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Unsettled and warmer tonight; possibly some light rain or snow; lowest about 35 degrees; Friday fair.						
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## RE CUT OFF AND FOR MEN LOST ON LNER

Second Officer of Northern Pacific Says Ship Was Seething Furnace in Moment

## THINKS FIRE STARTED NEAR QUARTERS OF SUN CO. MEN

Sailors Tried to Reach Them but Were Forced to Quit and Launch Boats

## 27 SURVIVORS BROUGHT IN

Doomed Vessel Drifted Flaming Fifty Miles—Is Hopeless Hulk on Bottom

The Admiral liner North Pacific was a red-hot furnace when the fire which started on the bottom of Cape May was discovered early yesterday, and the four employees of the Sun Shipbuilding Company of Chester, believed to have lost their lives, could not be reached by members of the crew.

That was the statement made by A. B. Wilson, second officer of the ship, and which officers who discovered the fire, when he and twenty-six other survivors arrived early today at Norfolk, Va.

The four Sun Company employees, for whom all hope seems past, were H. Hall, engineer, 5623 Cedar avenue, this city; H. Kruger, engineer, Wilmington, Del.; T. J. Beckman, Rochester, N. Y., and W. J. Mallett, Rochester, N. Y.

Second Officer Wilson told an awaiting group of seeping, depressing survivors to its full extent while the ship's company slept.

The ship was taken to the place where it was abandoned, and the survivors were until they had the noise of the engine behind all possible signals to light it.

The Sun Company men, whether working in the ship's lower regions taking measurements for the big job of refitting the craft, which was to have begun next day at their shipyard in Chester, or sleeping in their cabin, were cut off by the flames and never seen again. Survivors believe they were smothered by smoke before they even had a chance to fight for their lives.

The swift spread of the flames has given rise to a theory that the fire might have originated in the fuel oil tanks themselves, instead of in the oil feed connections, as at first supposed.

This theory of fire in the oil tanks was expressed by an officer of the ship, a New York.

Wilson's story is the first authentic account of what happened, a black hour after midnight on the Northern Pacific.

## Officer Gives Version

Second Officer Wilson and four companions were taking on the work of one of the rescue ships, and transferred last night in Hampton Roads to a pilot boat, which set them ashore at Norfolk today.

The twenty-two others were taken to Newport News on the Transportation.

"I discovered the fire at 12:35 o'clock yesterday morning," Wilson said. "I was on watch on the bridge, and the fire which was lighting up the bridge brought me a whiff of smoke.

"I ran to the saloon deck, opened a door and found the cabins and saloons full of smoke. As I entered the compartment I saw the fire in the lower deck, the flames burst forth in a seething mass.

"I ordered the boats manned, roused the captain, and called the other officers and crew. When the boat I commanded was launched there was no sign of the four shipyard employees. They had not come on deck, and sailors had been unable to reach their quarters. I believe the fire started near the place where the four men were sleeping.

"Because of the quick spread of the flames we experienced great difficulty in launching the boats. We tried at first to get them overboard by hand, but found this impossible. We then tried to get them over the windward side, a much more dangerous proceeding. We got the boats launched, however, thanks to the splendid seamanship and bravery of both officers and men, and every one of the crew got away safely. Several of the men were singed by the flames as we launched the boats.

The steamship Transportation, which took Captain Lusi and most of the survivors in Newport News could throw little light on the disappearance of the Sun Ship men.

## HIT HIM WITH PLATE

But He's Fresh, Waitress Tells Magistrate—Discharged

May Rearden, a waitress employed at 482 Market street, was haled into the Municipal Police Court on charges preferred by Harry Goldstein, 232 South 45th street, who exhibited a bandaged head.

"I struck the girl, without any provocation, had struck him with a plate," May, however, told in a defiant way.

"This man has been coming in every morning for a week," she said. "From the first he was fresh, and it made me angry when I asked him to stop. This morning he just let me down and insulted me and I just lost my temper."

## THE LAST OF THE NORTHERN PACIFIC



The photograph at the top, taken by a member of the crew of the Coast Guard cutter, Kiklapoo, shows the smoke rolling up from the liner as it drifted south off Cape May in flames from stem to stern. Below is Captain John J. Hutson, of the Coast Guard cutter Kiklapoo, which went to the rescue of the liner's crew.

## GRAPHOPHONE CO. ANASTASE HIDES RECEIVER ASKED IN HOTEL CLOSET

Insolvency of Columbia Company Alleged and Liabilities Put at \$23,000,000

Scurries to Cover at Rap on Door, but 'Twas Only a Waiter

BELIEVE ASSETS SMALL ESCAPE CROWDS AGAIN

By the Associated Press  
Wilmington, Del., Feb. 9.—Application for a receivership for the Columbia Graphophone Manufacturing Company, a Delaware corporation, was made today in the United States District Court. Insolvency is alleged.

The application was made by the Universal Securities Company, owner of 1000 shares of common stock; May R. Shea, owner of 1236 shares; Henry W. Runyon, 275 shares, all of Jersey City.

The amount of the liabilities is put at \$19,500,000 to banks and financial creditors, in addition to \$3,000,000 to merchandise and other creditors. No listing of assets is made, but the inference of the analysis of the company's affairs is that they are small.

The general affidavit charges that the increase in the business of the defendant at no time has been proportionate to the enlargements of the capital stock and the making of loans, and that since the middle of 1920 this has been steadily decreasing.

This is reflected in the price of the stock in the open market, which has declined from \$75 two years ago to \$1.25 last month. There are stated to be outstanding \$9,883,731 of preferred stock of \$100 par value and \$1,268,250 of common stock of no par value.

Judge Hugh M. Morris issued an order setting the case for a hearing on February 17.

Besides a plant at Bridgeport, Conn., there is another at East Baltimore, on which \$2,500,000 has been expended, which is not now in use, and another in Toronto, Can., costing \$1,500,000, also not in use. A lease for eight years of eight floors of the Gotham National Bank Building, in Columbus Circle, New York City, carries an aggregate rental of \$1,000,000.

Sales for the nine months preceding September 30, 1921, were only \$19,000,000, as against \$47,000,000 for the similar period ending September 30, 1920.

Profits for the 1920 period are stated to have been \$7,303,734, while a loss of \$2,338,775.70 was incurred in the 1921 period, and the company is stated to be confronted with other losses by reason of outstanding contracts for supplies.

The insolvency of the company is shown by its inability even to pay the interest on its debts.

A committee was formed in September, 1921, to protect the interests of commercial paper amounting to \$13,650,000, and another committee was formed last month to protect \$10,000,000 gold 8 per cent notes, and the business is now being carried on by these committees.

The general financial depression is held responsible in part for the present position of the company, added to which is depreciation of its inventory.

Montoux Re-engaged as Conductor  
Boston, Feb. 9.—(By A. P.)—The trustees of the Boston Symphony Orchestra announced today that Pierre Montoux had been re-engaged as conductor for a term of two years.

## SNYDER RULE COST FUND FOR RETIRED TEACHERS \$300,000

Failure to Pay \$1,500,000 as Ordered by Assembly Meant Loss of Interest

## BLAME LACK OF FORESIGHT OF EX-AUDITOR GENERAL

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN  
The Teachers' Retirement Fund has lost \$300,000 the last year that can never be recovered.

Every school teacher in the State is interested because every teacher and school employe is, with few exceptions, a contributing member of the fund.

They give to it every month a certain sum of money which is deducted from their salary and forwarded to headquarters in Harrisburg.

The teachers have paid up promptly. There is no default so far as they are concerned.

It is compulsory with them. It is the State that has defaulted, through lack of foresight of its fiscal officers, and is responsible.

The School Employee's Retirement system was a law enacted by the Legislature of 1917 and became operative in July, 1919.

Today there are 46,500 contributing members to this fund, of whom about 1500 are employes other than teachers.

Its object is to provide a fund for the retirement of any teacher or employe at the age of sixty-two years.

Of this fund the teachers contribute approximately one-half, the State one-quarter and the local school district one-quarter.

The teacher's share is deducted from his or her salary. It is an enforced payment.

On February 1 the school teachers of the State had contributed to the retirement fund \$3,875,046.50.

By July 1 next the contribution of their share will reach \$5,000,000.

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## Lim'rick Judges Meeting Today for First Verdict

Class in English at Temple University Will Decide Which Fan Gets That Initial Hundred Dollars

Today's the day when the fate of the first Lim'rick fans is being decided. It is at Temple University, the class in English sits in judgment on the ten best lists submitted to our Lim'rick No. 1, printed on Saturday, and decides which of the ten is to receive the prize of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

Nobody has the slightest idea who wrote those lines. When they come in on the coupons, they are numbered and copied off by number only, with no names or addresses, and they are printed on the ballots that way, and by the time they reach the jury, even the people who are running this contest have forgotten who wrote which. And the members of the jury, of course, never knew.

So the votes are cast for the lines themselves and, after the verdict is announced, the original coupons are consulted to find out who wrote the winning number, and whoever it is becomes for twenty-four hours the most famous man, woman or child in Philadelphia and way stations.

So we've got all sails set now and we're well under way.

Today there's another lim'rick printed on the page opposite the funny pictures. That's where you'll always find 'em. They make those two pages just about all the average family needs for a whole evening's entertainment and the best of it is that both of 'em appeal to the kiddies, to mother and to supposed head of the house and to grandma and grandpa. There's no age limit in funny pictures or lim'ricks.

Best way to do is to sit down and make a list of all the words you can think of that rhyme with "John" or "on" and the chances are that some of the words will suggest clever ideas to you to finish out the incomplete lim'rick.

You must be very careful to write your name and address plainly. And it wouldn't be a bad idea to add your business address where you can be found in the daytime, because, if you should happen to be out of town, you'll want to notify you just the minute the final verdict is known to us. This isn't necessary. It's only a matter of convenience and speed in the transmission of the best news in the world to you.

And be especially careful to note the continued on Page Twenty-Four, Column Four

## NORTHERN IRELAND 'DIDN'T PASS BUCK,' FINEGAN TO LEWIS

Ulster's Frontier Virtually Circled by Unbroken Line of Steel

By the Associated Press  
Belfast, Feb. 9.—Ulster's frontier was virtually a line of steel today, following the raids yesterday, in which many Unionists were kidnapped, from Portadown, County Armagh, to Belleek, on the Fermanagh-Donegal border, well as heavy contingents of the regular constabulary. It was estimated that 5000 men were engaged in policing the line.

The forces began to move toward the border yesterday. The raids, leading southward from Belfast today, presented scenes of activity. They were filled with motortrucks and armored cars bearing the so-called "A" and "B" special, with stores and ammunition.

High tension prevails at all points. Strangers traveling through the six counties are subject to the closest scrutiny and in some cases are halted and interrogated.

Additional kidnappings occurred today in County Fermanagh, one of the counties in which yesterday's raids were carried out. The Ulster Home Secretary, Lord Londonderry, is reported to have been kidnapped in the Rosslea district. They were taken in the direction of Rathfriland, where it is believed other prisoners are being kept.

Lord Londonderry, who has been in the province since his return from London, has addressed a further strong remonstrance to the Viceroy about delay in releasing the kidnapped Unionists.

He is demanding that they be set free immediately. Sir James Craig, Premier, also made similar representations to the British Cabinet.

Colonel Wickham, commanding the Ulster specials, has received a communication from Dublin, stating that the Provisional Government is sending special officers to investigate the kidnappings.

A British regiment, transferred from the Free State territory, is due to reach Enniskillen within a few days. It was reported today the transfer would be expedited.

The police officers who made a tour of the border during the night said: "The police arrangements are now as complete as they can be made to insure immunity from invasion. It is unlikely that rebel forces will move again at this time."

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## SALOON AT THIRD AND GREEN STREETS RAIDED

Prohibition agents raided the saloon of G. G. McEligish at Third and Green streets this afternoon as one of a series planned by the United States Attorney. Prohibition Inspector Carman seized four quarts of what he said was "poisonous" liquor. He determined it wasn't alcohol and it wasn't whisky, and had some other in it. Joseph Kadis, bartender, was arrested.

## LABOR OFFICIALS AND DOCTORS TO MEET HERE

HARRISBURG, Feb. 9.—State Labor and Industry officials will meet with industrial surgeons and physicians of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia Saturday. Problems relative to industrial accidents will be considered. A number of officials and industrial surgeons from other states are to attend.

## MISS BIRKHEAD TO TESTIFY, PRINCE DEFEATS WOMAN

Ready to Appear in Any Legislative Probe of Mississippi Case  
New Orleans, Feb. 9.—(By A. P.)—If there is a legislative investigation of the charges brought against Governor Lee M. Russell, of Mississippi, by Miss Frances Birkhead, who has offered to testify against the Governor for \$100,000, she said today in a statement to a local newspaper.

## BELIEVE WOMAN SHOT TAYLOR AS HE GLASPED HER

Position of Bullet Indicates Victim's Arms Were Lifted When Slayer Fired

## POLICE INVESTIGATOR SAYS BODY WAS POSED

Complex Acts Since Tragedy Believed to Have Bearing on Murder

## NORMAND LETTERS FOUND

Authorities, Pooling Efforts, Quiz Producers and Prominent Actresses at Hollywood

Los Angeles, Feb. 9.—Police and county detectives investigating the mystery surrounding the murder of William Desmond Taylor, noted film director, have advanced the theory that he was shot by a woman whom he was embracing and who had her arms around him.

The theory is based on the position of the bullet found in his back and the fact that Taylor is thought to have had his arms raised when he was killed. Rage, because she had been scorned by the director, is the motive imputed to the woman.

A statement that the body of Taylor had been placed in order before the police arrived to investigate the tragedy was made by F. Parsons, a member of the "flying squadron" of police which answers burry calls.

The report Parsons gave his superiors said the body had been carefully "laid out" on the floor of his apartment, and a chair overturned across his legs. His report is said by attorneys of the District Attorney's office, Parsons, with Detective Thomas Ziegler, reached the scene before any other officers.

Turn Toward Hollywood  
The camera of the District Attorney's office was turned toward Hollywood today to imprint all the information that can be obtained from noted actresses, Taylor house, and others in order to find a solution of the mystery of the shooting which occurred a week ago last night.

District Attorney Thomas Lee Woolfe turned toward the case of Mrs. Madeline Conner Obenchain, an actress, who was over to his chief deputy, and devoted his attention to the motion picture colony murder. Complex angles of acts that occurred since the murder, which investigators say give strong indications of connection with the murder itself, were placed under exhaustive scrutiny.

They include recovery of a packet of letters, including some written by Mabel Normand, an actress, to a person known to the police to have been with Taylor prior to his death. This packet was found last yesterday at a Taylor house, being concealed in a boot in a closet. It was turned over to the District Attorney's office that these letters, which are in the District Attorney's custody, would not be made public at this time.

## HIT BY AUTO, DIES

Aged Woman's Skull Fractured When Run Down on Street

Mrs. H. Shadinger, seventy-nine, of 1428 North 22d street, died at St. Joseph's Hospital last night after being struck by an automobile at Broad and Norris streets. Her skull was fractured.

The automobile was driven by Mrs. Joseph H. Middleton, 9227 Green street, Germantown. Mrs. Middleton was held without bail by Magistrate Renshaw in City Hall to await the action of the coroner.

## NAVAL ORDNANCE MAKERS FURLOUGHED WITHOUT PAY

Philadelphia Yard One of Half Dozen Affected by Suspension Order

Washington, Feb. 9.—(By A. P.)—Orders have been issued by Secretary Denby for the suspension of all ordnance work designed for the vessels affected by the Naval Limitation treaty signed at Washington Arms Conference. The effect of the orders, it was said at the department, will be to lay off temporarily those employes who have been engaged on such work.

The yards affected by the order were those at New York, Philadelphia, Norfolk, Va.; South Charleston, S. C.; Mare Island, Calif., and possibly Boston.

The ordnance plant at South Charleston, which was engaged largely upon construction of large guns and plate armor for the dreadnaughts under construction, was expected to be most severely affected by the orders. Officials said there was no intention to close the plant entirely.

At the naval gunship in the Washington Navy Yard, whereas most of the building of such heavy guns is completed, 1550 employes were notified today that they would be furloughed without pay. They appointed a delegation which presented a protest to Assistant Secretary Roosevelt.

At the Philadelphia Navy Yard it was said this afternoon that the yard would not be as seriously affected as some others by the order for the suspension of certain lines of work. Of the 4500 workmen at the yard, it was said, only about 400 might be affected. These have been working on the new cruisers Congress and United States. Efforts will be made to shift them to regular repair jobs. None of the men will be discharged. If work cannot be found for all, allowances may be given furloughs without pay.

## PRINCE DEFEATS WOMAN

Paris, Feb. 9.—Prince Albert, of Monaco, yesterday was elected a foreign member of the Academy of Agriculture over Mrs. Annie Murray Duke, presi-

dent of the American Commission for Relief in the Devastated Regions of France, by a vote of 36 against 6.

The academy, with Prince Albert, now has as members three European rulers, King George of Great Britain, and King Albert of Belgium, already having been elected to membership.

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