

Fair and somewhat cooler to-day; to-morrow fair. Temperature yesterday—Maximum, 87; minimum, 70.

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MEMBERS TALK PROBE ORDERED IMPROBATION OF DEATH OF MR. STIMSON OF U. S. DIPLOMAT

May Adopt Extreme Measures to Obtain Major Ray Papers. State Department Wants Facts in Mysterious Shooting of W. B. McMaster.

ARE ANGRY AT SECRETARY LIFE HAD BEEN THREATENED

Latter Gives Little Information at Meeting of Department Probers. Vice and Deputy Consul at Cartagena Had Been Persecuted by South American Government.

By JOSEPH P. ANNIS. Unless Secretary of War Stimson produces forthwith papers bearing on the alleged misconduct of Maj. Becher R. Ray, Fay Corps, U. S. A., an attempt will be made to bring him before the bar of the House of Representatives in impeachment proceedings.

This was the temper of the members of the Committee on Expenditures in the War Department after they had grilled the Cabinet officer until the tempers of witness and committee were strained to the breaking point yesterday.

Secretary Stimson's answers, his manner of delivering them, and his outspoken criticism of the committee for their attempts to locate what they believe to be important papers in the Ray case and having a material bearing upon their investigation resulted in the determination on the part of members of the committee to bring Mr. Stimson to this knees if possible.

Committee Is Hailed. The committee has been trying for months to locate the papers bearing on the Ray case. They have been completely baffled by the mysterious disappearance of these papers, which are now believed to be in the possession of Maj. Gen. Franklin B. Rowland, the Division of the Philippines. It has been admitted that the papers formerly were in the possession of Brig. Gen. Clarence Edwards, of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, and Secretary Stimson admitted yesterday that the action of Gen. Edwards and Bell in handling the papers was "highly irregular."

Criticism of the Committee. Criticism and cross-criticism flew back and forth in the committee room yesterday. Secretary Stimson denounced the committee for "siring a scandal," and jeopardizing the good name of a woman. Representative Bulkley of Ohio protested that the committee had admitted these papers on the ground that they involved the good name of a woman, but that the department had supplied the committee with letters involving the moral conduct of a daughter of a civil war hero.

A Reluctant Witness. Secretary Stimson displayed a disposition, they feel, to give as little information as possible. To this end he sparred continuously with members who seemed bent on pinning him down to an admission that some one "higher up" was responsible for the hiding back of the papers. Mr. Stimson believed that the papers were of a private nature, and that the committee had no right to procure them through him.

When asked if any disciplinary measures had been taken against the officers and result of the alleged misconduct, Mr. Stimson replied that he was awaiting the report of the committee. "Do you want this committee to give you instructions how to keep your files and run your department?" asked Chairman Helm sarcastically.

CONDEMNNS SENATE ACTION.

Australian Recuser Denounces Passage of Panama Canal Bill. Melbourne, Aug. 14.—Premier Fisher, of Australia, today in Parliament denounced the action of the United States Senate in passing the Panama Canal administration bill granting free passage to American ships through the waterway.

At the same time Mr. Fisher announced in reply to questions that he had opened negotiations with the Foreign Minister of Great Britain asking what action Great Britain intended taking in the matter.

"YOU AIN'T NO BUGABOO."



BANKERS HELPING WHITMAN IN PROBE

New York Clearing House Orders All Its Members to Help the District Attorney. WIFE OF SAM SCHEPPS SUES HIM FOR DIVORCE

Aldermanic Probe May Result in More Disclosures of Grafting in High Places. New York, Aug. 14.—For the first time in the history of modern finance every bank in New York City has offered its services to further the graft investigation which will follow the indictment of the murderers of Herman Rosenthal, and which indictments are expected to-morrow.

Man, Seventy-six Years Old, to Wed Woman, Seventy-two. New York, Aug. 14.—John Christopher Gillet, seventy-six years old, a grandfather and widower twice, and Mrs. Rachel Kendall, seventy-two, a grandmother and widower once, are to be married here to-morrow, and to start for Europe at once on their honeymoon.

BROKEN IN HEALTH, FAMOUS JOCKEY IS CHARGED WITH STEALING WATCH. New York, Aug. 14.—Grover Cleveland Fuller, twenty-five years old, and broken in health by drink and dissipation, was arraigned in the General Sessions here to-day, charged with the theft of a \$7 watch.

Another Dies in Chair. Auburn, Aug. 14.—The eighth name was added to the toll exacted this week by the electric chair when John Maruszewski, 35, was executed here to-day. Two high-power contacts of 1,500 volts at nine amperes were necessary to produce death.

Robbed American Gets Six Months. London, Aug. 14.—William Marztram, notorious half way around the world as a pickpocket, was sentenced to six months at hard labor to-day for picking the pocket of Prof. William B. Hill, of Vassar College. The pickpocket obtained \$50 in bank notes, and was caught as he was running away from his victim.

Two Killed When Steamer Burns. Baton Rouge, La., Aug. 14.—Two members of the crew of the Standard Oil steamer C. M. Pate, perished when the vessel, with three barges of oil, was burned at Gretnova, La., to-day. The loss is estimated at \$150,000.

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FREE TRADE IN SHIPS RESULT OF CONFERENCE WILSON HEARS HE MAY CARRY PENNSYLVANIA

Agreement Reached on Panama Canal Bill—Victory for House. W. H. Berry, Candidate for State Treasurer, Makes a Call and Statement.

MODIFIED FREE TOLLS ANNOUNCE SPEECH DATES

Senate Anti-Railroad Amendment to Measure Also Is Modified Governor Will Be Unable to Attend Notification Exercises of Running Mate.

A conference agreement on the Panama Canal bill, which is considered a victory for the House measure, was reached late yesterday afternoon. The report will be presented to both Houses to-day, and is virtually assured of the approval of Congress and the President.

What Bill Carries. As agreed to by the conferees, the measure eliminates all provisions looking to a ship subsidy; grants free use of the Panama Canal to all vessels of American registry engaged in the coastwise trade; authorizes American registry for foreign-built ships owned by Americans.

Senate Amendment Changed. The district courts of the United States are given jurisdiction to determine questions of fact in cases involving the position of participation in the benefits of the canal by persons or corporations operating in violation of the anti-trust act, but the Senate amendment is changed to permit the question to be brought by the Attorney General.

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CAUCUS AGREES TO SHIP COMPROMISE

One Battleship Programme Indorsed by Democrats at Party Meeting. LEADERS EXPECT HARMONY

At the fifth caucus held on the naval programme the Democrats of the House late yesterday reversed their former action and authorized the House conferees on the naval appropriation bill to agree to the authorization for one new battleship.

The resolution adopted by the caucus, by a vote of 25 in 11, and without a roll call, was as follows: "Resolved, That the former action of the Democratic caucus in regard to battleships be, and the same is hereby, rescinded, and that the conferees on the naval appropriation bill be authorized to agree to one new battleship. No member is bound by this resolution to vote for one battleship should he not desire to do so."

The resolution was offered by Chairman Sulzer of the Naval Affairs Committee, and was adopted after a brief discussion. Representative Sulzer of New York, who has led the fight for two ships, attempted to gain consideration for a resolution rescinding the action of the former caucuses and permitting the Democrats to vote according to individual preferences for any number of new ships.

Sulzer Point of Order. Representative Padgett made a point of order against the Sulzer resolution, which had been offered as a substitute, and Chairman Burleson sustained the point of order. The Padgett motion was then carried, and the caucus adjourned followed.

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