

Evening Public Ledger

NIGHT EXTRA

THE WEATHER. Generally fair tonight and Sunday with lowest temperature 30 degrees; warmer Sunday; northwest winds. TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR.

VOL. VII.—NO. 130

Entered as Second-Class Matter at the Postoffice at Philadelphia, Pa., Under the Act of March 3, 1879.

PHILADELPHIA, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1921

Published Daily, Except Sunday, Subscription Price \$4 a Year by Mail.

PRICE TWO CENTS

ADENOIDS BLAMED FOR GIRL'S PLOT TO HAVE HUSBY SLAIN

Mrs. Edna Murphy Called 'Child-Woman' With Subnormal Intelligence

TO UNDERGO OPERATION IF BAIL CAN BE SECURED

Mrs. Edna Murphy is a child-woman, person whose intelligence has failed to mature, and soon she will receive the benefit of a surgeon's knife to remove the cause of her subnormality, according to her attorney and relatives to-day.

Mrs. Murphy, the nineteen-year-old girl accused by her sweetheart of plotting the murder of her husband, is in a cell in the city prison today. Her mother and her father have been unable to raise \$3,000 bail money to obtain her release.

Mrs. Thomas Phillips, of Warnock street, near Huntingdon street, the girl's mother, said that as soon as the \$3,000 bail can be obtained Mrs. Murphy will be taken to a hospital and an operation performed for adenoids. This has been the cause of all Edna's trouble, the mother said, and only her fear of the knife prevented their removal years ago.

Edna's father, the nineteen-year-old girl accused by her sweetheart of plotting the murder of her husband, is in a cell in the city prison today.

Mrs. Murphy, the nineteen-year-old girl accused by her sweetheart of plotting the murder of her husband, is in a cell in the city prison today.

Mrs. Murphy, the nineteen-year-old girl accused by her sweetheart of plotting the murder of her husband, is in a cell in the city prison today.

Mrs. Murphy, the nineteen-year-old girl accused by her sweetheart of plotting the murder of her husband, is in a cell in the city prison today.

MR. AND MRS. MURPHY IN OTHER DAYS



This photograph was taken at the time of their wedding. Today the wife is in prison, under \$3,000 bail, charged with hiring a man to kill her husband. 'Hubby' has forgiven her.

BANKER DECLARES OUTLOOK BRIGHTER FOR POISON WHISKY

J. Comly Hall Says Nation Has Entered Readjustment Period in Good Fashion

"The financial sky is bright. Fundamental conditions in this country are sound. The world has recovered from the war faster than any one had a right to expect."

This note of optimism was sounded by J. Comly Hall, president of the Mechanics' Trust Co., of West Chester, in his opening address as chairman at the twenty-sixth annual meeting of Group 2 of the Pennsylvania Bankers' Association, at the Bellevue-Stratford this afternoon.

"The bankers of this country have two most important questions facing them, how to improve the foreign exchange situation and the extension of credits to the European countries," Mr. Hall said.

"American manufacturers and bankers are now looking forward to taking their places in the world's foreign trade."

"Referring to business conditions during the last year, Mr. Hall said that the thrift campaign had been so vigorously waged that the bankers are now looking for the present stagnation in buying."

"Labor Realizing Conditions. We unwittingly precipitated a buyers' strike. It has been said that the profiteer will come day get what is coming to him. He already has—what is coming to him."

"Chief credit for the fact that we are not now in the throes of a serious panic lies in the Federal Reserve Bank and the Federal Reserve Board."

"Speakers at the dinner will be Emergent Collins, deputy attorney general of Pennsylvania, who will talk on 'Liquidity'; the Rev. Jay Dickerson, of West Chester; also Dr. Francis Harvey Green, headmaster of Pennington Seminary."

BRINGING MR. ALLEN'S BODY EXPECTED AT HIS OVERBROOK HOME SOMETIME TODAY

The body of George Allen, Philadelphia merchant, who died in Southampton, England, will arrive in New York on the Adriatic today.

Shall Our City Be Ruled By the Underworld?

A study of State Representative Sowers' iniquitous bill restricting the jurisdiction of magistrates, by the Evening Public Ledger's staff writer, George Nox McCain

who is closely observing all measures being introduced during the present session of the Legislature at Harrisburg.

Shall the people of Philadelphia be ruled by the underworld? Shall the habits of the tenderloin, the red-light district, the dopesters, thugs, highwaymen, gamblers and bootleggers control this city?

This question is now brought directly to the attention of every law-abiding, home-owning, respectable man and woman in Philadelphia.

A bill introduced in the Legislature and now being rushed to early passage brings the question squarely before the people.

This measure on the face of it does not reveal its sinister motive, for it is in the shape of an amendment to an existing law.

It is by all odds the most dangerous bill to the safety of Philadelphia that has been presented in the Legislature in twenty years.

Its aim is to throttle the police power. By its enactment into law it would not only cripple every force or police movement for the protection of the citizen, but it would become an instrument for graft and the prostitution of justice.

Under existing law the Mayor, the director of public safety or the superintendent of police has the power to carry any case of arrest on view or without warrant before any police magistrate in the city.

It is an admirable provision. It is only exercised in cases where it is known or believed that a committing magistrate can be influenced by political pull to admit to straw bail, dismiss with inadequate fine or discharge any inordinately guilty individual.

The law has been based upon the experience of the best police officials in the past.

It has kept the underworld in subjection and prevented a miscarriage of justice. By the amendment in question it is proposed to abrogate this law.

It is now intended to compel the police department to carry cases of arrest without warrant, as in raids on gamblers or disorderly houses, before a magistrate in the district in which the crime is committed.

It is notorious that in certain districts in the city the police magistrates are merely the tools of designing politicians.

These men are controlled not by a sense of justice, but by the will of the bosses who elevated them to office.

If the measure passes, the election of a magistrate in certain districts is of more importance to certain political elements than the election of councilmen.

PEOPLE WILL BACK COURT BILL VETO, PATTON DECLARES

Councilman Says County Commissioners Don't Know How to Spend \$1,000,000

HALL'S VACATION PLANS SPOILED BY NEW CONTEST

"Why should the county commissioners be intrusted with the spending of a million dollars for the Municipal Court? They confess they don't know anything about the plans for the court."

With that question Councilman Robert J. Patton stated one of his reasons for opposing the Vero-Brown-Cunningham combination's plan of trying to override the Mayor's veto of the million-dollar item in the general loan bill.

"The people are with the Mayor," said Councilman Patton, "in his fight against the extravagance in the Municipal Court. When he sends in his veto of the item, if he decides on that course, there is no question but that the people will applaud his action, no matter what the combine leaders think."

"I don't think that the men and women voters of Philadelphia want either the Mayor or Council to appropriate \$1,000,000 to be spent under the guidance or direction of the county commissioners when the commissioners frankly confess that they don't know how the money is to be spent."

"Before a single additional dollar is appropriated for the court, I want full details as to how the money is to be spent. Are the county commissioners making any effort to find out how the money will be spent?"

"Therefore, I feel that the Mayor should be fully supported in his desire to have the money appropriated, if any is to be spent, by the Council of the Department of Public Works."

"What Is Authority?" "What is the real authority for this Palace of Justice?"

"Francis E. Burch, who was elected on the same platform with Mayor Moore and who was elected upon the vote with the Vero-Cunningham-Brown councilmen Thursday in the event of a vote on the \$1,000,000 Municipal Court item, started for Philadelphia yesterday."

"Burch Goes South. Francis E. Burch, who was elected on the same platform with Mayor Moore and who was elected upon the vote with the Vero-Cunningham-Brown councilmen Thursday in the event of a vote on the \$1,000,000 Municipal Court item, started for Philadelphia yesterday."

"Man Arrested in Stotesbury Extortion Case Proves to Be Watchman. Another extorter story ruined."

"The Textile Crisis Here, Its Cause and Remedies. Idle mills and idle workers! Loss and waste and spreading discontent!"

"Sherman Rogers. Contributing Editor of The Outlook and Recorder of Labor Problems will present the worker's side in this crisis, the manufacturer's viewpoint and his own careful conclusions."

"No Word of Cork Mayor. U. S. Labor Officials Lack Information as to O'Callaghan's Intentions."

"Suggests a Way Out. The first article will appear Monday, February 14. This will discuss the situation from the worker's viewpoint."

Norristown School Teacher Wins \$100

Here's a versatile young lady who can dash off \$100 last lines with as much ease as she pours daily wisdom into the makeup of dotting scholars at the Welsh School, Norristown. Just read her limpin' limrick:

LIMERICK No. 48 Said a nut out at Vineland, 'It's queer; Beanstalk, but the corn's ears don't hear; You can't churn buttercups—Dogwoods don't grow from pups— And prim-rose won't allow two-lips near. There's Another Limpin' Limrick Today—See Page 2



MISS LOIS MILLER 606 Swede Street Norristown, Pa.

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY WIDELY OBSERVED

Many Events Planned Here to Pay Tribute to Memory of Martyred President

Philadelphia is honoring the memory of Abraham Lincoln today. It is the 112th anniversary of his birth.

Organizations of war veterans, patriotic societies, National Guard troops, schools, colleges and Boy and Girl Scout bodies have arranged exercises. There will be a parade by Battery C of the Second Pennsylvania Field Artillery.

The battery recently was recognized by the federal government and given a full equipment of motorized material, consisting of four 155 mm. (six inch) howitzers of the Schneider type, twelve ammunition wagons, fourteen tractors, seven trucks, ten motorcycles, three automobiles and one reefer. All these munitions were used in the Argonne advance in the battle of the Meuse river and in an action at the Loos river.

Boy Scouts to Parade. Another parade will be that of the Boy Scouts of America, of the Tenth district, which includes Frankford, University City and the University City area.

Two Die in Italian Riot. London, Feb. 12.—(By A. P.)—Two persons were killed and fifteen wounded yesterday in a conflict between communists and extreme nationalists at the naval shipyard at Montecarlo, Italy.

DASH OF SPRING TODAY. Forecaster Says Temperature May Climb Above 45 Degrees. An ideal winter day with a heavy dash of spring in the air was Mr. Burch's forecast for this morning.

TETRAZZINI IS NO BETTER. Throat Affection Has Reached Ear. Singer's Physician Reports Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 12.—(By A. P.)—The condition of Madame Tetravini, opera singer, who was forced to cancel an engagement here last night because of sudden illness, showed no improvement today, according to her physician.

WOMAN, LONG INVALID FROM BURNS, ENDS LIFE. Mrs. Anna Winward, thirty-four years old, an invalid from burns received a year ago, committed suicide at 7 o'clock this morning by turning on the gas in her room on the second floor of her home at 621 North Forty-eighth street, the police report.

MAN KILLED IN FALL FROM SHIP TO BARGE. William Dean, fifty years old, believed to live at 2961 North Sydenham street, was killed by a fall from a steamship to a barge today at Pier 46, South Wharves, at Christian street.

WERE ON THE JOB, ANYHOW. Man Arrested in Stotesbury Extortion Case Proves to Be Watchman. Another extorter story ruined.

INSPECTS SEWER AND PARK SITE AND IS TO SPEAK AT THREE BANQUETS. Mayor Moore, Director of Public Works, City and Councilmen Von Tegen, Patton and Horn this afternoon are inspecting the site of a proposed sewer to be built by the city at Tacony Park.

Daniels Investigates Report That Russians Shot at U. S. Sailors. Washington, Feb. 12.—(By A. P.)—Secretary Daniels enbled today to Admiral Strauss, commanding the Asiatic fleet, to investigate reports that five American naval sailors had been fired upon in Vladivostok, presumably by Russian officers, and one of them wounded.

DRIVER ARRESTED AFTER SKIDDING MACHINE INJURES THEM. Morris Sattler, sixty-two years old, and his wife, Mrs. Antonette Sattler, sixty years old, were struck by an automobile while crossing Broad street at Mt. Vernon at 9 o'clock last night.

MINGO SURVIVOR VIVIDLY NARRATES STORY OF BATTLE

Baldwin-Felts Detective Witness Stand, Can't Tell Who Fired First

EVICIONS PRECEDED FUSILLADE OF SHOTS. Williamson, W. Va., Feb. 12.—John McDowell, a Baldwin-Felts employee, one of the survivors of the battle at Matewan last May, when seven of his companions lost their lives, was the first witness called by the prosecution when court convened this morning.

The first shot came from the doorway of a hardware store near the railroad station, according to McDowell's testimony. He could not say who was the first man killed. Sid Hatfield, Matewan police chief, Albert C. Felts and Mayor E. C. Tosterman were gathered about a doorway.

The witness said Reece Chambers, one of the defendants, was the only person he saw do any shooting before after firing two or three shots himself McDowell retreated from the scene. McDowell told his story in a few words. The crowded courtroom listened intently to the little he had to say.

Families Evicted From Homes. When he was turned over to the defense for cross-examination J. J. Coniff went back into what has been accepted as the cause of the battle, the eviction of miners from houses owned by the Stone Mountain Coal Co. McDowell was uncertain as to the number of families evicted by the Baldwin-Felts detectives that day, but said he believed there were five or six of them.

"Isn't it true that a sick woman was turned out of the house?" Mr. Coniff asked. "Not that I know of," McDowell answered.

"You may tell us about the appearance of Sid Hatfield while the evictions were in progress," suggested Mr. Coniff.

"Here Come Hatfield and the Mayor." "While a few of us were taking the furniture from a house," replied McDowell, "Mr. Felts, who was in charge, said 'Two or three of you had better get your rifles, for yonder come the mayor, Sid Hatfield and a crowd of men. We did so we were told. Hatfield, Mayor Tosterman and two or three others came up to where we were and protested against the evictions.'"

Felts answered the protests of the mayor by saying he had authority to evict the miners.

MOTHER AND SON DIE. Aged Woman and Man She Nursed Pneumonia Victims. A mother and her son, whom she nursed when he was stricken with pneumonia, died within a few hours of each other in the Germantown Hospital last night.

They were Mrs. Elizabeth Weyant, eighty-seven years old, and Mahlon Weyant, fifty-six years old, living in the rear of 4025 Arch street, Germantown. The son, who was in the cabinet-making business, became sick one week ago, and his mother went with him to the hospital to help nurse him.

MAY PURGE TESTIMONY. McGannon Lawyer Asks Court to Take Woman's Story From Records. (Cleveland, Feb. 12.—(By A. P.)—Judge Homer G. Powell, who is presiding at the second trial of William H. McGannon, chief justice of the Municipal Court, charged with second-degree murder of Harold G. Kray, today had under advisement a motion of W. H. Boyd, of McGannon's counsel, that yesterday's testimony of Mary E. Neely be stricken from the record.

Couple Hit by Motorcar. Driver Arrested After Skidding Machine Injures Them. Morris Sattler, sixty-two years old, and his wife, Mrs. Antonette Sattler, sixty years old, were struck by an automobile while crossing Broad street at Mt. Vernon at 9 o'clock last night.

Both were knocked down by the machine, which skidded on the slippery street. Mrs. Sattler's left ankle was injured, and it is believed several of her ribs were broken. Mr. Sattler's left elbow was dislocated and his left ankle sprained. They were taken to Hahnemann Hospital.

The driver of the automobile was arrested charged with reckless driving and driving without a license.

Jimmy Clark's Big Dance Cabaret Tonight. (N. O. N. Y. Palm Garden) 9:30-11:30.