

WEATHER FORECAST.

Fair to-day and to-morrow; fresh and strong west winds. Highest temperature yesterday, 42; lowest, 32. Detailed weather reports on editorial page.



IT SHINES FOR ALL

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MERCHANT SHIP DRIVE SEEN AS BIG LOSS TO U.S.

Government Rate Cut to Meet British Called First Step in Disaster.

OUTPUT IS TOO COSTLY

Every Nation Speeds Building Plan in Race for Ocean Trade.

MANY CRAFT TO BE IDLE

Not Business Enough, While America Faces Greatest Operating Bill.

All the merchant fleets of all the nations—a matter of about 50,000,000 gross tons of shipping, representing nearly 30,000 vessels—are in the melting pot. In what form they will emerge and how the balance of power will be distributed will be determined to some degree by the Peace Conference; but in greater measure by the process of evolution through which the world's shipping in general and American shipping in particular are now passing.

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Out of the Government's determination to acquire a merchant marine at no matter what cost, and to operate it in defiance of the fundamental principles of commercial sanity, the situation has passed from confusion to middle and now verges on chaos. With ships built at double the cost of those of other nations and operated at 50 per cent. greater expense, on a conservative estimate, the Government has embarked on an era of competition which promises to take billions of dollars from the pockets of American taxpayers and threatens to drive from the seas the American flag as the emblem of individual enterprise.

Start of Trade War.

To meet British shipping's action in cutting rates to a level lower than ours, to a third of their former figure, the American Government responds with an equal cut. And this is apparently only the beginning of a rate war that bids fair to be carried to a point where private shipping to meet the competition must operate at a ruinous loss.

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Outline of Situation.

This is the barest outline of a situation which has arisen through the insistence of the Government in converting to legitimate shipping the entire capacity of a great mercantile marine and through greater national prosperity.

Medals Peddled, Says Congressman

Edmunds Shows Spurious Decorations From France.

Will Cut Living Costs.

The plan under consideration is in the interest of the great mass of our citizenry, residents of Greater New York, and also favors the conditions by the delivery of produce and general merchandise into the city at minimum cost.

Discrepancy in Estimates.

The discrepancy was due to the fact that the Admiralty figures are presented in gross tons, while the Shipping Board makes its calculations in deadweight tons, gross representing the entire capacity of a vessel and deadweight the maximum weight of cargo, bunkers, stores and even the passengers and crew.

Files 300 Miles With 10 Persons.

Roses, Jan. 30.—A Caproni biplane carrying ten passengers flew from Milan to Rome today in four and a half hours. The distance is about 300 miles.

Daylight Saving Will Be Resumed March 30

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—In accordance with the daylight saving bill the clocks throughout the country will be set forward one hour at 1 A. M. the last Sunday of March and an hour's daylight will be gained for seven months, the clocks being set back again at 1 A. M. the last Sunday in October.

RATE TO EUROPE SLASHED BY U. S.

Cuts of 60 Per Cent. on Goods From South Atlantic Ports to England.

BRITISH REDUCTION MET

High Shipping Charges of War Wiped Out—Hurley to Fight Competition.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—A tremendous slash in ocean shipping rates from the United States to ports in the north and south of Europe was announced by the Shipping Board to-night, effective immediately and apply as of date of January 30.

Rates from south Atlantic ports to England were reduced approximately 60 per cent. and those from Gulf ports about 44 per cent. The general rates from south Atlantic ports to England were brought down from \$2.95 a hundred pounds to \$1.07 the hundred pounds and the Gulf port rates to England from \$3.20 a hundred to \$1.15.

These cuts by the Shipping Board and reductions in commodity rates announced two days ago, which affected only north Atlantic ports, were made to meet English competition and follow similar cuts by the British.

They wipe out the high war shipping rates almost at a single clip. They are indicative of the policy to be pursued by the United States and carry out the declaration of Chairman Hurley of the board that the United States would meet all competition. He gave this assurance to the Executive Chamber when the Secretary declared that American trade was threatened unless our ship rates were brought down to meet foreign competition.

The new general schedule for south Atlantic ports on a 100 pound basis are: To the United Kingdom, \$1.07. To Antwerp, \$1.15. To London, \$1.15. To Hamburg, \$1.35. To Havre and Bordeaux, \$1.35. To Marseilles and Cote, France, \$1.72. To Genoa and Naples, \$1.72. To Genoa and Suez, \$1.72. To Genoa and Suez, \$1.72.

CALLERS HARD ON CARPETS.

Only a Month in Office, Governor Orders New Ones.

ALBANY, Jan. 30.—So many persons have called upon Governor Smith since he took office that the Executive Chamber carpet has worn out and bids are to be received up to February 13 for new carpets through the Executive suite.

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STATES TO JOIN IN BOND ISSUE FOR PORT WORK

Edge and Smith Would Create "Harbor Authority" to Raise Money.

CONFERENCE IN ALBANY

Legislative Leaders Favor Project to Finance Water-front Improvements.

MUST AMEND TREATY

New Jersey Governor Ready to Concede Toll Charges in Proposed Vehicular Tube.

WAR RUINS SHOCK WILSON.

President Will Visit Year "No Man's Land."

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POLICY FOR GERMAN COLONIES DECIDED ON; PEACE CONFERENCE AGREES ON TURKEY ALSO; BRITAIN AND FRANCE ACCEPT WILSON'S PLAN

STRIKES WORRY BRITISH CABINET

No Action Taken Because Unions Are Not Behind Walkouts.

WAITING POLICY ADOPTED

Lack of Financial Support Expected to Bring Men Back to Work.

WILSON COOL

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Saxons in Transylvania to Unite With Rumania

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PARIS, Jan. 30.—It is announced that the population of the German colonies in Transylvania has decided to support the decisions taken December 1 by the Rumanians and Hungary to join their brethren beyond the Carpathians, and found a greater Rumania. This news is of first importance.

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COLONIES TO SAY WHO SHALL RULE

Mandatory Chosen by People, but Subject to League of Nations.

OPEN DOOR IS PROVIDED

New Principle Also to Be Applied to the Larger Territories Involved.

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President's Idea for Self-Determination May Affect Monroe Doctrine.

SENATE MAY OPPOSE IT

Santo Domingo and Hayti Cited as Likely to Come Under Same Category.

WARNING BY PREMIERS

Policing of Turkey Also Expected to Be a Storm Centre of Objection.

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Polishing of Turkey Proposed.

With the question of policing Turkey referred to the Versailles council the problem has arisen as to what extent American troops would be called upon to participate. American military advisers in Europe are unanimously against such participation, and undoubtedly will take the position that all American troops should be sent home at the earliest possible date. The Allies want America to pay much of the cost, however, thus bringing up another new point.

Polish Plans Outlined.

The interallied commission charged with the investigation of the Polish situation met in the Foreign Office this morning and studied the instructions drafted by M. Pichon, the French Foreign Minister, which have been approved in principle and of which the great Powers are engaged in formulating the principal details.

French Display Uneasiness.

Evidently there is no idea of returning any of the colonies to Germany because of their military potentialities.

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