

# VALLEY FACING A HARD FIGHT RECOMMEND PARDON FOR COOK

## Mrs. Schroeder's Sister Urges Her To Be "Game"

URGES IRENE TO  
KEEP 'SUNNY  
SIDE UP'



HONORED

### LONE BURGLAR JUMPS OUT OF SECOND STORY WINDOW AND ESCAPES

#### TAFT HAS GOOD NIGHT AND CONDITION IS MORE HOPEFUL

Washington, Feb. 5.—(U.P.)—William Howard Taft spent a quiet night and was more comfortable this morning, a bulletin issued at 11 a.m. today by his physician said.

President Hoover will call on Mr. Taft at his Wyoming avenue home at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, it was announced at the White House.

Mr. Hoover's visit, it was said, was not actuated by any uneasiness regarding the former chief Justice's condition, but merely by a wish to see his old friend and cheer him.

Mr. Taft had informed the president earlier that his husband was feeling better and would be glad to see him.

The bulletin, signed by Dr. Francis R. Hagner and Thomas A. Clayton, read as follows:

"Mr. Taft is slightly better than yesterday. He spent a quiet night and was comfortable this morning."

Informally the physicians said they were encouraged by Mr. Taft's apparent rallying from his condition of yesterday.

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Recalling among pillows, much against his will, the tired old gentleman who has lived vigorously and fully, who has served his country in the highest places in its gift, smiled again his famous smile, courageous though a bit wanly, and thus deflected his determination to win, if possible.

He is fighting against great odds. His physicians announced his condition yesterday, soon after the ordeal of a long train trip from Asheville, N. C., as serious. Yet last night he was holding on well, and they announced that he was more alert, and possibly a little better. He slept in the afternoon and his rest seemed to be easy last night.

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Mr. Allen is survived by the following children:

Marion, Dubois; John, New Kensington; William, Cowansville; Mrs. Blanche Cousineau, Kittanning; Mrs. Dea Ferguson, New Kensington; Mrs. Charles Myers, Cowansville; Mrs. Chris Hooks, Cowansville.

Funeral services will be announced later.

#### HEAVY ICE FOUND IN ALLEGHENY RIVER

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He looked back to find a stranger sitting at the wheel of his machine.

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#### EXPLAINS WHY SHE DISCHARGED BERKEY WITNESS

Pittsburgh, Feb. 5.—(U.P.)—Miss June E. Werner, photoplayary of Somerset county, declared today that the dismissal of Claude A. M. Welsh, clerk in her office, came not because of his testimony against former Judge John A. Berkey and other defendants on liquor conspiracy charges but because of Welsh's admission from the witness stand that he was guilty of conspiring to violate the 18th amendment.

Leading industrials generally moved higher and motor shares were stronger under the leadership of Chrysler and General Motors. Mail order shares held their own and to become also were steady.

#### THE WEATHER

For Pittsburgh and vicinity

Show flurries this afternoon and tonight, Thursday partly cloudy. No

much change in temperature. Low

est temperature tonight about 35 degrees.

**Weather Conditions**

Low barometric continues to de-

crease the weather over most of the country, with centers of disturbance off the New England coast, the up-

per Mississippi valley and the Can-

adian northwest. The skies are

mostly overcast, but precipitation is

occurring in only scattered places.

Generous rain occurred over the

Middle Atlantic states during the

last 24 hours, elsewhere precipita-

tion was light. The temperature

changes were slight.

#### OBSERVATIONS AT 8 A.M.

Atlantic City ..... 38

Buffalo ..... 29

Chicago ..... 30

Farrisburg ..... 28

Los Angeles ..... 72

Miami ..... 72

Montreal ..... 38

New York ..... 38

Philadelphia ..... 38

Pittsburgh ..... 38

San Francisco ..... 38

Washington ..... 38

Yellowstone Park ..... 38

#### VISITORS

Among the visitors at the New Home of The Leader-Times on Tuesday were the following out of town friends:

E. McKeye, Rural Valley.

Evelyn McIntyre and Miss Effie McIntyre of the Pittsburgh Road,

and Miss Lucy Senick of Pittsburgh.

The gentle Squire McIntyre was

greatly impressed with what he saw

and before leaving said it was the

best plant of the kind he has ever

visited.

List your property for sale with

the Frank J. Atkins Real Estate

and Insurance Agency.

### EXPLORER ON HIS WAY TO FREEDOM

Washington, Feb. 5.—(UP)—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, arctic explorer, physician and promoter, who is serving a 14-year sentence at Leavenworth for using the mails to defraud, has been recommended for parole by the U. S. Parole Board, the justice department announced today.

### Dorothy Is Growing Up



Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, former U. S. assistant attorney general in charge of prohibition, is shown here with her 6-year-old daughter, Dorothy, in the first picture of the two together since the child was adopted three years ago. Dorothy says it is her ambition to become a lawyer, like her adopted mother.

### CONFRONTED BY BIG ODDS IN CANAL PROJECT

Allegheny Valley people who want to see the proposed Ohio River-Erie Canal built over the Allegheny River-French Creek route have a hard fight ahead for recognition. This fact was never more apparent than at the hearing in the project held before the Engineering Board of the War Department at Washington on Tuesday.

Pittsburgh interests, strongly organized and intent on bringing every possible influence to bear in favor of the Ohio River route, attended the hearing in force and press reports say they dominated the proceedings. It is clear as day that Pittsburgh has no interest in the Allegheny River-French Creek proposal and is intent on putting the Ohio River program through if it is within the power of influential citizens of that city to do so. Only comparatively little space was given by the Pittsburgh newspapers to the Allegheny River-French Creek idea in the lengthy reports that they carried of the hearing. The Ohio Valley course was played up big.

The importance of the canal and its value to the territory through which it happens to pass are tremendous. For this reason it would seem that the people of the Allegheny Valley like me no time in marshalling their forces and getting behind the French Creek route one hundred per cent.

Congressmen N. L. Strong, T. C. Cochran and Milton W. Shreve, whose districts would be directly affected by the French Creek route, attended the hearing on Tuesday and urged consideration of the French Creek proposal. The congressmen also requested that final action regarding the canal be deferred until the completion of the French Creek project.

Following is a copy of the letter which the three congressmen filed with the Board of Engineers at the hearing:

Washington, D. C., Feb. 4, 1930.  
Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, Washington, D. C.  
Dear Sirs:

The Congress has directed that a survey be made for a canal to Lake Erie by the French Creek route. By request of its advocates the Board of Engineers has deferred a public hearing and action on the subject pending a survey and report which will soon be completed. When submitted this report will show the following advantages which the French Creek route will have over any other proposed route for a canal to Lake Erie:

1st: It will be only about one-half as long as the report now being prepared will cause the improvement of the Allegheny to be extended to the narrow divide between the river and the lake regardless of the canal.

2nd: It will cost only about one-half as much, one-half of which will be paid by power interests, thus reducing the cost to the tax-payers to one-fourth the cost by any other route.

3rd: The supply of water for the upper level will be constant, adequately available.

4th: It will make the best and most direct connection between the Ohio-Mississippi System and the inland waterway system along the Atlantic coast.

We respectfully request that no final action be taken by the Board of Engineers, relating to such a route, before the report referred to is submitted, thus assuring the above statements, is submitted for consideration.

Sincerely yours,  
Nathan L. Strong, Representing the 27th Pa. Congressional District.

T. C. Cochran, Representing the 28th Pa. Congressional District.

Milton W. Shreve, Representing the 29th Pa. Congressional District.

Washington, Feb. 5.—(U.P.)—Despite indications no decision will be made by army engineers in the proposed canal from Lake Erie to the Ohio river until June, proponents of the project were confident today a favorable report will be made on at least one of the four proposed routes for the canal.

Of four routes considered by the army board of rivers and harbors, the route from Pittsburgh through Youngstown and Niles, O., to a point near Ashtabula, O., received the most vigorous endorsement.

Aian Jordan, of Portsmouth, O.

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Chicken and waffle supper, U. P. Church, Worthington. Thursday, Feb. 5, 5 p.m., price 50c. Ice cream, take extra.

### TWO BOYS MAROONED ON ICE FLOE HEADED FOR NIAGARA FALLS

#### OFFICERS SEEK TO ESTABLISH IDENTITY OF ABANDONED CAR

The county authorities on Wednesday were seeking to find the owner of a 1929 Ford roadster bearing Michigan license plate No. 706-558 which was discovered abandoned along the public road near the county jail early Wednesday morning by Sheriff George Shaffer.

The license number of the engine is A-1613292. One of the front axles was bent so badly, that the machine had to be towed to Fred Astaire's garage.

A pair of ice skates attached to shoes and a lot of unmailed letters bearing marks of having been written in Detroit, Mich., were found in the car.

Encampment class Feb. 6th, 7 p.m.

Hat Social, Pythian Castle Feb. 6, hat and lunch 25c. Bring a hat and get a hat-hat-parade 9:30. Play Hokum 5c a card.

Buy, sell or trade your property through The Exchange.

#### ANOTHER ARREST MADE IN THEFTS AT GARRETT'S RUN

E. J. Wolfe, of Garrett's Run, furnished bail for a hearing on Thursday when arraigned before Squier Frank J. Atkins on Tuesday on a charge of receiving stolen goods preferred by Detective Charles J. Best.

The information is alleged to have been lodged following confessions of Ward Schreengost, who is on parole, and Joseph St. Clair, who entered a plea of guilty in court on Saturday, in connection with the theft of copper fields and wire from the mines of the Garrett's Run Coal Company. The youths allegedly sold the copper fields and wire to Mr. Wolfe.

Regis Myers, 363 Washington avenue, Leechburg, Troop 41.

Erwood Peterman, 357 Carroll street, Leechburg, Troop 41.

Lawrence L. Kainas, 427 Fourth avenue, Ford City, Troop 25.

Frank McNutt, McClint Building, Ford City, Troop 24.

George Shaffer, 1096 Orr avenue, Kittanning, Troop 35.

Richard Roemmler, R. D. 6, Kittanning, Troop 36.

Henry Foringer, Craigsville, Troop 36.

Jack Claypool, R. D. 1, Kittanning.

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