

Fair tonight. Sunday cloudy and probably showers; not much change in temperature.

DEFIES HUGE DEBT TO U. S. TREASURY

District of Columbia Finances in Good Condition, Says Representative Taylor.

CHARGES BY MR. JOHNSON ARE ANSWERED IN DETAIL

Ohioan Says Local Government Will Bear Scrutiny.

FAITH IN COMMISSIONERS

Admits Payments at Base of Complaint, But Says They Were Justified by Law.

Representative Edward L. Taylor, Jr., of Ohio, a member of the appropriations committee and formerly a member of the committee on the District of Columbia, made a notable speech in the House of Representatives this afternoon in refutation of the charge made by Representative Ben Johnson of Kentucky, chairman of the District committee in the present Congress, that as a result of faulty book-keeping and improper interpretation of statutes the District owes the federal government millions of dollars.

Mr. Taylor, after calling attention to the fact that the organic act under which the federal government and the District of Columbia are now operating in partnership was passed by a democratic House of Representatives, when Samuel J. Randall of Pennsylvania was speaker and Joseph C. S. Blackburn was chairman of the District committee, proceeded to demonstrate, to the apparent satisfaction of those members of the House who heard his argument, that there is no foundation in fact for the Johnson allegation.

Financial Condition Good.

Mr. Taylor quoted from the various statutes affecting the District of Columbia and from colloquies on the subject of the National Capital in the House of Representatives, and made the claim that Washington, in a comparative sense, is in a vastly better financial condition than its sister cities of the country.

Mr. Taylor said that Mr. Johnson had made a special point in regard to the 3.65 per cent bonds of the District, alleging that the government was not paying interest on them and that all foreigners will be properly protected.

NAVY IS IN A TANGLE OVER PEARY'S PROMOTION

Unable to Determine Date When Other Promotions Shall Be Effective.

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SIMON READY TO QUIT

Belief in Haiti That President Only Awaits Assurances.

REBELS SURROUND CAPITAL

Public Sentiment in Country Against the Government.

FEW COAST TOWNS LOYAL

Report from the Commander of the Petrel Indicates that the Revolution Is a Bloodless One.

CRUISER SALEM OFF FOR HAITI

NORFOLK, Va., July 29.—Bound for Port au Prince to reinforce the American warships now patrolling the coast of the Haitian republic incident to the revolution there, the scout cruiser Salem passed out of the Virginia capes at 10:30 a.m. today, under full steam. The Salem is one of the fastest vessels of the navy and is under heavy orders. She is due at Port au Prince next Tuesday.

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RESCUED BY STEEL

Witness Tells How Brokerage Firm Was Saved From Ruin.

STEEL HEARING GOES ON

Ledyard Tells of Deal With Morgan to Save Moore & Schley.

OGLEBAY ON WITNESS STAND

Corroborates Testimony of Hanna as to Syndicate Operations of the Property.

NEW YORK, July 29.—That the brokerage firm of Moore & Schley, that was saved from ruin in 1907 through the purchase of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company by the United States Steel Corporation, owed money to J. Pierpont Morgan & Co., which was secured by Tennessee Coal and Iron stock as collateral, was revealed to the steel trust investigating committee by Lewis Cass Ledyard today.

Representative Littleton asked Mr. Ledyard about the nature of Moore & Schley's loans. He mentioned several, and then said:

"Owed Morgan's Firm. 'The firm of J. Pierpont Morgan & Co. had loaned the firm a considerable sum.' 'Was it secured by Tennessee Coal and Iron stock?' asked Mr. Littleton. 'Yes, it was; but the Morgan firm had never bothered Moore & Schley and did not call the loan.'"

Following his statement about the Morgan loan, Mr. Ledyard denounced the inferences that have been made concerning a conspiracy in the Tennessee transaction. "There never was a more infamous outrage than the suggestion that has been made that either Mr. Morgan or the United States Steel Corporation brought about the purchase of the Tennessee Coal and Iron stock," he said.

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AVIATOR CURTISS HERE TO FLY ARMY PLANES

Has Conference With Signal Corps Officers at the War Department.

Glenn M. Curtiss, the aviator, arrived in Washington this morning and went at once to the War Department, where he had a conference with the officers of the Signal Corps. The plan is that he should fly at College Park this afternoon.

There are now two Curtiss aeroplanes at the park. One of them is the big eight-cylinder machine. It is speedy and has been used by Capt. Beck, the army aviator who has been trained in handling the Curtiss form of control. The other is the four-cylinder school machine, of greater speed but less horsepower, on which the aviator pupils will be trained.

High Speed Not Wanted. The War Department wants Mr. Curtiss to handle both of these machines. It is probable that the faster machine will be permanently throttled down, though not below flying speed. It is known to be a fast machine, but it is not likely to be let out to its full stretch in public flights, as the government does not care about advertising the capabilities of all its aeroplanes for the benefit of foreign powers.

Lieut. Arnold and Milling, army aviators, made several flights at College Park late yesterday afternoon. They carried Capt. Ross as a passenger, taking him up 2,000 feet or more.

Faul Peck also took the Rex Smith machine into the air. He covered six minutes in sixteen minutes, and then returned to the starting point. On a second flight he remained in the air twenty-two minutes.

Cuts Figure Eights. He cut half a dozen figure eights. Peck also made three flights early this morning, staying in the air in all fifty-two minutes. The first flight was for thirty minutes, rising to a height of from 450 to 500 feet. He whirled several times about that altitude, within ten or fifteen feet of the ground and then ascended. He expects to try for his pilot's license this afternoon.

Peck has been flying only ten days, but is said to have made remarkable progress. Lieut. Milling made a flight of fifteen minutes duration shortly after 8 o'clock this morning, ascending to an altitude of 1,000 feet.

Capt. Beck of the army will try for a pilot's license this afternoon.

POTATO BUYS TWO BEERS. Customer Drank Both Glasses, Then Got Nickel in Change.

DENVER, Col., July 29.—A new legal tender has appeared in Milliken, Col., caused by the scarcity and high price of potatoes.

Yesterday P. A. Murphy stepped into a saloon at Milliken, ordered a glass of beer, and when that was gone a second, and then laid on the bar a clean potato. Murphy called for his change, and the barkeeper gravely returned him a nickel and put the potato in the cash drawer.

John W. Gates Has Relapse. PARIS, July 29.—The condition of John W. Gates, the American financier, who is seriously ill at a hotel here, was worse today following a chill which developed a slight pulmonary congestion during the night.

TOGO LEAVES LONDON. Sails Today From Liverpool to Spend a Month in United States.

LONDON, July 29.—Admiral Count Helichiro Togo was given a popular farewell at the railway station today as he left for Liverpool to sail upon the Lusitania for New York. In the great crowd gathered for a final glimpse of the naval hero was a large party of school boys and girls. The members of the Japanese embassy and representatives of the British admiralty were there in their official capacities.

Admiral Togo will remain in the United States until the end of August. His engagements there will depend upon the plans of the government, whose guest he will be.

Others sailing on the Lusitania were the Earl and Countess of Granard, Charles Haddon Chambers, the playwright, and Capt. C. F. G. Sowerby, the British naval attaché at Washington.

Pickpocket Returns Money. SHARON, Pa., July 29.—Five years ago, when Walter J. Redmond attended a Labor day celebration in Newcastle, Pa., his pocket was picked, \$2.73 being taken. Yesterday Redmond received a money order for the exact amount from Niles, Ohio.

Like Ordinary Containers. "The danger attendant upon the use of the common drinking cup," he said, "and the inefficiency of the cleansing of soda water glasses by the process usually employed for that purpose has been recognized by one of the Chicago drug stores which serves all of its beverages in paper containers. These containers are made of the size and shape of the ordinary soda water glass, and fit into the holder ordinarily provided for such glasses."

Dr. Woodward shortly will make a report to the District Commissioners on the bill introduced by Representative Small, providing that use of the common drinking cup be prohibited in all public places in the District.

In view of his statement today regarding the use of sanitary cups at soda fountains it is believed he will indorse the Small bill.

LEAVES \$2,000,000 ESTATE. Will Probated of Mrs. Brown, Daughter of Late Marcus Daly.

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STOPS CAR WITH GUN. Chicagoan Adopts Novel Method to Board Car.

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"I'd tried to stop one in every other way," he told Judge Scully in the municipal court yesterday, "and the cars kept right on going. I waved and shouted and stood on the track, but they seemed to be thinking more about their schedules than me. I happened to have a shotgun with me, so finally I pointed it at a motorcar."

"Did he stop?" inquired Judge Scully. "You bet he did. He didn't start up till I'd got on, either."

Judge Scully continued the case. Onick was arrested after he got on the car.

HOT TALK IN COURT

Glen Echo Dispute Aired in Hearing at Rockville.

EXCHANGE ANGRY CHARGES

Mayor Witkowski Tells of the Fight Last Sunday.

ON STAND OVER TWO HOURS

Accuses Councilmen Collins and Weaver of Assault—Many Interruptions to Proceedings.

Recrimination, angry controversies, charges and countercharges marked the hearing of the charges of assault against Councilmen Collins and Weaver preferred by Mayor Witkowski, the result of the fight last Sunday when the mayor of Glen Echo tried to turn off the water supply, brought in the Rockville police court this morning before Justice Joseph Reading.

That Mayor Witkowski had offered to allow Manager L. B. Schloss to run the amusement park for \$200 was the intimation made by the attorney for the defendants, John A. Garrett, town clerk and treasurer and former mayor, and implicated in the row, and also under charges brought by Mayor Witkowski. The mayor indignantly contradicted Mr. Garrett.

That Mayor Witkowski was intoxicated at the time of the trouble was also a declaration of the defense. Mr. Witkowski admitted meeting some men in the woods who were provided with a keg of beer, of which he shared one glass, he said. The court ruled out the evidence.

Objection to the form of the oath administered to the mayor when he took the stand was made by Attorney Garrett, on the allegation that Mr. Witkowski was not competent to swear on the testimony. Mr. Witkowski declared himself a member of the Baptist Church and the court held him competent to take the oath in the usual form.

Many Interruptions. Alexander Kilgour, attorney for Mayor Witkowski, in arguing to an objection raised by the defense, was interrupted by Attorney Garrett, who told him that he would rather have Witkowski testify than hear Mr. Kilgour talk. Antipathy of counsel and principal found expression in many interruptions and exchanges of irritating remarks.

Witkowski declared that John A. Garrett had defied the national government, arresting automobilists on the Conduit road who should have been immune. Garrett, he said, did not have brains enough to know that he ought to let the diplomats alone. He charged that Garrett was the boss of Glen Echo, and a bad boss at that.

Witkowski was on the stand two and a half hours. He gave his version of the fight in Glen Echo Park, describing it as a brutal and cowardly assault. Eighteen or twenty men, headed by Garrett, he asserted, attacked him, and Councilman Weaver seized him by the throat. Witkowski pulled his gun, he said, and Garrett cried out: "Don't shoot. I'm unarmed."

Witnesses of Assault. W. Bryce Claggett, a Washington newspaper man, testified that he had seen the assault on Witkowski, and that four or five men were on top of the mayor and that one of the men, Councilman Collins, he said, flourished the key wrench which he had wrested from Witkowski when the mayor attempted to turn off the water cock with it. Weaver had Witkowski by the throat, said Claggett, and the Garrett brothers hit Claggett several times, at least twice knocking him down.

Attorney Garrett attempted to make Claggett tell the exact number of men in the crowd that pitched upon the mayor, but Claggett refused to be definite. "Bud" Kelly testified that Mayor Witkowski proposed to make him money in paper containers. These containers are made of the size and shape of the ordinary soda water glass, and fit into the holder ordinarily provided for such glasses."

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