THE WEATHER
Fair tonight and probably Sunday; lowest temperature tonight about 28 or 30 degrees; gentle northerly winds.
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

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SPROUL SOUNDS CROW ON HIS STAY IN SENATE

Confer in Pittsburgh Hospital to Learn Senator's True Condition

GOVERNOR IS SILENT ON PEPPER CANDIDACY

Lawyer Confers With Shaeffer and Political Leaders, but Dodges 'Congratulations'

SUGGEST GRUNDY ALLIANCE

Governor's Forces May Back Fisher Against a Vare-Magee Combine

Pepper Is Genial, but Dodges Congratulations

After he had conferred today with Justice Schaffer, an intimate friend of the Governor, George Wharton Pepper, prominently mentioned as a candidate for the Senate, was asked if congratulations were in order.

"My dear fellow, bless your heart there is a lot going on that I know nothing about," he said, adding: "I am complimented in having my name mentioned in connection with the senatorship."

By a Staff Correspondent

Pittsburgh, Jan. 7.—Governor Sproul arrived here this morning at 7:40 o'clock, accompanied by his private secretary, Harry S. McDevitt, to confer with United States Senator William E. Crow, who is ill at the Mercy Hospital.

Senator Crow is now, of course, the senior United States Senator from Pennsylvania, though he has been in his seat only twice, and the Governor wants to talk over with him the question of a successor to Senator Penrose and also the question whether Senator Crow will be a candidate to succeed himself at the May primary.

No one met the Governor when he arrived at the station, and he went to the William Penn Hotel for breakfast, intending to call on Senator Crow about 10 or 11 o'clock this morning.

The visit to Senator Crow takes on increased importance at this time because of the endeavor in some quarters to arrange an alliance between the Governor and Joseph R. Grundy, both of whom for many months past have been very far apart politically.

Crow Bitter Opponent of Grundy

Within the last week the Governor and Mr. Grundy conferred in Philadelphia. Senator Crow, however, whom the Governor always refers to as "old Crow," has been a bitter opponent of Mr. Grundy.

The Governor declined this morning to discuss the question of his appointment of a successor to Senator Penrose.

"How is the Pepper boom?" the Governor was asked as he sat in the stateroom of the train pulling into Pittsburgh.

The Governor rubbed some of the sleep out of his eyes and replied with a smile:

"I don't take Pepper before breakfast."

Mr. McDevitt, with the obvious intention of cutting off the discussion, interjected:

"You had better take that with a grain of salt—before breakfast."

The question now is, will the Pepper boom take on any increased vitality after the Governor's breakfast. The Governor announced that he did not expect to go from here to Washington where, presumably, he would confer with the President.

National Administration leaders apparently desire some one appointed in a hurry and one who would vote with the organization down there in such matters, for instance, as the Newberry case.

Pepper Not Order Man

It is interesting to observe that Mr. Pepper could not be classed as an order man. It is also a question as to how Mr. Pepper's well-known opposition to the League of Nations could be harmonized with the President's latest international plan.

Governor Sproul said that he wanted to talk things over with Senator Crow. "I want to see him and of course find out the truth of reports as to his physical condition," Mr. Sproul stated. "Some say he is on the verge of collapse. Those close to him say this is not true. I may have something more to say after I end my talk with Senator Crow."

John S. Fisher, State Banking Commissioner and a candidate for Governor, is here to address the League of Women Voters. Mr. Fisher is looked on as the Grundy candidate. He would not discuss political conditions.

"This is not the time," he said, "to apply a match to the dynamite lying loose. This is not the time to discuss the dead or torture the living."

It is conceivable under a Grundy-Sproul combine that Fisher would be a candidate for Governor against a Vare candidate and that Governor Sproul would run for Senator against Congressman Vare, with perhaps John A. Bell on the other end of the ticket. However, a Grundy-Sproul alliance would depend on whether Sproul and Crow can get together against the

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ARE YOU LOOKING FOR HELP? PERHAPS the very person you want is advertised under Situations on page 19.—Adv.

Today's Developments in Senatorial Race

1—Governor Sproul is in Pittsburgh for an important conference with United States Senator Crow, with the Penrose vacancy as a major point in the discussion.

2—George Wharton Pepper, who, it is rumored, is a shining mark for the senatorial lightning, conferred here today with several county leaders and later with Justice Schaffer, of the State Supreme Court, an intimate friend of the Governor.

3—Senator Vare professed indifference to the Sproul-Grundy alliance reported as in the making. He insisted that if W. Harry Baker is chosen national committeeman, Baker will be the real leader and not a "dummy."

4—Congressman Vare coming here tonight from Washington, and will issue a statement on the Penrose vacancy. Senator Vare has let it be known his brother is a candidate for United States Senator.

5—Mayor Magee, Pittsburgh, called on Governor Sproul today. Magee said he would support the Governor in the May primary if Senator Crow quits and Mr. Sproul appoints John A. Bell, Pittsburgh, to the resulting vacancy.

GIRL KILLED BY MOTORCAR LIES IN STREET HALF HOUR

Driver Races On, Leaving Mangled Body—Police Slow, Says Witness

Residents of Fifth and Luzerne streets are greatly incensed over the killing of Geneva Joynes, twenty-year-old colored girl, who was struck by a large touring car shortly before last midnight, and whose mangled body, according to neighbors, was allowed to lie in the street for nearly a half hour before the police patrol removed it to a hospital.

The girl, who lived at 1904 Nicholas street, was employed as a domestic by Dr. Frank M. Coyne, Reese and Luzerne streets. She had the night off to attend a recital in a church at Ambler, where she was organist. She promised to be home before midnight.

Shortly before 12 o'clock the girl stepped from a northbound car at Fifth and Luzerne streets, and as she crossed the street she was hit by an automobile traveling at a high rate of speed and which never stopped.

John Barnet, who conducts a restaurant at 4002 North Fifth street, declares he immediately telephoned to the Thirty-sixth District Police Station, at Germantown avenue and Lycoming street, and exactly thirty-seven minutes elapsed before the patrol arrived.

COULDN'T FIND FIRE

Firemen Sought Blaze at Eighth and Chestnut Streets

Firemen searched for ten minutes before they discovered the flames responsible for large volumes of smoke pouring from the cigar store of David Bachman, 108 South Eighth street, at 5:30 o'clock this morning.

The smoke had been noticed by Patrolman Savage of the Fifteenth and Locust streets station, who turned in the alarm. Firemen went all through the store, sent men to floors above, to search the building next door, and finally located the blaze in closets beneath the cigarette case in the store.

Before the flames were extinguished stock and store were pretty much of a loss. Both origin and actual amount of damage done are unknown.

RAIN TO USHER IN WEEK

Then It Will Be Fair Until Friday or Saturday

Washington, Jan. 7.—Weather predictions for the Middle Atlantic States for the week beginning Monday are:

Unsettled, with rain or snow, at beginning, and again Friday or Saturday; otherwise fair, with normal temperature.

'OLD GLORY' SPARED FROM FURY OF FIRE SWEEPING CHURCH

Not Even Tarnished, Although Entire Norris Square M. E. Edifice Is Laid Waste

FIREMEN DEFY DEATH FROM SHAKY LADDERS ON ROOFS

Fire which destroyed the Norris Square M. E. Church, at the northeast corner of Colonna and Mascher streets, early today, spared a silk American flag draped in the pulpit.

Though the flames raged in the edifice, bursting through the roof, consuming the pews and other furnishings, so weakening the walls that part must be torn down, the big silk flag escaped without being so much as scorched. Only the golden eagle on top of the flagstaff was a little tarnished. The wooden pole escaped even a charring breath of flame, and there was no mark or blemish on the silk banner itself as it was found by firemen.

It was after tons of water had been poured into the church, from water towers in the street, and ladders perched precariously on adjoining roofs, that the firemen were able to enter the edifice and rescue the flag.

Three alarms were turned in, almost half the fire apparatus of the city responding. The neighborhood was dense with fire engines and hundreds of firemen fought the flames.

Just Paid Mortgage

The fire was particularly unfortunate, as the church had but recently celebrated its golden jubilee, and the last of the mortgage had been paid off and much money spent on improvements. The loss is estimated at more than $75,000, of which only $22,000 is covered by insurance.

Pastors of two neighbor churches, the Norris Square United Presbyterian Church, at Hancock street and Susquehanna avenue, and the Alpha Baptist Church, at Hancock and York streets, offered the use of their edifices to the Rev. G. W. Tovey, pastor of the Norris Square M. E. Church until the burned church can be rebuilt.

Mr. Tovey accepted and his congregation will meet alternately in the churches while their own is being restored.

Sexton Carried Candle

The fire was discovered shortly after 9 o'clock this morning by the sexton, E. T. Chipley. He told Assistant Fire Marshal C. J. Whitmore he had gone into the church to make repairs to the organ, lighting his way in the dark organ loft with a candle.

He left the church a few moments, he said, and upon returning found the fire burning vigorously, spreading too fast for him to fight alone. He gave the alarm. The first fire companies to arrive turned in a second alarm, and not ten minutes later a third was sounded.

The engines, trucks, tower wagons and various other paraphernalia which turns out to fight a three-alarm fire, crowded the small streets in the neighborhood of Second street and Susquehanna avenue. Thousands of persons hurried to see the flames, and a heavy detail of police was needed to keep them back out of the firemen's way.

The fire spread so fast that it was impossible to make headway against it. The firemen saved only a one-story wing, used as a Sunday school, on which streams of water were played continuously. Firemen fought from nearby roofs. Firemen were on the roof of the pastor's house, adjoining the church, then from that point of vantage, by means of ladders set against the higher church building, poured water down into the cauldron of flame below after the roof had been burned through.

Showers of sparks fell on roofs in the neighborhood, but none were set alight. Firemen kept lines of hose in readiness to extinguish other fires that might be caused by the sparks, but they were not needed.

Mrs. Tovey, wife of the pastor, refused to leave her home until virtually forced out by the fire marshal, who feared the flames would spread to the dwelling. The pastor's house was not damaged, however, and later it was possible to return to it.

$75,000 BLAZE DESTROYS CHURCH

Shortly after the sexton carried a lighted candle into the Norris Square M. E. Church, the edifice burst into flames. So rapidly did the fire spread that the entire building was distroyed before the firemen could gain control. A Sunday school building adjoining the church was saved

DAYLIGHT BANDITS HOLD UP GEM SHOP

Steal Tray of Diamonds as Proprietor and Woman Are Covered by Revolvers

RACE AWAY IN MOTORCAR

Four bandits held up the jewelry store of Simon Smith, 1046 North Second street, shortly after 9 o'clock this morning and escaped in an automobile with a tray of diamonds valued at $800.

According to Smith he had just taken the tray from the showcase and placed it on the counter when he felt a revolver thrust roughly into his side by one of the bandits.

A second man, after covering a woman cleaner with his automatic pistol, gathered up the precious stones and handed them to a third man standing guard at the entry to the store.

"Where's the money?" one of the bandits demanded of Smith.

The frightened jeweler took them to the rear of his store and opened the safe as the bandits waved their revolvers menacingly.

After taking all that was in the safe, about $75 or $80, they commanded Smith to lie flat on his back behind the counter and the three men jumped into a touring car, piloted by a fourth bandit, and sped north on Germantown avenue.

Smith, after making positive the intruders had left, ran to the street in an effort to summon aid.

Louis Markowitz, 1023 North Second street, who heard Smith's cries of "Stop thief!" jumped into his automobile and pursued the bandit car.

At Second street and Girard avenue, Markowitz met Motorcycle Patrolmen Hughes and Eckman, of the Front and Master streets police station, and they joined the chase.

The bandits by this time had outdistanced the patrolmen and Markowitz's car by going through a maze of streets. They were last seen turning from Cadwalader street into Girard avenue.

A description of the car and its occupants was immediately phoned to all police stations in the northern section of the city and motorcycle patrolmen were dispatched to search for the thieves.

REAL BRIDGE WORK STARTS NEXT WEEK

Could Begin Now, Says Commissioner—Caissons for Pier Are Being Built

MACHINERY IS RUSHING IN

Evening Ledger Bridge Pictures Thrill Schaffer

Justice William I. Schaffer, of the State Supreme Court, at the banquet given members of the Delaware River Bridge Commission, and state and city officials of Pennsylvania and New Jersey by the Keystone Automobile Club, at the Bellevue-Stratford last night, said,

"When I picked up the souvenir bridge supplement of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER this evening and saw those wonderful pictures of the bridge, it thrilled me like a great speech. It was wonderful."

Within a week actual work on the construction of the Delaware River Bridge will begin.

The brilliant ceremony yesterday was the signal for the start. It was the "go" sent out by the Bridge Commission to the companies that have the contract. Joseph K. Costello, secretary of the commission, said today the contractors could begin work today, if they cared to.

The first step will be the tearing away of 100 feet at the end of Pier 11. This will provide ample room for sinking of the caisson of the first pier.

At the same time the rest of the pier can be used by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and serve as well for an approach to the location of the first pier. Next week Pier 11 will evidence bridge construction activity in being piled high with materials and machinery to be used in sinking the caisson.

Construction of the caissons is now under way.

Ready to Raze Building

The second big operation will be the clearing of the ground for the foundation of the anchorage of the bridge. It comprises an area extending along the east side of Front street, Water street and the west side of Delaware avenue between Race and Summer streets. Some of these buildings are still occupied, although condemned.

An idea of the rapidity with which the work will be pushed is gained from the following notice sent by Mr. Costello to occupants of these buildings, which says:

"If you have not already vacated the property, I would advise you to do so without delay so that you will not be hampered in removal when the actual work of demolition is begun."

Next Wednesday bids will be opened for the destruction of these thirty buildings. Two days later, when the commission meets, the contract will be awarded. This will be the first real big job in connection with the bridge.

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MAYOR SEEKS WIFE ON TRAIN TO TELL OF SON'S DEATH

Mrs. Moore Now Speeding Toward Riverside, Calif.

Efforts are being made today to get in touch with Mrs. Moore to acquaint her with the death of her youngest son, Mark, whose death came yesterday while his father, Mayor Moore, was attending ceremonies during the breaking of ground for the bridge.

Mrs. Moore is on a train somewhere in the far West, speeding toward Riverside, Calif. Her trip started Wednesday, when news came to the Mayor his son's condition was critical.

News of the death came to City Hall yesterday, but was withheld from the Mayor until the greater part of the bridge ceremonies were over. When it was given to the Mayor, he canceled all engagements and returned to City Hall and endeavored to get in touch with Mrs. Moore.

HAYNES MARKED FOR DEATH; CHICAGO POLICE GUARD HIM

Prohibition Commissioner Has Received Threatening Letters

Chicago, Jan. 7.—(By A. P.)—A police guard met United States Prohibition Commissioner Roy D. Haynes at the Pennsylvania station this morning when he arrived from Washington, as a result of threats of death.

During his stay in Chicago Mr. Haynes will be kept under constant guard of police and a special squad of prohibition agents. He will remain until Monday and will lead in a clean-up of the city.

Seven letters have been received by the commissioner, according to Deputy Sherman A. Cuneo threatening his death, a possible injury and a bomb attack. All were post-marked Chicago. Their source is now being investigated.

PERHAPS THE VERY ARTICLE YOU ARE looking for is in the For Sale column today. See page 19.—Adv.

GIRL ELOPER DISCOVERS 'HUSBAND' HAD LEGAL WIFE

Lancaster County Girl Back Home After Disastrous Trip to Cuba

Lancaster, Pa., Jan. 7.—After an elopement which ended sadly in a Havana, Cuba, hotel when she learned that her "husband" had another wife, Helen Hollacher, a young stenographer of Rotheville, Lancaster County, returned to her home Thursday evening sick in mind and body and has been forgiven by her family.

In November the girl eloped with Luther Hoster. Two letters sent to her mother telling of the elopement apparently never were delivered.

In Havana, Miss Hollacher said, she learned her companion already was married and immediately left him.

Gertrude Hollacher, a sister, said today her sister had married Hoster in Cuba.

Miss Hollacher was a stenographer in the Lancaster Cunty Farm Bureau, but will not resume her position there. Hoster remained in Cuba.

'HOW'S THE TWINS?' WAY CHATTY THUGS GREET GIRL VICTIM

Poke Gun Under Her Nose While Asking for All the Family—Get Small Loot

SHE, STIFF WITH FRIGHT, MOVED ONLY BY COLD WATER

A new style of bandit was revealed when chatty thugs held up Miss Frances Grossman, nineteen, of 2529 South Sixth street, after talking in a friendly fashion with her about the health of her family.

Miss Grossman had just got off the car at Fifth and Porter streets on her way home last night when she was accosted on the curb by a man she says she did not recognize, but who evidently knew her.

"Hello, Frances," he said, "how's all the folks."

After inquiring particularly about her sister's twins, the young fellow stepped aside and revealed a second individual who had a handkerchief tied over his face and a big revolver in his hand. This second man shoved the heavy weapon in the girl's face and said:

"Let's look through the handbag, Frances."

The girl was unable to move from fright, and the men tore the handbag from her grasp and looked through it. Finding nothing there they searched her overcoat pockets and took $18.30 and two car tickets. The girl was so startled she could make no outcry and was unable to run; so the two bandits strolled leisurely away.

Across the street two other young men, who saw that something was wrong, rang the doorbell of Mrs. Mary Cohen, a cousin of Miss Grossman's, at 519 Porter street. After giving the alarm, these two men started after the two thugs, who eluded their pursuers in a near-by alley.

Mrs. Cohen came out and found her cousin still standing, stiff with fright, where the bandits had left her. The girl was so frightened her cousin had to throw a full glass of water in her face before she could move. Then she was taken to her home and the matter reported to the police of the Fourth street and Snyder avenue police station about an hour later.

Miss Grossman said this morning she did not know either of the men, but was able to give a good description of them to the police. She said she was so startled when a stranger addressed her by name that she stopped and talked with him. The police believe the bandits are young rowdies who live in the neighborhood.

HARDING INVITES G. O. P. LEADERS TO CONFERENCE

To Discuss Legislative Situation at White House Dinner

Washington, Jan. 7.—(By A. P.)—President Harding today invited a number of Republican leaders in Congress and several others prominent in the conduct of Administration affairs to a dinner tonight at the White House, at which it is understood the legislative situation and governmental affairs generally will be discussed.

Those invited included five members of the Senate, seven of the House, Secretary Weeks, Attorney General Daugherty and John T. Adams, chairman of the Republican National Committee. The members of the Senate invited were understood to be Senators Lodge, Watson, of Indiana; Curtis, McCumber, and Brandegee. The House members are Speaker Gillett, Majority Leader Mondell, Representatives Sidney Anderson, Minnesota; Darrow, Pennsylvania; Saunders, Indiana; Chairman Madden, of the Appropriations Committee, and Chairman Fordney, of the Ways and Means Committee.

The arrangements developed from a conference held with the Senators invited earlier this week by President Harding. The tariff, proposed modifications of it to allow flexible duties as suggested by President Harding, and the soldier bonus will be topics for consideration, along with the policy of the Administration in respect to international affairs.

Held Up by Bandits

FRANCES GROSSMAN
of 2529 South Sixth street, who was held up by two chatty bandits last night. After the thugs walked leisurely away, Miss Grossman was so frightened she stood in the spot for many moments. She regained her faculties after cold water was dashed in her face

PARIS PRESS ANGRY AT LLOYD GEORGE

Storm of Criticism Follows Calling of European Economic Conference

ALLIES DISCUSS INDEMNITY

By the Associated Press

Paris, Jan. 7.—Disappointment and skepticism were the mildest emotions aroused in France by the first day's developments at the Allied Supreme Council conference in Cannes, judging from the press comment. L'Eclair, which is generally credited with representing Premier Briand, says:

"Mr. Lloyd George has spoken. He leads the way and the representatives of the Allies follow as a subject follows the hypnotist. As he had announced, he subordinated the question of reparations to that of the reconstruction of Europe, so that Germany can find in Russia the money she owes us. It is a well-known proceeding. It is that followed by all financial adventurers. When the company is unable to meet its obligations a new one is formed in which the capital of the old one is drowned."

The newspaper concludes:

"The plot is well designed. We are put to sleep so Lloyd George can strip us at his leisure. The Pan-German concert is always up to strength; if we give up the Rhine, Alsace-Lorraine will be required of us tomorrow in the name of pacificism."

The Figaro, organ of conservative opinion, remarks:

"The first results at Cannes are frankly bad. Lloyd George wins easily all along the line. * * * A great financial and economic conference is to be called at Turin or Genoa, where the French Premier may exchange views on the reconstruction of Europe with Lenine and Dr. Wirth. Meanwhile, the inhabitants of our so-called liberated regions continue to live in their huts."

Jacques Bainville, well-known writer on foreign politics, comments in a milder tone, but is equally as skeptical over what he says is the inaction of France.

"Lloyd George's speech bristles with gratuitous hypotheses," writes M. Bainville. "Is it the language of a business man? Why, and how much

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"PATIENT" ROBS DOCTOR

After Struggle With Maid, Man Escapes With Rug

A Negro, posing as a patient, entered the waiting room of the office of Dr. R. M. Lukens, at 1631 Spruce street, last night, and finding himself the only one there, began to roll up the rug upon the floor.

A maid heard the noise, and tried to stop him, calling for help as she struggled. The man finished rolling up the rug, put it over his shoulder and escaped. The value of the rug is $50.

JUSTICES WHO DIDN'T QUALIFY HAVE CHANCE

HARRISBURG, Jan. 7.—Appointments of a number of justices of the peace to fill vacancies to be made shortly by the Governor will probably include some men who were elected and who failed to get their bonds filed on time. Petitions for filling vacancies have been coming to the Capitol, and in several instances men who did not qualify have been recommended for the office. It was not unusual for such appointments to be made in years gone by.

NEW OFFICIALS NAMED IN PEKIN

PEKIN, Jan. 7.—Tsao Yu-Lin has been appointed high industrial commissioner and Lu Chung-Yu mayor of Peking. Neither of the men has been in government service since June 1919, when they were forced to resign as minister of Communications and Director of the Currency Bureau, respectively.

SCREAM SAVES HANDBAG

Germantown Police Seek Negro Who Stopped Miss L. G. Milson

The police of the Germantown station are looking for a Negro who stopped Miss L. G. Milson, of 226 Queen lane, as she was passing a lonely spot near her home shortly before 8 o'clock last night.

Miss Milson told the police that the Negro grabbed her by the arm and demanded to know what she had in her handbag. Being told it contained no money and only keys and some junk, the highwayman made a grab for it. The young woman screamed and ran.

SEE U. S. PRESSURE IN PARIS

France Yields to America's Influence, Says Berlin Newspaper

Berlin, Jan. 7. — "France gave in, and must always give in, to the pressure of American financial interests," says the conservative Taegliche Rundschau, discussing the submarine question yesterday.

The paper thinks the United States can use that power most advantageously if it desires, but laments that every concession France makes is based on the knowledge that her debts to the United States will be paid with German reparation funds.

DAIL VOTES TODAY ON PEACE TREATY; SITUATION TENSE

De Valera's Offer of Resignation Renders Cleavage More Bitter

VICTORY FOR PACT MEANS RETIREMENT FOR LEADER

By the Associated Press

Dublin, Jan. 7.—With a vote on the treaty promised for today the Dail Eireann assembled this morning in an atmosphere of tension.

Speaker MacNeill's ruling yesterday refusing to let the house be diverted from the urgent business in hand assured, it was believed, a clear-cut vote on the peace pact.

Eamon de Valera's resignation as chief executive stood postponed until the division was taken, which was expected to be some time in the afternoon.

It is the consensus of opinion here that Mr. de Valera's dramatic speech tendering his resignation has left the situation regarding the vote on the treaty unchanged, but it undoubtedly has widened the cleavage between the factions. He made the issue absolutely clear, the Irish Times points out, and "every deputy will vote with the full knowledge of his responsibilities."

At the beginning of today's session Speaker John MacNeill read a motion prepared by himself calling upon the Dail to affirm that Ireland is a sovereign State, deriving its authority from the will of the people. The motion would provide that all of Ireland's international relations must be governed by this status.

Text of Motion

MacNeill's motion reads as follows:

"That the Dail Eireann affirms that Ireland is a sovereign nation, deriving its sovereignty in all respects from the will of the people of Ireland; that all the international relations of Ireland are governed on the part of Ireland by that sovereign status and all facilities and accommodation afforded by Ireland to another state or country are subject to the right of the Irish Government to take care that the liberty and well-being of the people of Ireland are not endangered."

The object of this motion was to assert the principle that ratification of the treaty was in accordance with independence.

Harry Boland, just back from the United States, asked for a vote of thanks for "the magnificent support America has given us." No one knew better than Michael Collins, declared Boland, that there were 5000 men in America eager to fight for Ireland and that many such men had come back to Ireland and fought valiantly.

Boland said he would have to admit that sentiment in America favored the treaty, but many subscribers to the Irish loan would regard adoption of the treaty as a betrayal of their sympathy and support. He declared acceptance of the treaty would be suicide for Ireland.

Ireland, he continued, never has been and never could be beaten. If the treaty were adopted she could never again ask the world for support in the fight for freedom.

Boland was enthusiastically applauded when he took his seat.

McGrath Causes Sensation

Joseph McGrath followed in support of the treaty. He said that when he went out in 1916 to fight for the republic he knew perfectly well that Ireland would never get a republic. Under the pending treaty, however, every iota of the Dail's original democratic program could be carried out, he declared.

He created a sensation by stating that when he and Boland went to Garloch, Scotland, on their last trip as messengers in the negotiations with Prime Minister Lloyd George, Boland told him he was going to America on behalf of Eamon de Valera to prepare the people of America to accept "something short of a republic."

Discussion continues as to the exact position of Mr. de Valera as the result of yesterday's proceedings, but there is general agreement that his speech means he will definitely retire from politics if the Dail approves the treaty, only continuing his leadership if the treaty is rejected.

Mr. de Valera has long held, and still holds, such an exceptional position in the estimation of the Irish people that more among them was willing to doubt the sincerity of his action, but the general regard for him did not prevent many expressions of regret at the course he had taken. In the view of supporters of the peace treaty his action has gravely imperiled the chances for peace.

Treaty Held Paramount

That acceptance of the treaty is considered paramount, notwithstanding the general respect for Mr. de Valera shown by the editorial comments. The morning newspapers appealed to the people over the president's head. The Freeman's Journal said:

"Attempts by men of good will to reach a decision by agreement in the Dail yesterday failed. Mr. de Valera could not accept the proposals of the unofficial committee; instead, he faced the Dail with a new move of his own. His position, he declared, had become impossible. He tendered his resignation and offered himself for re-election with plenary powers.

"His attempt to include his own personality and claims, and shelve discussion of the treaty, failed, as it deserved to fail. If there is any impossibility about the position of de Valera, it arises from the fact that he has set himself to defeat the manifested will of the Irish people.

"The people are not to be misled. They have read the treaty, they have read documents two and three. They are simply shocked that it should be proposed to plunge them into turmoil for differences between the proposals and the treaty, and sooner or later the people will decide. The sooner the better, for it would be a crime against human nature to prevent the Irish people from deciding their own fate.

People Must Decide

"The people who pay the piper in money and blood must call the tune. Let the nation be consulted. They it is who must kill or give vitality to the treaty—determine between peace and war."

The Irish Independent says: "If de Valera said very properly that he could not allow personal considerations of any sort to have anything to do with the situation, and then dramatically announced his resignation, it is

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Parks Association Urges Cret Plan for 1926 Fair

Sees Permanent Improvement in the Stately Buildings Near City's Center—Present Points of Interest Can Be Utilized

This is the sixth of a series of articles describing the various sites suggested for the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition and the advantages urged for each.

The City Parks Association today made public a special report recommending the approval of the Cret plan for the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition in 1926.

The Cret site extends along the Parkway and at the northern end of that boulevard it includes parts of Fairmount Park. It is one of fourteen locations under consideration.

Andrew Wright Crawford, secretary of the association, has outlined the following advantages offered by the site:

Size of Night Crowds—The size of the night crowds will determine whether the exhibition is entirely self-supporting or a financial loss. For one visitor to a location thirty or forty minutes away from the center of the city there will be upward of ten visitors to a site near the center of the city.

Advantage for Philadelphia Merchants—Every exhibition should bring business both temporarily and permanently to the citizens of the city where it is held.

If an outlying location is chosen, visitors will go to the exhibition in the morning, stay all day and come back tired and worn out, and then probably leave the city.

Big Subscriptions Justified—This is really an enormous important consideration. The central character of the Cret site will justify big, generous subscriptions from the department and other stores. Visitors would not be apt to return to the exhibition after dinner, if they had to take another half-hour trip.

Permanent Improvement of the Banks of the Schuylkill—If the exhibition is anywhere else, it probably will be on private proverty. The city may or may not pay rent for such property. After the exhibition is over the property would go back to the owners greatly enhanced in value from the work done for the exhibition. In the case of the banks of the Schuylkill all the work will be on property that will have to be taken permanently by the city.

A Disgrace Removed—Sooner or later the city must meet the expense of removing the disgrace of the condition of the west bank of the river below the Spring Garden street bridge, with the open sewer and other nuisances, and sooner or later the banks of the Schuylkill will be improved. As that expense must be met some time, it is not properly chargeable as an expense of the exhibition, even though the property is taken at this time.

Four New Buildings Available—The Cret site will reduce the expense to the city for certain buildings because the city is already erecting important buildings, which can be used for the exhibition.

These include the Art Museum, the Municipal Court, the Public Library and the Auditorium. It seems extravagant folly to spend money for temporary buildings elsewhere for such an exhibition and afterward to scrap them.

Means New Buildings

Gain of three more, as result of fair. Certain other public buildings are needed in Philadelphia, which can be erected by the governmental agencies concerned for exhibition purposes and afterward be turned over for the purposes originally intended.

First—A Federal building. Secre-

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