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IOWA—Fair, Thursday; somewhat lower temperature. Sun rises, 7:13; sets, 4:33. LOCAL TEMP.—9 p. m., 36; 7 a. m., 28; 2 p. m., 45.

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PRESIDENT WILSON IN FAVOR OF GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP IDEA

Postmaster General Gives That Impression When Asked for Facts

ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE IT AN ISSUE?

Investigation Now On With View to Determining if Plan Is Practical

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—Government ownership of telegraph and telephone lines throughout the country is being seriously considered by President Wilson.

Conferences between the president and Postmaster General Burleson have led to gathering information about the practical working of government ownership in nations where such a system is in operation. The subject will be discussed at some length in the postmaster general's annual report, soon to be made public.

The postmaster general saw the president today and while they did not discuss the subject, Mr. Burleson said as he left the white house that on previous occasions when he had discussed the question with the president he had found Mr. Wilson's mind open and receptive to information.

Though bills have been drafted by members of congress looking to government ownership, none has been agreed upon as an administration measure while the result of Mr. Burleson's investigation are being awaited.

"There is no doubt," said Mr. Burleson, "that the inauguration of the parcel post and the postal saving system has given a tremendous impetus to the desire of people all over the country to have the government become the means of communication everywhere. It is a subject involving two and three hundred million dollars, and we must go very slowly in inquiring into it. Every great nation except us has adopted it.

"When Sir Herbert Samuels, postmaster general of Great Britain, was here recently, I had two long talks with him. It has proved a success in England. I don't want to make any recommendations to congress until I am absolutely sure of my ground."

WHITE HOUSE MINT BED IS MISSING

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—What has become of the historic white house mint bed? No one seems to know nor who gave the order that led to its disappearance. Andrew Jackson is said to have planted it and no president since that time has touched it except to pull richly flavored twigs and leaves from the branches of the plants. During all the changes in the white house buildings and grounds it has survived.

But the place where it grew is covered with fresh earth and there is not a twig or a sprig or apparently a root of it in existence. The bed was within a few feet of the cabinet room and not far from the president's offices.

FEMININE VOTERS MUST BRAVE SMOKE

Chicago, Dec. 10.—When Chicago women voters go to the polls next spring, they may be compelled to mark their ballots in a haze of tobacco smoke. A request that smoking be prohibited at the polls was made to the election commissioners yesterday by the Political Equality league. The commissioners informed the women that there is no law by which smoking can be prohibited.

Politicians announced that they will invoke court action in an attempt to prevent women from acting as judges and clerks of elections. Their opposition will be based on the Illinois law, which limits the working day of women to ten hours. They say that election officials are often required to work from 18 to 20 hours while ballots are being marked and counted.

GIVE LAST WARNING.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 10.—The United States weather bureau today ordered storm warnings posted on Lakes Superior, Huron, Erie and Ontario. This was the last warning to mariners to be issued from the local bureau this season. Few boats are on the lakes and the navigation season is over.

HARVESTER MAN DEAD.

Miami, Fla., Dec. 10.—The funeral of William Deering, who died at his winter home here yesterday, will be held in Evanston, Ill. This was announced today just before relatives departed for Chicago with the body. It was expected that the services will take place either Saturday or Sunday.

CRACKSMAN IS CAUGHT.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec 10.—John Krafchenke, charged by the police with holding up the bank of Montreal branch at Plum Coulee, Manitoba, and killing Bank Manager Arnold, was arrested in a rooming house here today.

Austrian Congress in Uproar an Hour on Election Reform

Vienna, Dec. 10.—Such a din was created by the Ruthenian deputies in the Austrian imperial parliament today the sitting was suspended by the speaker. For over an hour the Ruthenians as a protest against the alleged passive attitude of the government in the matter of electorate reforms, blew shrill whistles and bugles, rang bells and trumpeted with motor horns, at the same time wrenching the lids from their desks and beating the pieces furiously together.

Trouble began when one of the Ruthenians proposed the adjournment of the house as a mark of its disapproval of the government policy. The Austrian premier, Count Karl Stuergkh, opposed the motion and it was voted down. Thereupon the Ruthenians started an uproar, which became so deafening that the speaker quit the chair.

POLITICAL BOSS JAILED

New Jersey Party Leader is Sent to State Penitentiary For a Year After Long Fight.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 10.—Louis Kuehnle, for years the powerful political leader at Atlantic City, entered the New Jersey state prison at 10 o'clock this morning to serve a one year sentence imposed on him in Atlantic county more than twelve months ago. He was convicted of being financially interested in a large contract awarded by the Atlantic City board of water commissioners of which he was a member when the contract was let.

Kuehnle made a long and hard fight to keep out of prison.

OFFER REWARD FOR LOPEZ

No Trace Found of Gunman Yet adn Sheriff Begins to Despair; Miners Resume Work.

Bingham, Utah, Dec. 10.—Although miners worked today without fear of being harmed in parts of the Utah-Apex mine, no sheriff or deputy has penetrated the tunnels in search of Ralph Lopez, slayer of six men, since yesterday.

A reward of $1,000 offered by the state for the capture of the Mexican desperado added to the eagerness of the deputies to resume the search that was discontinued when Sheriff Smith decided that Lopez had not succumbed to the gases generated to kill him last week.

FORMER IOWAN IS RHODES SCHOLAR

Grand Forks, N. D., Dec. 10.—David T. Nelson of Mayville, N. D., a graduate of Luther college of Decorah, Ia., and formerly a student of the Mayville Normal and the North Dakota university, is said to be the first Scandanavian who has been chosen for the Rhodes scholarship as announced today. Mr. Nelson won the honor in competition with one other candidate, both having been successful in passing the first examination several months ago. Mr. Nelson is 22 years old. He had finished his studies in preparation for teaching and entered the Rhodes examinations after only a week's special preparation.

WILSON CONFERS ON TRUST PLANS

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF LAND HAS CONSULTATION WITH LEADERS OF CONGRESS.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—President Wilson's trust legislation program was discussed at a conference at the white house today between the president and Chairman Clayton of the house judiciary committee and several of its members. The committee already has begun its hearings on a number of bills and the president will later send to congress a special message on the subject.

It was the first conference the president had had with any considerable number of members of congress on the trust question and was taken to indicate that as with the tariff and currency questions the trust problem would be handed through the close cooperation of the president and members of the congressional committees.

GOES TO DEATH BLAMING DRINK

Convicted Murderer's Life Snuffed Out in Jail's Electric Chair

Auburn, N. Y., Dec. 10.—Nelson Sharp died in the electric chair here today for the murder of Patrolman Frank Ford of the Rochester police force, May 18, 1912. Before leaving his cell, he issued the following statement:

"Now the time has come for me to pay for my follies. I am ready to meet it. I served in the United States army and navy and I can meet my punishment as a soldier should. I never knew Frank Ford and did not intend to cause his death. I am very sorry for it and for his family and relatives. No one was to blame for it only drink, and if I could only bring Mr. Ford to life by giving up my own, I would willingly do it a hundred times. I hope this will come to the eyes of his wife and family and that they will not think too hard of me. May it please God to give us both rest."

Sharp had long been reconciled to his fate. He started trouble in his boarding place and when Patrolman Ford was summoned Sharp shot him.

CHILD LABOR LAW IS BEING ENFORCED

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 10.—Vigorous enforcement of the child labor law enacted by the late legislature was continued through out the city today. Proprietors of restaurants, hotels, clubs and department stores were notified by representatives of bureau of state factory inspection that all women under 21 years must cease work at 9 o'clock at night and the provisions relating to boys must be followed closely. Two merchants were arrested and fined last night. All girls within the age limit were sent home from the theaters where they were employed. Factories have been observing the law for several months.

GERMANS CONSIDER EXHIBITING AT FAIR

Berlin, Dec. 10.—A bill for the appropriation of $125,000 for the purpose of arranging German representation at the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco came up in the imperial parliament today. It was strongly opposed by Dr. Otto Arendt.

Ernest Bassetman moved the bill be referred to the budget committee and this was carried without debate.

SHOTS FIRED AT NON-UNION MEN

Reports Give the Details of a Pitched Battle in Copper Mine Region

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 10.—Union and non-union men clashed at the Quincy mine, near Hancock, according to reports reaching here late today. Several men were reported shot.

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 10.—George H. Nicolls, special prosecuting attorney of Houghton county requested President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners to keep all union men off the streets this afternoon during the citizens alliance parade so as to avoid a possible clash. Moyer agreed to do everything in his power to carry out the plan.

To Banish Leaders.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—Officials of the American Federation of Labor today advised President Wilson that they were informed that an immediate attempt was about to be made to banish labor organizers from outside states from the copper fields in Michigan. Their information transmitted to the president came in a telegram from Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, sent from Calumet, Mich. The telegram follows:

"Mine operators and citizens alliance have announced in the morning local press that tomorrow they will give all representatives of organized labor from outside of this state 24 hours to leave. That if they fail to do so they will be sent out of the district in the manner that suggests itself as most convenient and effective. We urge you to give this the fullest publicity and bring it to the attention of the president of the United States immediately, to the end that the constitutional rights of labor representatives may be protected."

BOOST BRYAN FOR NEXT PREISDENT

Lima, O., Dec. 10.—A boost for William Jennings Bryan for president in 1916 was started last night at the meeting of the Ohio state grange and was endorsed by the six hundred delegates present. A sensation was sprung when Secretary Freeman of the state grange offered resolutions condemning Secretary of Agriculture Houston for his recent snub of the Ohio corn boys. The resolution read that "the Ohio state grange feels it was a shock to the national grange when President Wilson appointed Houston to his present position."

Two Thousand at Capitol Ask National Prohibition

Washington, D. C. Dec. 10.—Under the dome of the capitol 2,000 men and women representing the anti-saloon league of America and the Women's Christian Temperance Union assembled today for a demonstration against the liquor traffic.

The men and women marched in separate lines from the downtown section of the city to the east front of the capitol. Each bore petitions demanding national prohibition by constitutional amendment. On the steps of the capitol the petitions were received by Richmond P. Hobson of Alabama, author of such a proposed amendment and by Senator Morris Sheppard of Texas.

The legislators also received from a [illegible] of the State Capitol [illegible] State Historical Society [illegible] anti-liquor forces a copy of another res[illegible] the manufacture or sale of intoxicating [illegible] tal and medicinal purposes.

The anti-saloon league forces were led by Brig. Gen. A. S. Daggett. Mrs. Lillian M. Stevens of Maine, president general of the W. C. T. U., marshaled the women, who waived banners as they paraded down Pennsylvania avenue. Following the presentation of petitions, which were filed in the senate and house of representatives, speeches were made. On the speakers' program was Ernest H. Cherrington of Westville, Ohio; former Governor M. R. Patterson of Tennessee, Mrs. Ella A. Boole of Brooklyn, president of the National State W. C. T. U., and Mrs. Mary Harris Armoro of Georgia.

AMERICANS HELD BY MEXICAN REBS

CALIFORIANS CALL UPON U. S. GOVERNMENT TO FORCE RELEASE OF MANAGERS.

Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 10.—Further action to obtain the release of W. S. Windham and J. M. Dunn, former Pasadena citizen, held by the constitutionalist rebels, in Sinaloa, Mex., was taken today by the Pasadena board of trade which telegraphed Secretary of State Bryan the following message:

"Nine days having elapsed and no word as yet received from W. S. Windham, former cashier of the National Bank of Commerce, who is held in Mexico for ransom, we again earnestly request that further action be taken immediately to insure his release."

Windham was the manager of the Quimichis ranch in Tepic, owned by former United States James B. Bard and other wealthy Californians. Dunn was his associate. Two weeks ago Windham got a message stating that he and Dunn were being held until they paid a ransom of $5,000 in gold. Carranza ordered their release ten days ago, according to messages from Hermosillo but nothing has been heard here to indicate that the men have been set free.

WANDERING IOWAN HEIR TO FORTUNE

Eugene, Ore., Dec. 10.—Less than a week after V. Jessup, a tunnel laborer had left Eugene for an unknown destination, his uncle, J. Q. Wickham of Ames, Iowa, arrived here last night with information that Jessup had become heir to a large fortune left by his grandfather, H. C. Wickham of Zearing, Iowa, who died a year ago. The young man left Beardsley, Minn., several years ago. A hunt was conducted for young Jessup for the past year and this is the nearest his relatives have come to overtaking him in his wanderings.

TRAINS WILL RUN THROUGH MOUNTAIN

Montreal, Que., Dec. 10.—Daylight pierced Mount Royal for the first time today. Two gangs of laborers tunneling six hundred feet underground, met in the heart of the mountain. The new tunnel is three and one-third miles long and was built for the Canadian Northern Railway Co. Within a year, it is expected, trains will pass through the tunnel instead of making a detour around the mountains.

NO APPEAL TAKEN IN BEILISS CASE

Kiev, Russia, Dec. 10—The time limit expired today for an appeal against the verdict of acquittal in the recent sensational trial of Mendel Beiliss on the charge of murdering Andrew Yushinsky for purpose of "blood ritual," as the prosecutor did not take advantage of the fifteen day period allowed for an appeal, the judgment became absolute automatically.

PLANS HOTEL FOR DOWN AND OUTERS

UNFORTUNATES IN CHICAGO TO HAVE PLACE WHERE THEY SLEEP FOR FIVE CENTS.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Chicago's bread line of unemployed will be no more after the first of the year. A "down and outer's" hotel, where real beds can be had for five cents a night and where meals will be furnished at from one to five cents will supplant the bread line on January 1.

Charles G. Dawes, former comptroller of the currency, who has been the host to the unfortunates in the bread line, is the founder of the hotel, which will bear the name, "The Rufus Dawes Memorial." It will represent a father's memorial to a son. Connected with the hotel will be free baths and a free employment agency.

A large flag, similar to the one raised during the battle of Lake Erie, by Commodore Perry and bearing the words, "Don't give up the ship" will adorn the lobby of the new hotel. "All the men may not understand the historic part of the motto," said Mr. Dawes, but everyone will catch the spirit of the message. However, the bread line of past years has again been established until the new hotel is opened. Last night nearly 500 men shivered as they patiently shuffled up to the coffee urn and the bread box.

OBJECT TO CUT IN SALARY

Officials in Service of the Philippine Government, Threaten to Hand In Their Resignations.

Manila, Dec. 10.—Many officials of the Philippine Island government threatened today to hand in their resignations in consequence of the passage by the assembly of an appropriation bill by which economies amounting to $2,000,000 in the governments expenditures are affected chiefly by the reduction of salaries.

It is expected the Philippine Island commission will modify the measure.

ROOT GIVEN PEACE PRIZE

U. S. Senator From New York is Honored For Diplomatic Service Done Under Taft Administration.

Christiania, Norway, Dec. 10.—The Nobel peace prize for 1912 was conferred today on Senator Elihu Root of New York, and that for 1913 on Senator Henri La Fontaine of Brussels, Belgium, who was formerly president of the permanent international peace bureau of Berne, Switzerland.

COURT SETS DATE FOR SALOON CASE

JAN. 19 NAMED BY SUPREME BODY OF STATE FOR REHEARING OF MOOTED QUESTION.

Des Moines, Dec. 10.—The date for the rehearing in the Des Moines saloon case was fixed for January 19, by the supreme court today. At the same time the decision in the Fort Dodge saloon case, recently handed down, was withdrawn. It was said the court intended to place a clearer construction on this decision, which has been the subject of controversy since its rendition.

The leaders of the anti-saloon forces had asked that the rehearing be advanced to a date during the present month, but claimed they were satisfied with the action of the court, and preferred the January date to having the matter delayed until April as they feared might be done.

The saloon people must file their briefs by January 5 and the anti-saloon forces by January 17.

Schmidt is Unmoved When Jury Hears Horrible Deed

PSEUDO PRIEST EVINCES LITTLE INTEREST IN TRIAL WHICH MAY COST HIM LIFE.

New York, Dec. 10.—Hans Schmidt, once a priest, now a self-confessed murderer, sat unmoved today while counsel for the state told the jury that he laid careful plans to kill Anna Aumuller, cut up her body and throw the pieces into the Hudson river. The prosecution promised to show that Schmidt bought a saw, paper and wire and a scrubbing brush with the details of his contempted crime in mind.

The first witness was Mary Bann, the young girl who found on the New Jersey side of the river the bundle containing all of Anna Aumuller's body which evidence came to light after the murder. Schmidt's attorney cross examined her to prove that the careless preparation of this package was the work of a disordered brain. Schmidt's defense is insanity.

Bertha Zeck, at first thought to be implicated with Schmidt and Dr. Murat

BERTHA ZECK

in making counterfeit money, will be one of the important witnesses for the state.

Suspect Amateur Wireless Operators of Sending Fake "S. O. S." Calls Broadcast

Brunswick, Ga., Dec. 10.—The Mallory line steamer Rio Grande arrived this morning from New York. The captain declared there was no trouble on the trip down, that there was no fire, nor did those on the vessel know of any unusual happening at sea.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—Suspicion that fake wireless messages may have been sent out by some amateur reporting a disaster on the steamer Rio Grande has led the bureau of navigation of the department of commerce to start an investigation. The penalty is fine or imprisonment or both. Messages were received at New York and Norfolk Sunday night, telling of fire abroad the Rio Grande and saying 197 passengers had been taken off the vessel and later returned.

The dispatches which were read by many wireless operators in the vicinity of the Virginia capes, were transmitted to the revenue cutter service, which immediately rushed two ships to sea and later turned them back after communicating with the Rio Grande herself and being assured she was in no need of aid.

A confusion of ships' names also served to perplex those who were ready for the work of rescue. The dispatches said the Rio Grande's passengers were taken off by the steamer Swanmore which was at that moment at her wharf in Baltimore while the Rio Grande was reported 200 miles north of the Diamond shoals. The rescuers then raised the Merchants and Miners liner Suwanee, thinking she might be the rescuing ship, but her captain knew nothing of the report. Finally came messages from the Mallory line officials saying the Rio Grande carried no passengers. Revenue cutter officials and wireless officials then concluded that the S. O. S. calls purporting to come from the Rio Grande were false and it remained for the arrival of the ship at Brunswick early today to confirm their suspicions.

Every available agency of the government will be used to investigate the affair generally.

ASK ALIENS TO LEAVE TAMPICO

Rebel Commander Advises American Admiral That Attack Is Planned

OJINAGA FUGITIVES BEING HEMMED IN

Mexican Congress Nullifies Recent Election; Keeps Huerta in Power

Vera Cruz, Mex., Dec. 10.—An overwhelming force of rebels threatens to attack Tampico at any moment according to advices received by wireless telegraph this morning from Clarence A. Miller, American consul at that seaport.

A messenger from General Villareal, the rebel commander, reached the American consulate in Tampico last night with the information that 4,000 rebels commanded by General Villareal and Castro were approaching the city. The rebel advance guard, it was said was at Laguna Puerite, nine miles from Tampico.

General Villareal declared his intention of assaulting the city with the least possible delay. He said he had given his followers strict orders to refrain as far as possible from destruction of property and to protect the lives of foreigners but he feared they would be greatly imperiled in the attack on the city and the consequent fighting in the streets. For this reason he earnestly requested the American authorities to take immediate steps to remove all foreign residents from the place.

Up to the time of the dispatch of Consul Miller's advices, no definite action had been taken on this request, but Rear Admiral Fletcher, commander of the United fleet had made preparations to take all foreigners on board his vessel at a moment's notice and to land marines if it appeared advisable. It is understood that the captain of the German cruiser Bremen conferred with Rear Admiral Fletcher on the question of landing marines and courteously assured the American admiral that he would act in harmony with his desires.

Build Fortifications.

Presidio, Texas, Dec. 10.—Federal fortifications were hurriedly built today all around Ojinaga, Mexico, where the federal troops, after their retreat from Chihuahua, were preparing for a rebel attack. It was believed that 3,500 rebels, under General Macdovio Herrera and General Gomas Urbina, were marching on Ojinaga, but they could not expect to reach the frontier town in force within four or five days.

General Salvador Mercado, the federal commander, gave orders to General Orozco and General Salazer to keep the federal troops intact and to maintain Ojinaga as a base. The federal soldiers appear to be apathetic over the prospect of a fight. More of them went to the river front today and shouted over to the American troops:

"We are tired of fighting, won't you let us come across."

The American soldiers warned them to remain on their own side. Ojinaga was overcrowded with refugees and soldiers. As fast as the civilians were able to cross the river they were transferred by automobile and wagons to Marfa, the nearest railroad station. Quantities of food were taken to the Mexican side.

To Fight on Border?

Juarez, Mexico, Dec. 10.—Events today indicated that Ojinaga, sometimes called Presidio Del Norte, the small Mexican village on the border opposite Presidio, Texas, would probably be the scene of the next movement of the Mexican rebellion. Rebel leaders were more than ever convinced that Ojinaga where federal troops have concentrated, cannot be ignored by General Francisco Villa, the rebel leader. Within the town are fortified practically all the federal troops of the north with most of their important generals. Their retreat thither avowedly was to obtain money and provisions because in the interior they had been on the verge of famine and the troops had been without pay. Reprovisioned and provided with money the federals would be in a position to renew hostilities.

Should he determine to attack the federals in force, General Villa now at Chihuahua City would have to check temporarily his advance south toward Torreon, but it would be in line with his plan to leave only rebel territory behind him in his southward march.

The rebel forces about Ojinaga are greatly in excess of the number at first reported. It was said that the 3,000 troops which Villa sent south of Juarez about ten days ago have been rerouted eastward and are now on the road to Ojinaga.

The threatened mutiny of the federals as was shown by their calling across the river to the American side that they would desert if attacked, is being relied upon by the rebels.