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Fair and not quite so cold tonight with lowest about 18 degrees; Saturday fair and much warmer.
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

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PRICE TWO CENTS

BOOK WOULD PAY HOOPER \$250,000 TO DIRECT FAIR

Offer Made in Letter to Mayor Indorsed by Committee of 100

GUARANTEES SALARY OF \$50,000 FOR FIVE YEARS

Secretary of Commerce Held to Be Best Fitted to Make Event Success

CRET PLAN GETS BLOW

Engineers' Report Rejects It and Urges Fairmont Site Adoption

Pepper Indorses Hoover as an "Ideal Solution"

Washington, Feb. 17.—Senator Pepper today strongly indorsed the suggestion that Secretary Hoover be invited to become director of the Philadelphia Sesqui-Centennial and complimented the offer of Edward Bok personally to pay Hoover \$250,000 a year in this capacity.

"While the leadership in the Sesqui-Centennial plans is in the hands of Mayor Moore," Senator Pepper said, "I personally should regard this as an ideal solution of the problem if Mr. Hoover could be spared from his present duties to become director of the project."

Edward W. Bok has offered to pay Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, \$50,000 a year for five years if the Executive Committee of the Sesqui-Centennial Exhibition will make him director general.

The offer was made in a letter from Mr. Bok to the Mayor. The letter is believed to have been received some days ago, but has not been made public.

Mr. Hoover was invited here December 18 to discuss the Sesqui-Centennial and at that time the proposal was made that he should become Director General of the exhibition, as the man best fitted by his great experience in handling large projects to develop the great fair, which it is hoped will be the finest ever given.

No action was taken at that time, Mr. Bok said. Mr. Hoover indicates whether or not he would be willing to accept such a position if he were offered.

The correspondence which has passed between the Mayor and Mr. Bok on the subject has not been made public.

Mayor Moore refused to go into details when asked to confirm the rumor. He issued a brief formal statement, indicating that Mr. Bok's letter would be laid before the men to whom the task of effecting the preliminary organization of the great fair has been entrusted.

The Mayor's statement follows: "It is true," said the statement, "that Edward W. Bok, now wintering in Florida, has written me, offering to pay Mr. Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, \$50,000 a year for five years on condition that Mr. Hoover is made director general of the Sesqui-Centennial."

"I do not feel privileged to give my letter to Mr. Bok nor his letter to me without his consent. Neither do I care to comment further upon this matter at the request of the newspapers, pressing the inquiry into the matter in aid before the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors."

Mr. Hoover gave the fair plans great impetus in the address he made here. The occasion of Mr. Hoover's visit was a luncheon given by John Wauerman in the Bellevue-Stratford.

Raised Ideals for Fair
Mr. Hoover in a spirited address raised the fair project from the level of commerce to that of economic ideals. He proposed that it should mark fifty years of progress, in ideas and ideals as well as in material things. He affirmed his belief that the only way to the idealistic aspects of the fair to this country get the co-operation of foreign nations. He said he believed the fair should have Philadelphia with a splendid Federal building.

Mr. Hoover said that he had talked of the fair with some of his colleagues in Washington, and had found them greatly interested.

Official Temperatures Show Mercury's Fast Nose Dive

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MERCURY HITS 4 ON COLDEST DAY

Temperatures Below Zero Are Unofficially Recorded in Outlying Sections

TO WARM UP TOMORROW

The coldest weather of the winter visited Philadelphia and the suburbs today, with unofficial temperatures as low as 7 degrees below zero in outlying sections.

The official minimum recorded at the Weather Bureau here was 4 degrees above zero at 7:15 o'clock this morning.

The Weather Bureau records show that this is the coldest day since February 1, 1920, when 2 above zero was recorded. The lowest temperature this year, prior to today, was the 9 degrees above zero reached January 26.

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COURT DISMISSES PETITION ON CUSTODY OF ROSIER BOY

Rules It Lacks Jurisdiction to Rule on Case

The Orphans' Court this afternoon denied a petition asking the appointment of a guardian of the person of Oscar Rosier, Jr., son of the advertising man shot to death in his Walnut street office.

The court held that it lacked jurisdiction because the boy lives in Stonehurst, Upper Darby, Delaware County. This point had been raised in argument today by counsel for Mrs. Catharine Rosier, the boy's stepmother, who opposed the petition.

While dying in the Jefferson Hospital, Rosier made a will, in which he left his estate equally to the boy and Arthur Rosier, the boy's brother.

SECOND CHILD VICTIM OF STILL EXPLOSION DIES

Alleged Owner of Machine Now Out on Bail

Severely burned in the explosion of a still, fourteen-month-old Charles Wright, of 1916 East Seltzer street, died from his injuries in the Episcopal Hospital this morning. The baby is the second victim of the explosion which occurred in the home of William Calvery, 1914 East Seltzer street, two weeks ago.

U. S. TO PAY \$4,000,000 FOR ARMY CAMP SITES

Real Estate Taken Over During War to Be Bought by Government

Washington, Feb. 17.—(By A. P.)—The Senate today passed the bill providing the way for the War Department to complete the acquisition of real estate at a number of army camps and supply bases which was taken over during the extension of facilities during the war.

SWINDLER ESCAPES JAIL

Pseudo Army Officer Promises to Make Restitution

CRACKSMEN BIND WATCHMAN, STEAL FURS, DRILL SAFE

Get Into Walnut Street Shop by Cutting Through Floor From Above

GET \$2000 IN PELTS, BUT FLEE AFTER BORING BOX

Three robbers who include safe-cracking in their line of endeavor attacked Christopher Welsh, a night watchman at 1125 Walnut street, before midnight last night and after binding and gagging him, stole furs valued at \$2000 from the store of Presser & Halpern.

The thieves also tried to crack the safe of Wiffin & Gallagher, 135 South Twelfth street, but after boring several holes, fled.

The Wiffin & Gallagher establishment is connected with the Presser & Halpern store by an L-shaped hallway, and investigation by the police shows that the same thieves operated in both places.

Welsh believes the men secreted themselves in the building before the Presser and Halpern store closed and spotted the location of the most expensive goods. The supposition was given weight by the fact that they selected only the very best. They took pieces which were easy to carry and worked leisurely.

Attack Watchman

Welsh occupies the fourth floor of the building as living quarters. He was making his rounds shortly before midnight when the robbers attacked him in a hallway on the third floor. One of the men struck him with a blackjack and the other quickly bound him.

Welsh struggled but one of the men pressed a revolver to his forehead. "Better keep quiet," said the robber, "or you'll be sorry."

Another hit on the head silenced the watchman. He was then bound and gagged and carried to his own room and thrown onto a bed.

The robbers then cut a hole through the floor and by means of a rope lowered themselves to the second floor where the fur store is located. Several small pieces of fur were found near the window, indicating that the robbers must have tossed the fur out to some one waiting outside.

Then Turn to Safe

After taking what they chose at the Presser & Halpern establishment, the men went to the first floor and entered the safe of Wiffin & Gallagher. They evidently knew where the safe was located in the rear of the first floor. Elaborate preparations were made for the attack.

Many holes were bored in the safe and there were marks indicating that heavy chisels were used on the door. It is believed the robbers were frightened away from this place or feared they might be discovered.

R. R. MANAGERS AND MEN HAVE FRIENDLY CONFERENCE

Hopeful of Averting Deadlock Over Wages and Conditions

New York, Feb. 17.—(By A. P.)—Delegates to the conference of fifty-two Eastern railroad managers and leaders of Conductors' and Trainmen's Unions, in session here, announced today that they were "getting somewhere," and that they probably would avert the deadlock threatened in the controversy over wages and working conditions.

TROLLEY HITS AMBULANCE

None Hurt in Accident at Tioga and Fifteenth

An ambulance of the Jewish Hospital was struck by a trolley car as it was passing Fifteenth street and Tioga avenue this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

PASS \$295,000,000 BILL

House Adopts Measure Providing Interior Department Funds

So Now Hubby Can't Joke About Her Lim'rickitis

Mrs. Du Bois Has a Good Answer to His Teasing When He Gets Home

ONE HUNDRED - DOLLAR Check Will Take Sting Out of His Jokes

Galloches may be all very well in a couple of inches of rain or a snow-drift, but when it comes to navigating down hill on a slippery pavement they're not all they're cracked up to be.

Mrs. Ernestine DuBois lives at 5840 Florence avenue, and she elided and skidded and made an uncertain way down to her, to bear the glad tidings that she had won ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for successfully answering a Limerick Lim'rick.

The completed Limerick is as follows: LIMERICK NO. 6 A chauffeur who taxied a cab said, "My life isn't quiet or drab, For these last a minute Without a thrill in it. With the speed lanes and my gift of gab."

Other contestants who won places on the ballot are: Agnes Conahan, 475 Bourse Building; Harry Holsteen, 5940 North Camoe street; Joseph A. Seligman, 71 West Washington street; P. F. Kneer, Atlantic City, N. J.

NELSON ROBINSON WILL BACK MITTEN TO TAYLOR MURDER

Wealthy N. Y. Banker Confers With P. R. T. Head on Fight for Control

"INSURGENTS" ARE WARNED

A powerful backer appeared here today for the Mitten management of the Rapid Transit Company in the person of Nelson Robinson, wealthy retired banker of New York. He was in conference for several hours with Thomas P. Mitten, president of the company.

Mr. Robinson stands ready to give Mr. Mitten any support he may need. When the Co-operative Welfare Association of the P. R. T. held its mass-meeting recently at the Ice Palace, Mr. Robinson was present, and that time he expressed his warm friendship for Mr. Mitten, and his belief in the Transit chief's policies.

"Hands Off" Is Warning

It is not believed Mr. Robinson's help will be necessary. Higher officials of the company are radiating confidence in the battle for control of the company, which will be decided March 15 at the annual meeting of stockholders.

Calls Mitten Rule "Capable"

"From the standpoint of a landlord interested in the welfare of his tenant, as a holder of Union Traction stock, I wish to say it is encouraging to the welfare of P. R. T. property is being managed by most capable hands," Dr. Britton said.

SAYS MITTEN RULE SAVES P. R. T. \$1,800,000 A YEAR

Economies in Power Supply Cited at Valuation Hearing

Economies effected by the Mitten management with the power supply of the Rapid Transit Company have resulted in large savings in labor, fuel and other costs, Mr. Allen said today in testimony before Public Service Commissioner Clement.

I. M. LOUGHEAD DIES IN CAR

Stationer Is Stricken While on Atlantic City Trolley

Isaac M. Loughead, a manufacturing stationer at 612 Haver street, died suddenly this morning in an Atlantic City trolley car as he was going from his home in Ventnor to the Reading Railroad station.

HAVANA RESULTS

FIRST DAY at P. conference closed today with a 2-2 tie. Results: 1st, M. K. Miller, 112; 2nd, P. R. T. 112; 3rd, M. K. Miller, 112; 4th, P. R. T. 112; 5th, M. K. Miller, 112; 6th, P. R. T. 112; 7th, M. K. Miller, 112; 8th, P. R. T. 112; 9th, M. K. Miller, 112; 10th, P. R. T. 112.

FIND WOMAN DEAD IN CAMDEN PARK; MAY BE A MURDER

Scratches on Face, Auto Tracks and Footprints of 2 Men Give Rise to Foul-Play Theory

SOME OF VICTIM'S HAIR FOUND FROZEN IN ICE

Who Is This Woman?

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Kenyon's Successor

Des Moines manufacturer and banker, appointed to succeed Senator Kenyon, of Iowa

G. A. RAWSON SUCCEEDS KENYON AS IOWA SENATOR

Des Moines, Feb. 17.—(By A. P.)—Charles A. Rawson, of Des Moines, is the new Senator from Iowa. Announcement of the appointment of Mr. Rawson, who is chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, to succeed William S. Kenyon in the upper house of the Congress, was made by Governor Kendall today.

Post Mortem to Be Made

Coroner Holl, who took the body in charge and examined it, said he could find no marks to convince him that a murder had been committed. A post-mortem must be made, he said, to determine the cause of death.

The coroner said that scratches on the neck and hand might have been old marks, or might have been made by the woman in falling. Though the coroner discounts the murder theory, the police are continuing along this line of investigation.

The snow where the body was found, crushed by the sharp cold of yesterday and last night, had been broken through, apparently as if two men had walked in single file, carrying the body between them. The hard crust of the snow was broken also under the body, as though it had fallen there with considerable force.

Camden detectives communicated with the Philadelphia police as soon as the body was found, because it answered in a general way the description sent by Philadelphia police of Mrs. Millie Costanzo, thirty years old, of 46 East Ashmead street, who disappeared from her home Sunday night.

Belshaw Investigates

Lieutenant Belshaw, head of the local Murder Squad, went to Camden to view the body. He also sent word for the police to bring to the Camden morgue.

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS

NEW ORLEANS—First—Immakalee, 11-5, even, 1-2, won; Sun Time, 8-1, 3-5, second; Mary Maxim, 8-1, 3-1, 9-3, third. Time 1:07 3/5. Louis Lichtenheim, Swaggar, Plurabelle, Margie, Deuces Wild, Smart Alex, Passe Partout, Walespa and Hauret also ran.

NEW ORLEANS—Second—Bengore, 4-1, 8-5, 7-10, won; Philanderer, 8-1, 3-1, 8-5, second; Winnecoune, 6-5, 3-5, 1-3, third. Time 1:13 3/5. Burgoyne, Machiavelli, Two Pair, Role, Actress, Fortright, Perigordine and Titania also ran.

5000-POUND SAFE FALLS IN SANSON STREET

A 5000-pound safe fell when it was being hoisted into the second-story window of the Mitten Company, diamond dealers, at 735 Sansom street this afternoon. It buried itself half its depth in the pavement. The safe fell when a cable parted.

WOMAN 85, FATALLY BURNED AT 2216 PANAMA ST.

Mrs. Elizabeth Beyers, eighty-five years old, was fatally burned this afternoon while alone in her home, 2216 Panama street. Her clothing was ignited by a small stove.

BONUS BILL MAY PLEDGE FUTURE CASH PAYMENTS

Proposed Compromise Would Provide Land Allotments and Paid-up Insurance

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Senate Opposes Sales Tax

Even if a sales tax could be got through the House it would be stopped in the Senate. An overwhelming majority of the Senate Finance Committee is against the sales tax, and on the floor of the Senate, even if the tax could be got out of the committee, the prospects are not better than for the failure of the House. And no other form of taxation, with the exception of a tax on the sale of goods, is even in the air.

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MINE TRAINING STATION IN WEST VA. UNIVERSITY

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