

THE WEATHER
Rain tonight; rapidly falling temperature; Thursday fair and colder; fresh south winds shifting to northwest.

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BIG CUT IN WAGES ORDERED BY P. R. R.; OFFICERS, MEN HIT

"Readjustment" Affects All Branches of Employees of Railroad System

PERCENTAGE REDUCTIONS ARE BEING WORKED OUT

The Pennsylvania Railroad today announced a wage cut affecting both of its employees and the line.

\$15,000,000 ASKED IN EDUCATION BILL

Measure Necessitates New Taxes for Revenue Despite Economy Program

MAY START BIG FIGHT

The board of directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad today made the following announcement: In view of changed economic conditions, it is manifestly obligatory on the public generally, and especially on shippers, passengers, investors and stockholders, that railroad expenses be reduced.

TWO CLAIM MUCH-MARRIED MAN HERE AS HUSBAND

Young Women Tell of Weddings to Elderly Lohario

Two handsome young women claimed a man more than twice their age as husband before Judge Audenried in Criminal Court No. 1 this afternoon.

FOURTH RECORD BROKEN BY WARM WEATHER TODAY

Forecast Says We'll Get Normal Cold Soon, However

This is the fourth day of record-breaking March warmth, but with a sharp drop in temperature predicted for tomorrow morning.

STITCHES IN CHILD'S EYE

Delicate Operation Performed in Hope of Saving Boy's Sight

Lancaster, Pa., March 9.—One of the most delicate operations known to surgery was performed at St. Joseph's Hospital today, in an endeavor to save the sight of a four-year-old boy.

Bump on Head Kills Child

Charles Louis Austin, eighteen months old, 2331 North Rose street, died today in the Children's Hospital playing under a tree.

JANE NOVAK



Flumond has just been surprised by the announcement of the engagement of William S. Hart and Jane Novak, a well-known screen beauty, who last appeared in Philadelphia in "Eyes of the World."

PRESIDENT URGES SENATE TO RATIFY COLOMBIAN TREATY

Harding Assumes Party Leadership in Transmitting First Official Document

DECISION TAKEN WITHOUT ENDLESS CONFERENCES

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Washington, March 9.—President Harding, in the message he sent to the Senate today on the Colombian treaty, made his first definite assertion of party leadership.

RELATIVES OF MAN WHO KILLED HIS STENOGRAPHER FEAR TO TELL MOTHER OF TRAGEDY

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BRITISH AT TRIBUTE BREAK TO BERLIN'S CLIMSY APPEALS

Lloyd George Surprised at Failure of London Parley to Reach Understanding

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Quaker Woman Artist Wins Prize

Sarah Palmer Byrnes, who has submitted at least one last line for every Limerick since our contest began, wins today.

LIMERICK NO. 69

When William took sweet Miss Adair To dinner, she said, "I don't care For much; let me see What they have that suits me."

Bill said, "Peach, lettuce both be a pear."

Jack's Jingle Box Is Still Here for the Kiddies. You'll Find It Third Page From the Back—Opposite the Yummies

BABY DIES, 3 ILL FROM GAS FUMES

Mother and Two Children Nearly Asphyxiated by Flow From Open Jet

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Opinion by A. Mitchell Palmer, as Attorney General, Just Made Public

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FIERCE BATTLES FOR PETROGRAD RAGE IN STREETS

Rebels Capture City, but Soviet Retakes Southeastern Suburbs, Reports Declare

MACHINE GUNS BARK AND ARTILLERY ROARS

Bolsheviki Rewin Fortresses and Train Guns on Kronstadt, Helsingfors Hears

PORT MENACED BY FIRES

Trotsky Takes Refuge Behind Fortifications—His Infantry Suffers Severe Losses

By the Associated Press. Copenhagen, March 9.—News of the Russian situation today was conflicting, with the latest Helsingfors dispatches reporting that the Soviet government forces had recaptured the fortress of Krasnaya Gorka and Systerbuck this morning, and were training the big guns of these fortresses upon Kronstadt.

An infantry assault by the Soviet troops upon Kronstadt is reported to have been repulsed with enormous losses to the attacking forces.

These reports were preceded by claims made in Helsingfors dispatches that Petrograd was in the hands of the revolutionaries. According to a Revel special, however, the Soviet troops recaptured the southeastern suburbs of Petrograd.

The Helsingfors advice reporting the capture of Petrograd by the revolutionaries forces said that the victorious troops were those which had been fighting against the Russian Bolsheviki near that city for several days. They asserted that a terrific bombardment of Petrograd was followed by machine gun battles in the streets of the city from which the insurgents emerged victorious.

Thousands of fugitives from Petrograd are clamoring for entry into Finland, Finnish advice says.

London, March 9.—(By A. P.)—A version of the situation in Petrograd given in a Central News dispatch from Helsingfors dated today, says that fighting is continuing in the suburbs of Petrograd and that War Minister Trotsky and M. Zinovief, the Soviet governor of Petrograd, were reported to have taken refuge in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul, surrounded by a large number of protective troops. All attempts by the revolutionaries to capture this fortress, the message says, were repulsed.

Communications between Russia and Siberia have been cut for more than a fortnight, says an official wireless message from Moscow today. The break is ascribed to the work of social revolutionaries operating with generals formerly attached to the forces of the late Admiral Kolchak, the message adds.

A Tokyo dispatch of March 4 quoted revolutionaries arriving in Peking from China, sent by the Bolsheviki Far Eastern Siberian republic, as stating that an anti-Soviet movement had been started by troops and peasants in the interior of the republic.

Warsaw, March 9.—(By A. P.)—The Polish Russian press proclaimed their independence from Moscow today, according to a Minsk report received here today.

The Ruthenians meant probably are those inhabiting what is known as White Ruthenia, comprising the southernmost Russian provinces, centering upon Minsk.

BRITISH SHIP ON ROCKS OFF MAINE COAST IN FOG

Wandby, Bound From Algiers to Portland, Likely a Total Loss

Kennebunkport, Me., March 9.—(By A. P.)—The big freight steamship Wandby, bound from Algiers for Portland, crashed on the rocks at Walker's Point off this port in a heavy fog today. She had apparently mistaken her position, as her captain thought he was at the mouth of the Kennebec river, according to radio dispatches.

The steamer lies inside of a peninsula, between the mouth of the Kennebec river and Cape Porpoise. This is more than fifty miles to the westward of the Kennebec river. According to witnesses familiar with the locality, where she struck, it will be impossible to save her.

The Wandby is a British steamer of 10,000 gross tons, built by Harland & Wolff, registered as owned by R. Hopper & Co., of West Hartlepool. She left Algiers February 13 for Portland to take out a cargo of grain for Italy.

New York, March 9.—(By A. P.)—The American freight steamer Massillon Bridge, from Constantinople for New York, is reported aground near the entrance to Ambrose channel approaching New York. A thick fog obscured the channel markings.

BILL FOR WOMAN'S BUREAU

Addition to Department of Labor and Industry Asked

Harrisburg, Pa., March 9.—A bill creating the bureau of women and children in the Department of Labor and Industry, introduced in the Senate today by Senator Smith, of Pennsylvania.

The director, who may be a woman, is to be paid a salary of \$4,000, while the commissioner of labor and industry will appoint the staff. The bureau is to enforce the laws relative to women and children and study moves for their welfare.

Michigan University Head Ill

Ann Arbor, Mich., March 9.—The condition of President Marion L. Burton, of the University of Michigan, ill with pneumonia, was reported unchanged today. His physicians said he spent a restless night.

When you think of writing, think of WHITING—Ed.