

THE WASHINGTON HERALD

ALL THE NEWS - all the time - telegraph, cable and local news - is found in The Washington Herald - brightly and briefly told.

U. S. FORECAST Today and tomorrow - Slightly warmer. Highest temperature yesterday, 88; low - est, 69.

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ONE CENT In Washington and Suburbs. Elsewhere Two Cents.

4 MEXICAN BANDITS REPORTED KILLED BY U. S. SOLDIERS

Americans on the Border are Warned to Move into Cities

KNOX FAVORS REJECTION OF ENTIRE PACT

Eight Senators Willing to Vote to Throw Out Present Treaty. SPEAKERS TO TOUR U. S. Borah, Johnson, Reed and Poindexter Map Out Western Itinerary.

Senator Philander C. Knox yesterday took the stand that the treaty of peace with Germany should be utterly cast out and rejected by the United States. Senator Knox announced this position at a luncheon served in his office in the Capitol to which were invited seven other Senators who are irreconcilably opposed to the league of nations and to the entire treaty. Those who attended were: Senators Borah, of Idaho; Johnson, of California; Fall, of New Mexico; Moses, of New Hampshire; Brandegee, of Connecticut; Poindexter, of Washington, and Reed, of Missouri.

At this conference it was stated that at least eight more Senators can be counted upon to vote to reject the treaty. The figures as given at the conference were: Certain to vote against the treaty even if amended, sixteen; certain to vote against the treaty unless strong reservations which other nations must accept before the United States will become a party to the treaty, not less than thirty-five nor more than 40.

DISTRICT BOARD TEST OUTLINED

Commissioner Gardiner's Successor Should Be Civic Worker.

The District Commissioner chosen to fill the vacancy left by the expiration of the term of Commissioner Gardiner should be a man who has been active in Washington civic work. This view was expressed by the Federation of Citizens' Association, at its meeting last night, and incorporated in a resolution to be presented personally to the President, Jesse P. Crawford, Washington Topham and Jesse C. Suter were appointed a committee to present the resolution.

The federation contended that a president of that organization was the only logical choice for Commissioner, the president being appointed by delegates of all local citizens' associations, representing all District cities. The resolution was first adopted by the Petworth Citizens' Association, and was approved by the federation before the federation's resolution was drawn up.

Natural Gas Fumes Kill Two in Old Well

Providence, R. I., Aug. 21.—Leon Dietrich and Charles Johnson, of East Blackstone, Mass., were killed by natural gas fumes while working in an abandoned well on Dietrich's farm last evening.

Farmer Uses Wireless

Trumbauersville, Pa., Aug. 21.—On the farm of Mahlon Holtsopple is a wireless telegraph outfit erected by his son. A government weather report sent out daily from Arlington, Va., is caught by the Holtsopple wireless.

FINDING OF 3 SKELETONS LEADS TO MURDER CHARGE



RUFUS KING

Long Series of Disappearances Followed by Discovery of Human Bones—Companion of Men Who Dropped Out Arrested.

Maple Hill, Kans., Aug. 21.—Kansas has unearthed a "murder farm." Three skeletons were dug up and searchers with spades and shovels are seeking more. Rufus King, former keeper of a livery stable here, is formally charged with three murders. He was arrested in Colorado and has been brought back here for trial.

Poles Break Off Relations With Berlin, Raise Army

Berlin, Aug. 21.—Negotiations between Germany and Poland were broken off today and will not be resumed, it is announced, until order has been restored in upper Silesia. Polish authorities, it is reported, are forcing all males between 20 and 40 to take up arms. In some districts the Poles are deporting Germans into Poland.

HEIRS TO LOSE NICKEL IF WILL IS CONTESTED

Goshen, N. Y., Aug. 21.—"If anyone makes trouble they will get nothing," is the warning written on the back of a sheet of note paper on which is written the will of Mrs. Annie Davidson, of Newburg, who bequeaths 5 cents each to her several grandchildren and the remainder of her small estate to her children. The will was offered for probate today.

New Honolulu Dock Opened

Honolulu, Aug. 21.—Mrs. Joseph Daniels, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, pressed a button today opening the gates of the Pearl Harbor drydock. Secretary Daniels said he expected to make Pearl Harbor one of the world's greatest marine stations.

Palmer Confirmed by Mistake As Senate "Sleeps at Switch"

A Mitchell Palmer's nomination for Attorney General was confirmed for just twenty-three hours, ending at 4 o'clock yesterday. During Wednesday's executive session of the Senate a large number of postmasterships were confirmed, and, in some manner, the paper bearing Palmer's name was slipped in with the nominations for postmasters. The whole batch was confirmed without investigation, with the result that Senators yesterday were astounded to read in the record that Palmer, upon whom

BELIEVE NEGRO NEAR ADMITTING PETER MURDER

Maj. Pullman Enforces Secrecy About Case—"Progressing Nicely." SUSPECT'S JAIL RECORD Cummings Has Long and Mysterious Talk With Two Detectives.

With George Cummings, colored, believed to be on the verge of confessing to the murder of George Peter, at Jericho Station, and the shooting of his daughter, Katherine, last Sunday, Maj. Pullman last night closed to the public all sources of information relative to the case. Vague hints were given out by Maj. Pullman in reference to the case, and he declared, as on previous occasions, that the case is "progressing nicely." The major did state, however, that Cummings had declared that he lied to the police as to his whereabouts on Sunday, and it is deemed probable that the negro has already confessed to being near the scene of the crime.

Only three members of the department are conversant with the case: Maj. Pullman, Lieut. Burlingame and Detective Sergeant Scrivener. A positive order has been issued by Maj. Pullman that all information for the public must come from him. Cummings may be tried.

WILSON MAY SEE GREEKS TODAY

Delegates to Protest Bulgar Rule in Thrace—Hope For Interview. Greek-American delegates, who are in Washington to protest the Bulgarian rule in Thrace, expect to interview President Wilson today.

MISSING A WEEK, SHE IS FOUND IN TOMBS

New York, Aug. 21.—Mrs. Henry Salomon, who has been missing from her home since last Friday, was found today in the Tombs. She had been arrested last Friday in a department store on a charge of shoplifting, and had given the name of Mrs. Sarah Hirsch.

BLANKET SALE HALTED BY WAR DEPARTMENT

The Quartermaster General of the Army has directed the suspension of the sale of surplus commercial blankets held by the War Department, it was announced last night. The suspension was directed in order to permit the War Department to determine upon and inaugurate a more equitable distribution of its surplus stock of blankets. As soon as a plan that will make the surplus stocks still held by the War Department available to residents of all sections of the United States shall have been determined upon, the sale of blankets will be resumed.

STORM SWEEPS CITY FLOODING STREETS

Shoppers and office workers were taken unawares late yesterday when a heavy thunderstorm deluged the city. Street became rivers within a few minutes after the storm broke. The storm did little damage. Street car service remained normal within the city. Signal wires were burned out by the lightning on the Tennallytown line.

PRESS-TIME FLASHES

Berlin, Aug. 21.—At least one American sailor was seriously cut up in a battle between American and German bluejackets along the water front at Neufahrwasser at a dance tonight.

Pittsburgh, Aug. 21.—The street cars will be put into operation, despite the decision of the men to continue their strike.

London, Aug. 21.—It is understood the government is considering appointing Sir William Robertson as commander-in-chief of the British forces in Ireland.

New York, Aug. 21.—A staggering order for goods, rumored to be for use of the Chinese army, has been placed with M. Erlenbach, of 253 Broadway, a purchasing agent, it was disclosed today.

London, Aug. 21.—Australian engineers in Palestine have unearthed what antiquarians and historians declare are the remains of St. George, England's patron saint, according to a dispatch from Melbourne.

San Francisco, Aug. 21.—Taito, one of the principal cities on the island of Formosa, near the Chinese coast, has been destroyed by a storm which swept the island. Other islands in the group were damaged.

Dayton, Ohio, Aug. 21.—Lieut. E. Stone, pilot of the NC-4 on her trip across the Atlantic, here studying land planes, narrowly escaped injury when he was forced to make a landing to avoid falling into the river. He allowed the plane to nose into the mud.

Turin, Italy, Aug. 17.—Gen. Pershing arrived here today. He was welcomed at the station by the civilian and military authorities. Champagne was served in the royal salon. He has left for Rome.

SENATOR IS HIT BY STREET CAR

Fletcher, of Florida, Near Death When Struck at Thomas Circle.

Senator Fletcher, of Florida, was knocked down and severely injured by a Capital Traction street car about 7 o'clock last evening, while attempting to cross the southbound track at Thomas Circle.

He was picked up unconscious and bleeding from a deep wound of the forehead and placed in the automobile of Dr. Herbert E. Martyn, who conveyed the Senator to his home, 1455 Massachusetts avenue.

Interned Sailor Tries to Escape

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 21.—Will Fruehling, interned German sailor at Camp McPherson, enjoyed twenty minutes of liberty today. Fruehling was sprinting for the woods when spied by a guard.

Pittsburgh Car Men Stay Out

Pittsburgh, Aug. 21.—In a referendum vote, striking motormen and conductors of the Pittsburgh Street Railway company overwhelmingly voted to continue the strike.

600 DEALERS JOIN TO FORCE FAIR PRICES

Merchants Cheer Palmer and Wilson at Big Food Meeting.

Organization to Issue Fair Price List Based on Reasonable Profit.

More than 600 retail and wholesale food dealers last night pledged their assistance to the Department of Justice in its campaign for prosecution of profiteers by forming the Fair Price Association of the District of Columbia, at a mass meeting in Business High School auditorium.

The dealers applauded frequently during the talks by Clarence R. Wilson, former District Food Administrator, and Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer.

Palmer attacked price gougers and called upon the local dealers to police the grocery business. "Ninety-nine out of 100 dealers are taking only a fair margin of profit," said Palmer. "It is much to your interest to police the grocery business so that the one dealer who goes wrong may be compelled to go straight."

Palmer Scores Packers. The Department of Justice is not after the man who runs the corner grocery store. We started by prosecuting the five great packers of Chicago, and if justice still reigns in America, those gentlemen will be brought to book.

ACTORS DARKEN ANOTHER HOUSE

Playwrights Organize But Will be Neutral in Theatrical War.

New York, Aug. 21.—The Booth Theater, where "The Better 'Ol'" was being played, was added tonight to the list of houses darkened by the actors' strike. A walkout by stage hands and musicians, in sympathy with the strike of the actors, was responsible for the closing.

The Booth was the nineteenth theater to close because of the strike, and but one house is still being kept open in defiance of the actors—the Playhouse, where "AT 9:45" is being produced by William A. Brady.

While the playwrights were forming an independent organization today, Daniel Frohman, one of the Producing Managers' Association's leading members, was issuing an optimistic statement regarding an early settlement of the strike, and the managers' association was declaring the situation unchanged and that it was "standing pat."

The striking actors were also busy, holding a meeting at Equity headquarters, Irvin S. Cobb—writer, war correspondent and humorist—spoke. In forming a permanent organization the playwrights elected as officers: Otto Harbach, president; Owen Davis, vice president, and Silvio Hein, treasurer.

The association's purpose is the protection of dramatic authors, declared Mr. Davis, who added that it will maintain absolute neutrality as between managers and actors and their differences, at present and in future.

FOUR OTHER MEXICANS CAPTURED, ACCORDING TO RETURNED AIRMAN

Our Troops Are Now About 50 Miles South of the Rio Grande—Detachment of the Eighth Cavalry Arrives at Marfa, Tex., to Join the Pursuing Column.

Marfa, Texas, Aug. 21.—An American airplane brought word here tonight that four Mexicans had been killed by the American forces. The Mexicans were said to have been of Renteros band, and were shot after being cornered in a mountain pass.

A returning soldier also reported that four Mexicans had been captured. No official report has been made by Col. Langhorne as to the number of captured or killed.

The Americans in their pursuit several times divided their force, and it is believed the troops have had contact with the bandit forces in three skirmishes. Tonight the troops were reported to be about fifty miles south of the Rio Grande.

WARNING IS SENT ALONG THE BORDER

Eagle Pass, Tex., Aug. 21.—United States consuls at Vera Cruz, Tampico and Oaxaca have advised all Americans living in outlying districts in their territory to go into the cities, according to dispatches reaching the border today.

NEW SALARY PLAN DISCUSSED BY UNION

Reclassification of salaries of government employees was discussed at a meeting of the Department of Agriculture branch of the Federal Employees' Union, No. 2. A committee composed of chairman of bureau subcommittees submitted a new plan adopted by the organization, by which employees would be divided into four classes with salaries ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000 a year and admitted to the higher classes by examination.

WILSON LACKS POWER TO PROCLAIM PEACE

Replying to a series of written questions submitted by Senator Fall (N. Mex.), President Wilson yesterday declared it his judgment that he has not the power to proclaim a state of peace before the ratification of the treaty by the Senate.

EMBASSY ATTACHE INJURED IN WRECK

L. Bysterus Heemskerk, honorary attache at the Netherlands Legation, was seriously injured in a train wreck at Betner, Mich., six miles south of Traverse City, Wednesday when a Pere Marquette freight train collided head-on with a passenger train.

Six of the train crew were killed, fifteen passengers were injured. No word as to Mr. Heemskerk's condition has reached his legation.

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