

THE WRATHER Today—Unsettled; Wednesday, fair; slightly warmer, variable winds. Highest temperature yesterday, 85; lowest, 68.

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RANSOM SENT TO MEXICO FOR U. S. AIRMEN

Mob Violence Threatens College Man Accused of Killing Girl

HUNT FOR SLAYER IS EXTENDED

Negro Murderer of George Peter Eludes Police Despite Rigid Search—Trail of Blood to Stream Is Only Clue to the Crime.

BELIEVE NEGRO KNEW MAN WHO WAS SLAIN

Wounded Daughter Recalls That Farmer Was Addressed as "Mr. Peter." Three Are Arrested in Connection with Case.

Despite the rigid search instituted by Sheriff W. W. Beall, of Prince Georges County, Deputy Sheriff Thomas W. Garrison and posses composed of citizens yesterday for the murderer of George Peter, of Arundel Station, whose daughter, Miss Catherine Peter, was also shot and left in a serious condition, the negro was still at large.

Save for a trail of blood that led from a stream near the scene of the tragedy to a thick growth of underbrush, no clue has been obtained as to the murderer's whereabouts.

The trail followed from the stream to the thickly wooded section at Arundel, in the hope that the negro would be hiding in the woods. But the closest search failed to reveal any trace of him.

Parts of the thicket are impenetrable and it was suggested that blood hounds be brought to the scene. An appeal was made for the dogs to a man in Virginia but the request was refused because of the fact that the dog has only two, and he is holding them in the case of an emergency in his neighborhood.

It is believed that the murderer stopped at the stream to wash a wound that was probably inflicted in the struggle.

The authorities are of the opinion

WIRED LIGHTS STARTLE CITY

Burning Out of Plow of Trolley Car Causes Unearthly Glare.

Downtown Washington was mystified about 5:15 o'clock last night when the skies over upper seventh street suddenly were illuminated with a bright, greenish flame, followed shortly by an immense volume of smoke. This lasted only a few moments, when a second illumination appeared, lighting up the rolling clouds of smoke in a spectacular manner. Hundreds of automobiles and on foot, rushed to the scene from all directions.

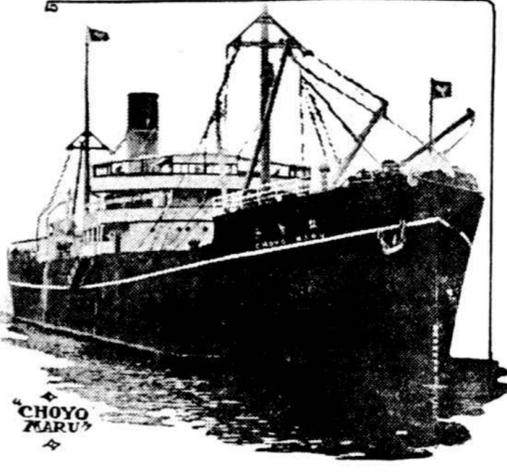
Cost of Coffins Rises With Cost of Living

The high cost of living is paralleling the high cost of living. It was developed at a session of the directors of the Civic Betterment Association, 1906 H street northwest, yesterday afternoon, that the cost of coffins has been advanced about 75 per cent above the before-the-war figures.

Would Block Planned Jump in Collar Prices

High cost of collars has aroused Representative Siegel. Yesterday he introduced a resolution providing for an inquiry by the Federal Trade Commission into the proposed increase in the price of men's neck ties.

Japs Accused of Finishing Ships "Just Too Late" to Help Allies



TYPE OF VESSELS BUILT BY THE JAPANESE

First of New Ships from Japan Puts Into San Francisco.

San Francisco, Aug. 18.—Scarcely noticed during the welcome of our Pacific fleet on the west coast, a brand-new 10,000-ton freight ship, flying the Japanese flag, steamed into San Francisco Bay a few days ago.

The usual ceremonies attending the arrival of a vessel completing her maiden trip across the Pacific were conspicuous by their absence.

Possibly these might have been more interesting in the coming of the Chojo Maru had the American public been advised that she was a unit of a mighty fleet of merchant ships which Japan is now building in the hope of becoming undisputed mistress of the western ocean.

This squat, heavy-laden "sea pig" represented the keener rival America will ever have for the foreign trade of the Orient, Siberia and the Antipodes. And that rival is "on the job" months ahead of Uncle Sam.

Word comes from Tokyo that a great armada of freight and passenger vessels of the ultramodern type is now receiving the "finishing touches" in Japanese shipyards for a great commercial "drive" extending to every nook and corner of the Pacific.

These big turbine-driven liners, it is reported, will represent the last word in luxury for passengers, at the same time reserving enough cargo space to insure steadiness and profits without sacrificing speed.

It is rumored that Japan did not quite "tote fair" in the matter of constructing this formidable "peace navy" of hers—that she permitted just enough work to be done on the ships to insure quick completion when hostilities in Europe should cease, but kept them "not quite available" for war purposes.

King Swope, Soldier-Solon Due At Capitol Today

If King Swope, first soldier of the great war to be elected to Congress arrives in Washington before noon today he will, in all probability, be officially seated in the House of Representatives.

Mr. Swope left Danville, Ky., yesterday. He is motoring to the National Capital, accompanied by his wife, sister and mother.

Sharp Decline in Meat Price Recorded Here

Mrs. E. A. Calvin Testifies Senate Hearings Have Effect Upon Local Retailers, Farmers' Representatives Testify.

"There was a sharp drop in meat prices in Washington markets Friday and Saturday. Retailers, when queried, admitted that publicity of hearings of the Senate subcommittee investigating the high cost of living in the District had caused them to materially lower their prices."

Mrs. E. A. Calvin, wife of the representative of the cotton States official advisory marketing board, emphasized this testimony at a hearing of the subcommittee yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Calvin was the first of three representative Washington housewives to tell their side

SENATORS TOLD PACKER CONTROL IS URGENT NEED

William B. Colver Presents Facts Gathered by Trade Commission.

COMBINATION CHARGED Case Is Made, Senator Kenyon Says, When Hearing Ends.

Revelations before the Senate Agricultural Committee, today, of the activities of the big five meat-packers convinced Senator Kenyon, Republican of Iowa, that Congress should pass immediately the Kenyon-Kendrick bills, under which the packers would be licensed by the government.

William B. Colver, of the Federal Trade Commission, presented the report of that body to the committee, and was a witness all day. He told the story of the packers, and at the conclusion of his testimony, Senator Kenyon announced that he had no other evidence to submit to the committee.

"I am satisfied that a case has been made by this report, Mr. Colver's testimony, and the Federal Trade Commission's report on the leather industry," he said.

Machine Growers, He Says. With \$178,000,000 in net profits last year, and an ever-increasing appetite for new fields in foodstuffs and other necessities, the five big packers—Armour, Swift, Wilson, Morris, and Cudahy—have perfected

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D. C. ARMY FOOD SALE DELAYED

Sixty Carloads on Way But Postoffice Orders Are Held Up.

Uncle Sam, as market man for Washington, through the parcel post, is delaying work for several days pending the arrival of supplies, it was announced last night by the War Department.

Sixty carloads, Washington's assignment, were ordered shipped here several weeks ago by the Quartermaster General of the Army, but unmet railroad conditions brought about a delay. The food is reported on the way now from several sections of the country.

Distribution of order blanks is being postponed until some of the food arrives, it was stated by Postmaster M. O. Chance. Thousands of housewives requested blanks yesterday.

Some had been distributed and a number of orders, ranging around \$30 and calling for a variety of articles, were sent in. It was impossible to fill them from the small store of food already here.

Only Peas and Beans Here. "The only foods available to Washington are beans and peas," said Postmaster Chance. "The War Department advised me to commence sale of these two articles but this plan is impracticable. We will wait for further supplies, unless orders to the contrary are given."

An extra force of clerks, which will number seventy-five when completed, has been added to the personnel of the city postoffice to handle the sale. Thirty trucks, making two deliveries a day, will be used, Postmaster Chance said. The sale is expected to continue for several weeks. "It is a tremendous task," declared the official, "but the office will be able to handle it efficiently."

Colored Man Drowns

Charles Beall, colored, of 312 King street, Alexandria, Va., fell into the Potomac River, at Thirty-fifth and K streets northwest, late last night and was drowned. He was straggling along the bank. The body was recovered.

Too Many Johnsons Cause Court Mix-up

When Charles Johnson, held by the police for drunkenness, was called before Commissioner Isaac R. Hitt, yesterday afternoon, and charged with violation of the Harrison Anti-narcotic act, he protested vigorously that Demon Rum was his only falling and that he was not arrested in connection with the drug crusade.

The man's plea was so convincing that Commissioner Hitt called up the Police Department and learned that another Charles Johnson was in the Asylum Hospital undergoing treatment for the effects of drugs and was charged with having narcotics in his possession. The Charles Johnson brought before Commissioner Hitt was greatly relieved when he was taken back to his cell.

PRESS-TIME FLASHES

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 18.—With a pitched battle between strikebreakers and strike sympathizers of the New York and Pennsylvania Traction Company at Olean, N. Y., still raging, fifteen men had been shot at 10 o'clock tonight and three had been beaten so badly as to endanger their lives.

Philadelphia, Aug. 18.—Two men in red masks entered the home of Carmine Bentz here, after binding the two daughters who were alone at the time, and obtained \$500 from a trunk. The money represents the lifetime savings of an uncle, Charles Bentz.

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 18.—A city-wide search is being made tonight for the man who shot Albert S. Kasbaum while he was taking two alleged auto thieves to the police station early today.

EX-OFFICIAL CHARGED WITH BANK LOOTING

Philadelphia, Aug. 18.—Charles A. Ambler, State Insurance Commissioner under the Brumbaugh administration, was arrested in this city today charged with North Penn defalcations "running into hundreds of thousands of dollars."

He was arraigned at the City Hall, where bail was fixed at \$15,000 for a hearing September 2, after the prisoner had been denounced by the District attorney's representative for "committing acts of dishonor without number" and "breach of public trust."

Bail was entered for the politician-contractor by the National Security Company of New York, the police court bail arrangements being personally looked after by Davis Page Smith, son of Mayor Smith, who is chief owner of the Thomas B. Smith Company, Philadelphia agent of the National Security.

PAY BOOST IS REFUSED BY TROLLEY COMPANY

S. R. Bowen, vice president of Washington Railway and Electric Company, declared yesterday that demands of the company's workmen for a 25 per cent increase in wages to take effect September 12 will not be granted or even considered.

A committee of the brotherhood of the company's employes, consisting of H. W. Lynn, A. E. Denis and F. H. O'Rourke, appointed to present the workmen's demands, had prepared no statement last night in reply to Bowen.

Czecho-Slovak Laden Ship Is Aground Near Japan

Seattle, Aug. 18.—The Pacific Steamship Company steamer Heffron, carrying 1,100 Czecho-Slovak and other soldiers from Vladivostok back to their native land, went ashore at Hokuren, northwest of the Shimonaki Straits, Japan, it was reported here today.

The ship is not in danger and is probably afloat by this time, according to the officers of the company here. The Heffron left Seattle June 20.

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\$15,000 Quickly Raised In Little Border Town

Troops Massed on Border to Emphasize U. S. Demand that Carranza Government Act at Once to Save Officers.

El Paso, Texas, Aug. 18.—The \$15,000 ransom money for the release of Lieut. Peterson and Davis was delivered at Kirkpatrick's store at Candelaria tonight.

Marfa, Tex., Aug. 18.—Bearing \$15,000 in gold, ransom to prevent Mexican bandits, headed by Chico Cano, from taking the lives of military aviators—Lieuts. Harold G. Peterson, of Minnesota, and Paul H. Davis, of California—a party of Texas frontiersmen should reach the store of Dawkins Kilpatrick at Candelaria tonight.

Several troops of the Eighth Cavalry, commanded by Col. George E. Langhorn, marched from here this afternoon for the Rio Grande, fifty miles distant. Companies of army trucks were assembled, provisioned for men and animals moving through desert country.

Airman May Fly To Brother Who Is Held Captive

Oakland, Cal., Aug. 18.—Lieut. Earl Davis, brother of Lieut. Paul Davis, held for ransom by Mexican bandits, will fly into Mexico in an attempt to free his brother, fighting with a machine gun if necessary, he announced today.

Dr. Waldron B. Davis, the father, has an airplane in waiting at Strathmore. Earl left for Strathmore today.

CAR STRIKE IN NEW YORK ENDS

Tentative Agreement Calls For 25 Per Cent Wage Increase.

New York, Aug. 18.—The subway and elevated railway strike ended late last night when members of the Interborough System Brotherhood voted to accept the agreement reached by their representative, P. J. Connelly, with Public Service Commissioner Nixon, Vice President and General Manager Frank Hedley, of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, and others in Mr. Nixon's office.

The full electrical power was sent over the entire Interborough system at midnight and the resumption of full service on all its lines followed as speedily as possible. By the time New York's traveling millions are ready to go to office and factory this morning the service is expected to be in full swing.

The terms of agreement tentatively accepted by Connelly and ratified last night at a System Brotherhood meeting, give the strikers half of the 50 per cent wage increase demanded, leaving the remaining 25 per cent to be settled by arbitration.

Negro Woman Killed by Auto

Helen Corbin, colored, 22 years old, 1229 Oregon avenue, was killed late last night at Seventh and Florida avenue by a speeding auto in which were riding five negro men. The woman's body, hurled against the windshield, was pushed off onto the street. The machine did not stop.

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MINERS AND TROOPS BATTLE IN SILESIA

Berlin, Aug. 18.—Four persons were killed and four wounded in a clash between miners and soldiers in Upper Silesia yesterday. Spartan agitators have been spreading wild rumors to keep the strike alive in that district, but the government believed today there were signs of a collapse.

Meat Dealers Fined For Sale of Spoiled Meat

Alphonsa Wheelock, a meat dealer, doing business at the Northeast Market, Twelfth and H streets northwest, was fined \$50 in Police Court yesterday morning for selling meat which, it is charged, was spoiled.

Samuel L. Gelston swore out a warrant for the arrest of Wheelock, charging him with offering to sell him a piece of corned beef which was inedible.

Wheelock explained that the shortage was partly responsible for the spoiled meat.

Rent Inquiry Deferred Until Early Next Week

Members of the Senate subcommittee investigating the high cost of living in the District are not ready to shift their activities from foodstuffs to rents.

MASSACRE IN EGYPT CHARGED BY BORAH

Reports of British atrocities in Egypt were read in the Senate yesterday by Senator Borah, of Idaho, who declared Great Britain had inaugurated an era of bloodshed and massacre in Egypt to crush the forces which were working for independence.

Senator Borah's particular reason for calling the matter to the Senate's attention was to point out that if the proposed league of nations were in operation the United States would be compelled under articles ten and eleven to assist Great Britain in her efforts to conquer the Egyptian people.

Proposes Commissary For Federal Employes

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WILSON TO MEET SENATORS TODAY

Foreign Relations Committee to Ask About Peace Treaty.

Members of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate today will question President Wilson about the peace treaty and the league of nations covenant. The conference will begin at the White House at 10 a. m.

Republicans are planning questions about the Shantung settlement, British representation on the league, and other points on which information has been sought at committee hearings during the past weeks.

After the conference, administration leaders are planning to force the treaty out of committee as soon as possible. Senator Hitchcock, ranking minority member, predicts proposed amendments will be defeated by the Senate as rapidly as they are called up.

The President also is to be asked about the effect of suggested reservations. They have been considered as a possible means of compromise.

Fuller publicity is to be given the conference. Stenographers will take down all is said, and will release it to newspapersmen while the conference progresses.

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Miners Trapped in Explosion

Trinidad, Col., Aug. 18.—Two men were killed and forty others, trapped in a shaft, were believed in danger of suffocation here today, following a gas explosion in the Oakview coal mine near here. Rescue parties have been organized.