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Official Weather Report—Fair and Colder.

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BLAMES PHONE COMPANY FOR WAR HANDICAP

Jesse Crawford Criticizes Utility for Not Installing Automatic Switchboards.

Asking why the telephone company failed to install up-to-date automatic switchboards, in place of alleged obsolete equipment, to meet war needs, Jesse Crawford, representing the Federation of Citizens Associations before the Public Utilities Commission, yesterday received from T. P. Sylvan the reply that "engineers of the company" thought the plan "impracticable."

Pointing out that the company was asking authorization to spend nearly \$1,000,000 to house operators, Mr. Crawford said this would not be necessary if the company had installed automatic switchboards, with one operator handling as many calls in an hour as are handled now by one operator in a day.

Newark, N. J., was mentioned as a city with practically as many phones as Washington has, but uses the automatic system.

Mr. Crawford said the amortization of the expense of installing new switchboards would take approximately four years, as 25 per cent of the operating expenses probably would be saved each year. He quoted figures from a Chicago telephone hearing some years ago to bear out his statement.

It was contended during the hearing yesterday that privately owned utility companies had "fallen down" throughout the country at the very time when they were most needed, and "when a crisis approached, the companies had not prepared to meet it."

During the morning session Attorney George E. Sullivan, representing the Washington Bar Association, attacked the valuation of the telephone property allowed by the Public Utilities Commission two years ago.

Commissioner Brownlow called Mr. Sullivan to account, saying that if any facts were to be presented to the commission would be glad to hear them. Mr. Sullivan denied he had intended to reflect on the commission and declared he had said nothing for which to apologize.

Robert V. Mayne, general counsel for the company, objected to the language of Mr. Sullivan. Commissioner Brownlow then outlined the manner in which the valuation proceedings were conducted.

The hearing probably will close this morning following an examination of company officials by E. E. Clement, representing the Board of Trade.

To Tell of Old Cities Under Stress of War

Alice Hutchins Drake, instructor of the Y. W. C. A. Booklover's English classes, will deliver the second of a series of lectures on "Ancient Cities Under the Stress of War," before the class on Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

The weekly program for the classes which are now opening is as follows: Monday, Dec. 7-8, History of English Literature; 8-9, Booklover's Hour, free to all Y. W. C. A. members; Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, Rhetoric; Wednesday, 7-8, Grammar Review; 8-9, Shakespearean Tragedy; Friday, 8-9, Word Analysis; 7-8, Art History; 8-9, Idylls of the King.

Miss Dorothy Copenhagen is the Y. W. C. A. educational secretary.

ARGENTINA LENDS \$40,000,000 TO U. S.

Trade Credit Arrangement Which Will Save Americans Millions.

Argentina has arranged for a credit in favor of the United States of \$40,000,000. It is understood that arrangements will be made in favor of other allies and that the sum later may be extended almost indefinitely.

On the present volume of trade with Argentina this arrangement will save to American merchants almost \$50,000,000 a year in exchange. The value of the dollar has fallen to 28 cents in Buenos Aires from a pre-war value of \$1.07.

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GRADE SCHOOL TEACHERS TO FORM UNION

Will Meet at Central High School Today to Perfect Organization.

More than 800 grade school teachers of Washington schools yesterday received notices requesting them to attend a meeting this afternoon in Central High School, for the formation of a Grade Teachers' Union.

The object of the meeting is to effect a temporary organization, select a committee on constitution and to handle generally all preliminary organizing work.

Y. L. Lammont, national organizer of the American Federation of Teachers, is handling details. He has dispatched cards requesting the attendance of every grade school teacher in Washington, with a statement of the purpose of organization.

Had Already Two Unions.

In the District there are already two teachers' unions, the High School Teachers' Union and the Grade School Manual Training Teachers' Union. These two unions were formed with the approval of school authorities.

On the meeting this afternoon is expected to be attended by several hundred teachers. Active participation in the meeting will be limited to those who signify their intention of becoming members.

The High School Teachers' Union of this city is fostering the organization of the grade union. After complete organization, it is expected that the local will affiliate with the American Federation of Teachers, and thus automatically with the American Federation of Labor.

It is pointed out that it was largely through the efforts of organized labor that the increases in salaries were granted by Congress last year, and it is thought that one of the silent reasons of organizing grade school teachers in Washington is that they may make, through their union, a united request for what they consider fair wages.

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THE TOWN CRIER.

A meeting of the Sixteenth Street Heights Citizens' Association will be held at the residence of E. E. Scott, 1303 Alaska avenue, this evening at 8 o'clock. Albert P. Edinger, of the Department of Agriculture, will give an address on "Community Cold Storage Plants." The annual election of officers will be held.

Hon. Philander F. Claxton, United States Commissioner of Education, will address the members of the Gage School Parents-Teachers' Association at their meeting tonight at the school.

Guests of honor at an installation of officers of the Italian Catholic Society for the present year, to be held this evening at 8 o'clock at 509 G Street northwest, will be Right Rev. Aluigi Cessio, auditor of the Apostolic Delegation, and Right Rev. Mons. Philippe Bernardini, professor of canon law at the Catholic University.

An informal get-together meeting for old members and new was held last evening by the Georgia Society at the W. C. T. U. hall, 522 Sixth street. The society is composed of native Georgians who reside in Washington.

A meeting of the Harriet Tubman Section, of the District of Columbia Chapter, of the American Red Cross, will be held at 8 o'clock at 429 T Street northwest. Reports of the chairman of committees will be presented.

A meeting of the Conduit Road Citizens' Association will be held at 8 o'clock this evening at St. David's Parish Hall.

Philander F. Claxton, United States commissioner of education, will address the members of the Gage School Parent-Teacher Association at a meeting at the Gage School at 8 o'clock this evening.

Dr. Lyman F. Kabler, of the Department of Agriculture, will lecture on "Food and Thrift" at a meeting of the Wilson Normal School Community Center at the school this evening. Further meetings are planned for evenings this week.

The monthly meeting of the Park View Citizens' Association will be held at 8 o'clock this evening at the Park View School. E. Gunderman, secretary of the association, has requested a full attendance of members, as community matters will be considered.

Mrs. David H. Kinchelow will be one of the principal entertainers at a meeting of the Flamingo Society this evening at the clubrooms of the American Institute of Banking, 1214 F Street.

Famous Old Scenery Burns with Warehouse

New York, Jan. 7.—Scenery and other paraphernalia of great plays of past years, including Uncle Tom's Cabin and East Lynne, were consumed today in a fire which destroyed a warehouse near the North River. The scenes and props were all from plays produced by Charles Frohman.

The building was one of the oldest in the city and was the first carpet factory in the United States.

PURELY PERSONAL.

George M. Kibbome, of the Government Printing Office, is visiting his parents in Rochester, N. Y.

Elmer H. Tregor, of Huntington, Pa., is visiting friends in Georgetown.

Frank Campfield, 3315 N. street northwest, has gone to the Newport Training Station as an apprentice in the hospital service of the navy.

Harry B. Jones, of the Agriculture Department, has received a promotion.

Fatman Bailey has received an appointment as clerk in the War Department.

Eugene V. Balsler, of the Geological Survey, has resigned.

Marion G. Wynne has accepted a stenographic position in the War Department.

Maj. Charles Sweeney has returned to Camp Lee after a brief stay in the city.

Eunice B. Sterling has been appointed to a clerical position in the Ordnance office.

Jessica Key expects to leave for Atlanta, Ga., shortly.

Norman T. Morsell has taken up his new clerical duties in the War Department.

Mabel E. Atwood has received an appointment as stenographer and typewriter in the Ordnance office.

J. E. Pogue, of the Bureau of Mineral Technology of the Museum, has returned to his desk after a visit to friends in North Carolina.

Albert A. Smith has left Washington on a visit to New York City. He will return at the end of the week.

Robert Dougan has returned here after a visit to the Pacific Coast.

Edwin Schulyer has resigned from the State Department.

A. S. Homer has left Washington on a visit to relatives in Cleveland, Ohio.

Claude K. Foley has been appointed an electrician to the staff of the Council of National Defense.

Louis Rudolph, government clothing inspector, who is now stationed in Baltimore, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rudolph, of 1719 U street.

Miss L. H. Cadarr has been appointed secretary to the Solicitor of Internal Revenue.

D. H. Lyman, of the Treasury Department, was prevented by illness from attending to his usual duties yesterday.

E. C. Johnson has been promoted to the position of traveling solicitor for the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

Miss C. Dudley was absent from her desk in the Treasury Department yesterday because of a slight illness.

Corporal Joseph Brady, U. S. N. A., recently attached to the recruiting station at Eighth street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest, yesterday received notification of his commission as a first lieutenant in the United States National Guard.

Fred Froelich, master-at-arms, yesterday was detached from the main recruiting station of the navy, 308 Ninth street northwest, and transferred to the Naval Training Station at Newport, R. I. for instruction in the commissary school.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

District of Columbia—Colder and generally fair today. Tomorrow fair; moderate northwest to north winds.

Maryland—Colder and generally fair today, except snow in the mountains. Tomorrow fair; moderate northwest to north winds.

Virginia—Fair today; colder in east and central portions. Tomorrow fair, warmer in the southwest portion; moderate northwest to north winds.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Midnight, 30°; 2 a. m., 21°; 4 a. m., 22°; 6 a. m., 22°; 8 a. m., 22°; 10 a. m., 22°; 12 m., 22°; 2 p. m., 23°; 4 p. m., 23°; 6 p. m., 23°; 8 p. m., 23°; 10 p. m., 23°; Highest, 24°; lowest, 20°.

Relative humidity—8 a. m., 100°; 2 p. m., 76°; 8 p. m., 82°.

Rainfall (8 p. m. to 8 p. m.), 0.00.

Hours of sunshine, 0; per cent of possible sunshine, 0.

Departures—Accumulated deficiency of temperature since January 1, 1918, —16; deficiency of temperature since January 1, 1917, —118. Accumulated deficiency of precipitation since January 1, 1918, —0.39; deficiency of precipitation since January 1, 1917, —0.59.

Temperature same date last year—Highest, 53; lowest, 34.

OTHER TEMPERATURES.

| Place | Highest | Lowest | Rain |
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| Boston, Mass. | 22 | 18 | 0.20 |
| Chicago, Ill. | 22 | 18 | 0.20 |
| Denver, Colo. | 46 | 36 | 0.00 |
| Duluth, Minn. | 22 | 18 | 0.00 |
| Kansas City, Mo. | 26 | 10 | 0.00 |
| Los Angeles, Cal. | 62 | 50 | 0.00 |
| New Orleans, La. | 64 | 42 | 0.00 |
| New York, N. Y. | 36 | 24 | 0.50 |
| Portland, Ore. | 36 | 50 | 0.50 |
| Salt Lake City, Utah | 49 | 32 | 0.50 |

TIDE TABLES.

(Compiled by the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey.)

Today—Low tide, 10:24 a. m. and 11:28 p. m.; High tide, 3:50 a. m. and 4:18 p. m.

Automobile lamps must be lighted by 5:20 p. m.

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