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THE WEATHER

Cloudy

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## DEMS WILL SOON RECEIVE PLACES; BRYAN YET POWER

### Administration Heads Weary of Delay Resulting from Sena- tor Hitchcock's Attitude Over Jobs.

### APPOINTMENTS MAY SOON COME

### Feeling in Washington Nebraska Senator Not Entitled to Longer Consideration.

### OFFICIALS WANT AGONY OVER

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, July 6.—(Special Telegram.)—Administration aides are getting weary of republicans holding the big jobs in Nebraska and a new order of things is about to dawn, according to inside information from the Departments of Justice and the Treasury. Just when the changes in the offices of collector of internal revenue, collector of customs, district attorney and marshal will be made is still a matter of mystery, but greater efforts than ever are being put forth to bring about a solution of the patronage problem and both ex-Secretary Bryan and Senator Hitchcock have been implored to "get together for the sake of the party."

### Bryan Being Considered.

So far as the patronage question affects Nebraska, it was learned today from thoroughly reliable sources, ex-Secretary Bryan will have serious consideration at the hands of the administration for anything he may desire for his friends.

Was he not premier of the Wilson cabinet and is he not still a leader in the inner councils of his party?

As for Senator Hitchcock, where has he shown any abiding interest in the Wilson administration that would warrant his recognition over Mr. Bryan?

These were questions propounded today by a representative of the treasury, in discussing the Nebraska political embryo.

### Hitchcock to Washington.

Senator Hitchcock is expected in Washington soon to take up with Attorney General Gregory and Secretary McAdoo the subject of making recommendations for the offices in question, and if some happy solution cannot be arrived at, then it has been about determined on the part of the administration, to make nominations and leave to Senator Hitchcock their confirmation or defeat.

In this case it's "fish or cut-bait, or go ashore."

## German Spy Shot in Tower of London

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)

LONDON, June 26.—The most of the Tower of London was the scene of the execution of the alleged German spy, F. R. Muller, convicted of sending information to the enemy by means of messages written in invisible ink. Muller was taken under an armed escort to the tower on June 25. He was watched throughout the night by a guard of the Honorable Artillery company, and at daybreak was taken to the miniature rifle range in the tower moat.

At the word of command the eight picked marksmen fired. It sounded like a report and Muller was immediately certified by the medical officer present to be dead.

The body was afterward taken to a cemetery in North London and buried in unobscured ground.

## Fake Wire Tapper Given Prison Term

MINNEAPOLIS, July 6.—Dan La Bar, convicted of sending W. Coyte, Mason City, Ia., out of \$500 by means of a "fake" wire tapping game, was sentenced to the penitentiary today. La Bar was released on bail pending an appeal to the supreme court.

## The Weather

For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity—Partly cloudy; not much change in temperature.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour	Deg.
8 A. M.	78
9 " "	79
10 " "	80
11 " "	81
12 M.	82
1 " "	83
2 " "	84
3 " "	85
4 " "	86
5 P. M.	87
6 " "	88
7 " "	89
8 " "	90

### Comparative Local Record.

1915		1914		1913		1912	
Highest yesterday	88	80	86	81	84	85	86
Lowest yesterday	63	69	75	70	73	74	75
Mean temperature	75.7	74	78	76	78	79	80
Precipitation	0.00	0.07	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal at Omaha since March 1, and comparisons with the last two years.  
Normal temperature..... 75  
Deficiency for the day..... 2  
Total deficiency since March 1..... 48  
Normal precipitation..... 2.49  
Deficiency for the day..... .49  
Total rainfall since March 1..... 1.13  
Deficiency since March 1..... 1.36  
Deficiency for cor. period, 1914..... .48  
Deficiency for cor. period, 1913..... 1.88

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State	Temp.	High.	Rain-f.
Cheyenne, clear	78	80	0.0
Denver, cloudy	68	80	0.0
Denver, clear	78	80	0.0
Day, clear	80	82	0.0
Dodge City, clear	82	84	0.0
Lincoln, clear	82	84	0.0
North Platte, clear	82	84	0.0
Omaha, partly cloudy	83	85	0.0
Pueblo, clear	84	85	0.0
Rapid City, clear	85	87	0.0
Salt Lake City, cloudy	75	80	0.0
Sioux Falls, clear	80	82	0.0
Wichita, clear	80	82	0.0
Valentine, raining	76	82	0.1

† Indicates trace of precipitation.  
L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

## CHILDREN LOVE THE SOLDIERS—Scene in Victoria park, Leicester, where convalescent English soldiers are taking their daily exercise.



## WESTERN RAILROAD RATE HEARING ON

### Attorney Wright Says it Will Be Proved Passenger Earnings Are Steadily Decreasing.

### STATISTICIAN FIRST WITNESS

CHICAGO, July 6.—The western passenger rate hearing, in which forty-six western railroads hope to prove that present rates, said to be unremunerative, should be advanced, began here today before Examiner Thurtell of the Interstate Commerce commission.

C. C. Wright made the opening statement for the railroads. He said in part:

"The carriers expect to show that the net operating income of the roads involved during the last seven years has been materially less than it was for the seven years immediately prior to that period. It will be shown that this is true notwithstanding the fact that there has been an increase in the volume of business and an increase in the property investment. This, of course, results in a higher operating ratio and naturally a lesser rate of return than has been maintained heretofore."

"Comparisons also will be given showing present conditions as against those of 1910. Explanation of the increase in expense also will be made. It will be shown that it is largely due to increases in the cost of labor and to taxes and that the economies which have been effected by the carrier and the increased volume of business have not been sufficient to meet the increased cost of operation."

Mr. Wright stated that the present rate of return on property devoted to passenger service does not amount to 3 per cent.

"It is believed," Mr. Wright continued, "that it is impracticable to maintain state and interstate rates upon any substantially different basis."

### Wetting is First Witness.

L. F. Wetting, statistician for the carriers, took the stand and presented a voluminous exhibit of comparative figures from 1901 to 1914.

"The average ratio of return on cost of road and equipment in the first seven years of this period was 5.43 per cent," said the witness. "In the second seven years it dropped to 4.74, while the returns for 1914 were only 4.24 per cent, thus showing a general tendency of railroad profits to decline."

Mr. Wetting testified that expenditures for additions and betterment for the roads in 1914 reached \$56,818,495, of which \$30,435,662 was for equipment.

"Between 1901 and 1907," he continued, "unproductive expenditures for permanent improvements, such as passenger stations, viaducts, grade crossings, track elevation and the like, were \$19,862,442. In 1907-14 this sum jumped to \$79,073,092. None of this vast expense brings in additional revenue."

"Long lines or persons waited in front of the institution all day yesterday and were again there today. The largest sum exchanged was \$10,000 francs, the smallest ten francs. The usual amounts were 1,500 or 2,000 francs.

The certificates given for the gold bore an inscription stating that the exchange was made for "national defense."

## Five Swedish Ships Are Seized Sunday

LONDON, July 6.—Five Swedish vessels were seized Sunday in the Baltic sea and taken to Swinemunde, says a Copenhagen correspondent of the Morning Post. They are the steamers Liguada, Waermeland and Henrik Wisander and the sailing vessels Orvar and Hoppet.

## Russia Receiving Many Shiploads of Ammunition by Way of Archangel

NEW YORK, July 6.—Dr. B. R. Ward of New Haven, Conn., who arrived here today on the steamship United States from Copenhagen, after spending a year in Russia, said that the Russians were making extensive preparations in arms and munitions for an early offensive against the Germans in Galicia. The Volozda & Archangel railroad, with newly constructed lines reaching from Volozda toward the battle line, had been taken over in its entirety by the government for the transportation of munitions of war.

Since Archangel was opened to navigation, Dr. Ward asserted, ammunition laden ships from England and Canada have been arriving almost daily. Thousands of soldiers at Archangel are busy day and night transferring munitions to trains, and all railroad equipment that can be handled is being operated over the road, the southbound trains being loaded to capacity.

## CARRANZA LOSES ALL-DAY BATTLE

### Army of Eighteen Thousand Men is Defeated in Assault on Pardon, a Villa Stronghold.

LAREDO, Tex., July 6.—Six hundred Carranza troops, it is reported, were killed in an all day battle in a fruitless attempt to capture Pardon, a Villa stronghold about thirty miles northwest of Monterey. Eighteen thousand men are said to have been engaged in the battle, with total casualties on both sides of 2,000. Carranza reinforcements renewed the attack today.

About 8,000 Carranza troops under General Jacinto B. Arevalo advanced yesterday morning along the railroad from Villa Garcia, a village about midway between Monterey and Pardon. The advance followed a Sunday truce, during which both sides buried dead, who, during the two weeks incessant fighting about Villa Garcia had fallen so thickly as to menace health.

The Carranza officers estimated that Villa had nearly 10,000 men concentrated near Pardon under Generals Urbana and Chao, two of his best known generals. Their purpose was to halt a Carranza advance on Torreon, about 30 miles west of Monterey.

Infantry, cavalry and artillery on (Continued on Page Two, Column Four.)

## Man in Charge of Cargo of Arms Makes His Escape

HOQUIAM, Wash., July 6.—Search was being made for Walter H. Page, supercargo of the schooner Annie Larsen, which was seized when it put in here week before last with a cargo of munitions. Page eluded his guards yesterday and escaped in one of the vessel's boats. He was a model prisoner and gained the confidence of the two deputies placed to guard him and the cargo of the Annie Larsen.

Page's desertion of the ship complicates matters as no one can be found to make claim for the cargo.

STOP OFF IN THE OMAHA THE GATE-CITY-OF-THE-WEST

Delegates to the National Fraternity of the Deaf, are "stopping off" in Omaha; which reminds us that the Nebraska State School for the Deaf, located here, is always an object of interest to visitors.

## FOOD SITUATION IN MEXICAN CAPITAL DECLARED PITIFUL

### American Red Cross Agent Asserts Conditions in City and Else- where in Country Are Very Bad.

### FIGHTING STILL CONTINUES

### No Prospect of Settlement Between Attacking and Defending Forces.

### REPORT OF CHARLES J. O'CONNOR

WASHINGTON, July 6.—The first report to the Red Cross on the relief situation in Mexico City came through today from Charles J. O'Connor, the American agent who succeeded in getting through the Carranza lines and entered the capital with American Consul General Shanklin last Wednesday.

O'Connor described the food situation as "exceedingly pitiful" in conference with various relief committees he said he had been told that the plight of the noncombatants in small cities in the vicinity of the capital was even worse than in Mexico City itself. On July 1, the day his message was dispatched by a courier on the staff of the Brazilian minister to Fochou, he was endeavoring to arrange transportation. O'Connor and Shanklin took into the city with them a portion of the Red Cross medical relief supplies sent to Vera Cruz.

A message from the Brazilian minister, sent at the same time, said there was no prospect of a "pacific settlement" between Carranza forces, commanding the Carranza troops, and the Zapata troops defending the city. From other sources it has been reported since the dispatch was sent that fighting had been renewed.

## Ten Thousand Montenegrins Go Home to Join Army

SEATTLE, Wash., July 6.—Dr. Jovan Matanovich, who said he was formerly minister to Turkey from Montenegro, had, according to a statement last night, convinced a trip throughout the United States and induced 10,000 Montenegrin reservists and some soldiers to go to Montenegro for service in the army. He said that he secured 200 men from Seattle and 500 from the northwest and they will leave in a few days for their native land by way of Montreal.

Dr. Matanovich asserted that he is not violating the neutrality of the United States, as he merely induces his countrymen to go of their own free will. He will leave for the east today.

A published dispatch from Roslyn, a coal mining town near here, said that Dr. Matanovich was there a few days ago and succeeded in getting together a number of men for Montenegrin military service.

## Grand Jury in Loup is Ordered to Act

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., July 6.—(Special Telegram.)—News from Taylor, Loup county, received this afternoon, states that Judge Hanna of the district court, today instructed a grand jury of that county diligently to inquire into the facts of the alleged slaying of Roy Fox and to bring an indictment, if the evidence so justifies.

The court also appointed Attorney F. Hawley as special prosecutor. Benjamin Franklin Taylor has been chosen as foreman of the jury.

This is the inquiry recently demanded by citizens of Loup county of Attorney General Reed, it having been set forth that the local authorities have failed to prosecute.

## Mexican Raiders Are Taken in Texas

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., July 6.—A posse of thirty-five officials and special deputies today surrounded twenty to thirty Mexican rebels in brush thickets forty miles northeast of Brownsville near the gulf coast. The rebels are reported to have committed depredations about fifty miles north of here and are alleged to have planned raids on small county banks. Today's reports indicated no one was killed in the raids Sunday.

## LIBERTY BELL PASSES FORT WAYNE, IND.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., July 6.—More than 20,000 people saw the Liberty bell during its forty-five minutes' stop here today on its journey from Philadelphia to San Francisco. As the bell was drawn under twenty-three elaborately decorated arches, bands played patriotic airs and the crowds cheered heartily.

Stops were made in Ohio towns and crowds greeted the relic at each place.

## KAISER SOUNDING THE UNITED STATES

### Informal Note Asks What Kind of Reply on Submarine Warfare Will Be Acceptable.

### IS TO BE FORWARDED TO WILSON

WASHINGTON, July 6.—Secretary Lansing stated today that a dispatch had been received from Ambassador Gerard giving informally the views of the German government on submarine warfare, but this government has not replied.

While declining to discuss the contents of the dispatch, Mr. Lansing let it be known that the proposals contained in it were similar to those which have already been discussed in Berlin press dispatches, indicating a desire to clarify the situation before making formal answer.

Mr. Lansing stated that there had been no exchange of views as yet and that no negotiations had been entered into by the American government. Mr. Gerard's dispatch has been transmitted to President Wilson where the decision rests as to the character of instructions to be given the American ambassador in answering the inquiries of Berlin officials.

Amicable Settlement Expected.  
The effort of the German government to learn informally what proposals would be acceptable to the United States government so that when embodied in the German reply they might be acceptable as a basis for negotiation, created a distinct impression in official quarters that the dispute between the two governments eventually would be amicably resolved.

The message from Mr. Gerard was somewhat garbled in transmission. It gave no indication as to the time when the formal reply would be ready.

What Herr Von Jagow, the German foreign minister, suggested in his conference with Ambassador Gerard as a means of meeting the American point of view on submarine warfare, was not revealed at the state department.

## Bryan Makes a Bid for the Newspaper Reporters' Votes

SAN FRANCISCO, July 6.—William J. Bryan, former secretary of state, put peace and politics aside today, and appeared as "journalist" before the opening session of the International Press congress at the Panama-Pacific exposition.

He advised signed stories and editorials in newspapers, suggested passage of a law to compel editors to show their financial interest in policies they advocated, commended the influence of a one-man edited weekly as greater than of a corporation-owned daily newspaper and disapproved "independent" publications.

Experience in the state department, Mr. Bryan said, had convinced him that public welfare would be benefited by a law compelling editors to tell what pecuniary interest they had in governmental policies they advocated, so that the public might know what weight the editorials deserved.

"It seems reasonable to suppose," Mr. Bryan said, "that the signing of editorials and news reports would contribute both accuracy and to the reputation of writers. It is one of the injustices of the present system that the men who furnish the literary ability, the literary writers and newspaper correspondents often live in obscurity, while the corporation from which they draw pay reap an unfair profit from their genius."

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Joe was modestly itself over his achievement, but he did not go halves when he expressed his appreciation to the confidence in his Nebraska friends.

There had been plans to give Stecher a big welcome in Dodge, his home town, but these will now be delayed until the occasion of the presentation of the diamond belt.

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## RUSSIAN LINE AROUND WARSAW IS HOLDING FIRM

### Petrograd Official Reports Say Desperate Fighting is in Progress Between the Bug and Vistula Rivers.

### GERMANS ACTIVE IN FRANCE

### Violent Bombardment Believed to Be Prelude to Another Thrust West of Moselle.

### TEUTON AIR RAID IS REPULSED

BULLETIN.  
BERLIN, July 6.—(By Wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—A great British aeroplane attack was directed against the German positions in a German bay of the North Sea on the morning of July 4, according to a German official statement issued under date of July 5. The attack, the announcement adds, failed.

LONDON, July 6.—Special correspondents in Petrograd telegraph optimistic predictions concerning a coming Russian campaign for the defense of Warsaw which forms the center of a vast circle of 100 miles of strong fortifications. Even the fall of the fortress of Ivangorod, according to these correspondents, would not mean the loss of the Polish capital.

Fighting, described as desperate in the official Petrograd reports, is raging between the Vistula and the Bug rivers along the base of a triangle of which Warsaw forms the apex. The country there is marshy and it is predicted in London that because of the terrain this campaign will be a constant drain on the German resources, until even victory will be almost as costly as defeat.

### German Artillery Active.

The German thrust against the French positions to the west of the Moselle river, apparently has not extended beyond the infantry attack which regained the trenches previously lost by the Germans; but preparations are probably under way for a further advance, as Paris reports a violent bombardment in this region.

In reply to the German wireless statement of an aerial raid on Landgraf fort at Harwich, the British admiralty states that a German seaplane and an aeroplane, flying at a great height, were pursued by British airmen and forced to drop their bombs harmlessly into the sea.

Russia has apologized to Sweden for the violation of Swedish neutrality when the German mine layer Albatross was (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

## Safe in Chicago Park Blown Open; \$20,000 is Taken

CHICAGO, July 7.—Four robbers overpowered two watchmen at the Midway Gardens, an amusement park, early today, blew open the safe and escaped with about \$20,000, according to a report made to the police.

Rugs saturated with water were used to deaden the sound of the explosion. A large safe containing nothing but records and deeds was ignored, and the smaller strong box attacked without delay. It contained receipts of the two holidays. The police believe the robbery to have been the work of a gang which has made a specialty of robbing theaters and other places of amusement on occasions when banking facilities have not been available to receive deposits.

The auditor of the Gardens after checking up said that the robbers obtained approximately \$20,000.  
"That figure will be \$500 out of the way, one way or the other," he said.

## THE WANT-AD. WAY



There was once a young man named Crockett. Lost his watch and a chain and a locket. He put an ad in The Bee. And the next day all three. Could be seen sticking out of his pocket.

The moral to this is quite plain. If you lose a watch and a chain Put an ad in The Bee. And you'll very soon see. They'll come back as fast as a train.

Your lost articles will be quickly returned to you if you tell the finder where you can be found. You can do this very easily by placing your lost ad in The Bee. Telephone Tyler 1000 and PUT IT IN THE OMAHA BEE.

The Bee's Fund for Free Milk and Ice