

Partly cloudy and warmer today; tomorrow fair. Highest temperature yesterday, 32; low, 23.

Theodore Roosevelt You cannot fail to worship his memory after reading his letters to his children. Every morning in The Herald.

SCORES HURT AS POLICE RIDE DOWN 1,000 NEW YORK REDS BORAH ASSERTS ANTI-SEDITION BILL MUZZLES THE PRESS

RAIL BLACKLIST IS ADVOCATED AS STRIKE PENALTY

Lenroot Compromise Proposal Being Considered By Conferees on Bill.

OMITS CUMMINS PLAN

Prohibition of Walkout Considered Doomed to Defeat in House.

Imposition of a Federal blacklist against railway employees who go on strike has been proposed to the conferees on the railroad bill as a substitute for the drastic anti-strike provisions adopted in the Cummins bill.

It will be impossible to get the House to agree to the Cummins measure, the conferees are convinced, and for this reason the substitute has been proposed and is now being considered.

Barred for Four Months.

The new provision is to the effect that when employees of the roads disobey the decision of the Wage Adjustment Board and go on strike, they shall be barred four months from employment on any part of the entire railroad system of the United States.

The prohibition against going on strike which is carried in the Cummins bill is omitted from the new proposal, but the restriction against re-employment for the four-month period is intended as punishment for those who refuse to accept wage adjustment.

Another provision of the compromise proposal is that there shall be formed a wage adjustment board, to be composed of persons who are neither employers nor employees, possessing power to examine into all disputes over wages and hours and to make its awards accordingly.

Lenroot Offers Plan.

The new plan is the work of Senator Lenroot, of Wisconsin, who has conferred with both the Senate and House committees on the general subject of anti-strike legislation. He proposed the Cummins bill in the Senate because of the sections which prohibit strikes under penalty of heavy fine and imprisonment.

The Esch bill, which was passed by the House, contained no such anti-strike provisions as are in the Cummins bill. It is understood, however, that a majority of the House conferees are inclined to accept the Lenroot proposal, which does not attempt to keep men from striking, but would impose a penalty upon those who do not obey the findings of the wage adjustment board.

Weather Man Predicts Break in Cold Spell

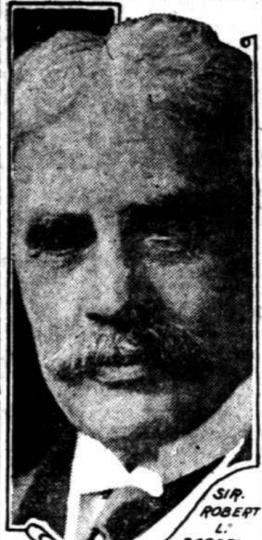
A break in the cold snap which has gripped Washington for the past few days is forecast by the weather Bureau, which, in its report last night, predicts "cloudy and warmer" for today and tomorrow. Saturday, the report says, will be fair with fresh southwest winds.

AT WASHINGTON THEATERS

- Shubert-Garrick—"Piccadilly Jim." Shubert-Belasco-Jane Cowl in "Smilin' Through." Poli's—"Zip, Goes a Million." National—"The Better 'Ole." Loew's Palace—"Marguerite Clark in 'A Girl Named Mary.' Crandall's Metropolitan—"The Girl from Outside." Moore's Rialto—"Katherine McDonald in 'The Thunderbolt.'" Moore's Garden—"Everywoman." Moore's Strand—"Desert Gold." Loew's Columbia—"Bessie Barriscale in 'Beckoning Roads.'" Cosmos—"Continuous vaudeville and pictures." Crandall's Knickerbocker—"Constance Talmadge in 'The Virtuous Vamp.'" B. F. Keith's—"Vaudeville." Crandall's—"Mabel Normand in 'Jinx.'" Polly—"Burlesque; 'Blue Birds.'" The Coliseum—"Roller Skating." Gayety—"Burlesque; 'Oh, Girl' Company."

District Storm Is Brewing Over Hand-Picked Delegates to Both National Conventions

CANADA'S PREMIER MAY RESIGN SOON



Ottawa.—Canada is looking about for another man to succeed Sir Robert Borden as its premier. Borden has announced his intention to resign on the first of the year, but is reported to have been persuaded to remain in office. He is 65.

BRAZIL BIDDING FOR 3,000 BOCHE

Colonists Offered Farms At Nominal Prices and Free Passage to Rio.

Berlin, Dec. 25.—The Brazilian government, through the Brazilian consul in Holland, has offered free passage to 3,000 able bodied German farmer colonists, according to the German Emigrant Gazette.

The offer promises the Germans will get free food and shelter at Rio de Janeiro during the necessary stay there and will receive railway transportation to the area they are to develop. They will get free medical attendance for one year, assurance of employment and free education for their children, all at the expense of the Brazilian government.

Land will be sold to these Germans at a nominal price, payable during a stipulated period of years.

There are indications of rivalry between Mexico, Brazil and Argentina for better class German emigrants. The German-Chilean League at Santiago is planning for large German immigration to the island of Chiloe, already largely owned by Chilean citizens of German origin.

SCORES OF GIFTS GREET VICE PRESIDENT'S SON

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 25.—Little Harrison Marshall, 3-year-old foster son of Vice President Marshall, here for the holidays, was being literally showered with gifts and Christmas greetings today.

London Restaurant Strike Called Off on Christmas

London, Dec. 25.—The Christmas spirit won another victory today. Theater and hotel workers who threatened to walk out leaving pleasure-loving London "all dressed up with no place to go" on Christmas Day agreed to postpone their walk-out.

Reports from all over the United Kingdom indicated happy post-war Christmas. Dispatches from Ireland reported a happy Christmas Day there with little worry over the home rule problem. At Sbilbreen Sinn Feiners yesterday raided a farmhouse and restored an evicted tenant.

Bolsheviks Increase Army.

London, Dec. 25.—The Bolsheviks have raised thirty-one infantry and seven cavalry divisions in a final desperate effort to crush completely the army of Gen. Denikin in Southern Russia, it was learned here today.

Backers of Robert I. Miller And Other Republican Candidates for Party Honor Hold Conference. Petition for Registration Of G. O. P. Adherents Turned Down—Row Over Rival Groups at Chicago Conclave.

There seems to be a storm brewing on the local political horizon. It is currently reported that an attempt will be made to do away with the quadrennial primary elections in the District of Columbia and "hand pick" the delegates and alternates to the Republican and Democratic Presidential conventions.

As no denial of this alleged plan has been forthcoming, the rank and file of the two political parties are inclined to accept the report as true. Insistent rumors concerning the proposed change in the manner of selecting delegates from the District have resulted in considerable comment and indignation.

Miller's Backers Meet.

At a conference of friends of the announced Republican candidates last night the statement was made that, notwithstanding the attempt to change the manner of procedure by a so-called "State committee for the District of Columbia," the supporters of Robert I. Miller and other candidates for election as District representatives at the Chicago convention will go ahead with their plans for the primaries.

It was learned last night that at the time of the meeting of the Republican National Committee in this city recently, representations were made to that body concerning alleged disorders and scandals at former primaries here, and the desirability of "selecting future delegates and alternates in a more orderly manner" was urged.

It was pointed out that at the last Presidential convention of the Republican party that nominated Justice Hughes, three sets of delegates from the District of Columbia presented themselves, and after a hearing at which there was much "ugly discussion," all three sets of men were denied seats and votes in the convention.

Committee Is Named.

Upon these representations, it is said, the National Committee appointed a committee to arrange with "representative local Republicans" for a change in the manner of selecting the delegates. The men selected for this purpose are known as the "State Committee for the District of Columbia." W. T. Gallier, E. F. Collyard, Republican National Committeeman, and others prominent in local affairs are said to be members of the State committee.

Since the particulars of this plan leaked, certain active Republicans, including Robert I. Miller, have protested to the National Republican Committee against any change in the procedure that has been in vogue here since the District was formed.

Mr. Miller says one of the Republican National Committeemen from the South has kept the telegraph wires hot with protesting messages to Chairman Hays since it was reported an attempt would be made to "hand pick" the delegates.

Petition Not Acted Upon.

In this connection it is also stated that a petition was sent to the Republican National Committee asking that a system of registering Republican voters in the District be adopted by the committee so as to insure a fair election. Nothing has been heard of the petition since. The silence of the committee on this petition is construed by the local leaders to mean that the "hand picking" process has been favored by the national committeemen to whom it was referred.

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ROADS' RETURN BLOW TO LABOR

Employees Now Must Center Activities for More Pay On Congress.

The President's proclamation definitely fixing March 1 as the date for the return of the railroads to their owners is certain to cause the leaders of organized labor to redouble their efforts to prevent adverse legislation and to obtain some assurance of wage increases for the railroad men.

While such comment as could be obtained yesterday in Washington was favorable to the President's action, it can hardly be received except with disappointment by labor leaders who have been urging that the government retain control of the railroads.

It was only eight days ago that President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor and a delegation of representatives of the railroad brotherhoods, the shopmen and certain farmers' organizations called at the White House to advocate a plan to test government operation of railroads during peace time.

The delegation urged that the government continue control and operation of the railroads two years longer. The delegates were told the President was still of an open mind in regard to turning back the railroads.

As it has turned out, the President has made up his mind to relinquish Federal control of the railroads, as well as the express companies, and as that is to be done in a little more than sixty days, the labor leaders will be forced to concentrate their activities on Congress.

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AMERICA ASKED TO AID UKRAINIA

Appeal Against Inclusion In Poland's Territory Sent To Secy. Lansing.

More than 3,500,000 Ukrainians (Ruthenians) of East Galicia are appealing to "America's sense of fair play and justice" in what they regard as their political and economic subjugation for the benefit of a foreign minority.

Julian Batchinsky, diplomatic representative in America of the Ukrainian republic, has addressed to Secretary Lansing an appeal and a protest against the action of the Supreme Council at Paris in granting Poland mandatory powers for twenty-five years over that part of the Ukraine formerly under Austrian rule as Eastern Galicia. The document is a plea for the right of self-determination for the inhabitants of this territory who have elected to join the Ukrainian People's Republic, and quotes from President Wilson's program of peace of January, 1918, and his subsequent speeches in support of their expressed desire to become an integral part of the new republic.

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Kills Sweetheart, Then Self.

Fredonia, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Joseph Fredonia, a recently returned soldier, today killed Miss Eleanor Carroll, 19, and himself. Huel and Miss Carroll had been sweethearts. They quarreled two weeks ago.

This morning Huel went to Miss Carroll's house and shot her while she sat at the breakfast table.

GOAL DEALERS SAY OPERATORS HOLD THEM UP

Notified They Must Pay 30 to 40 Cents for Fuel Already Put in Bins.

FEDERAL ACTION URGED

Middlemen Say Supplies Would Be Cut Off if Demands Were Resisted.

Virtually all Washington coal dealers have been notified by the operators that all bituminous coal purchased under contract since November 1 would be subject to a retroactive increase of between 30 and 40 cents a ton, it was learned last night.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Coal and Coke Company, operated by the Guggenheim interests in the New River district, is understood to have sent bills to Washington dealers and customers elsewhere demanding 35 cents a ton additional on all coal shipped since December 1, without reference to any increase which may be authorized later by the Coal Commission.

The White Oak Coal Company, the Smokeless Fuel Company, the Gauley Mountain Coal Company and various other New River operators are notified during peace time.

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DISPUTE ARISES IN NEW'S TRIAL

Prosecutor Says Plea of Manslaughter Guilt Was Offered.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 25.—Harry S. New, Jr., alleged son of United States Senator New, of Indiana, on trial for the slaying of Freda Lesser, refused several weeks before his trial began to plead guilty to murder in the second degree and accept life imprisonment instead of being tried on a charge carrying the death penalty.

New and his mother, Mrs. Lillie Berger, and LeCompte Davis, his attorney, said District Attorney Thomas Lee Woolwine today made a proposition that New plead guilty to manslaughter, carrying a sentence of ten years' imprisonment. He said he had flatly refused to consider this.

Woolwine's statement brought a denial from Davis.

"We never at any time offered to plead guilty to manslaughter," he said. "The offer was made for us to plead guilty to second degree murder and accept life imprisonment and we refused it. We did not offer to plead guilty to anything."

Prospective jurors who said they were opposed to capital punishment were not acceptable to the prosecution.

All Foreigners Warned To Get Out of Damascus

Constantinople, Dec. 25.—Serious news comes from Damascus, where great excitement is reported to have been caused by the imprisonment by the British authorities of Gen. Kassim, commander-in-chief of the native troops.

Financial Conference Postponed.

Because of inability of delegates to secure steamship passage, it was announced yesterday by Secretary Glass that the second Pan-American Financial Conference has been postponed from January 12 to the 19th.

Business Manager Needed by Schools

Fathoms and fathoms of governmental red tape, believed to be necessary in conducting a modern governmental institution, is playing a big part in entangling the machinery of the local public school system.

Spirit of Xmas Reigns Supreme At White House

President Enjoys Feast With Family—Season's Gladness in Many Homes.

Christmas at the White House this year was celebrated quietly, and although the absence of the happy laughter and chattering voices of children was missed, the Yuletide spirit reigned supreme.

The condition of President Wilson's health, evidenced by the relaxation of diet rules by Dr. Grayson and the permission to "choose his own menu," was a cause of thankfulness that enhanced the Christmas spirit.

Able to walk with the aid of a cane, and in the best of spirits, the President insisted upon the time-honored bird for the Christmas feast and, so, turkey it was—served to the three—the President, Mrs. Wilson and Miss Margaret Wilson.

Flood of Greetings. Christmas gifts and greetings from all parts of the world came in a continuous stream to the White House throughout the day, most of them with an expression of hope for the early recovery of the nation's leader.

The interior of the White House was decorated in true Christmas fashion, but there was no Christmas tree, which in past years has been provided for the romping children, the President's grandchildren, little Ellen McAdoo and the Sayre youngsters.

Holly wreaths and poinsettias hung from each window, while the chandeliers were decorated with mistletoe, and choice cut flowers from the adjacent hot houses were profusely in evidence.

The President spent an hour on the south portico of the White House in the morning whetting his appetite for what was probably his largest meal since the signing of the armistice.

TOWED BY HAIR WOMAN DROWNS

Alive When Coast Guard Grasps Her, Dead When They Reach Shore.

New York, Dec. 25.—The police have made an unsuccessful effort to discover the identity of a woman about fifty-five years old who was drowned in the East River at Astoria, under the New York Connecting Railway Bridge.

Rudolph Schupper and Henry Nolte, both of Astoria, were passing along the shore shortly before noon when Nolte saw the woman struggling in the water.

Nolte, one of the volunteer coast guards, swam about twenty-five yards, caught hold of the woman's hair and towed her to the dock underneath the bridge. The woman was dead when they reached shore.

She wore a black dress with a thin white stripe and high laced tan shoes. She was well dressed.

About her neck hung a small leather case containing a rosary, a gold crucifix, a gold wedding ring and several small religious pictures.

Woman Screams, Is Shot By Bandits in Store

Pasadena, N. J., Dec. 25.—Disobeying the order of a hold-up man to "throw up her hands," Mrs. Morris Goldstein was shot dead in her husband's clothing store here today.

Three men entered the store. One of them ordered the woman to put her hands up, but instead of complying she began screaming. The ring-leader fired a shot from his revolver, then all three fled, escaping in an automobile.

Pershing Enjoys Peaceful Xmas Visit With Family

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 25.—Gen. John J. Pershing today is spending Christmas quietly with members of his family here.

Homes Wrecked, By Mediterranean Storm

Rome, Dec. 25.—Heavy damage, accompanied by loss of life, has been done by terrific gales of the Sicilian coast, said a dispatch from Palermo today.

Radicals Protest Against Deporting Alien Anarchists

Sterling Measure to Suppress Bolsheviki Criticized as too Broad.

CONFERS VAST POWERS

Postmaster General Could Exclude Papers of Opposition.

Anti-sedition legislation will be brought conspicuously before Congress as soon as the holiday recess is at an end. It promises to provoke a sharp contest on the question of how far the government should go toward reviving war-time censorship of speech and the press.

Senator Sterling, of South Dakota, author of a bill which is now on the Senate calendar, announced yesterday that immediately upon the reconvening of Congress he will make an effort to get consideration for his measure.

Senator Borah said he intends to offer some amendments to the measure with a view to making it less drastic. He is particularly opposed to provisions which clothe the Postmaster General with wide discretionary powers to regulate the press. In this respect, the Senator believes the bill goes too far and would give the Postmaster General powers equal to those he exercised only during the war.

The Sterling bill makes it unlawful for any person "to advocate or advise the overthrow, or to write, or knowingly to print, publish, utter, sell, or distribute any document, book, circular, paper, journal, or other written or printed communication, in which or by which there is advised the overthrow, by force or violence, or by physical injury to person or property, of the government of the United States, or of all government, or to advise or advocate a change in the form of government or the Constitution of the United States or resistance

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D. C. PEDAGOGUE GETS POPE'S CAP

Silken Zucchetto Worn By Pontiff Presented to Dr. George Daugherty.

The Rev. Dr. George Daugherty, vice rector of the Catholic University here, it was announced last night, has been presented, as a Christmas token, with the silken white Zucchetto worn by Pope Benedict on various state occasions at the Vatican in Rome.

The zucchetto, which is a skull cap for ecclesiastical usage, was procured by Edward L. Hearn, commissioner of the Knights of Columbus work in France. At a recent audience which Mr. Hearn had with the pope, he was presented with the zucchetto. Dr. Daugherty has been a life-long friend of Mr. Hearn and one of his instructors.

The gift was brought to this country two weeks ago by Charles C. Dunn, a Knight of Columbus secretary, who is a lawyer from San Francisco.

NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR TO URGE BEER SALES

Newark, N. J., Dec. 25.—New Jersey is to take the lead in the fight against the prohibition amendment to the Federal constitution, according to Governor-elect Edward I. Edwards.

Mr. Edwards declared that as soon as he takes office in January he will cause to be introduced a bill in the legislature making the sale of beer and light wines legal in this State.

At the same time he will bring suit in behalf of the State to declare the dry amendment unconstitutional.

Berlin Hasn't Received Entente's Latest Note

Berlin, Dec. 24.—The German government today had not received the entente's latest note demanding acceptance of the protocol and no statement had been made by the foreign office.

Repressing Egyptian Radicals.

London, Dec. 25.—Advices today from Egypt said martial law and censorship of the press had been extended, the authorities putting in effect stringent regulations to repress agitation for self-determination among the natives.

Fifth Avenue Paraders Shout Threats Against Government.

RIOTERS ENTER CHURCH

Girl Leader Dragged From Edifice—Legion Official Rebukes Woman.

New York, Dec. 25.—Scores were hurt late today when fully 1,000 "Reds," marching up Fifth avenue as a protest against the activities of the United States in deporting extreme radicals, were scattered again again as squads of mounted police charged the paraders, who would scatter only to reform their line again.

Shouting threats against the government and the police, singing the "Internationale," the men and women started their march from Washington Square, and it was not until they had reached Thirty-seventh street that a battalion of patrolmen managed to rout the marchers by vigorous use of night sticks.

A dozen arrests were made.

Girl Dragged Out of Church. One young woman, screaming and fighting, was dragged by half a dozen policemen from the Brick Presbyterian Church at Thirty-seventh street when she tried to lead about twenty other "Reds" into the church and flaunt a banner calling upon the government to free political prisoners. Her demonstration broke up the evening service in the edifice.

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WOOD IS PASSIVE ON PARTY STAND

General "Willing" But Not Active Candidate—Johnson Boom Is Launched.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—Despite reports from Republican State headquarters at Mitchell, S. Dak., that Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood will file his acceptance of the endorsement given him by South Dakota Republicans in the recent State primary before January 1, Gen. Wood's political friends here today declared that he intends to be a tentative candidate only for the Republican Presidential nomination.

Gen. Wood, according to his friends, is to be a "willing" but not an active candidate.

Acceptance of the South Dakota endorsement, which would be equivalent to an avowal of his candidacy, would make necessary Gen. Wood's retirement from the army, it is said, under the rule which prohibits army officers actively to engage in politics.

Gen. Wood has only a year or two to serve in the army before becoming eligible to retirement on half pay.

Pierre S. Dak., Dec. 25.—The campaign of Senator Hiram Johnson, of California, for the Republican nomination for the Presidency is regarded as definitely launched today with the filing of his declaration of candidacy under the primary laws of South Dakota "government belonging to all the people, not favored few," is the summary of the platform filed by Senator Johnson.

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