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Cloudy and unsettled tonight and Wednesday with probably some light rain; rising temperature Wednesday.

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WHEELER BLAMES LACK OF FUNDS FOR SCHOOL TROUBLES

Acting Superintendent, in Annual Report, Says Taxes Are Too Small

BOARD TRIES TO PICK HEAD; BROOME LEADS 3 OTHERS

School Chief Candidates in Order of Their Chances

- 1. Dr. Edwin C. Broome, superintendent of schools in East Orange, N. J.
2. Dr. Milo B. Hilligan, trustee of the Teachers' College, Columbia University.
3. Dr. Fred Gowling, principal of the Philadelphia High School for Girls.
4. Dr. George Wheeler, acting superintendent of schools in this city.

Inadequate financial provision through taxation and state appropriation is described as the main cause why the school system of Philadelphia is not functioning in the well-ordered and effective way that it should, in the annual report of George Wheeler, acting superintendent of schools, which was presented to the Board of Education to-day.

For physical condition of many of the school buildings, with small classrooms, prevents the proper distribution of teachers in the various classes, as the report, causing overcrowded classes in some cases and waste of teachers in others, owing to the fact that the classrooms will accommodate so few pupils.

The growing increase in demand for higher education, and the enormous increase in expenditure which it involves, is noted.

Summation of schools and all the year-round schools are urged both to fill the needs of many pupils and as an economic measure.

Dr. Wheeler's report was submitted to members of the Board of Education who are assembling for another attempt to elect a permanent superintendent of schools.

The leading candidate appears to be Dr. Edwin C. Broome, superintendent of schools at East Orange, N. J.

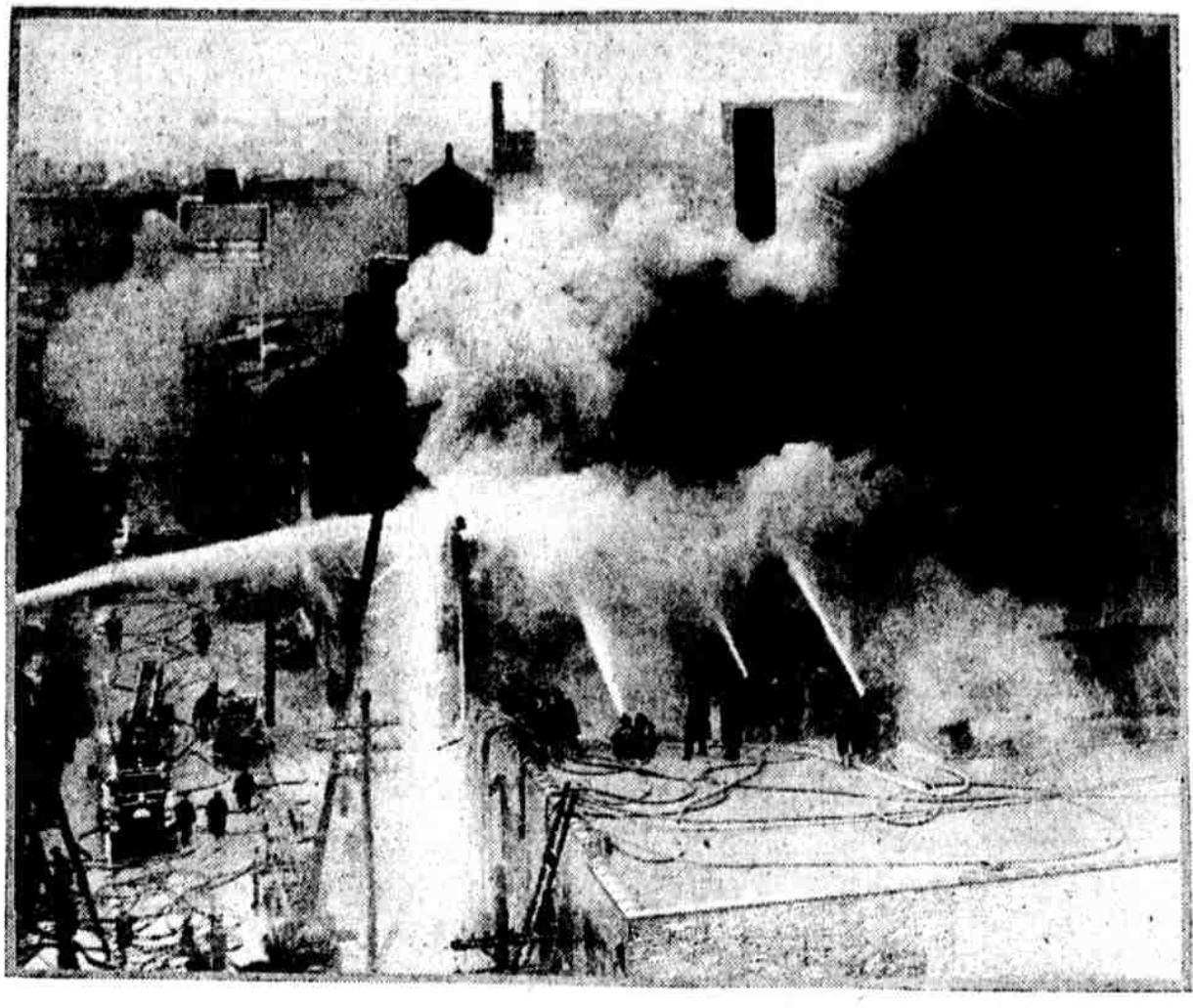
Dr. Wheeler's report follows in part: "The school system of Philadelphia has a physical plant of a total estimated value of \$35,000,000. Its total income is between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000. Its employees number about 7,000, most of whom are engaged in instruction. The total population of the city has so valuable a plant, so large an income, so many employees.

"In most business organizations the income is a large measure dependent on the efficiency with which the business is conducted. In this respect the school system is radically different. The income is dependent on the value of taxable property and on the rate of taxation. The Legislature restricts the rate of taxation within certain narrow limits.

"To secure maximum results with the available funds there must be wise administration, effective teaching, adequate working materials, proper physical surroundings, hearty co-operation between the various departments and cordial support by the community.

"False Economy
"Much depends on the apportionment of money to the various items of school expenditures. When the relation to the several items bear the right relation to each other it is easier to secure maximum educational returns. Low expenditures do not necessarily mean economy. To spend less than is necessary may be quite as uneconomical as to spend more than is necessary.

SCENE AT \$500,000 FIRE



Damage estimated at \$500,000 was done and ten firemen were injured when flames destroyed the warehouse of the Roxford Knitting Mills Co., at 1009-15 North American street.

PROF. BARRETT WENDELL, OF HARVARD FACULTY, DIES

Long a Distinguished Figure in the World of Literature
Boston, Feb. 8.—(By A. P.)—Barrett Wendell, professor emeritus of Harvard University, where he had taught English literature for thirty-seven years, died at his home here today. He was sixty-six years of age.

Professor Wendell was known as a teacher by thousands of Harvard men and as a scholar by educators who had adopted in whole or part his pioneer methods of popularizing the study of literature. The alumni last June elected him a member of the board of overseers of Harvard. He retired from active teaching in 1917.

In 1904-05 Prof. Wendell lectured at Cambridge University, England, and at the Sorbonne and other French universities. He was the author of numerous books of historical and literary character, and a member of the National Institutes of Arts and Letters, fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and a prominent figure in the Massachusetts Historical Society.

BRINDELL GETS FIVE YEARS

Building Trades Council Head Will Appeal Against Conviction at Once
New York, Feb. 8.—(By A. P.)—Robert P. Brindell, president of the Building Trades Council, convicted of extortion from builders, was sentenced today by Supreme Court Justice McAvoy to serve from five to ten years in state's prison.

Conceded for the labor leader announced that an appeal would be taken from the conviction at once, and the case will be taken to the United States Supreme Court, it is necessary.

He calmly stood at the bar with his attorney, who, previous to the conviction, had been in a judgment and for a new trial, which were denied.

Hundreds of Brindell's friends and labor associates gathered outside the corridors of the courthouse, and gave him a rousing demonstration as he was led from the Criminal Courts Building to the State Prison at Lewisburg, Pa., by Sheriff Nott and a deputy.

ORDER RECRUITING STOPPED

Reducing Army to 175,000 Forces Baker to Act
Washington, Feb. 8.—(By A. P.)—The War Department today announced that it would take no further action in the joint resolution which the Senate yesterday made law by duplicating the action of the House in overriding the presidential veto. The Senate's action Secretary Baker announced to the country to close down on enlistments.

Army officers estimated today that it would take nine months, or until November 1, to reduce the present enlisted strength of approximately 213,000 to the required 175,000. Enactment of the resolution would automatically reduce the number of men in the army to 175,000 on July 1, would necessitate a longer period of reduction to reach that figure.

The measure has been regarded as virtually certain of passage by the House, which was expected to take a final vote on it today.

Gubernatorial Booms and Boomlets Spring Up

Colonel McCain Outlines Start of 'Race,' With Alter, Beidleman, Babcock, Snyder, Sadler, Fisher and Mayor Moore as Possibilities

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN
Harrisburg, Feb. 8.—It would be a rash man at this stage of state and national politics who would attempt to name the next Governor of Pennsylvania.

But nevertheless, and notwithstanding, the speculators have begun work and the scratching of their pencils as they indicate their preferences to various sections of the commonwealth.

What lent plausibility to the affair was the dramatic setting of the boom of the attorney general. No other heir presumptive or receptive to the governorship has been so honored. And there is now quite a respectable list of names.

Bedleman Like Barrels
Up till last Saturday night the name of Edward E. Bedleman headed the list. Mr. Bedleman has been receptive for many long months, his candidacy among whom were Judge James A. Reed, law partner of United States Senator Knox, former Governor John K. Tener and a number of local actors.

Alter's Boom Appears
Enter State Attorney General George E. Alter.
On last Saturday night at the William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh, 900 guests, not all of them politicians, but most of them prominent in the business and professional life of Pittsburgh, sat down to an elaborate banquet as the guests of George S. Oliver.

Mayor of Erie Defiant as Vice Probe Begins
Issues Order to Police to Ignore Councilman's Summons
Erie, Pa., Feb. 8.—On the eve of the opening of the councilman's probe into the affairs of the police department and its connection with the Erie underworld, Mayor Miles B. Kitts issued an order to the police department that no officers of the department respond to a summons to go before the probe committee as a witness without first obtaining permission from the mayor or chief of police.

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10 FIREMEN HURT IN \$500,000 FIRE ON N. AMERICAN ST.

Thrilling Rescues Mark Blaze That Destroyed Warehouse of Roxford Mills Co.

MEN OVERCOME BY SMOKE ARE CARRIED TO SAFETY

Heroic rescues of imperiled firemen by their comrades were made today at a \$500,000 fire which converted a six-story, stock-filled warehouse at 1020 North American street, into a blackened shell.

Eight firefighters were overcome by smoke as they battled the spreading flames in the warehouse of the Roxford Knitting Mills Co., which extended from American street to Bodine street, south of Girard avenue. Two others were hurt.

Those overcome are: Edward J. Moran, Engine No. 6. Thomas Morrell, Engine No. 6. Albert Landherr, Engine No. 15. Howard H. Brown, Engine No. 6. Lieutenant Fenney, Engine No. 15. John Garvin, Engine No. 15. Clarence McElroy, Engine No. 15. Howard H. Brown, Engine No. 6. Edward Holz, Engine No. 6.

Other Buildings Endangered
A rain of sparks daring from a heavy smoke cloud visible for miles ignited several buildings on North American street, including the three-story, Roxford Knitting Mills Co., 1009-15 North American street, and H. Swoboda & Sons, Inc., 1025 North Bodine street.

Rescue of Hosenman Moran, overcome by smoke on the fourth floor of the warehouse, thrilled hundreds of persons assembled in the street and on the roofs of nearby buildings.

Philip Hughes, of Wilmington, Del., was introduced to his thirteen-year-old son, William, for the first time by Judge Brown in the Municipal Court this morning.

Hughes deserted his wife, Katherine, nearly fourteen years ago, and since she had been searching for him until last Thursday, when she had him arrested, when he came to this city to attend the funeral of his stepfather, Samuel Scott, at 5044 Webster street.

At the end of the hearing this morning before the marital relations division in the Municipal Court Building, Hughes asked permission to see his boy once a week.

"Why should he want to see William now?" asked Mrs. Hughes. "He hasn't seen or thought of the boy for thirteen years."

At that point thirteen-year-old William Hughes was brought into the court. "Do you know this man?" he was asked by the judge.

"No, sir. I never saw him," was William's reply. "He's your father," said the judge. "Shake hands with him."

There was no need for the command. Hughes was by the boy's side in an instant and father and son stood silent, hands clasped, and looking each other up and down. Hughes threw his right arm over his boy's shoulder and stood looking down at him, as the tears came into his eyes.

Judge Barrett remitted \$4000 of the arrears and ordered Hughes to pay \$150 a week for the support of his wife and child and toward clearing off the remaining several hundred dollars of the arrears.

"If you disappoint my faith in human nature and don't show yourself a man, it's 'good night' for you," warned Judge Barrett.

Another West Phila. Lim'ricker Wins

Mrs. Anderson is such an enthusiastic lim'ricker that she gave a lim'rick party at her house only a short time ago. And now she finds her picture in the Hall of Fame. Her winning lim'rick was:

LIMERICK NO. 44

Said sonny, who clerked in dad's store, "I'm the star of the staff on this floor. And I want higher pay"; But Dad said, "Not today—It's sense, and not cents, you need more."

There's Another Limpin' Lim'rick Today—See Page 2



MRS. HELEN K. ANDERSON 5853 Ellsworth Street

ATTEMPT TO BLOCK MAYOR'S VICE FIGHT SEEN IN ASSEMBLY

Bill Would Give Magistrates All Hearings of Prisoners Taken in Their Districts

COMBINE, FEARING BATTLE BY MOORE, DELAYS PLANS

Harrisburg, Feb. 8.—An effort to restrict freedom of the Philadelphia bureau of police under Mayor Moore, in taking prisoners before magistrates known to be hostile to the influences of gamblers and politicians, is seen in a bill offered by Representative Clinton A. Sowers, of Philadelphia.

The bill would amend section twelve of the act of February 5, 1875, relating to the jurisdiction of magistrates in courts. The section is now stands, follows:

"The jurisdiction of each of magistrates shall extend throughout the city and county of Philadelphia. The amendment adds this provision: 'Provided, that in cases of arrest without warrant and on view, jurisdiction of the magistrates shall extend only throughout their respective districts.'

This means, of course, that in the case of a raid on the gambling house in the Twentieth Ward, 'Lance' ward, for example, the police would be obliged to take prisoners before the magistrate in that district. It might be explained, that the magistrates in such a district, would be friendly to the gamblers and the prisoners would be freed.

As it is now, the police are able to take the prisoners to City Hall or before a magistrate who will act in accordance with the law and not in dictation of politicians.

It is believed Moore leaders will vigorously oppose this "stringing" measure. Representative Sowers comes from the Sixteenth ward, in the district where David H. Lane is a power. Philadelphia's commonwealth Senator Vane, Thomas W. Cunningham and Richard Weglein, president of City Council, have decided to defer final action on the bill until after adjournment of the General Assembly.

Decision of the leaders to delay writing of the slate is regarded as indicating that all hopes of winning Mayor Moore away from a fight on combine candidates have not been abandoned.

This phase of the situation was clearly stated by Mr. Weglein, who had a conference with Moore yesterday. "I have not yet lost hope of having those round-table conferences with the Mayor," he said.

Weglein Explains the Mayor
"I admit I am pretty tough, pleading at times, but I am sanguine and optimistic. You see, I feel that often the Mayor is misunderstood—when, for example, he says he wants to be elected, he means what he says; that he wants to be the 'stular' head. And certainly he should be considered.

There is no reason why the men who work out the details of the party organization should not consult with the Mayor. He should be consulted, as usual, on such questions as candidates for elective offices and on candidates for federal offices."

The decision to defer action on the bill, therefore, it was pointed out, permits Weglein to try to work out his harmony plan of including the Mayor, and thereby avoiding a bitter fight in the September primaries. This plan means permits of later conferences with Senator Penrose, who also is desirous of maintaining friendly relations with Mayor Moore.

Campbell Edges Up to Vane
Meanwhile the combine leaders are wasting no time in perfecting their own organization. This was illustrated when Senator Vane, Judge Cunningham and Magistrate William E. Campbell, of the Twenty-fifth ward, were sitting together in the dining room of a hotel here.

A friend remarked to Judge Campbell, "I never looked to see such a sight as this."

"Well," replied Campbell, "I'm taking them all under my wing now. First, I buried the hatchet with Corbett Knight and now I am dining with Ed Vane. It's all for the sake of peace and a united party."

"The story is," it was suggested to Campbell, "that the combine leaders have agreed to state you for register of wills."

DESERTING FATHER WILL SUPPORT SON

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COURT GIVES HIM CHANCE

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MALONEY TO CALL ROTAN AS WITNESS

Former Judge Gordon Also on List to Testify for Fifth Ward Case Defendant

ATTORNEYS IN CLASH

District Attorney Rotan and former Judge Gordon have been subpoenaed as witnesses for the defense of Samuel G. Maloney, last of the Fifth ward defendants, it was announced at today's session of his trial.

Maloney is being tried on an indictment charging conspiracy to prevent a free and honest election, to assault and intimidate voters, and to murder, the charges growing out of the disorder in the Fifth ward at the September, 1917, primaries, which culminated in the murder of Detective George A. Epley.

Henry Scott, Maloney's attorney, announced during his cross-examination of former state senator "Iax" Stern, one of the commonwealth's witnesses, that he would subpoena Mr. Rotan.

"The prosecution of Maloney is not being brought in good faith," asserted Mr. Scott. "The district attorney took Maloney into his private office when Mayor Smith and the police were seeking him and held him until he could get a writ of habeas corpus. I have subpoenaed the district attorney to appear and tell to what use his office put Maloney."

Former Judge Gordon inquired of the court when the prosecution likely would finish its case, saying that he had been subpoenaed by the defense.

John H. Maurer, assistant district attorney, sworn as a witness for the commonwealth today, reviewed the proceedings by a sharp verbal fight with Henry J. Scott, attorney for the defense.

Maurer, who was badly beaten at the time Epley was killed and former Magistrate Jim Carey narrowly missed a similar fate, had testified to the attack and had explained that it occurred when he was on a tour of the ward with friends.

"Don't you know you were violating the Sherman law in taking part in ward politics?" asked Mr. Scott.

"Not affected by Sherman Law
"Don't you know, countered the assistant district attorney angrily, "that the Sherman law doesn't apply to ward politics?"

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DR. WILLIAM MILLER WELCH DIES

Dr. William Miller Welch, 70, who more than fifty years identified with the medical profession, died at 4 o'clock this morning at his home, 1114 E. 13th street.

Dr. Welch was born in New York City and came to Philadelphia in 1851. He was a member of the American Medical Association and the Pennsylvania Medical Society. He was a prominent member of the University City Club and the University City Club.

Loss Put at Half Million
H. H. Schloss, an official of the Roxford Knitting Mills Co., said the loss to the stock and warehouse will easily total in the neighborhood of \$500,000.

Another engine, racing south on Second street, scoured the horse which was owned by Samuel Lundy, 1226 North Second street. The animal dragged the wagon out of the street and struck directly in the road of Engine No. 15, which was going west on Girard avenue.

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MAN BEATEN AND ROBBED

Milo Oxamandi Attacked by High-Waymen While on Way Home

Milo Oxamandi, 232 South Waroach street, was held up and robbed last night of \$47 in cash and then beaten over the head with a blackjack.

Oxamandi staggered into the Hainesman Hospital in a weakened condition and had his head dressed. He then reported his loss to the Tenth and Buttonwood street station.

He said he was walking in Callowhill street near Tenth; he was accosted by three men. He could give no description of them, as they worked quickly and he was hit by the blow on the head.

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BANK'S LOSS MADE GOOD

Directors of Wymissing Institution Announce Capital is Unimpaired

Reading, Pa., Feb. 8.—The following statement, signed by W. K. Stevens, president; W. G. Wade, treasurer; and all the directors of the People's Trust Co. of Wymissing, was issued this morning:

"In the robbery of the People's Trust Co. last Friday Liberty bonds and other securities amounting to \$180,800 were taken.

The check of the Fidelity Deposit Co. of Baltimore has been received, covering that company's liability. The balance, not covered by the insurance, has been underwritten by the directors, leaving the bank's capital unimpaired."

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JOSEPH MCCOOL DEAD

Common Pleas Court Tipstaff Held Jobs Many Years

Joseph McCool, a tipstaff in Common Pleas Court No. 2, died last night of kidney trouble at his home, 18 East Columbia avenue. He was in his sixty-eight year.

Mr. McCool was at City Hall Saturday, Sunday evening, shortly after supper, he was seized with the violent attack which was unable to survive.

He was associated with Republican politics in this city for more than thirty years, during which time he constantly served under Senator "Dave" Martin. Ten years ago he was appointed tipstaff. Prior to that he was in the water bureau.

He was a member of the Nineteenth Ward Republican Club, the anti-John Club, a Mason, a member of the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America and the Mozart Fishing Club.

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