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Partly cloudy tonight and Friday with possibly local showers; continued warm tonight; clearing tomorrow.											
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ARBICKLE RELEASE ON BAIL MYSTIFIES DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Prosecutor Surprised at Court's Substitution of Manslaughter for Murder Charge

PLANS TO TRY MOVIE STAR WITH FEW DAYS

San Francisco, Sept. 29.—Declaring the action of Police Judge Lazarus in dismissing the murder charge against Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle to be "wholly mystifying," District Attorney Brady issued a statement containing that the case was a "reverted unusual treatment."

The statement was given out after Arbuckle was released on \$5000 bail. Judge Lazarus having held the movie star for trial on a charge of manslaughter only in connection with the death of Miss Virginia Rappe.

"If Roscoe Arbuckle were unknown and unimportant and treated precisely the same as other defendants of disrepute," said the District Attorney.

Charges Felonious Attack

Brady then cited the law as defining death ensuing from felonious acts as murder and those resulting from manslaughter to be manslaughter, and continued:

"Judge Lazarus took the view that the killing of Virginia Rappe may be treated from a wholly innocent and trivial act, and said the defendant may have slipped her hand into a pocket of something more than a simple button. It is true that the defendant did commit a felony by touching Virginia Rappe, but the testimony shows he did a great deal more and that these acts were entirely felonious in their nature."

Brady said the defendant did not answer upon the charge of manslaughter Judge Lazarus admits that the evidence showed that the defendant was criminally responsible for the death of Virginia Rappe.

"If the defendant was criminally responsible for her death he should have been tried for murder and not for manslaughter," he said, "and it is immaterial that he did not intend to kill her."

"In so far as the amount of proof is concerned, the law makes no distinction between 'important' cases and 'trivial' cases. Neither does the law in its treatment of men make any distinction between 'important' defendants and 'trivial' defendants."

To Speed Up Trial

If the present plans of District Attorney Brady materialize, Arbuckle will be tried for manslaughter within a few days. The maximum penalty for manslaughter in California is ten years' imprisonment in the State Penitentiary or a fine of \$5000.

Two manslaughter charges are pending against Arbuckle. The first one was brought recently by a county Grand Jury which investigated Arbuckle's behavior at which the State contends the film actress received injuries which caused her death.

Arbuckle regained his freedom shortly after preliminary hearing ended. He already had on deposit \$5000 bail in connection with the indictment, and this was transferred to cover the proceedings arising from the second charge.

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Would Keep Evidence Secret

That date had been set several days ago but Brady announced today that if he could not locate a witness to bring Arbuckle to trial on the Delmont complaint as modified yesterday by Judge Lazarus.

Whether he would be able to have Arbuckle appear to answer to one complaint and then try him on another on the same date he was not sure, he said, but declared he would try, since both complaints charge the same offense, arising from the same circumstances.

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BULK OF \$625,000 TOLAND ESTATE GOES TO RELATIVES

Banker Who Shot Himself Also Aids Charity

The bulk of an estate valued at more than \$625,000 was left to relatives today in the will of Robert Toland, 1213 Myrtle street, who shot and killed himself Saturday at his country home in Wynnewood.

The chief beneficiaries are Mr. Toland's sister, the Baroness Meyer de Schaeffer, and her sons, Maximilian and Rudolph; his nephew, R. H. Tush Toland, broker and clubman of the city, and the children of the testator's deceased brother, Edward Toland, who died in 1917.

The sum of \$2500 was bequeathed to the Children's Hospital, \$1000 to the Society for Protection of Children and \$1000 to the Chestnut Hill Hospital. Mr. Toland was a director of those institutions.

WHISKY RING PAUL REVERES

Chicago Policemen Reported to Be Giving Saloonkeepers Tip

Chicago, Sept. 29.—(By A. P.)—Investigation by Federal authorities of liquor rings said to involve half of Chicago's saloonkeepers was being speeded up today following a sensational development yesterday. This included the death of a woman being questioned at the Federal Building, possibly a saloonkeeper, in the alleged confession of a police officer and the hunt for a "rum pirate."

An investigation was under way today concerning reports that several saloonkeepers consistently furnished a body of self-appointed Paul Reveres party who warned saloonkeepers in various parts of the city to dispose of their stocks of goods.

Kentucky Grand Jury Investigating Klan

Madison, Ky., Sept. 29.—If there is a Ku Klux Klan in Hopkins County, or if there is one in process of organization, the grand jury is to the very bottom, Judge Carl Henderson charged the Grand Jury in opening the Circuit Court yesterday. He said:

"According to newspaper reports, this organization has for its purpose regulation of the Negro and of certain religious sects without resort to courts of law. If such is true, the organization comes under the statute providing for conviction of persons banding together or confederating for the purpose of taking the law into their own hands."

MAN IS CRUSHED TO DEATH BY TRUCK

Victim Killed on Old York Road Believed to Have Been O. E. Bowen, Race Street

DRIVER IS DETAINED

A man believed to be O. E. Bowen, 1507 Race street, was killed almost instantly this afternoon on the Old York road at Noble, when the wheels of a motortruck crushed his head.

The truck was driven by William Schaeffer, 3563 Allen street, who had given the victim a "lift" below Jenkinson as he was driving north.

As the truck reached Noble the man believed to be Bowen told Schaeffer he had gone far enough. The chauffeur warned him to wait until the machine was stopped, but the other leaped down to the road.

The man stumbled and fell directly in front of the truck which passed over his head. It was when Schaeffer stopped the car and ran to him.

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RUTH ILL WITH GRIP; NOT IN GAME TODAY

Home-Run Hitter Ordered to Bed by Physician in New York

Babe Ruth, the demon of sweat and king of all home-run hitters, was not with the New York Yankees party today as they arrived in Philadelphia Station at 10 o'clock this afternoon for the first game of a two-game series with the Athletics that has an important bearing on the championship race.

Ruth is suffering from a slight cold and will be able to join the team here tomorrow. A report from New York today said that Babe Ruth was suffering from an attack of the grip and that he might be out of the game for some time.

This report was ridiculed by the members of the Yankee team, who stated that the behemoth of swing had a slight cold and it was thought inadvisable for him to take a day's rest in order not to aggravate the ailment.

Ruth is believed to have caught cold while in the company of the Athletics. Last night he complained of chills and fever and his physician, after calling in two other doctors, ordered the slugger to be confined to his bed.

The physician, who left the apartments of Mrs. Ruth in the Ansonia Hotel shortly after a consultation.

"The 'bug' questionnaire" sent from Mayor Moore's office to city employees recently, was criticized today by the Bureau of Municipal Research.

"Exactly what use the Mayor expects to make of this information and how it is related to the budget we do not know," the bureau stated in Citizens' Business, its weekly publication.

"A perusal of the questions, however, is continued," leaves us with grave misgivings as to the purpose of the document and its effect upon the morale and efficiency of the city service."

The Research Bureau called attention to four of the twenty-two queries in the questionnaire which related to the sponsors of the city, his voting rights, and whether he is a member of any political club or committee. The bureau commented these questions are contrary to the spirit if not the letter of the City Charter.

The Civil Service Reform Association also has raised objections to the questionnaire. Officials of the association wrote to the Mayor in reference to it.

MAYOR'S QUESTIONNAIRE HIT BY RESEARCH BODY

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SENATE COMMITTEE ASKED TO KEEP CORPORATION TAX

Repeal of Special Imposts Also Urged by Democrats

Washington, Sept. 29.—(By A. P.)—Retention of the corporation capital stock tax is proposed in an amendment to the Republican tax revision bill, offered by Senator Simmons, of North Carolina. The amendment, which also includes the repeal of all the special taxes such as those on brokers, proprietors of theatres, cinemas, automobile bus lines, shooting galleries and the like as presented by Senator Simmons on behalf of the Democratic members of the Finance Committee.

The bill as reported to the Senate proposes repeal of the corporation stock tax and retention of the other taxes.

Other proposals offered by the minority provided for repeal of the freight and passenger transportation taxes and the tax on the net income of corporations, and that persons whose net income exceeded \$20,000 a year be not entitled to the normal exemptions allowed by the normal income tax and to heads of families on account of dependents.

LAMPS FOIL SNEAK THIEVES, SO THEY STEAL THE BULBS

Delaware County Police Lose in Battle of Wits With Astute Band of Chicken-Coop Raiders

In the battle of wits that rages almost constantly between the energetic police officials of Prospect Park, Delaware County, and a desperate but astute band of sneak thieves, the thieves are for the moment, apparently, the victors.

The lights were turned on Monday night over an hour they kept a brilliant vigil over the surrounding property, and the official agent to be satisfied that law and justice had triumphed.

"Alas! Yesterday morning it was discovered that the lamps had been stolen.

CHESTER SHIPYARD INVADED BY KLAN IN RECRUIT DRIVE

Kleagles Stalk \$10 "Prospects" Near Home of Gov. Sproul, Who Denounced Klan

"PICKING" REPORTED SLIM, DESPITE USE OF HOKUM

Kleagles of the Ku Klux Klan are now stalking \$10 bills among the shipyard workers at Chester.

During a recent visit to the shipyard the method of hunting for candidates for the striking "empire" of "Colonel" William Joseph Stumm, the only man in the world who claims to be both an emperor and a wizard.

The first step is to obtain "sucker lists," as they are impudently termed in the world of frenzied finance. Some good American coin has to be surrendered for these lists.

This equipped the membership kluxer locates his prospect and in glowing terms describes the "pure Americanism" which the Klan leaders say they are fostering.

The "klanishness" of the order is held out as bait to the man known to hold \$10. Klanmen stand by one another, he is told, and are guided along through a secret and impressive ritual whereby than any other organization on earth can boast of.

One phrase in the ritual the Kleagles keep away from. It is the "non silba sed antra" that "Emperor" Simmons bawled from the Latin tongue and some other language known only to Simmons himself. The Kleagles figure that a man who can make an empire can make his own words if he wants to.

When the shipyard worker has been doused with enough mysterious hokum the application blank is pulled from the Kleagle's sleeve or his silk-lined pocket. If the prospect signs—well, the canvasser has more money toward his income tax and the rapidly shrinking ten-spot begins winging down to Atlanta, Ga.

The Kleagle Business Poor

Up to now, the business of selling the Klan's racial and religious prejudices is very slim as far as the shipyard workers are concerned. The war is over and the money is not flowing in as it used to.

The Chester mill workers also are being canvassed and an attempt is being made to get a fingerhold on the Chester police department.

One sergeant of police was given an application blank several days ago. He carried it in his pocket for awhile and then mentioned it to a superior, who conducted the committee investigation and recommended that he be legally seated. The Democratic members, on the contrary, asserted that Senator Newberry was elected by "corrupt and illegal methods and practices" and recommended that his seat be declared vacant.

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RAIL STRIKE IMPROBABLE, TRAINMEN'S LEADERS SAY

W. G. Lee Calls Grievance Committees to Consider Result of Vote

Chicago, Sept. 29.—(By A. P.)—Fifty-seven general chairmen of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen will leave Chicago tonight carrying instructions from W. G. Lee, their president, that they should obtain their sanction or disapproval of the strike vote of the president here next week.

Individual reports were that 90 per cent of trainmen voting were opposed to acceptance of the wage cut of July 1, and that the trainmen do not intend to support from the people.

The shop crafters already have voted, 225,000 to 48,000 to strike, but have set no date, while officers of the Brotherhood of Engineers, Brotherhood of Firemen and Firemen and the Switchmen's Union of North America will meet here Monday to count their 250,000 strike ballots.

While the sentiment of the men in all crafts is reported overwhelmingly in favor of a walkout, the feeling in individual circles today continued to be that there was no strike. The shop crafters have made their walkout, but support from the other organizations, and Mr. Lee, of the trainmen, is understood to be obtaining the same step. Officers of the trainmen do not believe the other unions will quit work and have no intention of ordering their men out without such support.

SPATTERING ACID STARTS NEAR-PANIC ON BROAD ST.

Pedestrians Are Burned When Glass Carboy is Shattered

A near-panic took place in front of the Liberty Building during the noon hour today when the breaking of a carboy of sulphuric acid threatened to burn the large crowd of passersby and the famous nearby suffocated the scores in the neighborhood.

John Miller, 2136 Ridge avenue, and Adolph Swartz, 1290 North Sartin street, sent a three-gallon glass carboy, were unloading two big degrees in front of the building at Broad and Chestnut streets when the glass carboy in Miller's hands slipped and broke. The acid rushed out so quickly that it burned the both men's shoes. The spattering drops damaged the clothing of passers-by as well as slightly burning several.

MONTH SET HEAT MARK

September Stored Up Degrees of Unexpected Warmth

This month has just about "bust the record" for September heat, according to Forecaster Bliss, who believes the excess temperature stored will touch 200 degrees by tomorrow.

Today added the final stick to the weather bonfire, when the thermometer showed 22 degrees in excess of normal, the highest since the beginning of the month. The normal for this date is 63 degrees. Forecaster Bliss said it was likely the thermometer would strike 87 or 88 this afternoon.

To match the temperature, the humidity soared out of bounds.

A high-pressure area to the south and a low-pressure area over the Lake regions are to blame for today's uncomfortable conditions.

FOUND IN STOLEN CAR

Suspect Nabbed by Policemen Looking for Bootleggers

Bail of \$5000 was demanded by Magistrate Curran today of Lewis Kannon, of Fourth street below Ritter, accused of stealing an automobile.

Kannon was arrested by Patrolman Lewis at Ninth and South streets last night. Lewis was lying in wait for some bootleggers, when he saw Kannon trying to start the car. The automobile belongs to B. A. Smith, of Ardmore. It was stolen from in front of a theatre at Broad and Cherry streets several days ago.

PRESIDENT'S PLAN OF CLOTURE RULE FACES OBSTACLES

Filibusterers in Senate Could Hold Up Measure or Approprate It if Passed

ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM SIDETRACKED BY BLOCS

By CLINTON W. GILBERT

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Washington, Sept. 29.—Senator Lodge called on President Harding this morning and discussed with him the Senate legislative situation and in particular the possibility of adopting a majority cloture rule. This project is evidently President Harding's idea of the way to restrict the power of the blocs and groups and the Senate privy-leaders like Borah, Johnson, La Follette and Reed, who imperil the Administration's legislative program.

The President feels keenly about blocs and groups. The White House never announces an appointment which might be construed as representing women as women, or the army or the navy or the navy or the labor or labor, without being careful to say that the appointee is named as an American, not as a woman or an officer or a labor man. The group movement is the President's particular black beast.

The list of Senators who visited the President yesterday with regard to majority cloture indicates the President's personal interest.—Senators Lenroot, Frelinghuysen and Kellogg. The New Jersey Senator and the Minnesota Senator are two of the President's closest personal friends in the upper house.

Time of Vote in Doubt

As the situation in the Senate stands, Senator Lodge is unable to say just when the treaty will be ratified, though he is sure that it will be ratified in the end.

The agricultural bloc, by opposing the abolition of excess profits and the reduction of the higher brackets of the income taxes and by insisting upon reviving the transportation taxes, is trying to indefinitely postpone legislation.

In a similar way it is stopping legislation for funding of the railroads. And the free-traders hold up the foreign loan funding legislation, while Senator Borah, who is a whole bloc in himself, ties up anything he feels like tying up and modifies the plans of the Administration according to his own sweet will.

President Not Happy

Mr. Harding is unhappy. Mr. Lodge as leader would like to crack the famous whip of which we have all so often read, but the blocs are worn out and the President is weary. The Borahs, Johnsons and La Follettes are unrepentant.

The country is disgusted with the Senate. Every legislator back from his vacation brings this word of reprobation in politics to discuss the issues of the day before the workers.

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Accused Teacher

Teacher in the Jenks Public School, who was arrested for slapping a boy pupil who he says was impudent.



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TEACHER ARRESTED ON BOY'S CHARGES

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George H. Wichner, of Jenks School, gives a \$500 bail to answer an assault case. The teacher was arrested today at the school charged with assault and battery on George Crapp, a fourteen-year-old student of 2222 South Griggs street, and held in \$500 bail for a further hearing tomorrow.

William W. Brown, district superintendent, signed the teacher's bail bond in Magistrate Curran's office today, and says that the school authorities will stand behind Wichner.

According to the teacher, who is but twenty-three years old, and a graduate last June of the Williamson Trade School, he was provoked beyond bearing by the boy's replies when the teacher gave him an order.

Teacher Tells of Trouble

"The boy came from the Baldwin School," said the teacher. "Yesterday in working class I gave him an order to do a piece of work. Instead of complying he sat on the wooden bench. I told him to get down, and when he did not obey I took him by the shoulder and pulled him down. He said, 'You have no right to do that,' and used language which I repeated. I slapped his face and hustled him out of the room."

Mr. Brown said Wichner had no right to slap the pupil, though the language used by the boy was provoking. "He is a new teacher, just out of school," said the district superintendent. "The boy is not a frail boy. In fact, he is as tall as the teacher. We have had trouble before with that pupil."

5 DEAD, 3 HURT IN BLAST

Guncotton Remaining in Discarded Pipe Explodes With Terrific Force

Parlin, N. J., Sept. 29.—(By A. P.)—Five men were killed and three injured today in an explosion which was felt ten miles away.

The blast occurred at the plant of the P. L. du Pont de Nemours Company while employees of the George Harris Salvage Company, of Morrisstown, were loading onto a truck some pipes that had been used in the process of manufacturing gunpowder.

The explosion indicated that some explosive remained in at least one pipe, for the explosion occurred just after it had been tossed into the boiler. Jagged pieces of steel were hurled with great force in all directions.

QUAKE IN LOS ANGELES

No Damage Reported From Brief Tremor of Earth Today

Los Angeles, Sept. 29.—(By A. P.)—A slight earthquake shock was felt in the southwest section of Los Angeles early this morning. The tremor lasted only a few seconds. No damage was reported.

SENATE CLOTURE RULE HELD IN ABEYANCE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—A general understanding was said to have been reached by Republican Senators today to hold in abeyance, at least until after disposal of the tax bill and the peace treaties, the proposal for a new cloture rule to curb Senate debate.

WEST VIRGINIA ARRANGES HUGE ROAD LOAN

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Sept. 29.—First tangible results of the campaign to "pull West Virginia out of the sand," were seen here today when State officers completed arrangements with a New York city banking syndicate for the sale of \$7,500,000 State road bonds. The State will receive the par value and accrued interest for the bonds. The transaction represents the first installment of the \$30,000,000 road bonds authorized at the election last fall.

HELD FOR MURDER OF FOUR

Five Sons of Storekeeper Testify Against Him. It is Said

Middletown, Conn., Sept. 29.—(By A. P.)—The Middletown County Grand Jury yesterday heard evidence in the case of Emil Schutte, Shanleyville storekeeper, charged with the murder of four persons, Joseph Ball and his wife and son, whose bodies were found in the ruins of their home after a fire six years ago, and a farmhand, slain last April.

Schutte's five sons were in the Grand Jury chamber and were understood to have testified for the State.

BOY, 6. MAY LOSE SIGHT

West Conshohocken Child Struck in Eye With Acorn

Howard King, six years old, of West Conshohocken, a pupil in the public school, was hit with an acorn thrown by another pupil while playing on the school campus late yesterday. Physicians fear he will lose the sight of the right eye.

The force of the acorn was so great that it burst the eyeball.

Cardinal Gibbons used all Catholics to use the Manual of Prayers—44p.

LLOYD GEORGE INVITES IRISH TO PARLEY OCT. 11

Reply of Prime Minister to Sinn Fein Leaders Forwarded to Dublin

RECOGNITION OF EMPIRE CONDITION OF CONFERENCE

Position of Government Held Fundamental to Existence of Nation

DAIL CABINET IS PLEASED

Response Much Better Than Was Expected—Door to Acceptance Open

By the Associated Press

London, Sept. 29.—The Sinn Fein leaders were today invited by Prime Minister Lloyd George to a conference in London, October 11, on an Irish peace adjustment.

The invitation was extended in Lloyd George's reply to Eamon de Valera, dispatched from Gairloch, Scotland, the Prime Minister's temporary residence.

Text of Note, which is addressed to De Valera, is as follows:

"His Majesty's Government has given close and earnest consideration to the correspondence which has passed between us since their invitation to you to send delegates to a conference at Intermunster.

In spite of their sincere desire for peace, and in spite of the more conciliatory tone of your latest communications, they cannot enter into a conference upon the basis of this correspondence.

"Notwithstanding your personal assurance to the contrary, which they much appreciate, it might be argued in the future that the acceptance of a conference on this basis had involved them in a recognition which no British Government can record. On this point they must guard themselves against any possible doubt."

"There is no purpose to be served by any further interchange of explanatory and argumentative communications upon this subject. The position taken up by His Majesty's Government is fundamental to the existence of the British Empire, and they cannot alter it."

"My colleagues and I remain, however, keenly anxious to meet in cooperation with your delegates, another determined effort to explore every possibility of a settlement by personal discussion."

Conference Invitation Renewed

"The proposals which we have already made have been taken up by the whole world as proof that our endeavors for reconciliation and settlement are the empty form, and we feel that our proposals, in correspondence, is the most practical and hopeful way to an understanding such as we ardently desire to achieve."

"We therefore send you herewith a fresh invitation to a conference in London on October 11, where we can meet your delegates as the spokesmen of the people whom you represent with a view to ascertaining the conditions which would be acceptable to the British people and the British Empire may best be reconciled with Irish National aspirations."

"Yours faithfully,"

"D. LLOYD GEORGE."

Way Open for Acceptance

Mr. de Valera, it is pointed out here, has already agreed to confer on the question of the association of Ireland with the empire, but has reiterated the decision of the Dail Eireann that its negotiators would consider no representatives of an independent country. Since then, however, Arthur Griffith, who will be the chief negotiator for the Sinn Fein, has said in a conference held, has been quoted as declaring the Sinn Fein had never asked the British Government to recognize the autonomy of Ireland as a preliminary to a conference.

"Thus the view held in some quarters here is that the Sinn Fein can now accept Mr. Lloyd George's invitation without abandoning its own standpoint."

Dublin, Sept. 29.—(By A. P.)—The reply of Prime Minister Lloyd George to Eamon de Valera was received at the Mansion House here at 1.30 o'clock this afternoon. It was read by De Valera and Arthur Griffith, Foreign Minister in the Dail Cabinet, who were assisting at the time. Mr. Griffith today and joined before the Dail Cabinet, which will meet tomorrow.

The Sinn Fein leaders were agreeably surprised by the wording of Mr. Lloyd George's reply, and one member of the Dail Cabinet, who saw it, expressed the view that public confidence in the conference being held was justified. Formerly it was thought that the Sinn Fein leaders believed that a Recognition of the British Empire had succeeded in securing the insertion of a condition which would have led to the Dail Cabinet's withdrawal from the conference. The reply certainly is better than we expected.