

Partly cloudy, followed by rain, warmer weather probable.

WILSON'S ADRIATIC SETTLEMENTS

Public Must Pay Fare For Street Cars

Guaranteed Return on Valuation in Excess of Physical Appraisal Likely From State Commission.

Unless all signs fall the people of Memphis who patronize the street cars—and most of us fall within that class—are to be required to come across with sufficient coin this year to pay the Memphis Street railway a revenue account for the year ending January 1, 1921. The revenue account is worth just as much in proportion as the bonds of the city of Memphis, which are guaranteed by the entire taxable wealth of the city.

Public the "Goat."

When the Tennessee utilities commission then fixes the percentage rate of return on the \$11,846,924, what will be the result? The patrons of the street car lines will be practically certain to pay for the company whatever return the state commission fixes, be it 7 per cent or more.

That will in effect make the real financial value of the Memphis Street railway not \$11,846,924, but more. It is represented by \$5,000,000 of stock—admittedly more than half water—and \$10,000,000 of bonds.

On that basis, then, the actual financial value of the Memphis Street railway figures out, as stated above, \$16,846,924.

Company Seeks Secure

To be sure, the state utilities commission has made no decision yet. It has merely taken the entire case, as presented by the representative of the company, and the city, under advisement.

Whole Village on Three Days' Drunk

Stormy Weather Washes Cases of Booze Ashore and Citizens Proceed to Have High Old Time, Every Male in Town Becoming Helpless As Result.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Virtually the male population of the village of LaGrana, near Ferris, Spain, was in state of "helpless intoxication" for three days recently, the fishing industry and all other work being at a complete standstill, according to a Madrid dispatch. It says, "a number of cases of spirits laden on incoming vessels had been washed overboard. The casks were picked up by fishermen, small tradesmen and mechanics, who, after selling part of the wreckage, assembled in a building and consumed dozens of bottles of brandy, rum and other spirits. The orgy lasted for six hours, at the end of which time the whole crowd was found lying in huddled heaps about the floor in an unconscious condition."

Will Warble At Legion Minstrel

Jack Moloughney.

His bell-like tenor, Jack Moloughney will have a prominent part in the American Legion minstrel Tuesday night at the New Lyric theater.

Final rehearsals were held Monday night and Tuesday afternoon and the singers, dancers and comedians are on edge for the opening.

Participants in Social Pabody Game Off Easy

The sky-busters poker party at the Peabody hotel, which was raised last Saturday night, and again Sunday night, did not quit quite so much as first indications forecasted.

Episcopalians To Hold United Service Each Week In Lent

United services will be held each week during the Lenten season of 1920 by the members of the Episcopal parishes of Memphis. The first service will be held Wednesday night at 8 o'clock at Calvary church.

Liquor May Have Made Ford Tippy

Liquor control of a Ford car he was driving on the highway, the driver, Sarber, was arrested at the corner of the street at Manassas street, struck a truck, and a special agent, who was clambered with his finger right up on the sidewalk, Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

NYer Law Firm

W. Tyler McLean and L. D. Belach have formed a partnership for the general practice of law under the firm name of McLean & Belach with offices at 44-46 Goodbar building, 128 North Court avenue.

SARAJEVO ASSASSINATION DISCUSSED

One Viewpoint Is President Was Not Told True Nature of Cabinet Meetings, But Thought Them Informal.

(NOTE—This is the first of a series of three articles regarding Secretary Lansing's break with President Wilson by David Lawrence. This edition will appear in other editions of The News Scimitar.—The Editor.)

BY DAVID LAWRENCE.

(Special Correspondent of The News Scimitar.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—President Wilson has made a mistake. His friends are bewildered. His opponents naturally rejoice. Few people know the facts—not more than two or three. The background of this episode, the thread of the narrative itself, discloses the inner side of the White House and officialdom as it is today—the president in constant contact with his inner circle, and extremely jealous of his presidential prerogatives—and officials generally are apprehensive lest they, too, become victims of presidential wrath.

JOHN KENDRICK BANGS COMING TO INSTITUTE

Two stars of the first magnitude will appear on the Goodwyn institute lecture course in the next week.

BRITAIN WARNS TURKS TO STOP MASSACRES

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Great Britain, it was learned today, has instructed Admiral Fisher, of Great Britain, to inform the Turkish government in Constantinople that the British government is determined to deprive Turkey of Constantinople if the persecution of the Armenians continues, he said.

SOLON PEACE DEBATE STILL ON IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Debate on the Solon peace treaty in the senate yesterday, was expected to occupy practically all of today's session. Private negotiations for a compromise probably will be discontinued until the debate has run its course and the atmosphere has cleared.

POLICE CATCH PIKERS IN LIQUOR DRAGNET

A half gallon of alcohol—pure grain and drinkable—was the cause of the arrest Monday night of Dr. C. M. Harris, Charleston, Miss., and J. Martin, 55 S. Main street. Detectives Hecke and Foppiano arrested the pair on charges of violating the liquor law.

S. S. MIGHT HAVE TO WITHDRAW PACT FROM SENATE

BULLETIN.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The allied supreme council has completed the draft of its answer to President Wilson's Adriatic memorandum, and will hand it to Ambassador Davis tonight for transmission to Washington. The council declined today to make public President Wilson's communication or its reply. It is stated that the publication of the texts will probably be left to the American president.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—President Wilson in his "memorandum" to the allies concerning their proposed Adriatic settlement, informed them that the United States might have to consider withdrawing the treaty of Versailles from the senate if the allies went ahead with their plans without the consent of the United States.

This statement was made officially here today, with the further statement that the American position was outlined, not in the nature of a threat, but as a statement of a situation created "not by an act of the American government, but by an act of the British, French and Italian premiers," which would place the United States in the position, if it were a party to the treaty of Versailles, of subscribing through the pact to rights of sovereignty and other agreements to which it was opposed.

EFFORTS MADE TO "TONE DOWN" ALLIED ANSWER

PARIS, Feb. 17.—Although the reply of the allied supreme council to President Wilson's note relative to the settlement of the Adriatic question was drawn up Saturday, it has not as yet been sent, according to special dispatches from London. Efforts are being made in certain quarters to have it toned down, the dispatch says, but refer to the president's note as a "reticent" statement from Washington notwithstanding.

ROMAN PAPER CLAIMS ALLIES ARE DEFIANT

ROME, Feb. 17.—Commenting on President Wilson's note to the supreme council the Giornale d'Italia says: "His intervention was couched in such a way as to leave no room for any suspicion suggested only by his patriotic aversion toward Italy. He must have intended to offend the patriots that he is guided only by animosity. Therefore the allies have reacted energetically against his attitude, which is offensive to the Italian dignity as the compromise proposal sent to Belgrade were framed chiefly by Premier Lloyd George, Mr. Wilson, who purposely was not represented at the discussion of the compromise has no right to veto his application."

LONDON PAPERS FEAR TO ANTAGONIZE U. S.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—It is impossible to emphasize the importance and gravity of the decision relative to Turkey, which is the ideal for which President Wilson has always stood uncompromisingly. The president, as an Englishman, is naturally sympathetic toward the British and the French, but he is also a statesman and he knows that the whole settlement as we have known it, may be again in the melting pot.

EX-KING WOULD SELL CROWN; WE KNOW SOME WHOM IT WOULD FIT

THE GENTLEMAN WHO DECLARED LAST SUMMER BAN JOHNSON WOULD BE KILLED OUTSIDE OF A YEAR—

Fortieth Anniversary Number

With today's issue The News Scimitar is publishing an edition commemorating its fortieth birthday.

In addition to its regular circulation this anniversary section will be widely circulated as an index of the progress and prosperity of the Memphis territory.

McNamara Will Not Be Brought Back Here Soon

An appeal case from the police court, in which Allen J. McNamara was fined \$100, was called in circuit court Tuesday before Judge Pittman and continued indefinitely.

PIGEON-RABBIT SHOW DATE WILL BE FIXED

Decision as to whether the first 1920 exhibition of the Tri-State Pigeon and Rabbit Breeders' association will be held at an early date or postponed until the middle of May, was scheduled Tuesday night at a directors' meeting at the Chamber of Commerce.

EVERY POLICEMAN NOW IS INSURED

Every man connected with the Memphis police department is insured. A blanket policy covering 244 men on the pay roll of the police department was signed Monday night by Chief Edgar, police and fire commissioner, for the city of Memphis. The policy is with the Travelers' Insurance company.

WHIPPET TANK IS BIG DRAWING CARD

A whippet tank, one of the baby war tanks of the United States army, is on exhibition on Main street in front of Court square and is attracting considerable attention. The tank is manned by a crew of overseas men. It is mounted with a one-pound rifle. The machine will be on exhibition for the remainder of the week.

ITALIANS ASK THAT THEIR FINES BE RAISED

Sixteen Italians arrested on gaming charges following a raid on the Memphis Italian club, Boale avenue and Bayburn boulevard, by Inspector Bee Saturday night, have been scheduled for city court Monday afternoon. But at the request of their attorney, Ralph H. Edger, the fine was increased to \$100 each, so that the fine might be appealed to a higher court.

HOLLAND TO STICK BY KAISER. WILL INCREASE GUARDS

Dutch Officials in Reply to Last Allied Demand Will Reiterate Former Stand Regarding Ex-German Ruler.

THE HAGUE, Feb. 17.—Holland will answer the second note sent by the allies with regard to the status of former Emperor William by reiterating her original position, refusing to surrender him, but acquiescing in the request to guard him closely. It was declared here today. The Dutch answer will be dispatched within a few days.

CALL FOR SERVICE REPORTS; BUT IF SERVICE IT'S HIDDEN

The third of the cryptic weekly reports on progress of improvement in service has been received from the Cumberland Telephone & Telegraph company's local manager, Frank Flournoy, by W. P. Armstrong, chairman of the law committee of the Chamber of Commerce. The report covers the week ending Feb. 14.

British Talk To Restore Ancestral Home Of Washington

MANCHESTER, England.—Members of the Sulgrave society met here recently to inaugurate a fund for the restoration and maintenance of Sulgrave manor, the ancestral home of the British statesman, Washington. The manor was bought in 1814 as a residence for the Sulgrave family. It is now in a state of ruin and is being restored by the Sulgrave family.

FREIGHT RATE BOOST PUT OFF FIVE MONTHS

The big advance in Memphis freight rates anticipated April 1 in accordance with the decision of the interstate commerce commission in the Memphis-Southwestern investigation, has been postponed until May 1 by an order issued by the commission Tuesday.

CAILLAUX ON TRIAL AS ARCH-TRAITOR

PARIS, Feb. 17.—Joseph Caillaux, former premier of France, was placed on trial today before the senate, in connection with the alleged conspiracy against his country in 1917. The trial opened at 2:40 o'clock p.m. The accused man entered the chamber accompanied by three police officers. Five thousand people were present.

TRY TWO NEGROES FOR LACEY ROBBERY

Willie Bounds and Simon Miller, negroes arrested by police on Jan. 15, and indicted for the theft of silverware valued at \$3,000 from the home of Mrs. J. L. Lacey, were placed on trial today before Judge Tom Harsh in second division of criminal court Tuesday morning.

THREE BIG RAILWAY SYSTEMS TO MERGE

ST. PAUL, Feb. 17.—Merger of the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Burlington railroads into one great transcontinental system shortly after governmental control is relinquished this month was forecast in high railway circles here today. It is reported that the merger is being planned along lines conceived by the late James J. Hill.

Are You Going to Grow Garden?

GET OFFICIAL GUIDE TO SUCCESS.

If you are one of the millions who raised gardens last year and the year before, you are by way of becoming an expert. If you are not, a great new experience is in store for you. In either case you need this book at your elbow.

You don't need to be told, in the face of present prices, that backyard gardens are just as much needed in 1920 as they were in 1919 or 1918. Besides, if you once raised a garden you probably have the habit for life.

Put whether you are a confirmed backyard gardener, with a fierce enthusiasm for potato bugs and a few other pests in your radishes, or one of those who has merely looked on and envied in former years, but is determined to get into the game this year—now is the time to get your Official Illustrated Directory Garden Book.

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