

THE WEATHER

Increasing cloudiness and slightly warmer tonight with lowest about 18 or 20 degrees; Friday probably snow.

8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5
14	14	15	17	18	21	21	21	21	21

WHERE DID CLERKS FIND FORTUNES TO USE IN COAL DEAL?

Minor Employees of Wilkes-Barre Company Among Members of Purchasing Syndicate

"JERSEY CENTRAL CROWD," OF COURSE, DON'T APPEAR

Men Drawing Low Salaries Able to Put Up Thousands to "Purchase" Concern

Can men of relatively humble position and salary buy stock running into tens of thousands of dollars?

The Reynolds Syndicate, which has just bought the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company from the old "Jersey Central crowd," says that they can—at least in its list of subscribers it shows mine superintendents, clerks and engineers credited with big blocks of the coal company stock.

The Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company is by long odds the most profitable anthracite mining property in America and has been held for years by the New Jersey Central Railroad. Recently the United States Court ordered the sale of this property to the best advantage of the New Jersey Central stockholders.

A committee decided that the Reynolds Syndicate bid—although it was not the highest—was the best, and the fact that hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of the stock went to men whose annual incomes scarcely suffice to meet the first payment on their subscriptions.

In the list of members of the Reynolds Syndicate are several names of residents of Wilkes-Barre, the center from which the actual mining operations of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company radiate.

How Mercury Dropped

Yesterday	Today
40	1 A. M. 14
40	2 A. M. 13
40	3 A. M. 13
40	4 A. M. 13
40	5 A. M. 12
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39	4 P. M. 20
37	5 P. M. 19
37	6 P. M. 18
32	7 P. M. 17
30	8 P. M. 16
28	9 P. M. 15
28	10 P. M. 15
28	11 P. M. 14
28	Midnight

CHRISTMAS CROWD SEES THREE SHOT

Negro Kills Another, Wounds Woman and Ends Life Near Broad and South Streets

THIRD VICTIM IS DYING

Two persons are dead and one is dying as a result of an attempted double murder and suicide, shortly before 1 o'clock this afternoon, on South street between Broad and Fifteenth streets.

All three of the victims are Negroes. No names have been learned by the police so far.

The neighborhood, which is a bustling one, was thrown into great excitement by the three shots which rang out just as hundreds were returning from lunch. A crowd of a thousand persons collected around the three bodies.

According to the police, one of the men and the woman were standing on the street in front of a shoe store on South street below Fifteenth. The other man approached stopped within a few feet and said with an oath:

"Now I've got you."

At the same moment the man who had come up whipped out a pistol and fired at the man talking to the woman.

The crowd that was then drawing a blackjack from his pocket, and before he had a chance to answer the threat of the man who did the shooting.

The woman tried to run at the flash of the first shot. The man with the pistol turned and fired at her. She fell, perhaps fatally hurt.

When the crowd that came running could interfere, the murderer then turned the weapon on himself and fired a bullet into his head. He died instantly.

All three were taken in automobiles and a patrol of the Twelfth and Pine streets station to the Polyclinic Hospital, nearby. The two men were pronounced dead. The woman was still alive, and an immediate operation was decided on in the hope of saving her life.

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Mercury 12 in City, Lower in Suburbs—Snow Expected Tomorrow

Accompanied by a 35-degree drop in temperature and a strong wind, winter blusters set in this morning.

Yesterday at noon the temperature was 47. At 4 o'clock this morning the weatherman's thermometer showed the mercury at 12, the season's lowest so far.

In outlying parts of the city, and in the suburbs, temperatures were much lower when recorded. One commuter house at 200; 45 and 55 and 100 were numerous.

Tonight, the weatherman says, will not be so cold, with a minimum temperature of 18 or 20. Increasing cloudiness is forecast, and tomorrow, "probably snow," which means a white Christmas.

When the mercury started to tumble about 10 o'clock, it went about 10 degrees, and increasing winds and blinding snow flurries made pedestrians slip levels.

Early morning, on the way to their places of business, men and women moved briskly to keep the blood stirring. Coats and asses were pink, and gloved hands protected tipped ears.

So brisk was the gale that rain, through this part of the world last night that one man was killed. He was Alexander Logan, of Laurel, Del., who was swept into the Delaware River from the gangplank of the large Republic, moored at Port Richmond. His head struck a pile.

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The commission based its action on the ground that the reduction would constitute a discriminating rate against other mining territory the coal product of which is sold in Toledo, Detroit and other cities along the coal railroad.

If the proposed reduction were allowed to stand, the commission said, competing lines in Southern Ohio not located on the Detroit, Toledo and Ironton would be unable to continue operation and mines in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee would be affected by undue preference involved in the lower Ford rates.

The proposed rate cut disallowed under today's ruling is the first to which the commission has not agreed.

CHOSEN TO AID WOOD

Eugene Allen Gilmore to Be Vice Governor of Philippines

Washington, Dec. 22.—(By A. P.)—Formal announcement of the selection of Eugene Allen Gilmore to be Vice Governor General of the Philippine Islands was made today by Philippine Weeks. Mr. Gilmore is a professor in law at the University of Wisconsin.

The Secretary said the nomination probably will be sent to the Senate by President Harding today.

Eugene Allen Gilmore is a native of Nebraska, having been born at Howardsville on the Fourth of July, 1871. He is a graduate of De Pauw University, Greencastle, Ind., and of Harvard University, where he received his LL.B. in 1899. For a while he practiced law in Boston, subsequently going to the University of Wisconsin as assistant professor of law, became professor of law in 1907 and acting dean in 1912-1913. He was sometime professor of law in the University of California and non-resident lecturer on law in the University of the District of Columbia. He is the author of many legal treatises and monographs.

How Cold in Your Town?

Blue Bell 8
Chambersburg 8
Buckhannon 8
Willow Grove 10
Amble 10
Monroeville 10
Elkins Park 14

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This sum was paid him in three installments, the last just a few days before Mr. Snyder retired as Auditor General to take up his duties as State Treasurer.

What the Records Show

Records of the office show that in April, 1919, John H. Fertig was paid \$4000 for "extra legal services." A year later, in March, 1920, he received \$5000 again for "extra legal services," and in April, 1921, Mr. Fertig was given \$2500 for "extra legal services," a total in two years of \$10,000.

There are several peculiarities about these transactions apart from the fact that as a high-salaried State official Mr. Fertig should be drawing money from another State department.

First, there is no correspondence on file which indicated that Mr. Fertig was appointed by Auditor General Snyder to any position or field of work which required "extra legal services."

Besides, "extra legal services" would imply that Mr. Fertig had been engaged in "regular" legal services for the Auditor General. If there is no record of such employment.

Second, under the act of 1915 the Attorney General of the State is especially designated as the official who shall conduct all legal business for the various departments of the Government.

In Province of Attorney General

Where any department chief or official appoints any attorney for any work whatever, it must be with the consent of the Attorney General, who shall supervise the matter of fee to be paid.

There is no record in the correspondence of the office that the Attorney General ever supervised Mr. Fertig, or arranged with Auditor General Snyder for the payment to Assistant Director John H. Fertig, of the Legislative Reference Bureau, of \$10,000 in fees for "extra legal services."

Not is there any detailed record of just what the "extra legal services" were.

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Attorney General Orders Investigation of Prices of Necessaries of Life

Retail Cost of Food, Fuel, Shoes, Clothing Too High, He Says

Washington, Dec. 22.—(By A. P.)—Investigation of retail prices of food, fuel, shoes and clothing in all parts of the country was ordered today by Attorney General Daugherty.

Mr. Daugherty said prices were too high in many localities, and retailers' profits were "unconscionable," and that every effort would be made to put retail prices on the proper level.

Mr. Daugherty instructed Director Burns, of the Bureau of Investigation of the Justice Department, to assign men as soon as possible to various parts of the country to collect information upon current retail prices of food, fuel, shoes and clothing and at the same time to report the wholesale prices of corn, wheat, beef, mutton of all kinds and on the food in order that comparisons might be made of the retail and wholesale prices of food.

TO OFFSET "HARD TIMES"

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Washington, Dec. 22.—(By A. P.)—The initial legislative step toward a program of long-range planning of public works as a means of offsetting cyclical periods of business and industrial depression was taken today.

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It will attend Philadelphia to know that young Watterson's first and only experience in a schoolroom was in this city, where between 1852 and 1856 he was a student at the Episcopal school of St. Andrew's.

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Printing Plant Wreck, and Heavy Gale Spreads Flames

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The blaze gained rapid headway in the gale that was sweeping over the city.

It was the first fire of any size the newly organized paid fire department has been called upon to fight. The damage is estimated at \$75,000.

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Picturesque Career of Noted Kentucky Journalist Ends in Eighty-second Year

CONVERSES WITH FAMILY DURING LAST HALF HOUR

By the Associated Press

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 22.—Colonel Henry Watterson, known to the American people as one of the last surviving members of the old school of journalism and to his friends as "Marse Henry," died early today at a hotel here.

Death came peacefully, the venerable editor retaining consciousness almost to the end and conversing during his last half hour with his wife, son and daughter.

Colonel Watterson came to Jacksonville several weeks ago in accordance with his annual custom of spending the winter in Florida, usually at Fort Myers.

He contracted a slight cold Tuesday and while seated in his chair yesterday morning soon after breakfast he suffered an acute bronchial attack and was ordered to his bed by his physician. His condition grew serious during the day and night and the end came at 4:15 o'clock this morning.

The immediate cause of his death, his physician said, was heart failure superinduced by congestion of the lungs.

Thus Marse Henry passed to "that beautiful shore" where, last October, he wrote his comrades of the Confederate Army he was sure "the Bonnie blue flag will be flying at the fore and the bands will be playing 'Dixie' on parade, and the pretty girls will be displaying their charms to Rebel," the newspaper published by him during the war between the States, to groups of ragged, red-nosed angels who have not forgotten the rebel yell.

Born February 16, 1840, barely more than a year earlier than his friend and contemporary, James Gordon Bennett, who died two years ago in France, Henry Watterson was the youngest son of the late John Watterson, a prominent lawyer and politician in Kentucky, and his wife, Mrs. Mary J. Watterson, nee McClure.

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According to the records of the Auditor General's office, Mr. Fertig, in addition to his salary of \$6000, received through the Auditor General's office during Mr. Snyder's regime just \$10,000.

This sum was paid him in three installments, the last just a few days before Mr. Snyder retired as Auditor General to take up his duties as State Treasurer.

What the Records Show

Records of the office show that in April, 1919, John H. Fertig was paid \$4000 for "extra legal services." A year later, in March, 1920, he received \$5000 again for "extra legal services," and in April, 1921, Mr. Fertig was given \$2500 for "extra legal services," a total in two years of \$10,000.

There are several peculiarities about these transactions apart from the fact that as a high-salaried State official Mr. Fertig should be drawing money from another State department.

First, there is no correspondence on file which indicated that Mr. Fertig was appointed by Auditor General Snyder to any position or field of work which required "extra legal services."

Besides, "extra legal services" would imply that Mr. Fertig had been engaged in "regular" legal services for the Auditor General. If there is no record of such employment.

Second, under the act of 1915 the Attorney General of the State is especially designated as the official who shall conduct all legal business for the various departments of the Government.

In Province of Attorney General

Where any department chief or official appoints any attorney for any work whatever, it must be with the consent of the Attorney General, who shall supervise the matter of fee to be paid.

There is no record in the correspondence of the office that the Attorney General ever supervised Mr. Fertig, or arranged with Auditor General Snyder for the payment to Assistant Director John H. Fertig, of the Legislative Reference Bureau, of \$10,000 in fees for "extra legal services."

Not is there any detailed record of just what the "extra legal services" were.

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FRENCH PLANS HIT HUGHES PROGRAM

Original Purpose Was to Base Small Craft on Allotment of Capital Ships

WANT MORE AUXILIARIES

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Washington, Dec. 22.—French insistence upon the right to build a considerable navy of light craft, cruisers, submarines and destroyers, like the Japanese insistence upon retaining the Matsui, is likely to modify in a measure the original Hughes program of naval limitation.

The Hughes idea originally was to ration the auxiliary craft in proportion to the capital ships. Mr. Hughes himself is no longer standing fast on the idea.

Opposition to the French will come rather from the British than from the Americans, because such a navy as France asks will be more of a threat to British commerce than would the old-fashioned navy of which Hughes speaks the essence and because a French navy in submarines and cruisers would copy a plan in European navies which Great Britain is unwilling to see her occupy.

New Naval Theories

There are two theories of naval construction growing out of the late war. One is that battleships must be strongly armed and equipped with longer ranges guns than in the past. On this theory the best British capital ship is being built. Under the agreement regarding the Matsui, three great Powers will all finish a few of these ships.

The other theory is that fleet action was demonstrated by the late war to be a thing of the past and that fast small craft, preying upon commerce will do the service of the future and in this work by submarines, and by bombing planes. Many naval circles, after the successful bounding of the Okefic, led by General Mitchell, were convinced that this second theory was the correct one.

Force of circumstances compels France to put her fate as a naval power to the test with this second kind of navy. She has neither the money or the building facilities to build great battleships. When she built the loaned Lepere for \$50,000 tons of capital ships, she had no intention of building them, but desired an allowance of small craft proportional to ten post-Jutland and hoped to equip herself with a navy of this kind. Such a navy as France now asks would be inexpensive to build and would be within the range of her shipyards.

France Avoids Clash

The arguments that were used against allowing France the ten post-Jutland battleships which she had in her possession, but which she had not in her possession, were not heard in the Conference by asking a large allowance of small craft. The small craft question has not yet been settled.

The three big naval Powers have not yet been settled.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL ORDERS INVESTIGATION OF PRICES OF NECESSARIES OF LIFE

Retail Cost of Food, Fuel, Shoes, Clothing Too High, He Says

Washington, Dec. 22.—(By A. P.)—Investigation of retail prices of food, fuel, shoes and clothing in all parts of the country was ordered today by Attorney General Daugherty.

Mr. Daugherty said prices were too high in many localities, and retailers' profits were "unconscionable," and that every effort would be made to put retail prices on the proper level.

Mr. Daugherty instructed Director Burns, of the Bureau of Investigation of the Justice Department, to assign men as soon as possible to various parts of the country to collect information upon current retail prices of food, fuel, shoes and clothing and at the same time to report the wholesale prices of corn, wheat, beef, mutton of all kinds and on the food in order that comparisons might be made of the retail and wholesale prices of food.

TO OFFSET "HARD TIMES"

Senate Committee Favorably Reports Kenyon Bill

Washington, Dec. 22.—(By A. P.)—The initial legislative step toward a program of long-range planning of public works as a means of offsetting cyclical periods of business and industrial depression was taken today.

The Senate Labor Committee favorably reported the Kenyon bill designed to carry out some of the recommendations of the recent National Unemployment Conference.

Because of defective sight, young Watterson's education, at the conclusion of his academy term in Philadelphia, was continued under private tuition.

It will attend Philadelphia to know that young Watterson's first and only experience in a schoolroom was in this city, where between 1852 and 1856 he was a student at the Episcopal school of St. Andrew's.

An early period of his life he had the newspaper faculty is indicated by the circumstance that he was editor of the school paper, The Chronicle, and so said the committee.

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MOTORMAN HELD FOR DEATH

Morris Able, Hit by Car Friday, Dies—Coroner to Act

James Williams, 4455 Frankford avenue, a motorman, was held without bail today by Magistrate Renshaw to await the act on of the coroner.

Williams was driving a motor car, No. 1878 North Sixth street Friday night, when Aled was struck in front of the children's home at the hospital.

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