

Rain tonight; clearing and colder tomorrow; fresh, variable winds.

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SUPREME COURT MIFFED AT JUDICIARY RECEPTION

Most Distinguished Judicial Guests Resent Assignment in Rear of Diplomatic Corps. The Chief Justice Protests.

The old feud between the members of the United States Supreme Court and the Diplomatic Corps over the right of official precedence, has broken out anew in consequence of an incident at the White House reception last night. Though it was only one incident in the reception itself, and unknown to most of the guests present, it was the main incident to the eminent jurists and notable diplomatists present.

The aide. "The Diplomatic Corps goes first." The Chief Justice thereupon asked the aide when he had been appointed social director of the White House, and if so, where he had received the remarkable instructions he was carrying out. Justice Harlan asserted that never, in all his experience at the Capital, had he heard of such an occurrence. The major seemed somewhat ruffled, but nevertheless held to his course and did not permit the justices to reach the Blue Room until all the assembled diplomatists, big and little, had passed along.

SEND ESTIMATE TO THE HOUSE

Commissioners Favor Public Night Schools.

THE TIMES SCORES AGAIN

Papers Immediately Approved on Receipt and Forwarded to Appropriation Committee.

A deficiency estimate of \$2,800 to enable the Washington public night schools to remain open until next May was approved by the District Commissioners this morning and immediately forwarded to Congress. This is the third link in the chain which The Times is endeavoring to forge in favor of better educational facilities for the working classes.

A. E. Stuart, superintendent of the District public schools, at the request of The Times, submitted this deficiency estimate of \$2,800 to the Board of Education last Wednesday night, and the board, according to its promise to The Times representative, forthwith gave the bill its approval. The papers were received in the offices of the District Commissioners this morning, and were immediately approved.

Quick Action Expected. These papers, which should be placed in the hands of Representative McCleary, of the House Appropriations Committee, either this afternoon or tomorrow morning, contain all the "specific information" which that gentleman called for. That the money should be appropriated without delay is admitted, and in fact urged, by almost every District official who has any interest whatsoever in the subject of night schools.

BILL TO PURCHASE LAND FOR JUSTICE BUILDING

In the Senate today Mr. Clapp of Minnesota has introduced a bill to authorize the purchase as a site for a United States Supreme Court building all the tract of land facing the plaza east of the Capitol and corresponding to the site of the Library of Congress. The bill is identical with the one introduced in the Fifty-fifth Congress in 1898.

CYCLONE RAZES MOUNDSVILLE, ALA.

Whole Town Said to Have Been Destroyed—Population About 300.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 22.—Conductor Capahart, in charge of the limited northbound train on the Queen and Crescent Railroad, which reached Moundsville, seventy miles southwest of here at 3 o'clock this morning, has wired the officials of the road here that he could not pass Moundsville because of wreckage on the track caused by a cyclone which passed over that town at 2 o'clock this morning. He backed his train to Akron and sent a message over a roundabout circuit saying that the town of Moundsville was destroyed and everybody killed.

TEMPERATURE.
9 a. m. 55
12 noon 60
3 p. m. 60
6 p. m. 60
THE SUN.
Sun sets today 5:06 p. m.
Sun rises tomorrow 7:14 a. m.
TIDE TABLE.
High tide today 11:18 a. m.
High tide tomorrow 11:41 p. m.
Low tide today 5:54 a. m., 6:17 p. m.

PRINCE EUI-WHA OF KOREA.



Korean Prince Eui-Wha Said to Be in Hiding

Attaches of Legation Say Heir to Throne Will Visit Washington, But Refuse to Disclose His Whereabouts.

Great secrecy as to the movements of Prince Eui-Wha, heir to the throne of Korea, who is expected in Washington shortly, led to a report today that the Korean officials here fear an attempt to abduct him.

It is stated at the legation that the prince is coming to Washington, but the officials refuse to disclose his whereabouts.

An attaché was asked the reason for secrecy as to the prince's whereabouts, and replied that he had been told to keep quiet on the subject.

Letters Received From Him. It is known that letters have been received at the legation from the prince since his visit two months ago. In view of important cabinet changes in the Korean government and a general upheaval announced in late dispatches, Prince Eui-Wha's early accession to the throne as Emperor is said to be extremely probable.

STREET DEPARTMENT CLEANING PAVEMENTS

Superintendent Declares Work Will Be Pushed Beginning on Thoroughfares Running North and South.

All streets in Washington running north and south will be cleaned by 6 o'clock this afternoon and Pennsylvania Avenue will be devoid of dirt, or "muck," as a ballroom floor, if the statement of Warner Stutler, Superintendent of Street Cleaning, can be relied upon, and he usually knows what he is talking about.

NEW AUDITOR BEGINS DUTIES AT TREASURY

Joseph J. McCarty, of St. Paul, who was recently appointed Auditor for the Postoffice Department to succeed Captain Castle, took the oath of office this morning in the appointment division of the Treasury Department. He was accompanied by Captain Castle, and together they paid their respects to the leading officials of the Treasury.

ITALIAN ATTACHE TO SAIL FOR POST IN WASHINGTON

Ricardo Borghetti, attache of the Italian embassy, who has been away for the past two months on a leave of absence, which he spent on his estate in Italy, will sail for this country on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse on January 27.

The prince came here in November from a college at Delaware, Ohio, where he got into trouble with a roommate. Since then every effort has been made to hide his movements.

Under Assumed Name. He is now in New York, according to an authentic report, living under an assumed name. The Korean government has many agents in this country, and in view of the critical condition at Seoul the officials fear that harm may befall the young prince should his whereabouts become known.

At the legation there is considerable excitement over the events in Korea. What effect the crisis there will have on the movements of the minister and his staff is not certain, but it is hinted at the legation that some of the legation personnel, if not all of them, are prepared to leave Washington on short notice.

SECRETARY OF WAR MUST REPORT ON CARRIAGES

House Resolution Directs Him to Give Their Number and Cite Authority for Their Use.

In the House today a resolution from the Committee on Military Affairs, directing the Secretary of War to report to the House the number of Government carriages in his department, their use, and the authority for their use, was adopted without debate.

Today being pension day, consideration was given to the private pension bills on the calendar.

RAYNER GAINS VOTE IN SENATORIAL FIGHT

(Special to The Washington Times.) STATE HOUSE, ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 22.—The only significant change in the United States Senatorial situation today was an additional vote gained by Isador Rayner. This was the vote of Colonel Gadd, senator from Anne Arundel county, who has been supporting ex-Governor Smith, but who shifted over to Rayner today. He says he will support the latter to the end. Ex-Governor Smith lost two more of his votes. These were Delegates Keyes and Fryor, of Cecil county, who today cast their ballots for ex-Gov. E. Jackson.

NETHERLANDS MINISTER WILL RETURN HERE TODAY

Baron Gevers, the Netherlands minister, and Mr. Van Reijen, first secretary, will return this afternoon from New York, where they attended the banquet of the Netherlands Society.

SEEK TO AMEND DISTRICT STATUTE ON CORPORATIONS

Committee Hears a Discussion Upon Its Defects.

WORSE THAN NEW JERSEY

Several Matters Considered and Rapid Progress Made on the District Bill.

The hearing granted by the House District Committee to the District Commissioners on local bills was continued this morning. Members of the committee manifested much interest in the legislative matters affecting the District, and interrogated the Commissioners upon various subjects.

Mr. Babcock said his attention had been called to what appeared to be the fact that the corporation law of the District of Columbia are more liberal than those of New Jersey. He said he thought the matter of the corporation law in the District of Columbia should be investigated, and if necessary that some amendments be made.

Mr. Macfarland said that corporations with millions of dollars had been formed here because of the liberality of the law and the absence of fees.

Mr. West said the Corporation Council was now engaged in drawing up amendments to the code in respect to corporations seeking charters in this jurisdiction, which was expected to yield a revenue to the District.

Taking up another subject, Mr. Macfarland said that the bill regulating electric light wires in the District had been favorably acted upon by the Senate committee. It was, he declared, satisfactory to the Commissioners and those interested, and he hoped for favorable consideration by the House committee. A long discussion then ensued on the bill authorizing the laying of water mains and sewer sewers and the levying of assessments therefor.

OWNERS SHOULD PAY

Several of the members of the committee thought that owners of abutting property should be made to pay the cost in its entirety of the construction of pipes and sewers mentioned.

Colonel Biddle explained the position of the Commissioners and cited several instances showing how the law would operate. No action was taken on the bill, a decision being reached that it should go over for a time.

Mr. West then took up the bill to authorize the Commissioners to sell the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal bonds which the District now holds. He said the bonds had been in the Treasury for perhaps half a century and the amount of interest accrued was as large as the principal. The Commissioners had thought that the bonds were worth nothing. They were at present yielding no revenue to the District. Recently, however, one broker had offered 27 cents on the dollar for them and another had written to the Commissioners inquiring what they would be sold for.

Mr. West said he thought it would be good administration if the Commissioners could sell the bonds and get what they could for them. He advised, however, that the disposition of them be by public rather than by private sale. At the suggestion of Mr. Babcock, it was argued that the Commissioners should have the Corporation Council draft a bill providing for a sale of the bonds at public sale after advertising for bids.

REPLATTING OF LAND

Mr. West explained the provisions of the bill to provide for replattling of land in the county outside of the city limits for the purposes of assessment and taxation. Upon this property there is a great deal of a great deal of rearrangement and considerable loss to the tax revenues by reason of the defective descriptions of property. Under a new plattling the amount of taxes, he said, would be increased. There are now many duplications in numbers and subdivisions which causes great confusion. He said the cost for a new series of plat books would be about \$15,000, one-half to be borne by the District of Columbia and one-half by the Government.

Mr. Campbell of Kansas thought the expense ought to be borne by the property owners, inasmuch, he argued, as it would be to their benefit.

Mr. West thought the District would be the greater beneficiary.

Colonel Biddle explained the provisions of the bill to enable the Commissioners to change the names of streets outside of the city limits. He said it was necessary by reason of the duplication to whom the land in abandoned streets should revert, Colonel Biddle said it was the opinion of the Commissioners that the land should go to the owner of the abutting property, rather than the original owner. The committee thought likewise and ordered a favorable report on the bill.

Detention of Insane. The measure concerning the apprehension and detention of insane persons was explained and a favorable report was ordered upon it with certain minor amendments.

DEFENSE SCORES POINT IN THE MACHEN TRIAL

Evidence as to Defendant's Income Ruled Out by Justice Pritchard—Conrad Explains His Intentions.

JUDGE JOHN F. KUMLER.



Counsel for George E. and Martha J. Lorenz.

Victory for the defense in excluding the transcript of the accounts of the Westminster Bank, which showed that Machen had an income of \$20,000 per year on a salary of \$2,500, marked the tenth day of the trial of A. W. Machen, the Groff brothers, and Mr. and Mrs. George E. Lorenz on the charge of having conspired to sell the Government Groff fasteners at an excessive rate.

The transcript was offered yesterday afternoon by Mr. Taggart, for the prosecution, as a matter of convenience to the jury in tracing the payments by the Lorenzes to Machen of money which it is alleged the Lorenzes received as commissions on the sales of the fasteners to the Postoffice Department. Strong objection was made to the transcript, on the ground that it contained items which had nothing to do with the case.

PRITCHARD ADMITS PORTION OF TRANSCRIPT

At the opening this morning, Mr. Maddox added his protest against the introduction of the transcript from the books of the National Bank of Westminster, in which is said to be shown the fact that on a salary of \$3,500, Machen made \$20,000 a year.

Mr. Maddox—The assistant counsel for the United States, goaded to frankness by the insistence of the defense, confessed the transcript was to be used to prove matters not germane to the inquiry. In a somewhat forthright July speech, he said the transcript was to be used to show Machen's income. And he denominated Mr. Machen a Government clerk, when all know he was the founder of the free delivery, and for ten years one of the most prominent men in the Government. If a man must explain each transaction in which he was engaged, then no citizen of the United States could have dealings with an official. Then, there is no connection between the Groffs and the transcript.

Admits Portion of Transcript.

Justice Pritchard—I will not grant that motion. I will admit the transcript, but only such parts of it as are to be used as relate to transactions between the parties. The jury will remember that the remarks of counsel are in no way evidence.

Mr. Douglas moved that the statement of Machen's income by Mr. Conrad be stricken from the record, as it had gone forth in the papers under big headlines, and had necessarily been a means of influencing the jury.

Mr. Conrad said he offered a vindication of himself, but no excuse. Upon consideration he thought he would not have made the statement he did. The announcement about the income was not justified at that time. Mr. Conrad asked the court, nevertheless, to strike out the remarks, as they were not intended for the jury.

Remarks "Stricken Out."

In view of Mr. Conrad's request the justice ordered the remarks stricken out, and again instructed the jury not to bear them in mind.

Mr. Conrad—I had no intention of improperly influencing the jury. Justice Pritchard—I am sure you had not, and that you would be the last person in the world to attempt such a thing. In the future I hope you gentlemen will not have any more such discussions.

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The defense had no cross-examination for Mr. Herring, the last witness yesterday. A. J. Wynne, First Assistant Post-