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STATE COAL PROBERS GET CHANCE TO SHOW "SOAKING" OF PUBLIC

McCain Says Mountain of Material Awaits Legislative Investigators

FAIR-PRICE INQUIRY REVEALED AS FARCE
Consumers Find That Promised Reduction of Cost Is Evascent

AN INTERMYER IS NEEDED
Profiteering Not Velvet, but Real Hand-Woven Cloth of Gold

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN
Washington, Jan. 8.—The proposed investigation of the anthracite coal situation by the Pennsylvania Legislature will have a mountain of material from which to sift facts.

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Fair-Price Committee
Co-operate is a fine, flexible word. It sounds big, but it looks pretty small under the microscope of fact.

It was a very imposing array of executive ability and commercial acumen; the brightest men in the trade.

ALCOHOLIC CASES INCREASE
Statistics From New York Hospitals Show City Far From Arid

COLDER WEATHER ON WAY
Forecasters Expect Drop to 26 by Evening

Latest Weather Freaks
Here, There and Yonder

HIS HONOR IN FLORIDA



"Welcome," said E. G. Sewell, president of the Chamber of Commerce, to Mayor Moore upon his arrival at Miami, Florida. This is the first photograph to reach the city showing the Mayor on his holiday trip.

WOMAN VANISHES; BLAME 'DRUG RING'
Police Call Dealers Responsible When Smoker Fails to Appear for Hearing

When Nellie Gallagher, who barely escaped death by opium smoking, December 27, failed to appear for her hearing today, police officials said they were reasonably certain her absence was compelled by the "drug ring."

WOMEN AS JURORS
Taulane and Scott Say They Show Keen Judgment in Verdicts

Women are an emphatic success as jurors thus far, according to trial lawyers who are familiar figures in Philadelphia's courts.

Much Depends on Color of Women
Mr. Taulane believes women jurors will be a continuing success.

GROCER PLAYS DETECTIVE
Sprinkling of Flour Around Icebox Leads to Capture of Alleged Thief

REAL WEATHER PROMISED
Generally Fair With Normal Temperature Next Week, Is Forecast

NEED FOR MAYOR IN PLAIN TO MODIFY CIVIL SERVICE LAW

One of Three Commissioners Would Give Moore Administration Greater Power

HOLDS SPECIFIC CHARGE NOT NEEDED TO OUST MEN
Charles W. Neeld, a member of the Civil Service Commission, is ready to appear before a committee of the state Legislature and urge liberalization of the civil service provisions in accordance with plans of Mayor Moore.

Commission Disagree
Mr. Neeld believes that this charge should be enough without the supporting "inefficient" label which the Mayor's commissioners, Clinton Rogers Woodruff and Lewis H. Van Dusen, appear inclined to insist upon as a matter of office routine.

Must Not Make Public Any Account of Their Flight to Newspapermen, He Orders

LIERS LOOKED FOR TODAY
By the Associated Press
Washington, Jan. 8.—Orders of the Navy Department to the three navy airmen now making their way back from the Canadian wilds to make public any account of their flight from Rockaway Station and subsequent experiences until their official report has been submitted will stand, Secretary Daniels said today, despite the appeals from newspapers and magazines which have reached him.

Want Mayor to Appear
At this hearing it is proposed that representatives of the city administration, headed by the Mayor, and also of the commission, appear and state their views for the benefit of the Legislature.

15 SUICIDES DAILY IN BUDAPEST FROM HUNGER
BUDAPEST, Jan. 8.—Cold and hunger are causing an average of fifteen suicides daily in this city, according to an official statement by the Budapest police yesterday.

SPANISH ARREST BOMB OUTRAGE SUSPECTS
MADRID, Jan. 8.—By A. P.—The police of Tortosa have arrested three syndicalists who were discovered making dynamite bombs in the vicinity of the River Ebro.

WEGLEIN TO SEE PENROSE
Mayor's Opponents to Confer With Senator on Phila. Political Row

ALIEN SHOT IN STREET
Mysterious Murder Committed in Sharon by 3 Men, Who Escape

Another West Philadelphia Winner

They seem to write 'em just naturally over there beyond the Schuylkill. Here's another one who gets

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS
for only a few words to complete a limpin' limerick. The way these prizes jump around shows that everybody has a chance.

Here's the limerick, completed, which wins the century today:
No. 18
Now we come to the year Twenty-One
With coal fifteen dollars a ton;
With the weather much colder
And the coal barons bolder,
Be grate-ful if you haven't bin done.

IF YOU'RE STILL OUT, YOU OUGHT TO GET IN TODAY.
See the Limpin' Limerick—Page 2

BOY DRAVES BULLET TO PROTECT SISTER FROM 'KIDNAPPERS'



Mrs. Gertrude E. Horne, 603 N. 32d street.

Battles With Puny Might as Armed Men Raid Home Opposite Moyamensing Prison

BANDIT GANGS BIND AND ROB; FOUR SUSPECTS HELD
Michael Angelini, fourteen years old, braved the guns of six bandits who had held up his home at supper time last evening, risked a bullet to dodge out of the room, jumped a fence and gave the alarm to the Moyamensing Prison across the street.

Thought Bandits Kidnappers
"It was not money, it was Antoinette, my baby sister, they came for, I am sure," said Michael, surrounded by Lena, ten; Joe, seven; Antoinette, five, and his mother and father, he recited the incidents.

Wanted to Save Sister
"We all kept pretty still, but when one man reached for Antoinette, and put his hand over her mouth and held her tight, I just couldn't stand it."

Boy Gave Alarm
Michael was retired about telling of his own bravery, but finally said: "After the man shoved me against the wall I slid along to the kitchen door, and with my hand back of me, like this," and Michael illustrated it, and raised the latch very quietly.

DOG HOLDS TO THIEF'S COAT
But Garment Tears and He Escapes, Leaving Cloth Reminder

Prisoner Says They're "No Good." Asks to Be Sent to Prison
"I served six months in one reformatory for larceny; seventeen months in another for larceny, and six months in a third for cutting a boy's coat."

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SENATOR PLEADS FOR CONSUMERS

Thomas Declares Result of All Appeals Is to Stick Buyers

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