

"Exalted of Low Degree." The Public Stupidity. Irish Mary Bowles. Pickpockets Lament.

WEATHER Fair tonight; Wednesday increasing cloudiness followed by showers.

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WORLD-WIDE SHIPPING STRIKE THREATENED

At the League of Nations conference, George Harvey is to sit where Woodrow Wilson sat.

Mary Bowles of Belfast, fifteen years old, was caught wearing armor and carrying a Lewis gun.

In European cities, as you know, they have well organized fraternities of beggars.

At Genoa the police chief gets an indignant letter from "The Tramway Pickpockets' Association."

Business men want to know how THOROUGHLY, BROADLY, AND ECONOMICALLY they can tell millions of people what they have to say and to sell.

Those who complain of taxes in the United States should consider the "scams" to restore the finances of Austria.

The bill shutting off immigration will soon become law, probably. That will shut off the United States from its greatest source of growth and increasing prosperity.

National wealth and average prosperity have increased with the population. We need a hundred million more human beings here, to use up what we produce.

The great meat packers of the United States announce that sales to Europe last year dropped \$525,000,000.

While the exportation of farm products is cut down—one single line more than half a thousand million—this country receives from Europe a gold in a thousand million in gold in the first four months of this year.

'FFI'S' HUBBY 'CALLED OUT' BY FOREIGNER

Stillman Ignores Challenge to Duel and Shoves Wife's Admirer Away.

NEW YORK, May 10.—One of the host of sympathizers who have come to the defense of Mrs. James A. Stillman since she was made defendant in the season's most sensational divorce suit has carried his enthusiasm to the length of formally challenging her wealthy banker-husband to fight a duel, it became known today.

STILLMAN HAS BODYGUARD. The challenge was communicated in person—vis-a-vis—and was not accepted.

In fact, it is learned that a bodyguard has been employed for the banker as a result of what he insisted at the time upon describing as a mere "incident."

Whether Mr. Stillman assented to the employment of the bodyguard could not be learned. Indeed, the intimation was held out that the precautionary step might have been taken by his advisers without his knowledge or consent.

The challenge was made, it was learned, when Stillman was leaving one of his clubs upon one day last week. Strolling leisurely along the sidewalk, he was accosted by a man who spoke with a pronounced foreign accent.

The ex-banker is known to have received many threatening letters, which he turned over to his lawyers.

It was learned today that when Dr. Hugh L. Russell, the Buffalo osteopath, who gave damaging testimony against Mrs. Stillman at last week's hearing, left the witness stand and walked over to the lawyer.

Determined to fight to the finish, Mrs. Stillman today gave final instructions to her counsel for the round up of Canadian witnesses who she expects will riddle the testimony given by others for her husband.

Undaunted by the developments of the last ten days, which owing to the aggressive tactics of her husband's counsel tended to put her on the defensive, Mrs. Stillman and her lawyers declared their confidence in the outcome of the great legal battle unshaken.

There will be no general appropriations for public buildings at this session of Congress, Republican Leader Mondell told the House today.

If You Can't Answer These, You're Ignorant, Says Edison

But Cheer Up! You'll Have a Lot of Company.

NEW YORK, May 10.—Here are some of the 160 questions submitted by Thomas A. Edison to college graduates seeking employment in his plant, the answers to which prompted him to remark: "College men are amazingly ignorant. They don't seem to know anything."

Where do we get shellac from? What is a monsoon? Where do we get gunpowder? Where do we get domestic services?

These are selected from a list of 161 questions submitted, from memory, by a young man subscribing himself as one of the "amazingly ignorant" applicants for a position in the plant of the Wizard of Menlo Park.

BALLOU WANTS TWO MILLIONS SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS SAYS PRESENT CROWDED CONDITIONS ARE INTOLERABLE.

Two million dollars is the absolute minimum necessary to keep the school system in the District of Columbia on its present plane, without any allowance for relief from the present over-crowded, ill-ventilated, and poorly heated conditions of the schools, according to a statement made today before the District subcommittee on schools by Dr. Frank W. Ballou, superintendent of schools.

DR. BALLOU'S RECOMMENDATIONS. Dr. Ballou declared that a \$5,000,000 appropriation is necessary to bring the District school system up to its pre-war standard, and that with this appropriation two years would be required for completion of the work.

"When conditions compel the operation of classes of from forty-five to fifty-five pupils, I believe those conditions are indefensible," said Dr. Ballou. "This is the condition with which the school board is confronted."

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WANKS ARE TO STAY IN LEASH

Troops on Rhine Won't Mix in Silesian Scrap or Advance Into Germany.

While the United States is again taking part in the deliberations of allied statesmen on post-war problems, the participation of this country distinctly does not embrace the use of American troops for any purposes which are now discernible from Washington.

Officially, this clear today when reports were called to their attention which hinted at the possible use of American forces in case of an allied advance into German territory.

The American troops, under Maj. Gen. Henry T. Allen, now on the Rhine, numbering around 8,500, are going to remain there until the Administration decides they have fulfilled their mission under the terms of the armistice of November 11, 1918.

It was announced by foreign officials that advice from Berlin strengthened the impression that Germany would accept the indemnity ultimatum.

OPPOSE HOUSTON, 'BRUCE'S ATTORNEY'

Vigorous protest against the confirmation of W. L. Houston, negro lawyer, as a member of the District of Columbia Board of Education was voiced last night at a meeting of the Parents' League, a negro organization, in the following resolutions:

"We, the Parents' League, in regular meeting assembled, May 9, 1921, protest against the appointment of W. L. Houston as a representative of the colored people upon the Board of Education for the following reasons:

"(1) It is an insult to the 20,000 parents of the children in the colored public schools.

"(2) In that he is now and has been during the present school agitation the attorney for Roscoe C. Bruce, the storm center of this condition of unrest.

"(3) That he is now the discredited and repudiated ex-national grand master of the G. U. O. O. F., whose membership is over one-half million colored people.

"(4) His appointment supplants a worthy and highly esteemed representative of the colored people.

"J. C. VAUGHN TODD, "DR. R. F. W. CHARLES, "GEORGE C. SMITH, "W. H. E. MURPHY, "THOMAS A. JOHNSON, "Committee."

Eight years ago Houston was appointed to a place on the Board of Education, but when members of his own race objected and showed that he was a bonafide voter in the State of Kentucky, he withdrew.

COOL ROOMS AT SUMMER RATES

There are desirable rooms available at summer rates in all sections of the city.

For Rent Rooms. TWO or three furnished h. k. on second floor.

LARGE nicely furnished rooms, all modern conveniences, electricity, plenty hot water, phone.

FOUR large bright beautiful rooms, private bath, elegantly and completely furnished for housekeeping, \$70 per month. Call afternoon or evening.

NICELY furnished living room, bedroom, kitchen, bath and porch, in first-class apartment house, \$30.

NICE large corner apartment of 4 rooms and bath, completely furnished, \$125 per month, in large first-class apartment house.

TWO light housekeeping rooms, reasonable, 2nd floor.

ROOMS in owner's home, near department, continuous hot water, gentlemen, 2nd floor.

Music Makes Flowers Bloom

Sit Up to Listen to Love Strains

CHICAGO, May 10.—Music, the universal language, was described as a marvelous tonic in a new sphere of healing today.

"Housewives have been considerate of their plants and flowers," said F. C. Billings, president of a Milwaukee music company.

"I just can't keep flowers in my house. They complain, and they look so lovely, too.

"Well, no wonder—just as the human being to be healthy and jubilant requires nourishment complete in essential proteins and fats, so the roses, violets, lilies, petunias and begonias simply must have music in their daily diet.

"Try it, my friend. Put a vase of roses on your piano at home and then softly and lovingly play Reginald de Koven's 'Oh, Promise Me,' or 'Annie Laurie,' or 'Then You'll Remember Me,' something that has a heart appeal, not this immortal, insane jazz. And watch those flowers blossom out and blush with pleasure. The caressing notes of the music create sympathetic waves that stimulate the roses. I have tried music on flowers and I know it will work."

Would a phonograph in the back yard garden help the shy onions, radishes and beans? Mr. Billings didn't know.

GERMANY TO MEET TERMS POLAND HELPS CRUSH REBELS

Advices From Berlin Indicate Government Will Accept Indemnity Ultimatum.

By NEWTON C. PARKE, International News Service.

PARIS, May 10.—Occupation of the Ruhr district of Germany by allied troops may not be found necessary at the present time, according to opinion expressed in official circles today, based upon reports from Berlin.

It was announced by foreign officials that advice from Berlin strengthened the impression that Germany would accept the indemnity ultimatum.

Despite advices from Berlin indicating that Germany will accept the allied ultimatum, the war office today continued sending troops into the military zone of occupation on the Rhine.

It was stated that the dispatch of young troops of the class of 1910 would continue and that this class would not be demobilized until the class of 1921 was ready to take its place.

Even if Germany accepts the indemnity ultimatum, the French will continue to reinforce the French army of occupation, fearing that Bavaria will balk at the disarmament demand in the ultimatum.

France will occupy the Ruhr district even if Germany accepts the indemnity terms, but refuses to meet the disarmament clause.

The cabinet will meet on Friday, the delay being caused by the procrastination of Germany.

FRANCE WARNS GERMANY TO KEEP OUT OF SILESIA

BERLIN, May 10.—France has notified Berlin that French reprisals will be made against the Germans in the Rhineland if Germans invade Upper Silesia to attack the Poles. It was announced this afternoon.

It was reported from Breslau that British and Italian officials on the allied plebiscite commission have resigned in protest against Upper Silesia being assigned to Germany.

Violent fighting is reported from Kandrinn. The Poles attacked with an armored train. Counter attacks by Germans and Italians followed.

HARDING SMASHES WILSON P. O. PLAN

WAR GRAFT PROBE ASKED BY HARDING

President Harding today issued an executive order changing the method of appointment of postmasters under civil service, as established by former President Wilson.

ENGINEERS SEE PLOT TO CRUSH MARINE UNION

Organization Chiefs Claim America and Britain Are in Conspiracy to Cut Pay.

PROBE BY CONGRESS ASKED

Men Want Investigation of Shipping Board's "Arbitrary Attitude" Long Fight Looms.

Congressional investigation of the marine strike will be asked by the marine workers, Thomas Healy and Burt Todd, members of the marine engineers' executive committee, announced here today.

CONSPIRACY CHARGED. Healy charged that ship owners are "serving foreign interests" and are attempting to disrupt the marine workers' unions.

There is a conspiracy between American ship owners and British and other foreign ship owners to reduce wages. All of these facts will be laid before members of Congress and an investigation sought, Healy declared.

Protest will be made to Congress against the "arbitrary attitude" taken by the Shipping Board, Healy announced.

WORLD STRIKE SEEN. Charging that American and European shipowners are in a conspiracy to lower wage standards, union leaders predicted a world-wide walkout of marine workers.

Marine strikes are imminent in England, Norway and Italy, according to reports received in labor circles.

Protest against the employment of strikebreakers by the United States Shipping Board and "intimidation" of strikes by threats to call out marines will be made to Congress by the committee here representing the men, members of the committee announced.

W. S. Brown, head of the Marine Workers' Union, and Andrew Furseth, president of the International Seamen's Union, held a conference this morning at which the strike situation was discussed.

The strike appeared today to have settled down to a test of strength between the marine workers and the ship owners.

All efforts at mediation have gone on the rocks of the 15 per cent wage reduction. The marine workers refuse to accept this reduction and the Shipping Board refuse to make any concessions.

NO FURTHER CONFERENCES. Secretary of Labor Davis will not hold further conferences in an attempt to negotiate a settlement, unless some new proposals for agreement are made.

Both sides claim to be strong in their positions. Reports which reach the headquarters of the marine workers here indicate that ships are being tied up, while the Shipping Board maintains that interference with operation is not great.

prolonged, it is possible that it may lead to an "open shop" policy on American ships and probable further wage reductions.

Admiral Be non and representatives of the shipowners both have claimed that the 15 per cent reduction was not adequate and that further reductions were proper because of lower living costs, and if the present crisis is met, there may be an effort at even further wage reductions.

"It is now a hard fight," said W. S. Brown, head of the marine engineers, today. "We can only wait developments. Secretary Davis has gone as far as he can. We have gone as far as we can, and we can only wait developments now. The Shipping Board has asked us to make concessions, but it has refused to make concessions."

READY FOR LONG WAR. "We are prepared for long warfare," Healy said. "We are ready for a strike lasting from six weeks to three months, but I believe the end will come soon."

On the Pacific coast, hotels have been secured to house the strikers and their families, and in Philadelphia commissaries have been opened, it was announced.

According to Healy, there are now 50,000 men tied up in New York because of the strike.

Ernest Pegg, representing the Pacific coast marine workers, said that the first break in the situation on the coast came today, when the Chinna Mail Steamship Line signed a contract with the workers at the old wage scale.