

THE WEATHER
Fair tonight and Sunday; not much
change in temperature; gentle variable
winds.

TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5
55	57	61	64	66	68	70			

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TWELVE FIREMEN ARE OVERCOME IN \$25,000 BLAZE

Surgeons Attend to Injured in
Furniture Store Fire, 1925-29
Columbia Avenue

ONE ENGINEMAN CARRIED FROM BUILDING 3 TIMES

A dozen firemen were overcome, one
seriously injured, and two were badly cut
by flying glass in a fire which destroyed
\$25,000 worth of furniture in the
Furniture Supply Co., 1925 to 1929
Columbia avenue, at 9:30 o'clock this
morning.

GARRETT MYSTERY PROBE TO CONTINUE

Detectives Give More Credence
to Murder Theory in Death
of Swarthmore Woman

SCARF MAY BE BIG CLUE

Detectives investigating the mysterious
death of Miss Anna M. Garrett, of
Swarthmore, today are working doggedly
on the theory that the woman was
murdered.

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PICKETS AND NOT PIRATES CAUSED MYSTERIOUS "S. O. S."

Captain of Good Ship Hinchley Explains Fear of Attack by
Marine Strikers on Delaware

That "midnight mystery of the wireless"
which disturbed the crew of the
police boat King and the late shift at
the Philadelphia Navy Yard wireless
station has been cleared up.

It was Captain Hinchley, of the good
stopping board craft Hinchley, wireless
for help because he was afraid
that some boatloads of marine strikers
were going to board him.

The captain explained today when he
told the Hinchley up at Pier 18, Port
Richmond.

Late last night the wireless crew at
the yard picked up a wild "S. O. S."
P. 18 said: "Marine strikers are
attacking us. We are unable to get
shore. Telephone the police sent there
at once. Help."

Sounded Like Captain Kidd Days
I sounded like the good old days of
Captain Kidd and the "operator" at
Longwood Island got very busy. First he
wired back to the ship: "Who are you?"
"Come the answer, 'The steamship
Hinchley.'" Then a quick call to the police
boat King's station, and anchor had been
set on the way. With a couple of

gangs of patrolmen, the King sped
down the river.

The gallant rescuers found the lower
reaches of the Delaware disappointingly
peaceful. Not a shot; not a sign of
a baleful glare on the horizon; not
a clink of pistol or blood-curdling oath.
Not even a ripple on the river.

So the King came back and the dis-
gusted crew swore it was a poorer
than ordinary sort of joke. So did the
very men in League Island. "More
of those darn fool amateur operators
trying to kid us along," said they.

Felt Little Uneasy
It was true, however, as Captain
Hinchley said today—but with a differ-
ence. He had felt a little bit uneasy
and had sent the wireless. What really
happened, he said, was that several
boatloads of marine strikers, river pick-
ets, not river pirates, had rowed off
from the Greenwich coal piers to the
ship. The "operator" called and asked per-
mission to board, the captain said, so
they could talk to the men on the ship.
He would let them on. So they rowed
away again, promising to get re-
foremen and return. Therefore, he
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OUR SCHOOLS BEST IN U. S. IN 6 YEARS, FINEGAN PREDICTS

That Period Needed to Make
Teaching Staff Finest in
Country, He Says

MUST PAY GOOD SALARIES TO GET REAL EDUCATORS

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN
Harrisburg, May 7.—Dr. Thomas E.
Finegan has been given approximately
\$35,000,000 for the use of the public
school system of Pennsylvania for the
ensuing two years.

How is he going to spend it?
Is he building up a great centralized
system of State education with Har-
rington as headquarters, as has been
charged?

Is he raising salaries of teachers and
superintendents without prospect of im-
mediate beneficial results?
He has been in office two years. Has
he produced results?

Everyone of the above queries has
been aimed at the Department of Edu-
cation since the Legislature convened
last January.

They were asked openly, or mumbled
covertly by those who professed to be
favorable to public school education,
but opposed to so-called extravagance.
As an established fact it is the peo-
ple's money. The people have a right
to know about its distribution and it
matters not whether the questions were
asked in a spirit of hostility or in ear-
nest curiosity and search for information.

I called on Dr. Finegan with the
above questions foremost on a list.
He discussed them with the utmost
freedom. Not for an instant was there
hesitation or evasion.

Formative Period Over
What Dr. Finegan has accomplished
has been done in less than twenty
months, although he has held his po-
sition for two years.

It is what may be spoken of as the
formative period. The machinery was
being assembled and set up.

As a result of an act passed last year he
was down and out for five months
from an attack of pneumonia. At one
time his life was despaired of.

His paramount duty, as Governor
Sprout outlined when he appointed him,
was not only to direct the public school
system on the Commonwealth, but to re-
build it first.

The skeleton was there, but the admin-
istrative and scholastic system had
to be reorganized and built up.
It was a task of enormous magnitude.
To put it in another way, the victim
of persistent dry rot.

In sixty-five years there have been
but seven superintendents of schools.
Each of them inherited a little to the
ends of his predecessor as the school
population increased. That was all.

Despite the tremendous changes in
education, the Pennsylvania school sys-
tem, Pennsylvania had changed but
little from the days of James P.
Wickersham, the "father of the public
schools," fifty odd years ago.

Bitter Facts for State
Here are a few facts the public should
know.

They are disgraceful considering the
imperial position Pennsylvania oc-
cupies among the States.

For nearly a century, from 1850
to 1918, this Commonwealth has been
going steadily down hill in its position
in education.

In 1918 Pennsylvania stood tenth in
the list of States and territories in
point of educational advantages.

By 1920 it had dropped to fifteenth
place. It lagged away behind Nevada
and Colorado, and behind the four States
of the West, which were then in the midst
of its greatest struggle against the
disgrace of polygamous Mormonism.

Colorado, which in 1910, had
shipped a mail further down the scale
and stood sixteenth on the list.

The farthest of Washington,
which in 1910 occupied fourteenth
place, had in the intervening ten years
leaped to first place, while Pennsylv-
ania had gone backward.

Proved Good Sleuth



SEVEL R. BATES
Seventeen-year-old daughter of
Mrs. Frances Bates Johnson, of
Detroit, who located her stepfather,
Frank J. Johnson, in Hot Springs,
Ark., while her mother lay ill at
home in Philadelphia, who was held
in \$1500 bail for the grand jury yester-
day, "married" Marie Johnson
in Philadelphia in June, 1920, fol-
lowing a "divorce" which wife No.
1 had annulled.

U. S. BOARD VESSEL SCUTTLED AT DOCK

Timely Discovery of Open Sea-
cocks Saves Ship at
Newport News

CONTINUE STRIKE DEADLOCK

By the Associated Press
Newport News, Va., May 7.—The
shipping board steamship William-
am, loading here, was found today with
every sea-cock open and fifteen feet of
water in her hold. The closing of the
bulkhead doors prevented her from
sinking.

DEATH INSTEAD OF PRISON

Man Killed by Fall From Scaffold on
Eve of Court Sentence

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COLONEL HARVEY, LEAGUE FOE, TO SIT IN SUPREME COUNCIL

Washington, May 7.—President Harding's appointment of Colonel George
Harvey as his personal representative in the Supreme Council bears a deep
significance. Colonel Harvey will serve in a dual capacity, as he is also the
new ambassador to London.

NEWLY BORN BABY PARIS PRESS HAILS ARRIVES ON LINER. U. S. CO-OPERATION

Paris, May 7.—Newspapers of this
city today express great satisfaction
with Washington dispatches announcing
the United States had decided to resume
her part in the Supreme Allied Coun-
cil, the council of ambassadors and the
allied reparations commission. It was
declared that the action of the Ameri-
can Government was the result of
French diplomacy, and would facilitate
a general settlement of peace prob-
lems.

SIX STOWAWAYS ALSO COME ON TAORMINA, WHICH BRINGS 1861 SOULS

The Italian steamship Taormina
reached here today with seven passen-
gers not on the sailing lists, one of
them brought by the stow, the others
stowaways. The liner brought 1861
persons in the steamer from Naples and
Genoa.

GENERAL SETTLEMENT OF PEACE PROBLEMS BELIEVED HASTENED BY HARDING'S DECISION

Referring to discrepancies between
Premier Briand and Prime Minister
Lloyd George, which arose during the
meeting of the Supreme Council at
London, the Paris press declared that
opposition of the British prime minister
to many of M. Briand's demands
"stopped as by enchantment" when he
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Bold Stroke by Harding Held of Greatest Importance

TO HELP SETTLE WORLD'S QUESTIONS

Senate Astounded, but Has No
Power to Balk Executive
Decision

APPOINTEES REQUIRE NO CONFIRMATION

Participation of Washington
Makes Supreme Council
Dominant Over League

BY CLINTON W. GILBERT Staff Correspondent Evening Public Ledger

Washington, May 7.—In accepting
the invitation of Lloyd George to be
represented in the Supreme Council,
President Harding placed the United
States in an association of nations.

It is impossible to exaggerate the im-
portance of the step the administration
has taken. Mr. Harding and Mr.
Hughes have gone much further than
it was expected they would. They have
gone much further than President Wil-
son ever did since the end of the Peace
Conference in causing this government's
participation in world affairs, for, after
Frank Polk's return from Paris, this
country was not represented even by
an observer at the meetings of the Su-
preme Council.

This body is made up of the heads
of the great states that won the war.
It is virtually a survival of the allied
conference during the war and of the
Big Five at Paris. Lloyd George, who
is its president, has sat in it contin-
ously with a succession of French and
Italian premiers, and a Japanese am-
bassador. The personal representative
of the United States.

MUST REPRESENT HARDING

As it is composed of heads of states,
Colonel George Harvey can only take
part in its proceedings as the personal
representative of the President. When
Colonel Harvey attends the meetings
of the body it will be in effect President
Harding attending those meetings, as
President Wilson did at Paris, for
Colonel Harvey will say what he is told
to say and agree to what he is told
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