

THE WEATHER.  
Rain this afternoon and to-  
night with slightly cooler at-  
mosphere. Saturday probably  
fair.

# The Paducah Sun.

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County, more people read The  
Sun than any other paper.

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## GOVERNOR MAY CALL ANOTHER SESSION

### To Reconsider the Redistricting Bill, Which is Feared.

### Congress May Unseat Kentucky Mem- bers On Ground That Act Is Unconstitutional.

## THE DEMOCRATS ARE SCARED

Louisville, March 30.—Acting on  
advice of leading Democratic attor-  
neys, Gov. Beckham, it is said, has  
about made up his mind to call an-  
other extra session of the legislature  
for the purpose of redistricting the  
state according to the provisions of  
the constitution. The fact that the  
Republicans in the general assembly  
have decided to test the constitution-  
ality of the redistricting legislation  
enacted at their regular session of  
1906 and previous legislatures has  
caused a feeling of uneasiness to  
come over the Democrats, for eminent  
attorneys have given their opinion  
that the contention of the Republi-  
cans will be sustained in the  
courts.

The Democratic representatives in  
congress are also fearful that the  
present law is unconstitutional. They  
fear that the question might arise af-  
ter the November election, and it  
would serve the Republican opponent  
as grounds for contest. They believe  
that if the question was raised in the  
national house of representatives  
their seats would be forfeited, and  
they are anxious that the defects in  
the present law be remedied. The  
Democratic congressmen seeking re-  
election, it is said, will also urge the  
governor to call the legislature in  
extraordinary session.

Since the Republican members in  
the general assembly made known  
their intention to test the constitu-  
tionality of the redistricting bill the  
Democrats have found that their po-  
sition is untenable. From eminent au-  
thorities they have learned that the  
Republican position will be sustained  
in the courts. They have been told  
that the redistricting legislation en-  
acted at the sessions of 1893, and  
1906 is clearly invalid, and that the  
court of appeals will, when the ques-  
tion is submitted to that body, hold  
it to be unconstitutional.

When the redistricting bill was up  
for passage at the last session of the  
legislature, the Republican members  
warned the majority that the bill  
was unconstitutional, and that they  
would have the courts pass on the  
matter. These threats were not taken  
seriously, but the action of the com-  
mittee of senators and representa-  
tives, of which Senator A. S. Bennett  
was the chairman, in retaining emi-  
nent counsel to institute proceedings  
in the courts has caused the Demo-  
crats no little concern.

## LUSTER DECLARED INSANE.

### Was Accused of Killing His Wife at Guthrie.

Elkton, Ky., March 30.—The case  
of the commonwealth against Tracey  
C. Luster, charged with having mur-  
dered his wife at Guthrie, was called  
for trial yesterday afternoon. The  
defense introduced fifteen or twenty  
witnesses who testified that defend-  
ant's mind was unsound, several tes-  
tifying that he had been in that con-  
dition for several years.

The jury after being out only five  
minutes returned a verdict pronounc-  
ing Luster's mind unsound.

Luster has been steadily growing  
weaker ever since he has been con-  
fined in jail. He eats very little and  
cannot talk above a whisper. He will  
be taken to the asylum at Hopkins-  
ville.

## Graves County Killer Bonded.

Mayfield, Ky., March 30.—A mo-  
tion for bail in the Will Houseman  
case was argued Thursday morning  
before Judge Bugg in circuit court  
and the bail was fixed at \$1,200.  
Bond was executed Thursday after-  
noon and Houseman was released  
from custody. He was indicted on the  
charge of killing Flen Poplin.

## High Waters Proving Damaging.

Petersburg, Ind., March 30.—Ow-  
ing to incessant rains a flood situa-  
tion confronts this city. White and  
Patoka rivers have left their banks  
and are flooding thousands of acres  
of corn land. Many farmers are  
leaving the bottoms and taking their  
live stock and perishable goods  
with them.

## RESENTED IMPOSITION.

### Boy Killed Man Who Abused Him Too Often.

Henderson, Ky., March 30.—Ira  
Williams, a boy 17 years of age, killed  
William Cutler at the Coquillard  
Wagon Works here.

Cutler was one of the foreman and  
had trouble with the boy two weeks  
ago. He ran a truck over the foot of  
the young man and he grabbed a  
standard and hit Cutler in the back  
of the head.

The blow proved fatal as Cutler  
only lived a few hours. He leaves a  
wife to whom he had been married  
for six months.

Williams has been locked up on  
the charge of murder.

## ADMITS HIS GUILT.

### And to Prevent Lynching Is Moved by Authorities.

La Junta, Col., March 30.—Rev.  
W. Gouley Connell, former pastor  
of the Presbyterian church of Lamar,  
held for trial on a charge of immoral  
conduct, is safely lodged in jail here,  
after having been hastily removed  
from Lamar to prevent lynching.  
Connell left Lamar hurriedly two  
weeks ago. He was arrested at Wax-  
ahachie, Tex., and brought back to  
Lamar. Several hundred men thronged  
the streets threatening to hang the  
minister. On being arraigned in  
court, Connell acknowledged his  
guilt.

## CONCERNING COAL

### THE QUESTION IS NOW AN IN- TERESTING ONE FOR PA- DUCAH CONSUMERS.

### Local Dealers Do Not Know What to Expect and Say Operators Do Not.

A coal famine is imminent in Padu-  
cah. Some of the big consumers are  
now only getting enough coal to run  
from day to day and do not know  
where they will be when the big  
strike, which is called for April 1st,  
goes into effect. The railroads have  
been laying in supplies of coal for  
many months in anticipation of the  
strike, but even they are not in the  
best possible condition for meeting  
the situation.

Local coal dealers interviewed to-  
day said they did not know what the  
conditions would be, whether there  
would be a coal shortage in Paducah  
or not, and said even the mine op-  
erators don't know, as they do not  
know what men, nor how many, will  
go out on a strike.

The West Kentucky Coal company  
has the street car company, and the  
city electric light plant contracts,  
and said today they would have no  
trouble in keeping them supplied. It  
is fortunate that the warm season is  
near at hand, for with no one know-  
ing what to expect the situation  
would be anything but pleasant.

## MOB IN MARYLAND

### Prevents Sheriff From Executing a Sentenced Negro Murderer.

Baltimore, Md., March 30.—This  
morning much disorder prevailed at  
Towson Seat, Baltimore county,  
where the authorities attempted to  
hang Isaac Winder, colored, a murder-  
er and jail breaker. The people  
tore down the barricade erected  
about the jail yard and the police  
were unable to cope with them. The  
crowd was so dense the sheriff was  
unable to execute the negro, who  
could not even be taken to the scaf-  
fold. Sheriff Elliott expects to car-  
ry out the law, but his ability to do  
so looks hopeless.

LATER—Winder was finally  
forced through the crowd and hanged.  
He struggled and fought desperat-  
ly, but was beaten into submission  
by Sheriff Elliott and several as-  
sistants and placed on the trap. This  
was the most exciting scene ever  
witnessed at an execution in Mary-  
land.

## Is Resting Easy Today.

Columbus, Ohio, March 30.—  
"Gov. Pattison during the latter part  
of the night obtained relief from  
restlessness from which he suffered,  
is resting easy today." This was the  
statement from the executive resi-  
dence today.

## Killed 250 Miners.

Tokio, March 30.—By an explo-  
sion in the Takashima coal mine  
near Nagasaki yesterday 250 miners  
were killed.

## MITCHELL ORDERS MINERS TO QUIT

### Surprise in View of Expected Conference Next Week.

### Operators Had Petitioned President Roosevelt to Name an Investi- gating Commission.

## LATEST CONCERNING TROUBLE.

Indianapolis, March 30.—The coal  
operators of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio  
and Western Pennsylvania who have  
opposed the payment of any increase  
in wages to miners, met last night  
and at a late hour made public the  
resolutions which were adopted in  
executive session.

The preamble sets forth the meet-  
ing of the joint conference at the  
suggestion of the president of the  
United States and its failure to reach  
an agreement. The resolution fol-  
lows:

"Resolved, That we, the coal op-  
erators of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and  
Western Pennsylvania representing  
at least 80 per cent. of the tonnage  
in the territory involved, who have  
felt, and still feel unable to pay any  
advance in wages at this time, do  
herby propose that the president of  
the United States appoint a commis-  
sion to investigate all matters which  
in the judgment of such commission  
have an important bearing or rela-  
tion to the scale of wages which  
should be paid all classes of labor in  
and about the coal mines of the ter-  
ritory herein involved and other con-  
ditions imposed and insisted on by  
the United Mine Workers of America,  
such commission to report to the pres-  
ident of the United States its find-  
ings of facts, together with its rec-  
ommendations.

"Resolved That such commission  
have power to administer oaths and  
compel attendance of witnesses."

The resolutions in full were tele-  
graphed to President Roosevelt last  
night.

### Mitchell Issues An Unexpected Order

Seranton, Pa., March 30.—Presi-  
dent Mitchell's order for the anthra-  
cite miners to suspend work Monday  
which was issued last night, created  
the wildest excitement in anthra-  
cite field when circulated. The order  
came as a surprise, nothing of the  
kind being expected until after  
meeting of the miners and operators  
in New York next week.

### Ryan Against Arbitration.

Indianapolis, March 30.—The com-  
munication from the operators re-  
garding their appeal to President  
Roosevelt was received at the miners'  
conference this morning. There was  
no action.

The motion on file with other  
miners for future reference to  
question of signing the scale in in-  
dividual districts, as asked for by  
F. L. Robbins, was taken up. During  
the discussion Delegate Ryan said  
he did not want the convention to place  
itself in a position where it will have  
to arbitrate.

### Miners Against President Intervening

Indianapolis, March 30.—Presi-  
dent Mitchell as answer to the ap-  
peal of the bituminous operators,  
wired President Roosevelt that 50  
per cent of the operators are willing  
to sign the scale demanded by min-  
ers. This means the miners believe  
there is no cause for president inter-  
vening.

### Operators Will Close All Collieries.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 30.—The  
anthracite coal operators as result  
of the suspension orders issued by  
the miners last night at Indianapolis,  
will close every colliery in the entire  
anthracite field. They are rushing all  
preparations for defense of collieries,  
etc.

### Kentucky Miners to Work.

Louisville, Ky., March 30.—There  
will be no strike in the Western Ken-  
tucky coal fields April 1st. The  
miners have agreed to remain at  
work until a decision is reached on  
the wage scale.

The men who work after April 1st  
will be paid according to wage scale  
adopted; which will, say the miners,  
be an increased one.

### Iowans Ready to Sign.

Des Moines, Ia., March 30.—Oper-  
ators and mine workers met this af-  
ternoon. They will sign the scale if  
the resolution pending at the India-  
napolis conference is adopted.

## RADICAL SALOON LAW.

### Applicants for License At Bluffton Pass An Examination.

Bluffton, Ind., March 30.—The  
city council has increased the price of  
retail liquor license to \$250 a year,  
which is the limit, and the ordinance  
also requires that the applicant must  
pass an examination before the city  
council in order to be licensed. They  
will be required to show that they  
are men of good moral character, who  
have not violated the liquor law, and  
that they will comply with its re-  
quirements. They are also compelled  
to file their application five days be-  
fore the meeting of the city council,  
and the city attorney must attend  
and examine as to their moral qual-  
ifications. Two violations of the law  
will make it possible for the city  
council or the mayor to revoke the  
license and the third violation makes  
it compulsory upon the city council  
to do so. The clerk is penalized for  
issuing a license to an applicant who  
has not been examined, and the may-  
or is empowered to see that all laws  
against the traffic are enforced.

## WAS CLOSE CALL

### BOY ALMOST DRAWN ON RE- VOLVING SHAFT AT THE BASKET FACTORY.

### Was Saved by Companion Workman Who Fortunately Happened to Be Near at Hand.

Troy Dill, a fifteen-year-old boy  
residing on Hayes avenue and em-  
ployed at the basket company plant  
in Mechanicsburg, narrowly escaped  
possibly fatal injuries this morning.

The boy was working near a  
"clutch" pulley when his trouser  
leg caught therein. His leg was rap-  
idly drawn into the shaft but before  
he had been drawn in too far a com-  
panion grabbed his arm and pulled  
him back. The trousers were weaker  
than the companion and parted,  
leaving the Dill boy standing in the  
machinery room minus this portion  
of his dress.

His leg was skinned by the contact  
with the pulley, but the injury was  
comparatively slight. It was dressed  
by Dr. Carl M. Sears. The boy  
would have been dashed around by  
the fast revolving pulley had his  
companion not caught him in time  
to prevent his being drawn into the  
shaft and probably killed.

## FIEND ESCAPES BENTON JAIL.

### Was Confined On Charge of Most Serious Nature.

Benton, Ky., March 30.—J. C.  
Carman broke out of the Benton jail  
Tuesday night and has not been cap-  
tured. He was in prison on the  
charge of attempted criminal assault  
on his daughter and when lodged in  
jail a week or more ago made an at-  
tempt to commit suicide by hanging  
himself but was mighty delighted to  
learn that he had failed.

Carman is from the Calvert City  
section of Marshall county but has  
evidently not lived in that county  
long. He is about 45 years of age and  
is low, heavy set and wore a rain hat  
when he left jail. Jailer J. M. John-  
son has offered \$10 reward for his  
return to him.

### Smallpox in Mayfield.

Mayfield, Ky., March 30.—A big  
yellow smallpox flag floats in breeze  
in front of the home of Charlie  
Fisher on South Sixth street as that  
gentleman is confined to his room  
with a case of it. There are now  
four cases of smallpox in this city.

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O STRIKE PREPARATIONS BY O  
O MINERS AND OWNERS. O

O Storing of 16,000,000 tons of O  
O coal by operators. O

O Dividing of mining districts O  
O into sections and assigning of O  
O Pennsylvania mounted constab- O  
O ulary to patrol them. O

O Erection of stockades around O  
O collieries. O

O Miners' strike fund now O  
O \$500,000; presumably by April O  
O 1, \$6,000,000. O

O Number of persons dependent O  
O on mining for bread who would O  
O be affected by strike on April 1 O  
O 3,000,000. O

O Number of miners directly ef- O  
O fected, 334,500. O

O The Tennessee and Alabama O  
O districts are not interested. O  
O Their scale stands until Septem- O  
O ber. O

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## SNATCHED FROM A VERITABLE GRAVE

### Fourteen Entombed Miners Found Alive After 20 Days.

### Were Imprisoned in Great Disaster at Lens, France, Early This Month.

## A REMARKABLE EXPERIENCE

Lens, France, March 30.—Four-  
teen more of the miners entombed in  
the Courrieres' mine at the time of  
the great disaster on the 10th of this  
month were taken from the mine  
this morning by a searching party  
which had persisted in its efforts to  
find them or their bodies since the  
day of the horror. There were 1,800  
miners in the mine the day of the  
accident, which resulted from an ex-  
plosion of gas, and only a small part  
of these then escaped perhaps 150  
fleeing to safety in various ways.  
Later something like as many more  
were found more or less hurt by re-  
scuing parties and taken from the  
shaft. Since then the work of rescue  
has continued and much to the sur-  
prise of any one the party saved to-  
day were found alive in that section  
where the mules were stabled. The  
appearance of the men with their  
rescuers at the mouth of the pit  
created the greatest excitement.

The rescued men lived the twenty  
days they were confined shut out  
entirely from light and almost de-  
prived of air and when reached with  
one exception all were well. After  
being found the men were taken to  
the foot of the shaft and quickly  
lifted to the ground above to the  
arms of relatives and families who  
had long concluded that they were  
dead.

Every one of the rescued men had  
a more or less horrifying experience  
to relate. All united in saying that  
when the explosion occurred and  
they recognized that they were cut  
off from escape by the shaft, that  
they took refuge in the stables  
wherein the mine mules were kept  
and there subsisted for days on the  
lunches which they or their asso-  
ciates had taken into the mine the  
day of the disaster. These lunches  
were made to last as long as possi-  
ble, but after they had been eaten  
up the men say they turned for food  
to the wheat and oats which was in  
the feed bins and troughs for the  
mules. There was, however little  
nourishment in this food and it was  
but a matter of a few hours when  
they would have succumbed, judging  
from their condition when found.

One of the rescued miners was a  
boy of fourteen who endured the  
hardships to which all the others  
were subjected with apparently as  
little harm as any of the others sus-  
tained.

It was all the time thought that  
some of the imprisoned men had  
found their way to the mule stables  
and would be found there, but it was  
little expected after so long a con-  
finement that any of them would be  
found alive.

### Only Rolling Stock Injured.

Philadelphia, March 30.—Two  
trains collided in the subway today.  
The cars caught fire but all passen-  
gers escaped.

## TODAY'S MARKETS

	Open	Close
Wheat—		
May .....	77	77 1/2
July .....	77	77 1/2
Corn—		
May .....	44 1/2	44 1/2
July .....	44 1/2	44 1/2
Oats—		
May .....	30 1/2	30 1/2
July .....	29 1/2	29 1/2
Pork—		
May .....	16.35	16.10
July .....	16.22	16.00
Cotton—		
May .....	11.09	11.23
July .....	11.02	11.13
Oct .....	10.36	10.48
Stocks—		
I. C. ....	1.72	1.72
L. & N. ....	1.50 1/2	1.50 1/2
Rgd .....	1.32 1/2	1.34 1/2
T. C. I. ....	1.48	1.48 1/2

### Local Markets.

Chickens—25c to 60c.
Eggs—2 doz. for 25c.
Butter—30c lb.
Irish Potatoes—Per bu. 65c.
Sweet Potatoes—Per bu. 60c.
Country Hams—14c lb.
Green Sausage—12 1-2c lb.
Sausage—15c lb.
Country Lard—10c lb.

## OUR FASTEST BATTLESHIP.

### The New Jersey Can Outstrip Any Other War Craft.

Washington, March 30.—It has  
been well demonstrated that the bat-  
tleship New Jersey is the govern-  
ment's swiftest traveler. Her per-  
formance yesterday in maintaining a  
speed of 19.18 knots an hour in a  
four-hour endurance trial coupled  
with her remarkable speed Wednes-  
day at an 19.48 knots an hour gam-  
places her at the head of all Ameri-  
can built battleships, so far as speed  
is concerned. Her average speed of  
19.18 knots per hour is compared  
with 19.01 made by the Rhode Island  
and 19 knots by the Virginia, sister  
ships, at their trials a few months  
ago.

At one time yesterday the New Jer-  
sey's speed reached 19.27 knots an  
hour for 15 minutes while her low-  
est for a similar period was 18.96.

## WORST FLOODS IN YEARS.

### Platt River Overflows Its Banks Cau- sing Great Damage.

Denver, March 30.—Wyoming is  
experiencing the worst floods of re-  
cent years. The Platt river from the  
Colorado line to the Nebraska line, a  
distance of 500 miles has overflowed  
the banks, flooding the adjacent coun-  
try. Reports of missing ranchmen,  
damage to ranch and other property,  
and the drowning of livestock are re-  
ceived. The floods are due to the  
melting snow.

## HEAVY RAINFALL.

### THIS MONTH'S FALL PROMISES TO EXCEED 1904'S RECORD.

### Outlook Is, Therefore, Good for Just Such a River As That of Year Named.

The rainfall this month bids fair  
to exceed that of two years ago, dur-  
ing 1904, when the river rose to an  
excessive stage and threatened a du-  
plication of the conditions in 1884.  
With two more days to go on the fall  
will, from every indication, exceed  
seven inches, the maximum in 1904.

The records in Weather Observer  
William Borneman's office show the  
rainfall since the first of the month,  
to be 6.72, and since yesterday morn-  
ing a fall of 1.45, a very heavy fall  
for one day and night. The indica-  
tions are for more rain and Observer  
Borneman thinks that there will be  
a high stage of water this spring.

"The rain has been unusually heavy  
this year," Mr. Borneman replied  
in answer to a Sun reporter's query.  
"and it looks like we will have high  
water this season if it does not cease  
raining soon. I find after examining  
my records that the rainfall for  
March to date is 6.72, while in March  
1905 it was only 3.70. In March 1904  
the rainfall was 6.99, but there are  
two more days to go on yet this  
month before the maximum is re-  
corded, and it looks like this month  
will go ahead of 1904."

The weather records show an un-  
usually high stage of the river in  
1904 and the conditions were in a  
measure the same as they are now,  
only worse this year in many ways.

## BELL ORDERED TO WASHINGTON

### Will Be Promoted to Chief of Staff April 14.

Washington, March 30.—An order  
issued at the war department di-  
rects Brig. Gen. Franklin Bell, in  
charge of the staff college at Fort  
Leavenworth, Kan., to repair to this  
city not later than April 9 and report  
to Lieut. Gen. Bates, chief of staff,  
for assignment to duty. April 14 is  
the date fixed for the retirement of  
Lieut. Gen. Bates, the promotion  
of Maj. Gen. Corbin to the rank of  
Lieutenant general and the installa-  
tion of Brig. Gen. Bell as chief of  
staff by presidential designation.

### "Immortal J. N." Free Insane.

Upper Sandusky, O., March 30.—  
The "Immortal J. N." Free was ad-  
judged insane today and sent to the  
State hospital at Toledo. Free is  
known all over the country as the  
man who has been trying to "lift the  
veil" and "put on the pressure" for  
years. He has traveled throughout  
the United States and never paid a  
cent for railroad fare. He is 78 years  
old and broken in health.

### Raise Price of Glass.

Pittsburg, March 30.—Represen-  
tatives of 80 independent window-  
glass manufacturers voted to advance  
the price of their product 10 per  
cent.

## PADUCAH GUESTS SHOWN THE CITY

### Special Trains Provided by Local Roads to Commercial Club.

### Capitalists Are Seeking Factory Site for a Branch of Big Concern.

## ARE ROYALLY ENTERTAINED.

Two capitalists who are looking  
for a location to establish a branch  
of a big manufacturing plant are in  
the city today and being shown over  
the city. They are guests of the  
Commercial club, and the Illinois  
Central and N. C. & St. L. roads, to  
show their liberal attitude towards  
the city, are assisting in showing  
them around the city.

The I. C. has furnished a special  
train with full train crew and given  
the conductor the right of way all  
over the local terminals, in order  
that the Commercial club be given  
every advantage and convenience to  
show the visitors the city and her  
many vast manufacturing enter-  
prises and factory sites.

Supt. A. H. Egan was in Paducah  
last night and liberally donated the  
services of the special train, even his  
own private car, to the use of the  
Commercial club for the day. The  
train is composed of private car No.  
405 and engine No. 1169, and is in  
charge of Conductor J. O. Hancock  
and Engineer A. W. Shephard. The  
train crew received orders to take  
the party over the entire local sys-  
tem, all the spur tracks and into all  
the manufacturing branch lines, and  
in fact show the party everything  
there is to see on the lines of the  
road.

A party of active members of the  
Commercial club boarded the car at  
First and Broadway with the visitors  
this morning between 8 and 9 o'clock  
and the trip began. After a thor-  
ough inspection of the manufactur-  
ing plants, railroad shops and other  
interesting points on the I. C. lines  
the party was turned over to the N.  
C. & St. L. road to make an inspec-  
tion of the factory sites touched by  
this road. The N. C. & St. L., like  
the I. C., extended liberal privileges  
to the party.

For the best interests of the club,  
which is endeavoring to capture the  
location of the plant for Paducah,  
the names of the visitors are with-  
held from publication. It is said,  
however, that the latter were great-  
ly impressed with the location