

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and warmer tonight and Tuesday; moderate southwest winds increasing Tuesday. High tides Tuesday at 2:18 A. M. and 2:39 P. M.

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CASUALTIES MOUNT IN TOWER COLLAPSE

Mayor Fights Carpet Treaty

Sees City 'Blighted' If Duty Is Cut

Loehr, Fitzpatrick Urge Commission To Prevent Any Tariff Reduction SPEAK AT CAPITAL Cotter To Lead Second Yonkers Delegation To Washington Next Friday

Special To The Herald Statesman WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—Foreseeing a "blighted" City of Yonkers if any reduction is made in tariffs on carpets or any duty-free rugs are allowed into this country under a trade pact with Czechoslovakia, Mayor Joseph F. Loehr today placed his protest to the proposed treaty before the tariff commission.

As hearings on the planned treaty opened today, Mr. Loehr and Congressman James M. Fitzpatrick (D.) of Bronx-Westchester were heard. They will be followed today by spokesmen for other industries.

Further protests Friday Further Yonkers protests will be laid before the tariff board next Friday when a delegation of Yonkers leaders, including Frank B. Cotter, Mr. Loehr's Republican rival in the election, will be heard.

Asks Welfare Protection Appealing to the Commission to protect the welfare of Yonkers by maintaining at least a protective tariff which would keep employment at the Alexander Smith and Son Carpet Company, Congressman Fitzpatrick declared:

"If the tariff rates are lowered it may cause this factory to close, which would almost ruin this city and bring hardship to thousands of its citizens. To me it does not seem possible that your committee would recommend the lowering of the tariff on carpets and rugs and bring about such a sad condition."

In keeping with President Roosevelt's efforts to raise the standards of living in the United States, Representative Fitzpatrick charged this "could not be done in this City of Yonkers, or any other part of our country where the carpet and rug factories are located if tariff rates are reduced."

"We in this country could not keep up our standard of living and compete with European cheap labor unless we have a tariff sufficient to protect our manufacturers and their employees," he stated.

Fitzpatrick said that communications from the Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, Exchange Club, and other civic organizations in Yonkers indicate their ready to protest against the lowering of the tariff rates on a commodity which affects the livelihood of the principal industry of that city.

Text Of Mayor's Talk Mayor Loehr said: "We are here to ask your honorable body not to include in this proposed Trade Treaty between the United States and Czechoslovakia the suggestion of duty-free carpets or of any tariff reduction on carpets."

"We have come here to protest and to oppose it on behalf of the citizens of the City of Yonkers, where, as you know, there is located the great mills of the Alexander Smith and Sons Carpet Company. The officials of this company, as well as their union-organized employees, are aroused over the very grave danger threatened to this industry. Vigorous opposition against this provision in the treaty has already been voiced by The Yonkers Herald Statesman and other Yonkers publications, and by our Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions Clubs, our Civic

Railway Line Bombed Near Gaza, Palestine

JERUSALEM, Oct. 25.—Fresh violence between Jews and Arabs was reported today, as a result of protests to the British proposal to partition Palestine. A bomb blew up the railroad tracks near Gaza last night shortly before a train arrived. There were no casualties. A young Jew was wounded seriously by gun fire in the mixed Jewish-Arab quarter of Jerusalem. Palestine police outposts were established in 18 Arab villages in the Jerusalem district and seven villages in the Gaza area. Two of the 'village' were fined \$250 each for damage done to the railroad tracks.

ANTI-CURFEWITES DISCONNECT ROPE

By The Associated Press GRANTS PASS, Ore., Oct. 25.—City councilmen decreed tonight curfew should be resumed, but:

Police refused to ring the bell, saying they couldn't leave their posts.

Firemen said they wouldn't ring it unless the council got them a new clock—they didn't want to be blamed for untimely tolling. They got the clock.

Came curfew time and a fireman tugged and tugged, but no curfew. Someone had disconnected the bell rope.

China Halts Tokio Drive At Shanghai

Japanese Admit Offensive Is Slowing Up—British To Fight Plane Attacks

By The Associated Press SHANGHAI, Oct. 25.—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's embattled Chinese armies stopped the Japanese juggernaut offensive today after six days and nights of heavy fighting on the Shanghai front. A Japanese army spokesman admitted that the general Japanese advance of "more than 100,000 men" aided by tanks, planes and continued bombardments was "slowed down."

Destruction of bridges, mining of highways, and acres of barbed wire entanglements halted the Japanese assault.

British authorities, as an aftermath of the slaying of a British soldier by a Japanese warplane yesterday ordered all defense posts to fire without hesitation in self-defense against any airplanes.

Simultaneously, British officials lodged two protests on the incident. Seven Americans and about a score of other foreigners were endangered yesterday when a Japanese plane sprayed machine gun bullets near the western edge of the International Settlement.

Bitter fighting amid the ruins of Tazang, strategic communication point about five miles north of Shanghai, still was in progress. Japanese asserted they had occupied villages west of Tazang.

Foreign military experts said they

Court Rejects Patterson Plea

By United Press WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—The Supreme Court, with Justice Hugo L. Black not participating, refused today to review the 75-year prison sentence imposed on Haywood Patterson, one of nine Negroes involved in the Scottsboro, Ala., assault cases.

No indication was given as to why Black did not participate in consideration of the case. The court simply noted in its orders that he did not sit in consideration of the requested appeal.

The refusal of the court to review Patterson's latest conviction was tantamount to upholding the lower court sentence.

In another important decision today, the court agreed to hear the Duke Power Company's challenge of the validity of Public Works Administration power loans.

Immediately after presenting its list of orders, the court recessed for two weeks.

Citizens' Committee Launched To Oppose City Manager Plan

William Ward Heads Group for 'Good Government' Organized Saturday—To Seek 1,000 Names in Opposition Drive

Organization of a "Citizens' Committee for Good Government" was announced today by William Ward of 280 Valentine Lane, who was elected chairman on Saturday at an executive committee meeting in the Park Building. The executive committee of eight, Mr. Ward said, hopes to organize a "Committee of One Thousand" within the next week in a determined effort to obtain the rejection of the proposed city manager charter at the polls Nov. 2. The Citizens' Committee for Good Government, he added, was formed "as a civic duty for the pro-

Loehr Splits With Cotter On Parking

Mayor Favors Experiment With Plan to Charge Motorists for Street Use

'NICKEL' MOVE HIT

G. O. P. Standard Bearer Says Automobile Owner Is Already 'Overtaxed'

Nickel-in-the-slot parking for Getty Square streets was today condemned by Common Council President Frank B. Cotter, Republican candidate for mayor, in his answer to The Herald Statesman question on traffic.

Mayor Joseph F. Loehr, Democratic standard bearer, suggested that "it might be quite possible to experiment by the installation of a few of these meters in certain localities, so that the effect of them could be ascertained."

The reference in each case was to a recent recommendation by the City Planning Commission that some 425 of these parking meters, costing about 35¢ apiece, be installed at Getty Square curbs as "the first necessary step toward a complete solution of the Yonkers parking problem." The commission suggested that shoppers in Getty Square stores, using the parking places, would pay the initial cost and thereafter contribute some \$25,000 a year to the city treasury.

Motorist Overtaxed "I am opposed to parking meters," said Mr. Cotter flatly. "The motorist is overtaxed."

Both candidates agreed that if there are ever to be slot machines for parking, the recommendation should come from the Police Department.

Both Mr. Loehr and Mr. Cotter cordially endorsed the model traffic ordinance proposed by the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce and now awaiting disposal by the Common Council.

Indeed, both candidates went even farther than the Chamber of Commerce, in advocating that the Common Council surrender its control over traffic and parking to the Police Department—a program which the chamber and the Merchants' Association formerly endorsed but which both organizations have given up for the present.

The new ordinance provides that the council give the police only "experimental" powers with rule changing, the limit for such effect to be 90 days.

Enforcement Favored Rigid enforcement of the present regulations by police is favored by both candidates.

Mr. Cotter declares himself in favor of city-owned parking spaces, property to be acquired through tax lien sales for the purpose. Private parking places for public use should be acquired only if the City Planning Commission recommends and finances permit, he adds.

Here are the questions and

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Red Purge Victims Increased To 1,141

By United Press MOSCOW, Oct. 25.—Sixteen more persons have been sentenced to death for "acts against the Soviet," bringing the total in Russia's "blood purge" to 1,141. It was disclosed today.

The latest sentences were for "grain wrecking" and "cattle wrecking."

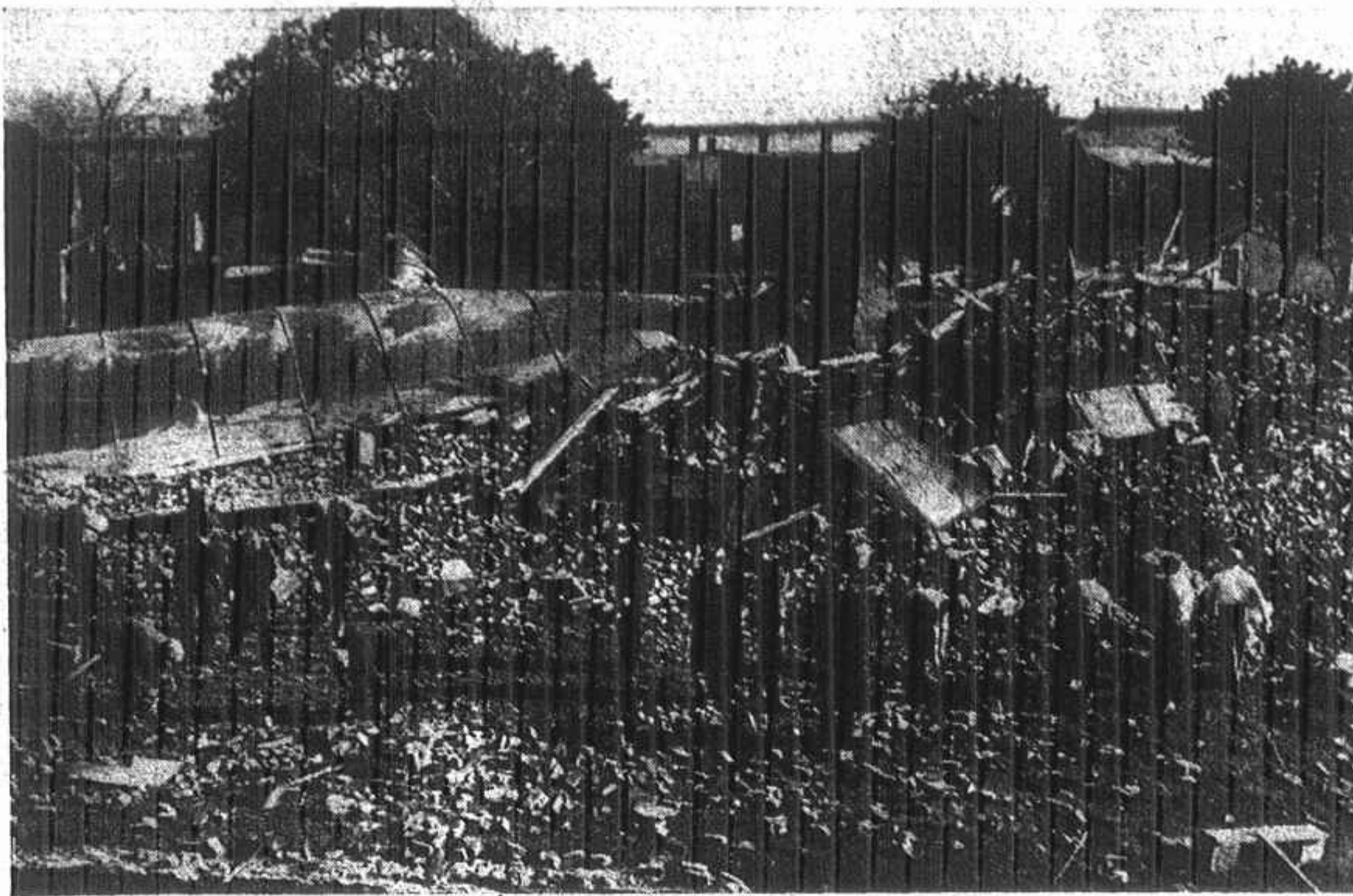
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Araki Asserts Japan Must Hit At Russia

TOKIO, Oct. 25.—Baron General Sadao Araki declared today that "it probably is necessary to strike directly at Russia" to eliminate the Communist influence which many Japanese consider the root of the present turmoil in China.

General Araki, who was Japan's first Minister of War during the Manchurian incident of 1932, recently emerged from retirement by way of Premier Prince Fumimaro Koyano's new brain trust.

NODINE HILL WATER TOWER DEBRIS BEING CLEARED AWAY



City workmen are shown clearing away the wreckage of the Nodine Hill water tower. The work of razing it, long advocated by residents of the hill, was accomplished in a few terrifying moments when it crumbled Saturday morning. A dozen persons were injured in the crash, which sent 100,000 gallons of water in a deluge down Elm Street. Flying debris damaged homes nearby.

'Gretna Green' Case Before Lehman

Jones, Democratic Candidate for District Attorney, Demands Governor Probe Failure to Try Murder Defendants Indicted During Coyne Administration

Special To The Herald Statesman ALBANY, Oct. 25.—The notorious "Gretna Green" murder of 1891, of Bob Watson, Westchester roadhouse proprietor, in which no trial of persons indicted has ever been held, today became an issue in the political campaign of that county, with a telegram before Governor Lehman demanding that he take action.

John R. Jones, Democratic candidate for District Attorney, is the author of the telegram to Governor Lehman. At the Executive Chambers it was admitted the telegram had been received, but it was said the Governor did not order an answer.

While the secretaries of the Governor declined to comment and the Governor himself could not be reached on the matter, it is anticipated the Governor will not answer until after election. He has heretofore held himself aloof from participation of local political matters of this kind.

The entry of the "Gretna Green" case into Westchester politics came 10 days ago when Frank A. Saparito, who had previously been managing the campaign of Supreme Court Justice Sydney A. Syme, Democrat, announced he would support Frank H. Coyne, Republican, for County Judge.

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French Airline Base Raided At Minorca Island

PARIS, Oct. 25.—A grey seaplane with a black cross on its fuselage machine gunned the air mail and seaplane base of the Air France Line at Fernells on the loyalist held island of Minorca today.

Fire from the plane set fire to Dispatch Boat No. 91, owned by Air France. The fire spread rapidly over the vessel. No one was injured as far as was known.

French Vessel Sunk

PERPIGNAN, France Oct. 25.—A new wave of "piracy" was reported today in the Mediterranean.

The French cargo vessel, Oued Mellah, was bombed and sunk by an unidentified airplane 50 miles east of the Balearic Islands. The crew was saved by two French destroyers.

The official Italian news agency reported, meanwhile, that an unidentified German steamer was torpedoed and sunk off Cartagena, on the Eastern Spanish coast. Details of the attack were not available.

An unidentified submarine was reported to have been bombed by an airplane 60 miles west of Cape Tenez, Algeria. The "attack" was explained by the British Admiralty, which said a British flying boat was dropping practice bombs on "name floats."

Franco Masses Forces HENDAYE, Franco-Spanish Frontier, Oct. 25.—Insurgent Generalissimo Francisco Franco today began massing troops at Zaragoza for an offensive to cut Catalonia

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GRINDSTONE KILLS TWO

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Oct. 25.—Louise Matthews, 67-year-old, and her grandfather, A. J. Matthews, 61-year-old, were dead today of injuries suffered when an overheated grindstone exploded in a grist mill.

PEG LEG BETRAYS HENHOUSE RAIDER

By The Associated Press MIAMI, Fla., Oct. 25.—When Deputy Sheriff A. L. Buford found footprints near a henhouse consisting of an alternate track and a round hole, he arrested a one-legged man known as "dot and dash."

The prisoner explained he must have been "framed" by a chicken thief who used a still to throw police off the trail.

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Manager Group Points Way To Cut Tax Bills

Executive Might Abolish Safety Commissioner Job and Save \$7,000, Claim

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Labor Leaders Map Procedure On Truce Talks

Harrison and Murray Give Joint Statement After Preliminary Discussion

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—Representatives of the Committee of Industrial Organization and the American Federation of Labor, seeking a basis for ending their two year labor war, today successfully negotiated preliminary barriers to discussions and agreed to meet again at 2 P. M.

The three A. F. of L. delegates, spokesmen for 3,600,000 organized workers, and 10 representatives of the C. I. O. who claimed to speak for 3,700,000 members, said that during a closed morning session they decided upon procedure to be followed in their peace conference.

Completing the first discussions in a hotel suite, the two delegations separated as they recessed at 11:35 A. M. and began individual caucuses.

Emerging from the suite, George M. Harrison, leader of the Federation delegation, and Philip Murray, chairman of the C. I. O. conference, collaborated in a joint statement. They said: "We spent the morning discussing the procedure which will be followed and we will meet again at 2 P. M."

"We are not lying to you. That's

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Cotter Hits Rival Over Tower Fall

'Not a Dime' of \$13,000,000 Given City, Spent to Prevent Collapse, He Says

The Loehr administration used \$13,000,000 in state and federal funds for various projects here but could not find "a dime" to safeguard the Nodine Hill water tower and prevent its collapse, Aldermanic President Frank B. Cotter, Republican candidate for mayor, told three weekend campaign rallies.

His accusation that responsibility for the collapse of the tower, on Saturday morning, with subsequent injuries and dangers to Fifth Ward residents, must be laid at the doorstep of the Loehr regime, came after former Mayor Ulrich Wiesenlander predicted "a majority" for Mr. Cotter in the Sixth Ward.

Mr. Cotter took to task Mayor Loehr and his administration for the Nodine Hill tower crash before 150 members of the Hungarian Republican Club in the Fourth Ward Saturday night; before the Nepperhan Republican Club last night at 3 Monroe Street, and at a Sixth Ward house meeting last night at 243 Edwards Place.

"Not a Dime" In Tower. "The dilapidated condition of that tower was brought to the at-

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MARKS GOES ON TRIAL

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Lawrence Marks, forty-nine, went on trial today on charges of first degree murder in the attack-slaying of eight-year-old Paula Margotta in Brooklyn last July 31.

Assistant Corporation Counsel Harold T. Garrity spent the weekend compiling data for use in the event legal actions are brought against the city, he said.

Prosecutor John J. Breslin refused to comment on the significance of the trip by his first assistant, William B. Mehler. It was understood Mehler would question two pawnbrokers who might be able to supply information on the owner of the gun used in the murder.

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STRAW POLL RESULTS

SIXTH WARD

Table with columns: Ward Total, Vote, For Mayor, For Council President, For Comptroller, For Justices of the Peace, For Assembly (4th Dist.), For Assembly (5th Dist.), For City Manager, Yes, No.

Injury Toll Rises To 12; Open Probe

Building Superintendent Orders Family to Leave Badly Damaged House HOME LOSS \$5,000

Only Four Structures on 'Worst' Tally Prepared by Brady and His Aides

Building Superintendent John A. Brady today announced he had ordered Michael Hudak and his family to vacate their home at 301 Prescott Street because, he said, it was made unsafe by extensive damage wrought when the Nodine Hill water tower fell down Saturday morning.

This one-family, two-and-a-quarter-story frame building, the Superintendent said, was the worst damaged in the neighborhood—its estimated loss being \$2,500.

Mr. Brady limited structural damage—to private buildings, exclusive of their contents or surroundings—to a total of \$5,000.

Mr. Brady's official checkup, in which he was assisted by five departmental aides, was the first of a series of investigations which were launched to determine the cause, the extent and other phases of the tower's sudden collapse.

Debris Cleared Away Public Works Department groups, assisted by workers assigned from the Works Progress Administration and the National Youth Administration, were busy all weekend cleaning up debris from the Nodine Hill sector—particularly along Elm Street, Prescott Street, Alder Street and Henrietta Street.

The private homes and the public streets were given preference, as the cleanup gangs pushed much of the material onto public property at the site of the accident, leaving that problem for later.

No word was forthcoming from City Hall as to the investigation into the cause of the collapse, ordered by Mayor Joseph F. Loehr. It was revealed today there was a slight earthquake in the metropolitan sector on Saturday morning, but—according to Fordham University reports to city officials—it did not occur till 8:12 A. M., while the tower's collapse was at exactly 7:53 A. M.

Thousands of persons appeared at the scene throughout the weekend, hundreds of them with cameras. Police had special men assigned to handle the crowds of spectators.

Three More Injured Meanwhile three more casualties were reported to the authorities, lifting the toll of injured from the tower's collapse to 12. Nine had been reported in Saturday's Herald Statesman, none of whom were in serious condition today.

The added victims were announced by police as follows: MRS. MARY BARTHEL, thirty-nine, of 1111th Street, suffered neck fracture when she was struck by a window and hit her leg.

EDMOND THOMPSON, thirty-six, of 18 Dinwiddie Street, suffered neck fracture when he was pushed against a woodshed. Treated by Dr. Lawrence Fossell of St. John's Riverside Hospital Saturday afternoon.

MRS. HELEN DIETZEL, forty-six, of 29 Henrietta Street, struck, retained medical attention.

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New Redwood Clue Sought In Pittsburgh

HACKENSACK, N. J., Oct. 25.—A member of the Bergen County Prosecutor's staff left today for Pittsburgh, giving rise to reports of progress in the inquiry into the slaying of Norman Redwood, labor leader, eight months ago.

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Four Homes Damaged

He said these were confined to the following: 1. Home of Michael Hudak at 301 Prescott Street, \$2,500—several large pieces of lower plus loose brick struck the rear (southwest) corner of the building; also the side of the structure, the rear support, rear stairway and part of the side wall and rear wall carried away. The building was hit hard enough to "break off water pipes, move fur-

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