

THE WEATHER											
Mostly cloudy tonight and Saturday with slowly rising temperature. Low-est tonight about 30 or 32 degrees.											
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR											
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# EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER

**NIGHT EXTRA**

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## GRAND JURY URGES REFORMS IN COUNTY PRISONS

Recommends Humane Treatment for Convicts With More Attention to Health and Welfare

### RULES CALLED TOO STRINGENT IN MANY CASES

Ask Another Physician Employed to Give More Time to Health of Men

FARM EMPLOYMENT FOR PRISONERS IS SUGGESTED

Would Abolish Dark Cells if They Are Believed "Cruel and Unusual"



Christmas sleds were christened today when this bunch of rosy-cheeked boys gathered at George's Hill, Fairmount Park.

### CUTTER STANDS BY DISABLED STEAMER

Munmotor, Storm-Tossed Off Cape May Coast, Wirelessly She Is Safe

### STORM DISRUPTS TRAFFIC

The first real snowstorm of the winter rode into Philadelphia on a forty-mile gale that swept out to sea and buffeted vessels over a wide radius.

At 9 o'clock this morning the Shipping Board steamer Munmotor, from New York to Norfolk, flashed distress signals by radio, saying she was waterlogged and listing to starboard eighty miles southeast of Cape May and asked for help.

The coast guard cutter Kickapoo started from the inlet at Cape May at once to battle its way to the distressed vessel, which it reached about 1 o'clock. Shortly before the Kickapoo reached her side the Munmotor righted herself, several degrees and the skipper informed the ship's operators by wireless that he hoped to be able to bring her through the storm. It was a first thought she would have to be abandoned.

The Kickapoo will tow the ship to the Delaware Breakwater.

The Munmotor's position was given as sixty miles southwest of Five-Fathom Bank Light.

The Munmotor is a steel motor ship owned by the United States Shipping Board. She was formerly called the Cortis and was built in Ecorse, Mich. She is of 1485 tons displacement, and has been in the coastwise freighting trade.

**Shipping Tied Up**

"The worst, practically, in the history of the port," is the way maritime men sum up the congestion of shipping today at the port of Philadelphia, due to storm conditions in the North Atlantic, fog and today's sleet and snow.

No fewer than thirty-four steamships are today involved in the congestion at this port.

Of the number about a dozen vessels, several of them huge freighters of from 6000 to 10,000 tons, are in their docks waiting to be unloaded. The shipping companies are said to be hard-pressed to get enough longshoremen to unload them.

Of the remaining vessels, another dozen are just now ready to leave the vicinity of the Delaware Breakwater for their various destinations—all of them having been fogbound in or near Delaware Bay for periods ranging from twenty-four hours to five days.

The other ships are vessels that up to early this morning were still held at Marcus Hook or Reedy Island by storm conditions—some inbound, some outbound, but all adding their quota to the work and anxiety of the maritime authorities and shipping companies of the port.

**Inured in Gale**

In entering parts of the city and in subsiding sections the snow and sleet were driven into deep drifts, obstructing traffic.

Several persons were injured during the blinding storm. One man, who was struck by sidewalk, struck his head on the pavement and was picked up unconscious, while another walked against a moving automobile and was knocked down.

Not enough snow fell in the central sections of the city to necessitate calling out the city's snow removal apparatus, John H. Neeson, chief of the Bureau of Street Cleaning, said.

"Blockmen" were instructed to see that the street crossings were cleared, but no wagons were used in hauling the snow away.

The snowfall, amounting to four and five inches in some sections, was general.

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### FIRE DAMAGES CELLAR

Threatening Blaze on North Frazier Street Extinguished by Firemen

### SILVER NAMES PEARSE SECRETARY

Trenton, Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—Governor-elect George S. Silzer has selected Frederick M. P. Pearse, of Moretown, former Assistant United States District Attorney, as his private secretary. He is now engaged in the practice of law in Newark.

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### SEE MORE ARRESTS FOR KLAN MURDERS

Further Warrants Are Soon to Be in Hands of Louisiana Sheriff

### BIG MCKOIN DEFENSE FUND

Monroe, La., Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—Sheriff Fred Carpenter, of Morehouse Parish, today declared there will be more arrests in the Morehouse Klan murder and kidnapping investigations upon the return of the Federal investigators who were in New Orleans yesterday attending a conference with State officials.

"I have no official word of any action," said the Sheriff, "but I know there are to be arrests on the return to Morehouse of Federal investigators. I have two warrants as yet, but these are to be placed in my hands within the next few days. I have no reliable information relative to the alleged confessions of two persons involving forty-five citizens."

Sheriff Carpenter said that while forty-five citizens might be involved in the plot, he did not believe that many were actual participants in the kidnapping and deaths of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards.

He has talked with the surviving members of the Mer Rouge party who were kidnapped, he said, "and all said there were no more than eighteen or twenty in the masked band."

Special Deputy Sheriff "Salmon" Morehouse, will not honor requisition papers for Baltimore for the return of Dr. B. M. McKoin, charged with murder in connection with the Morehouse kidnappings.

Friends of Dr. McKoin continued today to offer their assistance to the police. He was to be defended by a team of lawyers, and plans are under way to raise \$100,000 to aid him.

Friends of the physician expressed the opinion that Governor Ritchie, of Maryland, will not honor requisition papers. Meanwhile, efforts are being forward in five or six parishes at this end of the State to raise a great fund to defend not only McKoin but possibly other defendants.

**New Orleans, Dec. 29.**—Governor Parker, Attorney General Gooch, the latter's assistants, and investigators of the Federal Department of Justice remained non-committal today as to details of their series of conferences in the Attorney General's office yesterday and last night concerning the Ku Klux Klan kidnapping case.

The Governor was in the conference several hours during the morning. He went to Baton Rouge in the afternoon, but late last night he and Mr. Gooch held an extended telephone conversation, the nature of which was not made public.

The sole intimation of what took place behind the closed doors was that it was an intensive study of the great mass of documentary evidence handed over to the Attorney General's office.

This record, it was asserted, already exceeds in volume that assembled in any criminal case in the history of the United States.

Those who conferred with the Governor and Attorney General were Assistant Attorney General Gooch and

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### WILLIAM J. LEMP, ST. LOUIS BREWER, COMMITS SUICIDE

Third Member of Famous Family to Take His Own Life

St. Louis, Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—William J. Lemp, fifty-four years old, president of the William J. Lemp Brewery Company, committed suicide today by shooting himself twice through the heart in the office of the brewery.

It was the third suicide in the family of the famous brewers, his father and a sister having taken their own lives.

Lemp appeared at his office at 9 A. M. today as usual, it was stated, and shortly thereafter flung Volkhamp, vice president, arrived and greeted Lemp. "Well, how do you feel today?" "Oh, I'm feeling worse," Volkhamp said Lemp replied.

The William J. Lemp Brewing Company is just before the advent of prohibition. It was considered one of the largest brewing companies in the world. It covered a fourteen-acre triangular tract in the southern section of the city and was valued at \$7,000,000. It was sold at auction last June to five different interests for a total of \$585,000. Lemp had been depressed since, it was said, as he failed to get a much larger price for the property.

### MYSTERIOUS TAXI SHOOTING PUZZLES CHICAGO POLICE

Cousin Fires Upon Woman and Then Kills Himself

Chicago, Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—A mysterious taxiab shooting, in which Mrs. Frieda Merrill was wounded by her second cousin, Joseph Lang, who then shot himself, has puzzled the police today. Lang died in a hospital.

Mrs. Merrill is the wife of Herbert Merrill, a traveling salesman. Merrill was unable to explain the shooting. Lang, who had known Mrs. Merrill before her marriage.

Police said Lang fired upon Mrs. Merrill as she fled from the taxiab in which they were riding, shot at the chauffeur and missed and then shot himself.

### GERMAN CREDIT PROPOSED

Senator Bursum Would Have U. S. Lend \$1,000,000,000 to Buy Food

Washington, Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—Extension of credits to Germany up to a maximum of \$1,000,000,000 for use in buying foodstuffs in the United States is proposed in a bill introduced today by Senator Bursum, of New Mexico, and referred to the Finance Committee.

The bill, which Senator Bursum said, was framed "on sound business lines," would authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to pay American producers of foodstuffs for commodities purchased by the German Government, and several stations in the bureau of such products. Germany in return would place as security bonds secured by industrial obligations and repay the loan within ten years and in the meantime pay interest at 5 per cent.

The credits to be extended might amount to \$250,000,000 a month. The American Treasury Department would issue bonds to cover the credits.

### STORM MOVES NORTHEAST

Warnings Still Displayed Along Atlantic Coast

Washington, Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—The storm that has been sweeping the Middle and North Atlantic coast was reported today by the Weather Bureau to be moving east of Cape Cod and centered east-northeastward. Storm warnings remain displayed from Cape Hatteras to Eastport, Me.

Several stations in the bureau said reported a wind velocity of sixty miles an hour. Heavy snowfall in portions of New England and New York also was reported. Fourteen inches of snow having fallen at Portland, Me.

### 'SIT DOWN!' SHOUTS MAYOR; VON TAGEN IN ROW ON TRANSIT

Moore Adjourns Meeting, but Reopens It as Order Is Restored

### ACCUSES COUNCILMAN OF SEEKING DATA FOR P. R. T.

Four-Track Subway on Broad Street Wanted by Olney Residents

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### Cigarettes in Moscow 1,000,000 Rubles Apiece

Moscow, Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—American-made cigarettes now are on sale in the streets of Moscow for about one million soviet rubles each. The Bolshevik ruble has been fluctuating to such an extent lately that dealers boost many articles billions of rubles overnight. These were principally luxuries sought by speculators, the "quadrillions."

One day the ruble dropped to 35,000,000 to the dollar, and two days later flopped back again to 27,000,000 to the dollar. The street one fare was increased from 500,000 rubles to 1,000,000 for a single ride.

### TRUCK DRIVER HURT

Thigh Broken When His Car and Train Crash at Woodbury

Fred Cook, North Howard street, this city, driver for the American Stores Company, was injured at 8:30 o'clock today when his motortruck and a passenger train crashed at a grade crossing near Woodbury, N. J.

Cook's left thigh was fractured and it is believed he was injured internally. He was jammed back of the steering wheel, the impact crushing the front of the truck and almost demolishing the locomotive.

The train was on the Salem branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad and was bound for Camden from Swedesboro. Cook said he had not seen the train. It is in a Woodbury hospital.

### TWO WOMEN ARE HELD ON LIQUOR SALE CHARGES

One Is Mother of Three Children, Both Are Grocery Keepers

Two married women, one the mother of three children, the other a widow, were held today by Magistrate Renshaw, charged with selling intoxicating liquor.

Mrs. Anna Smith, who keeps a grocery store and delicatessen at 729 North Front street, was held in \$500 bail after Detective Faulk testified he had bought half a pint of gin at her store, December 27.

Mrs. Anna Smith was the sturdily dressed prisoner.

Mrs. Anna Zimmerman, accompanied by her three children, appeared to her charge of selling half a pint of whisky to Detective Hopkins, at her residence at 812 Wood street, December 26. She was held in \$500 bail.

### LAST-MINUTE NEWS

#### MASKED MEN WHIP AND DRIVE OUT CITIZEN

HOLLIS, OKLA., Dec. 29.—Frank Day, thirty-eight, a tenant farmer living six miles northwest of here, was taken from his bed late last night by nine masked men, severely whipped and ordered to leave the community "before another sunset," according to the story he told county authorities today. The farmer said the men accused him of manufacturing liquor and other acts.

#### NINE HOMES ROBBED IN DICKSON CITY

SCRANTON, Dec. 29.—County detectives today were trying to halt the epidemic of burglaries in Dickson City, near here. Since Sunday night nine homes have been entered and jewelry valued at \$2000 and cash totalling \$500 stolen. The burglars paid a second visit to one house.

#### FELTON FINDS COAL \$44,000,000 NEEDED

Situation Easier for State Schools

The coal situation has so far improved that there is no further cause for alarm. Felton C. Felton, chairman of the Fair-Price Committee of the Pennsylvania Fuel Commission, today said that the outlook is decidedly encouraging. Philadelphia is steadily getting 10 per cent more coal than the allotment was expected to receive. I can understand, however, why it is that some retailers express uneasiness. It is simply because they see no coal in their yards.

"But there shouldn't be any coal in the yards at the present time. If there is it is a sign they are not doing their duty by the people of the city. It is their business to get the coal to the consumers as fast as it reaches their yards."

**Coal Being Delivered**

In a majority of cases, where no coal is found in the retailers' yards, it is due to the fact that coal arriving in the morning is delivered to consumers within a few hours. That is as it should be.

"If the situation were really as bad as it is reported to be, it would be impossible for the coal to be delivered to the consumers within a few hours. That is as it should be."

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## U. S. MUST FACE DEBT ISSUE A NEW; JOHNSON ASSAILS BORAH PLAN

Irreconcilable Senator Calls Drift Toward Change in America's Foreign Policy Strongly Indicated

### WOULD EMBROIL NATION ABROAD, HE DECLARES

Two-Fisted Broadside Fired at Proposal—Called "Bait" for Farmers

### EXPECT SENATE VOTE TODAY

Defeat of Controverted Amendment to Naval Bill Appears Certain

Washington, Dec. 29.—A vote before night on the Borah proposal for a world economic conference, which is opposed by the Administration, was sought by Senate leaders today while the third day's debate on the project proceeded with increasing fury.

As "irreconcilable" colleagues of Senator Borah hurled broadsides at his plan as embodied in an amendment to the Naval Appropriation Bill, the Republican managers negotiated quietly for a rollcall before adjournment and a recess over New Year's Day.

Senator Hiram Johnson, who fought shoulder to shoulder with Senator Borah against the League of Nations, opened today's forensic battle with a two-fisted attack on the conference plan.

The proposal, he said, was worse than the league and more likely to embroil us in European controversies and finally make the United States face the question once more: What shall we do about the debts? That far we have gone toward a new orientation of our interests and responsibilities in Europe.

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### PERIL LURKS IN INACTION

Problem of Allied Borrowings May Yet Be Linked With Reparations

By CLINTON W. GILBERT  
Staff Correspondent Evening Public Ledger  
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Washington, Dec. 29.—With the defeat of the Borah proposal for an economic conference, which now seems assured, this country will enter once more on a period of drift during which a reconsideration of its attitude on the allied debt will take place.

That much emerges from the debate in the Senate and the stressing in Mr. Harding's letter to Senator Lodge of the extent to which the Administration's hands have been tied by the Debt Funding Act.

Though no one is willing to go on record in favor of cancelling the debts, on every side it is admitted that if we are forced by our own interests to attempt economic aid to Europe we must face the question once more: What shall we do about the debts? That far we have gone toward a new orientation of our interests and responsibilities in Europe.

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