

Weather Forecast:

Fair Tonight;
Friday Cloudy

JITNEY BUS LINES WILL BEGIN FIRST TRIPS ON MARCH 1

Routes and Schedules for Capital Service Will Be Announced in Two Weeks.

ASSOCIATION IS FORMED

Automobile Owners Invited to Join Their Forces—Legal Advice Given Body.

The "Jitney bus" is coming to Washington.

This was assured today by the announcement that the Jitney Bus Association of Washington has been organized. By the first of March at least 100 "jitney" cars, it is expected, will be in operation in the District.

Routes and schedules of the buses will be ready for announcement to the public by February 20, and the operation of the lines will begin on March 1.

The initial route tentatively agreed upon begins at Seventeenth and Pennsylvania avenues northwest, and ends at the Capitol and the Congressional Library. The route will be east on Pennsylvania avenue to Fifteenth, south on Fifteenth to Pennsylvania avenue, around the Capitol grounds to the three entrances of the building and thence to the Congressional Library.

Motor Owners Invited.

The organization is a mutual protective association, and owners of automobiles carrying four or more persons have been invited to become members. Andrew I. Hickey, an attorney, with offices in the Evans building, is the temporary chairman, and applications for membership are being filed with him.

"We have investigated the proposition of relieving the congested traffic in Washington as suggested by the stories recently printed in the Washington Times of the success of the jitney bus in Western cities," said Mr. Hickey, "and believe we are well assured of a sufficient number of automobiles to begin the operation of Washington's first jitney bus service."

Mr. Hickey added that the Jitney Bus Association of Washington would be a mutual protective organization, charging its members a small fee to cover legitimate expenses, and having behind it sufficient money to protect its members from interference from any competitive organization.

He said that the district organization had been given the attention of practical transportation men and a board of advisory experts, and that he felt that the coming of a new form of public transportation facilities would be a great one to the riding public.

LOOKS TO WEATHER TO AID WHEAT CROP

Agricultural Department Sees Salvation of Bread in Proper Conditions for Farmer.

It's up to the weather man and the farmer to determine whether there is to be a wheat shortage and universal 6-cent bread, it was stated at the Agricultural Department today.

If the former gives the kind of weather the agricultural needs and the farmer is successful in cultivating his increased acreage the grain crop for 1915 will be large enough to supply the United States and to ship between \$30,000,000 and 10,000,000 bushels a week to Europe.

Rough estimates by the department today show that of the 200,000,000 bushels of wheat available for export from last year's crop 200,000,000 have been exported. Added to the 200,000,000 remaining bushels the 200,000,000 remaining bushels the department believes the chances of a shortage are slight, until the 1915 crop is harvested. If this crop is a bumper one the United States can supply the home market and go a long way toward feeding the European nations.

CREW LEAVES SHIP TO ESCAPE ON ICE

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—The 546-ton steamship Iowa, of the Goodrich lines, sank in Lake Michigan about 10:20 this morning, three miles off the mouth of the Chicago River.

The Iowa carried a crew of between sixty-five and seventy-five men. All left the boat before she sank, but it is not known whether all succeeded in making their way to safety over the ice. The crew which caused the steamer to sink. News of the steamer's sinking was received in the wire from Captain Stuftebean, of the Iowa. The message stated many members of the crew were trying to reach safety over the ice.

Goodrich line officials believe the terrible ice floes which have endangered shipping and held up a score of vessels in Lake Michigan, crushed in the side of the Iowa.

LEAVES SICK BED TO HELP PRESIDENT PASS SHIPPING BILL

Senator Lewis Reaches Washington Today—Friends of Measure Still Shy of Votes.

VICE PRESIDENT MAY AID

Newlands and Smith of South Carolina Due in Time to Help Administration.

Senate Democratic leaders found the ship purchase bill in a more dangerous situation than ever this afternoon.

They have been forced to fight for time until Senator Newlands of Nevada and Senator Smith of South Carolina can return to Washington.

In their absence the Administration forces are short of the number of votes needed to prevent the bill being sidetracked. With Newlands and Smith here the vote would stand 48 to 48, and Vice President Marshall in such a situation would vote to save the bill from defeat.

Senator Newlands has started East from California, and will arrive Monday. Senator Smith is expected here by that time. The Senate Democratic leaders are trying to filibuster against a vote on the Clarke motion to recommit until Newlands and Smith arrive, or until they can work out some new solution of their difficulty.

Would Avoid Vote.

Senator Simmons this afternoon admitted that a vote would be avoided today, but said that a new solution of the situation might be evolved. He did not say what this would be, but it is known that work is still being done, although under great difficulty, to win back the support of the Democrats.

Senator Lewis got up from a sick bed at Asheville, N. C., to come to the aid of the Administration at the urging of the President, Secretary McAdoo, Senator Kern, and others. He reached Washington today. Senator Fall, Republican, also returned to Washington today, however, and Senator Penrose, supposed to be sick, has been urged to return and is expected to do so.

Will Have 47 Votes.

With Lewis voting, one of the Republican leaders figured today, the counting pairs, or forty-eight, if they can get Senator Smith of South Carolina back to town in time. Smith's wife is ill.

The total Democratic strength is fifty-three, this Senator counted, adding Senator Norris and La Follette makes fifty-five, and subtracting the seven bolters leaves forty-eight, providing the full strength is mustered.

Adding the seven bolters to the Republican strength, and subtracting Senator Norris and La Follette, brings their full vote up to forty-eight, which would give the final decision on the bill to Thomas Riley Marshall, Vice President of the United States, should this come about, it would be the first big question decided by the Vice President in a long time.

Might Win Votes.

One of the reasons for sending for Senator Lewis is that it was hoped that his personal presence might be able to win back some of the seven insurgent Democrats. But when Senator Lewis arrived here today he found little or no prospect of winning any one back.

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PROBE CONFESSION OF ALLEGED POISONER

Yonkers Coroner Investigates Deaths of Eight in Odd Follows Home.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—When Frederick Muschawe, a former attendant in the German Odd "follies" home, at Yonkers, voluntarily went to the district attorney's office several days ago, and confessed to poisoning at different times eight aged inmates, the authorities had him taken to Bellevue for examination as to his sanity.

Dr. E. M. Juster, the home's physician, has reported the eight died of natural causes, but at the coroner's inquest, investigation shows that in only one of the cases was the death reported on the grounds of natural causes. James P. Dunn has asked Dr. Juster to appear before him.

Georgia Mob Kills White Physician

Charged With Insulting Young Married Woman, He is Hunted Down.

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 4.—Dr. A. B. Culbertson, a white physician, was shot to death by a mob near Evans, Ga., today, after being charged with insulting young married woman of Martinsburg.

Octoroon Sends Threat to Solon

He Will Get "Pint of Vitoral" If Jim Crow Bill Becomes A Law.

Describing herself as "a fair-haired, blue-eyed octoroon," a woman living in the District has written an anonymous letter to Congressman Frank Clark of Florida, threatening to "dash a pint of vitriol" into his eyes if the Jim Crow bill for the District, sponsored by him, becomes a law.

The writer states that in appearance she is without a visible trace of colored blood in her veins, and consequently could easily follow him into any theater or other public place.

"It will be impossible to escape me," she wrote.

She declared in the letter that ordinarily she passes for a white woman, but that in certain sections of the South, where her origin is known, and where Jim Crow laws exist, she is subject "to all the indignities heaped upon the blackest nigger," and fears that if the bill becomes law in the District she will be made to suffer the same hardships.

Brownlow Greet City's Protectors

Officials of Police and Fire Departments Presented to New Commissioner.

Officials of the Police and Fire Departments were today formally presented to Commissioner Louis Brownlow, who is in charge of all matters pertaining to those departments.

No specializing was indulged in, the Commissioner merely wishing to personally meet the men upon whom he must rely to attain the highest state of efficiency in the two departments.

Commissioner Brownlow visited Mayor Sylvester's office shortly after 10 o'clock, where the inspectors, captains and others were presented to him. At 11:30 Chief Wagner, the battalion chiefs, and other members of the official staff of the fire chief, together with all captains of companies, visited Commissioner Brownlow's office, and were presented to him by Senator Stone, who expressed his unwavering loyalty to the new administration.

Alimony Contract Held to Be Valid

Agreement Between Husband and Wife Stands if Terms Are Carried Out, Siddons Rules.

A contract executed by husband and wife as to alimony after their separation is valid and cannot be made void by either a divorce or maintenance suit, providing its terms are carried out.

Justice Siddons, presiding in Equity Court No. 2, made a ruling to this effect today in dismissing the petition of Mrs. Martha A. Preston, who sued her husband, George Preston, for maintenance.

Mrs. Taylor's Son Killed By Fall

Washington Woman Not Notified of Death Because Fatal Shock Might Result.

RICHMOND, Feb. 4.—Fearing that the news might prove fatal to his mother, Mrs. Taylor, of Washington, who recently underwent a serious operation, relatives of James T. Taylor, superintendent of a local tobacco factory, who died here today from the effects of fractured skull, sustained yesterday when he fell down a flight of stairs, deemed it best not to notify her.

Taylor has a brother, William W. Taylor, foreman in the Government Printing Office, in Washington.

"HANDS OFF!" IS PRESIDENT'S ANSWER TO GERMAN'S PLEA

Wilson Tells St. Louis Pastor, Asking Embargo on Arms and Food, to "Think of America First."

Explains That Efforts of Organizations and Individuals to Influence Government on War Are Embarrassing.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick Bente, of St. Louis, representing a German-American organization seeking to have an embargo placed on the shipment of munitions of war and food supplies to England and her allies, was today reminded by President Wilson that the first duty of all citizens of this country was to "think of America first."

The President explained that the efforts of various organizations to urge this Government to act in regard to the war, were extremely embarrassing.

While the interview was entirely pleasant, the President made it plain that he did not regard it as the best evidence of patriotism for organizations or individuals in this country to attempt to influence the Administration in its handling of a delicate foreign problem.

Dr. Bente appeared yesterday before the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs in behalf of the embargo bill.

Direct Threat Is Made To U. S. by German Paper Spurning American Gifts

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 4.—On the ground that America's neutrality is merely hypocritical, the war committee of the German city of Zwickau near Dresden, has announced it will refuse to accept gifts from the United States, the Berlin Lokalanzeiger asserted today.

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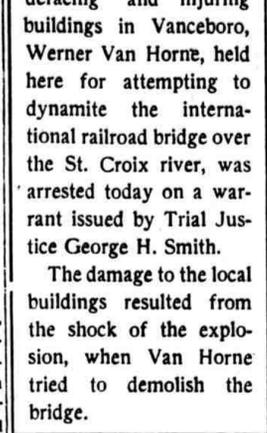
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Held By State. In this case, however, Solicitor Johnson has delayed reference of the matter to Attorney General Gregory, and the case has not yet come before the Department of Justice for action.

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VANCEBORO, Me. Feb. 4.—Charged with defacing and injuring buildings in Vanceboro, Werner Van Horn, held here for attempting to dynamite the international railroad bridge over the St. Croix river, was arrested today on a warrant issued by Trial Justice George H. Smith.

The damage to the local buildings resulted from the shock of the explosion, when Van Horn tried to demolish the bridge.



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The war office this afternoon officially confirmed reports that German troops are re-enforcing the Austrians in the Carpathians.

Further progress of General Von Mackensen's drive toward Warsaw from the Bolimow region was reported.

Artillery Fighting Resumed. Artillery fighting has been resumed along the Franco-Belgian battle front from Rheims northward to the sea coast. Near neither the French nor the Austro-Hungarian armies in the Carpathians, said the official statement. The allied troops have addressed a series of successes in this difficult, snow-covered, mountainous country.

Russians Desperate. The Russians are making desperate counter-attacks west of Warsaw, with the object of halting Von Mackensen's new advance upon the Polish capital. They have suffered heavy losses in a series of attacks, which have broken down in every instance under the fire of German artillery. The number of Russian prisoners taken in these trench engagements has increased daily.

"For some days the Germans have been fighting throughout the Carpathians," said the official statement. "The allied troops have addressed a series of successes in this difficult, snow-covered, mountainous country."

TAKEN IN CHARGE OF STEALING \$5,000

Charged with the theft of a package containing \$5,000 from the Washington city postoffice, a clerk formerly employed as a clerk, Mansell P. Mills, an attorney, with offices in the Commercial Bank building, was rearrested by inspectors of the Postoffice Department today.

The case is considered the most serious one involving the United States which has arisen since the beginning of the war. Officials realize that if Van Horn is extradited and sent to Canada for trial for "attempted destruction of human life," pro-termin settlement in the United States will condemn the move.

Unlimited is refused strained relations between the United States and Canada may ensue, which officials believe might prompt the Dominion government to place guards at international bridges and cause the United States to limit the steps toward guarding the 2,500 miles of border.

EXPECT STORK'S VISIT TO CROWN PRINCESS

BERLIN, Feb. 4.—The stork is expected to visit the Crown Princess Cecile within a few weeks, it is learned today. Arrangements have been made for a special train to hurry the crown prince from the fighting line at Verdun for the event.

The royal couple were married in Berlin in 1906. Four sons have been born to the crown prince.

Imported In Carolina Cherries, 10c a mid. sweet, and aromatic candy—Adv.