

Today
Fine Fight Coming.
Question for Mr. Hoover.
Four Children Too Many.
And "One Juicy Melon."

WEATHER:
Showers this afternoon; fair and much cooler tonight and tomorrow. Fresh to strong southwest and west winds.
Temperature at 5 a. m. 56 degrees.

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Thurston's Efficiency Never Doubted Until Van Schaick Joined Board, Says Peyton

SOFT COAL UP \$2 TON; D. C. RENTS MAY JUMP

CLAIMS CLIQUE RUNS SCHOOLS

Colored Member of Board Gives Senate Committee Inside View of How Things Were Done.
PEOPLE WANTED THURSTON
Charges Favoritism Was Displayed in Appointments and Superintendent Ignored.

The efficiency of Superintendent of Schools Thurston has been undermined by "encroachment and interference" upon his position by Dr. Van Schaick and other members of the Board of Education, declared Fountain Peyton, colored member of the Board of Education, before the Senate investigating subcommittee today.

He stated that there never has been any question as to Thurston's efficiency until Dr. Van Schaick "appears on the scene in 1917," and he indicated that a clique on the board had been operating against the superintendent ever since.

Says People Wanted Thurston.
"If Thurston had not been re-elected superintendent of schools in 1917," said Peyton, "there would have been an outrage at the Franklin School that night. The school was packed with people thoroughly aroused over the situation. The entire city wanted Thurston to be retained."

Legislators that expelled five men from the New York State law-making body because they were Socialists were of course acting under orders. The orders came from rich men, ignorant and foolish enough to imagine that you can suppress dissatisfaction or thought permanently. Young Theodore Roosevelt knew better. He certainly has no sympathy for Socialists or Socialism. But he spent hours trying to keep his fellow Republicans from temporarily voting a party out of existence and depriving tens of thousands of citizens of representation.

Compare two pieces of news. The Continental Oil Company "cuts large and juicy melon for stockholders." Sixty thousand shares of new stock are handed out to stockholders, each one receiving two new shares for each old share. The stock will pay 12 per cent on par, and is, therefore, worth, on a 6 per cent basis, twelve millions of dollars.

The other piece of news comes from Columbus, Ohio. Mrs. Estelle Tillman, a widow, has six children, from one to twelve years of age. A falling tree killed her husband. She wants somebody to adopt four of her children, all boys; she will keep the two youngest and help to support them.

MRS. JAMES WALSH, of New York, was one of the first pickets of the Irish Republic sympathizers to take up her post at the British Embassy this morning. Capt. Robert Doyle, of the Third police precinct, took her name and copied the slogan she carried.



England American condemn your reign of terror in the Irish Republic

GIRLS PICKET AT EMBASSY

Picketing the British embassy here was the tactics adopted by the delegation of American women sympathizers for the Irish Republic on the second day of their campaign to have Congress abrogate all treaties with Great Britain until the Sinn Fein government is recognized.

TALK MARTIAL LAW FOR ERIN

British troops are being shifted everywhere up and down the country, and it is evident that the military authorities are preparing to cope with any situation that may arise. In view of these preparations, it is thought extremely unlikely that leaders of any contemplated uprising would strike at this time.

SAY SUFFRAGE IS NOT BEATEN

National Women's Party Leaders Contend They Still Have Chance in Delaware.
3 OTHER STATES HOLD HOPE
Agitation for Formation of Feminists' Party Is Said to Be Spreading.

By DAVID M. CHURCH, (International News Service.)
The suffrage fight in Delaware is not lost yet. That was the message Miss Alice Paul, of the National Woman's Party, brought today when she returned from Dover, where the lower house of the Delaware State Legislature yesterday defeated ratification of the suffrage amendment.

To Ask Reconsideration.
A motion for reconsideration of the vote by which ratification was defeated will be introduced early next week, Miss Paul stated. "The sentiment for ratification throughout the State is steadily increasing, and the Legislature, we are confident, must sooner or later follow the will of the people of the State."

North Carolina, Vermont, and Louisiana also holds hopes for the suffragists. The Vermont situation is rather uncertain, however, and there is no definite assurance that the governor of that State will call a special session of the Legislature to act upon the suffrage amendment.

Women's Party Proposed.
Declaring the action taken by the Delaware Legislature unjust, some of the leaders now urge that the formation of a woman's party would have a salutary effect upon those legislatures which are yet to act upon ratification.

SHIP RUN BY WIRELESS WITHOUT A MAN ABOARD

British Experts Say Hertzian Waves Are Success for Controlling War Vessels.
LONDON, April 2.—The British admiralty reports considerable progress in recent tests of applying wireless control to vessels and torpedoes. Warships with crews of only a few men are regarded as an early practical possibility as a result of the experiment. The Daily Mail today says:

PALMER FEELS HE SERVED U. S.

Tells House Committee His Settlement With Packers Was Best for All.
SAW NEED OF "SHOW DOWN"
Faced Question of Hazardous Prosecution or Acceptance of Their Concessions.

By LEE ELMAKER, (International News Service.)
"More was accomplished by the decree entered into between the packers and the Department of Justice toward saving the food table of America from a constantly growing menace than could have been accomplished by legal action or law," Attorney General Palmer today told the House Agricultural Committee considering legislation to regulate the packers.

Time Ripe for "Show Down."
"The packers' cases were taken up at a time I thought there should be a 'show down,'" Palmer said. "If wrong, they should be prosecuted, and if innocent, they should be given a clean bill."

Sought Victory for U. S.
"I conferrred with their representatives," he told them they must get out and stay out of all unpledged lines of business, and drop all activities in violation of the Sherman anti-trust laws. The result was their agreeing to go out of the unpledged lines. The question then was what were unrelated lines.

Feared Result of Trial.
"I was faced with the question of prosecution, or accepting their concessions. Under the anti-trust law, legal action would have been uncertain as to results. If I had lost, the people's case would have been gone. As it is, we have accomplished the same end."

MARY PICKFORD SENDS HONEYMOON MESSAGE

Movie Star Announces She Will Continue Screen Work After Her European Vacation.
LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 2.—A honeymoon message to all the world was issued today by Mary Pickford Fairbanks, "America's sweetheart," from the country estate of her husband, Douglas Fairbanks, in Beverly Hills.

AMMUNITION BEING ISSUED TO TROOPS IN DENMARK

LONDON, April 2.—Negotiations for the settlement of the general strike called by the Danish labor unions have been broken off, according to a dispatch from Copenhagen today. The dispatch stated that ammunition is being issued to government troops at Copenhagen. Further conferences between King Christian X and Premier Liebe are being held.

BANDITS HOLD UP AMERICANS

Mexican Train Stopped by Outlaws, But U. S. Official and Friends Escape.
Several Americans, including the assistant military attaché of the American embassy at Mexico City, were on a train on the Mexico City-Cuernavaca line which was attacked by bandits on March 23, according to a message to the State Department today from the American embassy at Mexico City.

FATHER BURNED, STABBED HER, GIRL OF 17 CHARGES
Clay Modeler in Court for "Branding" Daughter and Sticking Her With Needles.
NEW YORK, April 2.—Seventeen-year-old Mimi Gallander is to appear in a Brooklyn police court today against her father, John Gallander, clay modeler, as a result of physical torture to which the girl alleged she was submitted in her home.

SHIP IN DISTRESS.
SEATTLE, Wash., April 2.—The motor ship Libby Maine is in distress five miles off Cape Flattery, according to S O S calls sent out at 5:18 o'clock this morning. No vessels in that vicinity have answered the distress calls yet.

DANIELS DENIES HE SAID JAPAN IS "MENACE"

Secretary of the Navy Daniels today denied he told the Senate Naval Affairs Committee yesterday that Japan was "a menace" to the United States because of its developments in the Pacific ocean. Secretary Daniels said the Japanese question had come up in a general way during discussion of relative sizes of the navies of the world. He declared he gave no warning against the power of the Japanese navy.

TENANTS MUST BEAR BURDEN

Realtors in Business District Will Pass Along Boost in Bituminous Prices.
CLAIM ADVANCE UNJUST
Plan Steps to Get Government Intervention—Further Jump Threatens.

A big jump in rentals in business establishments in Washington was forecast today as a result of tremendous increases imposed by coal operators on prices of bituminous coal. Managers of office buildings throughout the city today received notice from coal dealers that the price of coal has been advanced from \$7.75 a ton to \$9.75 a ton, effective immediately.

Burden Falls on Tenants.
This burden must be borne at once by the tenants, as landlords claim their margin of profit already is low. Landlords were further astonished by letters from wholesalers denying the privilege of making contracts for future delivery even under the new figure. Investigation disclosed that the wholesalers are thus holding out in anticipation of a further advance, perhaps even a higher figure than the one announced today.

Unprepared for Advance.
Owners and managers of business properties today, while recognizing the possible justice in a slight increase in bituminous coal, were totally unprepared for the advance just made. The advance is excused by the wholesalers on the ground of increased wages. This, the business men claim, is preposterous. Under the agreement approved by the President the miners were given a twenty-seven per cent increase, but this figure absorbed a 14 per cent increase granted some time ago. The next increase, which only imposed on consumers in any event, would be 13 per cent, even after the new wage increase, but this figure would be a 20 per cent increase, and cannot be justified in any manner.

Favors Deporting All Who Opposed Dry Law
William Allen White, of Kansas, Would Drive Two Governors From U. S.
NEW YORK, April 2.—William Allen White, the Kansas publisher and shite of Japan is ill, suffering from sciatica, according to a cable received here by a Japanese newspaper. He is confined to his winter palace near Yokohama.

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