

WEATHER.

Showers and probably thunderstorms today; partly cloudy and cooler tomorrow. Temperature for 20 hours ended at 7 p.m. Last night: Highest, 82; lowest, 67. Full report on page 15.

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HARVEY AT COUNCIL MAY BE INFLUENCE TO COMPOSE ALLIES

American Representative, Although Only Consultant, to Play Important Role.

NEW CHAPTER IN WORLD AFFAIRS ABOUT TO OPEN

Fate of Silesia, Situation in Near East, War Criminals' Trials and Russia on Program.

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LONDON, August 6.—A new chapter in international relations will begin Monday, when Ambassador George Harvey of the United States will sit in Paris in company with Premier Lloyd George, Lord Curzon and Sir Robert Horne...

On the eve of his departure for Paris and under instructions from Washington, the ambassador has been at pains to emphasize that he will sit in the supreme allied council not as a full member, but merely as a consultant and reporter.

For many weeks the British government has been pressing for consideration of the Silesian problem and Premier Briand has been constantly delaying the assembly of the council.

The British cabinet met last evening and again today to consider the details of the policy which will be followed at Paris, where decisions of the utmost importance to European peace will be made.

From this angle, it seems certain that the British and French policies will come into violent conflict, and it is quite possible that Ambassador Harvey, despite his position of aloofness, will be called upon more than once to act as an intermediary and compromiser.

French Spurns Russia. To understand the British policy, it is necessary to accept as a fact that Britain has established a strong trade agreement with Germany and has made a commercial treaty with Russia.

Much Depends on U. S. Attitude. If the French remain obdurate it will be interpreted here as final proof that France has abandoned all interest in the Anglo-French alliance.

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EUROPE PLAYING POLITICS AND BLOCKING NORMALCY

Edward N. Hurley Finds France Is a Great Army With Service of Supplies Behind It—Sees Solution for Problem in Disarmament.

BY EDWARD N. HURLEY, Former Chairman United States Shipping Board. By Cable to The Star. PARIS, August 6.—What has become of all the industrial efficiency and added productivity engendered by the war? What is the explanation of the paradox that now, when millions of men have been released from military service and millions of dollars' worth of material is no longer destroyed daily in warfare, the production of useful commodities is actually lower the world over than during the war?

AMERICANS LEAVE RUSSIA TOMORROW. All Prisoners to Be Sent Across Border by Monday at Latest. ARRANGE FAMINE RELIEF Wednesday Suggested as Day to Discuss Means of Giving Aid to Starving.

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of my trip to Europe, which unfortunately I shall be compelled to cut short. Thus far my investigations have covered only France, but I plan to return later to complete the study. It must be recognized at once that the questions asked above cannot be answered with a glib formula. The reasons for the world's present economic paralysis are not simple, but highly complex.

Sees Too Much Politics. A first conclusion, which applies especially to France, is that too much politics is being played. During the war the belligerents and many neutrals were forced to nationalize their industries. Central direction was necessary and only the governments possessed the necessary central organization.

JAPANESE CONSENT TO NOVEMBER 11. Foreign Minister Announces Date for Disarming Conference Agreeable. FORMER PREMIER URGES MONEY SAVED ON ARMAMENTS USED FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES.

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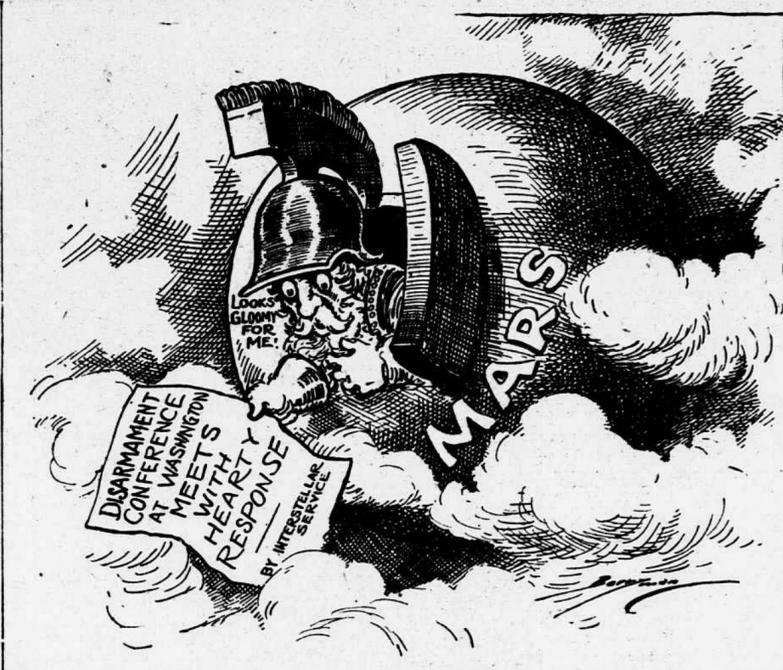
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ROADS DENIED PAY FOR LABOR 'LET-UP'

Cost of labor allowances to railroads for the six months' guarantee period following government control will include only increased wages and not alleged 'inefficiency of labor' factors, under a decision handed down yesterday afternoon by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Under the ruling the carriers must stand any loss incidental to alleged unwillingness or inability of labor to perform during the guarantee period of private control as much work as before the war. The question involves the basis of claims by the railroads against the government for labor costs in operation and maintenance.

The controversy centered on the meaning of the words "cost of labor," as they were used in the standard contracts between the government and the railroads at the time the roads were taken over during the war. The director general of railroads contended that the contract intended to guarantee the rates of pay per unit for railroad labor, while the carriers argued that the labor should be computed in terms of the accomplishment of a given result, and hence the words included in their meaning quality as well as wages of labor.

The words "cost of labor," the commission held, "do not, we think, open the door to a comparison of the quality or efficiency of labor. To hold otherwise would be contrary to the plain intent of the proviso, for it is impossible by resort to the accounts of the carriers to determine the relative efficiency of labor at various periods, and the introduction of this indefinite and intangible factor would have relegated the 'accounting' test to the very limbo of controversy and conflict of opinion, which it was designed to avoid.

Some of the members of the Kenesee-Kai, or opposition party, favor a movement for Japanese-Chinese cooperation for the introduction at the conference of the question of racial equality. They also urge the inclusion of Holland, on account of the vital interests of that nation in the far east, and the exclusion of Italy because of the absence of such interests.

Some of the latest comment in the newspapers indicates how certain Japanese circles are convinced that the conference should be seized as an opportunity for the consideration of matters vitally affecting the empire's economic future. After recommending the destruction of the naval and military equipments of the Northern Pacific Islands of Ponn, Liu-Kiu and the Pescadores and Hawaii, Guam and the Philippines, the Osaka Mainichi Shimbu urges insistence upon equal opportunity throughout the world, the establishment of the principle of economic freedom by equitable distribution of the race, with the guarantee of freedom for labor and protection, and sovereignty of China and finally, the establishment of a peace policy toward Russia.

A report printed by the Hochi Shimbun that Japan had received a communication from the United States suggesting the abandonment of Japan's claim to a special position in China is declared to be untrue, but the newspapers insist that such a proposal has been made informally to Baron Kijuro Shidehara, the Japanese ambassador at Washington. They say also that Marquis Curzon, the British foreign secretary, has been broached on the subject in connection with the discussion of the agenda of the Washington conference.

The government of the far eastern republic is desirous of being represented at the Washington conference.

Devil Smiling Cherub Beside This \$10-Mule, So Value Drops \$30

By the Associated Press. GRENADA, Miss., August 6.—The tax supervisors of Grenada county have reduced the assessment on W. W. Whitaker's mule from \$60 to \$30, the value originally placed on the animal by its owner, after having raised the assessment to the larger figure. In a letter to the supervisors, Mr. Whitaker states:

"In valuing this mule to the assessor at \$60 I was extremely liberal with the county. It would have seemed ridiculous to have placed him at his real value, which, at the time of valuing value, could not have exceeded \$10.

"I hereby make this proposition to any man of the board, to any other citizen of the county or state: "Give me \$30 and take the mule, and may the good Lord be with you until we meet beyond the river."

"For inherent wickedness of heart and meanness of disposition, when made to comparison, makes the devil a smiling cherub; for a disinclination to dissipate useful energy, this beast makes of the grasshopper a model of industry."

MAN KILLS THREE, THEN SLAYS SELF

Murders Mother, Wife and Stepdaughter Before Committing Suicide. MOTIVE NOT ESTABLISHED.

By the Associated Press. CORBIN, Ky., August 6.—Richard McHargue, forty-five years old, a machinist; his mother, wife and stepdaughter were found dead in their home near here today, with the partly incinerated body of his stepdaughter, Thelma Atkins, fourteen years old.

The bodies were found by a neighbor, who came to deliver the family's daily supply of milk. A subsequent examination of the premises disclosed blood-stained bed clothing, indicating, the authorities believe, that McHargue slew the members of his family while they slept. The women were lying near their beds, and the girl's body was in a heap of charred wood in the center of the room, with nothing of it left but the torso. The authorities advance the theory that McHargue, after kindling the fire around the body of the girl, lapsed under the weight of the smoke and gas, and completed the tragedy by shooting himself with one of the remaining cartridges in his pistol, which was found by his side.

The crime occurred within three blocks of the Corbin post office. Although the McHargue home is in a thinly populated section of the town and separated from it by a small stream, neighbors today said they heard the sound of pistol shots at about 8 o'clock Friday night and were inclined to believe that the tragedy was enacted at that time. No motive for the crime had been developed today, although residents stated that McHargue had not been on friendly terms with his mother, and it was said that he had been heard uttering threats against her.

SPEEDERS TO PAY MORE COLLATERAL

Oyster's Order Calls for \$10 From All Who Pass Limit Up to 20 Miles.

From today on, higher collateral will be demanded by the police for the release of autolists charged with exceeding the speed limit.

This was ordered yesterday afternoon by Commissioner Oyster with a view to breaking up the practice among speed violators of depositing collateral in a station house and then forfeiting it rather than appear in court.

An order issued by the Commissioner, that he had instructed precinct captains to require \$10 collateral for speeding up to twenty miles an hour, and \$20 collateral where the motorist is accused of exceeding twenty miles. The speed limit is eighteen miles an hour.

Police Judge McMahon stated in a public letter yesterday that out of 1,439 arrests for speeding during May and June, only sixty-seven, or less than 5 per cent, were tried in court. The other 1,372, it is presumed, forfeited the collateral they had deposited in the station houses.

Officials at the District building agreed with Judge McMahon that an increase in the amount of collateral will cause motorists to think twice before they speed.

MRS. CARUSO ACCEPTS WILL MADE THIS YEAR

Widow Will Have Usufruct of Estate to Be Divided at Her Death. By Cable to The Star and New York Tribune. Copyright, 1921. NAPLES, August 6.—Mrs. Enrico Caruso is ready to accept the second will of the departed opera singer, it was said today by those in close touch with the Caruso family, and is anxious for a quiet settlement of the estate, which will avoid legal complications over the claims of various heirs.

Ban Against Smoking at Annapolis Lifted

Special Dispatch to The Star. ANNAPOLIS, Md., August 6.—No more will students of the Naval Academy be compelled to hide themselves in a quiet corner, or some secluded spot about the government reservation, for fear of breaking academy regulations, to appease their appetites for a "drag" on a cigarette, or a "pull" on a pipe, for Admiral Henry B. Wilson, superintendent, has promulgated an order revoking the former edict which prohibits smoking.

The middies may now smoke in their rooms, or whenever and wherever they please, except that the admiral disapproves of smoking in uniform, while about the streets of the city. This latter is also applicable to officers attached to the institution.

Speaking of the matter today, Admiral Wilson said it is not to be understood that he would encourage use of the weed by the youngsters, although he does not feel that moderate indulgence will do them harm. The admiral said he appreciates the fact that most young men like to smoke, and intimated that he does not feel like treating the big crops of students under his like "dead habits." The new fourth class, or "plebes," who had been accustomed to "smoke," are now indulging in their hearts content.

PRESIDENT LEAVES ON RETURN CRUISE

Crosses Maine by Auto to Board Mayflower—Speaks at West Brook. VISITS SOLDIER HOSPITAL. Declares America Must Keep Hat on Straight and Be Confident of Herself.

By the Associated Press. PORTLAND, Me., August 6.—President and Mrs. Harding left Portland at midnight tonight on the presidential yacht Mayflower for Washington. They are expected to arrive at the "capital" Tuesday noon.

Accompanied by Mrs. Harding and other members of the vacation party, the President made the 146-mile cross-country trip by automobile, starting early in the day from Lancaster, N. H., where he has been the guest of Secretary of War Weeks since Tuesday.

He went out of his way to visit a soldiers' sanatorium at Oxford, Me.; stopped at Poland Springs for lunch and a game of golf and accepted an invitation to pay a brief call and make a speech at West Brook, just outside of Portland, in the early evening.

The stop at West Brook was arranged at the request of Senator Hale of the state, who has been one of Mr. Harding's companions on this and several previous vacation trips. Several thousand gathered to hear the President's speech greeting the people of the state and reiterating his prediction that America would find it possible to assume the leadership or world peace at the coming disarmament conference.

Before he said good-bye this morning to the mountain lodge near Lancaster which has been his home for the past four days, Mr. Harding played a round of golf on the diminutive course laid out on the Weeks place for the use of the vacation party. The play today was the final match of a tournament for the championship of the party, and although Mr. Harding made a low score, the title went to Senator Hale.

During the stop at Oxford both the President and Mrs. Harding assured the disabled world war veterans under treatment there that the government would do everything possible for their welfare. Both asked many questions about the needs of the patients, most of whom are suffering from the effects of gas, and before leaving made a thorough inspection of the whole establishment.

"I am happy," said the President, in his short speech at West Brook, "to come here and say to you how grateful we are for the cordial greeting we have received in the states of Maine and New Hampshire. "I have thought what a change has come about. You haven't gathered here to greet me personally, because I've been here before and you surely noticed it. But you have come to me tonight because I am your spokesman. When a man is a candidate for office he is always seeking to come among you and make himself heard, but when a man is in office the people want him to come among them, and he ought to come among them and be heard and hear from them. "That's as it should be, for this is a popular government and let me say to you that no President ever could do anything of which the American people did not approve. "Let me tell you also that it is a difficult thing to conduct the government of the United States. We have just emerged from a cataclysmic world war. Things have been turned upside down. It is a time when America must keep her hat on straight, when America must be confident of herself. And I like to say to you that I will remain for the present in Naples and later will visit Corbin, while at Signa before returning to Annapolis. (Continued on Page 1, Column 1.)

TASK OF REWRITING FEDERAL TAX LEVY BEGINS TOMORROW

Ten Days May Be Required to Put Measure in Shape for House Action. CHAIRMAN FORDNEY OUTLINES PROCEDURE.

Increased Corporation Income Tax Suggested as Substitute for Excess Profits. The rewriting of the levy provisions of the federal tax law of 1918 probably will be begun by the majority members of the ways and means committee tomorrow, Chairman Fordney said last night. The committee men plan to get down to work on the measure and to have it completed within the next ten days, unless unexpected snags are encountered.

When the bill has been reported to the House, it was generally conceded, consideration of the measure in the House itself will require only a few days.

Excess Profits Provisions. With revision of the administrative features out of the way, the work now before the republican committee is to determine the extent of the cuts possible and just where they are to be made. The general belief seems to be that the committee will propose repeal of the excess profits tax, but whether the effective date will be last January 1 or next January 1 apparently remains to be determined.

As a substitute for the excess profits tax it is planned to increase the corporation income tax from the present 10 per cent to 15 per cent and also to repeal the \$2,000 exemption allowed corporations under the existing law. Chairman Fordney said, however, that of the four bills in the bill to relieve the burden, it has been claimed this would impose on the small corporations with limited income.

The chairman also disclosed a proposal to write into the new bill a provision taxing the income of the so-called personal service corporations, such as architectural firms not incorporated under law, the same as the income of other corporations. The Supreme Court has held that the present law is not applicable to such concerns.

Mr. Fordney also said it was not proposed to relieve public service corporations from a part of the 15 per cent income tax provision of the bill. The chairman indicated that he was not particularly impressed with the argument that this would hit many such corporations very hard, saying that electric light, street railway, gas and other companies having a small net income would pay a proportionately small revenue to the government.

Other Proposed Changes. Aside from revision of these levy sections of the law, the minds of many committee members are turned to a repeal of the higher income surtaxes, of all or part of the transportation tax, and of the fountain and ice cream levies. It is explained, however, that it does not necessarily follow that these changes will be made or that other changes in the 1918 law will not be made. The actual revisions are yet to be agreed upon, with indications of some fights in the committee before the completed bill comes out.

It was estimated yesterday by some that immediate repeal of the whole transportation tax, the soda water tax and the higher surtaxes, together with the \$55,000,000 which the Treasury experts figure will be lost this fiscal year through repeal of the excess profits tax as of last January 1, would approximate the half billion dollar deficit which republican leaders in the House insist can be made in the tax levy.

Receipts and Expenditures. With such a reduction, the taxes to be paid this fiscal year would approximate \$3,970,000,000 on the basis of Treasury estimates presented to the committee, and would include \$225,000,000 estimated back taxes. In addition to this income, the Treasury figures customs receipts under the proposed new tariff law at \$370,000,000 and income from miscellaneous sources at about \$50,000,000, making a total income of \$3,790,000,000, as against an outgo estimated in the Treasury statement at \$4,550,000,000.

Supporters of the tax cut declare, however, that the apparent deficit of \$740,000,000 would be greatly diminished through additional collections on back taxes, estimated at probably \$100,000,000, a larger income from miscellaneous sources, and decreases in expenditures, including those on account of the public debt and the various federal departments.

RIDDLED WITH SHOT.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., August 6.—The body of Carl Pearson, aged forty-three, a farmer, who resided near Monticelli Springs, six miles from here, was found in front of his home late today riddled with buckshot. A neighboring farmer, who discovered the body, told the authorities he heard shots "break" early last night. Pearson, who was from Massachusetts, lived alone and so far as is known had no relatives in Florida.