If Council approves the action of the company the new tariff will be filed with the Public Service Commission immediately, and would take effect thirty days after filing.

The communication to Council follows:

"P. R. T. has been unable to proceed with the improvements described in its traffic program for 1920 as planned, because of its inability thus far to secure the necessary consent of the Union Traction Co., on possible terms to the issuance of free transfer tickets on equipment trust loan. It is unfortunate, but nevertheless true, that until union reaches a final decision as to the giving of this consent, only such improvements can be undertaken by P. R. T. as may be paid for out of current revenues.

"P. R. T. will, under a continuation of the present conditions, at the end of the current year, December 31, be short approximately \$2,000,000, and at the rate of about \$4,500,000 for the next twelve months.

**More Revenue Needed**

"Increased revenue is immediately necessary, not only to meet the already existing deficit, but also to meet the increased costs of operation, but also to place the company in a position to properly handle the rush hour traffic during the winter and to later operate city-built lines.

"The 1907 agreement between the city and company provides that the present rates of fare may be changed from time to time, but only with the consent of both parties.

"In May, 1918, the company applied to Council for their assent to the filing of a new schedule of fares. Council, upon the advice of the attorney general to the effect that the sole power to regulate fares is vested in the Public Service Commission, declined to assent, but by resolution approved June 20, 1918, referred the whole matter to the commission.

"With this action of Council in mind, P. R. T. on June 1, 1920, filed with the Public Service Commission a tariff intended to secure an additional \$3,000,000 per annum by making a unit fare of ten cents for transfers, and the city filed its complaint against that tariff, claiming the city's consent to be necessary under the terms of the 1907 agreement.

**Wanted Time for Inventory**

"P. R. T. has withdrawn this three-cent transfer tariff for the dual reason that the delay has now shown the amount of increase, \$5,000,000 per annum, to be insufficient, and further because the valuation figures required by the commission could not possibly be adequately checked and determined in time to meet the company's present needs.

"P. R. T. in 1911 set forth in a communication to Council that the 210 free transfer points, then existing, were accepted as the measure of the contract's obligation under the 1907 contract. The last nine years, nevertheless, dozens of councilmen and commission members, and many of the most objectionable exchange tickets for one- and three-cent fares have been issued, and the company has been reduced from 4.13 cents per passenger in 1910, to the present rate of 3.98 cents at the present time.

**Yearly Loss Pointed Out**

"On the present basis of 1,000,000 passengers per annum this represents a loss to P. R. T. of a corresponding cash saving to the public of \$1,000,000 a year. Had the company continued to operate on the lines as in 1910 it would have saved the city and the company a considerable sum of \$10,000,000 more than they are actually paying.

"P. R. T. has, for ten years past, increased in prosperity under present conditions. Until overcome by wartime restrictions P. R. T. has consistently increased its surplus.

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### JAIL FOR CRAP SHOOTERS

**Gambling Has to Stop, Magistrate Dougherty Tells Eleven Prisoners**

Magistrate Dougherty, at the Fifteenth street and Snyder avenue police station, today sentenced eleven men caught in a crap game to jail terms, as the most effective way of breaking up gambling in the district.

"Gambling here has to stop," said the magistrate, "and the most effective way to stop it is to send you men to jail. There won't be any more fines imposed for gambling in this district."

Robert French, twenty-two years old, of Sixteenth street near Venango, was given thirty days in jail, as the manager of the pool room at Thirteenth and Dickinson streets, where the arrests were made, and ten men who were in the place at the time were given ten days each.

Lieutenant Milburn and Detectives Halden and McGilley made the arrests. The lieutenant said he had been trying to break up a crap game he knew was going on in the poolroom for weeks, but a "spotter" stood on the street corner and gave warning when the police approached.

Last night Milburn had a bright idea. He and his detectives got on a trolley car that passed the dice table in the poolroom, and hopped off at the corner so suddenly there was no time for the dice to be put away. A set of dice were seized and about \$40 in the crap table.

### M'COACH DERATES SON FOR GAMBLING

**Councilman Declares Proprietor of Raided Arch Street House Should Be Jailed**

Councilman William McCoach publicly berated his son, William McCoach, Jr., of 5121 Kingsessing avenue, in the corridor of City Hall outside Magistrate Carson's court this afternoon after the younger man had been fined \$10 as a frequenter of the gambling house raided at Fifteenth and Arch streets last night.

What passed between the two men could not be heard by those nearby, but it was plain that the councilman was taking his son to task. The younger man gave his age as forty-one years when he was arrested.

"The men who run the place ought to go to jail," said the councilman angrily, "and I am sure that if they were young men in there."

Councilman McCoach referred to testimony given by the complainant in the case, William L. Lutz, of Mount Holly, N. J., that he had lost \$800 there in several visits, and believed the game was unfair.

Half a dozen of the men arrested in the raid were taken last night, were absent when their names were called in Magistrate Carson's court today. All had been released last night on a copy of the charge, to appear for a hearing on September 2, the first registration day, when only 30,000 of approximately 251,000 assessed voters appeared at the voting places.

The polls were open from 7 a. m. to 10 p. m. and will be open again from 4 p. m. to 10 p. m.

Men and women who qualify to register by payment of a tax other than a poll tax, must exhibit the receipts for such payment of such tax to the registration board at the polling place.

This is the second registration day, and all over the city women are showing unusual activity, spurred on by their leaders, to make a showing that will compare favorably with that of their menfolk.

"Register today" is the rallying cry that women's organizations have adopted. They are determined to overcome the rather poor showing their sex made on September 2, the first registration day, when only 30,000 of approximately 251,000 assessed voters appeared at the voting places.

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All Sections Canvassed

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### REGISTER TODAY, SLOGAN OF WOMEN

**Ward Leaders Seek to Have 60,000 at Least Visit Polling Places During Day**

**MAN HELD IN \$800 BAIL**

**CANVASSERS ARE BUSY**

**Voters May Register Today for Election**

Men and women who wish to vote at the Presidential election on November 2 appeared today before the registrars in their respective voting precincts to have their names added to the list of registered voters.

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### REPUBLICANS WIN MAINE BY 65,000

**Bulk of Women Cast Votes for C. O. P. in "Barometer" Election**

**NO DEMOCRATS IN SENATE**

**Maine Result Augurs Well for G. O. P. Wires Harding**

Bangor, Me., Sept. 14.—(By A. P.)—Senator Harding wired his congratulations to Governor-elect Parkhurst today in the following message:

"Heartiest congratulations on your overwhelming and gratifying victory. It augurs well for the party in November."

By the Associated Press

Portland, Me., Sept. 14.—Maine gave an overwhelming majority to the Republican ticket in the state election yesterday. With a total vote larger by 55,000 than the highest ever previously cast in the state, Frederic H. Parkhurst, of Bangor, was elected governor by a margin of 65,000 over his Democratic opponent, Bertrand G. McIntire, of Norway. The plurality was 17,000 more than the largest obtained by any other gubernatorial candidate in the history of the state. The vote for governor, with returns from forty small towns and plantations in remote districts missing was: Parkhurst (R), 133,517; McIntire (D), 68,248.

Four Republican congressmen were elected by large majorities. Representatives Wallace H. White, Jr., John A. Peters and Ira G. Hersey retained their seats, and in the First district, where Representative Louis B. Goodall, Republican, did not seek re-election, Carroll L. Beedy, of Portland, Republican, was chosen.

Every member of the state Senate will be a Republican, while of a membership of 151 in the state House of Representatives the Democrats succeeded in electing fifteen, and four members of the incoming house carried the nomination of both Democrats and Republicans. In the last Legislature there were two Democratic senators and forty-one Democratic representatives.

**Women Factor in Election**

The increase in the total vote was very largely accounted for by the presence of women at the polls for the first time. All over the state women showed themselves eager to grasp the opportunity of exercising their new privilege and they were undaunted by a heavy downpour of rain in the afternoon. The result showed that most of them voted the Republican ticket.

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### HARDING COMBATS ORIENTAL DANGER

**Declares Nation Must Stand Behind Pacific States in Immigration Difficulties**

**BACKS "SENATE OLIGARCHY"**

By the Associated Press

Marion, O., Sept. 14.—To a delegation of Californians Senator Harding declared today that the nation must "stand behind" the states of the Pacific coast in their fight against the difficulties of Oriental immigration and must see that only such aliens as can be assimilated and imbued with thorough Americanism are admitted.

The dangers of racial conflict, said the Republican nominee, must be recognized and provision made to regulate them to a minimum. He suggested that such steps could be taken without offensive reflection on any race and without raising the question of racial inferiority or inequality.

In his speech the senator also suggested the necessity of a protective tariff levy to aid American farmers and replied at length to Democratic charges of a Republican "Senate oligarchy." He reminded the voters that senators are elected by popular vote, and declared the Democratic leaders were opposing Senate influence because they wanted to perpetuate "autocratic, personal government."

**Pilgrimage Across Continent**

Governor William D. Stephens acted as spokesman for the delegation and in a short address emphasized the keen interest of the West coast in the oriental question, the tariff and other issues. Those who made the pilgrimage across the continent to hear the senator's front-porch speech included several state Republican leaders and representatives of a number of California civic, business and political organizations.

In his reference to the Senate oligarchy charge, the nominee declared it was not surprising that the Democrats should be displeased because Congress had exercised its constitutional powers during "a seven-year period of fine business and unwarranted assumption" by the executive.

"The Senate oligarchy," as they call it, and the "oligarchy" of the House of Representatives," he continued, "forced them toward efficiency in making war and forced them toward some efficiency, though much belated, in reconstruction for peace, and interfered to stay the prodigal waste of the taxpayers' money, and prevented America from being caught in the snares and tangles of their blundering in Paris."

**Tariff Protection Necessary**

Using as an example the foreign competition confronting California fruit growers, Senator Harding declared that "if to save this or any other worthy and developing agricultural industry of

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### SHIP STUCK IN MUD

**Traffic Tied Up at Penrose Ferry Bridge by Mishap**

Traffic over the Penrose Ferry bridge became tied up early today when the tank steamship Antietam became wedged in the mud inside the open draw.

The Antietam was coming down the Schuylkill in charge of two tugs when the mishap occurred. The draw of the old Penrose Ferry bridge was opened to let the tanker through, and the ship was midway through the bridge when her nose grounded in the mud. In spite of the efforts of the tugs the big ship refused to move and a rapidly falling tide soon left her resting on the bottom of the west channel.

The tugs were forced to give up the attempt to move the ship until the tide turned again, and traffic over the bridge was temporarily suspended. Automobiles were forced to go back and make a long detour to cross by one of the upper bridges.

At the early morning rush to Hog Island was over when the Antietam stuck, or thousands would have been late for work at the big shipbuilding plant. The tugboats were called in and the ship was towed to the side of the draw, where it was refloated. The tide was running out and the ship was swung into place about 10:30 o'clock and traffic was resumed.

### PAID FOR LOST TEMPER

**Straw Hat, Two Trips to Doctor and Cost of Warrant Included**

"I'll get Homer his new hat and put it away for next summer," Mrs. Alina Leuschel explained as she left Magistrate Pennock's hearing-room at the Twenty-second street and Hunting Park avenue station today.

Mrs. Leuschel, who lives at 4817 A street, had sworn out a warrant for Jacob Maier, of 148 East Loudon street, for assault and battery on her son, Homer, fourteen years old, charged that Maier had broken Homer's straw hat and split his lip.

"I want him to pay \$1.50 for two trips to the doctor," Mrs. Leuschel explained to the magistrate. "Homer's straw hat cost \$3.50, but he has worn it all summer, and I could get another now for \$1.25. And I want him to pay the \$4 for the warrant."

Mrs. Leuschel said she had lost her temper when Homer and some other boys refused to get up Maier's porch, where they were playing pinocle, and had struck Homer, slightly cutting his lip.

Maier agreed to pay Mrs. Leuschel \$6.75, and she agreed to drop the assault and battery charge.

### WRECK STOLEN AUTO

**Car is Sent Speeding Down Mount Airy Hill**

A stolen motorcar was sent at full speed down a hill leading to the Ivy Hill Cemetery, Mt. Airy, early today, narrowly missing a small cottage occupied by a flower vender and crashing into a tree.

No one was in the machine. It was stolen last night from Norman Nitroben, 64 East Horter street, Germantown.

### OPEN BIDS ON LIBRARY

**Cleveland Firm Would Build Foundations for \$425,000**

Bids were opened today for the laying of foundations for the new public library on the Parkway. There were eight bidders. The contract will be awarded within the next two weeks.

John Ashhurst, the librarian; Simon Gray, Thomas J. Dolan, Jr., and Henry P. Edmunds, president of the board of trustees of the Free Library, were present in the Mayor's office when the bids were opened this afternoon.

The lowest local bid was \$449,357. Other bidders were Edward Fay & Son, \$483,139; Starr Construction Co., \$469,000; F. W. Mark Construction Co., \$580,100; Sears & Priest, \$338,000; Irwin & Leighton, \$437,400; Ketcham & McQuade, \$465,407.

John Gill & Sons, the lowest bidder, had the original contract for the whole building, but were forced to abandon it because of war conditions.

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### Bill Tilden Tells Today How He Does It

The second of a series of ten articles written by W. T. Tilden, 2d, since he captured the American, British and world's championships, appears on the sports page of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER in this edition. The world's greatest racket exponent in this series will tell the whys and wherefores of a champion. He will inform the tennis fan how to play the game mechanically and mentally. Tilden says that in a game, the mind as well as the body and he will tell you why it is.

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### G. O. P. Victory in Maine Elates Party Leaders

Maine, looked upon as the "weather vane" in a presidential year, gave the Republicans a plurality of 65,000. Republican leaders are elated.

Cox today carried the Democratic presidential standard into eastern Oregon and Idaho.

Harding declared today that the nation must "stand behind" the Pacific states to relieve them of difficulties of Oriental immigration.