

Official Weather Forecast.

Generally fair in south, rain in north and central portions Saturday and probably Sunday; much colder in north portion Saturday; brisk winds.

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PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 10, 1912.

LORIMER INQUIRY COMES TO CLOSE

Has Been Exhaustive and Covered a Period of Eight Months.

TESTIMONY COVERS ABOUT FIVE MILLION WORDS OR 10,000 PRINTED PAGES AND FEES OF STENOGRAPHERS ALONE WILL REACH \$15,000—BLUMENBERG, THE DISMISSED STENOGRAPHER, APOLOGIZES.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 9.—Public hearings in the second senatorial investigation into the election of Senator Lorimer were declared closed today by Chairman Dillingham of the committee. Attorney Hancy, representing Lorimer, was permitted to file a brief to the effect that the senator's election had been adjudicated before the present investigation began and therefore could not be subject to a second investigation.

The inquiry has been exhaustive and in the eight months' hearing 10,000 pages of printed testimony have been taken, amounting to about five million words. It is estimated that the stenographers' fees alone will reach fifteen thousand dollars.

M. W. Blumenberg, the official stenographer, who was discharged Saturday night, wrote a letter of profuse apology. Edward Hines was the last witness. He denied he attempted to bribe Miss Helen Seavers, a local telegraph operator.

NEW YORK FIREMEN OVERCOME BY GAS

Gas Meter Exploded in Cellar of a Newspaper Office Building and Several Had Narrow Escapes.

New York, Feb. 9.—Deputy Fire Chief Binns, Battalion Chiefs Marshall and Kuss and three firemen were overcome by gas while fighting flames in the sub-basement of a building occupied by the Staats Zeitung on William street early today. A gas meter exploded and the cellar was quickly filled with gas. The three firemen were the first to fall from the effects of the gas and they were carried unconscious to the street. Three other firemen were also overcome, but were rescued by a fireman recovered from the effects of the gas. The fire was extinguished after an hour's work. The damage was small.

BRITISH NAVY IS WELL PREPARED

Winston Spencer Churchill Declares it is Ready to Meet All Contingencies.

Glasgow, Scotland, Feb. 9.—Speaking at a public luncheon here today, Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, declared in positive terms that the British navy is prepared to meet all contingencies in referring to sea rivalry between Germany and Great Britain. Mr. Churchill declared that while naval power was necessary to England's welfare, it was a luxury for Germany.

TAFT'S CAMPAIGN STARTS IN EARNEST

McKinley Takes Charge of Washington and Issues Statement That Taft Will Win on First Ballot.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The campaign for the renomination of President Taft began in earnest today when Representative McKinley of Illinois, who has assumed charge of the Taft headquarters in Washington, Senator Murray Crane of Massachusetts and C. D. Bliss, the president's secretary, held a conference. The three spent several hours together and discussed the national political situation. The statement was given out that the Taft managers were convinced that the president would have 700 votes on the first ballot in the Chicago convention out of a total of 1,078 or 241 more than the majority necessary for nomination.

Will Endeavor to Prove That Sneed Believed Wife Insane

Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 9.—Testimony to show that John Beall Sneed believed his wife insane when she ran away with Al Boyce, Jr., was introduced by the defense this morning in the banker's trial for the murder of Captain A. G. Boyce, Sr. W. H. Fuqua, a banker of Amarillo and partner of Sneed in the banking and cattle business, the only witness at the morning session, went at length into the alleged insanity of the case. Fuqua recounted part of a conversation in which he said he had advised Sneed to give up his wife and start over again somewhere else. Sneed, the witness testified, had replied: "Mr. Fuqua, I would do anything reasonable, but I hope you won't ask that or insist upon it. I can't do it. She is insane. It would be like abandoning one of my children. How could I ever meet my children in later years if they asked me where she was and if I had not tried to get their mother back?"

FIFTEEN FAIL ON EXAMINATION

By Associated Press. Annapolis, Mr. Feb. 9.—Fifteen midshipmen of the fourth class, of the naval academy failed in the semi-annual examinations, and were forced to resign. They left the institution today.

Among them were John M. Tildsley of Mississippi, and Sidney W. Kirthland of Florida.

COTTON REACHES NEW HIGH LEVELS

Large Business in English Cloth and Yarn Markets Continue to Drive the Market Upward.

New Orleans, Feb. 9.—A large business in the English cloth and yarn markets was responsible for another defeat for the short side in the cotton market this morning. Prices were sent to new high levels for the present upward movement, July reaching 10.70 by noon. Later in the morning both sides were good buyers.

STRIKE LEADERS ARE ARRAIGNED

A Few Witnesses Heard in Trial at Lawrence, Mass., and the Case Then Continued Until Monday.

By Associated Press. Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 9.—Jos. J. Eitor and Arturo Giovannitti, until their arrests in charge of the textile strike here, were arraigned in the police court today, charged with being accessories to the murder of Anna Lopiz, who was shot during the riot of Jan. 27.

MONTGOMERY HAS A \$100,000.00 FIRE

Three Firms on Commerce Street Wiped Out and Other Property Damaged by Water.

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 9.—A fire which broke out here this morning on Commerce street in the heart of the business district entailed a loss of nearly one hundred thousand dollars before the flames were snuffed out at 11:10 o'clock, after burning two hours. The fire is supposed to have originated in an upper story of the building occupied by the Gay-Slighter Furniture Company.

WESTERN FREIGHT RATES SUSPENDED

It Contains Hundreds of Changes and the Interstate Commerce Commission Will Not Allow Changes.

Washington, Feb. 9.—A new western classification of freight, on which the western transportation lines worked for many months and which recently was filed with the interstate commerce commission, today was ordered by the commission to be suspended from February 15 until June 15.

KING FREDERICK MAKING PROGRESS IN RECOVERY

Copenhagen, Denmark, Feb. 9.—King Frederick is making such good progress in his recovery in his recent illness that only one bulletin will be issued daily by the physicians in attendance. His majority passed a good deal. The inflammation of the lungs continues to decrease.

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New York Woman Released From Work House Finds That She Will Soon Share in Fortune.

New York, Feb. 9.—Mrs. Frederick Crandell, nee McManus, came over to Manhattan today from the Blackwell's Island workhouse to learn that her husband was an heir of the late Edwin Hawley and a prospective millionaire. She was sentenced to the "island" last month for "disorderly conduct and mischievous mischief." Young Crandell was one of the late railroad millionaire's favorite nephews but they quarreled in 1896 when Mr. Hawley learned of Crandell's attentions to Miss McManus, then a telegraph operator in the offices of the Southern Pacific Railway, where he was employed. Since Hawley died intestate, Crandell will receive a share of the estate, amounting, it is said, to more than \$2,000,000.

BRYAN CALLED ON TO EXPLAIN HIS CRITICISM

He Will Be First Witness Summoned in "Money Trust" Investigation.

BRYAN TROD ON TOES OF DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS WHEN HE SAID THEY WERE UNDER THE CONTROL OF WALL STREET—CHAIRMAN SAYS BRYAN MUST EXPLAIN EXPLICITLY TO THE COMMITTEE WHAT HE MEANT.

Washington, Feb. 9.—William Jennings Bryan will be the first witness to be summoned before the house committee on banking and currency to testify in the "money trust" investigation, which the Democratic caucus, repudiating Bryan's demand for a special committee, referred to a standing committee of the house.

Bryan trod on the toes of the Democratic members of the committee when he recently declared that the "money trust" thought it could control the committee. The committee insists that Bryan must explain what he meant. Representative Fuqua, chairman of the banking and currency committee, said "the committee is a unit in its decision that Bryan must explain to us explicitly what he meant."

TO UNDERWRITE COMPANY'S BONDS

Merger Plans of Alabama Consolidated and Southern Iron & Steel Company Are Also Completed.

Baltimore, Feb. 9.—The syndicate to underwrite bonds to be issued under the merger plan of the Alabama Consolidated Coal and Iron Company and the Southern Iron and Steel Company has been completed, according to advice received here today. The New York banking house of Krey, Risk & Sons will be the syndicate manager.

This practice guarantees the early completion of the merger of these two important companies. The new company is to be known as the Alabama Consolidated Iron and Steel Company and is to have a total capitalization of \$25,956,000.

MITCHELL TALKS STRAIGHT TO COURT

On Trial for Contempt of Court He Says There is Much in His Heart That Has Never Been Said.

Washington, Feb. 9.—I have much in my heart that has never been said. When I was summoned to Washington to appear before this court I faced a long term in prison. It was the day before Christmas eve. I had not seen my family and children for months. I had brought gifts for these children, then imperatively I was summoned to Washington for sentence. I asked for postponement. It was not given. I was brought here and sentenced.

WOULD BRIBE AN ATTORNEY GENERAL

He is Prosecuting J. J. Hughes, a Wealthy Planter, and the Latter's Friends Want Matter Dropped.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 9.—Z. N. Estes, attorney general of Shelby county, engaged in prosecuting J. J. Hughes, a wealthy farmer, Okla. planter, for the alleged murder of Thomas Dolan in a Memphis hotel on July 8, 1911, announced in court today that he had been approached by a resident of Memphis who said certain persons wanted to know how Estes could be reached to drop the case.

MORSE NOT YET TO ENTER BUSINESS

His Son Says Stories that He is Planning Revenge on Those Who Fought Him Are Ridiculous.

New York, Feb. 9.—"My father has not said a word—not even to my mother—concerning the business again. Stories that he is planning revenge upon those who fought him in the financial world are ridiculous. He is too sick a man for anything like that."

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FORESEES NEW ERA IN EDUCATION OF THE NEGRO

Washington, Feb. 9.—President W. P. Thirskind, of Howard University, foresees a new era in the educational life of the negro race because of the marked increase in the number of students who are taking up sciences at the university.

Winston Churchill Who Favors Home Rule For Ireland



WINSTON SPENCER CHURCHILL

INVESTIGATING FLORIDA LANDS

Postoffice Department Will Look Up Companies Dealing in Property in the Everglades.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The postoffice department is investigating the land syndicates dealing in Florida Everglades property involved in the controversy pertaining to the department of agriculture, which is to be probed by the house committee on expenditures.

While Representative Clark of Florida, whose charges precipitated the congressional inquiry, was preparing for the investigation today, he received a request from the postoffice inspection division for copies of his speech in the house assailing the officials of the agricultural department for their attitude in the Everglades draining case, and other officials on the subject.

The inquiry by the expenditures Florida, subpoenaed to testify before committee tomorrow. J. C. Wright, chief drainage engineer of Florida, has been subpoenaed to testify before the committee next Tuesday, when the hearing of testimony begins.

WILL REDUCE THE CAVALRY FORCE

Bill Passes the House to Muster Out of Service Five Regiments, Leaving Only Ten.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Reduction of the cavalry force of the United States army from fifteen to ten regiments with a consequent reduction of the enlisted force of the army by 4,380 men, was voted in the army appropriation bill in the house late today after a bitter fight.

The cavalry reduction was presented by Chairman Hay, of the military affairs committee, in the five regiments would be mustered out and the officers retained and absorbed into other regiments of cavalry, or other branches of the army. It is estimated that the amendment the saving from this reduction will be \$476,253 annually.

COLQUITT HAS NOT ACCESSED

He Will Not Permit Mexican Troops to Pass Through Texas, Though Knox Gave Permission.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Diplomatic complications arose today between the state of Texas, the United States government on one hand, and the Mexican government on the other, which temporarily, at least, will not allow Mexico to move troops over American territory in connection with her revolutionary disturbances.

FUEL EXHAUSTED; ENGINEER SUICIDES

Steamship at Last Reached Port, but Without Chief Engineer, Who Atoned for Mistake by Killing Himself.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 9.—News was brought by the steamship Canada Maru yesterday of the arrival at Yokohama of the steamer Kyo Maru from South America without fuel. The steamer had been abandoned in heavy weather after leaving Honolulu and when 300 miles from Yokohama the coal supply gave out. Chief Engineer Teasdale committed suicide by jumping overboard. He left a note stating that he did so to atone for his fault in allowing the vessel to run short of fuel.

"STRAIGHT TALK" BY WOODROW WILSON

He Talks to the Kentucky Legislature and Then to the Woodrow Wilson League of Kentucky.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 9.—Woodrow Wilson spoke to the Kentucky legislature this afternoon and tonight spoke at a banquet of the Woodrow Wilson League of Kentucky. In a speech in the legislature Wilson gave what he termed a "straight Democratic talk."

UNITED STATES AND HONDURAS IN LIVELY ROW

The Latter Country Wants to Seize Property of an American.

THE GUNBOAT PETREL LANDS BLUEJACKETS AND WILL NOT PERMIT THE RAILROAD AND HARVES TO BE TAKEN AND STATE DEPARTMENT WILL INSIST THAT THE MATTER BE ADJUSTED IN PROPER MANNER.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The state department is watching developments in the dispute between the Honduran government and representatives of the Valentine syndicate. Recently the department learned that without notice to this government the Honduran officials were about to seize the Valentine properties. The gunboat Petrel was sent to Puerto Cortez and sailors were landed. The property was not seized.

The only purpose of landing the bluejackets was to guard against violence. The question of title to the property in dispute is to be settled through judicial and diplomatic methods.

COMMANDER OF PETREL LANDS BLUEJACKETS

Puerto Cortez, Honduras, Feb. 7.—(Delayed in transmission).—Considerable excitement prevails here following a serious clash between the United States and Honduran authorities over the enforcement of a decree of President Manuel Bonilla directing the representatives of W. S. Valentine to forthwith surrender to the government authorities the railroad wharf and other properties which the Valentine syndicate holds under lease.

The commander of the United States gunboat Petrel landed seventy-five bluejackets and took charge of the railroad and wharf. Honduran troops were thereupon ordered to stop all trains and forbid protest against the action of the American authorities which was filed by the governor.

The population here was greatly incensed at the landing of the marines. General Lee Christmas left the capital (Continued on Page Three.)

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ALBA H. WARREN.



MYSTERY STILL SURROUNDS ESMAYER CASE

CORONER'S JURY IS DISCHARGED WITHOUT ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AS TO DEATH OF GULFPORT MAN, BUT OFFICERS ARE STILL HOPING TO OBTAIN SOME ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

No further evidence having developed in the case, the coroner's jury empaneled to investigate the mysterious death of J. L. Esmeyer, the Gulfport man, who was found dead in an isolated section of the city early Thursday morning, upon reassembling yesterday morning at 10 o'clock rendered a verdict to the effect that the deceased came to his death from exposure and from the effects of alcohol and that if he was placed where the body was found, corner of Romana and Cavallos streets, and are still working on the case.

Sheriff Van Pelt and Deputy Harrisfield yesterday afternoon located the chauffeur who admitted that he had been engaged by a man who stopped him at the corner of Baylen and Zaragoza streets Wednesday night, and that he had driven the stranger around the city. His description of the man suited that of Esmeyer, but when E. R. Pou and being shown the body, he said this was not the man who had used his car.

Up to last night the identity of the man who was with Esmeyer when they visited the house near Zaragoza street still remained a mystery. The authorities are still on the lookout for this man, as it is believed that the disclosing of the identity of this man would do much toward settling the doubt as to the time and place of the death of Esmeyer.

Be Buried Here Today. The remains of Esmeyer were interred this morning in St. Michael's cemetery, the funeral services to be conducted at 10 o'clock from Pou's undertaking parlors.

A representative of the firm by which Esmeyer was employed is in the city and has charge of the funeral arrangements. The deceased had no relatives in this country, all of his people being in Holland, therefore it was decided that it was unnecessary to ship the body to Gulfport.

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Alba H. Warren Asks That Campaign For New Members be Continued.

IT WILL CLOSE TUESDAY NIGHT AND FOUR HUNDRED MEMBERS ARE DESIRED FOR THE COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION, WHICH WILL CELEBRATE WITH A SMOKER TO WHICH 1,000 PERSONS HAVE BEEN INVITED.

The campaign for new members to the Commercial Association will close Tuesday night and it is desired that every member work industriously until that time in securing new members, so as to bring the total membership to four hundred. The association will celebrate the close of the campaign with a smoker, to which one thousand persons have been invited.

Alba H. Warren, chairman of the membership committee, when seen yesterday by a Journal representative, said that many new members had been added to the roll, but that it will be necessary for every member to work until the close of the campaign to secure the desired number. Speaking of the campaign he said:

"As chairman of the membership and finance committee of the Pensacola Commercial Association, I desire to urge upon the members the importance of continuing the campaign for members in order that the full number of four hundred may be secured by the time of the celebration smoker to be held Tuesday, the 13th, at 7:30 p. m. in the auditorium of the San Carlos hotel."

"Circumstances have been such that my committee has not been able to devote much time to this campaign for members, and although we recommended holding the celebration on February 13th, it was with the knowledge that every business man in Pensacola should belong to the Commercial Association and in the belief that if given the opportunity to join more would do so."

"The membership of the association is now over three hundred. If those who have not secured a new member will do so at once, the membership about having a membership of four hundred. On this date, let us meet together for a royal time. The enthusiasm manifested at this meeting will have a marked impression not only on our own citizenship, but especially on the 100,000 tourists and prospectors now in the state, many of whom are seeking locations."

"Let every member of the Commercial Association be present and show to the 1,000 guests that have been invited what the Pensacola Commercial Association stands for and show to the world the Pensacola spirit."

WILL NOT NAME JUSTICE AT ONCE

President Delays Appointing Associate Justice of Supreme Court on Request of Kansas Senator.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 9.—After a conference with President Taft today, Senator Anthony of Kansas said that the president would not name the vacancy on the supreme court bench before next week, although the semi-official announcement was made at the White House last night that the appointment would be decided upon at today's cabinet meeting.

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