

THE WEATHER Generally cloudy tonight and Wednesday with lowest temperature about 35 degrees; variable winds; moderate to heavy showers at each hour.

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STATE OFFICIALS PUT TAG DELAYS ON LAST-HOUR RUSH

Say Autoists Swamped Bureau With Applications Sent in Too Late

WOMAN BROKER TO KEEP UP "24-HOUR SERVICE"

Lewis S. Sadler, state highway commissioner, and Benjamin E. Brown, registrar of motor vehicles at Harrisburg, today sought to place the blame for delay in issuance of motor licenses for 1921 on the motorists themselves.

Gets O. K. From Mills

Mrs. Fry conferred with Superintendent of Police Mills and that official admitted that the service she gives motorists is a legitimate one, and said she would not interfere with her so long as she does not impede the business of the motor vehicle bureau in its issuance of licenses.

Commissioner Sadler said today that the motorists themselves were to blame for the delay, because they had waited until the last minute to make application for licenses.

How Tags Are Issued

"There are two separate organizations in my office handling applications for licenses, hence the long delay in receiving applications. The other is the 'counter,' where tags are given to those who apply in person. Everybody in Harrisburg and for miles around is using his tag 'over the counter,' because it saves time. It is the rule to give preference to applicants for a single license and for those who want many licenses for clients.

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"Last summer Mrs. Fry tried to arrange special handling applications for licenses. She asked if she could not pay the clerks extra for handling them. We told her this would be against the law.

"The real trouble is the delay in getting applications started. This is up to the motorists themselves. Up to January 31 we had no number at all. Last year there were 531,000 licenses issued in Pennsylvania. This year, until December 31, we had received only 31,000 applications, or about one-third the number needed.

Rush Started Late

"Then came the big rush. On Monday, January 31, we had no number at all for business in the new year. We had 75,000 motor applications. We have been trying to catch up ever since. We have had 20,000 a day, but when they all come in at the last moment obviously it is impossible to get them all out in a few days.

"We cannot limit the number of tags issued to one person, because of a ruling of the attorney general. Licenses must be issued to all bona fide applicants, whether they apply for one tag or many."

Mr. Eynon said he did not believe the establishment of a branch office in Philadelphia would relieve the situation materially.

The same thing would happen there, he said. "Every one would wait until the last day to receive their tags. I have had 250,000 applications to handle."

Fry will be unable to operate her own business because she will have to give up her license tags. She called Superintendent Mills on the telephone last night and said that her tag had been made in the wrong name and she wanted to know if she could use her 1920 tag until the mistake was corrected. The superintendent told her she could not.

SHOT ACCIDENTALLY BY SON

Mother a Victim of Christmas Gift Rifle

James Devlin, twelve years old, of Darlington Place, Philadelphia, today shot his mother, Mrs. Mary Devlin, in the neck with a .32 caliber rifle which he had just received as a Christmas gift.

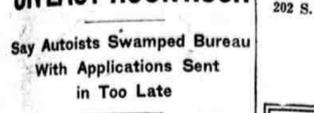
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Wins Prizes as He Loads Coffee

THOS. F. FROST, 202 S. Front St.



His Limerick, No. 20

Jim married a girl up-to-date; She could dance, motor, swim, aviate; But I dined there one day And I'm sorry to say, Athletics won't Phila. man's plate.

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CHARGES DRUG RING TRAPS MILL GIRLS

Prisoner Tells Court Traffickers Play Nefarious Trade in Kensington

SAYS POLICE ARE SUPINE

"The police have made many arrests downtown, but they are letting technical traffickers in drugs prey on young men and women in the Kensington mill district."

Tells of His Downfall

Through the wife the police were able to arrest the alleged leader of a "dope ring" and three other alleged traffickers.

Given Nine Months

When Jackson was placed on trial he pleaded for another chance. "No," said Judge McCullen, "a man in your condition needs medical attention. I am going to send you to the House of Correction for nine months. There you will receive first class treatment and hard work when you are able to do it. That is what a drug addict needs, proper medical attention and plenty of hard work."

Made a Large Fortune Here

Mr. MacAfee had other extensive banking and industrial connections abroad, his friends here say. He had made a fortune in America before transferring his interests abroad. When he left this country to go into business in England he sold a fine home in Kensington.

Jersey's Lady Legislator Rides in Triumph to Trenton

Mrs. Van Ness, of East Orange, Arrives at Capital Attended by Her Three Fair Daughters, Who Are Mighty Proud of Her

ASKS U. S. TO AID RUSSIANS

Granddaughter of Gen. U. S. Grant Appeals for Help for Refugees

Atlantic City, Jan. 11.—(By A. P.)—Princess Julia Cantacuzene, granddaughter of General Grant, today asked the United States to aid Russian refugees fleeing from the Soviets in southern Russia, before the national conference of state directors of the Near East Relief here.

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DANIELS SUGGESTS WORLD DISARMING OR GREATEST NAVY

Tells House Committee Harding Should Call Conference of All Nations

DAVIS SAYS COVENANT SIGNERS FAVOR REDUCTION

By the Associated Press

Washington, Jan. 11.—Views of officials of the State, War and Navy Departments as to world disarmament were sought today by the House naval affairs committee. Chairman Butler only recently held a conference on the subject with President-elect Harding at Marlon.

Unbeatable Navy, Only Alternative

Secretary Daniels told the committee that if President-elect Harding sought his advice he would urge him to call such a conference on March 5. Unless that conference produced a permanent disarmament agreement by all nations, Mr. Daniels said, the United States should continue to build a navy second to none.

Former Philadelphia Banker Fails to Recover From Effects of Operation

John Blair MacAfee, formerly of Philadelphia, but lately a banker in London, died in a hospital there today following an operation for stomach trouble.

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2 SHIPS FROM HERE AFIRE

Dregorios and Andatidolos Arrive at Constantinople

Two Greek steamships, both of which sailed from this port early in November, arrived two days ago at Constantinople, with fire raging in their holds. Both were loaded with soft coal. Advances concerning the arrival of the ships and telling of the fires were received at the Maritime Exchange.

ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO ASSOCIATION OF NATIONS FOR PEACE

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Mr. Sharp spoke of Mr. Harding's idea of embracing the most useful and important features of the present league and following its general principles. Mr. Sharp specifically spoke of Mr. Harding as planning a "council of international arbitration, an association of nations and a useful means of peace."

This makes it plain that the President-elect intends a formal organization of the peoples of the world and that he does not accept Senator Knox's suggestion of a council of nations, or a common policy by the governments of the earth would constitute an association of nations within the meaning of the campaign slogan. Mr. Sharp's words "an association of nations" imply that Mr. Harding has in mind an organization somewhat similar in form to the present league composed of two bodies, one for the present assembly to be made up of all the nations and the other for purposes of counsel less unwieldy in size on the lines of the present council of the league.

BABY FOUND SUFFOCATED WITH SLEEPING CHILDREN

Father, Going for Good-By Kiss, Discovers Tragedy

Eleven-month-old Alice Bright, of 2940 North Second street, was suffocated to death early this morning while sleeping with her two little brothers.

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Descendant of Mary, Queen of Scots, Dies Here

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COURT AND USEFUL MEANS OF COUNSEL CALLED FOR

By CLINTON W. GILBERT

Marion, Jan. 11.—In spite of opposition of the irreconcilable and probably most of the Republican members of the Senate, President-elect Harding is persisting in his plan to bring about an association of nations to take the place of the League of Nations. This was made clear by ex-Ambassador Sharp's statement to the press here after his conference yesterday with Mr. Harding.

CAPITAL CANCELS INAUGURAL PLANS

Wishes of President-Elect Harding Met by Committee in Charge

By CLINTON W. GILBERT

Marion, Jan. 11.—President-elect Harding's cancelling all the elaborate inauguration plans came as a surprise here. No indication of his intention became public in advance of the telegrams to Senator Knox and Edward B. McLean.

CEREMONIES TO BE SIMPLE

But it is difficult for a President to consult his own inclinations. The celebration of inauguration day is an established festivity. The people, or a good many of them, want a show. The city of Washington looks forward to it as the one thing that makes it worth while to be a capital. To cancel the celebration plans was to disappoint many and to anger Washington where the administration merely took an administrative hard for the President-elect, since the chairman of the inauguration committee, Mr. McLean, was a warm friend and to put a stop to the festivities was to disappoint his work and end an opportunity upon which he had set his heart.

Has Not Changed Mind

The telegrams to Mr. Knox and Mr. McLean undoubtedly cost Mr. Harding much distress. The earlier work would have been to go through with the inauguration plans in spite of their cost and in spite of criticism.

Hard Task for Harding

It is felt here that the abandonment of the festivities will be popular. The criticism of the inauguration, which Senator Borah started, evoked a wide response in the country. Borah alleged that the planned inauguration would cost \$1,000,000 out of the treasury of the United States.

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Must Wait Till March 4

No further conferences here or later in the South are going to change the situation. Mr. Harding's best line of work under difficulties. He cannot take up his proposals with the greater European powers. He is deterred from doing so by the fact that it is still a private citizen. After entering office he can find out just how far nations like Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan are willing to accept his proposals in the League of Nations in conformity with his ideas of what an association of nations should be or in associating the present League of Nations with an association of a different scope.