

WEATHER FORECAST.

Fair to-day; to-morrow increasing cloudiness, probably followed by showers. Highest temperature yesterday, 75; lowest, 58. Detailed weather reports will be found on editorial page.

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CITY'S SALARY LISTS RISE 54 PER CENT. IN HYLAN ECONOMY ERA

Chief Offices Under Mayor's Control Show Consistent Adherence to General Pay Increase Average.

PENSIONS ARE PRUNED

\$35,305,071 Advance in Protection of Life, Health and Property—Firemen Up 64 Per Cent.

SUPPLIES JUMP SKYWARD

Street Cleaners' Wages Leap 90 Per Ct., While Ash Disposal Grows \$2,140,747 Over Mitchel Figures.

Mayor Hylan's policy of "economy" in all departments and bureaus under his personal or direct control has meant, as THE NEW YORK HERALD told yesterday, an increase of 50 per cent. in the "central administration" of the city, composed of his own office, Comptroller Craig's department, the Corporation Counsel's office and other lesser though important offices which deal directly with the administration of the city's central affairs.

Boosting Policy Is General.

This 50 per cent. increase, however, was not confined to "central administration." As might be expected, every departmental head took advantage of the lack of supervisory control over his departmental activities and boosted the cost of running his department just as high as when ever possible somewhat higher than the Mayor and the Comptroller permitted the expenses of their own offices to mount.

"Protection of Life and Property," for instance, rose under the Hylan budget of 1921 to \$46,866,850, as against \$29,851,977 provided for 1918 by the last Mitchel budget. This is an increase of almost 54 per cent. Included under this classification in the city budget are the appropriations for the Police Department, the Fire Department, the Army Board and the minor offices of the Board of Standards and Appeals and the United States Volunteer Life Saving Corps.

The budget provisions for "Health, Sanitation and Care of Dependents," which cover the appropriations for the departments of Health, Public Charities, Tenement House, Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, and Street Cleaning, for Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, Board of Child Welfare, Ambulance Service, Commitment of Insane Persons and Payments to Charitable Institutions, rose in 1921 from \$35,522,641 to \$54,829,839, or something over 54 per cent.

Under Control of Mayor.

The total cost, therefore, to New York City for protection of life and for health and sanitation rose between 1918 and 1921 under Mayor Hylan from \$65,384,618 to the enormous aggregate of \$100,689,639, an increase for these two features of city government, every branch of them practically if not, as in most cases, directly under the control of the Mayor through his personally appointed Commissioners, of \$35,305,071 in the three years of the Hylan administration. It is worthy of note how closely the proportion of increase was maintained, as though by some carefully worked out plan at the average of about 50 per cent.

Some of the minor offices, however, were actually run in 1921 for less than the 1918 cost while all of the larger offices or departments exceeded generally the 50 per cent. increase. The maintenance of the United States Volunteer Life Saving Corps, for instance, cost only \$7,795 in 1921 as against \$8,640 in 1918. This was accomplished by drastically cutting down this year the amounts appropriated for supplies, equipment and maintenance in this organization.

The Board of Standards and Appeals grew in cost only \$37,432 to \$42,687, an increase of little more than 10 per cent. The Army Board, however, due doubtless to war exigencies, rose from \$16,097 to \$43,878.

But in the matter of life and property

Harding Goes Shopping; Buys Jewel; for Whom?

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—President Harding went shopping late this afternoon, making his way practically unrecognized through the downtown streets at his busiest hour and taking home a tiny tissue wrapped package purchased in a jewelry store. As he and his secretary, George Christian, leaned across the jewelry counter a group of girls who were passing by halted for a moment to look on.

PICNIC CROWD SEES MAN FATALLY SHOT

Victim Drops Amid Throng on Hotel Porch at New Dorp Beach.

NEW BOOTLEG MYSTERY

Joseph Sileo Refuses to Say Who Shot Him—Says He'll Settle Own Troubles.

Laughing at District Attorney Malloy of Richmond county and declaring that, despite doctor's assurances that he would die within twenty-four hours, he would be out of the hospital in a few days and able to settle his own troubles, Joseph Sileo, 23, of 10 Franklin street, Manhattan, refused last night to tell who shot him twice at an outing of the Sunshine Association at New Dorp Beach.

Sileo has bullet wounds in his right temple and his abdomen. The police say his shooting must be credited to the bootleggers' ring, and that if he dies his murder will be the nineteenth in recent weeks, due to the same cause.

The shooting of Sileo took place on the broad porch of Mungler's Hotel, where there were gathered at least fifty persons, including about fifteen women. No information of any value whatever was obtained from any of them. Several declared they had not even heard the shots.

Though they failed to reveal the identity of the assassin, the police are convinced that Sileo was lured to the picnic to be shot, and that he knows the identity of his assailant. The refusal of those near him at the time to give any information they put down to the fear of the criminal organization that they believe ordered his death.

RUMOR FRENCH MOB BURNED MAN TO DEATH

Caron Suspected of Setting Fire to Warehouse.

The ablest French detectives are searching France to discover whether Camille Caron of Vandoeuvre, near Nancy, is alive or was burned to death by his mob in September, 1914, as he is still in a hospital and Scattellaro is out on \$50,000 bail waiting extradition on a charge of felonious assault.

BOGUS FEDERAL AGENT SHOOT'S WINE CARRIER

Victim Found Lying on Street in The Bronx.

Patrolman Van Hally found John Larazo, a barber of 229 East Fourth street, lying at 21st street and White Plains avenue, The Bronx, early this morning with two bullet wounds in his abdomen. He was sent to Fordham Hospital, where it was said that his condition was serious.

FLOUR 96 PER CENT. POISON.

Death of Four at Laredo, Texas, Traced to "Potato" Bread.

LAREDO, TEX., Aug. 15.—Analysis by a chemist of a sample of what was supposed to have been potato flour, which after being made into bread yesterday caused the death of a woman and three children, according to police, shows that it contained 96 per cent. poison. Authorities are investigating.

The best writing papers are WHITING PAPERS—Adv.

LONG ISLAND RAIDED IN BOOZE HUNT; NINE TAKEN IN 5 RESORTS

Enforcement Agents Find Varnish Hooch Selling for \$72 a Quart.

POLITICIANS SCARED

Prohibition Chief Urged to Drop Cases, He Says; Plans Real Cleanup.

MYSTERY WOMAN SOUGHT

'Queen of Bootleggers' Said to Control Sale of Rum in Nassau County.

Liquor raids on Castles-by-the-Sea, at Long Beach; the Pavilion Royal, at Valley Stream; Harbor Inn, at Rockaway, and other well known Long Island resorts, yesterday, disclosed

two interesting facts: First, that these places have been selling plain, unvarnished—or plain varnish—hooch for as much as \$18 a half pint, which is at the rate of \$72 a quart; second, that several prominent Nassau county politicians desire that these roadhouses escape, if possible, the argus eyes of the Federal dry enforcement.

William F. Kissick, supervising prohibition enforcement agent, was besieged yesterday with requests not to prosecute nine men—proprietors and waiters of the five restaurants his raiders arrested on charge of violating the "Eighteenth" Amendment.

"Certain politicians have been calling me on the telephone all day," Kissick said. "They pleaded with me to drop the cases against these men. Of course, I cannot and will not do anything of the sort. Apparently these restaurants thought they were immune from interference. They were selling liquor as openly as if there was no such thing as prohibition."

The other resorts upon which Kissick's men descended were the Lafayette Hotel, Long Beach, and the Inn at New Hyde Park. The prisoners gave their names as Petro Pano, Otto Ryss, Frank Barberie, Atta Gay, John Schmidt, Barney Brown, Claude Edgert, Louis Ganiaris and Paul Carozis. They were held in jail ranging from \$50 to \$1,000.

BULLS IN ASCENDANT

Government Shows Grave Concern Over Public's Speculative Frenzy.

The speculation attending the steady drop in the price of the German mark, which has provoked the heaviest business on the floor of the Berlin Stock Exchange in all its history, continues

despite news of the relaxation of the allied financial sanctions and the presumption that the council of the League of Nations will give Germany a more favorable decision in the Upper Silesian dispute than would have come from the allied Supreme Council.

Unusually Attractive Automobile Opportunities

Now is the time to buy a good used car at a bargain price. Every day and Sunday there is advertised in The Herald's Want Ad Page, under "Automobile Exchange," dozens of specially priced machines.

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URGE NEW IRISH PLEBISCITE, ALSO PRESSURE ON ULSTER TO DROP PARTITION STAND

DUBLIN, Aug. 15.—The divisions which exist between North and South Ireland regarding the British Government's peace proposals, on the eve of the meeting of the Irish Republican Parliament, are briefly summed up here to-night as follows:

Sinn Fein wants severance of imperial connection and Irish unity. Ulster wants maintenance of imperial connection and the partition of Ireland.

One suggestion for a solution of the problem was made to-day, that Ulster may yet be persuaded to sacrifice her partition demand in order to maintain imperial connection, or at least its easing off in order to maintain Irish unity.

But in view of Ulster's utter refusal to negotiate and the rejection of coercion of Ulster by both the British Prime Minister and Eamon de Valera, this is recognized as a process requiring a long time and much patience.

The Dail Eireann, which meets to-morrow, is not expected to reach the question of the peace negotiations until Thursday.

What is heard suggested most frequently to-night is that the Prime Minister's offer be submitted to a new plebiscite in Ireland on the ground that no such offer was available when the present Dail Eireann was elected on a platform of intransigent republicanism under the present partition act.

DUBLIN, Aug. 15.—Capt. Harrison, secretary of the Irish Dominion League, to-day expressed the opinion that the Dail Eireann must reject the Government's proposal looking to peace in Ireland and declared that the question must be referred to the Irish people.

He asked what chance the Sinn Fein leaders would have against a skillful and experienced negotiator like Premier Lloyd George, if, by waiving claim to sovereign independence, Ireland lost about 95 per cent. of her bargaining power. He declared that the most important limitation upon a dominion status had been introduced into the Premier's second letter to Eamon de Valera, which was written after Gen. Smuts had left England, and added:

"I wonder whether Gen. Smuts would have written as he did had he known of it. Personally, I believe that recognition of Ireland's right to secede would furnish the very best guarantee against Ireland desiring to secede, and I regret the hardening in the tone of the Premier's second letter."

BERLIN SPECULATORS IN ORGY OF GAMBLING

Drop in Price of Mark Swamps Exchange With Rush of Buying.

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Simultaneous with the decline in the mark the price of many stocks, as a consequence of an upward market, steadily advanced. This fever registered high this morning on the reopening of the Stock Exchange after Saturday's and Sunday's closing, in view of reports from New York of another decline in the price of the German mark, which, of course, made it certain that practically all quotations on stocks would be higher when the Berlin exchange opened this morning.

ERIE SHOPS SUBLET TO ANTI-UNION FIRM

Railroad Workers at Marion, Ohio, See Move to Take Away Federal Protection.

CUTS IN WAGES AT STAKE

Threats of Strike Trouble Grow as Company Explains Stand.

Unhopeful Elements.

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The possibility of a strike or a lockout on the Irish railways to-morrow that may seriously complicate the entire situation.

Phrases in both Mr. Lloyd George's and Mr. de Valera's letters which, if read in the light of the context and pursued by either side as its policy, lead straight to disaster.

The statement made at Dail Eireann headquarters in the Mansion House here that the only messages received from the post throughout the country urge the Parliament to "stand firm."

In further interpreting these conditions, two groups of factors must be emphasized. They are:

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Whatver may be their relative weight, the negotiations are continuing. It was said here to-day that the Dail Eireann probably would continue in session the rest of the week. If it were a simple matter of the rejection of Mr. Lloyd George's terms, a resolution containing such a rejection could be carried in a few minutes.

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Cabinet Draft Ready.

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HOPE GROWS STRONG SINN FEIN CABINET WILL ACCEPT TERMS

Way Still Open for Dail Eireann to Bargain About Compromise.

WILL MEET ON FRIDAY

Not Simple Matter of Rejection or Reply Would Go at Once.

DANGER SEEN IN DELAY

Many Confident That Peace Plan Can Be Arranged to Satisfy Ulster.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD. Copyright, 1921, by THE NEW YORK HERALD. DUBLIN, Aug. 15.—The way still lies open for an Irish peace. That is the opinion expressed by all but a few pessimists on both sides here to-day. The Irish Republican Parliament is taking three days for preliminary work before considering an answer to the last note of the British Prime Minister, and despite the apparent clash between Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. de Valera as shown in their letters, spokesmen on neither side are willing to admit that their side has broken off the negotiations.

After talking to scores of persons on both sides and to many neutrals THE NEW YORK HERALD correspondent finds that the hopeful elements are these:

1. Mr. de Valera has not said outright that Ireland must secede from the Crown.

2. Mr. Lloyd George seems to agree with the Sinn Fein contention that Ireland ought to be a unity, but insists that it cannot be made one by forcible coercion of Ulster.

3. These differences between the two positions, which seem at first glance to be widest, are, under closer examination, shown to be capable of adjustment by tactful treatment if the negotiations continue.

4. Both sides are most anxious to find some way to make it possible to continue these negotiations.

5. Many conversations with all classes of people in Dublin indicate undoubtedly that Irish opinion is for peace.

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