

THE WEATHER
Fair and cooler tonight and Sunday; fresh northerly winds.
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

SPROUL TO BACK FUEL BOARD IN PRICE RISE FIGHT

Full Power of State to Be Used to Enforce Any Decision of Commission
MONEY AND COLLEAGUES SOLIDLY OPPOSE INCREASE

Will Meet in Harrisburg Monday to Consider Answer to Operators' Demand
\$1 TO \$1.50 RISE SOUGHT

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The Governor made this announcement here today. The operators want to add \$1 or \$1.50 to the price of coal to consumers, which would mean a price of at least \$15 a ton for household sizes.

"I expect to confer with Chairman Ainey of the Public Service Commission and also of the Fuel Commission this evening and learn how far, if at all, the Federal authorities are going to cooperate with us in our endeavor to keep the situation in control," the Governor said.

"I have not yet had a full opportunity to canvass all the facts in the situation, but I do know that we will strive to reach an equitable understanding regarding coal and distribution. I do not know what the stand of the Fuel Commission will be with regard to the request for an increase in anthracite coal prices, but I do know that all the authority of the Governor's office will be back of the Fuel Commission in whatever decision it makes."

The Governor, it is understood, cannot see why the expenses of the strike should be passed on to the consuming public. Special Session Suggested
Mr. Sproul has received suggestions that the Legislature should be called in special session so that unusual powers could be conferred on the fuel commission. The cost of a special session, estimated at \$1,000,000, would be the steepest deterrent.

The fact that the fuel commission is unanimously opposed to a price boost was learned authoritatively today, as members of the commission planned to meet in Harrisburg Monday, where they will be backed with the full powers of the Public Service Commission.

ENDS LIFE AS HE GETS SUMMONS TO INQUEST

Garage Man Was to Testify in Death of Employee
Edward Lund, seventy years old, 824 West Toga street, committed suicide last night by shooting himself in the chest, after receiving a subpoena to appear at a coroner's inquest Monday into the death of a fellow workman.

His body was found this morning by a customer who went to the garage to get his automobile. It was lying in a pool of blood, with a bullet hole through the head. A revolver was found close by.

Deputy Coroner Sayre at the hospital recognized Lund as the man he had served with a subpoena to appear at the inquest into the death of James Carigan, twenty-seven years old, of 1216 Luzerne street.

Friends Plan Job for Mayor Moore
Propose He Run for Council Next Year While Awaiting Chance at Seat in Congress
POLITICIANS ARE WAKING UP

Mayor Moore as a candidate for election to City Council next year? The political possibilities contained in that question are filtering through the corridors of City Hall these days and are the cause of considerable buzzing back and forth among the leaders.

As matters stand now the Mayor's candidacy is only an idea originating in the minds of close friends of the Mayor.

When the Mayor returns from the waterways convention at Portland, however, the plan to have him become a candidate will be squarely put on to him. It appears that the Mayor's intimates in City Hall have been wondering just how he could continue in the public eye as an active factor in city affairs, until such time as he could count on re-election to Congress.

Those interested say they realize the Mayor may look upon it as a "come-down" to enter Council after serving for four years as Mayor. It will be pointed out that he has had occasion to appreciate the strength of Council, as constituted under the new city charter, and that as a Councilman he might win greater political power than he has enjoyed as Mayor.

Mayor's Allies Favor Plan
The proposition to be made to the Mayor, according to his close allies, is to have him run for Council in the Sixth District, which includes the Twenty-first, Twenty-second, Thirty-eighth and Forty-second wards. The Mayor is a resident of the Twenty-second ward, Germantown.

W. D. E. Ainey, chairman of the fuel commission named by Governor Sproul, is also chairman of the Public Service Commission. He is the chief link between the two official groups which are to cooperate in protecting the public.

PATROLMAN SAVES SIX FROM DEATH IN BURNING HOME

Smashes Down Door, Forces Way to Sleeping Family, and Effects Daring Rescue
3 MYSTERIOUS BLASTS CAUSE A \$30,000 BLAZE

A patrolman who broke down the door of a burning dwelling and forced his way through fire and smoke to the bedrooms of the occupants, saved a family of six persons from death early today at 5514 Woodland avenue.

The fire started, from a cause as yet unascertained. Patrolman Kane, passing, saw the dull red glare at the rear of the store that meant fire.

The patrolman ran to a nearby box and turned in an alarm. There was no sign of life upstairs. The house was dark and the blinds were drawn. He, knew, however, that Ellis and his family occupied the upper floors.

Kane pounded on the side door leading to the dwelling, but received no answer. He waited but a moment, then he tried to force his way through the door. After several attempts he smashed the door and stumbled in.

Halfway full of smoke, it billowed about him, through the hallway and down the stairs. He called to the family, but no one answered. He again tried to force his way through the door for a long breath of fresh air. Then he tied his handkerchief about his mouth and nose and ran at the stairs.

Knocking on the landing and holding his breath so as to avoid breathing the suffocating smoke, the patrolman stumbled up the stairs to the second floor. Ellis and his wife were still asleep. Kane, pounding on their door, aroused them.

"The children are asleep on the third floor," said Ellis.

There was no time to lose. The flames already were approaching the stairway and the smoke was growing more dense every moment. It was smothered in through the door of the "Bible" store, which was being swept and begged the patrolman to save the children.

"I'll Get the Children
You and your husband get out while there's time," said Kane. "I'll get the children. Don't be afraid. I'll wrap you in clothing around them, and after cautioning them to take a long breath and try not to breathe the smoke, Kane led Mrs. Ellis to the stairs.

'LOVELIEST BABY VAMP' WINS DIVORCE FROM ACTOR

Eleanor Griffith Granted Decree Which Was Kept Secret



ELEANOR GRIFFITH

New York, Sept. 16.—Eleanor Griffith, called by stagefolk "the loveliest baby vamp," has secured from Justice Thompson an interlocutory decree of divorce from Edgar Dudley, for twenty years a familiar character along the Rialto as actor and booking agent.

Although the decree was granted on August 29, it remained a secret until news of it was published in Zit's Weekly.

The court action was about as brief as a divorce case could be. It required exactly eight minutes and thirty seconds. Two witnesses for Mrs. Dudley narrated the conduct they had seen between the booking agent and the unnamed co-respondent.

Four times Dudley has been pelted by wedding rice and just as many times he experienced the pangs of loneliness when his four wives won their freedom from him.

MARY BAKER AGAIN DELAYS NUPTIALS
Date of Wedding to Allister McCormick Is Postponed to October 20

London, Sept. 16.—The Mary Lyon Baker-Allister McCormick romance, which has already set a record for marriage postponements, appeared again to be "off" yesterday.

Miss Baker, the daughter of a millionaire Chicago family, has changed all her plans after giving orders for the construction of her townhouse. She has bought passage for Switzerland and plans to leave tomorrow.

Miss Baker had announced yesterday that she would be married to Mr. McCormick October 20.

E. D. DIER FIGHTS FOR DELAY ON EVE OF LARGENY TRIAL

Broker Whose Case Is Set for Monday Faces 100-Year Term on 16 Charges

JUDGE OLCOTT IS ADDED TO HIS COSTLY COUNSEL
Many Witnesses Subpoenaed and Prosecutor Says He Is Confident of Conviction

Dier Creditors to Get 25 to 30 Cents on Dollar
Creditors of E. D. Dier & Co. will receive between 25 and 30 cents on the dollar according to B. F. Reis, the accountant who wound up the affairs of the defunct concern.

"Dier's failure involved about \$3,000,000 and \$3,000,000 of that amount about \$500,000 was lost by customers in the Philadelphia office.

"My report, which is about ready, will show assets of nearly \$1,000,000. This includes settlements made by Charles A. Stoneham, Mrs. Dier, Lawrence Starr and Colonel Henry D. Hughes."

Facing a maximum term of more than 100 years in prison if convicted on the sixteen bills of indictment, nine of them charging bookkeeping of orders and seven grand larceny, Elmore D. "Doc" Dier, head of the defunct brokerage firm of E. D. Dier & Co., whose offices here were located at 1439 Walnut street, is seeking to delay his trial scheduled to begin Monday before Judge Robert Johnston in New York City.

Dier's plea for a continuance for at least two months was filed with District Attorney John Banton by former Judge William M. O'Leary, the latest lawyer to the effect of high-priced lawyers engaged by the sky-rocketing financier.

Judge O'Leary based his application on grounds that he was recently taken into the case and had not sufficient time to properly prepare himself with the defense.

Domestic Peace, Assistant District Attorney, who has been assigned to conduct the prosecution for the State, declared he would be able to combat Dier's motion for delay, but he can successfully controvert any argument advanced for the delay.

"Dier and his attorneys have had ample time to prepare their case," said District Attorney Banton today, "and any officer will oppose any motion advanced for a delay. This case has been hanging in the air for some time. The people are entitled to know the truth about this case. I am charged with serious crime and I cannot see any reason for delay. I am confident that the State will go before Judge Johnston on Monday prepared to fight the motion for a delay."

LAST-MINUTE NEWS

BASEBALL SCORES
PITTSBURGH..... 0
PHILLIES (1st).... 0
Copp and Schmidt; Meadows and Henline. Hart and Sentelle.

BRITAIN ASKS AID IN DEFENDING NEUTRAL ZONE
LONDON, Sept. 16.—The British Government, addressing Rumania, Jugo-Slavia and Greece, is asking their participation in active defense of the Bardenelles neutral zone, it was learned officially today.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Sept. 16.—The bodies of the Rev. Edward W. Hall, rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church of St. John the Divine here, and an unidentified woman were found under an apple tree on a farm near here today. There was a bullet wound in the clergyman's forehead and three wounds in the woman's back.

MRS. MALLORY AND MISS SIGOURNEY WIN
Mrs. Molla Bjurstedt Mallory and Miss Edith Sigourney won the Middle States doubles championship at the Philadelphia Cricket Club this afternoon, defeating Mrs. Marion Zinderstein Jessup and Miss Molly Thayer. Scores, 6-1, 8-10, 7-5.

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BROKER NABBED TILDEN IS FAVORED IN BANK THEFT TO BEAT JOHNSTON
Walter I. White Accused as American Lawn Tennis Title Contender of Newlin in Coatesville Case and Challenge Cup Stakes at Manheim Today

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Tilden-Johnston Match Starts at Three P. M.
American Singles Championship
Court No. 2, W. M. U. Hawk, Philadelphia, vs. C. N. Board, Philadelphia.

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SMYRNA WRUNG BY PESTLENCE; FIRE KILLS 2000

Heavy Rain Following Flames Makes Plight of Refugees More Pitiable

FRANTIC PEOPLE JUMP INTO SEA AND DROWN
Greek Dispatches Tell of Torture, Mutilation and Wholesale Executions

BRITISH FOR FREE STRAITS
25,000 Christian Women Reported Seized by Turks

London, Sept. 16.—"Twenty-five thousand Christian women and girls have been conveyed to the interior and distributed among the Turkish soldiers," says a dispatch to the Times from M. Lascaris, editor of Kosmos, a Smyrna newspaper, who has arrived on the island of Mitylene.

Constantinople, Sept. 16.—Upwards of 2000 persons perished in the great fire at Smyrna. 2700 buildings were destroyed and all the American property wiped out.

The catastrophe, say direct advices received here, is of much greater proportions than the conflagration at Saloniki in 1917, which caused \$100,000,000 damage and left 200,000 homeless.

A heavy rain continued to fall after the fire, making the plight of the inhabitants and refugees pitiable. Thousands of the frantic populace fled to the waterfront and pleases, with the small forces of American blue-jackets there to give them shelter against the destroyers. Many in desperation jumped into the water and were drowned.

The city is without adequate food and water, and the deplorable lack of sanitary conditions is giving rise to pestilence.

British headquarters announced that Field Marshal Viscount French, Earl of Ypres, is expected to arrive here shortly.