

WEATHER
Cloudy and
warmer tonight
and Tuesday;
probably light
snow Tuesday;
moderate south-
west winds.

Ship Canal Given Big Boost At Hearing Today

GERMAN BAR OF FRENCH COAL ORDERS

N. J. MAY HAVE HIGHWAY BD. BY TOMORROW

Jelin's Name Causes Great Hitch—Much Done in His Behalf

ASSEMBLYMEN BALK But Indications Are That Opposition Will be Finally Overcome

TRENTON, Feb. 19.—The big question in politics here today, and which those interested in politics are asking each other is the possibility of the senate confirming the four men whom Governor Silzer last week appointed to the newly created State Highway Commission. The state has been without a road board now for four weeks. Governor Silzer having fired the old highway board on January 22.

The four names which the senate has before it for confirmation are: Abraham Jelin, Democrat, of New Brunswick; Percy H. Stewart, Democrat, of Plainfield; General Hugh I. Scott, Republican, of Princeton; and Walter Kiddle, Republican, of Montclair. Jelin and Kiddle were appointed for four-year terms, and General Scott and Stewart were named for two-year terms by the governor.

There has been some opposition by south Jersey senators chiefly, to the naming of Jelin. If the senate decides to reject Jelin the Republican will be embarrassed by the Jewish vote in New Jersey, as last week a delegation of prominent Jews, both Republicans and Democrats, called on Governor Silzer to request the removal of Jelin. It is said also that a state-wide campaign has been started to place Jelin on the road board. Opposition has been rumored to have developed against General Scott on account of his age, and also because his politics are rather vague. It is said that General Scott was endorsed by Democratic Congressman of Princeton, Scott's home.

If the four names are confirmed to the road board tonight by the senate, it will mean that the legislature can tackle some of the highway questions which have been "marking time" waiting for the road tangle to be unravelled. No very live issues have been touched by the law makers other than the highway question. There is the five-cent trolley fare question, about which much was said and written during the last campaign. Then too, there is the liquor issue which must have a solution, if campaign promises of either party are to be carried out. The question of the reduction of the taxing burden was a hot question in the campaign market of last year. There has been no practical move by the legislature on this question, due to the road mix-up.

Statement by Stevens
TRENTON, Feb. 19 (By The Associated Press).—After a conference with Republican state senators in Atlantic City over the week end, Majority Leader Stevens of Monmouth today issued a statement answering allegations of Simon Gerson, of Trenton, that the opposition to Abraham Jelin's nomination as a member of the State Highway Commission is solely on grounds that Jelin is a Jew.

The Republican senate leader said such a statement from Mr. Gerson could not go unanswered, because it preaches lemmingism, favors of bolshevism and is an attempt to engender racial prejudice against a party whose traditions are too well established.

Senator Stevens pointed to confirmation of appointees, named by Governor Silzer, who profess the Jewish religion. These appointees he said were given confirmation because of fitness.

"Character, ability and experience are the only test by which Mr. Jelin's nomination will be measured by the senate let me assure the people of this state in confirming or rejecting the members of the highway commission," said Mr. Stevens.

ALL THE LATEST G. B. S. PLAYER ROLLS
"You Know You Belong to Someone" "Don't Say Good-bye to Love" "All for the Love of Mike" "Carolina in the Morning" "Who Did You Fool After" "Chicago" and many others. Montalvo's, 253 Madison Avenue corner Market.
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Silzer Pledges Support To Ship Canal Bill; Outlook Is Bright

A hearing of vital importance to those interested in deeper and inland waterways is being held in Trenton this afternoon, Perth Amboy and vicinity being well represented. The hearing is on the bill of Assemblyman Harold G. Hoffman, of South Amboy, and would use the funds secured by the state in the Morris canal settlement to purchase the rights of way for the ship canal from Morgan on Raritan bay to Bordentown on the Delaware. The amount involved in this bill is close to \$1,000,000 and it is believed this amount would be sufficient to purchase all the land needed for the new waterway which will comprise the final connecting link in a chain of inland waterways extending from New England to the Southern states. It is understood that Governor Silzer has promised his support of the bill and that he will sit in at the hearing and take an active part in this discussion. The fact that the governor is showing such an interest in the passage of this canal bill is expected to have considerable bearing in having the legislators favorably act upon the passage of the bill following its hearing today.

Waterway advocates in and near New Jersey have been working energetically the past week or so securing assurance of a large representation at today's meeting, and some of the most influential waterway enthusiasts in the state and out, have announced their willingness to speak in favor of Hoffman's bill.

The proposed ship canal across New Jersey is far from being a new project, but never before has so much interest been shown as at present and the many arguments in its favor, together with the concentrated efforts of waterway men to put Assemblyman Hoffman's bill through, make the future outlook for the canal brighter than ever.

RIPLEY AGAIN OUT ON BAIL MEET TODAY ON FINANCE BILL

NEW BRUNSWICK, Feb. 19.—Homer W. Ripley was once again given his freedom at noon today when Alfonso Russo of this city furnished \$5,000 bail which was fixed by Judge Peter F. Daly last Friday after the Woodbridge hotel proprietor pleaded not guilty to a manslaughter charge. The bail was originally \$3,000, but raised at the request of Assistant Prosecutor John E. Toolan, due to the gravity of the case.

Ripley ran down and killed a man on State street in this city several weeks ago and at the same time injured two other men. He failed to stop after the accident.

DALY IS NOW CIRCUIT JUDGE Many Witness Ceremony at New Brunswick Shortly Before Noon Today

NEW BRUNSWICK, Feb. 19.—Judge Peter F. Daly was sworn in as a circuit court judge by Judge Adolph Cronkite, who presided today. Jurymen, lawyers, politicians, friends and a great many others witnessed the ceremony. There was a great many women present, including members of Judge Daly's immediate family.

Baskets of roses were sent by the city commissioners and the City Club. The newly appointed circuit judge took the oath of allegiance to the country and state, and promised to conduct the office as prescribed by law.

WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS DENIED ARTHUR M'ARTHUR

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Supreme Court Justice Giegeich today dismissed the writ of habeas corpus sued out by Alexander A. MacArthur, an artist, who is wanted by the Essex county authorities for an alleged assault on two women at Cedar Grove last fall. He instructed the district attorney's office to prepare an order to be signed Wednesday handing MacArthur over to the New Jersey authorities.

Charge Report Falsified
WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—A charge that the record of the autopsy over the body of his son, Major Alexander P. Cronkite, was "falsified," was made today by Major General Adelbert Cronkite, whose recent enforced retirement from active service is under inquiry by several members of the senate.

COAL FAMINE AGAIN SWEEPS THIS VICINITY

Drain on Small Supply Due to Cold Weather Having Grave Effect

PROMISE NO RELIEF Cars of Coal Seized in New York State for Use of the People

According to reports about the city today people generally are having difficulty in obtaining coal. The various coal dealers report coal low in their yards and this they are dealing over in small quantities in order to make it serve as many people as possible. Even the dealers who have a supply of coal on hand are dealing it out in small amounts, the limit being about one-half ton to a customer.

At the G. J. Haney coal office it was said today that they have 800 orders on their books, which includes not only their own customers but those of other dealers who have been unable to obtain coal. In the afternoon at this yard it was said that people come with all kinds of conveyances and pails in order to obtain a small quantity of coal.

Although the supply is not great at this yard it was said that enough coal is being received to care for the customers. The W. J. Olsen Company had a small supply of pea coal on hand and were dealing this out in small lots in order to serve the greatest number possible.

Samuel Polensky, of the Perth Amboy and Ice Company, reported conditions serious, and that the only coal now on hand in their yard is range coal and buckwheat. Last week seven cars were supposed to be shipped to his yard but two were all that arrived. Polensky held out little hope for betterment of conditions in the future and suggested that Mayor William C. Wilson confiscate coal that is now being shipped to the Lehigh Valley dumpers in order to meet the demand here. He recalled that during the war when the late Oliver Ramsay was coal administrator seventy-five cars of coal were seized and put into hard coal that similar action should be taken now.

At the E. J. Dorsey & Sons office it was said although there may be a shortage of the various sizes of hard coal that they have a supply of soft coal on hand that will meet all requirements and keep people from suffering. In another week or so it was stated, it is expected that conditions will be nearly normal again.

Mr. Dorsey was not in favor of the mayor seizing coal for use in the city, as he declared there is no suffering here and in seizing coal it would mean that some other city where their is actual suffering will have to go without it. He also stated that Perth Amboy has received more than its allowance and that it is a privilege to have coal although probably in small quantities.

C. M. Peterson Coal Company and the Lake Coal Company report shortage of coal and are looking for buyers in addition to let up with the mild weather. Mr. Lake reports that some of the coal he received has been on the road for a week or more, and that the delay in delivery of coal is due to the fact that the mines are not producing as much as possible.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Nine carloads of anthracite coal standing in the local Delaware and Hudson railroad yards were seized this morning by Dr. Arthur J. Leonard, commissioner of public safety, and reported to a nearby coal yard for distribution by city policemen and firemen in emergency cases.

The seizure was made after city officials in conference with Fuel Administrator Kilmer, had been informed that no coal had arrived here over the week end and there was no likelihood of coal arriving during the day. Mayor McNulty and other city officials announced that they would co-operate in the seizure and authorized the commissioner of public safety to take into hard the plan which was prepared Saturday and was held abeyance until today on a promise that emergency coal would be sent here.

All city police and firemen off duty were ordered to the yards. The police were under orders to make arrests if resistance was offered by railroad employees.

SEARCH RUINS FOR REMAINS OF FIRE DEAD

Bodies of Several Victims of Ward's Island Fire Sought in Debris

INVESTIGATION STARTS Maniacs Obey Commands of Guards—Many Heroic Deeds are Performed

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 (By The Associated Press).—The ring of picks and shovels resounded early today on Ward's Island.

The little jutting rock in the swirling waters of Hell Gate was slowly digging itself out of the tragedy that descended yesterday on its crazed inhabitants, when fire swept a ward of the Manhattan State Hospital for the Insane, killing twenty-two patients and three male attendants.

Nineteen bodies had been discovered before dusk and removed to the city morgue, but six remained in the ice-covered ruins. These, it was feared, had been cremated, and Superintendent Marcus B. Heyman expressed doubt whether more than charred bones would be recovered.

It was a weary staff that arose this morning, after heroic work, which saved the lives of 300 patients trapped in the wing of the great building which burned. Dr. Heyman was at his desk long after midnight, preparing his official report and allaying the fears of anxious relatives.

A curious hush pervaded the island during the night. The bedlam of cries and ravings, which ordinarily might have been expected, were entirely lacking. Only one of the 1,600 patients who remained in the island building clung off one wing by fire, was in a "comatose" as a straightjacket is termed on the island.

The one unit of the 75 on the island that was attacked by fire was the one occupied by men of homicidal tendency, who might at any moment have leapt at the throats of their rescuers.

But leap they did not. A few struggled as guards tried to push their way to safety through the smoke and flames, but not a single attack upon an attendant was reported.

"How do I explain it?" said Dr. Heyman. "Perhaps a sub-conscious feeling that something very unusual was happening and that it would be well for them to do as they were told. The insane soon come to rely absolutely upon the guidance of their keepers."

The fire marshal's office was the scene of today's first investigation. Summoned there at 9 o'clock were the three attendants whose effective work was chiefly responsible for the rescue—James Hill, the attendant in charge of the ward; Michael Campbell, and John Curry.

Later these men were ordered to report at the office of Medical Examiner Norris.

Brigadier General Edward Burr, in charge for the war department of the dredging of Hell Gate, de-

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100 WAYS To Make Money

By BILLY WINNER
If I Could Pack—
THERE are a thousand and one things that you can do with moving—packing, measuring, planning, certain alterations, etc. These things have to be done. Why not be a professional in this line? Handle all the details of moving? Attend to the whole thing?
After a person became known for being an expert there would be a big demand for his or her services. I would soon see that I was known. This most important part of the work I would leave to Evening News Want Ads.

Final Congressional Action Tomorrow On British Debt Matter

HAPPENINGS OF A DAY AT THE NATION'S CAPITOL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—A drive was begun today by leaders of the farm bloc to force immediate consideration of agricultural credits legislation in the House.

Child Labor Legislation
Advocates of a child labor constitutional amendment won the first stage of their fight today when the senate judiciary committee ordered a favorable report on a committee resolution providing for submission of such an amendment to the states.

Immigration Charges
Charges that a clique of lawyers in New York City buy and sell the influence of senators and representatives without their knowledge, was made today before the House rules committee by Chairman Johnson of the House immigration committee.

Prohibition
Despite persistent reports of an impending shake-up in the prohibition enforcement machinery at New York, Commissioner Haynes said today that no change was contemplated there in the near future.

A report published in New York that Porter Canfield of Kingston had been appointed New York state director, was denied by Mr. Haynes, who said that E. C. Yellowley, the present acting director, would continue to occupy that position for the present. Mr. Canfield, he said, was from Lord Curzon's staff and was considered for appointment as state director when Mr. Yellowley resumes his duties as a part of the permanent staff of the prohibition unit here.

Muscle Shoals Fight
The fight against the House at this session of congress on Henry Ford's offer for Muscle Shoals was renewed today before the rules committee with Chairman Samuel C. McKelzie, his opposition on the ground that Mr. Ford had stated he would not accept the proposition contained in the bill reported by the military committee.

Urging action before March 4, Acting Chairman McKelzie, declared Muscle Shoals was the "mountain" question before the House.

Give Commerce Ruling
The Interstate Commerce Commission under its charter of 1920, can make division of joint freight rates by groups, the supreme court held today in a case brought by the Akron, Canton & Youngstown Railway company and other carriers west of the Hudson River to contest the validity of the commission's order increasing by 15 per cent the amount New England railroad should receive in a division of through freight rates.

FRESH ATTACKS ARE REPORTED

Lithuanians and Poles Reported to Have Clashed in Neutral Zone

WARSAW, Feb. 19 (By The Associated Press).—Fresh attacks by the Lithuanians on Polish forces in the neutral zone allotted to Poland are reported here today. It is also said that the class of 1922 has been mobilized in Lithuania.

London Receives No Word
LONDON, Feb. 19.—In British official circles today it was stated that no direct advice had been received regarding the fighting between the Poles and Lithuanians reported from Kovno and other sources. The belief was expressed, in view of the lack of such confirmation, that the extent and importance of the conflict had been exaggerated.

COUNTY'S AUTO WRECKED

NEW BRUNSWICK, Feb. 19.—The new auto purchased by the fireholders a short time ago for the process servers of the sheriff's office was completely demolished on the Lincoln Highway yesterday afternoon. Deputy Sheriff Harry Kahrs had the car at the time and he claims that it crashed into an embankment and a telephone pole after a wheel had given away.

Dodge Coupe, looks like new; \$225 cash, balance on easy terms. Union Garage Co., 278 King Street.
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REFUSE TO LOAD COAL ON CARS FOR THE FRENCH

Proclamation to That Effect Posted Throughout the Ruhr District

TO PROTECT WORKERS Actual Disarmament of Security Police, 400 of Them, Is Continued Today

ESSEN, Feb. 19.—(By The Associated Press).—The French authorities in the Ruhr announced today that they had plenty of railroad cars and other equipment for the transportation of fuel to France and Belgium but that it was being found difficult to induce the Germans to load the cars. General Degoutte, the French commander, issued a proclamation in this connection which has been posted throughout the Ruhr assuring full protection to Germans working for the army of occupation and safety against any action by the German government.

The actual disarmament of the security police continued in Essen today, 400 of them surrendering their arms so that they are now few of the state police remaining. The French are endeavoring to enlist Germans in a force to be called "Municipal Police."

The Boycotts and strikes of protest have been declared in the Essen, Dortmund and Bochum districts, according to German sources, as the result of the arrest and jailing of various German officials.

In Essen, Dr. Geyers, the union labor leader, who issued an appeal to the German merchants and hotel and restaurant proprietors to refuse to serve the French and the Belgians, was sentenced to two years imprisonment and to pay a fine of 8,000,000 marks. Helena, Maske was sentenced to six months in prison by the court martial for failure to obey an order to leave the occupied area on account of activities against the forces of occupation.

The wife of the editor of the Aachen Press, who was recently expelled, was also arrested because she refused to obey an order to follow her husband.

Three German court officials at Bochum were arrested for opposing the French. The stores in Bochum were closed in protest and there was a similar closing at Bottrop, where Ober-Burgomaster Bauer was arrested for refusing to deliver coal. Three telegraph officials at Dueseldorf were arrested in connection with various cases of sabotage.

FEELING OF RELIEF

LONDON, Feb. 19 (By The Associated Press).—There was a distinct feeling of relief regarding the Rhine-land situation in British official quarters today, the recent visit here of M. Le Troquer, French minister of public works, having restored Franco-British relations to much the same position as before the French entered the Ruhr.

Prime Minister Bonar Law or Foreign Secretary Curzon will probably announce the latest developments in the French for unlimited rail transport facilities across the British zone around Cologne are unconfirmed in official quarters.

Today arrangements are in the making at Cologne for the transportation of French troops and supplies in accordance with the terms accepted by the French government upon M. Le Troquer's return to Paris. The questions of the regulation of railroads and the number of trains that will be allowed to pass are to be settled by the British and French authorities at Cologne.

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