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THE WEATHER: Unsettled weather Sunday and Monday; probably showers; slowly rising temperature. Hourly temperature: 5 a. m. 40, 6 a. m. 40, 7 a. m. 40, 8 a. m. 40, 9 a. m. 40, 10 a. m. 40, 11 a. m. 40, 12 m. 41.

ITALY ALONE IN ITS DEMAND

DEMON FOR SPEED HAS TRAIL OF WRECKAGE

Omaha Man Tears Through Bluffs Streets at Mile a Minute; Attempts to Back Train From Crossing.

Impelled by a speed demon that seemed to have complete control of him, Antonio Nemic, who says he lives at 820 Worthington, place, Omaha, tore through Council Bluffs at noon Saturday at a speed of more than 60 miles an hour, defying and out-racing Omaha and Bluffs motorcycle officers. He finally stopped four miles out on the Glenwood road after his car was a complete wreck when it smashed into another big car that had stopped by the roadside and gone almost into the ditch to avoid him.

PLANE IN AIR 20 HOURS AND FLIES 1,250 MILES. Washington, April 26.—A naval seaplane of the F-5 type, propelled by two Liberty motors of 400 horsepower each and carrying a crew of four men, remained in the air at the Hampton Roads naval base for 20 hours, 10 minutes, yesterday, establishing what naval officials will be greatly curtailed owing to depletion of man power in Europe by the war.

OGDEN YOUTHS TAKE JOY RIDE IN WHIPPET. Ogden, Utah, April 26.—Youths who have been appropriating automobiles for "joy riding" apparently have grown tired of the sport in this section, for their latest attempt is the "treat 'em rough" machine. A whippet tank on exhibition here during the Victory Liberty loan campaign was left standing in front of a bank last night and the temptation was too much for the youths, who broke open the lock and started the engine going. Police men stopped the "joy riders."

DEMobilization ORDERS COVER 1,975,000 TROOPS. Washington, April 26.—Reports on demobilization made public today by the War department show a total of 1,823,223 officers and men released from the army to date, of whom 99,295 were in the commissioned grades. Orders have been issued for the demobilization of 1,975,000.

ATTACKED BY BULL; INJURIES CAUSE DEATH. Brazil, Ind., April 26.—Ralph W. Moss, representative in the fifth congressional district of Indiana for three terms, died at a local hospital this afternoon as a result of injuries suffered Thursday when he was attacked by a bull on his farm at Ashford.

WILSON INCONSISTENT ASSERTS SENATOR LODGE. Boston, April 26.—United States Senator Lodge declared in a speech before the Middlesex club tonight that President Wilson's stand in regard to Fiume was inconsistent with his attitude concerning Danzig. He said the president's attitude toward Danzig was a betrayal of the Four, while it was incredible that an outlet to the Adriatic could not have been found for the Jugo Slavs except through Fiume.

ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF DEFRAUDING BANKS. Phoenix, April 26.—William M. Collins, said by federal officials to be the leader of a gang of confidence men who have defrauded banks throughout the country of more than \$100,000, was arrested here today by Postoffice Inspector Dutton and Deputy U. S. Marshal Fred Weagel on a charge of conspiracy to defraud by using the United States mails. Collins was arrested on telegraphic advices from the United States district attorney at Indianapolis.

Coroner's Jury Finds That Mrs. Benner Came to Death From Bichloride Tablets

Took Poison by Mistake in Place of Medicine Prescribed by Doctor; Son, Who is Sole Heir to Large Estate, is Principal Witness at Coroner's Inquest.

"Mrs. Happy Theodora Van Wyck Benner came to her death on Friday, April 26, 1919, by swallowing bichloride of mercury tablets accidentally taken in her rooms at the Portland apartments," was the verdict of the jury at the inquest held over her body yesterday afternoon. Assistant County Attorney Ready conducted the inquest. C. X. Thompson, manager of the Omaha Directory company, and former city editor of the Chicago Examiner, who had visited Mrs. Benner several times during the past week, was not present at the inquest.

Van Wyck, 15-year-old son of Mrs. Benner, and Mrs. Hansine Svendsen, her maid, were the principal witnesses. The gist of the testimony at the inquest was that Mrs. Benner had swallowed a number of the poison tablets during a nervous sick spell in place of other medicine prescribed by her physician, Dr. Ewing Brown.

Daughter of Late Senator. Mrs. Benner was the daughter of the late United States Senator Van Wyck of Nebraska and divorced wife of the wealthy Fernando Benner of New York. Though it was learned that Mrs. Benner had been despondent and indisposed during the past week on account of her recent arrest in company with C. X. Thompson on the night of April 18, no effort was made by the assistant county attorney conducting the inquest to determine any cause of her despondency. The day following her arrest, the wife of C. X. Thompson filed suit in district court for separate maintenance. At the inquest no queries were asked of the witnesses about the recent incident or about Mr. Thompson's alleged repeated visits with Mrs. Benner.

Prizes for Airmen. New York, April 26.—Prizes totaling \$3,000 have been offered by the New York Herald for competition in connection with the second Pan-American aeronautic convention at Atlantic City next month.

Two Omaha Women Who Will Make Flight Monday



The pilots of the Flying Circus will take five citizens for a ride in the air. E. F. Folda, state secretary Victory Liberty Loan will take the ride. Sam Burns, county chairman, will be another passenger. Mrs. Frank Selby and Miss Grace Allison will try their nerves in an air flight. The other passenger will be Frank W. Judson.

Ghosts



ORLANDO GETS OVATION AS HE REACHES ROME

Shouts of "Yes" Given in Reply to Question Whether Delegates Interpreted Will of People. Rome, April 26.—(By The Associated Press.)—Vittorio Orlando, the Italian premier, arrived in Rome this morning from Paris. He received an enthusiastic ovation and the phrase, "Italy, Fiume, Dalmatia," was displayed prominently. Premier Orlando, in addressing the crowd which greeted him here, said: "It is not time for fine language. In the face of the world which is judging us, we must have firmness and a calm, serene conscience. There are two questions. The first is whether the government and the Italian delegates have faithfully interpreted the thoughts and will of the Italian people."

WHEAT PRICE LIKELY TO PASS FIXED FIGURE

Barnes Expects Guarantee to Growers to Be Made Effective Without Loss To Treasury. New York, April 26.—Officers of the food administration grain corporation announced today that their continuation at the close of a three-day conference to determine policies for the coming year that the government price guarantee to wheat growers could be made effective without endangering the market or causing loss to the national treasury. Julius H. Barnes, president of the corporation and federal wheat director, declared that crop indications were that wheat would be traded in the government fair price basis. It is possible, he added, that the market generally might be above the fixed price schedule in which event the wheat director would not be an influence in trading, as congress adopted no maximum price policy. In case a crop exceeding the demand required government purchases and resales in order to make good the difference between the market price and the farmers' guarantee, Mr. Barnes said the conference recognized the necessity of measures to insure reflection of the resale rate to consumers of bread. However, with the spring wheat season two weeks late, indicating a decreased acreage, offsetting the forecast record-breaking winter crop, the director asserted there was a lessened chance that the country would produce "the very large exportable surplus of wheat popularly expected."

Volplanes to Earth Safely With Airplane and Clothing on Fire

New York, April 26.—With his clothing ablaze and flames rapidly mounting toward his face, Paul L. Ferron, aged 31, an aviator in the government mail service, volplaned 2,000 feet to earth at Belmont Park today. Although he was badly burned about the body, his chances for recovery are said to be excellent. Ferron took one of the biplanes to Belmont De Havilland four-D for a tryout on the Belmont field. Something went wrong with his engine and following an explosion it caught fire. He was confronted with the problem of guiding his plane to earth slowly enough to avoid being dashed to pieces and fast enough to save himself from burning to death in the air. Ferron made a safe landing.

Commerce High Faculty to Enforce Salary Increases

League Forms for "Mutual Co-Operation and for Raising Standard of Teaching Profession" by Securing Better Conditions and "for Promoting Democratization of Schools;" Board Not Favorable to "Union." Seventy members of the teaching staff of High School of Commerce will stand together in a "request" to the Board of Education for an increased scale of salaries. Announcement is made by the Commerce Teachers' League, the name of the new organization, that all but three teachers of this school have signed the membership roll and that these teachers were absent last week. They expect to have a 100 per cent organization. Principal D. W. Porter of the school is a member. Salary Question Chief Issue. While the matter of increased pay is not the only object of the league, it is admitted that this will be a "paramount issue" until settled. The salary situation started in a small way among a group of leaders at the school and the organization of the teaching staff followed. The following are the officers: Chester G. Linn, president; Jeanette McDonald, vice president; Helen Drummond, secretary-treasurer; Isabelle McMillan and D. M. Scriven, members of executive committee. Promote School Democratization. The object of the organization as set forth in the second article of the constitution, follows: "To bring teachers into relations of mutual assistance and co-operation; to raise the standard of the teaching profession by securing the conditions essential to the best service; to promote such a democratization of the schools as will better equip pupils to take their place in the industrial, social and political life of the community; and to obtain for teachers the rights and benefits which will enable them to accept their responsibility as citizens."

Clash at Inverness Sequel to Arrest of an American Sailor

Inverness, Scotland, April 26.—An investigation today of the encounter between the local police and American seamen last night showed that the incident was not a serious one. It appears that when a crowd of sailors refused to move on, the police arrested one of them. His friends went to his assistance and three policemen were slightly hurt in the melee. One sailor was finally arrested and turned over to the United States naval authorities. The young Scotch wife of an American seaman pleaded guilty in police court today of having used abusive language toward two American naval officers during the disturbance. A small fine was imposed in this case.

Wilson's Italian Coup a "Fiasco," Is Comment of Rome Newspaper

Rome, April 26.—This morning's Rome newspapers in commenting on the peace conference situation lay particular stress upon declarations of the solidarity of the Italian people in demanding that Fiume shall become Italian. In the course of its editorial, entitled "The Wilson Fiasco," the Popolo Romano says that President Wilson fell into a trap in aiming to estrange Italy from America. But, the newspaper adds, "the Italians do not cease to feel for the noble American nation a fraternal, grateful friendship, protesting only against the president who misunderstood the high Italian ideals of justice."

Banks Increase Capital.

Washington, April 26.—(Special Telegram.)—The treasury department has approved the increase of the capital stock of the First National bank of Crawford, Neb., from \$40,000 to \$50,000; also First National bank of Margengo, Iowa, from \$50,000 to \$65,000.

Masonic Leader Dead.

Bloomington, Ill., April 26.—Austin H. Scrogin, thirty-third degree Mason and grand master of the Masonic lodge of Illinois, died suddenly at his home in Lexington, Ill., this afternoon.

3 POWERS UNITED ON QUESTION OF FIUME

Lloyd George and Clemenceau With President Wilson; Anti-American Feeling Runs High at Rome.

Paris, April 26.—(By The Associated Press)—This has been one of the most anxious days of the peace conference with all eyes turned toward Rome. While work proceeded on the final details of the treaty before the meeting with the German delegates at Versailles the absorbing topic everywhere was the Italian issue and the effect it had in store for the conference. Brief information reaching official quarters showed the situation at Rome to be tense, with anti-American sentiment running high. The departure of Baron Sonnino and Signor Salandra for Rome took the last of Italy's plenipotentiaries from the scene of the negotiations, leaving only subordinates, without power of action. Americans Confer. President Wilson joined the American delegation at the hotel Decrillon at 2 o'clock for a conference and then returned to the "White House" for a renewal of the council with Premiers Clemenceau and Lloyd George.

Let Us Be Able to Say: America Did It Right--Buy Bonds

Reports received here from the somewhat ominous as to the general state of public feeling there, as crowds have been patrolling the streets crying "Down with the Americans!" and "Down with the English!" and "Viva Sonnino!" the foreign minister, who outdid Pre-