THE WEATHER
Fair tonight followed by increasing cloudiness; Friday slowly rising temperature; moderate southerly winds.
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

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WEGLEIN WILL ASK U. G. I. TO OUTLINE AID WANTED OF CITY

Council President Brings Gas Question to Fore by Demand for "Relief Facts"

PROPOSED ACTION REVIVES NEARLY DORMANT FRICTION

Richard Weglein, president of Council, speaking as chairman of the Special Gas Committee, announced today that he proposed to call on the United Gas Improvement Company to state just what it thinks it ought to have in the way of relief from the pressing financial crisis with which it says it is confronted.

Observers in City Hall declared that this plan was amazing—that of asking the company to say what it wants. City Administration leaders said that the Gas Commission appointed by the Mayor under authority of an ordinance of Council has already reported a plan by which the gas question may be settled.

And Councilman Develin, independent, now has a proposal before the Gas Committee to have the Gas Commission prepare a form of agreement between the city and the gas company to replace the present lease.

Company Losing, is Plaint

The company says that the present lease, which has six years to run and which makes the company a tenant of the city's property, is causing the company to lose money, and is preventing a progressive rebuilding of the property so that it will be in first-class condition when the lease expires.

Mr. Weglein's proposal, it was pointed out, at least has the merit of showing that the gas question is not dead. For the last eighteen months, this problem, in the language of the street, has been "kicking around" City Hall, from Council to the Mayor and back again and in and out of various committees, sub-committees, special committees and commissions.

"Oh, no," replied Mr. Weglein, when asked if the gas question was dead. "It is only resting."

"I think," he went on, "that it would be a good idea to have the company present a bill of particulars."

"You mean," it was suggested, "ask the company what it thinks it ought to have?"

"Yes," replied Mr. Weglein. "The company knows all about the property and it should know what is wanted. I think if a landlord wanted to improve his property, he would be safe in asking a tenant what was needed.

"Of course, when this bill of particulars is received, we would examine and study it most thoroughly in the light of the common good."

The gas question was supposed by some to have been "killed" when Mayor Moore vetoed the Hall ordinance on July 28. Within a week, however, Mr. Weglein offered a resolution calling for the creation of a Special Gas Committee which was named August 11. This committee is now in charge of the question and is the custodian of the several measures of proposed relief.

Working Under Lapsed Ordinance

Meanwhile, the gas company is making gas under the terms of a temporary ordinance of Council of July 13, of last year, which suspended until July 15 of this year the twenty-two candlepower standard of gas and substituted the British thermal unit standard. With the expiration of this ordinance in July the company was bound to supply twenty-two candlepower.

This it is not doing and is liable to a fine of $500 a day for each day it fails to supply the required candlepower. Three weeks ago Mayor Moore wrote to Council calling attention to the fact that nothing had been done to settle the gas question and the city might be obliged to take steps to collect accrued fines. These now total approximately $60,000.

Since the special committee was appointed it has done virtually nothing.

Mr. Develin, a member of the Special Gas Committee, was asked if he had heard of any activity on the part of the committee.

"So far as I know, or have been allowed to know," replied the Councilman, "nothing, except some inspections, which like the flowers that bloom in the spring, have nothing to do with the case."

In addition to Mr. Develin's proposal to have a form of lease drawn up by the Gas Commission, the special committee has before it a resolution to extend the term of the ordinance providing for the suspension of the twenty-two candlepower standard and the Weglein bill to cut in half the twenty-five cents on each dollar which the company now pays to the city. The B. T. U.'s would be raised from 530 to 600.

Intimations are abroad that the company, unless some action is taken by Council, may call on the Public Service Commission to take a hand in the situation.

POLICE SEARCHING FOR 3 GIRLS WHO LEFT HOMES

Are Believed to Be Seeking Fame in Movies

Three girls, each fifteen years old, disappeared from their homes yesterday and police can find no trace of them.

It is believed the girls have gone to seek fame in the movie world. They are Annie Rotherlack, Peggy O'Neill and Anna Lennox, of Harrowgate avenue and Fisher's lane. They were companions and all disappeared at the same time.

DID YOU WONDER ABOUT IT?

Stuff in City Hall Courtyard to Be Used for Fifteen Elevators

The thousands of Philadelphians who daily pass through the City Hall courtyard have been curious for several days about a wire fence being built in the northeast corner, inside of which there is a galvanized iron shed and a steam hoist under construction.

Their curiosity is hereby put at end. The galvanized iron shed is to be used for storing materials that will be used in the construction of fourteen new passenger elevators, and one freight elevator. The steam hoist, which is now two stories high and will eventually be built to the roof, will be used to hoist materials to the different levels.

Child Star Dies

BREEZY EASON

This eight-year-old movie star died Monday night in Hollywood, Calif., after being struck by an automobile that afternoon while playing in front of his home. His father is a director and his mother a player in the Universal company. Breezy had been starred in "Two Kinds of Love" and "The Big Adventure." The funeral took place today

LUNATIC ADMITS KIDNAPPING BOY

Escaped Inmate of Trenton Hospital Confesses He Stole 3-Year-Old Camden Child

NABBED IN WILMINGTON

Charles Hemphill, escaped lunatic, confessed today he kidnapped three-year-old Carl Frye Carlin, foster son of Mr. and Mrs. William Carlin, of Camden, October 16.

Hemphill, who fled the State Hospital for the Insane at Trenton September 2, was taken to Camden to be questioned further. He told Robert Benson, captain of detectives at Wilmington, where he was captured, that he took the Carlin boy with him because the child asked him for a ride on the cars. People who saw Hemphill wandering with the child will be asked to identify him this afternoon.

Carl Carlin was found Sunday wandering near Boothwyn, Pa., and returned to his home. He had not been harmed. He was too young to tell his parents exactly where he had been, but he gave a description of his companion which it is said fits Hemphill perfectly.

John Ferguson, a farmer in whose home Hemphill and the boy had sought shelter last week, came to Wilmington yesterday and in company with O'Toole, a Delaware County detective, searched the city in hopes he might locate the man.

Admits Kidnapping

He was found in that part of Wilmington occupied principally by New Jersey produce dealers and O'Toole told him he was wanted for stealing a horse and wagon. He came along willingly, but when questioned at the station gave only rambling answers. This morning, however, Captain Benson asked him:

"Didn't I see you walking along the road the other day with your son."

"Yes."

"What's your son's name?"

"Howard."

"I don't believe you stole that horse and wagon, did you?"

"No."

"But you're lying to me. You really took that boy you had with you from Camden, didn't you?"

At this Hemphill broke down and admitted it, telling Captain Benson the boy had asked him to take him for a ride on the cars. He said he did this and then took him across the ferries and then couldn't remember what happened after that. Then he confessed to having escaped from the insane asylum.

Hemphill Is Middle-Aged

Hemphill is a middle-aged man, with very gray hair and is extremely poorly dressed. Despite his unkempt appearance, he does not appear to be of the criminal type, nor does he look like an insane man.

Camden authorities sent City Detectives King and Painter to Wilmington this morning to bring Hemphill back, and they left Wilmington with him at 9:46. He went along willingly and talked freely with the officers.

It is the hope of Camden police to connect Hemphill with the kidnapping of five-year-old Alice Monroe, of that city. She disappeared September 8 and was found the next day wandering, chilled and hungry, but otherwise unharmed, in Oaklyn, a suburb of Camden. She told her parents she had "walked and walked" with a man that bought her candy. September 8 is just six days after Hemphill made his escape from the asylum.

$2000 IN JEWELRY STOLEN

Burglars Jimmy Window and Get Gems and Silverware

By jimmying a side window burglars broke into the home of William Brischett, 4909 Monument avenue, some time Tuesday night or early yesterday morning, and stole jewelry and silverware valued at $2000. The Brischett family did not discover the robbery until this morning.

The loot consisted mostly of antique silverware that had been in Mr. Brischett's family many years. Neighbors said that shortly after midnight they saw a large touring car with no lights stop near the Brischett home. Police believe the auto may have been driven by the robbers.

DRY AGENTS PLAN HALLOWEEN DRIVE AT BIG CAFES HERE

Enforcement Men Will Try to Trap "Flask Toters" at Holiday Parties

CAN'T ARREST DRINKERS, BUT CAN PROSECUTE

Take a tip from S. F. Rutter, Associate Prohibition Director, and don't carry it on your hip this Halloween!

Or, if you do, watch out for a gimlet-eyed gentleman in a black sloach hat hiding behind a pillar in the cabaret, or maybe camouflaged as a potted plant near the orchestra.

Beware of awkward strangers, too, who may bump into you on crowded trolley or as you are stepping out of your limousine at the door of the hotel.

For whether you are in evening clothes or a "jazz suit," whether you are masked or in the most staid of business costumes, the "drought dicks" are liable to take your trail.

They'll "touch" you, not for your roll, but for your flask.

They won't take the little filigree-silver trifle, with its amber fluid more precious than the metal which embellishes it. But they will take your name—and then—and then—a session with the United States Commissioner.

Mr. Rutter's business admittedly is to take the joy out of life. Though he is a good-natured soul unofficially, he plans to be more than usually mean in his official capacity this Halloween.

Mr. Rutter has assembled a small army of enforcement agents from everywhere but Philadelphia and they'll be on the job both Saturday and Monday nights to make the evening a regular Bryan social.

To Watch All Hotels

Mr. Rutter has ordered them to be on hand in every hotel and cabaret to watch for violations of the law. He gives warning that every one will be punished who as much as breathes of rum. He will get the hotel men, he says, if it appears that they are at all in fault when the law is violated in their establishments.

The only difficulty is that the enforcement agents have no right to arrest a man summarily for taking a nip out of a hip pocket flask. The prohibition law hasn't gone that far yet. The right to safety from arrest without a warrant has not yet been scratched off the Constitution. So if the agents catch any violators slaking their thirsts out of the little silver bottle, it is up to the agents to find some way of getting the "low down" on the name and address of the violator and swearing out a warrant for him.

The agents have been instructed to bring in the names of violators at any cost. It ought to be a good time for the taxi drivers.

Has New Beer Rules

Another interesting bit of gossip from the prohibition offices today concerns beer regulations.

The thirsty all set up a gladsome howl when the good news came from Washington that Secretary Mellon was going to permit this lenitive for the thirsty. But Mr. Rutter once more comes along with the rules of the game, which on the face of them, seem to give the Government all the best of it.

He has sent copies of the regulations to brewers and druggists. The rules make a lengthy document, and discouraging reading. They have an awfully dry sound.

For instance, the brewer must make a return right along of his receipts and sales of malt liquor. It's going to be hard to slip a few kegs of the "right" stuff out to the corner saloon.

Each barrel of beer must bear the

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CAMDEN GIRL IS SHOT MYSTERIOUSLY IN LEG

Gun Flashes in Dark as She Crosses Vacant Lot

Annie Franshetti, sixteen years old, 1200 Van Hook street, Camden, was mysteriously shot through the leg while returning to her home from work last evening.

Miss Franshetti, who is employed in a box factory, was crossing a vacant lot near her home with two other girls, when a shot suddenly flashed out of the darkness. The bullet went through the calf of Miss Franchetti's leg.

She was taken to the home of Dr. William Moore, Mt. Ephraim avenue, and after her wound was dressed she was sent home. Neither Miss Franshetti nor her companions saw the assailant. Although Miss Franchetti is an Italian, there is no vendetta mixed up in the affair, according to City Detective Charles Whaland, who is investigating. Detective Whaland also discounts the theory of a jealous lover, saying that he believed it to be the work of boys who probably fired the pistol without any thought of injuring any one.

DAMROSCH DEPLORES CALL FOR MUSICAL "PEP"

Present-Day Composers Have Lost Their Religion, He Says

"Modern composers have lost their religion—mostly," declared Walter Damrosch, conducting of the New York Symphony Orchestra, in the first of a series of three talks on "The Musical Drift," in the foyer of the Academy of Music this morning.

He said the younger generation does not like the works of Mozart because he lacked "pep." He said that he hoped that some day there would be a reaction to the tenderness of the symphony of Mozart.

Damrosch referred only briefly to the composers of present day dance music. "I'll not call them composers," he said, "but rather manufacturers of modern dance tunes."

JURY CONVICTS DR. HADLEY

Surgeon Faces Death Sentence for Murder of His Wife

Richmond, Va., Oct. 27. A verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree was returned by a jury yesterday in the case of Dr. Wilmarth A. Hadley, formerly United States Army surgeon, charged with the murder of his wife, Mrs. See Kathleen Tinsley Hadley. The body of Mrs. Hadley was found in the James River near here about three years ago.

Britain's Star Reporters to Adorn Arms Parley

H. G. Wells, Arnold Bennett and Other Literary Intellectuals Will Bathe Conference in Their Reflected Radiance

By CLINTON W. GILBERT
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Washington, Oct. 27.—English personalities whom the disarmament and Far Eastern conference will bring to Washington are beginning gradually to emerge.

H. G. Wells will not be the only British novelist who will essay journalism at Washington. Arnold Bennett will reach here in a few days to "cover" the international meeting for the Westminister Gazette, the famous old Liberal evening paper of London which has become a morning paper.

Mr. Wells has written journalism as fiction and journalism as history and will now do his daily article. Mr. Bennett started out in journalism and has stuck to weekly journalism most of his life, though he has not Mr. Wells' talent for seizing the idea of the moment and making it first a book of essays, then a novel and then a history of mankind.

Still, British literature is closer to journalism than ours. Even a Greek professor like Gilbert Murray turns his hand to it when not translating Euripides.

Covered Prize Fight First

Most of this journalism is in the good old British tradition of writing pamphlets or letters to the Times. The covering of assignments began with Arnold Bennett and Bernard Shaw "doing" the Carpentier-Wells prize fight in London.

The great in England do not condescend when they write for the press. Both Mr. Bennett and Mr. Shaw wrote of the prize fight under the eye of eternity, as if time had moved back and they were recording for all time the meeting on the plains of Troy between Hector and Achilles.

Our great are self-conscientious when they take the daily pen in hand. They see something exquisitely funny in their becoming once more reporters. No matter how long their assignment lasts, they never get over their sense of how amazed their million readers must be to see them doing a convention or a conference. They never see the convention or the conference. They see only themselves in their readers' eyes doing an assignment. They write chiefly about this spectacle.

Become Trained Seals

The British authors become trained seals, and won't see anything funny in it at all. Maybe this is due to that famous defect in the English sense of humor. He does not "rise" from journalism, nor afterward condescend to it when rewards are sufficient. He writes histories of the world and looks to see the Lloyd George Government totter when the light of truth has been shed upon Napoleon and Caesar and Demosthenes and Gladstone. He covers the Wells-Carpentier fight with a large

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POSTMASTER OUT AT JENKINTOWN

Thomas J. Barry Says He Resigned, but Officials Hint Dismissal

RICHARD C. JOCKERS IN JOB

A small shortage in his accounts led to the removal from office yesterday of Thomas J. Barry, postmaster at Jenkintown, according to postoffice inspectors.

Barry, the youngest postmaster in Pennsylvania when he was appointed in August, 1919, says he resigned the $2600 office in order to enter the automobile accessories business with his brother.

Twice before, it is said, shortages were discovered in the accounts of the twenty-seven-year-old postmaster. He is a former service man and no action was taken when the alleged shortages were made good.

On September 30 an accounting was due from the Jenkintown postoffice. None was received by the postoffice inspectors, with headquarters in the Federal Building here, who have supervision over the accounts of postoffices in several States.

Two inspectors were sent to Jenkintown when the report failed to arrive. They checked up the moneys received from the sale of stamps and other postal materials and went over the records of the postal savings branch and the money order business there. They reported the finding of a small shortage.

Postoffice authorities at Washington were notified. Yesterday, according to Inspector Williams, an order to remove Barry was received. Richard C. Jockers, twenty-eight years old, a former service man, was named to succeed him.

Postoffice inspectors are not contemplating a criminal action against the deposed Postmaster. They said that phase of the situation rests entirely with the United States District Attorney.

Barry was married shortly after he was given the Federal appointment two years ago. He lives in a modest home in Jenkintown. He refused today to discuss the shortage the inspectors say they discovered.

AGED MEN COMMIT SUICIDE

One 82, Other 62, Take Own Lives by Shooting

Two men committed suicide this morning by shooting. They were William Watson, eighty-two, 3208 Ashburner street and William M. Morris, sixty-two, 2042 North Fifteenth street.

Watson, shot and killed himself last night, police say, with an old army revolver, one of his prized possessions. He lived at 3208 Ashburner street, Holmesburg.

The veteran was upstairs at 8 o'clock last night while James Watson, his son, and others of the family were in the first floor living room. He died in a few minutes. The aged man has been ill for four years.

Morris shot himself with a revolver while standing before a mirror. He was found by Stephen Clark, a roommate.

12 AUTOS REPORTED STOLEN

Scenes of Motor Thieves' Activities Cover City, Police Say

Twelve automobiles were reported stolen to police during the last twenty-four hours. The persons reporting the thefts of their motors, together with the value, follow:

Martin S. Kehn, 2110 Walnut street, $2250; Joseph A. Lewis, 815 North Third street, $1000; Max Rounick, 27 North Third street, $1000; W. Hoffner, Edge Hill, Pa., $900; Joseph Mandini, 1621 South Rosewood street, $900; Allen G. Stern, 1613 Poplar street, $825; Frank Plotnick, 4957 North Ninth street, $800; Frank Drecher, 2905 Girard avenue, $750; Benjamin White, 1524 Brandywine street, $600; Samuel Belasco, 1002 North Sixth street, $550; Robert A. Smith, 6752 York road, $700, and William Marshall, 3709 York road, $350.

Hit by Auto, Leg Broken

Struck by an automobile at Manheim and Morris streets, yesterday, James MacDonnell, seventy-one years old, 5137 Morris street, sustained a fracture of the leg. He was taken to the Germantown Hospital.

SAILOR A SUICIDE IN SUBWAY STATION

J. L. Rogers, Petty Officer on U. S. S. Michigan, Jumps to Death Under Train

PASSENGERS SEE LEAP

John L. Rogers, a chief petty officer on the United States battleship Michigan, was killed this morning by an electric train in the eastbound subway station at Fifth and Market streets. Rogers is said to have jumped beneath a train that was approaching the station.

Three passengers on the platform saw his act.

Rogers, whose home is at 2922 North Nineteenth street, was first seen about the subway station at 9 o'clock. He had not entered the station through one of the gates and is thought to have gotten off of one of the trains. He was killed at 9:25 o'clock.

His body was taken to the Jefferson Hospital and was identified by means of a tag on his belonging.

His wife, Mrs. Lillie Rogers, and their one-year-old boy, John, Jr., have been left destitute by Rogers' death. He is an Alabamian, his wife, an orphan, lived in Newark, N. J., before her marriage. The family have only lived a couple of months at the North Nineteenth street address, as Rogers was on a three months' cruise.

The United States battleship Michigan is at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. Officers of the ship said that Rogers had left no sign that would indicate that he intended taking his own life.

Commander J. M. Poole, of the Michigan, said this morning that Rogers had been one of the most capable and best-liked petty officers on the ship. He saw service in the World War and had been in the navy nine years.

SAYS BOY ADMITS KILLING GIRL IN KLUXEN'S WOODS

Frank Jankona Disavows Confession in Presence of His Accuser

Morristown, N. J., Oct. 27.—(By A. P.)—Frank Jankona, twenty years old, of Florham Park, was in jail here today on suspicion that he killed Janette Lawrence, twelve years old, who was choked and stabbed in Madison early this month.

He was detained yesterday and the arrest was kept secret while he was questioned by detectives.

Frank McGregory, of Newark, according to Police Captain Brex, Newark, said that Jankona had admitted to him he had murdered the girl. McGregory repeated his story in Jankona's presence, but the prisoner maintained his innocence throughout four hours' questioning.

McGregory said he was with Jankona about noon the day of the murder and met him again that night and noticed blood stains on his clothes. Then, McGregory said, Jankona admitted the murder.

Jankona has admitted, according to Captain Brex, that about the time of the murder he was in the vicinity of Kluxen's Woods, where the crime was committed. He said, however, that he had gone to Madison to visit his brother, who is employed in a greenhouse there. The girl's arms were tied with a type of rope used in greenhouses.

WATER FAMINE IN SUBURBS WHEN LARGE MAIN BURSTS

Causes Shortage in Cynwyd, Narberth and Wynnewood

The water supply of Cynwyd, Narberth and Wynnewood was cut off early this morning, when the water main of the Springfield Water Company burst at the city line on Montgomery avenue.

The break in the main occurred some time during the night, and when residents of these towns awoke this morning they found that the usual morning ablutions had to be performed under difficulties, and housewives were handicapped in preparing breakfast.

It is believed that sections of the water main were torn apart by the jarring of the heavy traffic at the city line.

The company sent a gang of workmen to the place, and said that the break would be mended by early this afternoon. Despite the break, there was a slight pressure in the pipes, and a few residents of Wynnewood were able to get a little water.

LLOYD GEORGE ASKS VOTE BY COMMONS ON HIS IRISH POLICY

Proposes Discussion Next Monday of Unionist Motion Condemning It

BRITAIN'S PREMIER MAY BE KEPT FROM ARMS PARLEY

European Premiers Forced to Ask Votes of Confidence

Premier Lloyd George today moved in the House of Commons that next Monday be set aside for consideration of the Unionists' protests against the policy of the Government in dealing with affairs in Ireland. This action is tantamount to asking Parliament for a vote of confidence.

Premier Briand, of France, after a stormy debate lasting several days, yesterday received a substantial majority when a vote of confidence was taken.

The German Reichstag today voted confidence in Chancellor Wirth, who was called upon to form a new Cabinet after he had tendered his resignation to the Government.

By the Associated Press

London, Oct. 27. Prime Minister Lloyd George today proposed to the House of Commons that it set aside next Monday for a discussion on the motion of Unionist members of Parliament condemning the present negotiations with representatives of Sinn Fein Ireland. He said he hoped there would be a vote on the question.

Lloyd George in making the proposal declared:

"No Government can conduct negotiations of that kind without knowing that it has the support of the House of Commons, from which it derives its authority."

Just before he made the proposal Mr. Lloyd George was asked whether the Irish conference was still proceeding, to which he replied in the affirmative.

Wants to Know Where He Stands

Lloyd George introduced his proposal with this statement:

"As it is evident that there is a section of the members of the House who have serious misgivings regarding the conference which is now proceeding between representatives of His Majesty's Government and representatives of Sinn Fein members from Ireland, I think it is essential that we should know where we stand as a Government before we go any much farther."

This statement evoked great cheering.

Lloyd George probably will have to abandon his visit to Washington, or at least postpone it until the closing sessions of the conference there, because of the critical situation in the negotiations with Sinn Fein Ireland, it was asserted by several well-informed newspapers here today.

The Premier had made no public statement to this effect, but his political and personal friends were quoted as communicating the report to inquirers as if publicity was desired.

Everywhere it was admitted today that the Irish negotiations had made little progress, and, although hope had not been relinquished, there was a tendency to regard the outlook as being less favorable than it was a day or two ago.

Premier May Be Kept at Home

Political writers remarked that if the negotiations broke down, the Premier's trip to America would be obviously impossible, while if a break in the conference was avoided it was difficult to see how a settlement could be reached for a considerable time.

The accumulation of other pressing business was also urged in some quarters as contributing to the improbability that the Prime Minister would be able to carry out his desire to go to the Washington conference.

Sinn Feiners Await Call

The Irish delegates to the conference marked time today in anticipation of a communication from the Government fixing a date for a renewed sitting of the Conference Committee. The committee, composed of Lloyd George and Austen Chamberlain for the Government, and of Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins, representing the Sinn Fein delegates, was expected to have

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Latest Developments in Railroad Situation

Chicago—"Big Five" representatives met at the suggestion of Walter L. McMenimen, of the Railroad Labor Board, and Ben W. Hooper, member of the board, went before them to propose a way to settlement.

The Labor Board called a meeting of its members for this afternoon. The possibility of a board order to call off the strike was said to be on its program for discussion.

San Antonio, Tex.—The International and Great Northern announced it would remove the freight embargo declared when its trainmen struck last Saturday.

MISSING HIGH SCHOOL GIRL FOUND AT 52D 'L' STATION

Esther Sullivan, 5137 W. Thompson St., 'Can't Remember Anything'

Esther Sullivan, fifteen years old, a student at West Philadelphia High School, who disappeared from her home, 5137 West Thompson street, Tuesday evening, was found by Detective Joseph Shay, of the Missing Persons Bureau, today, at the Fifty-second street elevated station.

She was dazed, and says she remembers nothing which happened to her. "I fell and hit my head. It hurt me so and I can't remember anything," is the only explanation she gives. The police are investigating her story.

Since September 16, Esther has not attended school. Her mother, Mrs. Mary Sullivan, a widow, is employed in a downtown hotel and is not home during the day. When she came in at five o'clock, however, her daughter was always there.

Neighbors told the mother that truant officer had visited the house four times, and the mother thinking it for her son, Willie, punished the child.

Esther is about five feet two, has golden hair, cornflower blue eyes and fair skin. As she lay in bed her cheeks were flushed with a fever, and she pressed her hands to her head, whispering "My head hurts."

FOCH'S SHIP SLOWS DOWN, PERSHING TO ARRIVE FIRST

American Commander to Greet Marshal in New York

New York, Oct. 27.—(By A. P.)—The steamship Paris, which is on the way from France with Marshal Foch, has slowed down in order that the George Washington, with General Pershing as a passenger, may arrive here tomorrow first and the general may welcome the marshal to the country. A wireless message brought this news from the Paris today and dissipated all ideas of a race between the vessels.

Greetings from Marshal Foch to the American people have been sent by radio. The message follows:

"I am overjoyed over my visit to America, that glorious country which came so nobly to our help. I am particularly happy to know I shall meet again the great officers and soldiers who fought so courageously and in such great numbers for our victory.

"I am anxious to see those men whom I have known in the conflict of war, in victorious peace and in the bosoms of their families. To do this I am going to see the entire country, from the Gulf of Mexico to the Great Lakes.

"From the bottom of my heart I greet the American people.

"FOCH"

SHOOTS WIFE, IS CAUGHT BY MOUNTED POLICEMAN

North Second Street Man Held Without Bail—Woman May Die

Mrs. Katie Inrion was shot in the head by her husband Tony today during a quarrel in their home, 145 North Second street. She is in the Roosevelt Hospital and expected to live.

Neighbors heard a shot and a woman's screams at the Inrion home this morning. They saw Inrion run from the house. Some gave chase and Mounted Patrolman Beckman caught Inrion at Second and Page streets.

He was taken back to his home, where they found Mrs. Inrion, who was unconscious. The husband was arrested and held without bail pending the outcome of his wife's injuries.

Mrs. Inrion partially regained consciousness in the hospital but would not say what prompted the shooting (except that they had quarreled).

HONORS FOR CUBAN WORLD WAR DEAD

HAVANA, Oct. 27.—Military honors were paid Corporal Oscar Zaldivar, the first Cuban killed in the World War, when his body reached Havana yesterday and was interred with impressive ceremonies. An escort of Cuban regulars, members of Cuban and American ex-soldiers' associations, including the American Legion, and representatives of the Cuban and Allied governments were in the procession. Major General Enoch H. Crowder headed the American delegation.

CUBAN CONGRESS ENDS LONG SESSION

HAVANA, Cuba, Oct. 27.—Fifteen weeks and two days of special congressional sessions were ended yesterday by mutual agreement in both houses, although formal action was not taken because of a lack of quorum in both Senate and Chamber.

MAYORS ARE MEETING

Moore Attends Conference at Baltimore Today

Mayor Moore went to Baltimore this afternoon to address a meeting of Mayors from several prominent cities who are there for the twelfth annual convention of the American Society for Municipal Improvement.

Mayor William F. Broening, of Baltimore, called attention to the Mayors of all the principal cities of the country and to the Mayors of moderate-size cities on the Atlantic coast.

Cardinal Gibbons urged all Catholics to use the Manual of Prayers—Adv.

SOVIET TO SHOULDER DEBT

Will Acknowledge Old Russian Pledges, Litvinoff Declares

Copenhagen, Oct. 27.—(By A. P.)—A dispatch from Reval to the Berlin Demokratisch today quotes Maxim Litvinoff, [illegible] as saying in an interview:

"When the Russian delegation arrives in France they will be ready to acknowledge Russia's debt to foreigners in principle, and it would be absolutely necessary to confer regarding the ways and means of redeeming that debt."

LABOR BOARD ASKS RAILROAD MEN TO CALL OFF STRIKE

Order to Cancel Walkout May Follow Refusal of Union Leaders

LEE APPEARS TO BE BACKING PEACE EFFORT

Chicago, Oct. 27.—Ben W. Hooper, of the Railroad Labor Board, appeared before a conference of the "Big Five" railroad unions today and made a final appeal on behalf of the Government for calling off the threatened nation-wide strike.

When he left the meeting he said that the strike had not been settled yet and that settlement "could hardly be expected" while he was at the meeting. He stated that he wanted it understood that he had made no promises for the board or for himself.

The union meeting broke up soon after Hooper left, with an announcement that the five organizations would hold separate meetings about 1 P. M. and a joint meeting at 3 P. M.

Pending action by the unions, the Labor Board marked time with a meeting of its members scheduled for this afternoon, with the question of whether it should issue an order forbidding the strike or attempt court action among the possibilities for its consideration. It is known that members of the board have discussed a plan to issue a direct order declaring that the proposed strike is illegal and directing that it be called off.

Strike Not Yet Settled

"Did you settle the strike?" Hooper was asked immediately after he left the union conference.

"Well, you could hardly expect them to do that with me in there," he replied. "I was not sent by the board, but went on my own volition. I still believe that the only basis of settlement is the resolution recently adopted by the board."

Hooper referred to the board's request that the men refrain from striking and give the board a chance to act on questions of further wage reductions or rule changes that the railroads may bring before it.

Hooper said the only thing he desired to bring before the meeting was the copy of the resolutions passed by the board.

"I have done that and they will not take the matter up," Hooper said. "We were surprised to find out that these men had never officially received a copy of this resolution. The board thought they had. Of course, they had seen parts of it and possibly all of it in the newspapers, but officially it had never reached them.

"Inasmuch as we discussed this resolution with the railroad executives, it was only natural that we should see that it was brought before this body today."

President W. G. Lee, of the trainmen, accompanied Hooper back to the Labor Board offices and then returned to the brotherhood conference which was then in session.

Labor Board Terms

Terms of the Labor Board's final ruling on the strike, if the board decides one shall be necessary, as discussed informally by members of the board, brought out the salient points:

First. That the impending walkout must not be called.

Second. That the walkout, if called, will be in violation of the Transportation Act, as it will be in rebellion against Decision No. 147—the July 1 wage cut made by the board pursuant to its authority under the act.

Third. That the board will regard the strike, if called for any other reason than dissatisfaction with the July 1 decision, as evidence of "conspiracy to paralyze transportation." The board holds it would be contrary to recent decisions and that the "right to strike" exists only where the strike is called upon grounds set forth in strike ballots. This referred to statements by some union leaders that they feared further reductions in wages and changes in working conditions would be made by the roads.

Fourth. That members of the "Big Five" and telegraphers' unions remain at work and rely upon the board to safeguard their interests from further reductions possibly contemplated by the roads.

The Labor Board members discussed informally the unions' attitude brought out at yesterday's hearings, questioning the powers and the authority of the board. It was the opinion of members that this attitude also would be discussed at this afternoon's meeting, unless the conference of union executives speedily pointed a way out of the crisis.

The morning union conference was attended by more than 500 representatives of the "Big Five" organizations. The conference was exclusive. The long-haul roads were not represented at the conference.

Lee as Peacemaker

The board's proposal to the unions is said to have been a virtual guarantee that further wage cuts would be changed to be considered until all pending appeals decided.

It was said before going into the conference that Lee was making strenuous efforts to find a basis for a settlement which would enable the board to avoid a strike.

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CALLS STRIKE UNFAIR

Road Says It Will Only Cut Pay If Ordered by Board

[illegible] Chicago and Northwestern Railway [illegible] in the Widener Building, Philadelphia, [illegible] the proposed strike scheduled to start Sunday as a violation of the agreement entered into last July.

It is asserted the company will not reduce the wages of the men unless ordered to do so by the Railroad Labor Board. The announcement is made by Marvin Hughitt, president of the board [illegible] letters sent to a committee conducted.

The letter also calls attention to the fact the company obeyed the Railroad Labor Board when it ordered increases of 22 per cent to pay last year, also when it ordered a reduction of 10 to 12 per cent last July.