

THE WEATHER
 Daily fair and cold tonight;
 lowest temperature about 35 degrees;
 Thursday increasing cloudiness with
 diminishing northwest wind.
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

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54	52	50	48	46	45	43	42	42

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PROFITISM IN ALLOCATION OF U. S. SHIPS CHARGED

Research Bureau and Realty Board to Devise Remedy for Evils and Injustices of Tax System

COURT OF APPEALS PROPOSED IN PLAN TO SOLVE PROBLEM

Real Estate Board Man Says Special Tribunal Ended Difficulties in Baltimore

WASTE AND INEFFICIENCY IN METHODS NOW IN USE

Incensed property owners in the city, who can find no relief from high assessments in the present appeal system, are promised the fullest kind of hearings in the future by two developments in the assessment situation today.

The first, and probably the most important, is a proposal to have the Bureau of Municipal Research, in cooperation with the real estate board, make a thorough investigation of the whole taxation system, which experts declare to be hopelessly antiquated.

This investigation will be made with a special view to studying the feasibility of establishing here a tax appeal court, which would function much as Sheriff Lambertson's so-called Tenants' Court functions, except that the tax court would be an official body with power to grant relief where it is found justified.

Plan Protest Meeting

The second development is a plan for a mass-meeting of citizens in the Metropolitan Opera House in the near future to protest against the high assessments of this year. Preliminary steps for this meeting were taken last night at an indignation meeting of twenty-eight ward taxpayers.

The widespread suffering which the present assessment figures have caused, and the fact that the Board of Revision of Taxes has been almost swamped with appeals by people who were forced to pay their taxes presently through intermediaries, have reopened the question of the necessity for an exhaustive survey of the entire system with a view to making reforms that will give such people relief.

Joseph J. Greenberg, chairman of the taxation committee of the real estate board, will bring the matter up officially at the next meeting of his committee and will make a motion to invite the Bureau of Municipal Research to conduct the investigation and make constructive criticisms on the results of its study.

Ready to Investigate

Frederick P. Gruenberg, head of the research bureau, expressed himself today as eager to receive such a request and stated that he will be able to arrange to begin a survey within thirty days.

"I believe a tax appeal court, or a body performing the desired functions, is an absolute necessity in this city," said Mr. Greenberg. "Baltimore has a court of that kind solving such problems satisfactorily. The presiding judge is a graduate of the University of the University of Pennsylvania, Oscar Lesser.

Any citizen who believes he is over-assessed can go to this court and appear in person with his own affidavits and proofs and the case is judged on its merits by a bench of experts. Here the protesting taxpayer must work through an intermediary, but he is not sure whether the things that he considers his strongest arguments get to the ears of the final arbiter or not.

Will Ask Inquiry

At the next meeting of my committee, I will make a motion to enlist the Bureau of Municipal Research in a comprehensive study of this antiquated and obsolete system under which we are working.

BANDITS GET QUICK JUSTICE

Men Are Sentenced Here Two Weeks After Crimes

Two young men accused of robbery learned today they were to receive justice as swift as the far-famed Jersey variety.

Arrested for robberies committed two weeks ago, the two men were sentenced to two to five years in prison today by Judge Hamilton.

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Czecho-Slovak Church Members in Ohio Objected to New Priest

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THREE MEN STEAL TAXI AT POINT OF REVOLVER

Order Driver to "Beat It"—Leave Him His Money

Three well-dressed men robbed Julius Robert, of 2035 Ritner street, of his taxicab at Nineteenth street and Allegheny avenue at 1 o'clock this morning.

When the driver reached that point he halted his taxicab. "Is this where you wanted to go?" he asked the men.

"Yes," they said, alighting. "One of the men reached in his pocket as though to produce money with which to pay the taxicab fare and suddenly whipped out a revolver.

Covering Robert, the man ordered him to leave the taxicab. One of the three then sprang to the wheel, the other two entered the car. Ordering Robert to "beat it," the men went north on Nineteenth street. The robbers did not demand the driver's money.

Robert furnished the police with a description of the three men. The taxicab has not been recovered.

OLDEN PLEASURES FOR YOUNG URGED

Dr. Ann Tomkins Gibson Says Entertainments of Grandmother's Day Best

"Dancing should give way in part to old-fashioned entertainments, sleigh rides and the pleasures of the grandmother of today enjoyed when they were young, as a benefit to the moral development of young people."

This was the declaration of Dr. Ann Tomkins Gibson in the course of an address this morning before the Mothers in Council of Germantown and Chestnut Hill at that organization's monthly meeting in the Germantown Y. W. C. A.

Dr. Gibson, who is a daughter of the Rev. Floyd Tomkins, rector of Holy Trinity Church, said dancing has its benefits, and is not to be wholly discarded. She said that the late hours and artificial excitement resultant of a continuous round of dancing have a bad effect on young people.

She spoke on "Normal and Artificial Social Life of Young People," and said that by young people she meant boys and girls in their early teens.

She said that the old psychological theory that young persons choose the wrong path in life wholly abandoned, bad companionship, is now discarded. A new theory is entertained that every young girl or boy "has it in them to be criminals."

According to Dr. Gibson, social life is absolutely essential to the development of young people. She suggested more sleigh rides and the pleasures of the grandmother of today enjoyed when they were young.

Dr. Gibson believes in a college education for girls, although, she said, it robs them of their chances as debutantes. She suggested that girls spend a year in society before entering college, so that they will not slight their social graces.

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Researching survivors reached Cebu. There were sixty-four persons aboard the vessel.

TRUG CLUBS MAN OF 70 AND WIFE, 62, WITH LEG OF TABLE

Intruder, Surprised in Room, Attacks Husband and Then Turns on Woman

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Segal, 700 Lombard street, were attacked in bed by an intruder wielding a heavy table leg early today and so badly beaten that the head that they are expected to die. They are in the Pennsylvania Hospital.

Four negroes, arrested on suspicion, one of them after he had been chased to the roof of his home and covered with a revolver, were given a hearing before Judge O'Brien at the Twelfth and Pine streets station and held without bail for a further hearing November 17.

At the hearing Miss Fanny Eisman, a nurse at the hospital, testified she had been in the Pennsylvania Hospital when three of the negroes had been brought before the old man to be identified, and that he recognized one of them, Robert Mackenzie, of 707 Lombard street, as the man he had seen in the room and recognized.

Mr. Segal is sixty-two years old. Her husband is seventy. The attack occurred when Mr. Segal detected the intruder in the room and screamed for help.

"I saw him, 707 Lombard street," Mr. Segal said before losing consciousness.

Mr. Segal conducted a small grocery store at the Lombard street address. Robbery is thought to be the motive of the intruder or intruders. Entrances to the room were closed by a glass panel in the back door and unlatching the door.

Mr. Segal was awakened when the small oil lamp burning in their bedroom, the second-story front room, was extinguished. He saw a dark form bending over the bed and screamed for help.

The intruder immediately struck Mr. Segal over the head with the table leg, the end of which was studded with the wooden spikes with which it had been nailed to the table. The aged man's head was badly cut and one of his eyes injured.

Despite the murderous attack, the intruder managed to arise and tried to grapple with his assailant before dropping to the floor. Mrs. Segal, aroused by the commotion, began screaming for help.

She was struck twice over the head with the same heavy weapon. Her skull was fractured and she received other injuries. She was then dropped the table leg and ran.

But Mrs. Segal's first cry had been heard by Mrs. Rebecca Miller, 725 Lombard street, who lives in the building. She immediately called the police.

Epstein, half colored, ran toward the store in time to hear the cry of Mrs. Segal. He immediately ran into the front of the store just as a man ran down the stairway. Dodging the nephew, the intruder ran out the back door, which had been left open.

Found on Floor

Epstein pursued for a short distance, but he man escaped, and Epstein returned to his relatives. He found them both on the floor. Mrs. Segal having crawled from bed in a vain effort to reach and help her husband.

Segal was still conscious. He recognized his nephew and urging him to come closer managed to whisper the information that he had seen the intruder. As the train was running at fifty miles an hour at Leesport two large auto trucks had collided on the Pittman road, forty feet above the track, tumbling over the embankment to the rail.

Both machines were demolished. Fortunately the train was not derailed, due to the prompt action of Engineer John Wetzel. One of the gasoline tanks exploded and the combination car was slightly damaged. The express train was delayed over an hour.

SUN'S ECLIPSE PHOTOGRAPHED

The picture shows the eclipse of the sun, which began at 8:59 today, ended at 11:47, and was greatest at 10:06. Though hardly visible to the naked eye, the eclipse was seen and recorded by the camera.

The moon, passing between sun and earth, covered a part of the sun's face, making "Old Sol" appear as a crescent. The faint outline of the obscured part of the sun shows through the moon.

DID YOU SEE ECLIPSE?

Phenomenon, However, Was Not Visible to Naked Eye

Did you see the eclipse? It was only partial, but has the distinction of being the only eclipse visible this year in the United States. In fact this country will not have another eclipse until 1923.

The sun began to dodge behind the shadow at one minute to 9 o'clock this morning. It showed its face fully again at 11:47. The eclipse was at its greatest at 10:06 o'clock.

No time was the sun completely hidden, and thousands were not even aware that an eclipse was taking place. Through a smoked glass it was possible to see the outline of the moon against the brighter rim of the overlapping sun.

It is the passage of the moon between sun and earth that causes an eclipse. The moon casts a great shadow upon the earth in a total eclipse, and the sun is hidden completely. In today's eclipse the moon passed the sun to the north, and hence the shadow was deflected to a point beyond the earth's surface.

The United States was near enough to the shadow's horizon, for some of the light to be cut off and during the phenomenon the sun shone with a pale glow.

Oronto, Me., saw more of the eclipse than did Philadelphia. There forty-four-hundredths of the sun's face was concealed.

DIVORCES WIFE IN ITALY

Husband Returned to Find Her Married to Another

Francesco DeMote, of 544 South Third street, Camden, was granted a divorce from his wife, Rosa DeMote, by Chancery Judge Walker at Trenton today.

Principal testimony in the case was developed in Salandro and was sent to the courts here, where it was translated and acted upon by the judge.

DeMote declared he married in Italy, and left his bride three weeks later to come here and make his fortune. It required several years to save several thousand dollars, and then DeMote went back to Salandro, prepared to buy the home. He charged he found his wife had tired of him, and without the formality of getting a divorce, had married another man. He returned here and made his application for a divorce.

PENNA. EXPRESS IN PERIL

Two Autotrucks Fall From Embankment in Front of Rushing Train

Reading, Pa., Nov. 10.—(By A. P.) A Pennsylvania express train on the Schuylkill division, due in Reading at 8:05 a. m. today, had a remarkable escape from being wrecked this morning.

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EDGE OF COLD WAVE HERE

Temperature Starts Down Early and Will Reach 35

Get ready for the frostiest weather of the season. You'll need a good, warm overcoat tonight and tomorrow, and that probably for several days to come, according to the weather man's prediction.

A cold wave is on its way from Lake Huron and the breezy confines of the northwestern states. It is expected to reach this afternoon, when the temperature dropped to 54 degrees at 8 o'clock and then it kept going down. It touched 50 at 10 o'clock, and 49 an hour later. Early this afternoon it went up 3 degrees, but indications are that the temperature will drop to 40 by this evening. Tonight it is expected to register around 35 degrees.

HARDING AND ROOT VIEWS ON LEAGUE CAN BE RECONCILED

Republican Leaders Regard Jurist as Indispensable to New Administration

By CLINTON W. GILBERT
 Staff Correspondent Evening Public Ledger
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 Washington, Nov. 10.—Elihu Root is as nearly certain to be secretary of state in President-elect Harding's cabinet as any one can be of entering a cabinet four months in advance of its appointment.

From an authoritative source, it can be ascertained that there is any difference of opinion between Mr. Root and Mr. Harding upon the League of Nations or upon exact terms which would prevent Mr. Harding asking Mr. Root to serve under him or prevent Mr. Root from accepting an offer of appointment.

It can be denied upon the best authority that the cablegram which Mr. Root sent from Europe advocating the amendment of the existing League of Nations rather than the creation of a new association of powers, which was communicated to Mr. Harding in Marion during August, caused any displeasure on the part of the President-elect. And upon equally good authority it can be stated that Mr. Root's opposition to exempting American shipping from tolls in passing through the Panama canal is not an obstacle to Mr. Root's appointment.

No one pretends to know or to speak Mr. Harding's mind upon the subject of secretary of state. Probably Mr. Harding will not have definitely made up his mind. But there is no basis for the propaganda recently published to the effect that the President-elect and Mr. Root differ so widely upon the League of Nations that reconciliation is impossible. And, in addition, there is an overwhelming opinion among the Republican voters who support Mr. Harding and who will be his advisers that Mr. Root will be an indispensable part of the coming administration.

Mr. Root is a man of high character and of high ability. He is a man who is best qualified to deal adequately with the existing international situation. He is a man who is best qualified to lead the League of Nations than is Mr. Root. Mr. Harding is a man who is best qualified to deal adequately with the existing international situation. He is a man who is best qualified to lead the League of Nations than is Mr. Root.

Root's Authority Large

The authority of Mr. Root in his party is tremendous. He is regarded not merely as a party leader, but as the one man in all the world who is best qualified to deal adequately with the existing international situation. He is a man who is best qualified to lead the League of Nations than is Mr. Root.

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May Adjust Differences

The Root cablegram just published, which was alleged to have caused a breach between the ex-senator and Mr. Harding, only reveals one essential point of difference between the two. The President-elect in his speech of acceptance had declared for the prompt ratification of the League of Nations. Mr. Root, on the other hand, had declared for the amendment of the League of Nations.

Mr. Root and Mr. Harding differ on this point, but it is hardly more than a detail. Mr. Root, too, is probably more favorable to the use of the present League of Nations than is Mr. Harding. But the President-elect has repeatedly declared his intention not to impose his personal views upon his party or upon the country. He has promised conferences in which the best minds in the country, Democratic as well as Republican, will take part. In these conferences which will be held before the 4th of March, a policy will be worked out. Mr. Root is a man of high character and of high ability. He is a man who is best qualified to deal adequately with the existing international situation. He is a man who is best qualified to lead the League of Nations than is Mr. Root.

URGЕ GRAHAM FOR SPEAKER

Philadelphia May Be Compromise Choice if Fight Develops

Washington, Nov. 10.—Representative George S. Graham, of Philadelphia, is being urged by some Republican quarters for selection as speaker of the House in the next Congress, to succeed Frederick W. Gillett, of Massachusetts. There is every prospect that the fight will be made up before the 4th of March, a policy will be worked out. Mr. Root is a man of high character and of high ability. He is a man who is best qualified to deal adequately with the existing international situation. He is a man who is best qualified to lead the League of Nations than is Mr. Root.

Spain to Recognize Mexico

Madrid, Nov. 10.—The Spanish Government, it is reported, intends shortly to announce its recognition of the government of Mexico and Bolivia. The announcement probably will be made after the return of King Alfonso from England.

TRIES TO SELL U. S. SHIP HE STOLE

New York, Nov. 10.—(By A. P.)—One of the captains employed by the shipping board, according to J. F. Richardson, who testified in New York today before the congressional committee on United States shipping board operations, ran away with his ship and was now endeavoring to sell it on the west coast of Africa.

It had been discovered that a bunkering company had overcharged the shipping board \$9000 for coal. The captain in question obtained part of this grant and was arrested, the witness said. When released in \$30000 bail the captain was permitted to return to his ship and sailed for Africa.

RELATIVES OF MEN ON SHIPPING BOARD SAID TO BENEFIT

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Such allocation, the witness asserted, has been performed at will by a "director of operations," under the shipping board, who "commandeered" vessels from established transport lines and re-allocated them to private companies. Ships, he said, had been turned over to companies in which relatives of men connected with the shipping board were financially interested.

The competence of applicants for ships, Mr. Richardson stated, was investigated only through facilities provided by financial agencies.

He added that those who have purchased outright vessels from the board have complained they cannot compete with companies financed and equipped by the shipping board. Others, he said, felt they had caused for dissipation may when the board took back and re-allocated vessels turned over to them.

"The statement has been made," he said, "that the cost of the ships have been allocated there are so many irresponsible companies that the list must be cut in half."

Lack of Foreign Agents

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He criticized the failure to establish reciprocal working agreements with other agents through which ships might be kept busy.

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It was charged that there is much waste of money by means of various contracts by which the board is required to pay many times in excess of the prevailing rates; that excess profits are made by contractors by means of various subterfuges; that corruption of employees of the shipping board is the tendency under the present system; that excessive charges for repairs are common because of the lack of proper inspection; that delay and demurrage charges are constantly mounting because of the failure of the shipping board to cooperate, and that favoritism is shown in awarding repair contracts, many of which are let without competitive bidding.

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Gross Waste of Funds Charged

Taking up in detail seven general phases of the board's activities, the report charged gross waste of government funds, improperly drawn contracts which cost the government large sums and failure of the various divisions of the board to co-operate efficiently and the almost complete failure of some of the divisions to function properly.

Padding of payrolls by firms retaining

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