

WEATHER FORECAST for Kansas:
Generally fair tonight and Sunday;
not much change in temperature.

WHY all this fuss? The country grocery store whittlers settled the Chicago convention long ago.

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DR. WAITE FOUND GUILTY BY JURY THIS AFTERNOON

Charged With Murder of Father-in-law in Michigan.
Allenists Disagree on State of Defendant's Mentality.
NEVER WAS INSANE, SAYS ONE
Prisoner Resigned and Nonchalant Throughout Ordeal.
Knew What He Was Doing When He Murdered.

New York, May 27.—Dr. Arthur Warren Waite was today found guilty of the murder of his father-in-law, John E. Peck, of Grand Rapids, Mich.

He is sane.

That Dr. Waite is sane now and was sane at the time he poisoned his millionaire father-in-law, Dr. Smith Jelliffe, alienist for the state, declared on the witness stand today. Dr. Jelliffe said he reached his decision after talking with the prisoner and examining him as to his mental soundness.

The prosecution in the Waite murder trial took up the task of contradicting evidence introduced by the defense to prove that the young dentist was insane when he committed the crime the jury had heard him vividly describe.

Poisoner Unconcerned.

Following the taking of testimony this morning Assistant District Attorney Brotherton, for the prosecution, began his address to the jury.

Dr. Waite entered the court room with the same apparently resigned, nonchalant manner that has characterized him since the trial started.

The prosecution began its rebuttal of the testimony of the defense bearing upon Waite's alleged imbecility and idiosyncrasy by placing on the witness stand a neurologist, Dr. Smith Ely Jelliffe of New York. He testified that the prisoner showed no signs of defective intelligence.

"He appeared as the average man of his early life and environment," said Dr. Jelliffe.

"My belief is that he was an average man, somewhat superficial, inclined to be somewhat and of no great intellectual attainment."

Same When He Killed Peck.

"In my opinion he was sane. I believe he knew the nature of the crime he committed and was fully aware of all phases of it. He had sufficient mentality to appreciate his acts. He was sane when he killed Peck."

"Do you consider Waite a normal man?" asked W. R. Deuel, the prisoner's counsel.

"That question cannot be answered," replied Dr. Jelliffe. "He is a criminal with a mind. He differs from the average man in terms of psychology. He is not sane, but he has a trait that a criminal of that type would show."

Dr. William Wilson also testified for the prosecution saying he found no disturbance of Dr. Waite's nervous system. On some occasions when he examined Waite he found the prisoner made an effort to give false answers.

Smile Was Purpose.

"What is your conclusion about insanity?" asked Assistant District Attorney Brotherton.

"That he was sane," said the witness.

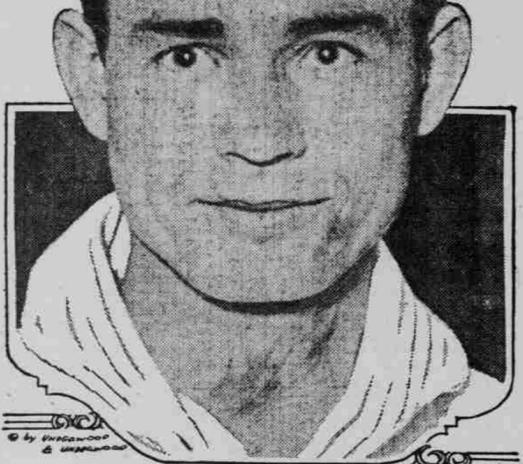
"Waite is as normal a man of his type can be. He had control of himself and knew what he was doing."

Asked if he noticed that Waite smiled while on the witness stand, he said the prisoner smiled while he was examined by the alienist.

"I consider that he chose that attitude for a purpose," said the alienist.

"I think he had trained himself for years to be pleasant to everybody, and was able to tell a story of the crime on the stand with the same manner that he would have told any story of simple life."

FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER



Dr. Arthur W. Waite.

HOLDS WHIP HAND TO RECORD CROWD

G. O. P. Leaders Admit T. R. Roosevelt Will Face Greatest Mass in K. C. History.

They Think He May Throw His Strength to Root.

Washington, May 27.—Republican leaders in congress conceded today Colonel Roosevelt will be able to control the nomination for president by the Republican national convention, if he falls to nominate himself.

They declared the former president could cause the nomination of either Root, Hughes, Burton, Sherman or Fairbanks, but were inclined to believe he would prefer Root to any other. Should Colonel Roosevelt select Root, they said, he would have no difficulty whatever in "coming back" himself in 1920.

It was asserted that the delegates to the convention are hand picked but that while they will be free to vote for any man, there was a mental reservation understood they would not return to Roosevelt.

Standpaters to Dominate.

The convention will be dominated, it was declared, by "standpaters," but a Progressive platform has been decided on in deference to the views of Colonel Roosevelt. There was noticeable today a distinct desire on the part of all factions at the capital to estimate Colonel Roosevelt at his true value and not to minimize his strength with the rank and file of the party.

This consideration for the wishes of the former president was particularly noticeable in the camps of the favorite sons, who have begun to court him in the hope, it was said, that he may cast his eyes their way if the nomination does not go to him and he refuses to let Justice Hughes be named.

FOOD DICTATOR WARNS SOLONS ABOUT DANGERS

Must Provision Army Before Civilians Are Fed.
Menacing Letters From Wurttemberg Province.

MUST HAVE CO-OPERATION

Provisioning Large Cities Is a Difficult Task.
Two Poor Crop Years Add to Predicament.

(BY THE NEW YORK SUN.)
Amsterdam, May 27.—According to Berlin advices, the president of the food supply board, Herr von Botocki, warned the reichstag not to expect any sudden change or improvement of conditions. He added that great difficulties are arising out of the relations of the federal states.

"From Wurttemberg," he is quoted as saying, "menacing letters have reached me protesting against the 'sucking dry' of Wurttemberg by Prussia. Without the ready co-operation of the authorities of the federal states and the entire population, my work cannot be successful."

"The army must first be provided for and only then can the civil population be considered. The most difficult task will be the provisioning of the large towns. Whether this provisioning will be more or less difficult depends on the result of the harvest."

Egg Famine in Berlin.

"It should not be forgotten that the bad harvest of 1914 and the still worse one of last year is the cause of the situation which we deplore today."

A Berlin dispatch quotes the Lokal Anzeiger as saying that for the last few days there has been a considerable shortage of eggs in Berlin and its suburbs.

An official communication to the press also is quoted, calling on the people to restrict the consumption of meat so that sufficient cattle for slaughtering may be saved for the spring.

VICTORY AGAIN TO FRENCH IN VERDUN BATTLE

Recapture Large Portion of Village of Cumieres.
Regain German Trenches Northwest of Town.

ONLY 9 MILES FROM VERDUN

Teutons' Counter Attack Raging With Great Fury.
Claim Repulse of Germans Near Fort Douaumont.

Paris, May 27.—French troops recaptured a large part of the village of Cumieres, nine miles northwest of Verdun, in heavy fighting last night, the war office announced today.

Despite the most desperate counter attacks, the French retained possession of the eastern part of the village as well as several German trenches to the northwest.

The French counter attack was launched from the grove between Cumieres and the west bank of the Meuse. After pressing forward into this wood in grenade fighting Thursday night, the French commanders massed detachments there yesterday and last night, throwing the forces against the Germans who had occupied Cumieres earlier in the week.

German Fight at Hill 304.

At the same time another French force attacked in the Cumieres wood northwest of the village, capturing German trenches. The Germans counter attacked with great fury but when the latest despatches were filed to the war office, the French were still holding the eastern portion of Hill 304, three-quarters of a mile from the Meuse.

East of Hill 304 French grenadiers made some progress during the night. On the east bank of the Meuse the Germans attacked French trenches near Fort Douaumont but were completely repulsed.

German Drive for Petrograd?

London, May 27.—The naval correspondent of the Times asserts that the next German offensive probably will be in northern Russia, taking the form of a combined land and sea attack on the Gulf of Riga and across the Dvina, heralding an endeavor to advance toward Petrograd.

In concert with this campaign some observers anticipate a simultaneous blow at the British front in France, and Flanders, and here also it is believed some progress may be made by sea as well as by land.

BRUIT OF WAR HAS FALLEEN ON LABOR IN PAST

Gompers Lays Down International Peace Program.
Must Not Deny Right of Revolution to Masses.

CITIZENS TO DECIDE ON WAR

Demands Voice of Labor Be Invited to All Councils.
President of Unions' Federation Addresses Peace League.

Washington, D. C., May 27.—Labor has borne most of the burdens growing out of war in the past, with little to say in regard to the declaring of wars or their conduct, and in the peace of the future labor must have an increasing voice, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, declared in an address here at the first annual assemblage of the League to Enforce Peace.

Mr. Gompers outlined five principles which he declared "represent not only the international program for which labor will work in the future, but for which labor has been contending through the years." These principles he said, are as follows:

1. It must be a program under which the military forces of the world will be reduced from the dictation of arbitrary autocrats and absolute secret diplomacy and dedicated to the maintenance of a higher standard of morals, law and justice; a program which will safeguard the use of military power that it cannot be used by the reactionary forces of privileges in imperialistic aggression.

2. It must be a program elastic enough to admit of those fundamental changes that the growing life of the world makes necessary.

3. It must be a program under which the small nations, as well as the large nations, shall have an equal voice in every just and individual development; a program that will make it impossible for a few strong nations to dictate the status quo against the demands for change made in the interest of democracy and larger opportunity.

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GERMAN MARKETS USE BARBER PLAN TO PREVENT RIOTS

London, May 27.—The community of Griedenau, near Berlin, has decided to number all meat tickets as a measure to check rioting outside butchershops, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company, which quotes the Berlin Tageblatt. Holders of tickets must take their turn at the butchershop according to number, and those unable to go on specified dates will get no meat for that week.

AUSTRIAN ARMS ARE DEFEATED ON ADIGE RIVER

Attacking Infantry, in Mass Formation, Is Exterminated.
Action Is Preceded by Violent Artillery Bombardment.

ITALIANS IN ASTICO RETIRE INTO THE NIGHT

Fighting in Asiago Sector Lasts Crown Prince's Army Repulsed at Monte Civaron.

Rome, May 27.—A severe reverse of the Austrians in the Lagarina valley is announced in an official statement issued by the war department today. The statement follows:

"In the Lagarina valley the enemy continued yesterday his impetuous attacks on our line along the Adige river and the Arsa valley and met with another anguinary defeat. After violent artillery preparation masses of infantry in close formation began an attack upon us at Coni Zugna and Col de Buole. They were exterminated."

"Between Posina and the Astico river after a severe and bloody battle our bombardment by the enemy our troops, having repulsed one attack, evacuated an advance position on the Astico river."

"On the Asiago sector, fighting continued during the whole day with varying fortunes and was still proceeding at night, the enemy attacking our position east of the Arsa valley."

"In the Sugana valley the enemy made several attacks on Monte Civaron, but each was repulsed. One of our columns of infantry and Alpines sprung a brilliant surprise attack and drove the enemy from the approaches to our position on the left bank of Maso."

ESTEY ON BOARD

General Assembly Chooses Topeka Pastor.
Presbyterians Consolidate Two Branches of Work.

Atlantic City, May 27.—Commissioners to the 125th general assembly of the Presbyterian church, which closed yesterday, today were discussing the probable location of the newly established general board of education. The new board is a consolidation of the college board and the board of education and is composed of 28 members, 18 ministers and 10 laymen.

Dr. John Willis Baer, president of Occidental college, was prominently mentioned for secretary, the salary of which office was fixed by the assembly at \$6,000 a year.

Among the board members is Stephen Estey of Topeka, Kan.

Dr. S. S. Estey, who has been chosen as a member of the Presbyterian general board of education.

STOP SUFF ACTION

"Votes" Resolution Smothered by Presbyterian Assembly.
Ministers Cannot Use Tobacco, Decision of Convention.

TO RESTRICT WAR

Peace League Speakers Urge Necessity of World Tribunal.
U. S. Must Be in It, Says Secretary of War Baker.

Washington, May 27.—Secretary of War Newton D. Baker told the league to enforce peace in session here that when the war is over, Europe's people will demand preservation. He says such wars as the present will no longer be tolerated. If the United States refuses to join hands with nations to preserve peace, he states, it will be left outside the circles formed by the nations of the world to preserve peace.

"There has come a situation in the world in which, whether we want to or whether we do not, whether it is good business or just ordinary idealism, we are obliged to take a planetary view of the advent of the human race."

U. S. Must Be in It.

"Now suppose they get up such a league. Suppose Europe asserts herself and determines to have that sort of regulation of international relations which we are not in it. What will then be the relation we bear to the rest of the world? Their intimacy without our being in partnership will some day become confusing to us. And if we now, in the dominant moral position in the world, decline to join hands with the circle that is quite certainly destined to be formed by the nations of the world for the preservation of peace, they will form that circle and we will be on the outside of it."

At a special meeting of the league a campaign to raise \$300,000 before tonight was announced. Forty thousand dollars had been subscribed. The fund will be used in carrying on the league's propaganda. Among those at the meeting were Jacob H. Schiff, Horden Harriman, Miss Mabel T. Boardman, Oscar S. Strauss, Henry A. Wheeler, Edward A. Filene, A. Lawrence Lowell and Benjamin Ide Wheeler.

Find Mrs. Lynch Not Guilty.

Sturgis, Ark., May 27.—The jury in the case of Mrs. Lily Lynch, charged with being an accessory in the murder of her husband, Robert Lynch, today returned a verdict of not guilty at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The jury was out 22 hours.

Lynch was killed by Robert Spivey, a son of Mrs. Lynch. He was shot to death at Mrs. Lynch's home, May 9, 1912, at Salsburg, Ark. Spivey claimed he thought Lynch was a burglar.

TAFT WON'T BALK

Former President Will Be for T. R. if He Wins.
Report That Few Western Moosers Will "Wander."

Washington, May 27.—If Colonel Roosevelt wins the Chicago convention to follow Roosevelt in any path he may select. Should he endeavor to endorse a candidate of the conservative type, or should he approve a platform in which the "Social Justice" plank of 1912 have only an unimportant place if any at all, they intend to play out on their own and make an independent fight.

He would only chuckle and shake his head when asked about the report. Finally, between chortles, he said:

"Why should I comment on such a violent hypothesis?"

With this, however, came a report that a number of western delegates to the Progressive convention do not intend to follow Roosevelt in any path he may select. Should he endeavor to endorse a candidate of the conservative type, or should he approve a platform in which the "Social Justice" plank of 1912 have only an unimportant place if any at all, they intend to play out on their own and make an independent fight.

TWISTER AT PITTSBURG

Two Men Narrowly Escape Death—Damage May Reach \$20,000.

Pittsburg, Kan., May 27.—Damage to the extent of from \$15,000 to \$20,000 was done in Pittsburg shortly after 7 o'clock this morning by a tornado.

The tornado entered Pittsburg in the central western part of the city, demolished a grocery store, tore big trees out by the roots, blew windows in and played havoc with the business section as it reached the business section the storm passed over to the eastern side of the city, where it attacked the grand house of the Kansas City Southern. Damage done there amounts to \$4,000.

In the grocery store when the tornado struck it were two men. They were standing near a large refrigerator. The refrigerator saved their lives. The building caved in but the big ice box held off the wreckage and the men were released uninjured.

POLLY LAUGHS AT SUFFS; SEND HER BACK TO OWNER

Chicago, May 27.—There will be no green and yellow parrot in the suffrage parade here on June 7. Polly did not behave and she is back in the bird store from which she came. Parade headquarters were opened yesterday and the parrot, which had been named "Polly Votes," was there. It had been announced that the parrot was to be taught to talk for votes and would be official Barker in the parade. The bird store man assured the committee that the parrot did not swear, but the day was opened by a recital of all the swearwords that Polly knew. The bird refused to learn the official slogan, "Polly votes," but would only say "Votes" and would follow it with derisive laughter. She stole the beauty patch off one suffragist's cheek, bit and scratched and behaved so undignifiedly that she was sent back to her owner.

COOPER NEAR DEATH

Manager of Orpheum Dodged Falling Timbers in Theater.

J. H. Cooper, manager of the Orpheum theater, narrowly escaped death early this afternoon when the weight of a huge fan that is being installed in the theater tore down a section of scaffolding, which fell within a few feet of Cooper. In evading the falling timber, Cooper was slightly injured.

The fan was only slightly damaged and workmen were delayed only temporarily. The system that is being installed in the show house will insure perfect ventilation. It will be completed by Monday, according to Mr. Cooper.

SUFF DAMES IN ROLE OF FLOWER GIRLS IN GOTHAM

New York, May 27.—Hundreds of yellow peach basket hats, with the cutest little blue roses perked saucily upon them, bobbed merrily along Broadway and Fifth avenue today. The hats, designed by Mrs. Frank A. Vanderbilt, were worn by New York suffragists who heard that Englishwomen got \$1,000,000 selling artificial flowers on the streets of England one day last year, and decided to try it themselves. Mrs. Thompson Seton and Mrs. John Flagler of Greenwich, Conn., were among the flower girls.

COLLEGE BURNS

Two Dead in Ruins of Institution at Oskaloosa, Ia.

Penn Business Manager and Freshman Killed.

Oskaloosa, Ia., May 27.—Two men were killed, two probably fatally injured and property damage estimated at between \$30,000 and \$100,000 wrought by the fire which at 4 o'clock this morning broke out in the main building of Penn college here. Robert H. Williams, business manager of the college and state secretary of the Prohibition party, and Harry Oakley, a freshman, were killed.

George Minear and Howard Kelley, students, are in a hospital and may die.

Bell Crashes Down on Men.

The fire broke out in the biological laboratory on the second floor. A forty gallon tank of alcohol exploded, scattering the fire in all directions. Insufficient water pressure handicapped the fire department, Williams and Oakley were killed while attempting to save the college records. Most of the records had been carried out when the fire reached the cupola, and the fire engine could not get down through the building, wrecking the front wall and burying the victims under tons of debris.

Minear and Kelley are cut and bruised and believed to have suffered internal injuries. They were hurt while rescuing the E. H. Byers art collection which was hung in the chapel hall. The collection, made up of copies of numerous paintings, is said to be worth \$50,000.

Defective electric wiring is believed to have started the fire.

GOOD DAY FOR PICNICS

A Fine Sunday Is Promised by the Weather Observer.

Hourly temperature readings furnished by the weather bureau:

7 o'clock	... 60	11 o'clock	... 68
8 o'clock	... 62	12 o'clock	... 70
9 o'clock	... 64	1 o'clock	... 73
10 o'clock	... 66	2 o'clock	... 74

Temperatures today averaged 3 degrees above normal. The wind blew at the rate of 8 miles from the northwest. The maximum velocity last night was 6 miles an hour.

Rain fell here this morning to a depth of 1.31 of an inch. The ground was becoming dry and the shower is fine for the crops. Temperatures have been a drop with the rain and the minimum here this morning was 53 degrees. This is exactly normal for this date. The sky was partly cloudy but the day was pleasant. Sunday will be a good day for picnics, according to S. D. Flora, local weather observer, though the ground will be slightly damp. The rain is over, says Mr. Flora. Tomorrow will be a fine day with temperatures about the same as today.

The forecast calls for generally fair weather tonight and Sunday with little change in temperature. The wind was in the northeast this morning but in the northeast this evening, says no more rain is expected. The shower this morning was the heaviest that has fallen here since last summer, according to the weather bureau.

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BRITISH STEAMER SUNK

London, May 27.—The British steamship Danewood, has been sunk. Her crew was landed.

GIRL HEARD CRIES

Pupil of Murdered Teacher Testifies at Sweet Trial.

Accused Man Helped Lift Body Into a Wagon.

Syracuse, Kan., May 27.—The state was expected to introduce more witnesses in the case of Archie Sweet, charged with the murder of Miss Nellie Byers, Grant county school teacher, on October 22 of last year with the opening of court today.

Henson family with whom Sweet made his home, will testify against him. Chief Hammit stated that the 15 year old child of Sweet, lawyers do not expect the case to end before the middle part of next week.

Witnesses for the state testified that Sweet acted in a suspicious manner at the place where the young woman was found and helped lift the body into a wagon to carry it to the inquest. Dr. W. C. Brownell, of Moscow, Kan., testified he had examined Miss Byers' body after the murder and to his best judgment she had been attacked.

G. N. Watson, chemist of the University of Kansas, was called to the stand to testify that the fingerprints from the girl's body by Dr. Brownell, tending to prove she had been ravished.

Did Not Subpoena Capper.

Pearl Stimp, one of Miss Byers' pupils, testified she heard screams in the vicinity of the murder about the time she died and that she was not subpoenaed. She declared she was on horseback after cattle when the cries were heard.

The plan to subpoena Governor Capper in the case and have him produce the telegram alleged to have been sent him by County Attorney Stubbs saying developments indicated Sweet to be innocent, was abandoned by the defense. Stubbs was cross-examined on the same issue but the objections of the state were sustained on grounds of improper questioning.

SENT \$100,000 TO IRISH

Supreme Court Judge and N. Y. Attorney Named in Revolt Probe.

Dublin, May 27.—The names of Judge Daniel Cohalan of the New York supreme court and Dennis Sheehy, a New York lawyer, were mentioned by Major Price in his testimony before the Irish commission investigating the Sinn Fein revolt, in connection with money sent from America to the Sinn Feiner. Major Price said that \$100,000, mostly in American gold, had reached the Irish revolutionists during the first six months after the war broke out.

SET PRICE ON RAILWAY

Frisco Judge Places \$18,000,000 Mark on Western Pacific.

San Francisco, May 27.—United States District Judge Maurice T. Doonling fixed \$18,000,000 as the "upset" price for the sale of the Western Pacific railway today in the foreclosure suit brought by the Equitable Trust company of New York.

BANK YEGGS FAIL

Blow Front Out of Building but Get No Coin.

Posse Gathers and Bandits Give Battle.

Kansas City, May 27.—Five robbers entered the Bank of Raytown, ten miles south of Kansas City early today, blew out the entire front of the banking building with a charge of explosive and escaped after a battle with citizens. No money was obtained.

The men were forced to flee before they had opened the money compartment of the bank's safe. Sam G. Robinson, a grocer, who heard the robbers at work telephoned to the police and then summoned his neighbors. Twenty-five armed men responded. When they arrived at the bank building the robbers abandoned their work inside and opened fire. The citizens replied.

William Jennings, a merchant was grazed by bullets from one of the bandits guns.

When the crowd increased the robbers fled through a rear entrance of the bank building and were seen in the flight and is believed to have been wounded.

SUNDAY ON T. R.

"Greatest American Alive" Evangelist Tells Audience.

Kansas City, Mo., May 27.—Billy Sunday will begin his sermon about 1:30 o'clock next Tuesday afternoon, and the meeting at the Tabernacle will be over in time for everyone to reach the Convention hall by 3 o'clock, the time the doors open to admit the crowds that will hear Colonel Roosevelt speak at 4 o'clock.

Mr. Sunday paid a high tribute to Colonel Roosevelt.

"I'll begin to reach early Tuesday, at 1:30 if you're here, earlier," he said. "It being a holiday, you can all come earlier. Then we can all go down to Convention hall to hear the greatest American alive."

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