

## UNCLE SAM AIMS TO STRENGTHEN DRY FORCES RHEINLAND REPUBLIC MOVE SLOWLY SPREADING

### Outbreaks Few Over Secession

Coblentz, Seat of Army of Occupation, Willing to Line Up With Separatists.

Berlin's Plight Worse

By Universal Service.

Berlin, Oct. 22.—The separatists continued the extension of the new Rhineland republic today by taking possession of the administration of several additional towns and cities in the occupied regions.

Little bloodshed was reported in the wide movement for the establishment of the republic, the most serious early clash occurring this morning when the secessionist troops marched into Mayence. Two casualties were reported by the separatists following a brisk firing which greeted them at the city gates. The troops were later withdrawn to the outskirts to avoid further clashes.

Mayence has thus far refused to accede to the separatist demand that it join the secessionists. Later in the forenoon rioting broke out at Wanne and in the scuffle two separatists were killed and six communists injured.

Cavalry Is Attacked.

When the separatist cavalry entered Meisen it was greeted with shots from a mob which gathered to oppose it. The cavalry returned the shots. Several were wounded on both sides.

Towns and cities seized by the separatist forces now include Juelich, Crefeld, Muenchen-Gladbach, Roekeln, Brackeln, Mayence, Russelheim, Bernstede, Saarburg, Eaden, Fromont, and Montfort, besides Aix La Chappelle, the seat of the original movement Sunday.

At Coblentz, the former seat of the American occupational forces, there was a strong movement for joining the Rhine republic, and a great crowd assembled early today urging the mayor to accede to the movement. The mayor refused, declaring: "I know only one republic and that is the Reich."

Dr. Leo Deckers, prime mover in the separatist program, today assured the movement of French and Belgian friendship from the French and Belgian official forces, by declaring: "We seek to establish a free and neutral Rhineland like Luxembourg was before the war. We recognize the Versailles treaty and guarantee that the Rhineland will pay its share of reparations."

"Billions" Replace "Millions."

By Associated Press.

Berlin, Oct. 22.—Scenes approaching a panic took place on the bourse today and at one time there was some question of closing the bourse. The tragic political situation sent the dollar up to 47 billion marks after the official rates had been quoted. The prices of securities were so low that the possessor of large quantities of paper marks tried their utmost to rid themselves of them, while the holders of securities refused to sell for paper marks.

With the rise of the dollar, food prices reached fantastic heights and the word "millions" is gradually disappearing, as scarcely anything can be purchased under billions. Many of the stallholders in the public markets preferred not to open today for fear of being plundered, while others anxiously sold their goods from behind the protection of iron shutters.

Butter was disposed of in limited quantities at 49 billion marks per pound, and it is announced that the price of a loaf of bread will be 6 billion tomorrow to 5 billion.

### Theodore Roosevelt, as Cowboy, Accepted Challenge to Duel

New York, Oct. 22.—Theodore Roosevelt, during his career as a cowboy on the Dakota prairies, accepted a formal challenge to a duel with a French nobleman, but the incident never came to the fighting stage. It is shown in hitherto unknown correspondence of the former president.

The letter was found by Mrs. Roosevelt in her husband's papers at Sagamore Hill and was loaned by her to the Roosevelt memorial association.

The nobleman, whose name was Antoine De Vallombrosa, harbored a suspicion that Roosevelt was his enemy and when he was indicted for murder, Roosevelt urged his prosecution. Receiving the nobleman's challenge, Roosevelt wrote on the back of the letter in characteristic manner that he "was always on hand." It developed the Frenchman's threat was merely a bluff.

The colonel's letter said: "Most emphatically I am not your enemy; if I were you would know it, for I would be an open one, and would not have asked you to my house, nor gone to yours. As your final words, however, seem to imply a threat, it is due to myself to say that the statement is not made through any fear of possible consequences to me; I too, as you know, am always on hand and ever ready to hold myself accountable in any way for anything I have said or done.

"Yours very truly,  
"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

### Pinchot Is Virtually Candidate

Aspect of Taft-Roosevelt Break in 1924 Race Over Dry Law Enforcement.

Up to Coolidge to Act

By MARK SULLIVAN

Washington, Oct. 22.—In considering the developments about prohibition during the past week, if you stay within safe limits, about all you can say is that there has arisen the makings of a parallel to the Taft-Roosevelt fight of 1912. But in saying this, if exaggeration is to be avoided, emphasis must be laid on several exceptions to the parallel.

The Coolidge-Pinchot situation, whatever the extent of its future developments, will not go to the length of Pinchot leading a third party. If there is any third party next year, its leader will be Henry Ford, and even that outcome cannot yet be described as probable.

It is not even certain yet that Pinchot is or will be a candidate against Coolidge for the republican nomination. When reporters discuss that point with Pinchot's personal supporters, and with the church leaders whose spokesman he has made himself, all they say is that Pinchot will be a candidate unless Coolidge provides enough action—not enough assurance, but enough accomplished action—to satisfy those who demand stricter enforcement of the prohibition law.

It's Going to Be Uphill Work if We're All Going to Drag Our Feet



### Muny Water Quiz Begun at City Hall

Chance of Another Emergency to Be Probed at Hearing, Board Member Says.

Cause of Break Is Told

An investigation into the water emergency which occurred during the week of August 21, was started yesterday afternoon in the city council chamber. W. J. Coad of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Utilities district, presided. Other members of the board present were Frank J. Burkle, Fred D. Wood, J. C. Dahlman, C. M. Wilhelm and R. B. Howell.

The city council was represented by Commissioners Joseph Koutsky and H. W. Dunn. Members of the municipal affairs committee of the Chamber of Commerce, also were in attendance. J. L. Webster, counsel for the utilities board, read reports submitted by Prince and Nixon, engineers engaged by the utilities board, and reports from General Manager Howell and C. D. Robinson, engineer in charge of operations. With the reading of these reports the first session was adjourned to this afternoon at 3.

In calling the meeting to order, Chairman Coad announced: "The purpose of this hearing is to determine the cause and also to determine whether there is a probability of a recurrence of what occurred on August 21. The board of directors is anxious to lay the books open and give wide scope to this investigation. If there is anything wrong, the board welcomes constructive criticism.

Queries Welcomed.

"The directors have worked hard to keep the water plant in the best condition. We are anxious that anyone shall ask questions to throw light on the condition of the water plant at the time of the muddy water. This investigation will be on broad lines."

Mr. Coad's statement was approved by W. W. Carmichael, speaking for the Chamber of Commerce, and Commissioner Koutsky for the city council. (Turn to Page Two, Column Three.)

### Leggers Fire Into Home of Dry Agent

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 22.—Slowing up their high powered car to lesson its hum and get a better chance to fire a shot through Prohibition Agent H. A. Paris' sitting room window early this morning, the bullet crashing through scener and window and barely missing the head of his son, William Paris.

It was the second attempt at murder by enemies of prohibition agents within a week. Hijackers slugged and fractured A. E. Whitney's skull during a raid on a brewery last week.

There is no doubt in the minds of Paris or his chief, M. L. Harney, that someone was seeking to "get" the agent or his son or both, as the younger man often has helped his father run down bootleggers.

### Auto Plunges From Viaduct; Pilot May Die

Frank Graves, 29, living at Forty-ninth and Y streets, was injured, probably mortally, when his automobile crashed through the wooden railing of a viaduct at Forty-second and G streets at 10 Monday morning and plunged 50 feet to the tracks below.

The car was badly damaged, but was not demolished.

Graves was taken to St. Joseph hospital, where doctors entertained but slight hope for his life. Cause of the accident is undetermined.

Suddenly Veers About.

According to W. L. Dickerson, an employee of the Sample-Hart Motor company, who was riding behind Graves' car in another machine, driven by V. T. Briley, Graves' machine suddenly veered at about the middle of the viaduct, crashed through the sidewalk and crashed through the railing and disappeared.

Dickerson declared the wheels must have become caught in a rut, or that the steering gear had broken. The car turned over in the air and fell on Graves.

### Uni Students Wed, Father of Bride Asks Annulment

Ceremony at Sidney, Ia.—Girl Gave Her Age as 19—Parent Says She's Only 17.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Lincoln, Oct. 22.—The course of true love is sometimes long and stony, as Mr. and Mrs. Morris Roberts, students at the University of Nebraska, have found, to their sorrow.

Last Saturday Mrs. Roberts, formerly Mary Burnham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Burnham, prominent society people of Lincoln, and young Roberts, drove to Sidney, Ia., accompanied by two friends, and were married, after Miss Burnham represented her age to be 19.

Her father says she is only 17, and is seeking an annulment of the marriage.

Roberts came into prominence here several weeks ago as a passenger with Henry Branch, Jr., of this city, when young Branch struck a taxi-cab and failed to stop. Branch has been forbidden to drive a motor car for two years by Judge Stewart of the district court, as a result.

A rumor that Mrs. Roberts would be taken from the university and sent east to school could not be verified, Mr. Burnham saying that no definite plans for his daughter had been made.

Mrs. Roberts is a freshman at the university and a pledge of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. Roberts is a sophomore and a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

### Iowa Prosperous, Ad Men Shown

Thirty Eastern Agency Representatives Taken on Tour of Farms and Colleges.

By Associated Press.

Des Moines, Ia., Oct. 22.—Representatives of nearly 30 eastern advertising agencies learned for themselves yesterday that Iowa is highly prosperous.

The agency representatives came here at the request of members of the daily newspaper section of the Iowa Press association, who felt that a false impression had been created in the east and in other parts of the country by the utterances of politicians and others who have said that the people of this section verge on bankruptcy.

Yesterday's meetings included a tour of central Iowa by automobile, during which the visitors were given an opportunity to visit model farms, prosperous towns and villages and to inspect the Iowa State college at Ames.

The advertising men were welcomed to Ames by President R. A. Pearson of the college, who, in answer to a question as to the resources of the state, declared that the plant food in the upper seven inches of Iowa soil alone is worth \$87,000,000,000 on the basis of current prices for fertilizing materials. This fertility, he said, combined with the intelligent methods of the Iowa farmer, makes it possible for him to farm profitably, as most of Iowa's farmers now are doing in spite of the handicaps in many directions.

### Control Board to Spend \$500,000 on Buildings

Extensive Construction Work and Repairs are Planned at State Institutions.

Lincoln, Oct. 22.—New construction and repairs to present equipment totalling \$500,000 will be undertaken at state institutions after January 1, the board of control announced today.

The largest expenditure will be at the hospital for the insane at Lincoln, where Flske & McGinnis, architects, will supervise the erection of a new building for patients, the cost of which will be \$110,000. An additional \$15,000 will be spent for equipment.

A unit for the cell house at the state reformatory at Lincoln will be built, under the direction of C. H. Larsen, for \$55,000, with \$14,000 for shop equipment. The board has insufficient funds to install cells in the building at the present time, although the building will be planned with regard to future installation.

R. N. Grant of Beatrice will be the architect of a building to be constructed at the home for boys of low mentality. It is estimated that the cost of the building will be \$100,000 and that necessary equipment will add another \$10,000.

A building at the home for insane women, at Norfolk, under the supervision of E. R. Watson, will require \$85,000 to \$150,000 in equipment.

Grant, Futon & Letton of Lincoln, sanitary engineers, are working out a sewage disposal system for the school for boys at Kearney. The sum of \$10,000 has been set aside to handle the work.

Repairs include \$10,000 for the soldiers' home at Milford, where the kitchen and storerooms are being rearranged and a room provided for games. When the work is completed, soldiers who are now housed in the building will be taken care of elsewhere. Repairs at the home for dependent children at Lincoln will take a minimum of \$3,000. The plans include the installation of a dormitory on the third floor and a two-story laundry and industrial room.

### Farmer Wants Phone Co. Force Out to Extend Line

Lincoln, Oct. 22.—The state railway commission today received a petition from Sherman Nelson of Oakland, Neb., in which he asks the commission to order the Northwestern Bell Telephone company to extend telephone wires to his farm. He states that the nearest phone is a half mile away, and that frequent requests to the company for a telephone have brought a reply that there are already 12 subscribers on the line and that they are unable to grant the request.

### Man Near Beatrice Is Hurt

When Auto Goes in Ditch

Beatrice, Neb., Oct. 22.—Bud Pinch, son of C. F. Finch, farmer living north of Odell, was thrown through the windshield of his car while returning home from a dance and severely injured when the machine went into a ditch. The car was badly wrecked.

### Harvard Elevator Co. Asks Connecting Rail Tracks

Lincoln, Oct. 22.—The state railway commission today heard a complaint of the Farmers Union Elevator company of Harvard, Neb., against the Burlington and Northwestern railroads. Operators of the elevator seek an order from the commission that will give them a connecting track between the two roads at Harvard. The elevator is located on Northwestern tracks.

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"Twas always thus—the strong overcome the weak. So Bee Classified Ads roll on, and sell somebody's a something every day. We can sell your something, too. Phone AT 1000 and try it.

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## "NAME IT" COLUMN

If the offer of the three books last named is no inducement to you to suggest a title for this column, here's another one. It is a description of the game of Mah Jongg, with full directions for playing. Having tried it many times, I am prepared to say that anybody who can understand the rules can dig up a hilly name for this department. Now this makes four books from which you may make your choice if you submit a cognomen that is accepted by the genius who wields the blue pencil.

If ever I approach the ticket gate at the Burlington station and miss seeing Joe Mik, I'll know the Burlington is about to collapse. Joe is much more than a station or train conductor; he is an institution. For more than 30 years now he has directed me to trains with one hand and helped women and their babies with the other. He is physically and mentally ambidextrous. A reward of several million dollars would safely be offered to anyone who could prove he had never seen Joe Mik mad or evidencing signs of imbecility.

Some of these days, maybe, there will arise a generation of railroad builders who will refuse to build their railroads through back yards and rubbish heaps and dilapidated shacks, and insist on having something at least half way pleasant for their passengers to look at through the car windows.

Man in high-powered car racing with football special. Woman in seat beside him waving her hands and putting driver on the back, evidently urging him to step on the gas a bit heavier. Driver looking toward train instead of keeping eyes on road. Autos going in opposite directions forced to take extreme side of road. If only driving books met with accidents there wouldn't be such an insistent demand for something to regulate automobile driving. Trouble is the crop of driving fools seems never to decrease; rather increases. And as usual, the innocent bystander—or passenger—is the one who rides in the front carriage to the cemetery and doesn't come back.

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## The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m., October 22.

Highest, 63.	Lowest, 38.	Mean, 49.	Natural, 81.
Total, 61.	Excess, 24.	January 1, 22.71.	
Relative Humidity, Percentage.			
October 22, 1923.			
8 a. m.	46	11 a. m.	50
9 a. m.	46	12 m.	50
10 a. m.	48	1 p. m.	50
11 a. m.	48	2 p. m.	50
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### Secretary Denby Recovers

New York, Oct. 22.—Secretary of the Navy Denby, who was operated upon recently for a strained Achilles tendon of his left foot, was discharged from the hospital and left immediately for Washington.