

THE WEATHER: Snow Friday and probably Saturday; no decided change in temperature. Hourly temperature: 6 a. m. 13, 7 a. m. 13, 8 a. m. 13, 9 a. m. 13, 10 a. m. 13, 11 a. m. 13, 12 noon 13, 1 p. m. 13, 2 p. m. 13, 3 p. m. 13, 4 p. m. 13, 5 p. m. 13, 6 p. m. 13, 7 p. m. 13, 8 p. m. 13, 9 p. m. 13, 10 p. m. 13, 11 p. m. 13, 12 noon 13.

CUMMINGS RAPS BRYAN COMPLAINTS

Asserts Nebraska Democrat's Words "Without Merit" if Based on Chairman's Attendance at Edwards' Dinner.

IMPARTIALLY NEUTRAL, HE SAYS OF FEELINGS

Does Not "Forfeit That Position by Participating in Functions in Honor of Presidential Possibilities."

Washington, Jan. 22.—Homer S. Cummings, chairman of the democratic national committee, in a formal statement tonight declared that as complaints of William J. Bryan, as made in addresses yesterday in Norfolk and Richmond, Va., were based on the chairman's attendance at the inaugural dinner given Governor Edward I. Edwards of New Jersey Tuesday night at Newark, the former secretary of state's comments "are without merit."

QUITS THE STAGE TO COLLECT CURIOS.

Paris, Jan. 22.—La Belle Otero, who 20 years ago was at the height of her fame as the most beautiful dancer in Europe, announces that she has left the stage never to return.

Having been thrifty throughout her stage career, she is able to retire on an income of \$10,000. She is devoting herself to the collection of ecclesiastical antiques, being already the possessor of an unrivaled collection of pyxes and chasubles.

AMERICANS PURCHASE VILLA IN BERLIN SUBURB.

Berlin, Jan. 22.—Greenwald villa, in an exclusive suburb of Berlin, has been bought by Americans, according to the Tagblatt today. The price paid for the property is said to have been 4,000,000 marks. One report has it that the premises will be the permanent residence of the American ambassador.

WATER BOYS GIVEN IRON WORKERS' PAY.

Florence, Ala., Jan. 22.—Evidence of widespread slacking by the great industrial army employed in the construction of the Muscle Shoals nitrate plant piled up at the hearings conducted here by the house war expenditures committee, there was an end of it, according to witnesses, who made no attempt to deny the charge that erection of the plant was held back while thousands of workmen moved about in helter-skelter fashion with union scale carpenters cutting underbrush and water boys drawing down the pay of structural iron workers.

WOMAN NAMED TO AID LOWDEN IN CAMPAIGN.

Chicago, Jan. 22.—Mrs. Fletcher Dobyns of Chicago was today appointed to take charge of the woman's work in the campaign of Gov. F. O. Lowden for the republican nomination for president. Mrs. Dobyns has been chairman of the Illinois republican women's executive committee since last July.

MONEY FOR LIQUOR STOLEN BY BANDITS.

Chicago, Jan. 22.—Robert Kaczobowski and four other west side saloonkeepers assembled \$14,800 to purchase whisky, according to the police. Kaczobowski drew the money from a bank and started in his automobile to keep an appointment with a saloon agent, when another car approached and three men leaped into Kaczobowski's machine and with drawn revolvers compelled him to give them the money. The police and the saloonkeeper are of the opinion that the whisky agent was an accomplice of the bandits.

WHISKY NEEDED AS CURE FOR INFLUENZA.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Representative Sabbath, democrat, Illinois, introduced a resolution declaring that whisky is needed as a "cure for influenza, which is alarmingly increasing, and proposing suspension for 90 days of the provisions of the national prohibition law requiring special permits and reports from druggists, doctors and others as to the use of liquor for medicinal purposes. The resolution declared its purpose was "to the end that whisky may be prescribed and obtained for medicinal purposes without unnecessary hindrances and delay."

PAY \$1,600,000 TO ESCAPE JAIL TERM.

Boston, Jan. 22.—William A. English and John H. O'Brien, who, as members of the wool firm of English & O'Brien of this city were sentenced last July to 18 months imprisonment for conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the payment of income taxes, have paid the government \$1,600,000 in settlement, it was announced by United States Attorney Boyton.

PERFORM OPERATION WITH AID OF ELECTRIC FLASH.

Adams, Mass., Jan. 22.—An operation partly performed with the aid of electric flashlights is one of the most unusual events that has ever taken place in this section. While Drs. M. M. Brown and C. H. Choquette were ready to operate on Miss Uba Cyr at the Plunkett Memorial hospital the lights went out, owing to trouble with the town's electric lighting system. A hurry call was sent to a hardware store for flashlights, and when they arrived they were turned on and the operation was completed. Miss Cyr's condition is satisfactory.

TRANSFER 271 PASSENGERS ON STRICKEN SHIP

All Aboard Powhatan Safely Brought Aboard Transport In Midocean.

New York, Jan. 22.—All the 271 passengers aboard the disabled army transport Powhatan have been transferred to the transport Northern Pacific and are on their way to New York. This news was received here in wireless messages, confirming previous reports from Halifax. The transfer of the passengers was effected under good weather conditions and without any accident occurring.

The safe transfer of the Powhatan's passengers brings to a close a striking sea drama which opened last Sunday when the first message was received from the transport that the ship was leaking, the fire room flooded, a northeastern gale blowing and immediate assistance needed.

The wireless calls for help were quickly responded to by half a score of vessels which put out from Canadian and American ports or rushed to the scene from midocean.

They found the disabled transport rolling heavily in a stormy sea, without lights or heat, but were helpless to render any aid in the face of the persistent gale.

For four days more the Powhatan helplessly in the face of the on-coming storm while a growing fleet of would-be rescuers made vain efforts to take her in tow or effect a transfer of her passengers. On repeated occasions tow lines were passed, only to snap like thread under the terrific strain of the disabled vessel's dead weight, the surging sea and the fierce wind.

The weather moderated yesterday, but it was not until today, however, that it was possible to rescue the passengers from the cheerless sea prison on which they had been imprisoned for five days without heat or light.

YANKS KILLED IN CLASH WITH RUSSIAN FORCES

Five Muscovites Slain, One Wounded and 55 Captured, Including General.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Two American soldiers were killed and one severely wounded in the clash with a Russian detachment of General Semenov's forces January 19 near Posolsakaya, while five Russians were killed, one wounded and 55 captured, including one general and six other officers who still are held.

In reporting the clash to the War department, Major General Graves, commanding the American expedition in Siberia, said the Russians in an armored car made an unprovoked attack on the Americans, who were in a similar car. The Russian attack was repulsed and the Americans then captured the car and its occupants.

General Graves said he believed the incident could be peacefully adjusted with General Semenov "who could not have been responsible."

Think Holland Denies Demand of Allies to Give Up Ex-Kaiser

The Hague, Jan. 22.—The reply of the Dutch government to the demand of the allies for the former German emperor has been sent to the Dutch minister at Paris. It probably will be delivered to M. Clemenceau Friday.

So far as can be learned, there is no doubt the demand will be refused with an explanation of the position of The Netherlands.

PRISONERS TORTURED IN IRON CAGES

Charges of Extreme Cruelty To Conscientious Objectors At Alcatraz Island Made by Civil Liberty Bureau.

CAN'T SIT, LIE, STAND IN TORTURE CHAMBER

Device Fits Into the Cell And Is Absolutely Dark, Only Air Obtainable Being From The Top of the Confinement.

New York, Jan. 22.—Charges that iron torture chambers have been introduced by Col. R. D. Johnson, executive officer at Alcatraz Island, San Francisco, in which conscientious objectors of the "absolutist" type imprisoned on the island, are placed, were contained in a statement issued here tonight by the National Civil Liberty bureau. Albert De Silver, director of the bureau, has left for Washington, it was stated, to place the matter before Secretary Baker.

In Iron Straitjacket. Robert Simmons, who is serving a 10-year sentence as a conscientious objector, after being kept in solitary confinement, has been "transferred to the latest torturing device, in which he is at present confined," the statement declared. "He is unable to sit down, lie down, or fully stand; it is practically an iron straitjacket into which the prisoner is squeezed.

The dimensions of this torture chamber are six feet high, 23 inches length and one foot broad. It is absolutely dark inside, the only air obtainable being from the top of the cage.

"This cage is so made that it fits into the cell of the prisoner. When the cell door is closed, it forms the fourth side of the cage.

The statement said that four of these iron cages were manufactured in the prison machine shop by orders of Col. Johnson.

The four "absolutists," the statement explains, are Simmons, who is at present confined; Grosser, Rodolph and Dart. These men, it was stated, have been kept in solitary confinement and were absolutely "ignored insofar as medical attention was concerned."

The bureau declared that information regarding the "torture chambers" was received from officials of the Labor Defense League of San Francisco.

Cages Used at Barracks.

San Francisco, Jan. 22.—Iron cages so constructed that the occupant is compelled to stand are used at the Alcatraz Island disciplinary barracks impartially as discipline for all prisoners who refuse to work and only during working hours, Col. I. B. McDonald, commandant of the prison, said in commenting on the charges of the national civil liberties bureau that conscientious objectors were being confined in "torture chambers." All prisoners sent to the barracks are sentenced to labor, he said, and when they refuse they are compelled to stand up during the 7-hour working day.

"This discipline," Col. McDonald said, "is in use in many prisons and is an amelioration of the practice of chaining the prisoner with his hands above his head, which we have abolished here.

He said the charge that medical needs of prisoners were ignored was also unfounded.

Of four prisoners the bureau charged were at present confined in "torture chambers," Dart, he said, had served his sentence and been released, Grosser and Rodolph had never been so confined, and Simmons still elected to stand in the cage rather than work.

Germans Approve Plan Of Hoover for U.S. Relief Store Houses In Europe

Berlin, Jan. 22.—(By The Associated Press.)—The German government, in a statement issued today, expresses unequivocal approval of the proposed plan of Herbert C. Hoover to establish American relief warehouses throughout central Europe.

4-Year-Old Girl Burns to Death in Thayer County

York, Neb., Jan. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—The 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Keating, living near Thayer, was burned to death at her home. When her mother went into the yard to feed the chickens the little girl obtained a match and attempted to light her father's lantern, and her clothing caught fire.

Can't Serve Two Masters



JAPAN PROMISES CLOSE ADHESION TO PEACE TERMS

Nippon Firm in Determination To Restore Leased Territory of Kiauchau to China, Premier Says.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Japan's policies as to Russia and China were outlined by the Japanese Diet Wednesday by Premier Hara, in an address declaring that of the great questions now before the world "those pertaining to China and Russia occupy the foremost place."

The premier, in his address, the text of which was made public here, took occasion to assert that since the success or failure of the peace treaty depended "altogether on the spirit and manner of its operation" Japan could be regarded from the outset as "one of those states which will strictly carry out every term of the treaty."

To Restore Kiauchau. Taking up the question of China, the premier declared that Japan remained firm in its determination to restore the leased territory of Kiauchau in the Shantung peninsula to China, and had in fact taken the initial step toward carrying out the spirit of the peace treaty in that respect. While loans to China must be made with care owing to the factional warfare, Japan, Premier Hara said, stood ready to give financial assistance to the neighboring nation whenever the need seemed imperative. He added that although the good offices of the great powers, including Japan, for the restoration of peace between North and South China, as tendered more than a year ago, had failed to bring about peace, Japan was prepared to unite again with the other powers toward the desired end whenever the moment seemed propitious.

Problem of Russia. As regards the problem of Russia, Mr. Hara said as the present conditions in that nation were "a matter of grave concern, not only to Russia itself, but to all those interested in the general peace of the world, the Japanese government is extremely anxious to see a speedy establishment of a stable government in Russia and an achievement of its complete resuscitation." The premier did not further outline Japan's course toward Russia and did not allude to the reported decision of the advisory diplomatic council to withdraw Japanese troops from Siberia following the evacuation of the American expeditionary force.

The premier discussed the exchanges between the United States and Japan relative to withdrawal of the American troops in some detail, and revealed that "the American authorities had expressed their sincere regret" over the transmission to the Japanese commanding officer in Siberia by Major General Graves, the American commander, of a notice of the American withdrawal before the Washington government had communicated the fact to Tokyo.

Hitchcock Gains Vote.

Yankton, S. D., Jan. 22.—Senator Edwin S. Johnson, who was absent at the recent democratic caucus when efforts to elect an administration leader in the senate failed because of a tie vote between Senators Hitchcock and Underwood, declared that he would "probably vote for Senator Hitchcock" at the next caucus.

TRAINMEN WANT DEFINITE REPLY TO WAGE APPEAL

Will Ask Railroad Administration Tuesday to Answer 40 Per Cent Increase Demands.

Cleveland, Jan. 22.—The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, which has a membership of approximately 200,000, will ask the railroad administration Tuesday for a definite answer to its demands for a general wage increase of about 40 per cent.

William G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood, has asked the Director General Hines for an appointment Tuesday morning and called the 22-member executive committee chairman and grand lodge officers to meet in Washington on that day.

The demands were presented July 31, 1919. President Wilson requested the men to wait a "reasonable time" until the government had an opportunity to reduce the cost of living.

"The men are pressing us too hard," Mr. Lee said. "A reasonable time has elapsed and the cost of living gone up."

Deny Reports Foch To Lead Polish Army Against Bolsheviks

London, Jan. 22.—Dispatches from Warsaw appear in the English newspapers declaring that Marshal Foch would proceed to Warsaw within two weeks and suggesting the likelihood of a Polish attack on bolshevik Russia. These reports are denied by the French foreign office and Marshal Foch says he knows nothing about them.

Eastern Region Railroads Are Returning to Normal

New York, Jan. 22.—Railroads of the eastern region have shown a gradual return to normal operating conditions since the armistice and there has been a continued growth in export business, according to the annual report of A. T. Hardin, regional director, to Walker D. Hines, director general of the railroads.

Coloradoan Named Manager Of G. O. P. in Five States

Denver, Jan. 22.—Fred E. Carroll of Curray, former Colorado commissioner of metalliferous mines, was named by Will H. Hays, chairman of the republican national committee, as supervisor of party political activities for the territory comprising the states of Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, New Mexico, and Utah. He will devote his time between now and the election to organization work.

OMAHA IS GIVEN 30 DAYS MORE TO IDENTIFY FINNS

Minnesota Governor Refuses Extradition On Evidence Presented Up to Date by Chief Eberstein.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—Extradition of William and Michael Finn, alleged members of the gang that robbed the Benson, Neb., bank of \$110,000 December 31, to face trial in Omaha, was refused here today by Governor Burquist.

This refusal is conditional, however, that Omaha authorities cannot disprove all offers by the defendants within the next 30 days.

Many witnesses testified that the Finn brothers attended a banquet here the night of the Benson robbery. Victims of the robbery at Benson declared that they are positive that these two men are members of the robber gang.

John Finn, a third brother, who recently was implicated in the extradition efforts, proved such a strong alibi today that he was dismissed.

Chief Eberstein of the Omaha police declared today, following the governor's refusal, that he would not give up until he has succeeded in taking the Finn brothers back to Omaha for trial.

"Every police chief and sheriff in the country will get pictures of the alleged bank robbers, with orders to arrest them on sight," declared Chief Eberstein. "The Finn brothers will have to stick close to Minnesota or they'll surely face trial in Omaha."

The first theory of the prosecution was that the Finns took part in the bank holdup at Benson at 11 a. m. and returned by airplane or automobile to St. Paul in time to attend a New Year's watch party. At the later hearing, however, the Nebraska authorities offered evidence that the accused men were in Omaha at 5 p. m. on the day the bank was robbed. Eight witnesses, including three women, identified either or both of the men as members of the bandit gang.

Rivers and Harbors Bill Passes Despite Attacks

Washington, Jan. 22.—All attacks on the "porkless" rivers and harbors appropriation bill failed in the house and after numerous amendments were made the measure was passed with its appropriation of \$12,400,000 for maintenance and continuance of work on projects under way. The vote on passage of the bill, which carried the smallest appropriation of any measure of its kind in years, was 167 to 25.

Previous to the final vote effort was made to recommit the measure with instructions to specify numerous river and harbor improvements scattered throughout the country, but this move was defeated, 207 to 116. Likewise the house refused to appropriate \$11,000,000 for work on the Mississippi, Ohio and Missouri rivers, as well as for numerous smaller projects.

CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES IN AN UPROAR

Amid Tumultuous Scenes Recently Formed French Cabinet of Millerand Receives Vote of Confidence.

OUTCOME CONSIDERED GOVERNMENT DEFEAT

More Than 300 Deputies Refrain From Voting Following Bitter Attack by Daudet Upon Minister of Interior.

Paris, Jan. 22.—Amid tumultuous scenes in the chamber of deputies today, the recently formed cabinet of Premier Alexander Millerand received a vote of confidence, 272 to 23. The vote was considered a moral defeat for the government, however, as more than 300 deputies abstained from voting. The reluctance of the deputies to vote on the question of confidence recalled a scene in the chamber in the '90s, when the ministry of Alexander Ribot was overthrown three hours after its formation.

The vote was taken on the demand of Premier Millerand, following a savage attack by Deputy Leon Daudet, editor of L'Action Francaise, on Jules Steeg, minister of the interior. M. Daudet demanded the right to interpellate the government on M. Steeg's appointment to the ministry. He declared that Steeg was an accomplice of Louis J. Malvy, former minister of the interior, who was banished after his conviction on charges of communicating with the enemy and of Joseph Caillaux, former premier, who is soon to be brought to trial on the charge of attempting to promote a premature and dishonorable peace with Germany.

Cabinet Cannot Last. The significance of the vote was generally interpreted in the lobbies of the chamber to mean that the Millerand cabinet cannot last as now constituted and that the premier will have to replace M. Steeg at the ministry of the interior. The cabinet will be overthrown on the first question involving the interior policy in a question of confidence.

Many of the deputies who abstained from voting told The Associated Press correspondent that they have given notice of their intention to vote against the cabinet. M. Steeg was at the senate while M. Daudet was speaking. Summoned in haste by telephone, he replied that he had always served France with all his heart and intelligence.

Give Respect to Speech. The opening speech of Premier Millerand was respectfully listened to by deputies, but with M. Daudet's bitter attack on M. Steeg the chamber became extremely noisy and unruly. Before the vote of confidence orders of the day succeeded one another with such rapidity that at one time seven of them lay on the desk of Speaker Raoul Peret. Premier Millerand, adding the question of confidence in the cabinet, finally accepted the order of the day submitted by Deputy Dumestiel, reading: "The chamber, approving the government's declarations relative to the question of ministerial responsibility and rejecting any addition, reverts to the order of the day."

The chamber was in an uproar and Speaker Peret threatened to suspend the session. Prince Murat and M. Daudet exchanged caustic personal remarks on the floor of the chamber with members of the extreme left amid pandemonium.

Fraudulent Revenue Agents Victimize 100 New York Liquor Men

New York, Jan. 22.—An organized band of fraudulent revenue agents who are alleged to have worked under the direction of a few dishonest agents of the revenue department and to have victimized more than 100 New York saloon keepers, has been uncovered and the ringleaders identified, it was announced by James J. Quigley, assistant supervising federal prohibition agent.

The amounts collected by the agents, it was said, varied from \$1 to \$500, and in several instances large quantities of liquor were confiscated by the impostors.

California wine and Kentucky whisky are rolling into New York at the rate of four carloads daily. Mr. Quigley estimates that wine is valued at \$300 a barrel and 150 barrels come in a carload.

The owners of the liquor have obtained permits placing it in bond for sale to druggists or manufacturers.

Says Fremont Woman Will Be "Sealed" to a Mormon

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—Mormon missionaries who are working in Fremont and Elder E. E. Long, of Reorganized Mormon Church, are staged to debate in Fremont on the question as to whether Brigham Young is the rightful successor to Joseph Smith. It is said that a Fremont woman has arranged to go to Salt Lake City for the purpose of being "sealed" to a man other than her husband in the future life.

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