

BREAK IN ALLIED RANKS EXPECTED TODAY

Franc Holds Balance in Republic

Uprising of People Is Feared if Currency Follows Course of German Mark.

Bonds Readily Bought

By MARK SULLIVAN. Washington, Aug. 1.—Just as soon as the issue between France and Britain takes a definite turn, as seems probable this week, the internal condition of Germany will enter simultaneously on a new phase. Assuming that the outcome of the relations between France and Britain is that the two countries are not going to agree, and assuming that the new internal phase in Germany will point toward the breakup of the empire, there will then follow a new phase of internal French politics and especially of French finance.

Youth, Cut in Two at Waist by Train, Lives and Talks 20 Minutes

By Associated Press. Watsonville, Cal., Aug. 1.—Carl Lee, 19, was run over and cut in two at the waist by a train on which he was a stowaway near here early today, yet he not only lived 20 minutes, but was conscious long enough to talk in detail to hospital attendants. He gave his age and home address and explained that he was "beating his way" about the country. He said his mother was Mrs. Nettle Lee, Route 0, Box 174, Indianapolis. He was attempting to alight from the train, he added, when he fell under the wheels. Physicians said the lad displayed extraordinary vitality and courage. He died stoically.

Baldwin to Permit Parley for Parley

British Premier Would Negotiate War Settlement Direct With Berlin—Cabinet Discusses Problem. France Standing Alone

By Universal Service. London, Aug. 1.—The eve of the parliamentary recess finds the government in the throes of an ominous crisis forced by Premier Baldwin's peremptory refusal to consider any proposal by Great Britain for a solution, not only of the German reparations question, but other problems growing out of the world war. As the result of four months of fruitless negotiations, Premier Baldwin and Foreign Minister Lord Curzon, having exhausted every effort to preserve the badly shattered entente, will be forced tomorrow to ask the support of parliament to conduct negotiations direct with Berlin for a complete settlement. The cabinet tonight held its fourth session in 48 hours and will meet again tomorrow just before the prime minister enters the house to make his fatal statement. It is learned that when the die is cast, Premier Mussolini, whose overtures to France for a compromise were also curtly rejected, will line up Italy behind Great Britain.

Low Profits Snag in Rate Slash Plan

Grain Exporters' Views Differ From Omahans' on Reduction Proposal, Gorman Says in Reply.

Committee to Carry On

The reply of the executives of 17 railroads operating in grain-growing states, to a request for a reduction of 25 per cent in export wheat rates, has been released from Chicago. The reply to the Omaha committee of the Chamber of Commerce and the Omaha Grain exchange was forwarded by J. E. Gorman, president of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad, who presided at the conference of railway executives Monday. The letter was received by the Chamber of Commerce committee Tuesday morning, but the committee decided not to release the letter here until a reply had been prepared. The special committee will meet this noon at the Chamber of Commerce. The refusal to grant the reduction of export rates will not be the last word so far as the Omaha committee is concerned. The letter written by President Gorman and read Tuesday noon to the Omaha committee follows: Carefully Considered. The question has since the receipt of your advice dated July 25, received careful consideration at the hands of the carriers, there being a full realization of the very great importance of the subject. Canvassed, however, the matter among the grain exporting trade, develops quite a difference of views as compared with those which have been expressed by yourself. Various experienced and well-posted grain dealers take the position that if the proposed reduction in American rail rates were actually accomplished, as predicted thereupon, lower quotations than otherwise would have been made and appear abroad, and these reduced quotations would be immediately met by corresponding quotations from Argentina, Canada and other countries who possess an exportable surplus of wheat, grown on cheaper lands and with cheaper labor than is obtainable in the United States. Under these conditions we are informed that the effect of the proposed reduction will be to decrease the revenue of the American carriers, which decreases will be absorbed by the European dealer or consumer, which of course, would not stimulate the movement abroad of American wheat, which otherwise would take place. Earnings Fall Off. Since the passage of the transportation act of 1920, the carriers in the western group have earned far below the rate of return contained by the law. Thus the actual rate of return has been for the year 1922, 3.59 per cent; for the year 1921, 4.93 per cent; first five months of 1923, 2.6 per cent. Under these conditions, the feeling was generally entertained at today's meeting that the western carriers were not in position to stand the heavy reduction of 25 per cent on export wheat and flour as it is proposed by your committee, and especially since the results flowing therefrom, according to our best information, appear to be problematical. Moreover, if this reduction were made in the rates of wheat and flour, for export, it would undoubtedly call for corresponding reductions in the rates for export on coarse grain and products, if not in the rates on domestic grain and products and also, judging the future by the past, it might be difficult to limit the reductions by making them expire with January 30, 1924.

Omahan, Once Wealthy, Attempts to End Life

Louis Jankowski, 1420 Military avenue, formerly wealthy property owner and commission merchant in Omaha, attempted suicide by cutting his throat in his home Wednesday. Discouragement over the loss of his money is believed to have prompted his act. His son, Louis Jankowski, Jr., employed by the Robert Dempster company, said that his father had been brooding a great deal of late and that the family had fears for his sanity. He is said to have contemplated suicide for some time. It is believed he will recover. He was taken to the Methodist hospital. He has a wife and two children.

Store Porter Killed in Fall From Scaffold

George Carpenter, 824 South Twenty-fourth street, porter at the Orchard & Wilhelm store, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon when he fell from a scaffold on which he was standing while washing a wall on the second floor of the building. He suffered a fractured skull. Carpenter was standing on a plank, one end of which rested on a window sill and the other end on a balance scale. The ladder slipped and he fell down a stairway. He was dead when physicians arrived.

Fall of Mark Causes Food Shortage in Ruhr

Düsseldorf, Aug. 1.—The effects of the fall of the mark are beginning to show themselves in a pronounced food shortage throughout the Ruhr. The farmers are refusing to exchange good potatoes for badly depreciated money, and other staples are almost unobtainable at any price. The farmers will not bring to town anything that will keep. This is true not only in the Ruhr, but elsewhere in Germany. The situation has become so acute that an aggravation of the present shortage, it is felt, would make food riots not improbable.

Rancher Shot to Death

Leadville, Colo., Aug. 1.—Joseph Dunn, 60 years old, widely known rancher, was shot to death today by Thomas H. Walker, 33, during an exchange of rifle bullets that followed a dispute over cattle, according to Walker's story to the sheriff. Walker's ranch, near Malta, Colo., three miles from Leadville, was the scene of the shooting.

Chilly at Miles City

Miles City, Mont., Aug. 1.—A new low temperature record for August 1 was established here today when the thermometer at 6 o'clock this morning recorded 59 degrees above zero and fell to 48 at 9:20 o'clock, according to T. E. Gull, in charge of the United States weather bureau office.

Switzerland Notes Sold

New York, Aug. 1.—J. P. Morgan & Co. today announced that the subscription books to the \$20,000,000 three years, 5 per cent government of Switzerland notes had been closed.

Why Keep the Spotlight on That Bird? Isn't There Anyone Else in the Chorus That Can Sing?



Court Holds No War in Ireland

Dublin, Aug. 1.—A state of war does not exist in Ireland, the court of appeals decided today, in giving its judgment in the case of Mrs. Nora Connolly O'Brien, reversing the opinion of the master of the rolls of the chancery division, who held that civil war did exist in Ireland on June 15. Today's decision was looked forward to with great interest and its announcement caused much excitement as it governs the position of thousands of prisoners held by the government under the plea of military necessity. The attorney general made strenuous efforts to convince the court that the rebellion was not over and might break out again but the court was emphatic and its decision that a state of war does not exist and that the government has no authority to deny its citizens the privileges of a writ of habeas corpus. Despite his decision, it is regarded as unlikely that there will be any general release of prisoners as the government, anticipating the court's decision, has passed through almost all the stages in the draft and senate a bill legally authorizing it to continue imprisonments and other repressive measures for three months. The court made a writ of habeas corpus, sought by Mrs. O'Brien's attorney, returnable tomorrow. She has been in prison for some time.

Priests' Kin Plead Guilty to Liquor Law Violation

Denver, Colo., Aug. 1.—John R. Walsh of Denver entered a plea of guilty in the United States district court here today to charges of illegal possession of liquor and conspiracy to violate the liquor laws. He was fined \$250 on each count. He is a brother-in-law of Father Walter A. Grace, Denver priest, found guilty here last week of forging an application for a government permit to ship liquor into Colorado. Grace, Walsh and Mrs. Katherine O'Connor, Denver society woman, all were indicted by a federal grand jury in Pueblo last June on charges growing out of the shipment of a quantity of liquor destined for the J. K. Miller home for the aged. The government alleged the liquor never reached the home, but found its way into the homes of wealthy Denver people.

Price of Gasoline Cut 2 Cents in San Francisco

San Francisco, Aug. 1.—The price of gasoline was slashed 2 cents a gallon here today by the large distributing companies. The new price is 17 cents a gallon. On scrip books the price is 16 cents a gallon. A similar cut was announced at Los Angeles, where it was expected the independents engaged in a price war would retaliate with cuts as low as 10 cents a gallon. There the independents have been selling gas from 11 to 17 cents for some time.

Denver Bank Officers Plan to Plead Guilty

Denver, Colo., Aug. 1.—Leo P. Floyd, secretary, and John Harrington, teller, of the Hibernia Bank and Trust company, will plead guilty to charges of larceny by embezzlement when they are arraigned in court tomorrow morning, the Denver Post says. Floyd and Harrington are accused of being tools of Maurice Mandell, Denver broker, who is alleged to have obtained \$441,000 which was fished from the bank.

Governor Davis' Hat in Ring

Chicago, Aug. 1.—While friends of Governor Jonathan H. Davis of Kansas have put his hat in the ring for the democratic presidential nomination, the governor, who refrained from commenting to any great extent upon the boom his supporters have launched, was on his way today to Kansas City after spending two days here on state business. While asserting that he had no political ambitions, the governor indicated that he would gladly accept any position in which he could be of service to his country, including the presidency.

Pastor Is Found Dead in Girl's Room in Hotel

Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 1.—Under the sheltering arms of a great white cross in the cemetery of the church at Superior, Wis., over which he presided for 18 years as pastor, the body of the Rev. N. J. Lockren will be laid to rest Thursday, leaders of the church decided here today, on the theory that he was not in his "right mind" when he came to Minneapolis Sunday and registered at a second rate lodging house with a woman, to whose room he was found dead Tuesday. Sorrowing friends, brother pastors of the Norwegian Lutheran congregations of the northwest, which number several millions, and his family today requested an examination of the stomach of the dead man, in an effort to confirm their hope that he was drugged and misled, rather than a deliberate offender against the code of morals which he preached to his parishioners of Concordia congregation at Superior, who loved and respected him. In response the police sent the stomach today to the chemistry department of the University of Minnesota for analysis. Brother ministers in Minneapolis and officers of his own church, who arrived this morning from Superior to claim the body, made the decision to have the internment at the church cemetery, with the usual services of the denomination. Ruth Williams, 23, who has a police record, in whose room, disrobed, the body of the minister was found, was formally charged with vagrancy today by Minneapolis police. L. O. Rue, Minneapolis attorney for the Norwegian Lutheran church of America, is investigating the circumstances of the death today.

Man Acquainted With Six Generations of Family Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee

Hastings, Neb., Aug. 1.—M. Reese, 80, Kearney, has become acquainted with the sixth generation of the family of the pastor Rev. Noel J. Breed. He knew intimately the great-grandfather of the pastor, who was born in the year that the Declaration of Independence was signed and was acquainted with each succeeding generation down to the minister and his young son, whom he met for the first time here Sunday. Mr. Breed recently assumed the pastorate of the church here and Mr. Reese came from Kearney especially to make his acquaintance.

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5 Hurt in Auto Crash

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 1.—Five persons were injured, two critically, in a motor accident here early today, when their car turned over while travelling at high speed. Mrs. Lottie Burdall, 36, of Lansdowne, and Ralph Saunders, 48, of Clifton Heights, are not expected to live.

2,000,000 Walk to Work in Jersey

New York, Aug. 1.—Two million workers in New Jersey municipalities walked to work this morning. The strike of 6,300 motormen and conductors and shopmen employed by the Public Service Railway company went into effect at midnight. The strikers demand a 20 per cent wage increase. Not a wheel turned on the trolley company's entire system, Thomas McCarter, president of the corporation, told International News Service this morning. The city officials in Jersey City, Newark, Camden, New Brunswick, Paterson, Elizabeth, Hoboken, Denville, East Orange and scores of smaller communities took command of the situation in their localities. They put automobiles, motor trucks, buses and even wagons into service in an effort to relieve the situation. The strike affected employees, approximately 1,500,000 workers in about 5,000 manufacturing plants, including the central establishments of many of the nation's greatest industries. Another 500,000 workers use the trolleys daily commuting to New York. The opening of the strike was without disorder.

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Early-Night Bulletin Reports Him Resting Completely After a Somewhat Restless Day—Temperature Reaches Normal With Pulse Varying From 116 to 120 and Respiration From 36 to 40.

Return Trip Through Omaha Is Favored

Presidential Headquarters, Palace Hotel, San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 1.—The official bulletin issued at 4:50 p. m. said: "The president is now resting comfortably after a somewhat restless day. The temperature reached normal during the day and the pulse has varied from 116 to 120 and the respiration from 36 to 40. There is evidence of slight improvement in the lung condition. Otherwise there is no marked change. "C. E. SAWYER, M. D. "RAY LYMAN WILBUR, M. D. "J. T. MOONEY, M. D. "HUBERT WORTH, M. D." Slowly Winning Fight. President Harding is slowly, but surely, winning his way back to health. Every official statement from the attending physicians today contained evidences of improvement and every report from the sick room told of steady progress. The result is that tonight the cautious physicians are almost ready to announce that all danger is passed. They recognize, however, as they said in a bulletin issued shortly after 10 today, that "every care is necessary to assure freedom from further complications." With this situation existing, there was a settling down during the day to the task of bringing about a complete recovery—a task that will require an indefinite number of days, most of which will be spent here in San Francisco. The headquarters, hurriedly established here last Sunday morning, were altered in some respects to promote efficiency and so that there may be the same smooth running conditions that obtain at the White house in Washington.

Choice Flowers and Fruit Sent President by Luther Burbank

By International News Service. San Francisco, Aug. 1.—Among the abundance of gifts flowing in on President and Mrs. Harding at their temporary residence in the Palace hotel today were two big baskets from Luther Burbank, Santa Rosa plant wizard. From his gardens, Burbank personally selected his choicest lilies, carnations, pinkies, gladioli and other flowers to make up one basket, and in the other he placed specimens of his choicest peaches, nectarines, plums and other fruit, each piece of which he picked himself with loving care. The baskets were addressed to Mrs. Harding and accompanied by Burbank's best wishes for the president's speedy recovery. The amount of nourishment taken by the chief executive during the day still was small, but as one of the physicians said, "quite sufficient." It continued to consist of milk, soft boiled eggs, a little toast and fruit juices. Elimination was satisfactory and for the first time was described as "regular." Another indication of progress was that he received his first visitor in two days, Mrs. E. E. Remsburg of Santa Ana, Cal., his sister. She, with her daughters, Katherine and Nell Marie, arrived in San Francisco early in the day, and shortly before noon she spent several minutes in her brother's room, but was requested by the physicians not to talk with him, as it might tire him. She said there was every indication that the president had been "a very sick man." At the request of Mrs. Harding, she and her daughters took quarters in the hotel and were the guests of Mrs. Harding at luncheon. Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Remsburg said, had stood the strain very well. It was learned from other sources that Brigadier General Sawyer, the president's personal physician, and Lieut. Com. Joel T. Boone, assistant to Dr. Sawyer, are not unmindful of the lessening of the strain reactive effects of the president's illness might be felt by Mrs. Harding, who for the last year has been far from normal health. Daugherty at Hotel. Attorney General Daugherty also arrived during the day, having hurried here from Seattle where the president's illness became alarming. He spent some time in the presidential suite and although perhaps closer to the chief executive than any person in San Francisco, excepting members of Mr. Harding's family, he did not see the president. He took rooms at another hotel, as he has a number of matters of official business to take care of, but will frequently inquire as to the progress of the president. Plans for the future, following the restoration of the president's strength, continued to be discussed by members of the party, and the plan seemingly most favored at this stage is for a return to Washington by what is commonly known as the overland route. In such an event, the presidential train would make no attempt at speed, would run on a schedule that would take it through heated valleys and across the desert during the cool hours of the night so far as possible, and at other times stop for the night, so that the rest of the president might not be disturbed. There was no attempt to fix any date for departure from San Francisco, for manifestly the president's present condition will not permit it, as encouraging as it appeared today to be.

President Likely to Stop Here Overnight

Possibly that President Harding may stop overnight in Omaha on his trip from San Francisco to the White House, which is to be made as soon as he is well enough to travel, was voiced Wednesday following receipt by local railroad officials of telegraphic dispatches from the presidential headquarters at the Palace hotel, San Francisco. R. B. Howell and other leading republicans are ready to make plans to receive the president. The route east was expected to be via Ogden, Utah, Omaha and from Chicago to Washington.

Frisco Finds Gay Attire Not Out of Place After All

San Francisco, Aug. 1.—San Francisco yesterday morning, a bit apprehensive that it had dressed too gaily for what it then appeared might turn out a very sad occasion, listened yesterday afternoon to news that its guest of honor was in better health and decided that her frippieties of flags and bunting, lights and color effects would not be out of place after all. For President Harding was better and those who had proposed elimination of at least the electric lights and fountain displays in the civic center because he was ill were voted down. The flags will stay up in the streets, the lights will continue to blaze forth and the color effects will continue to glow. So said Mayor James Rolph, Jr., who asserted that the display had been made in honor of President Harding and that it would continue as long as the executive remained in the city.

No Interruption in Prosperity, Says Gary

New York, Aug. 1.—From the standpoint of the manufacturer this country should be well satisfied with its present business situation, according to Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel corporation. There is nothing to indicate an interruption to progress in the immediate future, Mr. Gary said yesterday after announcing that in the three months ended June 30, the company's operating profits were \$47,858,181, more than \$5,000,000 in excess of unofficial estimates.

3-Day Freight Service Started on Rock Island

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 1.—A three-day local freight service on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad through Lincoln, between Fairbury and Council Bluffs, will go into effect Monday, August 6, in place of the present daily service. Road officials state that the light business does not warrant daily service.

Prisoner Makes Good Pledge to Judge to Secure Freedom

Madrid, Aug. 1.—Just one year ago Romeo Pickman, a handsome Spanish youth, told the judge on being sentenced to imprisonment for larceny and numerous frauds on Spanish banks, that to the extent of 200,000 pesetas, that in one year he would be free. He was committed to prison and subsequently removed to a criminal asylum; but, on the actual announcement of his conviction he has escaped and completely disappeared.

Rain Saves Corn

Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 1.—Much of the Iowa corn crop was saved from injury when rain fell over the greater part of the state.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m., August 1, 1923.

Temperature	Relative Humidity	Percentage
Highest, 72; lowest, 53; mean, 65; normal, 77.	72	78
Precipitation, inches and hundredths.	0.0	0.0
Total, 24 hours since January 1, 1923.	0.0	0.0
Deficiency, 2.26		
Hourly Temperatures.		
8 A. M.	60	88
9 A. M.	62	85
10 A. M.	65	80
11 A. M.	68	75
12 M.	70	72
1 P. M.	72	68
2 P. M.	73	65
3 P. M.	74	62
4 P. M.	74	60
5 P. M.	73	58
6 P. M.	72	56
7 P. M.	70	54
8 P. M.	68	52
9 P. M.	65	50
10 P. M.	62	48
11 P. M.	60	46
12 M.	58	44