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Fair and warm tonight followed by a clear and cloudless Saturday; moderate southerly winds.											
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR											
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## ROBBERS WRECK DEVON HOME AND STEAL JEWELRY

O. Herbert Leaf's Summer House on Arlington Road Raided by Vandals

POLICE ESTIMATE LOSS TO BE ALMOST \$10,000

Robbers jimmied their way into the summer house of G. Herbert Leaf on Arlington road, Devon, Tuesday night, and after causing several thousand dollars damage to the interior, stole jewelry valued at \$10,000 worth of property. The robbery was discovered Wednesday morning by Albert Worthington, a caretaker but was kept secret by the police until today. Included in the loot was a necklace, which the police said was worth about \$5,000. Mr. Leaf declared the necklace was of amethysts and was worth but a few hundred dollars.

In addition to the necklace, the robbers obtained a dozen of Mrs. Leaf's evening gowns and several cloaks, together with a dozen suits belonging to Mr. Leaf. A silver collar on which was engraved, "Beasie," also is missing.

Lacks on doors leading to a number of bedrooms in the five-story street, which apparently with a crowbar. Mr. and Mrs. Leaf had not been at the house since last November. They live at 2404 Spruce street, the president of the steel firm of E. B. Leaf Co., with offices in the Real Estate Trust Building.

Mr. Leaf said today he believed the robbery and the attendant vandalism had been done by three boys.

"I am of that opinion because they overlooked an imported rug in the living room, valued at \$400," he said. "The boys were not up by the thieves that it has been difficult to ascertain the exact extent of their loot."

"Mrs. Leaf went out to Devon this morning and will make an effort to identify the boys," he said. "For the \$5000 necklace, I think that is a mistake. The necklace was of amethysts and would not bring more than a few hundred dollars."

"Apparently there were three of the thieves, as three drinking glasses had been set out on the dining-room table. There was, however, no liquor in the house."

## PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES BACK SCHOOL BOARD RIPPER BILL

Hearing on Sterling Measure to Be Held Here Today

An endorsement of the "school board ripper" bill now in the Legislature was received today by State Representative Philip Sterling from the Allied Patriotic Societies of America, representing 155,000 men and women.

The ripper bill represents the thirty-third ward, heads a subcommittee of the House committee on education which will hold a public hearing on the bill in the City Hall today.

The "ripper" bill would curtail the present board of education with its fifteen members appointed by the board of judges and would substitute a board of five members elected by popular vote.

Organizations represented by the Allied Patriotic Societies are the P. O. S. of A., the Order of Red Men, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Independent Americans, the League of American Institutions, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the Fraternal and Patriotic Americans, the Order of United Mechanics, and the Daughters of America.

## PATROLMAN NOT GUILTY

Bernard Montague Is Ordered Restored to Duty

The Civil Service Commission today found Patrolman Bernard Montague, of the station and Buttonwood streets police district, not guilty and restored to duty.

Patrolman Montague was arraigned before the board as an outcome of an alleged hold-up which occurred the night of March 6. The supposed victim was John Brennan, twenty-four years old, 1727 South Dorrance street.

Brennan alleged that he was approached by Montague at Dorrance and Race streets, told to throw up his hands and turn over what valuables he had that some time later while in the vicinity of Twelfth and Vine streets he again was confronted by Montague and told to get out of the neighborhood.

At the hearing, witnesses testified that on the night of March 6 they had heard Brennan threaten to "ketch" Montague.

## CHESTER SHIPBUILDERS HIT

Sun Company Forced to Lay Off 2500 Men Next Week

Chester, Pa., March 11.—Twenty-five percent of the 10,000 employees of the Sun Shipbuilding Co. will be idle as a result of suspension of work on four vessels for the Atlantic Gulf and West India Steamship Co., New York, which is in financial difficulties. The lay-off will occur on Monday, according to a statement of one of the officials today.

The Sun company believes that the financial embargo which the company was hit by is due to the fact that the company has already been delivered to the government.

## NEEDS RESERVE OFFICERS

Secretary Weeks Asks Them to Remain With Corps

Washington, March 11.—(By A. P.)—Reserve officers were urged today by Secretary Weeks to stay with the corps until full training policy could be worked out.

"The present number of reserve officers is insufficient," the statement declared, "and those who now hold commissions are urged to defer any withdrawal contemplated until the organization has been formed and definite plans for its training formulated. The needs of the world war have shown that the assistance in the building up of the reserves will be a very material factor in the effort to meet the needs of the state of preparedness of our reserves."

## Honor for Hero



SMEDLEY D. BUTLER  
General Butler was today nominated as brigadier general in the army by President Harding.

He is affectionately known as "Gimlet Eye" and "The Fighting Quaker"

## INTERSTATE BOARD PLACE GIVEN ESCH

President Harding Makes Other Nominations — Butler Re-named Brigadier General

CRISSINGER IS CONFIRMED

By the Associated Press  
Washington, March 11.—Former Representative John J. Esch, of Wisconsin, and Mark W. Potter, of New York, were nominated today by President Harding to be members of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Mr. Potter is now serving as a member of the commission, having been nominated by President Wilson, but never confirmed by the Senate. He was named for the post which he served for eighteen years on the interstate and foreign commerce committee. He was re-nominated with Senator Cummins of the transportation act.

Other nominations made today by President Harding include:

Thomas O. Marvin, of Massachusetts, and William S. Cuthbertson, of Kansas, to be members of the tariff commission. The latter is a renomination.

Walter Lyon, of Pittsburgh, to be United States attorney for the western district of Pennsylvania.

Smedley Darlington Butler, Logan, and Harry Lee, to be brigadier general in the marine corps. (Renomination.)

Fred Morris Dearing, of Missouri, to be assistant secretary of state.

William H. Joyce, of Los Angeles, Calif., for membership on the Federal Farm Loan Board (renomination).

Medlin Director Edward R. Stitt, to be surgeon general of the navy.

Captain Charles B. McVay, Jr., to be chief of the bureau of ordnance, with the rank of rear admiral.

Clerence C. Chase, of New Mexico, to be collector of customs for district No. 24.

Chaplain John Thomas Axton, to be chief of chaplains of the army, with the rank of colonel.

Colonel Gustave Lukosh, to be a member of the Mississippi river commission.

Ernest Lester Jones, of Virginia, to be director of the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

William J. Keville, of Massachusetts, to be chief of the second district of the United States district court.

The nomination of Dr. C. Crissinger, of Marietta, O., to be commissioner of the currency was confirmed by the Senate.

One of his notable feats was making maps of Mexico City, when he entered Mexico City as a spy, gaining valuable data.

In the world war he was sent to France in the fall of 1918, and he cleaned up his work. It great efficiency was due to his work.

To his men he was affectionately known as "Gimlet Eye" and in the service as the "Fighting Quaker."

## DRUG USER STRIKES GUARD AND FLEES FROM PRISON VAN

Was Being Taken to Jail After Receiving Sentence of Six Months

POLICE WAGON DRIVER SUSPENDED OVER ESCAPE

Michael Church, alias "Pitchey," sentenced to six months in the House of Correction as a drug user, and said by the police to be a notorious vendor of narcotics, knocked down a prison van guard Saturday morning near Moyamensing Prison and escaped.

The flight of "Pitchey" with his attendant, a fight of a chase and pistol shots, was a scene which will today be the police, when "fliers" were sent to all police departments in the East, asking his arrest on sight.

The police said "Pitchey" would turn up in his old haunts. From the hour he fled all the known joints of the drug traffic have been searched and watched. "Pitchey's" friends have not seen him. He is believed to have left the city, and hence the "fliers" and belated announcement of his escape.

## DRIVER OF VAN SUSPENDED

George Bliss, driver of the van in which "Pitchey" has been taken from Moyamensing Prison to the House of Correction for the service of his term, has been suspended by Superintendent of Police Mills. It is said that Bliss violated orders in the manner in which he received the prisoner.

Church was arrested January 20 by District Detectives McFarrarty and Martucci at a street and Christian streets station. They found \$4000 worth of drugs in his possession. The police say he is one of the most active peddlers of drugs in the city, working always below the "dollar lines" and in the Italian section.

As has happened with other men arrested on similar charges, he managed through his attorney to get his trial postponed from time to time. The first trial date set for him was February 7. This was set back week by week until he was arrested today.

Though he had \$4000 worth of drugs, it was decided to accept his plea that he was a "user and not a seller" of drugs. He was sentenced to six months in the House of Correction, where users are sent so they may be given a cure.

The prisoner had been lodged in the untried department at Moyamensing before his conviction and sentence. Saturday morning he was taken to the House of Correction.

## GUARD "TOOK A CHANCE"

It is said there is a police rule that vans must be driven into the prison yard and the gates closed after them before prisoners are put aboard. Instead of following this practice, Bliss left the van standing on Passyunk avenue and walked into the prison after "Pitchey." He brought the prisoner out of the van, and walked him down the rungs of the building.

Suddenly "Pitchey" swung on Bliss, bowling him over. The prisoner ran, while Bliss, on the ground, drew his revolver and fired. The shot went wild, but brought out half a dozen prison guards, who joined in the chase.

"Pitchey" raced along Passyunk avenue to Dickinson street, out Dickinson street and through the grounds of the church at Third street, and lost himself in a maze of small streets and alleys. He was thoroughly at home in the neighborhood, and vanished a few minutes after he broke away.

## CUMMINS SEES PRESIDENT

Railroad Situation Not Taken Up, Says Iowa Senator

Washington, March 11.—(By A. P.)—Senator Cummins, one of the authors of the transportation act, conferred with President Harding today at the White House, but the matter discussed was appointments.

The railroad situation was not taken up, a senator said, adding that he did not want to talk with the President on subjects until next week.

## FRENCH TO QUIT CILICIA

Premier Briand and Turkish Nationalists Reach Agreement

London, March 11.—(By A. P.)—Premier Briand, before leaving for Paris this morning, conferred with the Turkish national delegation in London and reached an agreement with it on the question of the rapid evacuation of the French of Cilicia, Asia Minor.

An agreement also was reached for the immediate exchange of prisoners, cessation of hostilities between the French and nationalists, on measures to ensure the safety of the persons and property of the minorities, and for the return of minorities in the evacuated territory.

## DEFENDANTS WON'T TESTIFY

So Announced in Court Where Hatfield and Others Are on Trial

Williamson, W. Va., March 11.—None of the seventeen defendants on trial in connection with the death of John Potts, private detective, during a gun fight on the main street of Mottown last May, will be called to the stand, it was announced when the court took its noon recess.

The prosecution motion was devoted to the defense to picking up loose threads and weaving its evidence into whole cloth. Several witnesses who had previously testified were called to clarify testimony given heretofore.

## Laddie Boy Carries Harding's Morning Papers

Washington, March 11.—(By A. P.)—Laddie Boy, qualified as White House messenger as well as mascot today, carrying the morning papers to President Harding at the breakfast table.

Laddie Boy has been working on the "stunt" several days, but this was the first time he got through it without a hitch, and he was the proudest pup in Washington in consequence.

## WRIGLEY TO RESIGN OFFICE AT REQUEST OF HIS FAMILY

Magistrate in Jail for Auto Fatality to Write Sproul Today

Magistrate Byron E. Wrigley, who is serving a three-year term in Moyamensing prison for involuntary manslaughter and driving an automobile when drunk, will write his resignation from the minor judiciary today.

That was learned by persons close to the former political chieftain and police court "judge," who on the evening of October 28 struck and fatally injured Mrs. Mary E. Brady, 722 Spruce street, when she was in the street waiting for a car at Allegheny avenue and F street.

Yesterday Henry Dubbs, Wrigley's personal attorney, paid him a long visit in his cell at Moyamensing, and the magistrate told Mr. Dubbs he had decided to resign. His family's wishes are being respected.

It also was learned that the magistrate is unlikely to appeal to the Superior Court for a new trial.

The present attorney will have a month in which to prepare his mind whether they will appeal. The abrupt and emphatic manner in which the Superior Court denied a supersedeas and stay of Wrigley's prison confinement and sentenced, is considered a bad augury for the success of an appeal.

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## BROOME VISITS SCHOOLS

New Superintendent Seeks Personal Contact With Teachers and Pupils

Dr. Edward C. Broome, newly elected superintendent of schools, made his first morning visit to public schools this morning, to "see the machinery run," as he expressed it.

Dr. Broome was accompanied by Dr. George Wharton Oliver, curriculum and Dr. Louis Nusbaum, associate superintendents.

The new superintendent has promised to make frequent visits to schools, to see the machinery run, as he expressed it.

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## SPRING, THAT'S ALL!

Poets, Brooks, Meadows, Blue Sky, Sunshine, Dreams

The world is full of spring poets today. The most eloquent of their free verses is "Gee! This is some weather!" But their hearts are metrical and their brains are not.

And deep within every man is a desire to go and fish. This is true also of people who never knew rod and line and don't care for fishing any more. With some of them the desire is merely to have a thinking part in the fish drama and to be a part of the scenery. They have no difficulty in visualizing the scenery—purling brook, green meadow, budding trees, bright sun, blue sky over which white fleecy clouds scurry. The dream drama has lots of atmosphere and it is permeated with the scent of the awakening earth carried on a fresh sweet breeze.

Yes, ma'am! As we remarked before, this is some weather. And there isn't a word of it in the dictionary. This spring fever is worth having—and worth indulging, if there is half a chance.

The hottest March 11 was in 1808 when the thermometer registered 88 degrees and the coldest on record was in 1885 when the mercury stood at 17 degrees above zero.

If it'll be any good to know it, the temperature at 2 o'clock was 57, and tonight is to be "fair and warmer."

## AUTOS HURT TWO CHILDREN

Both Little Victims Are in Lankenau Hospital

Two children were injured slightly in automobile accidents in the north-western section of the city today.

Charles Weaver, nine years old, of 1618 North Twenty-eighth street, is in the Lankenau Hospital with a possible fracture of the right leg. He was run over near his home by an automobile driven by Gus Lauber, Jr., 5235 North American street. Lauber, who was held in \$500 bail to await the result of the child's injuries, said the lad had dodged in front of his machine from behind another as he was going east on Columbia avenue.

John Patrick, eight years old, 2918 Thompson street, was knocked down as he was crossing Girard avenue near Twenty-seventh street by the machine of Frank Chabrow, 3221 Turner street. Chabrow took his victim to the Lankenau Hospital, where it was discovered the lad has sustained only slight bruises.

## HOLD EXPRESS CO. WORKERS

Four Are Accused of Stealing Goods From Concern

Four employees of the Adams Express Co. were arrested in their home last night by William Mahoney, a City Hall detective, on a charge of stealing goods from the company.

The men were arrested in Central Station before Magistrate Resnauh the prisoners, Charles Rosener, East Susquehanna avenue; Samuel Hart, of Seventh and Polk streets; private detective Peter Grendel, of North Paleyfort street, and George Snider, of East Carp street, were held in \$500 bail for the grand jury.

## HURT, THEN ARRESTED

Driver of Truck Is Accused of Being Intoxicated

Paul Kasian, of East Lehigh avenue, was held in \$1000 bail for the grand jury when arraigned before Magistrate Resnauh in the Central Police Station on a charge of driving an automobile while intoxicated.

He was arrested early today by Patrolman Tomlinson after the motor truck he was driving struck a rut used by the station house and threw him to the street. The policeman testified that the vehicle was moving at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour when the accident occurred.

Explosion Report Is Mystery

A false report of a gas explosion at 4 and Toga streets sent patrol wagons hurrying there at 9 o'clock this morning. The report was telephoned to the electrical bureau, which relayed it to several station houses in the northeast section. Patrolmen were trying to find the person who sent the false alarm.

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## MOTORISTS AVERT SUICIDE

Camden Man Stopped as He Was Preparing Leap Into River

Joseph Anderson, nineteen years old, of Mickle street near Third, Camden, was prevented from jumping from the Federal street bridge into the Cooper river at 1 o'clock this morning by a man and woman passing in an automobile.

The young man has been ill. Unable to sleep last night, he procured a rope, went to the Cooper river, tied one end of the rope to a tree and was standing the other end about his neck preparatory to jumping in the river when he was interrupted. He was arrested and will have a hearing today before Recorder Stackhouse.

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## METEOR FALLS NEAR TOWN

Heavy Enough to Create Shock When It Hit at Clearfield

Clearfield, Pa., March 11.—A meteor heavy enough to create a shock that was felt for four miles last night about four-fourth of a mile from this town.

Hundreds of persons hurried to the spot where the seeming rock formation was still hot and sending forth sparks. The top of the meteor was seven feet from the surface of the ground and the hole is about five feet in diameter.

## WOMEN ARRESTED FOR INTOXICATION

Concedes She Uses Narcotic

Police of the Eleventh and Winter streets station found an opium outfit, consisting of a single silver spoon in possession of Sophie Shields, 616 North Hope street.

Sophie was arrested at Ninth and Race streets charged with intoxication. The spoon was found hidden in her clothing when searched by the matron of the station house.

According to the police, the spoon was found in the tin and showed traces of having been used to prepare a drug. The prisoner conceded she was addicted to the use of the narcotic.

## TODAY'S DEVELOPMENTS

Nominations were made by President Harding.

Secretary Davis went to a cabinet meeting prepared to take up with Mr. Harding the impending meat-packing strike.

Senator Cummins conferred with the President on appointments.

## Ushers Insist Her Punning Is Good

Wellesley College jury tried yesterday to put an eternal ban on the punning line in this limrick contest. But along comes the Ushers' Association of the Fourth Presbyterian Church and says good punning is worth just \$100 a line, and to prove it they give the prize today to Miss Stackhouse's limpin' limrick, which follows—

Limerick No. 71  
A gunner went hunting for game  
With a dog that was docile and tame;  
He said to the pup,  
"Come, boy, get 'em up—  
Comb the brush for a hare that is lame."

MISS KATHERINE F. STACKHOUSE,  
216 North Thirty-third street

## MOVE BY RAILWAYS TO CUT PAY SCALE NOW IN FULL SWING

Virtually All Companies Have or Will Reduce Wages, It Is Predicted

CONFERENCES WITH MEN ARE BEING ARRANGED

est Jersey and Seashore Passes Its Dividend Today

The directors of the West Jersey and Seashore Railroad Co. (the "Pennsylvania" lines to the shore resorters) voted today to defer payment of the semiannual dividend of 2 1/2 per cent.

The directors stated that no dividends would be paid until "financial conditions can be more definitely ascertained." They also stated that "unfavorable working conditions and standards" have been placed before the federal wage board.

In railing to pay the dividend the directors announced that they were best serving their stockholders.

## 'BOOTS' RELATIVES COMING TO TRIAL

Mother Writes to Girl in Peirce Murder Every Week From New York

SHE READS BIBLE IN CELL

While a chastened "Boots" Rogers, in her cell at Moyamensing, pours over the few letters she has received, someone reads the Bible with respect to her mind the history of the Peirce murder, a little group of relatives in New York is nervously and anxiously waiting her trial, which starts Tuesday.

Boots Rogers, Marie's young sailor husband, who has been working in New Jersey shipyards recently, expects to come to Philadelphia Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Julius Planovsky, stepfather and mother of Marie, are hoping to be here during the trial.

In her home at 307 Lenox avenue, Harlem, Mrs. Planovsky told of the case today. Her black, bushy hair was pompadour curled on top of her head. Her brown eyes reflected the trouble and sadness of many months and years.

She sat with her blue-checked apron wrapped about her hands on one of the walnut benches of the apartment-house corridor, where she and her husband are caretakers. Her regular features, especially her mouth, remind one of Marie.

"I have written Susie every week and have heard from her every week since she was arrested," said the mother, who calls Marie "Susie."

"I asked her to write to her husband, too, and she has been doing that," Mr. Rogers is planning to take her to his home in New Jersey, where she is living. He comes over to see us almost every evening. No, I never knew him till a few months ago. He means well by "Susie."

"Of course he is anxious and nervous about the trial, just as I am. But we think she is going to be freed. Mr. Rogers is planning to take her to his people in Texas to live for a while. I think she'll be glad to go. She writes us pretty cheerful letters. She believes she will not be convicted. We are loving everything will turn out all right."

"I have been sick myself for two weeks and now little Julius has tonsillitis. But if I am able to go to Philadelphia Tuesday morning for the trial, it is hard for my husband and me to get away, with this big apartment house to take care of. But we will try to manage somehow."

For a long time after Marie's apprehension with Trendway in connection with the Peirce murder, nothing definite could be learned concerning her relatives. Then it was found that Mrs. Planovsky, formerly Mrs. Snyder, of Margaretville, N. Y., was the mother of Susie Snyder, nee "Boots." Many of the details known in this case, ran away from home several years ago and her mother had not heard from her since the death of Mr. Harding said: "Well, you'd better get something on me. You've evidently read the story."

"What counted with the President was not so much the terms of the treaty as the removal of the dispute, which stood in the way of American development of Colombia. This idea of government support of the treaty was the one which was the most important."

## HARDING RESTORES DOLLAR DIPLOMACY

Rapidly Establishes Latin-American Policy With View to Assisting Business

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Washington, March 11.—President Harding's Latin-American policy developing rapidly. Several circumstances indicate that the new administration is right on the toes with respect to Latin-America. One is the fact that Mr. Harding has already picked his ambassador to Mexico, although this government has not yet recognized the obsequious Government and will not recognize it until an agreement between this country and Mexico has been signed by both parties.

This ambassador is understood on good authority to be R. B. Cragger, of Brownsville, Tex., who became a close friend of Harding during the campaign. Mr. Harding made his trip to N. Isabella and to Brownsville with Mr. Cragger as guide.

Another circumstance pointing to the advanced state of the Latin-American policy is the instant taking up of the Colombian treaty and the forcing of it to a state where its passage is assured over rather formidable opposition.

A third is the quick intervention of this country in the dispute between Panama and Costa Rica. This intervention has taken a curious turn with Mr.