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Shows this afternoon and probably tonight followed by somewhat cooler; Saturday fair; moderate winds.										
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MAYOR WILL HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON \$1.10 GAS BILL

Gets Tuesday and Wednesday of Next Week to Hear Arguments on Proposal

CONFERS WITH STOTESBURY AND ISSUES STATEMENT

The public's attitude toward a ten-cent increase in the cost of gas, voted yesterday by Council, will be sounded by Mayor Moore next Tuesday and Wednesday at public hearings in City Hall.

The Mayor announced that on Tuesday at 11 o'clock he will hear those who wish to speak for the United Gas Improvement Co. and on Wednesday he will "gladly be heard" from those who oppose the ordinance raising the gas price from \$1 to \$1.10 a thousand cubic feet.

Incidentally, E. T. Stotesbury, a member of the U. G. I. directorate, called on the Mayor this morning and remained with him for some time. Mr. Moore declined to state the purpose of the visit, referring questioners to Mr. Stotesbury.

The statement announcing the public hearings follows: Mayor Moore declined this morning to state what he would do on the gas ordinance passed by Council yesterday.

This is a matter affecting the public as well as the U. G. I. Co. It is such a matter as may be susceptible of further discussion than Council has given it. That body decided to confer with the Mayor upon this ordinance. Therefore, those who wish to be heard by the Mayor will be heard.

First Hearing Tuesday.

Next Tuesday, July 19, at 11 A. M., the Mayor will hear those who desire to speak for the U. G. I. Co. The next day, Wednesday, July 20, at 11 o'clock he will hear those who are opposed to the ordinance. On subsequent days he will endeavor to get in touch with the gas commission which has made recommendations to Council.

Asked pointblank if he would veto the gas increase measure, Mr. Moore said: "That is a leading question, and I will not answer it at this time."

The Hall ordinance, in typewritten form and signed by the president and chief clerk of Council, was taken to the Mayor's office about 1 o'clock by Harry W. Wittig, sergeant-at-arms of Council.

The Mayor called City Solicitor Smyth and Dr. N. Wiley Thomas, chief inspector of the Bureau of Gas, into conference.

He then dictated a letter to the U. G. I., calling attention to a clause in the 1897 lease, which provides a \$500 fine for every day the company fails to give consumers 22-candlepower gas. The company is now furnishing 230 B. T. U. gas under the latest of a series of extensions of privilege which expires today. By force of circumstances involved in the Hall ordinance yesterday, the company will be furnishing B. T. U. gas in violation of the lease, thereby incurring daily fines under the new standard gas is again authorized.

Cunningham Comments

Thomas W. Cunningham, one of the leaders of the Vore-Brown-Cunningham combine, was in the office of Richard Wiegman, president of Council, when the Mayor's announcement of the public hearings was made.

"Why Council's Committee on Utilities went all over that subject," he said.

Wiegman, who was outchecked yesterday in the Council by Hall and his colleagues, said he welcomed the public hearings.

"The Mayor is well within his rights in calling upon the citizens to assemble in his office in City Hall and express their views on the proposed amendments to the gas lease which are embodied in a bill passed yesterday by Council."

"It will be recalled that the Committee on Transportation and Public Utilities on Council held several public meetings for this purpose. Some of these meetings were in the presence of the Mayor and he was given an opportunity to appear before the committee and discuss proposed changes to the 1897 lease."

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Stops Runaway



Twice wounded in the war, Lanahan again found himself a hero today when he risked his life to stop a runaway at Fifty-first and Thompson streets.

WORLD WAR HERO STOPS HORSE IN WILD RUNAWAY

Frank Lanahan, Thompson Street, Dragged Half Block

Frank Lanahan, 5157 Thompson street, twice wounded veteran of the World War, proved himself a hero again today when he risked his life to stop a runaway horse and stopped it after it had dragged half a block.

The horse had been attached to a Freshford's bread wagon, and was standing at Fifty-first and Thompson streets while the driver was making some entries in his book.

A motorcar frightened the animal and it dashed away, tumbling out the driver, who escaped serious injury. The horse ran on the sidewalk at 5122 Thompson street and crashed into a garage, damaging the wagon and breaking the harness. Freed of the wagon, the animal ran until Lanahan managed to get his hands on the horse's bit as it passed his house. Though the animal dragged him half a block, he managed to stop it.

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GIRL DENIED DRUGS, PLUNGES TO DEATH AT PRISON HOSPITAL

House of Correction Inmate Makes Wild Leap From Third-Story Window

RETURN OF GUARD HALTED USE OF BED SHEET ROPE

Lillian Fitzgerald, twenty-four years old, a drug addict, jumped from a third-story window of the House of Correction Hospital and received injuries which caused her death this morning.

The woman was sentenced to the House of Correction for three months last Monday by Judge MacNeille of the Municipal Court.

Her craving for drugs, physician at the hospital believe, caused her to take the fatal plunge. She frequently begged the nurses at the hospital to give her heroin or cocaine. Without the drugs she said that life was not worth living.

The woman appeared to nurse the delusion that she would escape from prison should she obtain cocaine. Efforts to comfort her were futile.

Planned Escape in Bed

It was noticed yesterday that the prisoner-patient was unusually quiet. She appeared to be resigned to the fact that she would remain in prison. Instead of railing at the authorities and venting her opinions on present-day reform, she layed quietly in bed.

An attendant in the ward went to an adjoining room. During her brief absence the woman pulled two sheets from the bed and started toward the window, evidently intending to make a rope and drop to the ground. The return of the attendants promptly compelled her to abandon this plan, and she jumped without the aid of anything to head the fall.

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Politico-Religious Battle on Sectarian Fund Issue

Denominations Losing Charity Appropriations to Fight for Constitution Revision. Anti-Sectarian Association to Oppose It

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN

The bitterest fight in Pennsylvania's recent politics is looming just ahead. Paradoxically, it is not a personal or party contest.

The proposed Constitutional Convention to be voted on in September is the bone of contention. It is Governor Sprout's pet measure.

It will be a politico-religious struggle that party lines will disappear, but denominational enthusiasm will run high.

The Institution of Protestant Deaconesses of Pittsburgh, Lutheran, in the present instance, with St. Timothy's Memorial Hospital, Philadelphia, Protestant Episcopal, Duquesne University of the Holy Ghost, Pittsburgh, Catholic, and the Jewish Hospital, of Philadelphia, are co-jointly interested in the decision.

There are seventy-two other sectarian or denominational institutions affected by the finding of the Supreme Court. They got the money.

No matter what the result, on Tuesday, the 20th of September, of the vote in the State on the proposal to hold a Constitutional Convention, the contest will not be over.

It will be further fought out in the courts. The constitutionality of the Legislature's action in calling a convention, and Governor Sprout's demand that it be held, are the issues.

Recalls Anti-Religious Garb Fight

Active preparations are already in progress on both sides.

It is scarcely reasonable to expect that individuals or institutions, no matter how religious persuasions, have benefited to the extent of millions of dollars for years by State appropriations, will willingly relinquish these benefits without a prodigious struggle.

More would be likely than that, after fighting for years, and winning Supreme Court decision, those behind

Workers at the Philadelphia Navy Yard are being "furloughed" without pay for a period of two weeks, at the rate of 1000 a day.

This drastic step was made necessary, officers at the yard say, because of the curtailed appropriation made available by Congress this year.

In addition to the "furloughs," which may be extended beyond two weeks now planned, all employees of the Philadelphia Navy Yard, in common with all other yards, will work only a five-day week.

Formerly it was customary for them to have Saturday afternoon off, but to be paid for a full day's work Saturday. A new executive order, signed by Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, discontinued this half day with a day's pay, substituting a whole day off without pay.

Through the operation of the "furloughs" and the substitution of a five-day week for the old six-day week, the number of employees at the yard is being cut in two.

Because of very greatly curtailed appropriation for the conduct of work of the naval establishment, which requires the exercise of rigid economy and consequently necessitates drastic reductions in the civilian personnel throughout the service, the department, aiming to avoid the dismissal of as many employees as may be possible in view of the existing era of unemployment due to stagnation in private industry, has determined to temporarily close navy yards, naval stations, and offices throughout the service Saturday (except Navy Department in Washington).

The result of this action will conserve navy funds to the extent of a day's pay a week in the case of such employees and result in the retention of a certain number of employees whom it would be necessary under the existing working period to separate from employment.

The department desires to emphasize that its action in this matter, interest of its employees on the one hand, and diminished expenditures on the other, is not to be understood as a permanent change of policy in regard to employment, may make it possible when it becomes necessary to return to the number of days of employment per week heretofore existing, for those who must be discharged to find other occupations. The department hopes that this order will be accepted in the spirit in which it is promulgated.

FAR EAST PARLEY ASSURED WHETHER JAPANESE OR NOT

Hughes Cleverly Decides Issue Without Waiting to Satisfy Mikado's Doubts

TOKYO MAY ATTEMPT TO LIMIT DISCUSSIONS

By CLINTON W. GILBERT

Staff Correspondent Evening Public Ledger

Washington, July 15.—With the exact language of the Japanese communication regarding the Pacific and disarmament conference undecoded, it is impossible to say confidently whether the Mikado's Government more or less ignored that part of Mr. Hughes' invitation which referred to the Pacific problems or whether it asked for further definition of the purposes of the conference in the discussion of the Far East.

Learning of one-half the invitation would be childish, so it is a safe guess that Japan asked to know before agreeing to discuss Pacific questions just how far the discussion was to go.

Japan, entering such a conference against her will, naturally seeks to limit its scope or perhaps to widen its scope so that if the question of Japan's holding of Shantung is to come, so shall the question of the English status in Hongkong and the French status in Indo-China.

Hughes Has Upper Hand

Mr. Hughes' diplomacy is plain. Whatever the nature of the Japanese reply, whether Japan has merely ignored one-half the invitation or whether she has sought to limit it to that half of the invitation, Mr. Hughes is confronting Japan with a fait accompli, a conference to discuss the Pacific, unlimited in its scope and participated in by all the other great powers.

This is one of the oldest resorts of diplomacy. While the other power hesitates and asks questions you carry out your plan and in effect ask them to join you.

Mr. Hughes decided at once to issue the formal invitation without waiting for the removal of Japan's doubts.

Thus there is to be a conference on Pacific problems whether Japan takes part in it or not. Even if Japan will only talk disarmament the other powers will discuss the Pacific.

T. S. Ready to Act at Once

Mr. Hughes does not allow his confidence to be shaken by Japan's failure to develop hesitation because Japan hesitates. He gets ready at once to issue formal invitations, naming the time and place, leaving sure, as it is officially explained, that Japan will not fail to enter the general conference on exactly the same basis as the other invited powers.

And Japan has really little choice.

WOMAN FAINTS AS HUSBAND IS JAILED FOR CONTEMPT

Concealed \$9655 From Bankruptcy Trustee, Is Charged

When her plea failed to save her husband, Carl Pintzuk, a woolen merchant, formerly of 736 Arch street, from jail for contempt of court, Mrs. Jennie Pintzuk became hysterical and later fainted in the United States Marshal's office in the Federal Building today.

Her husband had concealed \$9655 from his trustee in bankruptcy, and two weeks ago Judge Thompson ordered Pintzuk to turn the money over to his trustee.

"You have had enough time," said Judge Thompson, who ordered Pintzuk committed to Moyamensing Prison until he obeyed the order.

"What is to become of our six children," cried Mrs. Pintzuk. "Please don't send my husband to jail. If you do my children will be orphaned and I can't support them."

Canada Hero Dying



GENERAL SIR SAM HUGHES

The former Minister of Munitions, whose work in the World War largely contributed to the efficiency of the Dominion troops, is reported critically ill at his home in London, Ont. His physicians say there is little hope of his recovery.

TRIAL DELAYS LAD TO GOLF DAWDLING

Henry M. Stevenson Tells William Findlay Brown, Rotan Aid, He Neglects Duties

McGINN MURDER CASE ROW

The District Attorney's office today was accused of dawdling and of violating the legal rights of prisoners by Henry M. Stevenson, a lawyer, in fighting for a speedy trial for a client charged with murder.

Turning to William Findlay Brown, First Assistant District Attorney, who was opposing his writ of habeas corpus, Mr. Stevenson said:

"If you would pay more attention to your court work and less attention to your golf, poor prisoners wouldn't have to lie in jail so long without the trial they are entitled to."

"You're pretty smart, you are," retorted Mr. Brown in a low voice.

"The courts had disappeared by the time you got there," said Stevenson.

Accused of Slaying Detective

The lawyer argued before Judge Barratt, in Criminal Court No. 1, for a quick trial or freedom for Petr Mauvrie, in Criminal Court No. 1, for a quick trial or freedom for Petr Mauvrie, who is charged with the slaying of Detective Joseph McGinn, in a Passunk avenue house last November.

Mauvrie was arrested January 4 and has been in jail since. Mr. Stevenson argued that under the law a person accused of homicide must be tried within two terms of court. His client has been kept in prison about two months over the prescribed period, he said.

The lawyer stated that the District Attorney had tried to have Mauvrie sign a continuance on his trial could be postponed legally. Mauvrie refused to sign the paper on his advice, Stevenson said.

Mauvrie, attired in the winter clothing, has been in jail since. Mr. Stevenson argued that under the law a person accused of homicide must be tried within two terms of court. His client has been kept in prison about two months over the prescribed period, he said.

Police Hint Murder Plot

Think Missing Dentist Committed Crime to Get Life Insurance

Roseburg, Ore., July 15.—(By A. P.)—Officers today were seeking Dr. R. M. Brumfield, a dentist, who is missing, following the finding of a homeless body under his wrecked and burned automobile. Two identifications of the body were made and the dentist's wife and another by friends of Dennis Russell, a laborer.

Sheriff Stammer said the warrant was issued on the theory that Brumfield, who was insured for \$28,000 against death and accident, was heavily involved financially and had slain Russell, hauled the body to the place where it was found and blown off the head with a stick of dynamite after placing his own ring and other identifying articles on the body.

FIRST STEPS TAKEN FOR IRISH PEACE AT LONDON MEETINGS

Preliminaries Believed Worked Out by Lloyd George and De Valera Today

NEXT SESSION ON MONDAY; CRAIG CALLS ON PREMIER

By the Associated Press

London, July 15.—Another meeting between Eamon De Valera and Premier Lloyd George took place today. This discussion of the preliminaries of the hoped-for Irish peace settlement lasting about an hour and a half. At its conclusion it was announced the conversation would be resumed later, probably Monday.

The fact that no immediate resumption of the talk was contemplated was not interpreted to mean anything like a breakdown of the conference or a deadlock in the preliminary negotiations. On the contrary, those in close touch with the situation believe the preliminaries between the Prime Minister and the republican leader have been worked out.

Lloyd George Consults Craig

With his interviews with the Irish republican leader concluded for the time being, Lloyd George this afternoon took the next step in peace negotiations, receiving Sir James Craig, the Ulster Premier, who arrived from Belfast this morning. Sir James went to Downing street at 3 o'clock this afternoon, going directly to the cabinet room to confer with the Prime Minister.

An official communication issued this afternoon concerning today's conference between Lloyd George and De Valera reads:

"A further conversation between Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. De Valera took place this morning in Downing street and will be resumed at a later date, probably Monday."

This conference took place in the Cabinet room and was a two-man talk.

Sir Hamar On Hand

In an adjoining room, however, Sir Hamar Greenwood, the Chief Secretary for Ireland; Lord Curzon, the Foreign Secretary; Art O'Brien, president of the Gaelic League in London, and Robert C. Barton, of London, and delegation, were on hand should their presence be desired.

Asked for an expression of opinion on the Irish situation, Sir James Craig, prior to seeing Lloyd George, said: "The less said now the better."

He added, however, that he was hopeful.

At the Whitehall entrance to Downing street scenes similar to those of yesterday were witnessed as the meeting between the British Prime Minister and the Republican leader was in progress. A large crowd awaited De Valera and cheered him as he entered Downing street, regarding the ovation as he a sign of completion of the close of the talk with Mr. Lloyd George.

Prayers By Kneeling Crowds

As the conference proceeded prayers for its success were said by the crowd in Whitehall, the men and women kneeling and reciting the rosary.

The crowds had dispersed by the time of the Ulster Premier's arrival, there being virtually nobody in or about Downing street except newspaper men and photographers.

At 11 o'clock yesterday's conversation, which lasted almost three hours, Lloyd George and De Valera gave evidence that some progress had been made.

Belfast, July 15.—(By A. P.)—The military resumed control of the North Queen street area in Belfast this morning and armored cars patrolled the streets.

At the City Hall a conference was held today between officers of the police and the military and by leading townspeople, to discuss the situation here in view of the disorders that had occurred during the week.

Actual trouble developed early last evening in the York street and North Queen street district, two persons being killed and between thirty and forty wounded in fighting in which the police and the military were forced to intervene. The rioting stopped abruptly at the curfew hour, but it was announced that re-enforcement of the military in Belfast from adjoining areas today was contemplated.

During the disturbance the mob looted a number of public houses.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY MARKS RECONCILIATION VISIT

Broker Killed by Caretaker of Wife's Home, Who Then Kills Himself

Northport, N. Y., July 15.—(By A. P.)—Word came today from Duck Island in Long Island Sound, of a mysterious double tragedy at the country home of Mrs. Harry G. Hemming, wife of a New York stockbroker. Mr. Hemming was shot and killed there last night by Frank Eberhart, caretaker of the estate and a Deputy Sheriff, who then shot and killed himself.

Employees of the estate said that Mr. Hemming was conducting an interview with his wife in an endeavor to effect a reconciliation. They were married about two months ago, it is reported, but separated soon after marriage.

Mrs. Hemming saw her husband killed. She told the authorities that she had denied him admission to the house and that she had offered Eberhart to help her when Hemming started to force his way in.

After Eberhart shot Hemming, she said the caretaker told fourteen-year-old Helen Henderson, daughter of Mrs. Hemming, by a former marriage, that he was going