THE WEATHER
Cloudy and unsettled tonight; Wednesday fair and slightly cooler; fresh south, shifting to west winds.
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

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THUG BEATS MAN, ABUSES WIFE, ROBS HOUSE AND FLEES

Bestial Burglar Leaves Room Blood-Spattered After Binding Burholme Park Couple

WOMAN'S CRIES CALL AID; HUSBAND STILL SENSELESS

Harold B. Winchell is in the Hahnemann Hospital in a serious condition and his wife is under the care of a physician at their home, 7008 Oakley street, Burholme Park, following one of the most brutal attacks in recent police annals.

A burglar who entered their home about 3 o'clock this morning awakened them, robbed them, beat them both terribly and then further abused Mrs. Winchell after rendering her husband unconscious with blows from a lead pipe.

Mrs. Winchell was awakened from a sound sleep by the glare of a flashlight against her eyelids. She saw a pistol pointed at her face.

"Where do you keep your valuables? Not a sound, or I'll kill you!" a man's voice cautioned her.

Despite the warning and the threatening weapon the shock forced a scream from Mrs. Winchell's lips. A second later a heavy blow crashed down on her head, dazing her.

The scream awakened Mr. Winchell, and when he stirred the burglar turned his attention to him. A blow came down on Mr. Winchell. He leaped out of bed and grappled with the thug.

Winchell Continues Fight

Sensing his advantage, the intruder stepped back, keeping the glare of the flashlight in Mr. Winchell's eyes. Though still dazed from his sudden awakening, dazzled by the light and stunned by the blow, Mr. Winchell sensed the danger to his wife and continued to fight. A few more blows from the lead pipe tied to the thug's wrist put him into a state of coma from which he has not yet recovered fully.

Then the intruder approached Mrs. Winchell, where she lay on the bed, and struck her again. With a rope he had brought up from their kitchen he tied her hands and feet. Then he turned to a vacuum cleaner, with the electric wire from which he bound the unconscious husband.

Once more he thrust his pistol in Mrs. Winchell's face and demanded to know where the valuables were kept.

"They're in the bureau drawer!" she cried. "Spare us, please. Take the valuables—anything—but don't hurt us

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SIX MONTHS FOR MOTORIST

Abe D. Gordon, Natres Street, Who Hit Girl, Sentenced

"The careless and reckless operation of automobiles has become so common that it has become a matter of self-defense for the Commonwealth to protect the lives and safety of its citizens, to impose sentence on all offenders of this class."

Judge Bonniwell, in the Criminal Division of Municipal Court, thus expressed his opinion today when Abe D. Gordon, seventeen years old, of 1840 Natres street, was convicted of assault and battery on Gertrude Kyle, 3310 Warrington avenue, whom he struck with his automobile at Broad and Chancellor streets on December 18 last. It was testified the defendant ran his machine on the sidewalk and struck Miss Kyle, severely injuring her. Gordon said he had to make a sudden swerve to avoid collision with another machine, but there was no corroboration. Judge Bonniwell sentenced him to six months in the County Prison.

TRAPPED BY BLUE INK

Forger Used Wrong Color, Manufacturer Tells Police

Charged with forging the name of his former employer on a $250 check, Harry Gass, of 51 North Fifty-second street, was held in $800 bail for court by Magistrate McCleary today.

Samuel Miller, 11 South Third street, a hosiery manufacturer, said that he formerly employed Gass as a salesman, and that when Gass quit his employ he took with him six blank checks, one of which was cashed at the Union National Bank.

Miller said that he recognized the forgery when he saw his name on the check in blue ink, as he always uses black. Gass was identified as the man that cashed the check by the teller of the bank.

WRANGEL LOSES FORTUNE

Valuable Papers and Wife's Gems Also Sunk With Yacht

Constantinople, Oct. 18.—(By A. P.)—General Baron Wrangel's entire personal fortune, his wife's jewels, valued at 40,000 francs, and important documents of the Crimean Government were lost Saturday when the yacht Lucullus, on which the head of the former anti-Bolshevik Government in South Russia lived, was sunk by the British steamship Adria.

In addition there were lost valued mementos presented General Wrangel by the late Emperor Nicholas. The accident was due to a swift current and the inability of a pilot to control the Adria.

STARTS SILENCE STRIKE

Robbery Suspect Refuses to Talk to Police After Arrest

"Perhaps you'll be more sociable next week," remarked Magistrate Glenn today as he held a steadfastly uncommunicative prisoner for a further hearing October 24.

Thomas Hardy, of 2027 North Bodine street, the prisoner, was accused of having struck John L. Ladin, of 1924 North Palethorp street, over the head Friday night at Third and Norris streets, and robbed him of $15 and jewelry.

Detectives arrested Hardy yesterday on suspicion. He has refused to make a statement.

Nation's Dry Chief

Ledger Photo Service
ROY A. HAYNES
Federal Prohibition Enforcement Commissioner, who is here today to supervice the shake-up in the Philadelphia office

CONDUCTOR BLOCKS PLAN TO ROB JERSEY TROLLEY

Refuses to Open Door at Woodbury After Motorman Is Attacked

A Public Service street car was held up by two Negroes at midnight last night at the Salem crossing in South Woodbury, N. J. The conductor, Edward McCloskey, of Camden, refused to open the doors, although one of the bandits fired several shots through the windows. The approach of another car frightened the men away.

When the motorman, Isaac Brown, of Woodbury, left the car to reverse the trolley pole one of the men leaped upon him, and after covering him with a pistol, rifled his pockets, but secured no money.

McCloskey is said to have had a large sum of money with him.

INSPECTS GAS EQUIPMENT

Council's Committee Makes Rounds of City

Council's special committee on the gas problem made a complete inspection of the city's gas equipment today.

Leaving City Hall they went first to 1706 North Broad street, where the branch business office is located, and thence to the meter shop at Nineteenth street and Allegheny avenue.

The next stop was the holder station at Ninth and Norris streets and from there they went to the Northern Liberties Gas Works at Front and Laurel streets.

The Twenty-fifth Ward Gas Works was the next plant inspected and then the autos drove to the G and Venango streets holder station, finally finishing the day's trip at the Germantown holder station near Wistar Station.

THIS "HOLD-UP" REAL

Judge Orders "Victim" to Be "Held Up" for Next Eight Months

Philip R. Brown, of New York City, was sentenced to eight months in the County Prison by Judge Monaghan today after pleading guilty to obtaining money under false pretences.

On September 20 Brown reported to the police he had been held up and had lost an automobile valued at $8000, $200 in money, and a diamond ring. The next day he presented a draft for $500 to the Colonial Trust Company to have cashed, and presenting a newspaper clipping of the alleged hold-up, explained he was stranded. He was then placed in custody. An investigation disclosed the hold-up tale a fake and that Brown had passed several worthless checks.

FIRE GIVES FREE MEALS

Cafe Patrons Eat, but Can't See the Cashier for Smoke

Early morning breakfasteers at the restaurant of M. Sadlow, Ninth and Vine streets, complacently finished their meals despite the fact that the establishment caught fire.

While many were in the midst of their coffee and eggs a passerby told the proprietor the place was burning. When he informed the patrons they smiled grimly and took a tighter clutch on their knives and forks.

Even the clang of firebells and arrival of engines did not deter them. But in the midst of the smoke many of the diners found it impossible to find the desk where the checks were paid.

The firemen attacked the blaze from the roof and extinguished it after trifling damage had been done.

FOUR FAMILIES HOMELESS

Fire Destroys Three-Story Apartment in Rockdale

Four families were made homeless in Rockdale early this morning when fire destroyed a three-story brick-and-frame apartment house, known as the Beehive.

The fire was discovered about 3 o'clock and a call was immediately sent for the Media Fire Department and the Goodwill Fire Department of Chester. Both responded, but the house was in ruins when they arrived.

The four families, approximating twenty-five persons, who are made homeless are those of Patrick Braton, Harvey Roberts, George Farrell and George Polock.

SUNSHINE SPECIAL WRECKED

Score Injured When Cars Leave Rails

Dallas, Tex., Oct. 18.—(By A. P.)—A score or more persons were injured, but none seriously, when the eastbound "Sunshine Special" of the Texas and Pacific Railroad was wrecked last night near Van Horn, Tex., according to advices to the road's general offices here. The wreck was caused by a broken rail, and the engine, three sleepers and a dining car left the rails.

FAVORS STRIKE TRIBUNAL

Gov. Allen, of Kansas, Urges Federal Adjudication of Dispute

Topeka, Kan., Oct. 18.—(By A. P.)—Immediate creation of a federal tribunal to adjudicate the railroad strike was proposed today by Governor H. J. Allen.

"The Federal Government should act fearlessly, the Governor said, "to protect the public and give justice to both the railroads and the employes."

U. S. DRY CHIEF HERE WARNS "400" TYPE OF BOOTLEGGERS

Haynes to Direct Campaign Against "Aristocracy" in Illicit Trade

CONFERS WITH RUTTER AND TELLS OF PLANS

Today's Activity in Rum Clean-up Throughout City

Commissioner Haynes arrived in the city to "look over the situation." He promises to end the regime of the "bootleggers' aristocracy."

Government agents seized a $100,000 alcohol shipment at Pier 12, North Wharves.

Enforcement chiefs hold important conferences following the arrest of six alleged bootleggers yesterday.

"The menace of bootleggers' aristocracy" is one of the things which Prohibition Commissioner Haynes said he hoped to drive from the midst of Philadelphia on his arrival here today.

The Director reached the prohibition offices in the Van Dam Building a few minutes past 11 o'clock. He was accompanied by his press agent and Dr. R. O. Matthew, director of the Educational Bureau in the Washington office.

With several exciting events in recent days, the prohibition office wore a quite active look when Commissioner Haynes entered.

The place was shining clean and unbelievably busy. Those field agents who had been kept indoors by work or curiosity, busied themselves as never before with their reports. Pens spattered across paper in chorus, and typewriters which galloped under the nimble fingers of worried typists rattled an accompaniment.

Goes Into Consultation

The commissioner went into consultation immediately with Associate Director Rutter and Assistant Associate Director Duncan. They took the press agent and Dr. R. O. Matthew into the conference with them.

After a quarter hour's talk, in which Senator William G. McConnell, the "Director," was not invited to join, the meeting broke up. Mr. Haynes handed a statement—prepared by his press agent on the spot—to the newspaper men. He was asked if he expected to fire McConnell, but refused to discuss this matter at all. He then went into McConnell's office, where the latter sat in solitary state, and then had a lengthy conversation.

In his typewritten statement, prepared by the press agent, but handed out by Haynes, the Prohibition Commissioner declared he believes he has the situation well in hand.

"I fully endorse the action of Associate Director Rutter in regards to withdrawals of liquor," he said. "I endorse the policy that respectable business houses will not be refused legitimate permits, but there will be an end to permits and wwithdrawals that are questionable.

To Cut Off Bootleggers' Supply

"The bootlegger supply will be cut off and the bogus concerns through which illicit traffic was conducted, will be put out of business.

"There will be no repetition of reckless issuing of permits. Reliable, recognized druggists, manufacturing chemists and producers of genuine proprietory medicines will not be hampered, but a list of bona-fide concerns will be completed by the associate director and permits will be issued on that basis only.

"There will be a searching probe of basic permits now in existence and no withdrawals will be tolerated until each and every withdrawal permit has been approved.

"The investigations will be thorough and conducted without fear or favor.

"There will be an end to 'open' criminal traffic, and where there is collusion the full machinery of the Government will be invoked to bring the guilty to justice. All violations as to manufacture and sale of apparatus, etc., for illicit brewing and distilling must end. In this mighty task I am glad to have the aid of Federal agents who through years of faithful service have withstood the severest tests.

"Realizing conditions that were inherited, I fully appreciate the problems and difficulties, but nothing is impossible when the people are aroused to a sense of duty.

"A campaign of constructive law enforcement, to be mapped out today, will be productive of results. I carry no magic wand by the waving of which all troubles will cease, but I do maintain that a sane, progressive, constructive campaign of law enforcement will succeed in Pennsylvania as elsewhere in all law-abiding communities."

This evening at 8 o'clock Commissioner Haynes will speak on "Law Enforcement" at a great mass-meeting in the Northminster Presbyterian Church.

Six Men Arrested

The six men arrested yesterday in connection with the exposure of the alleged whisky ring are: Samuel Singer, 305 Denckla Building, $15,000 bail; Samuel Blumberg, same address, $10,000; Emanuel Bookbinder, 125 Walnut street, $5000 bail; Morris Mertz, Camden, $5000 bail; Robert McCarter, 1512 Ritner street, $5000 bail; John Friedrich, 420 Rising Sun avenue, $5000 bail.

Properly speaking, the arrest of the "Singer crowd" cannot be placed as a jewel in the crown of the new "flying squadron." The evidence that made the arrests possible was unearthed some time ago by N. C. Brooks, special agent for the Treasury Department, who has had charge of running down the smuggling operations along the Pennsylvania and Jersey shores.

These arrests are the ones referred to in the altercation between Mr. Brooks and United States District Attorney Coles last week when Mr. Brooks accused Mr. Coles of hampering liquor prosecutions. Whether the arrival of Mr. Rutter and his assistants had anything to do with hastening action against Singer and his companions is not known, but none of Rutter's men aided in the arrests.

THREE YEARS FOR AUTO THEFT

Charles Ricketts, seventeen years old, 2833 North Taylor street, was sentenced to three years in the Eastern Penitentiary by Judge Monaghan after pleading guilty to stealing an automobile.

Penrose Spoke the Word and Toga Went to Crow

Senior Senator Bulwarked Own Leadership When Sproul Heeded His Voice and Effaced Himself From the Senatorship

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN

"I intend to be for Senator Crow at the primaries next spring. I shall support his candidacy for the full term."

In these words Governor Sproul took himself permanently out of the race for United States Senator next year.

His declaration puts a quietus on the half-formed belief that State Senator William E. Crow, who has been selected to fill the place in the United States Senate left vacant by the death of Philander C. Knox, would give way to Governor Sproul when the people come to elect a United States Senator next November.

In spite of the Governor's definite statement that he would not resign and permit his successor, Lieutenant Governor Biedelman, to appoint him Senator Knox's successor the feeling had persisted that the Governor was not in earnest. In like manner there will be those who will privately challenge his statement that he does not propose to be a candidate to succeed Mr. Crow next year.

The Governor has made a positive statement and it cannot be disputed.

Factionalism Not Healed

Notwithstanding the fact that Senator Crow is chairman of the Republican State Committee, with the power of that organization at his back, his selection to succeed Senator Knox will come as a disappointment to a large body of influential Republicans throughout the State.

The rankling animosities engendered by the Grundy-Crow feud of the last two years in State politics will not be easily forgotten.

As president of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association Joseph R. Grundy for years has been sort of subtreasury for the Republican organization. His powerful industrial and manufacturing combination, with branches in sixty counties has contributed generously for years to State campaigns. It has given hundreds of thousands of dollars to the cause.

Whether the appointment to the Senate of Senator Crow, the man he fought so bitterly, will be permitted to pass unnoticed will be revealed in the coming months.

It is within the range of possibilities

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Vare, in Warwick Role, Strikes "I-Did-It" Pose

Senator Vare struck an "I-did-it" pose today over the appointment of State Chairman Crow to the United States Senate. It recalled the "I-started-it" attitude of Congressman Vare when Colonel George E. Kemp was brought out for Postmaster of Philadelphia.

"I am delighted over the appointment," the Senator said, "but I am not surprised. I called on Senator Crow at the Bellevue-Stratford Friday night and he consented to take the appointment if it was offered. Then I went to the Knox funeral and had the promise of Governor Sproul to appoint Senator Crow before he left the grounds.

"Senator Crow served sixteen years in the Legislature, sitting near Governor Sproul and myself in the Senate chamber, where I had a chance to observe his splendid qualities. This is the best appointment in my time, and that is a good many years."

BRITISH DELEGATES TO PARLEY NAMED

Lloyd George to Be Accompanied by Balfour and Lord Lee

DOMINIONS REPRESENTED

Harding Cables George V Hope of Arms Reduction

Washington, Oct. 18.—(By A. P.)—Belief that the British and American representatives at the armament conference will work together with the other nations to reduce "the burden of armaments through diminishing possible causes of war" was expressed by President Harding today in a cablegram to King George of England.

The President's cablegram was in reply to one received from King George yesterday in which the British ruler expressed his appreciation of the bestowal of the American Medal of Honor on England's "unknown warrior."

By the Associated Press

London, Oct. 18. — Lloyd George stated in the House of Commons, upon the reassembling of that body today, that he hoped to go to the Washington Conference on the Limitation of Armaments and Far Eastern problems as soon as the parliamentary and general situation rendered it possible.

The other members of the British Empire delegation, the Premier said, would be A. J. Balfour and Lord Lee of Fareham, First Lord of the Admiralty. Sir Auckland Geddes, the British Ambassador at Washington, would act as a delegate, Mr. Lloyd George added, in the absence of the Premier or any other delegate.

The Dominions, said the Prime Minister, would be represented as follows:

Canada—Sir Robert L. Borden.
Australia—George Foster Pearce.
New Zealand—Sir John Salmond.
India—Srinavasa Sastri.
South Africa—By representatives of the British Government.

The senior British naval expert, Lloyd George announced, would be Admiral Earl Beatty, commander of the Grand Fleet, who would be succeeded in due course by Admiral Chadwick.

Lord Cavan, in charge of British army operations in Italy in the last year of the war, would be the principal military expert, and Air Marshal Higgins would be the aviation expert, the Prime Minister stated, while the secretary of the delegation would be Sir Maurice Hankey, secretary of the Cabinet since 1919.

Austen Chamberlain, Government leader in the House of Commons, stated that he hoped the business of Parliament would be completed within a fortnight. Tomorrow, he said, he would introduce four bills, all designed to alleviate distress and remove difficulties arising from unemployment. He added that Premier Lloyd George would make a comprehensive statement tomorrow regarding the Government's policy on unemployment.

MURDER TRIAL RESUMED

Louis Sienkievicz Accused of Fatally Hurting Friend

The trial of Louis Sienkievicz, charged with murder, was resumed today before Judge Monaghan in Quarter Sessions Court. The charge arises out of the death of Vasil Smetanka, thirty-seven years old, of 424 North Fourth street, who died of stab wounds in the Hahnemann Hospital January 1 last.

It is charged the defendant with two companions went to Smetanka's home and wakened him from bed. They were admitted, but finding them all drunk, he attempted to get them to leave. Two did, and finally Sienkievicz was allowed to remain in the kitchen and Smetanka returned to bed. Later the visitor attempted to enter Smetanka's bedroom. A quarrel and a tussle followed and Smetanka was fatally injured.

WIRE TAPPING LAID TO INSURANCE CHIEF

State Commissioner and Assistant City Solicitor Goldsmith Accused—Donaldson Silent

GIRL HELD AS WITNESS

Thomas B. Donaldson, State Insurance Commissioner, and Clarence H. Goldsmith, Assistant City Solicitor, are named in the insurance war here as being cognizant of an investigation that included wire-tapping, breaking and entering and the "planting" of employes.

Commissioner Donaldson, at Harrisburg today, would neither confirm nor deny the testimony to the effect he had suggested the tapping of telephone wires. He said he did and want to make any statement concerning the case. He is coming to Philadelphia tomorrow night, he added.

George F. McCann, a private detective, and John Fox, janitor of a building at 420 Walnut street, both arrested last week on a conspiracy charge connected with the insurance scandal, had their bail of $10,000 each continued for a further hearing by Magistrate Beaton after a sensational four-hour hearing yesterday.

Girl Held as Witness

Margaret Ensslen, Walnut street near Sixty-first, was held in $500 bail as a material witness after her testimony.

The hearing was an echo of the insurance war between independent adjusters and insurance companies following charges of incendiary fires, collusion of State and city officials and other questionable tactics. Insurance companies have declared that the conditions in this city have been "rotten" owing to the large number of incendiary fires on which they have been compelled to pay claims.

The first witness at the hearing was Harry W. Haggerty, a special agent of the Bell Telephone Company. Mr. Donaldson suggested, Mr. Haggerty said, that he, Haggerty, tap telephone wires leading into the offices of J. M. Zinman, 317 Walnut street, and J. Milton Young, 420 Walnut street. The idea was said to be to learn the way in which these independent adjusters conducted their business.

Mr. Haggerty declared that he told Mr. Donaldson that that was against the law. The wires were tapped, Haggerty said, and two girls listened for three weeks to all telephone conversations going from and into the offices of Zinman and Young.

Admits Tapping Wires

James A. McLoughlin, a telephone operator of the Electrical Bureau and assigned as operator in the office of the City Solicitor, was the next witness, and he testified that he had been sent

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GENTLE THUGS ROB MAN

Victim Loses Watch and $90, but Shows No Bruises

Walter Foster, 1251 South Twenty-first street, reported to the police early today that he had been held up by two men at Sixth and Sears streets and robbed of his watch and chain, $90 in cash and a check for $13.

Foster said he was attacked by one of the men with a blackjack and when he fell the other rifled his pockets. He carried no marks of the attack.

APPROVE NEW DEBT BILL

House Committee Orders Favorable Report on Funding Substitute

Washington, Oct. 18.—(By A. P.)—Favorable report authorizing the creation of a commission to arrange for funding and refunding of the foreign debt was ordered today by the House Ways and Means Committee.

The measure is a substitute for the Administration bill, which would have given the Secretary of the Treasury blanket authority over foreign debt negotiations.

RAIL LABOR BOARD CALLS UNION HEADS INTO CONFERENCE

Summons Brotherhood Chiefs in Endeavor to Prevent Walkout—To Meet Thursday

PRESIDENT TAKES UP R. R. PROBLEM WITH CABINET

By the Associated Press

Chicago, Oct. 18.—Telegrams summoning the chiefs of the "Big Five" brotherhoods and the Switchmen's Union to a conference with the United States Railroad Labor Board in an endeavor to forestall an actual walkout on the Nation's railroads, were dispatched to the labor leaders today.

The conference was called for 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the labor board headquarters here.

All members of the board are in the city, except the public group, which has been in conference with President Harding and the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington. The public members will reach Chicago late today.

No outline of what the conference would discuss was announced, but it was said that new proposals would be presented to the labor men in an effort to prevent an actual cessation of work.

B. M. Jewell, head of the shop crafts, which comprise six of the eleven other standard rail organizations, none of which has yet issued an actual strike call, said he had not been summoned by the board. The board's first efforts, it was indicated, would be directed toward those organizations which have set strike dates.

Washington, Oct. 18.—(By A. P.)—President Harding was in position today to lay before his Cabinet an analysis of the railroad strike situation, an outline of the Government's position in the controversy and suggestions as to defensive measures to protect Federal functions if and when the tie-up becomes actual.

A report has been submitted by the joint conference of the public group of the Railroad Labor Board and the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Mr. Harding was understood to have also the gist of reports obtained by Attorney General Daugherty and Postmaster General Hays, after surveys of the situation by operatives in the Department of Justice and Postoffice establishments.

To Protect U. S. Mails

Officials prior to the meeting of the Cabinet declined to say whether the action of the Railroad Labor Board in summoning union chiefs to Chicago for a conference Thursday was an outgrowth of the discussions here Saturday and yesterday between public representatives on the board and the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The Postoffice Department was said today to have completed plans to meet any eventuality. No action is contemplated by the department, however, it was said, unless interference with the mails develops as a result of the strike.

Attorney General Daugherty, on entering the Cabinet meeting today, said:

"I think it improper for the Department of Justice to discuss any phase of the railroad strike situation at this time. If any action is required by the department, of course, there will be action, but in all probability there will be no statement from the department concerning the strike situation until there are further developments."

President Confers With Davis

The first move of the day bearing on the strike situation was a conference at the White House between the President and Secretary Davis, who was

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DENIES CAUSING BURN

Dr. G. E. Pfahler Refutes Charge of Injured Musician

Dr. G. E. Pfahler, an X-ray expert, denied before Judge Davis and a jury today that the mark on the wrist of Hedda Van Den Beemt, a musician, was caused by an X-ray burn. Van Den Beemt, who is suing the doctor for damages, had charged that carelessness on the surgeon's part had rendered him unable to remain as a violin virtuoso in the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Dr. Pfahler said every precaution had been taken in the X-ray treatment and that the injury could not have come from a burn.

REDUCE RATES NOW, DEFER ADDED WAGE CUT, HARDING PLAN

Latest Developments in Railroad Situation

Railroad Labor Board summons "Big Five" brotherhood chiefs to meet with board in Chicago Thursday in effort to avert strike.

Brotherhood chiefs cancel Cleveland meeting set for today.

W. S. Stone says Government should take over roads.

Railroad executives reject proposal of public group of Labor Board. Will press for further cut in wages.

President and Cabinet members discuss rail situation today on basis of reports from Davis, Daugherty, Hays, Weeks and Labor Board.

Train dispatchers refuse to strike. Other unions outside of brotherhoods hesitating. Will decide in Chicago tomorrow.

SPROUL PLANS USE OF AUTOS IN STRIKE

Governor Prepares for Motor Transport Service if Trains Are Tied Up

WOULD PROVIDE FOOD

All the resources of the State Government are being mobilized by Governor Sproul to keep food and fuel moving if the threatened strike cripples the railroads.

The Governor announced he is planning the organization of a motor transport system that will supplement the railway lines, and that the State police, and, if necessary, the National Guard, will be used to keep the rail lines open.

A proclamation calling on owners of motorcars to stop using gasoline for purposes of pleasure will be issued, the Governor continued, if the big walkout materializes. The object is to save gasoline for motortrucks hauling food and fuel.

Discussing the situation, Governor Sproul, at his Philadelphia office, 1512 Chestnut street, said:

"I am giving thought to the possibilities in the strike situation with a view of being prepared for any eventuality. I am trying to devise ways and means for keeping transportation open throughout the Commonwealth and have also ordered an inventory made of the supplies on hand throughout the State and the period that they will last.

To Consult Other Officials

"When I reach Harrisburg tomorrow I will take up the question with other State officials. I have in mind the appointment of a committee to represent the people and the State in this important situation. This committee would be composed of the Adjutant General, the Superintendent of State Police and the Highway Commissioner."

Plans for the welfare of this city, should the strike actually go into effect, will be discussed today at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee. Motortruck transportation will be considered and especial attention will be given to the milk situation and the welfare of babies during the struggle.

The date of the strike for the Pennsylvania lines east of Pittsburgh has again been postponed by minor leaders from November 7 until November 30 or 6. The Reading Railway men will be called upon to go out the same day.

That the situation is "very serious" is admitted by Thomas De Witt Cuyler, president of the Association of Railway Executives, who said further no definite plans to conduct a strike are being taken as yet by the group.

It is known here or elsewhere that the Pennsylvania and other railroads will look to men laid off owing to the Railway Locomotive Works and other large industrial establishments, to stationary engineers and firemen and to college

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HAYNES "FIRES" TEN DRY AGENTS HERE

Ten prohibition agents were "fired" this afternoon by Prohibition Commissioner Haynes. The names of the men dismissed have been withheld for the present. It is expected they will be given out late this afternoon. State Enforcement Director McConnell conferred all morning and for two hours this afternoon with Commissioner Haynes. So absorbing was the conference they did not even stop for lunch.

CHANDLER ASSETS APPRAISED AT $1,180,043.81

L. L. Deininger, I. I. Stone and John P. Hill, were appointed by the U. S. District Court to inventory and appraise the assets of Chandler Bros. & Co., bankrupt brokers, 1528 Chestnut street, reported today the assets worth $1,180,043.81. This, however, merely represents the opinion of three disinterested persons. If this proves a correct account, creditors of the firm will receive but ten cents on the dollar.

TODAY'S RACING RESULTS

First Laurel—Colmalo, 115, Butwell, $3.50, $2.50, $2.40, Wanheim, 110, McCabe, $2.60, $2.50, second; Thos, 102, [illegible] $2.90, third. Time, 1:14 4-5.

SCHEIDEMAN SHOT AT

Attempt Made to Assassinate Former German Foreign Minister

Berlin, Oct. 18.—(By A. P.)—Philipp Scheidemann, former Secretary of Foreign Affairs, was fired upon during a meeting of the German People's Party in Lobenschied, Westphalia, last night. The bullet missed, and Herr Scheidemann was uninjured. Five persons were arrested for the attempted assassination.

Employes of printing offices and newspapers went on strike last night and the newspapers did not appear this forenoon.

MAGISTRATE OFFERS WATCH

But Drunks Can't Tell Where They Were Arrested and Lose

Magistrate John Deigan, sitting at Thirty-second street and Wood land avenue station this morning, offered his gold watch, which he said was worth $65, to any one of three intoxicated prisoners facing him that could remember where he was arrested.

The magistrate examined his watch as none of the drunks was able to say when or where he had fallen into the hands of the policeman.

President Seeks Compromise Favoring Public in Move to Avert Strike

BOTH PARTIES SEE PERIL IN WALKOUT

Administration Fears Disaster to Business Even in Partial Traffic Suspension

LOWER FREIGHT CHARGES WOULD QUICKEN INDUSTRY

Public Group's Recommendation Indorsed—I. C. C. Ready to Pare Transportation Cost

TO AFFECT BASIC MATERIAL

R. R.'s Mistake in Not Passing July Pay Saving on to Public Is Seen

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Washington, Oct. 18.—Indications are that President Harding is seeking a compromise of the railroad labor dispute upon the basis of an immediate reduction in freight rates and a postponement of the second cut in wages of 10 per cent for further consideration. Wages have already been cut 12½ per cent as of July 1.

It is believed that a recommendation along this line was submitted to President Harding by Chairman McChord of the Interstate Commerce Commission and by Chairman Barton of the Railroad Labor Board. The plan is similar to that proposed by the public members of the Labor Board yesterday, which is understood to have had administration approval.

Various influences are at work to avert the strike. President Harding, who is a skillful compromiser, is giving all his time to the subject.

The Labor Board, having recently passed upon railroad wage, is naturally averse to seeing its ruling promptly upset by a new reduction in wages.

Both Sides Fearful

The stronger railroads prefer not to have a strike and are willing to have the question of a further cut in wages put off. And the leaders of the unions are aware of the danger to their organizations in a strike which may end the national agreements.

On the other hand the executives of the weaker railroads would welcome a strike as a means of breaking the hold of the unions. It may be difficult to persuade them to defer the question of the second cut in wages. And on the side of labor it is doubtful whether the heads of the various railroad unions can control their followers if a further cut in wages is attempted.

Railroad executives believe that if there should be a strike, it would not last long and it would end in a victory for the railroads. Many railroad men are out of work. Labor to man the roads, it is thought, would be easily obtained.

Against all this optimism on the part of railroad executives is the administration's fear that a strike might turn out more disastrously than is anticipated. It is recalled that the outlaw strike of two years ago, although it involved only a small fraction of the railroad employes, demoralized the handling of the traffic for months afterward.

Caused Freight Delays

Great delays in the making up of freight trains took place. Trains were made up in the wrong order so that cars could not be dropped off at the stations designated without switching.

It took months for the men's employed men to learn their business and great freight congestion resulted. Railroad men are highly trained. And the efficient running of the roads depends upon every worker doing his part mechanically.

A strike will stop the flow of traffic for a few days at least and its after effects will be felt for a long time. This is the most optimistic view of the situation.

Now the object of the Administration in seeking lower freight rates is to stimulate the recovery of business. But a strike, even a short one, will have an adverse effect upon business for a considerable time to come. Therefore a strike is to be avoided if possible.

Sympathy With Roads

It may be said with confidence that the Administration sympathizes with the railroads rather than with the unions upon the question of further wage reductions. If a further cut in wages proves to be necessary the railroads will meet with no resistance at the White House.

For the moment the plan is to put into effect as soon as possible a cut in freight rates upon all the bulkier commodities like lumber and ore and fuel, and to effect this without the second cut in wages. When the new rates are tested will be the time to decide whether wages must again come down and how much. In this sense only is the question of a further reduction of

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