THE WEATHER
Fair and somewhat cooler tonight and Friday with lowest tonight about 48 or 50 degrees; moderate northwest winds.
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5
58	64	65	67	67	66	66			

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PACIFIC LINER AFIRE; 300 TOURISTS TAKE TO BOATS

Mrs. Hall's Coat Tested for Bloodstains as State Police Discard Schneider's "Confession"

SCARF CLEANED AFTER CRIME TO BE ANALYZED

Woman and Three Men Under Suspicion in New Theory

SCHNEIDER REPORTED VERGING ON COLLAPSE

Youth Who "Confessed" Found Unconscious in Cell, but Is Revived

TROOPERS LAUGH OPENLY AT "SOLUTION" OFFERED

Self-Styled "Affinity" Tries to See Bahmer in Cell, but Doesn't Go His Bail

Belshaw Denies Hall's Watch Was Found Here

A rumor spread abroad today, reaching New York and Philadelphia, that the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall's gold watch, missing since the Hall-Mills murder, had been found in Philadelphia.

Lieutenant Belshaw, head of the Murder Squad, said the rumor was baseless. The watch has been sought here, but without any proof ever having been adduced that it was in Philadelphia.

By a Staff Correspondent

New Brunswick, N. J., Oct. 12.—A scarf and coat worn by Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, widow of the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall, who was murdered with Mrs. Eleanor Reinhardt Mills, were turned over today to Prosecutor Stricker.

The two articles of wearing apparel were at once sent by the Prosecutor to the Squibb Chemical Company, at New Brunswick, to be analyzed to see if there were blood stains on them.

The scarf and coat are the ones that were sent to a dyer in Philadelphia shortly after the finding of the bodies of Mr. Hall and Mrs. Mills. They were described as a blue scarf and a long brown coat.

Detective Collins went to Philadelphia at the time and consulted the records of the cleaning and dyeing company, but apparently learned nothing of importance. The company said the clothing had been returned by parcel post to Mrs. Hall, as it had been sent, but Mrs. Hall at the time denied having received it.

To Be Given Careful Test

The authorities did not divulge today where they had found the two articles, or whether they had been cleaned and dyed as was indicated by the Philadelphia company.

A thorough chemical analysis will be made of the garments. It is believed that even after dyeing and cleaning it would be possible by careful chemical and microscopic study to determine whether they ever had been bloodstained.

When the clothing was examined at the Philadelphia cleaning house, no spots were found. When spots are found on clothing it is the routine practice of the cleaner to make a chemical examination to determine their nature, and different processes are used to eradicate marks made by different causes.

Mrs. Hall's clothing, having no observable spots, was not subjected to any chemical process, but simply cleaned.

Philadelphia Police Investigated

When it first became known that Mrs. Hall had sent the clothing to Philadelphia by parcel post, her attorney, T. M. Pfeiffer, former Assistant City Solicitor of New York, gave out a statement saying it was unfortunate that Mrs. Hall had chosen such a time to send clothing to be cleaned, but that she had long been in the habit of sending clothes to this establishment.

The Philadelphia police asserted at the time that they had been able to find no evidence that Mrs. Hall had been accustomed to deal with this firm of cleaners, Bornots.

County Detective Davis reiterated today a statement made by him some time ago that he had several letters written by Mr. Hall to Mrs. Mills. Prosecutor Stricker had denied yesterday that there were any letters he knew of from the minister to the singer. Detective Davis said that the minister's letters were unsigned, but were identified by the handwriting.

Ralph V. M. Gorsline, a member of the vestry of St. John the Evangelist's Church, of which Mr. Hall was rector, testified today his faith in the minister. Mr. Gorsline has been questioned several times by the detectives as to

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IN TRAGEDY INQUIRY

The man in the oval is "Nick" Bahmer, father of Pearl. Both are under arrest. Above are the parents of Raymond Schneider, who recently "confessed"

SAW SUSPECTS IN CAMDEN, HE THINKS

William Houck, Phila. Pugilist, Reports Pearl, Hayes and Schneider There Fatal Night

BELSHAW NOTIFIES SLEUTH

William Houck, the Philadelphia boxer, thinks that he saw Pearl Bahmer, Clifford Hayes and Raymond Schneider in the Camden P. R. R. Terminal on the night of September 14, which was the date of the Hall-Mills murder at New Brunswick, N. J.

The three who Houck believes were in Camden that fatal evening are all in jail at present; Pearl as an incorrigible; Clifford as the murderer, accused by Schneider, and the latter as a material witness.

Houck's story was taken to Lieutenant Belshaw, head of the local murder squad. He conveyed it immediately for what it was worth to Detective Collins, one of the county investigators working on the Hall-Mills murder.

"I have not seen Houck," said Lieutenant Belshaw today, "and I do not know whether his statement is worth anything or not. However, it will bear looking into. It sounded pretty good as I got it."

Houck works two days a week for William Pierson, a meat dealer, 5830 Germantown avenue.

When Houck saw photographs of Pearl, Hayes and Schneider in a newspaper recently he told Mr. Pierson he had seen the three together. Houck said he was then employed as a detective by the Pennsylvania Railroad.

It seems difficult to believe that Pearl and the two youths could have been in Camden at any time during the evening of September 14. In their various statements the three have accounted for all the time of that evening. Driving in a fast car it would take a couple of hours to reach Camden from New Brunswick.

MAN KILLED, 2 HURT WHEN STOLEN CAR IS WRECKED

Auto, Later Claimed by Oldfield, Crashes at 70-Mile Speed

New York, Oct. 12.—(By A. P.)—One man was killed and two others seriously injured today when a racing car, claimed by Barney Oldfield to have been stolen from him, skidded into a curb while speeding along Riverside drive and swerved headlong into a tree.

Joseph S. Degnon, of New York, catapulted against the tree and was instantly killed. Edward O'Donnell and Edward McKee, both chauffeurs, were dug from the wreckage and taken to a hospital to be booked later on charges of homicide.

A fourth occupant, said by police to have been identified as James O'Dowd, a motor mechanic, leaped before the crash and fled as the police arrived. They are still searching for him. The speedometer of the machine had stopped at seventy miles.

A California driver's license made out to Oldfield and bearing his signature and photograph, enabled the police to establish ownership of the wrecked machine. Oldfield later was found at a New York hotel, having come here to see the World Series, he said.

THE JOB YOU ARE LOOKING FOR MAY be found in the Help Wanted columns on pages 24-25.—Adv.

GIBERSON LETTERS ADMITTED IN TRIAL

Judge Rules Against Defense Contention Documents Were Illegally Seized

ACCUSED SMILES IN COURT

By a Staff Correspondent

Toms River, N. J., Oct. 12.—Attorneys for Mrs. Ivy Giberson, on trial here for the murder of her husband, made a desperate attempt today to prevent the introduction of a bundle of papers, letters and notes as evidence against their client at the second day of the trial.

Yesterday the attorneys, at the very beginning of the hearing, sought to regain the letters, which were taken from Mrs. Giberson's home after she had been arrested, but were unsuccessful.

When District Attorney Jayne handed the papers to William G. Mason, a witness, for identification, attorneys for the defense were on their feet instantly with a motion to exclude them as evidence.

Mrs. Giberson's lawyers declared the letters had been seized by the prosecuting attorney unlawfully from the defendant's home several days after she had been placed under arrest and locked up in the Toms River jail. They claimed the papers were taken without Mrs. Giberson's knowledge or consent and in direct violation of her constitutional rights and demanded they be ruled out of evidence.

The court ruled that the seizure had not been made unlawfully and that the letters were proper evidence.

They are the letters, addressed to Mrs. Giberson, which were one cause of her arrest for her husband's murder.

The pistol holster found in the Giberson home could have held the revolver found hidden in an outbuilding, a pistol expert testified this morning.

This point, regarded as extremely important by the commonwealth, was dovetailed with other testimony that Mrs. Giberson made six trips to the outbuilding on the morning of August 14, when Giberson was found with a bullet wound in his head.

Mrs. Giberson was calm when she entered court for the second day of the trial. She was escorted by Deputy Sheriff Brown and smiled broadly at newspapermen near the Judge's bench.

Francis J. Byrne, 319 Laurel street, Lakewood, the first witness, qualified as an expert on small arms. He was shown the pistol recovered in the outbuilding and said it was a .38-caliber double-action revolver of a widely-known make. The shells used for it were made at the Frankford Arsenal, he said.

Gun Would Fit Holster

Mr. Byrne continued that three chambers of the revolver were rusted and that three were clean. Shown the holster found in a bureau drawer in the Giberson home, he said the weapon would fit it.

The witness was cross-examined briefly by James Mercer Davis, counsel for Mrs. Giberson, but his testimony was unchanged.

Bert D. Wisner, a detective, of Lakehurst, testified he went to the Giberson home shortly after the mur-

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SENATOR VARE HAS TURN FOR BETTER

"I Believe That He Is Coming Through," Says Brother

State Senator Edwin H. Vare spent a restful night, and reports from his home at Ambler this morning indicated continued improvement in his condition.

"The Senator slept well, and members of the family were not disturbed during the night," said his brother, Congressman William S. Vare. "I believe he is coming through."

Congressman Vare said his brother was exchanging messages from his bedside with his daughter Abigail, who is recuperating from pneumonia, and that he seemed to be cheered by assurances that she would be out of bed in a few days.

In a bulletin issued today Dr. Andrew Godfrey said:

"The Senator remains about the same. He did as well as could be expected during the night."

INDEPENDENTS GET $9.25 COAL PRICE

Fuel Commission Allows 75 Cents Over Large Operators' Charge

CONSUMERS WILL BENEFIT

The price at which independent coal operators may sell domestic sizes of anthracite at the mines has been fixed at $9.25 a ton, which is seventy-five cents more than the maximum price allowed the larger operators.

Announcement of the new price was made in Washington, where members of the State Fuel Commission went yesterday to confer with Federal Fuel Distributor Spens. At the conference were Chairman W. B. D. Ainey and James S. Benn, of the Fuel Commission, and Eugene C. Felton, chairman of the Fair Practices Committee of the Commission.

Information obtained at a series of conferences between the Fair Price Committee and independent operators, which was used as the basis for fixing the low price, was laid before Commissioners Ainey and Benn and Mr. Spens by Chairman Felton.

Will End Price Row

The agreement is regarded by officials as assuring immediate reductions in the hard coal prices now charged by independent operators controlling 20 per cent of the output, thus removing a price discrepancy that has been the cause of complaint in all consuming territories.

The largest part of the production of anthracite, an amount estimated by officials at 70 per cent or more of the total, comes from a group of large mines which now are charging from $8 to $8.35 per ton, while some of the independent operators have been charging above $12 per ton. The arrangement by which the price will be held down to $9.25 is described as an indirect one, but it is said to be probable that mine owners who refuse to abide by the decision will have their operations restricted by use of the Government's power to regulate transportation.

"In view of the fact that a number of so-called individual or independent operators have signified a willingness to set prices below the $9.25 maximum, and also that this maximum is a reduction from prices previously charged," Chairman Ainey said, "the Pennsylvania Fuel Commission approved the recommendation. It is joined in this approval by the Federal fuel distributor.

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"Notification will be sent to all State fuel authorities of the action of the commission, with lists of operators subscribing to prices of $9.25 and under. By direction of the fuel commission and the Federal fuel distributor, the fair practices committee talso representing the Pennsylvania fuel administration) will proceed immediately to consider the remaining approximately 5 per cent of the total production for the purpose of either recommending the prices which it is fair for them to charge, or the advisability of discontinuance of such costly production. The committee will be directed to conclude its findings and make its report on or before October 31."

A large part of the difficulties leading to complaint by consumers has been due to the impossibility of ascertaining in advance what would be the cost of anthracite shipments. Many Eastern cities have been supplied with anthracite shipments in which the same quality of coal has been sold for four or five different prices.

Under the new plan the difference will be only about $1 per ton, whether an order is supplied from the independent mines or from the larger producing units in the industry.

GALE-DRIVEN FIRE SWEEPS MINE TOWN

William Penn Residents Escape, but Lose Household Effects

Shenandoah, Pa., Oct. 12.—William Penn, a mining village near here, is threatened to be wiped out by fire which started about 10 o'clock this morning in a thickly settled part of the village.

A stiff west gale whipped the flames into a fury, and as there is little or no fire apparatus the blaze gained considerable headway before the local fire department was notified and fire-fighting apparatus dispatched with all haste to the scene.

All are frame buildings and the occupants had barely time to escape with their lives, leaving household effects a prey to the flames. The colliery is not in the line of the fire, and officials at once ordered every available man to assist in fighting the blaze.

Cardinal Dougherty urges all Catholics to use the Manual of Prayers. Murphy Co., Balto. and Cal.

ROTAN TRACING POLICE ALLIES OF DRUG RING

Rounding Up Men, Named in Confession, to Confront Narcotic Venders

DETECTIVES CHECKING UP PRISONERS' STATEMENTS

Quarantine Maintained Over Downtown District, Said to Be Center of Drug Distribution

WAGNER'S HOME VISITED

Important Conference Today at City Hall May Be Prelude to Big Developments

The task of tracing possible police "protection" given to the drug syndicate here was resumed today in the office of District Attorney Rotan.

Felice Cardullo, Joseph Allegro, alias "Joe" Ritchie, Joseph Bellona and Joseph Santore, known as "Joe the Boob," were taken from prison this morning to City Hall.

Judge Monaghan, Mr. Rotan, Assistant District Attorneys Gordon and Graham, Chief Wynne, of the county detectives, and Chief Forrer, of the Federal narcotic squad, continued their grilling of the confessed drug venders.

Chief Wynne intimated that at least two former police officials and several detectives had been mentioned in the revelations. He promised "swift justice" for those implicated if the statements of the drug sellers are corroborated.

"Reports that Allegro and Cardullo had named numerous policemen is merely conjecture," said Chief Wynne. "It is true that we have considerable information that will probably lead to others implicated in the drug traffic, although it would not be good police business, neither would it be safe, to mention names revealed by defendants at this time.

"In line with sound police fundamentals, we are checking up every scrap of information extracted from these men. There is nothing to prevent the defendants from repudiating their original statements, and for that reason we are proceeding cautiously.

"No warrants will be issued and no arrests will be made until we are sure of our ground. When we are convinced that persons mentioned by the defendants are implicated in the drug traffic, we will bring them to swift justice."

Quizzed by Monaghan

Shortly before 11 o'clock, a man said to be an important witness who had been located in South Philadelphia, was taken to Judge Monaghan's chambers. Chief Wynne and Captain of Police Van Horn waited in an anteroom.

Acting Detective Comdico, of Captain Van Horn's staff, came to City Hall, and it was first reported he had been summoned before Judge Monaghan. Comdico himself was mystified by the summons, and took occasion to champion his own record in tracking down drug venders.

Later Captain Van Horn explained the detective had been summoned to assist the District Attorney's office in preparing a case against two Ne-

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SAYS FRANCE CANNOT PAY DEBTS TILL 1926

High Official Declares Reconstruction Must Come First

Paris, Oct. 12.—(By A. P.)—France will be unable to meet any part of her debts for the next four years, as all available receipts for that period must be devoted to reconstruction of the devastated regions, according to the Paris Herald, which quotes "one of the highest authorities of the French Ministry of Finance."

The Government, adds the newspaper, is doing its utmost to find a new formula for the settlement of the European debts and reparations tangle, and will probably submit a detailed scheme drawn up by M. Poincare when the interallied financial congress meets at Brussels.

This plan calls for a revision of the total of Germany's indebtedness on a basis of actual reparations only, the charges for pensions, war allowances and the like being wiped from the slate. This would reduce the French claim by nearly 25 per cent.

BATTLE-GARBED TROOPS TRAVERSE CITY STREETS

Artillerymen, on Way to Maryland Base, Skirt Northern Section

A warlike atmosphere was given the northern part of the city today when soldiers, en route from Montauk Point, N. Y., to Edgewood, Md., passed through with all accoutrements for action.

Rumbling gun carriages and the clatter of horses' hoofs and ammunition wagons created a regular battle clamor.

The troops were in command of Colonel Wright Smith, of the Sixth Field Artillery. They included the Sixth Field Artillery, headquarters battery, First Field Artillery, also a small portion of the First Ammunition Train.

BURNING SHIP WAS FORMERLY GERMAN FREDERICK DER GROSSE

San Francisco, Oct. 12.—(By A. P.)—The City of Honolulu, on fire in the Pacific, is the reconverted German liner Frederick der Grosse. During the war she was known as the Huron. The vessel is 600 feet long and has twin screw propellers.

LAST-MINUTE NEWS

SCHNEIDER ADMITS CONFESSION WAS FALSE; HAYES FREE

Raymond Schneider today repudiated his "confession" accusing Clifford Hayes of the murder of Mrs. Eleanor Mills and the Rev. Edward W. Hall. Hayes was released after Schneider admitted his charge was a "grudge story" told to injure Hayes and his sweetheart, Pearl Bahmer.

LATEST RACING RESULTS

LAUREL—First—Noel, $520, $2.50, $2.40, won; Felicitous, $2.40, $2.20, second; Old Timer, $3.80, third. Time, 1:09 3-5. Little eBauty, Jolly Sailor and St. Lawrence also ran.

LAUREL—Second—Perkiomen, $8.30, $4.20, $2.90, won; Mohican, $5.50, $3.40, second; Baronet, $3.30, third. Time, 1:04 3-5. Gimme, Lucky Find, Enrico Caruso, Plumcon, Kathryn Harlan, Sea Scot and Lough Eagle also ran.

DWELLS ON POWER OF WOMAN'S VOTE

State Federation Speaker Points to Independence of Feminine Ballot

RESOLUTIONS ARE ADOPTED

By a Staff Correspondent

Reading, Oct. 12.—Frank recognition of woman's actual place in the political world since winning the vote was made at today's session of the convention of the State Federation of Pennsylvania Women. Mrs. Samuel Semple, of Titusville, read a paper for Mrs. Franklin P. Adams, of Pittsburgh, who is ill. The paper read in part:

"Are we making good, we women citizens? There are many who insist we are not. Are their criticisms too broad and sweeping? Yes, I believe so.

"Did our critics expect or at least fear too much from us? Again yes, I think they did. But did we give them reason for such expectations, hopes or fears? Once again, yes.

"But had they reason to expect that the leaders of the 'votes-for-women' movement, the thoughtful, educated women, could when occasion demanded, ignore party lines and vote as a unit for a principle?

"My friends, we certainly gave the men citizens cause to believe just that. Otherwise the battle for the ballot would have been won long before it was.

"Are many newspapers correct when they say in effect Women have justified not one prophecy of their friends and refuted not one of their enemies. Women in politics are a negligible element. But they are just as foolish of political evils as men?

"Before we were enfranchised cynics declared the only possible result would be to double the vote. We have not even achieved this.

"The woman vote in 1920 was perhaps all we could fairly expect, even though it was a presidential election. And the stirring question of a League of Nations was at issue.

"But the woman vote of 1921, after the most earnest efforts of the League of Women Voters, the women of political parties, of clubs and civic bodies, was very disappointing. And now, after another year of the finest work by our groups and organizations of women, the registration of women this fall, when many of the most important

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WILL NOT BELIEVE WIFE IS FAITHLESS

Struse Discredits Report of Arrest With Other Man in Los Angeles

Charles O. Struse, who on August 4 reported to the police that his wife, Mrs. Ethel H. Struse, had been missing since July 18, today refused to believe she has been arrested in Los Angeles with another man.

Reports from Los Angeles this morning say Mrs. Struse was arrested there yesterday with W. A. Holden, who, the police say, deserted his wife and children in this city to go west with her. Holden is held on a charge of violating the Mann act.

"If my wife ran away with this man Holden," Mr. Struse said today, "she was under some hypnotic influence, or illness had temporarily unbalanced her mind. I won't believe it until the Philadelphia detectives communicate with Los Angeles and verify the report. I never heard of Holden, and my wife never mentioned his name in my presence."

Mr. Struse is supervisor for the Southeastern Pennsylvania district of the State Department of Health, and lives at 461 Leverington street, Roxborough. A sister has been keeping house for him and taking care of Mrs. Struse's eight-year-old son since her disappearance.

Try Cranberry Sauce with roast beef—hot or cold. For the choicest fruit ask for Ocean brand.—Adv.

POLITICAL STORM NEAR IN ENGLAND

Manchester Speech Next Saturday Said to Be Premier's First Campaign Gun

WOMEN POLITICIANS READY

By Associated Press

London, Oct. 12.—Odds of nearly two to one against an election before the end of the year are being accepted in the London insurance market, notwithstanding the positive assertions in the press and in political circles that an appeal to the country before Christmas is inevitable.

The discrepancy thus manifested is significant of the complete uncertainty surrounding the political situation for the moment.

The morning newspapers again give over their chief columns to discussion, predictions and supposed revelations. Prime Minister Lloyd George's friends continue to insist that he will not resign, while others assert with equal confidence that his speech at Manchester Saturday will be the first gun fired in the great electoral campaign.

There is general concurrence on one point, namely, that the crisis has been brought about by the restiveness of the rank and file of the Conservatives, who are tired alike of the coalition government and Lloyd George's leadership and eager to get back to party lines.

Loyal to Premier

It is stated in several quarters, however, that the Conservative leaders in the Coalition Cabinet continue loyal to the Premier, and that the situation in that respect is virtually identical with the position when Lloyd George previously threatened to resign unless the Conservatives gave greater support to his leadership.

It is said this loyalty on the part of his conservative colleagues is having a great influence on the Premier's attitude and, according to some versions, he is relying upon it to secure the country's support and wreck in advance the conservative convention scheduled for the middle of November, which, if held, might attempt to compel the conservative leaders to resign their coalition posts.

Around this revolt in the Tory rank and file numerous conjectures, speculations and predictions are framed.

Austen Chamberlain's speech at Birmingham tomorrow is expected by some observers to be mainly a strong plea for a continuance of the coalition as a means of averting the advent of a labor government.

Political Storm Brewing

Amid the many uncertainties one thing is certain, that the next few days will supply the public with more excitement concerning domestic politics than it has enjoyed since the outbreak of the World War.

One of the interesting features when an election is declared will be the number of women seeking the limelight of parliamentary life. The two present women members, Lady Astor and Mrs. Margaret Wintringham, areunderstood to desire re-election, and nearly a score of others are already announced candidates, the great majority being for Liberal and Labor constituencies.

EARTHQUAKE IN PERU

Property Damaged at Arequipa, Wires Down South of Lima

Lima, Peru, Oct. 12.—(By A. P.)—A violent earthquake of one minute's duration occurred yesterday over a wide area in Southern Peru, causing considerable damage to property at Arequipa and numerous small villages, it is announced in cable advices from Arequipa today.

The Southern Railway suffered damage to its Mollendo section, between Arequipa and the coast. The telegraph wires south from Lima are down.

DO YOU WANT A USED AUTOMOBILE? The classified columns of the Evening Public Ledger list some of the best bargains to be found in Used Cars, page 25.—Adv.

ALL PASSENGERS LEAVE BURNING VESSEL AT SEA

Two S O S Calls Are Sent Out by City of Honolulu

ANOTHER STEAMER SPEEDS TO HER AID

Craft in Flames While Returning From First Trip to Hawaii

TWO DAYS OFF SHORE FROM LOS ANGELES

Shipping Board Steamship Allocated to Private Company in California

Marine Disasters Caused by Fire

The principal marine disasters by fire, within the last twenty years, follow:

In 1904, the General Slocum; 1000 lives lost.
In 1909, Sardinia; 100 lives lost.
In 1913, Mohawk; 5 lives lost.
In 1913, Volturno; 136 lives lost.
In 1914, Kometor; 15 lives lost.
In 1914, Columbian; 14 lives lost.
In 1914, Jefferson; 9 lives lost.

By Associated Press

San Francisco, Oct. 12.—The passenger steamship City of Honolulu, carrying 300 or more tourists, returning from the Hawaiian Islands, was afire today in the Pacific Ocean and her passengers were being lowered into lifeboats.

The City of Honolulu sent two S O S calls before 8:30 this morning which were picked up by the Matson Line steamship Enterprise, which immediately put about in the hope of reaching the steamship in four or five hours.

At 9 o'clock the Federal Telegraph Company received a wireless message saying that passengers were leaving the ship. The message relayed to the Matson office by the Enterprise gave the City of Honolulu's position as "1406 miles east of Honolulu."

Passengers Leave Burning Ship

Thirteen minutes before the passengers began to leave the burning vessel, the boats were lowered, the Federal Telegraph's message stated. The Federal company did not expect to receive further messages unless the radio operators remained on the vessel.

Radio calls to the Honolulu from 9 o'clock to 9:30 were not answered, the Federal Telegraph Company reported. It was thought that all persons aboard the vessel had taken to the boats.

The wireless messages gave the position of the burning steamer as latitude 31.07 north and longitude 131.40 west.

In addition to the S O S calls the Honolulu said a "very bad fire was raging" on the vessel and immediate assistance was asked.

When the Enterprise received the call for aid it was in latitude 32.17 north and longitude 136.12 west. The message asked the Enterprise "if she was coming."

Enterprise Rushes to Aid

The Matson Navigation Company, owner of the Enterprise, which is bound from Hawaii to the mainland, said that their vessel, which was rushing to the assistance of the burning liner, should reach her between noon and 1 o'clock.

Besides the Enterprise two other vessels are known to be near the City of Honolulu, the transport Thomas and the City of Los Angeles.

The City of Honolulu apparently is two days off shore from Los Angeles on the return trip of its first voyage. It is a Shipping Board vessel of 17,500 tons and was allocated to the Los Angeles Steamship Company for six months' trial for service between Los Angeles and the Hawaiian Islands. It left Los Angeles September 23 and it is believed that a large number of the 300 tourists who left Los Angeles on the vessel were returning on the same boat when the fire occurred.

JOHN McCORMACK RETURNS

New York, Oct. 12.—John McCormack, tenor, returned yesterday on the Olympic with his health regained abroad after a serious illness last spring. He said he had reduced his weight from 246 to 217.