THE WEATHER
Generally fair weather and moderate temperature tonight and Wednesday; gentle variable winds.
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7-CENT FARE ORDERED BY SERVICE BODY

Free Transfers and 3-Cent Exchanges Will Start November 1

MITTEN LOSES FIGHT FOR 5-CENT TARIFF

Engineers to Start Rerouting Here at Once, Clement Says at Harrisburg

VICTORY FOR STOTESBURY

Financier's Scheme to Raise More Funds for P. R. T. Accepted by Commissioners

A seven-cent trolley fare in this city, effective November 1, with the sale of four tickets for twenty-five cents and the retention of transfers and three-cent exchanges was ordered today by the Public Service Commission at Harrisburg.

The order was made unanimously by the full commission after that action had been predicted a short time before by Commissioner Clement. The official order was promulgated by John Hopwood, secretary of the commission.

Shortly before the situation was complicated by W. D. B. Ainey, chairman of the commission, who professed astonishment over the report of the proposed seven-cent fare.

The chairman said he had seen no official report on the subject and that the commission had not acted in the matter. Any action, he stated, will be announced in an official order.

Mr. Ainey's statement gave rise to a belief that members of the commission are divided on the subject. A few minutes later, Mr. Clement stepped from an executive session and repeated his assertion that the even-cent fare would be approved.

In addition to a even-cent fare a forecast by Commiioner Clement the latter declared the sale of four tickets for twenty-five cents would be authorized and that existing free transfers and three-cent exchange tickt would be retained.

Rerouting is Planned

Mr. Clement stated that engineers of the Public Service Commission will be sent soon to this city to reroute some lines so that better trolley service will result.

The commission also will make recommendations for new equipment, he declared.

Commissioner Clement announced that the P. R. T. Co., in return for the temporary relief he says he will be granted, effective November 1, will be required to furnish monthly statements, showing the company's receipts and expenditures, together with traffic data.

If the forecast of Commissioner Clement is borne out the commission virtually will ignore the plea of Thomas E. Mitten, president of the P. R. T. Co. for a straight five-cent fare with no exchanges or free transfers.

Stotesbury Scores Victory

The seven-cent fare plan was favored by E. T. Stotesbury, former chairman of the company's board of directors who resigned when Mr. Mitten refused to accede to his views.

The transit company president repeatedly has professed his réliance on a basic five-cent fare and declared a large volume of short-ride business had been built on that figure.

Mr. Mitten has predicted that a basic fare higher than five cents would choke off much of that profitable business.

Rumors have been current that Mr. Mitten might step out from the P. R. T. presidency if his straight five-cent plea was ignored.

In this event, it was further rumored, would lead to a walkout of the 9000 trolleymen here.

The predicted action of the Public Service Commission comes as a climax to four months of agitation. Numerous public hearings were held here. The last meeting, for councilmen only, was held in the council chamber, City Hall, and resulted in the offer of several plans, including six and seven-cent fares and the sale of six tickets for twenty-five cents.

Court Hearing Resumed

While major interest centered in the commission's session at Harrisburg another important transit development was under way in the Superior Court, sitting in this city.

W. A. Magee, former public service commissioner and associate counsel for the United Business Men's Association, resumed his arguments against the contentions of the underlying companies of the P. R. T. Co.

The underlying companies have appealed to the Superior Court from an order of the Public Service Commission, which directed them to furnish data on the rentals paid by the P. R. T. Co.

Mr. Magee today argued that the underlying companies really are owners of the transit system here. He challenged their claims that the Public Service Commission has no jurisdiction over rentals which city officials and others have termed the crux of the entire transit situation.

Mr. Magee is to be followed by Berne H. Evans, counsel for the commission and by representatives of the city which has joined in the complaint against the underlying rentals.

Only Power to Fix Rates

When Mayor Moore heard of the decision, he said:

"The Public Service Commission was the only body with power to fix rates. It has exercised its authority as provided by law. It was manifest to

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MARION B. WETZEL
She has been reported as missing from her home, 212 West Glenwood avenue, since last Thursday

WOMAN, 85, FELLED WITH BOTTLE WHEN MEN HOLD UP SHOP

Daughter Holds Assailant While Shouts Bring Patrolman. Three Arrested

Three negroes were captured after they had knocked an aged woman unconscious and tried to rob the cigar store of Samuel Platt at 1846 Lombard street at 10 o'clock last night.

Mrs. Rebecca Rotmeskey, eighty-five years old, Platt's mother-in-law, was felled by a pop bottle when, with her daughter, she went to Platt's rescue.

The three men are Dan Galloway, Nineteenth and Lombard streets; Benjamin Denby, Folsom street near Seventeenth, and Thomas Ames, Rodman street near Twelfth.

They entered the cigar store at 10 o'clock and demanded Platt's money. He shouted for help, and his wife, Clara, and her mother came to his rescue from a rear room.

After the mother had been knocked down by a blow from the pop bottle, the daughter grasped Ames and held him. Patrolman Anderson, of the Twelfth and Pine streets station, heard her shouts for help and arrived in time to arrest all three men, who were held without bail today by Magistrate O'Brien.

Mrs. Rotmeskey was taken to the Polyclinic Hospital, where it is believed her skull is fractured.

FIVE HURT IN AUTO CRASH

Two Cars and Motorcycle Collide on Roosevelt Boulevard

Five men were taken to the Frankford Hospital following a collision between two automobiles and a motorcycle on the Roosevelt boulevard at Frankford creek at 1 o'clock this morning.

An automobile owned and driven by John J. Benzlemen, fifty years old, of 530 South Forty-fifth street, crashed head-on into an automobile owned by Albert Hendel, of 3321 A street.

Ernest Craven, whose address is not known, was driving the Hendel machine. Hendel and Samuel Calver, of 3326 North Hope street, were in the rear seat.

As both machines collided and overturned, a motorcycle, driven by Charles A. Rausch, of 2544 Diamond street, crashed into the wreckage.

All five of the men were taken to the hospital in a serious condition. Hendel is injured internally and Calver is believed to have a fractured spine.

CRUSHED UNDER ICE WAGON

Vehicle is Struck by Trolley at Fifteenth and Filbert Streets

James Roftus, of 1041 Spring Garden street, was crushed under his overturned ice wagon when it was struck by a southbound trolley car on Fifteenth street at Filbert, at 1:30 o'clock this morning.

He was taken to the Hahnemann Hospital. He is hurt internally and his right ankle is broken.

N. J. MAN HURT IN CRASH

Two Autos Collide Early Today at Ninth and Market Streets

Two automobiles collided at Ninth and Market streets at 2:45 o'clock this morning.

M. P. Waldron, of Stony Hill, N. J., driver of one of the machines, received cuts and bruises of the body, and was taken to Jefferson Hospital.

The occupants of the other machine, who escaped injury, were Fred Martin and Morris Tutner, of Green's Hotel; William Hallahan, of 5613 Pine street, and Abner Young, of 820 Walnut street.

GIRL KILLED BY TROLLEY

Head Cut Off in Accident at Sixth and Noble Streets

Fannie Goldstein, four years old, 523 Buttonwood street, was killed under the wheels of a trolley car last night. Her head was cut off and her body mangled beyond recognition.

The girl ran across Sixth and Noble streets in front of the car, according to the police. She was knocked down and then rolled under the car. It was necessary to jack up the car before the child's body could be extricated.

She was pronounced dead at the Hahnemann Hospital and taken to the morgue, where she was identified by her father, Max Goldstein, several hours later.

PARK SUICIDE UNIDENTIFIED

Body of Man About Fifty-five Years Old Found Near Entrance

A man found dead at the Fortieth street and Parkside avenue entrance to Fairmount Park yesterday with a wound in the mouth from a revolver which was found alongside the body has not been identified. He was about fifty-five years old.

Discovery of the body was made by Park Guard George Hargreaves. The wound had been inflicted with a .32-caliber revolver. The man was about fifty-five years old, five feet five inches tall, weighed 145 pounds, had a sallow complexion and brown hair. He wore a black derby hat, blue serge coat, brown trousers, white shirt and brown shoes. The body was taken to the Morgue.

SAW DEAD STUDENT AND WOMAN IN CAR, PHYSICIAN THINKS

Dr. Bartine, of Germantown, Says Driver of Auto Was Greatly Excited

HUGE BUNDLE IN TONNEAU MAY HAVE BEEN DREWES

Man at Wheel Could Hardly Speak Plainly Asking Way to Greene Street

A Germantown physician early Sunday night saw an automobile containing what he believes may have been the body of Elmer C. Drewes, of 5235 Pine street, the Haverford College senior who was found shot to death at dawn Sunday morning near Oak lane.

The physician is Dr. C. O. W. Bartine, of Hansberry street and Pulaski avenue. He related his experience to the police today.

It was past midnight Saturday when Dr. Bartine walked down Hansberry street and went up the porch steps of his house. He was putting his latch-key in the lock when he heard an automobile coming down the street.

The machine, a large and powerful car of the super-six type, swung up to the curb and stopped. The man at the wheel whistled to attract the doctor's attention, then addressed a question to him.

Man Greatly Excited

Dr. Bartine could not understand his questioner, and went down to the curb. The driver of the car repeated the question. The man was laboring under great excitement, Dr. Bartine told the police, and his words were scarcely intelligible. The physician finally made out that he asked whether he was headed in the right direction for Greene street. The car was pointed east, so Dr. Bartine told the driver he would have to turn around. This he di dand sped away.

In the tonneau of the car, Dr. Bartine says he saw a woman sitting. Beside her was what he described as a "huge bundle," which might have been the body of a man covered with an overcoat.

Dr. Bartine did not think to take down the car's license number. He got a good look at the driver, however, and described him as a man with a peaked face, about forty years old, and wearing a gray cap.

Dr. Bartine's experience is considered mo e significant because of the fact reported yesterday of a fight on Hansberrg street Saturday night at about the same time, in which a touring car, a running man who cried "Murder!" a shot and a trail of blood all figured. Dr. Bartine did not hear the shot reported yesterday by other residents.

A penciled note on a single sheet of paper found among his effects last night by William Belshaw, head of the detective bureau murder squad, is said to be the best clue the police have.

Belshaw refused to disclose the contents of the note, because, he said, it is very important in the case, and public knowledge of its contents might lessen its worth.

Major Samuel O. Wynne, chief of the county detectives, worked on the case virtually all night. He said he might be able to make an important announcement of what led to the death today.

Both he and Belshaw lean to the belief that the death was a deliberate murder. The fact that the wound was a clean one in a vital place and that the body was disposed of in a lonely section bears out the theory.

Accident, Parents Believe

Mr. and Mrs. Christian Drewes, parents of the twenty-three-year-old Elmer, believe the death was accidental, and the body was disposed of by friends who were afraid to face the authorities.

Drewes' body, with a revolver wound above the right eye, was found propped against a lamppost in a lonely lot on North Mascher road, near City Line, by Charles Chase, a lamplighter.

Drewes had left his home on Saturday afternoon, telling his parents he was going to Reading on a 9 o'clock train to buy an automobile and then would motor back to college at Hanover, N. H.

When he left college on Friday he told his roommate and chum, Howard L. Heath, of Trenton, that he was going to purchase an automobile to run as a jitney and as an accessory to the eating house he conducted at Hanover to help pay his way through college.

Mr. and Mrs. Drewes point to the fact that their son when found dead had about $900 in money, checks, Liberty bonds and jewelry as evidence that he was not murdered but was killed accidentally.

No "Ladies' Man"

They say there is no possibility of a woman being linked up in the case, one of the theories on which detectives have been working, because young Drewes was decidedly not a "ladies' man."

Young Heath, the roommate, is in Philadelphia with his mother, and detectives will question him further today to determine the habits of the slain student and his mode of living, hoping in this manner to link some one up with the crime.

Hearth's story told to the detectives yesterday corresponds to that the parents told of their son's activities. Young Drewes, he said, was a model student, whose whole time at college was taken up by studying and working as a stenographer and in his eating house to pay his way.

Miss E. Hanson, of Hanover, an aunt of the dead man, who helped him conduct his eating house, came to Philadelphia with Heath, and she, too, said her nephew was a young man of exemplary habits, who had neither the time nor the inclination to bother with women.

Detectives now are looking for Charles Schloss, of New York, a former chum of the dead man, who was visited by Drewes in Atlantic City last Saturday morning and who paid Drewes a $100 debt at that time.

Schloss, who recently inherited $100,000, has been stopping at the Hotel Alamac, Atlantic City, with two companions, H. Hammond and W. Monroe. He left Atlantic City yesterday with his companions in his big orange colored touring car, saying he was going home.

At his apartment at 540 West 112th street, New York, his roommate, Lewis Este, said today Schloss had not reached home yet. A detective from here is

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ELMER C. DREWES
A recent photograph of the Dartmouth College student who was found murdered at Mascher street and City Line. Drewes's home was 5235 Pine street, this city

TAXICAB DRIVER ROBBED BY FARES

Three Women and Two Men Beat Chauffeur and Escape With Automobile

HOTEL GUEST IS SOUGHT

Harry Ward, a taxi driver, was beaten, robbed of an automobile owned by the American Taxicab Co. and left unconscious in a ditch on the road between Frazier and West Chester at 1 o'clock this morning.

Two men and three women, who posed as fares, sped away in the stolen machine and are believed to be heading for Akron, O.

Ward regained consciousness and was able to crawl to a farmhouse, where he gave the alarm. He was taken to the West Chester Hospital, where his injuries are not believed to be serious.

The taxi driver, who is thirty-five years old and lives at 3236 Sansom street, received a call to a hotel on Broad street at Spruce at 9 o'clock last night.

A man believed to be a music publisher of Akron, O., engaged Ward to drive him and two women to Coatesville, Pa. Ward says the man and women told him her mother was dying in Coatesville and urged him to make all possible speed.

Covered by Revolver

Ward had an eight-cylinder touring car. When he reached Coatesville with his fares they showed him every consideration, buying him food and offering to buy gasoline for the return trip to Philadelphia.

They were joined at Coatesville by a third woman and a man. Ward was told that the "dying mother" had been taken to Philadelphia.

On the return trip to this city Ward was again urged to make speed. When he had reached a lonely spot on the pike between West Chester and Frazier he felt something cold being pressed against his neck.

Turning partially, he saw that he was covered by a revolver. At the same time he was struck from behind by a blackjack. He crumpled and fell to the bottom of the automobile, while one of the men took the wheel and brought the car to a stop.

Threw Him Into Ditch

Without disturbing money which was in Ward's pockets, the robbers threw him in a ditch, wheeled the automobile around and headed west.

When Ward did not report to the offices of the American Taxicab Co. at 1411 Locust street at midnight, his employers became alarmed and sought the aid of the police.

A citywide search was being conducted for the missing chauffeur when word came from West Chester that he had been admitted to the hospital there. At first hospital attaches believed Ward's skull was fractured. He was much improved today, and was able to give the police a minute description of the two men and three women.

The police got the name of the man who hired the automobile by means of papers found in his room at the Broad street hotel. They believe they will overtake the taxi before it reaches Akron.

Boy Struck by Auto

Albert Mueller, six years old, 1527 Cabot street, was cut on the head when struck by an automobile at Broad street and Girard avenue last night. He was treated at St. Joseph's Hospital.

"WEST WIND DRIFT"

What if you suddenly found yourself in the social circle of well-known millionaires—face to face with famous men of finance—their wives and a beautiful debutante daughter you had secretly admired in the Sunday supplements?

Then the Tables Were Suddenly Turned

and they had to live the life you were brought up to. What do you think would happen next?

Let George Barr McCutcheon tell you. His story of love and adventure begins in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER on Saturday next.

"WEST WIND DRIFT"

SCANDAL-MONGERS IN BOTH PARTIES ACTIVE IN OHIO

Headquarters of Both Republicans and Democrats Flooded With Campaign Filth

DESPICABLE METHODS USED TO CARRY STATE

Blame Small-Caliber Politicians for Disgraceful Tactics Employed

By CLINTON W. GILBERT
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Chicago, Oct. 19.—The publication of veiled hints at a story reflecting upon Senator Harding caused indignation in Republican headquarters here today. This scandal has been whispered in Democratic circles for a long time, but like the gossip about President Wilson in the 1912 campaign, which has since become fairly well known, it has not found its way into print. And it is not likely to for the reason that its publication would react unfavorably upon those responsible for causing it to be published.

Now that some hints at scandals are becoming known, it is perhaps time to say that in Ohio this is the dirtiest campaign under the surface that has ever been conducted. The writer has made several visits to Columbus, the headquarters of both parties in Ohio, and each time the volume of filth there has increased until now any correspondent arriving from outside is buttonholed by petty politicians in both camps who complain bitterly about the infamous stories the other side is circulating and then retail the scandals with which they are prepared to meet the scandals of the enemy.

Each side denies responsibility for spreading the filth. But each side, after accusing the other, whispers its own infamous stories about the rival candidates. It is only fair to acquit the national managers of both parties of any responsibility for this sort of politics. So far as one can learn it is only the Ohio politicians who spread the nasty stories and it is impossible to say that they have ever been officially spread. They have probably only been whispered by subordinates in both camps, but the whispering has been industrious. And both sides are alleged to have safes full of so-called evidence.

Three Major Slanders

Early in the summer, when the politicians got home from the national conventions, there was only one such story against each candidate, but now one has to be in Columbus only a few hours to hear in intimate detail three major slanders against each candidate. The gravest of these charges are preposterous on their face. The publication of them could only damage the party responsible for it.

This scandal-mongering has gone on until it involves not only the national candidates, but even the men who are running for state offices in Ohio have not escaped. You can see without half trying alleged affidavits which profess to show that more than one of Ohio's state candidates is not a fit man to associate with.

The orgie of scandal started at the San Francisco national convention with the stories told there about the divorces of various leading Democratic candidates. Since then each side apparently has been trying to get something on the other side. There has been a great prying into family records in Ohio and a great collection of gossip. The scandal-mongers have not been content with what the candidates themselves may have done. They have gone back into the family history of both candidates. They have spared no member of either family for a couple of generations. Women as well as men have been involved in this disgraceful campaign of whispers.

Say Women Spread Gossip

It is impossible to say how much the fact that women are voters in this election has influenced this attack upon the private lives and family histories of Ohio's candidates. The woman electorate was responsible for the lively attention paid to divorces in the San Francisco convention, it being felt that a candidate who had been divorced would be less likely to be elected with women voting.

The favorite story in Columbus is that women go about, ostensibly on their own account, but really representing one state committee or the other, calling on women voters at their homes and telling them stories about the private life and family history of one national candidate or the other which are likely to prejudice women voters.

The last national campaign in which an attack was made upon the private life of a candidate was the Cleveland campaign of 1884, when the story of Cleveland's relations with Maria Halpin was made public in an attempt to defeat the Democratic candidate. The publication of this story reacted against the Republican party and Cleveland was elected President. The Democrats in that campaign used effectively a letter about Alexander Hamilton, in which he replied to attempts of his political enemies to destroy him by revealing some scandal in his private life.

Since then, both political parties have been exceedingly wary of Maria Halpin stories. The proposal to lend countenance to the gossip about Wilson in 1912 was vetoed.

"CRANK'S" HEARING PUT OFF

Confessed Kidnapper of Coughlin Baby May Be Arraigned Tomorrow

Augusto Pasquale, "The Crank," confessed kidnapper and slayer of Blakely Coughlin, will not be arraigned today for a hearing at Norristown, as was planned.

It is probable that he will be arraigned tomorrow at the Montgomery county jail in Norristown.

Magistrate O. F. Lenhardt yesterday said he thought Pasquale's hearing should be held in his office. District Attorney Renninger, fearing "The Crank" might be lynched, believes the hearing should be held in the county jail. The dissension is believed to have caused the delay in the proceedings.

Eatmor Cranberries are not only good themselves, but they make other foods taste good.—Adv.

FRANCE AUTHORIZED NO PERSON TO SEE HARDING

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—Assurances have been given the state department by Count Debearn, French charge here that the French government has not given authority to anyone to approach Senator Harding with suggestions that the Republican presidential nominee take the lead in forming a new world association.

BELGIUM AND BRAZIL SIGN TRADE AGREEMENT

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 19.—Belgium and Brazil have signed a commercial and financial agreement as a sequel of the visit of Albert, King of the Belgians, to Brazil, says a Brussels dispatch to the Handelsblad.

BANK MESSENGER ROBBED OF $20,000

CHICAGO, Oct. 19.—Three bandits held up a messenger for the State Commercial and Savings Bank of Chicago on a busy street corner today, snatched a grip containing $20,000, and escaped in an automobile.

LOVE LETTER CLUE IN JERSEY MURDER

Detectives Watch Woman and Seek Politician's Son in Baffling Paul Mystery

JEALOUSY THOUGHT MOTIVE

An unsigned and undated love letter found on the body of David S. Paul, murdered bank runner of Camden, may be the key to one of the most baffling crimes New Jersey ever had.

Paul is to be buried this afternoon from an undertaking establishment in Mount Holly, N. J. His body was found last Friday, ten days after he disappeared. It was in a shallow grave in a pine woods near Tabernacle, N. J.

Detectives today began traveling over two avenues of investigation—one concerned with a "western woman" who met the dapper fifty-nine-year-old bank messenger two weeks before his disappearance.

The son of a Camden politician also is an object of the detectives' curiosity. They are now trying to locate him. They believe he may be able to clear up the mystery of Paul's whereabouts from the time he disappeared with $40,000 in cash and the day his body was found.

Jealousy May Be Motive

There is a growing belief that jealousy was the mainspring of the crime, with robbery as an afterthought. The fact that when the body of Paul was found the left arm was bandaged between the wrist and elbow, apparently trivial in itself, inclines detectives to that theory.

Two weeks before Paul dropped from sight with a satchel containing $40,000 in cash and $30,000 in checks he met a woman at the Mount Holly fair. It has been learned the woman appeared infatuated with him and that he made an engagement with her.

Subsequently Paul failed to keep the appointment, going instead to Atlantic City with a friend and two women. He told his Mt. Holly acquaintance later, it is said, that he had been hurt in a motorcar accident. He indicated his bandaged arm as proof.

The "western woman" is now under surveillance, with three other women in the background, who are said to have entered Paul's life at various times.

Was Kept Prisoner

An amazing feature of the mystery is that Paul apparently was kept a prisoner either in this city or in New Jersey for nearly ten days before he was slain. This apparent face gives color to the theory that he had been lured somewhere by a woman and that a fight due to jealousy, or a robbery plot, ended in his murder.

The unsigned letter, according to County Detective Parker, contained two pages of "mush" to use the detective's term. It was plainly in a woman's handwriting and was replete with endearments.

A theory that Paul had planned to abscond with funds entrusted to him as a bank messenger is somewhat weakened, detectives feel, by the fact that he frequently carried far larger sums than that in his possession October 5.

The funds in cash and checks that he carried from the Broadway Trust Co., Camden, occasionally totaled from $125,000 to $200,000. Detectives believe that if he had planned to run away with a woman he would have gone when the cash he had greatly exceeded the $40,000 he was carrying to the Girard Trust Co. in this city.

Frequented Bungalows

As the authorities delved back into Paul's life, they say they found he was a frequenter of the bungalow colony at Clementon, N. J., and that he often was a central figure at gay parties. It was there, they say, that he met the Camden politician's son who is now being sought.

While the yellow motorcar clue has been exploded, residents near Tabernacle, N. J., say they heard another motorcar near where the body was found. This second machine, which may be the "death car," was heard Friday night.

STATE TROOPERS ARRESTED

Corporal and Private Accused of Extortion and Aiding Liquor Runners

Altoona, Pa., Oct. 19.—(By A. P.)—Corporal Robert A. Schell and Private Daniel J. Tolan, of the state police, were held for court in $1000 bail on the charge of extortion by Magistrate Lewis, of Hollidaysburg, last night. Harry Wolfberg and George Otto, Altoona taxicab owners, were held in the same amount to answer the charge of conspiracy and bribery. Wolfberg testified that $450 had been placed under the bedclothes in the room where the state police slept for the release of a truckload of whisky seized by the police at Cresson, September 1.

Schell and Corporal Ira C. Stevenson also were held for United States court by United States Commissioner Stoner for abetting liquor running.

WOLF ON PRISON BOARD

Edwin Wolf, former president of the Board of Education of Philadelphia, was today appointed a member of the board of inspectors of the Eastern Penitentiary to succeed Charles Carver, resigned.

MAYOR NO PARTY TO HARMONY DEAL

Says He Cannot Take Part in Any Compromise With Administration's Enemies

DENIES IT IS PENROSE WISH

Any hope that the rumored political harmony plan which Senator Penrose was said to have evolved after his many conferences in Atlantic City would find Mayor Moore willing to yield some of his pet animosities for the sake of getting the various Republican factions together was dispelled this morning by a statement from the Mayor himself.

"There is no deal concerning county offices to which the Mayor is a party," he said emphatically. "The Mayor does not believe that Senator Penrose has entered any compromise with the contractor forces or those who have been opposing the administration.

"The Mayor is attending to the business of administering the affairs of the city and he does not intend to enter into deals with those who are not favorable to decent government."

Conferences Are Held

In spite of this statement from the chief executive, however, there were many indications about City Hall today that the idea of Senator Penrose is already bearing fruit. Numerous unofficial conferences were held with no formal announcement and, in several of them, there were men who sat and talked calmly and in a conciliatory spirit to each other who had not met peacefully for a number of years.

The general impression in political circles seemed to be that the senator allowed his views to be circulated as a feeler. It is believed he is sincere in his desire for Republican harmony, but there were many today who pointed out the fact that such harmony would be necessary, not for the good of the city, but to enable the Senator to carry out his wish to roll up a record breaking vote here in the presidential election. This, it was pointed out, would rebound to his credit in the larger arena of national politics in which his interests chieby lie.

Senator at His Home

The senator spent the day at his home, 1331 Spruce street, attending to his personal affairs. While his health is greatly improved, he did not chance the long and wearying conferences that would have resulted had he gone to his office in the Commercial Trust Building.

Two or three prominent state leaders are expected to call on him late this afternoon or evening, among whom will be Senator William E. Crow, chairman of the Republican state committee.

GEM THEFT IN GERMANTOWN

$1500 in Jewelry Taken From Kolb Home, Gowen Avenue

Another jewelry robbery has been reported, this time in Germantown. More than $1500 worth of watches, rings, brooches and other small jewels were taken from the home of the Misses Sarah and Emma Kolb, 405 Gowen avenue.

The sisters went to the shore last Thursday to spend the week-end. Returning yesterday to their home they found it had been methodically and ruthlessly ransacked. A pane of glass in the rear door had been broken by the intruder or intruders, and the latch lifted. Dressers, closets, wardrobes throughout the house had been hunted through. No clothing was reported missing, only jewelry.

The robbery was reported to the Germantown police station and Detective MacFarland was placed on the case.

WOMAN HURT IN CRASH

Trolley Car Leaves Tracks and Bumps Into House

Mrs. Mary Lawley, sixty years old, of 2803 Brown street, was injured today and a cellar window in the home of Mrs. ester McCauley, H 2338 Jefferson stret, was broken when a trolley jumped the track and bumped into Mrs. McCausley's house.

The trolley was on Route 57, going east on Jefferson street. It left the track between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets. Only a few passengers were aboard and Mrs. Lawley was the only one injured. She was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital for X-ray examination.

BABY BOY MURDERED

Soldier Father of Lad Held Pending Further Investigation

Coburg, Ont., Oct. 19.—(By A. P.)—George Hines, two years old, whose body was found yesterday in the woods near here, was murdered, according to the verdict of the coroner's jury announced last night.

Albert Hines, a shell-shocked Canadian soldier and father of the boy, is in the Coburg jail on a charge of attempted suicide, pending a further investigation into the death of the child.

Hines returned from Niagara Falls a month ago saying he had suffered a lapse of memory and did not know where he left his son.

HARDING CORRECTS WILSON IN ANSWER TO LEAGUE QUERY

Informs President That French Did Not Approach Him Officially

TERM "PRIVATE CITIZEN" DRAWS POLITE REBUKE

No International Proprieties Were Violated, Senator Retorts Promptly

Marion, O., Oct. 19.—Replying to an inquiry from President Wilson, Senator Harding wrote the White House last night that although France had sent her "spokesman" to him informally asking America to lead the way for an association of nations, the incident had not involved the French Government in any violation of international proprieties.

The senator declared that in his reference to the subject in a speech at Green Castle, Ind., recently he only had sought to convey the thought that there had come to him "those who spoke a sentiment which they represented to be very manifest among the French people."

He added that his words "could not be construed to say that the French Government has sent anybody to me."

Referring to Mr. Wilson's suggestion of impropriety in a foreign nation approaching "a private citizen" on such a subject, Senator Harding pointed out that he is a member of the foreign relations committee as well as a nominee for the presidency and suggested that "an informal expression to me is rather more than that to a private citizen."

Text of Harding Reply

The text of Senator Harding's letter to the President is as follows:

"Dear Mr. President:

"I have before me a press copy of your letter to me of this date, though I am not in receipt of the original copy. I am glad to make a prompt reply.

"It is very gratifying that you hesitate to draw inferences without my assurance that I am correctly quoted. The quotation as reported in your letter is not exact. The notes of the stenographer reporting my remarks quote me as saying, 'France has sent her spokesmen to me informally, asking America in its new realization of the situation to lead the way for an association of nations.'

"I am sure that my words could not be construed to say that the French Government has sent anybody to me. The thought I was trying to convey was that there had come to me those who spoke a sentiment which they represented to be very manifest among the French people, but nothing could suggest the French Government having violated the proprieties of international relations. Official France would never seek to go over your high office as our chief executive to appeal to the American people or any portion thereof.

More Than Private Citizen

"I can see no impropriety in private citizens of France, or in Americans deeply friendly to France, expressing to me their understanding of sentiment in that friendly republic.

"It is not important enough to discuss, perhaps, but I very respectfully urge that an informal expression to me is rather more than that to a private citizen. I hold a place as a member of the foreign relations committee of the United States Senate, which is charged with certain constitutional authority in dealing with foreign relations, and I am necessarily conscious that I am the nominee of the Republican party fofr President of our republic.

"In the combination of these two positions it ought not be unseemly that some very devoted friends of a new and better relationship among nations, no matter whence they come, should wish to advise me relating to aspirations to co-operate with our own republic in attaining that high purpose. Let me assure you again of the observance of all the proprieties and again assert that the French Government has maintained that great respect for your position to which I myself subscribe.

"With great respect, I am,

"Very truly,

"WARREN G. HARDING."

Inquires of France

The President's letter had not purported to use the exact words of the Green Castle speech, but had repeated a paraphrase in which "a representative" was used in place of the plural "her spokesmen" the singular had been used in the transcript of the official stenographer as made public on the senator's train in Indiana, the copy given to newspaper correspondents reading, "France has sent her spokesman to me."

President Wilson took steps yesterday to ascertain whether the French Government had given authority to "a representative of France" to approach Senator Harding "informally" with the request that the Republican presidential nominee take the lead in the formation of an association of nations.

At the same time the White House made public the text of the letter addressed to Senator Harding by President Wilson inquiring as to the correstness of a statement attributed to the senator in a dispatch dated St. Louis, October 16, in which the candidate was quoted as having said he had been so approached.

"I need not point out to you," the President wrote, "the grave and extraordinary inferences to be drawn from such a statement, namely, that the government of France, which is a member of the League of Nations, approached a private citizen of a nation which is not a member of the league with a request 'that the United States lead the way to a world fraternity.'"

Secretary Tumulty said that no reply had been received by the White House either from Senator Harding or the French Government up to a late hour.

DARBY HOME IS ROBBED

Thieves Believed Same Who Escaped Posse at Lansdowne

Thieves who robbed the home of W. S. Wellman, in Upper Darby, yesterday morning, are believed to have been the same men who were pursued by a posse in Lansdowne, Saturday night, following the robbery of four homes.

The thieves, who operated in an automobile, obtained a small amount of cash in the Upper Darby robbery.