

HIGH WIND KILLS 7 IN MOBILE

COST OF LIVING TAKES ADDITIONAL JUMP HERE

Houses Blown Down and Ships Scattered on Gulf

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Oct. 18.—Seven persons were killed when a house was blown down at Mobile, at 10 a. m. today. The wind's velocity has increased to 98 miles an hour.

An unidentified schooner is floating on its side in Mobile bay. Great damage at Biloxi and Mississippi City is reported. Dispatches reaching railroad officers say a gulf storm is raging along the coast from Mobile to Pensacola, Fla.

Reports of great damage along the coast are being received.

The gale is sweeping all along the Florida and Alabama coasts. Small vessels are hurrying to shelter. Telephones and telegraph poles have been snapped off or blown

down all along the coast, and communication with many towns is cut off. A driving rain is accompanying the gale. Pensacola reported a tide nearly three feet higher than normal.

LUSITANIA CASE ISN'T SETTLED, DECLARES POLK

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—The last German memorandum to this government, proposing certain terms for the settlement of the Lusitania sinking, has not been accepted by the United States, Acting Secretary of State Polk announced today.

Polk made this announcement because of published reports that the memorandum had been accepted and would be used as a basis for a final settlement. These reports stated that Germany reiterated her contention that the torpedoing of the Lusitania was justifiable, but admitted the loss of American lives was unjustifiable and expressed regret and promised financial reparation.

WILL GUARD SUBS FROM KNOWLEDGE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—If any more German submarines put into American harbors, this government will guard against transmission of neutral information to them.

This was indicated today from the activities of neutrality experts at Newport probing the talks of civilian visitors aboard the U-53, in her recent stay there.

You Can Never Tell Where an Orderly Woman Will Put Things

Leastwise, that's what Prof. Upton tells Mrs. Temple in "The Idyll of Twin Fires."

That's the name of The Star's new novel-a-week, the first installment of which begins Monday.

Walter Pritchard Eaton is the author.

A \$1.50 book novel, and it costs you 6c.

Starts Monday Ends Saturday

GREEK RIOTERS CALL FOR WAR ON ALLIES' SIDE

ATHENS, Oct. 18.—Venizelos leaders today decided to call upon the allies to formally recognize the new provisional government set up at Salonika, favoring Greece's intervention in the war.

This decision was reached after two days of serious disturbances in the Greek capital, in which the mobs threatened to attack allied marines. The provisional government took its most warlike step today, issuing a proclamation calling up recruits of the class of 1916 on the island of Crete.

The French marine force that occupied the municipal theatre, has abandoned the building and encamped in the Zeppelion gardens, near the royal palace.

Greek troops are still patrolling the streets and a Greek battalion is guarding the royal palace. The situation is most tense. Thus far there has been no serious clash between the allies and anti-ally crowds. Several thousand Greeks, gathered in the streets near the square surrounding the theatre, watched the transfer of the French marines, but there was no demonstration, except an occasional demonstration.

FARMER CONGRESS PRAISES WILSON

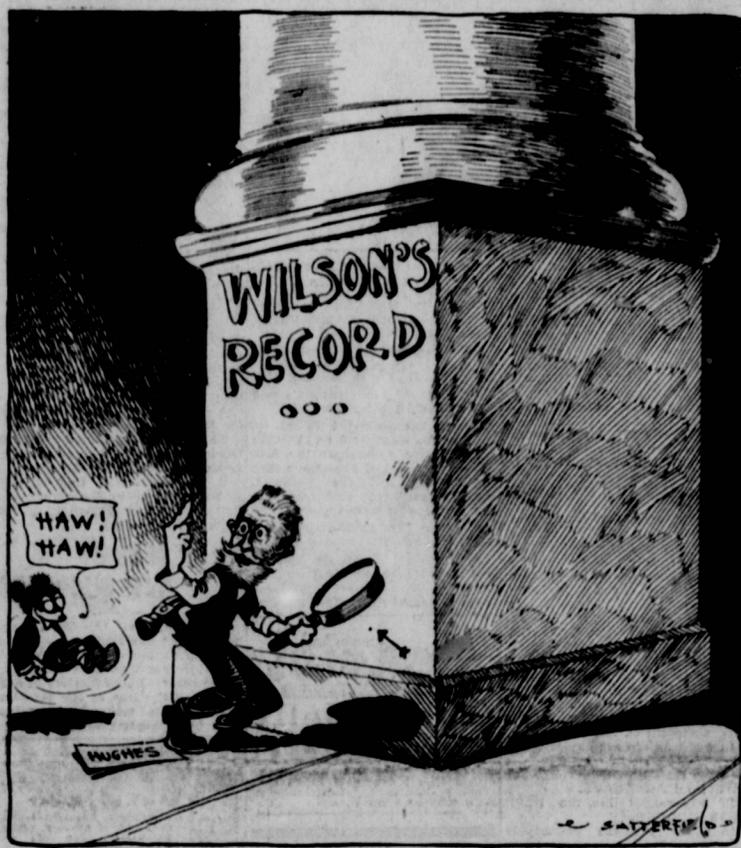
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 18.—Indorsing in the most emphatic language President Wilson's foreign policy, and applauding his courage and patriotism, the Farmers' National congress of the United States, in its 36th annual session yesterday telegraphed hearty congratulations to the president, expressing the "profound gratitude and appreciation of the body for the successful efforts of the president in keeping the nation honorably at peace during one of the most trying periods of its history."

The organization also expresses appreciation of the administration for constructive legislation enacted for the benefit of the farmers of America.

FRESHMEN AT the University of Washington will wear little green caps about the campus until Thanksgiving, when they will be discarded until St. Patrick's day.

WILSON BEGINS TRIP TO WEST LONG BRANCH, Oct. 18.—Accompanied by Mrs. Wilson and Secretary Tumulty, President Wilson left Shadow Lawn at 11:30 a. m., bound for Chicago, where he will deliver three speeches tomorrow.

"HEY! LOOK WHAT I'VE FOUND!"



Hughes Answers Some Questions

Q.—Mr. Hughes, how would you have handled the foreign situation if you had been president? A.—I believe in a high protective tariff. Q.—How would a protective tariff help the United States during the European war? A.—We should protect American interests in Mexico. Q.—How would you have handled the Mexican situation? A.—I am for undiluted Americanism. Q.—What will you do if elected president? A.—The republican party has a glorious history of achievement.

"THERE ARE CROOKED POLICEMEN," SAYS CHIEF, AND RECORDS SHOW CIVIL SERVICE WON'T PROTECT 'EM

That four members of the police department are under suspicion for booze grafts was the statement of Chief Beckingham Wednesday.

"If I had my way, I'd fire one member of the department," he said, "and probably three others. But I haven't enough evidence on which to base a suspension, let alone a discharge, and I'd be up against it in proving charges before the commission."

R. C. Erskine, chairman of the civil service board, Wednesday said he "did not want to be drawn into any controversy concerning how the board would probably act on recommendations from the chief that men under suspicion be discharged."

Oddities of the News

HILLSBOROUGH, Cal.—Because he feared he was about to become an object of charity, Jacob Schmidt committed suicide by blowing himself almost to pieces with a stick of dynamite.

SAN MATEO, Cal.—Milk thru a straw is preferable to a piano, the pupils of the Lawrence school have decided by vote. The Parent-Teachers' association left it to the kids to decide whether to buy the piano or to use the money to buy milk for the children.

CINCINNATI.—Selling of tips on races is a legitimate business, according to a decision here today by Judge Bell.

CLEVELAND.—When a man attacked a street car conductor with a knife, passengers looked on, but Mrs. M. A. Kay scolded the assailant until he fled.

Malley, confessed operator of a thru a straw is much preferable of jewelry and \$200. CHICAGO.—Miss May Mills, petite dancer in a State act, show, "walked the dog" before Judge Samuel A. Trude, a jury and a crowded courtroom in a "morality" case.

FIRE MYSTERY IN WHICH PAIR DIE, UNSOLVED

Booze Party in Shack Ends in Death of Woman and Man

THREATS REPORTED

City detectives Wednesday vainly sweated James Roe, a butcher, in an effort to clear up the fire mystery in his shack at Tenth ave. S. and Walker st., Tuesday night, in which Mrs. Gertrude Swanson, 34, and James Kusky, 65, were burned to death, following a drinking party which had lasted since early afternoon.

Their charred bodies were found by firemen who responded to the call. Roe admitted being in the house when the flames broke out, but was found sitting calmly in a shack a block distant by the police an hour later.

Mrs. Bertha Baker, with her husband, Edward Baker, held in jail as a witness and for drunkenness, told the police that she had been in the party, including Roe and the victims, which had spent the afternoon drinking.

About 6 p. m. Roe told her he was going to "burn the whole crowd out," she says, according to the police.

Roe told the police the fire started in a bedroom, and that he dragged the woman and then the old man to the door of the living room, telling them to "help themselves" the rest of the way out.

His hair is singed. "I thought they could get out the rest of the way themselves," he told the police.

Leaving the blazing shack, Roe was 100 feet from the house, sat down on a log for a few minutes and watched the blaze, according to John Sloby.

Firemen do not believe the fire started in the bedroom, but in the living room, where the broken stove was found.

Roe denied to detectives that he had threatened to burn down the shack.

Mrs. Swanson, the woman victim, was the wife of Capt. Gus Swanson, of the fishing schooner Dora. He is now in the Arctic and Co.

BOY HOLDS UP GIRL WITH WATER PISTOL

Miss Sophie West did not hesitate to hand over \$20 to the young bandit, wearing a white mask, who insisted on robbing the drug store where she worked, at 14th ave. N. E. and 50th st., Tuesday night.

"He pointed a funny-looking revolver right in my face," she told the police officers.

Later they arrested Harold Sproule, 17, who they say is the "bandit."

"He had used a 50-cent water pistol to scare her with," the police said.

SKIPPER TELLS OF BATTLE WITH CREW

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 18.—A thrilling tale of how he had to fight not only fire, but a panic-stricken mutinous crew was told today by Capt. Ogawa, of the Japanese Inaho Maru, here from Nippon. The fire occurred three days out from Kobe, and only by turning the hose on the crew was the master able to prevent their leaping overboard.

The fire was extinguished after a day's fight.

COTTON PRICE PASSES 19c

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—Cotton crossed 19 cents at noon today, when a rush of buying sent July options up 74 points, to 19.17 cents a pound. Prices of all futures have advanced nearly a cent a pound, or \$5 a bale, in 24 hours.

Fish, Flour, Coal, Butter, Beans and Vegetables Go Up

Munitions manufacturers have nothing on the food-stuffs brokers these days.

The latter are making "war baby" profits on every pound of goods they sell.

And the coal dealers should not be slighted when listing the high cost of living commanders.

"It's bad enough for the restaurant man who buys at wholesale, to say nothing of the untrained consumer who is held up in broad daylight," said R. Lyons, of the Lyons cafe Wednesday. "It'll soon be cheaper for me to go out and buy meals from the other fellow than eat my own stuff, considering the price I have to pay."

Beans Are Costly For instance, navy beans used to be the old standby dish for the folks who couldn't stand the normal pressure of a conservative advance in meats and groceries.

"My big family used to get by on beans," says Ray Newton, police officer. "The other day I paid 15 cents a pound for beans! They used to be 6 cents. We're going to chew gum this winter."

Spuds to Cost \$40 a Ton Potatoes, Saturday, could be purchased, by restaurant men, for \$22 a ton. There were plenty of potatoes in the valley.

Tuesday they jumped suddenly, and without warning, to \$35. And it was even difficult to buy them at that.

"We'll be gettin' \$40 before the end of the week," brokers said.

"Why?" was asked. "Because, despite the fact that there are plenty of spuds, every is holding for the advance," was the explanation.

Grab White Grabbing's Good And while the well-known European war is charged with most advances, there are plenty of produce brokers who will admit it's the general agent of "grabbing while the grabbing is good" that has caused the general and heartless advance. It's not a shortage in most products.

Butter, they say, is being shipped to London, and so followed the steady advance beyond the 45-cent mark.

Brokers get as high as 38 cents for grades that are not the best from the restaurant and grocery men.

Flour at \$10 a Barrel Flour steadily climbed from \$5.40 to \$7.80 and then to \$10 a barrel, wholesale, to restaurant men. All grades, fine or cheap, took corresponding jumps.

Canned tomatoes that sold for \$2.50 a dozen a few days ago can't be purchased for less than \$3.50. Seattle used to be a "cheap fish town." It isn't now.

Halibut, for instance—the fish that working men enjoyed, especially—used to be high at 5 cent pound.

Now it's up to the unprecedented price of 12 cents wholesale! Meats Advance, Too This is because it's all landed a Prince Rupert instead of in Seattle, fish men say.

Some cuts of fresh meat have not aeroplaned yet. But neighbor cuts have made up for it.

Hams, that used to sell as low as 14 cents, have soared to 25 cents a pound. Bacon that's good is hard to get for less than 32 cents a pound.

Even the cabbage and onions, grown in vast quantities in Seattle's neighboring valleys, have been "bitten by the frost," dealers say, and must bring their weight in gold.

Many people are used to eating irregularly. Then came the strike discussions and the operators agreed to make a portion of the advances demanded by the miners in this state.

Now the result—coal has gone up, this week, another 50 cents a ton. Thus the people not only absorb the advanced cost in operation, but an increased profit beyond that.

Logan Billingsley, of bootlegging fame, is in for it again. Prosecutor Lundin filed an information Wednesday, charging him with keeping intoxicating liquor in his possession for illegal sale at his Westlake ave. warehouse, where Patrolman Weedn was shot.

Billingsley's bond was fixed at \$500 cash. At a late hour the police had failed to locate him.

LOGAN BILLINGSLEY IS WANTED AGAIN

ACTIVE BOOTLEGGER PREACHES PROHIBITION SERMON IN LETTER TO CYNTHIA GREY

Dear Cynthia Grey: Having been a temporary resident of this city since it has been "dry," away from my family, I got to reading your column. There I have seen so much genuine good that I felt like acknowledging it, and I wish to say a few things about the "wet" and "dry."

I was not taught to do any kind of useful labor. My parents were good, but ignorant of how wrong that was. When 20 I married a lovely, good girl, who was much better prepared

to do her part in life than I was. Anyway, our wits were thoroughly tested. Our five girls came in 10 years. Eight years of that time I was bootlegging in the state of Maine. I have since made three moves with my family, and one to this state alone.

Every move has been to my financial betterment. I'm not proud of how I have made a living, nor is my good wife. My children don't know, and I

hope they never will. They have been raised to work and be useful. Soon I will return to them, and feel that I can make an honorable living for the rest of my days.

One of your brewery press agents wrote you that no bootleggers would vote for initiative measure 24. He either is ignorant or else lies. Every successful bootlegger or blind pigger does some thinking, and every one of them knows that

the BREWERIES ARE THE INCUBATOR AND KINDERGARTEN OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC. Thousands of men and women, mothers and fathers, are ignorant of the fact that the beer brought into their homes and first given in little sips is the starting point in the wrecks to whom bootleggers supply strong drink.

If I expected to continue a bootlegger, or expected to advise anyone near to me to be a bootlegger, I would vote for initiative measure 24. But IF I HAD A VOTE I WOULD SURELY VOTE AGAINST IT IN NOVEMBER, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT IT WILL PUT YOUR STATE A STEP BACKWARD IN THE PROGRESS OF CIVILIZATION.

You, thru the inefficient state, county and city officers, will have your trials in enforcing the present dry law, but it will slowly but surely get better. Every day will win you advocates of temperance and law enforcement. The young, if kept away from the evils of such measures as Nos. 18 and 24, will develop clear, bright, progressive thought, then they will see the right. Mark my words, every "wet" in this state will vote for Nos. 18 and 24. Their strenuous advertising of No. 24 is the hope that "drys" will overlook No.

18. Vote against both of them and you will hold the good you have, and in a few years will not have the worry about the blind piggers or the "between trousers." The poor wrecks who now support them will have passed away, and a more sensible, wholesome people will have filled the ranks vacated by them.

With a lasting regard for you, Miss Grey, I am most respectfully, JO. C. JAYNES.