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THE WEATHER.
Fair; Warmer

FORD PARTY OF PEACE PLEADERS OFF FOR EUROPE

Advocates of Attempt to End War Accompanied by Fifty-Seven Newspaper Reporters and Photographers.

LATE ARRIVALS DELAY SAILINGS

Bryan and Edison Go to Dock Before Steamer Sails to Say Farewell to Ford.

STUFFED DOVES HUNG IN SALOON

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Henry Ford and more than eighty peace advocates sailed from here today on the steamer Oscar II for Christiansand, Norway. The party was accompanied by fifty-seven newspaper correspondents and photographers and more than twenty general assistants, secretaries and stenographers.

The sailing of the Oscar II, scheduled for 2 o'clock, was delayed some time by the unexpected arrival of fifteen persons who had been invited by Mr. Ford, but had not indicated they intended sailing. The examination of the baggage, passports and tickets of the fifteen later arrivals, as well as the final clearing of the ship of all but persons who held tickets, took up considerable time.

Bryan and Edison There.

William Jennings Bryan and Thomas A. Edison arrived at the dock an hour before the steamer sailed to bid farewell to Mr. Ford. Mr. Bryan spent half an hour with Ford.

The steamer sailed at 3:15 o'clock, one hour and fifteen minutes later than the scheduled sailing hour.

Mr. Bryan spent some time on the ship bidding "good speed," as he termed it, to the party.

"There is some chance for the mission to succeed," said Mr. Bryan; "that is all I care to say now, except that I wish them every good fortune."

Welcome from King Haakon.

Just before the gang plank was pulled up, a cable messenger rushed on the ship, and it was reported that Ford had received a message from King Haakon of Norway, stating the Ford party would be courteously received in Norway.

Much excitement prevailed on the ship and dock for some time prior to the sailing. This, in addition, to the fact that fifteen of the party arrived less than five minutes before 2 o'clock, held up the work of examining passports and tickets and other matters incidental to the sailing.

Officials of the line, fearful that the steamer would not be able to leave the pier until after dark, held a hurried conference. As a result of this a representative of the line boarded the vessel and sailed, for the purpose of checking up all the persons on board.

It was said then by the line officials that the Ford party would probably total 150, but the exact number will not be known until a wireless is received to-night from the representatives aboard.

All of the saloons and many of the cabins on the steamer were decorated with palms, ferns, flowers, flags and streamers representing the national colors of about seventeen countries. Red, white and blue predominated.

Two large white doves, which had been carefully mounted and bearing olive branches, were suspended from the ceiling of the main saloon and excited considerable comment.

Ford Poses for Movies.

Henry Ford boarded the steamer at 1:05 o'clock accompanied by several friends and three policemen. The latter held the crowd back while Ford posed for a score of moving picture cameras and more than seventy-five other photographers. Ford carried a tattered American flag, which he waved with one hand while he repeatedly doffed his hat to the cameras.

Two hands played constantly during the last forty-five minutes before the ship got away. The crowd on the dock steadily increased and some difficulty was experienced in clearing the ship of a hundred or more persons who were there to bid friends good bye.

One of the diversions during the last hour was the marriage on board the ship of Miss Marion Ruthven of Philadelphia and Berton Braley of New York. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Jenkins Lloyd Jones of Chicago, who was a member of the peace party. The bride and groom also saluted.

New Fraternity Building at Gering, Gering, Neb., Dec. 4.—(Special.) Ground was broken here this week for the new Masonic and Odd Fellows' building, the contract for which involves an expenditure of about \$7,000 and which will be \$300 feet.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair; warmer central portion, colder in extreme west portion. For Iowa—Partly cloudy Sunday; not much change in temperature.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

	Hour	Dec.
	5 a. m.	38
	7 a. m.	39
	9 a. m.	39
	11 a. m.	40
	1 p. m.	40
	3 p. m.	40
	5 p. m.	40
	7 p. m.	40

Comparative Local Record.

Official record of temperature and precipitation, compared with the corresponding period of the last three years:

Highest yesterday 43 40 32 43
Lowest yesterday 38 36 27 38
Mean temperature 38 36 27 38
Precipitation00 .00 .01 .01

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:

Excess for the day 31

Total deficiency since March 1 139

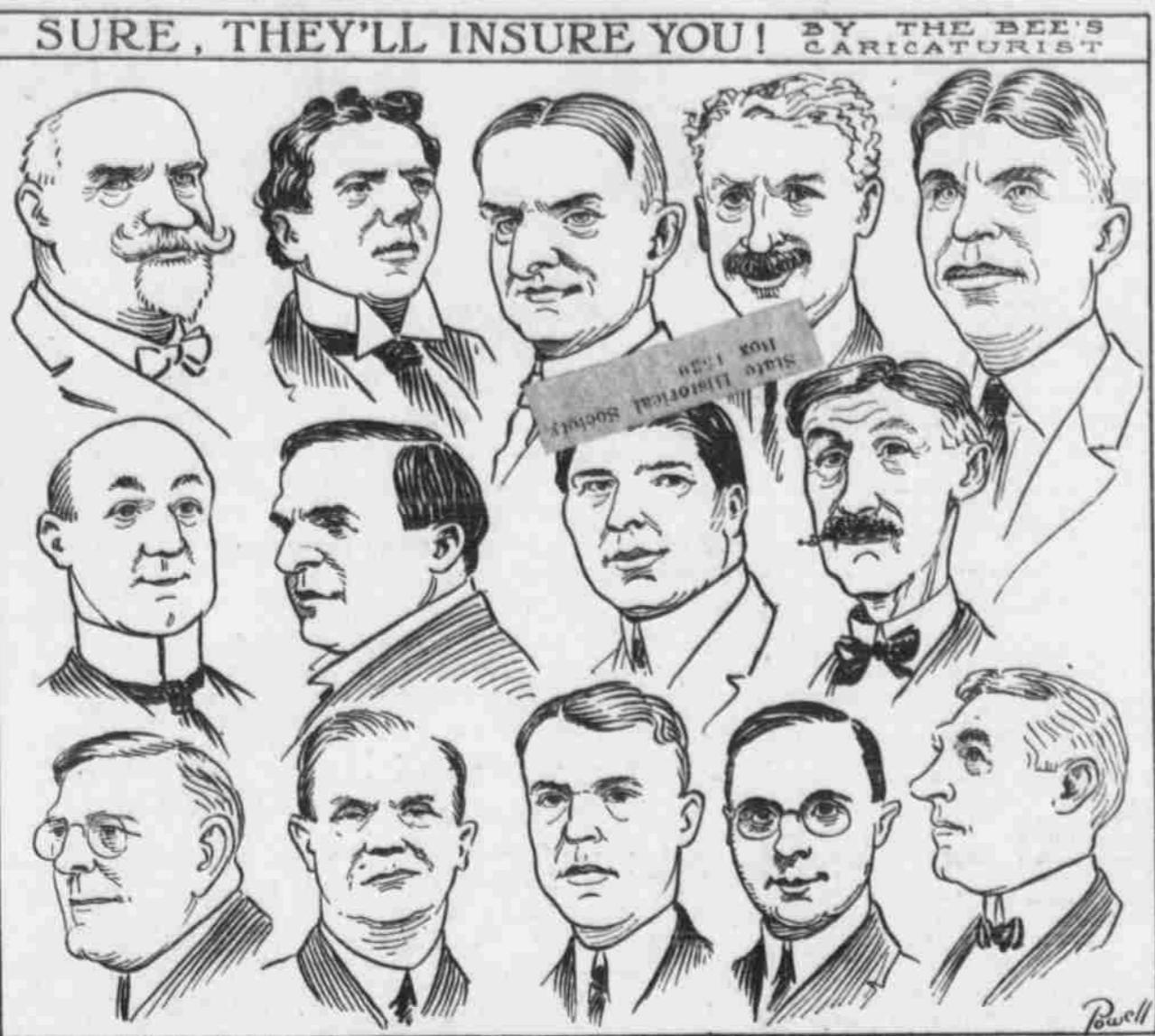
Normal precipitation00 .00 .01 .01

Total rainfall since March 1 36.1 inches

Deficiency since March 1 1.1 inches

Deficiency for cor. period, 1914 4.0 inches

Deficiency for cor. period, 1913 8.0 inches



PLOTS AGAINST MUNITIONS TRADE IN U. S. BROKEN

Arrest of Baron von Brincken in San Francisco Believed to Be Important Achievement in Campaign.

MOST CONSPIRATORS ARRESTED

Department of Justice Conducts Investigation Covering Entire Country for Weeks.

NATION-WIDE PLANS DEFEATED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 4.—After weeks of investigation covering the entire country Department of Justice officials were convinced, tonight that they had under arrest most of the men implicated in plots to interfere with American commerce in munitions of war.

The arrest today in San Francisco of Baron von Brincken, who claims to be connected with the office of the German consul general there, is regarded here as one of the most important made in several weeks. The baron, according to the information here was a prominent figure in the plans of C. C. Crowley, arrested in the same city charged with plots against munition factories.

More arrests are to be made in the Crowley case and important developments are looked for when all the witnesses the government is seeking reach San Francisco and give their testimony.

Confession Between Plots.

Although officials would not admit that direct connection has been established between the Crowley plots and those in which Lieutenant Robert Fay and his accomplices were implicated in New York, it is understood many facts point to such a conclusion. If this proves true the department expects within a few weeks to have completely defeated plans nationwide to interfere with munition shipments in the east to England, France and Italy, and in the west to Russia.

Who the head of the suspected conspiracy was or whether it had any one head has not been discovered, but in gathering up the threads in the Crowley and Fay cases the department has laid its hands on information which may lead to the unwillingness of Yuan Shih Kai to accept the emperorship. The latest is that the president especially desires to decline the great responsibility and return to his native place to till the soil. Various organs and bodies throughout China are preparing memorials which will be submitted to the president entreating him to accept the crown.

Emperor Hsuan Tung will submit a petition from the imperial family. Military Governor Tuan Chih Kuei of Mukden will attach his signature to a memorial from the military governors of all the provinces. Wang Kuan will submit a petition on behalf of the Moammedians. Other prominent Chinese will offer memorials from the commercial bodies of China, from the educational organizations and from Tibet and Mongolia.

Many Difficulties in Way.

Because of the belief very general among the lower classes in China that the deposed boy emperor is truly the son of heaven, there are many difficulties to be overcome in placing another emperor on the throne without giving great offense to believers in the old Chinese traditions.

It is necessary for the new emperor to get the boy emperor to turn over the title of "Emperor of the Great Pure" and the traditional imperial seat which has been in the possession of the Chinese emperors for centuries. In order to accomplish this it is reported that after the results of the election have been announced in favor of the monarchy, the president will resign and offer the throne to the boy emperor. He in turn will decline the honor, his advisers urging that he is too young for such great responsibility. Then the demand that Yuan Shih Kai accept the emperorship will be in order and he will "unwillingly" ascend the throne with the consent of the deposed dynasty.

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House Democrats' Committees Favor Preparedness Plan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Democratic nominations for house committees announced today and which will be laid before the house Monday, assure support for President Wilson's national defense program. Republicans on the committee will be announced later.

Five of the six new members of the naval committee are "big navy" men. Oscar Callaway of Texas, named to succeed the late Representative Witherspoon of Mississippi, is opposed to any material increase in the navy. Witherspoon was of the same conviction and the naming of Calaway was in recognition of how Witherspoon would have voted if he had returned to congress. The new members of the military affairs committee are said to be unanimously in favor of a large army.

Claude Kitchin, chairman of the ways and means committee, is opposed to the campaign of preparedness, but he said today that he was satisfied with the personnel of the committee. No opposition developed to Kitchin continuing to head the ways and means committee.

The chairmanship of the larger committee remains unchanged from the last session. Representative Ragsdale of South Carolina, who figured prominently as an insurgent of the banking and currency committee last year, was not re-nominated to that committee, but was placed on the foreign affairs committee.

Thirteen democrats and eight members of minority parties will compose each of the larger committees.

Boy-Ed and Von Papen Have Talks With Bernstorff

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 4.—Captain Franz Von Papen, the military attaché of the embassy, whose withdrawal was recently announced, is expected to come to Washington soon.

Officials of the German embassy refused to discuss Captain Boy-Ed's visit or any developments of the request by the state department.

Secretary Lansing has not yet decided what action, if any, will be taken in the case of Austro-Hungarian Consul General Von Nuher at New York.

NAVY AVIATOR MAKES NEW ALTITUDE RECORD

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The steamer Verona, which arrived today from Italian ports, was chased in the Mediterranean on November 19 by a submarine, and the only reason that it escaped, Captain Simone Gull said, was that a heavy sea made the submarine roll and pitch and slow up.

The chase took place when the Verona was about 10 miles west of the Straits of Bonifacio.

There was no flag on the submarine, but it was the consensus of opinion on the Verona but it was a German U boat.

The chase lasted an hour and a half when night interposed.

ANDREW FREEDMAN, FORMER BASE BALL MAGNATE, DEAD

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Andrew Freedman, former owner of the New York National League baseball team, died at his home here today as the result of a nervous breakdown. Mr. Freedman was well known in local business circles as the organizer of the Casualty Company of America. He and Richard Croker, one-time Tammany Leader, were close friends for years.

PENSACOLA, Fla., Dec. 4.—Announcement was made at the navy aero station here today that Lieutenant R. C. Sankey, navy aviator, made a new world's altitude record for hydro-aeroplanes late yesterday when he ascended 12,136 feet.

The ascent occupied fifty minutes and the descent to Pensacola bay was fifteen minutes.

CHINA PREPARES TO CROWN YUAN SHI KAI

Plans for Enthronement of President as Emperor Proceed, Despite Protest of Japan.

MANY DIFFICULTIES IN WAY

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)

PEKING, Nov. 3.—Plans for the enthronement of Yuan Shih Kai are being made in spite of the joint request of Japan, Russia and England that the abandonment of the republic be delayed. It has been announced that the new dynasty probably will be called the Wu, or War dynasty. In exchange for the surrender of all imperial documents and the title to the throne of China, the boy emperor, Hsuan Tung, will be made an hereditary prince.

Already ten of the twenty-one provinces of China have cast their unanimous vote for the monarchy and have designated Yuan Shih Kai as their choice for emperor, according to government reports. It is fair to assume that a few of the other provinces will deviate from the government plan.

Three Moves in Game.

The transformation of the republic into a monarchy will be effected by three moves, unless foreign interference upsets the present plans. After the election of representatives for the people's convention, this body will determine the form and text of the ballot to be used. The third step will be the nomination of the president to be emperor. The president will then ascend the dragon throne and the boy emperor will surrender to him all the historic treasures of the Tsing dynasty.

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Bank Messenger Killed by Robber

In Subway Station

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Alfred Gardner, a bank messenger, was mortally shot, and George De Bros, his assailant, was dangerously wounded by Walter F. Orleman, another messenger, in De Bros' attempt to steal a bag containing \$4,000 at the Fourteenth street subway station during the rush hour late today. The messengers are employees of the Bank of the Metropolis.

De Bros, who was armed with three revolvers, carried nearly 200 cartridges, a bag of black powder and two suits of clothes, walked up behind the messenger and fired two shots into the head of Gardner, who carried the bag, and as the messenger fell to the floor amid the cries of the subway throng, the robber threw away the revolver, seized the bag and fled. Orleman gave chase and De Bros drew a second revolver and fired, the bullet lodging in the messenger's coat collar.

Orleman, however, wrested the revolver from De Bros and fired twice, one bullet lodging in De Bros' hack. He dropped his boot and fled into Broadway.

By this time police were approaching from several directions. De Bros then drew his third revolver and discarding his outer suit, ran across Union Square. Here he attempted to retrace his steps, but was felled by a patrolman whom he attempted to shoot.

Alpine Soldiers Descend Precipice

ROME (Via London), Dec. 4.—The following official communication was issued today:

"In the Lederone one of our detachments of Alpinists descended a precipice north of Pre by means of ropes and surprised the enemy,