

THE WEATHER
Generally cloudy tonight with lowest temperature about 25 degrees. Wednesday unsettled, possibly snow.
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

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FACTORY IS RUINED, OTHERS IMPERILED BY \$100,000 BLAZE

Four Alarms Bring Clutter of Apparatus to Columbia Avenue and Mascher Street

NEARLY CHEMICALS MENACE FIREMEN IN BOLD BATTLE

One-third of the fire-fighting apparatus of Philadelphia was called out at 4:15 o'clock this morning to a four-alarm blaze that for a time threatened a large section of the northeastern mill district of the city.

POOR RICHARDS AT FRANKLIN'S GRAVE



Todd Daniels is shown placing a wreath on the grave of Benjamin Franklin, at Fifth and Arch streets, as part of the annual observance of Franklin's Birthday by the Poor Richard Club

CONTRACTOR HELD FOR W. PHILA. BLAST

Lack of Permit for Use of Powder Causes Arrest of Two Men

LOW BAIL ROUSES CROWD

Roy B. Wenner, a contractor, and Frank Colwell, an assistant, were arrested today as a result of the powder and dynamite blast which injured twelve persons and damaged property in the neighborhood of Fifty-seventh street and Lancaster avenue yesterday.

"Father of Auto"



GEORGE B. SELDEN, inventor of the first gasoline-driven vehicle, who died today at his home in Rochester, N. Y.

GEORGE B. SELDEN, AUTO PIONEER, DIES

Noted Inventor Was Involved in Long Litigation Following Patent

EARLY EFFORTS MOCKED

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 17.—George Baldwin Selden, inventor of the first gasoline propelled vehicle and a pioneer in the present automotive industry, died at his home here today.

LOSS OF MIND FEAR OF VANISHED WIFE; HUNTING HER HERE

Left Note for Husband Before Disappearing With Daughter and Boy "Chauffeur"

TELLER GOES FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE HERE IN QUEST

"My mind is going more and more," wrote Mrs. Ella Arline Bull, of Ridge-wood, N. J., when she left her beautiful home in that suburb of New York December 31.

Abrey H. Bull, teller of the Harriman National Bank, New York, brought the note to Philadelphia with him today when he came here to make frantic search for his missing wife.

Stranger Gives Clue

This morning Mr. Bull was visited in his office in the Harriman Bank by a man who said his name was Sheffer, and that he was a motorman. He did not tell his first name, his address or for what he desired to see Mr. Bull.

Aren't Treated Humanly Servant Girls Complain

Domestic Service Problem Laid Largely to Lack of Consideration

Poor Quarters and Insufficient Food Also Are Complaints of Workers

This is the second of a series of articles dealing with the problem of the domestic servant. Yesterday, this was presented from the viewpoint of the housewife. Today, the servant's side is given.

What is the attitude of the servants in the opposition of forcing conditions governing their working existence?

Suggestions Are Resented

And the cook gets it worse if she's expected to cook for the other servants because they blame it on her and accuse her of holding out their food on them.

Girls Give Their Side Of Servant Problem

"We often don't get enough to eat."

"Our mistresses ask too much work of us."

If you have a solution for the servant problem, write to this paper.

SIX PERSONS HURT AS TROLLEYS CRASH

Front Platform Ripped From Crowded Eastbound Car at 17th and Norris Streets

FLYING GLASS CUTS MANY

Six persons were hurt and about ten others were shaken up or cut slightly this morning when two trolleys crashed at Seventeenth and Norris streets.

WILSON TO TAKE NO PART IN FIGHT ON PACIFIC PACT

Opposed to Four-Power Treaty, but Won't Organize Senate Opposition

HOLDS PLAN IS OPPOSED TO SPIRIT OF LEAGUE

Former President Regards Own Career as in Far Distant Past

NO LONGER FEELS "CALL"

Recent Executive Pictures Himself as Already a Figure in History

By CLINTON W. GILBERT Staff Correspondent Evening Public Ledger. Washington, Jan. 17.—Ex-President Wilson is taking no part in the fight upon the four-power pact, and it is the belief of the few friends who are in contact with him that he will take no part in it.

MYSTERIOUS PAIR SHOOT GROCER AND THEN FLEE

South Philadelphia Store Scene of Attack—No Attempt at Robbery

Percy Epstein, forty-five years old, a grocer at the northeast corner of Cleveland and Washington avenues, was the victim of a murderous attack early today by two young Negroes, who shot him in the right shoulder.

AUTO THIEF SAYS OWNER HIRED HIM TO STEAL CAR

Defendant Springs Surprise When Arraigned in Court

A defendant on trial before Judge Shull for the theft of a motorcar testified that Abraham Atlas, 1741 South 15th st., hired him to steal the car.

BOULDER TEARS THROUGH HOUSE

One boulder crashed down upon the roof of the home of Hibbert McClure, 5640 Stewart street.

WOMEN HURT SERIOUSLY

The two women who were more seriously injured in the blast are Mrs. John Hillyer, of 5641 Stewart street, and Mrs. J. Hart, 1616 North Fifty-sixth street.

WON'T LEAVE MOTHER

So Young Bride Wins Divorce From Boy Husband

Mrs. Alice Hart Loper was given a divorce this afternoon by Vice Chancellor Leaning, of Camden.

MILLION TO BE ASKED FOR NEW FAIRMOUNT PARK DAM

Plans to Be Pushed on Return of Mayor From the South

Request for an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to rebuild Fairmount Dam will be made of Council by Mayor Moore on his return from his winter vacation.

HEART OF EMBRYO CHICKEN, TEN YEARS OLD, STILL BEATING

New York, Jan. 17.—(By A. P.)—Part of the heart of a chicken that never was hatched was beating today, the tenth anniversary of its removal from the embryo and isolation by Dr. Alexis Carrel, of the Rockefeller Institute.

LONG SKIRTS, HIGHER SHOES

Convention Speaker Also Predicts Patent Leather Footwear Demand

Longer skirts means higher shoes. This was the fashion message brought to Philadelphia women today by J. Wendell Gammons, of Boston, who spoke at the opening of the three-day convention in the Belmont Hotel.

DEEP SINKER FIRST

Beats Paul Micou to Wire in New Orleans Opener

New Orleans, Jan. 17.—Deep Sinker, at 7 to 1, copped the opening race here today. Paul Micou, paying 4 to 1, ran second, and Mary Maxim finished third.

SHAH OF PERSIA TO TOUR EUROPE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The Shah of Persia will leave Teheran on January 25 for a six months' tour of Europe, according to advices received today by the State Department.

SEVERE 'QUAKE RECORDED

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AVANA RESULTS

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BASKETBALL SCORES

La Salle, 15 — Friends Central, 11

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS

NEW ORLEANS.—Second—Matches Mary, 12-1, 5-1, 5-2, won; Ganner Gurton, even, 2-5, 1-5, second; Veiled Colleen, 15-1, 6-1, 3-1, third. Time, 1:14 1-5. Spinning, Barrington, Farewell Taps, Happy Buxton, Dare, Simple Simon, Field Lark, Hillside also ran.

FIGHTS BRIDGE AUTO TOLLS

Litigant Declares 1871 Charter's Silence on Subject Bars Collections

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