

WEATHER FORECAST:

Cloudy tonight; fair tomorrow.

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CLERKS MAY GET MORE HOLIDAYS

Extension of Half Saturday Off
Plan Said to Have Friend in
President Wilson.

HEARS ANTI-TAMMANY MEN

Executive Confers With New
York State Leaders on Pat-
ronage for Murphy's Foes.

Reports are current at the White House today that President Wilson is distinctly favorable to extending the Saturday half-holiday for clerks to even a longer period during the summer months than is the present custom of the departments.

No definite information can be obtained as to President Wilson's plans regarding the clerks' hours in the departments, but he has repeatedly said that he favors a half-holiday not only during the summer months, but throughout the entire year, for certain classes of work which are continuing, and from certain hints he has dropped recently it is believed he includes the Government clerks in this class and that an important announcement will be forthcoming from the White House shortly.

Tammany Discussed.

An important visit was made to the White House today regarding the New York anti-Tammany campaign in the up-State counties. Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt, L. M. Antislade, editor of the Rochester Herald, and F. M. Mott, called upon the President to discuss the up-State appointments, in which, it is hoped, the influence and endorsements of Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, will not be recognized.

The President gave no hint as to what course he would follow in the matter. They recommended the appointment of John D. Lynn, of Rochester, a strong follower of Thomas Mott, Osborne, anti-Tammany leader in the district, and for the western district of New York.

OLD SOLDIERS HAVE THEIR SALARIES CUT

Veterans in Senate Employ
Are Reduced by Democrats
and Jobs Threatened.

A storm of indignation has been aroused among old soldiers at the Capitol and their comrades elsewhere by disclosure of the fact that the Senate Democratic management has slashed the pay of the veterans on the permanent roll of the upper house. Not only that, but threats are held out that if the old soldiers, through any of the Republican Senators, seek to get any redress they will all be "fired."

On the permanent roll of the Senate there are thirty old soldiers. By a Senate resolution they cannot be removed except by action of the Senate. Most of them have been employed as doorkeepers. The Senate Democrats, as soon as they got in power, began casting around to see what they could do in regard to the places held by the veterans. Not caring to try to oust them, they proceeded to cut salaries. In a number of cases, the reduction is one half of the salary.

Aged veterans who are unable to perform manual labor, it is charged, have been sent down to the folding room. Senator Smoot called a meeting in his office yesterday afternoon. But some of the old soldiers asked him to take no action for the present, saying they had been advised they would be discharged entirely if any more was made in the Senate to restore their salaries.

The Utah Senator says the treatment of the veterans is unjust, that the Democrats are treating as political jobs places the Republicans never dreamed of so treating, and that the country will not countenance what is being done when it understands it.

'Reasonableness' of New Traffic Rules Undecided

Argument as to the "reasonableness" of the new traffic regulation requiring operators of motor vehicles and drivers of horses to keep to the right curbing while going around a circle was not made in the Police Court today as planned.

Attorney W. S. Duvall, president of the Automobile Club of Washington, and counsel for that organization, who filed a motion to quash the charge of violating the regulation lodged against Roy C. McDowell, was present in court and ready to argue the motion, but Assistant Corporation Counsel Williams was called as a witness to one of the higher courts.

The argument was postponed until next Wednesday.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry., Train No. 1 Leaving Washington 6:30 p. m. April 16, has resumed regular schedule to Cincinnati, Chicago and the West. Other trains 3:15 p. m. and 11:15 p. m. Tickets on sale to St. Louis via Louisville and points beyond.—Adv.

D. A. R. Politicians



At Top—MRS. HENRY H. CUMMINGS, Of Pennsylvania, State Regent.
At Bottom—MRS. GEORGE M. STERNBERG, Candidate for Librarian-General

J. Ham Lewis Calls On President Wilson

James Hamilton Lewis, the newly elected Senator from Illinois, called at the White House today, his hirsute aureole glowing like a Cubist landscape, and made the following sage-like statement to the press:

"Ten years ago when I came to Congress there wasn't anything I didn't know about everything. Now, coming to the Senate, I am conscious I know nothing about anything."

He paid his respects to the President and recommended that his predecessor, former Senator Shelby M. Cullom, be retained as head of the Lincoln Memorial Commission.

At Secretary Garrison's office today it was stated that no outline of the course to be pursued by the investigation had been formulated by the department. Since Colonel Schunk and five of five officers left for Cincinnati Sunday morning, no report has been received from them except an informal announcement that hearings would be started today.

Army Officers Begin Probe of Ohio Flood

Investigation of Ohio flood conditions, instituted by Secretary of War Garrison, opened in Cincinnati today in charge of Colonel Schunk, chairman of the board of engineer officers, appointed by General Wood to conduct the inquiry.

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A request that President Wilson appoint John H. Lynn, of Rochester, to be United States attorney for the western New York district, was made by L. M. Antislade, of Rochester, today. The President promised to take the request under consideration.

D. A. R. ELECTION BATTLE OF WITS

Candidates, Secretly Admitting
Ignorance of Outcome, Try
to Appear Confident.

CRY OF "BLUFFING" IS HEARD

Open Conflicts Upon Floor of
Congress Averted by Iron
Rule of Mrs. Scott.

Though professing the utmost confidence in victory in the election going on today, leaders of the various factions of the D. A. R. are completely at sea this afternoon as to the result.

In order to hearten weakening followers and to get the band wagon vote, expressions of absolute certainty were issued while the election went on, but at heart neither the leaders of the Mrs. John Miller Horton or Mrs. William Cumming Story parties felt at ease.

The women managing the campaign of Mrs. Charles B. Bryan were far from certain, too, how many votes she will poll. The balloting will end late tonight.

Accused of Bluffing.

Accusation of bluffing were hurled at opponents, and professions of confidence which seemed bona fide were made by every one connected with the campaign. Not for publication, those "on the inside" admitted that they could not tell how the election would result. Pledges given by some delegates to both the leading sides, and absence of delegates counted on respectively by Mrs. Story and Mrs. Horton, confused the situation quite beyond all prognostication.

The tension of the climax of the contest showed itself on the floor of the Congress many times today, and open conflicts were narrowly averted again. Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, presiding, ruled with a rod of iron, and debates which promised to grow hectic were shut off peremptorily.

Bitting feeling manifested itself when Mrs. George M. Sternberg, of the District, brought up the credentials committee report once more and a ringing challenge was delivered a little later.

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PATH IS CLEARED FOR TARIFF BILL

Underwood Calls on Wilson, and
Leaves, Confident Measure
Will Win Easily.

"I see clear sailing for the tariff bill now. Outside of a few minor committee amendments, the bill will go before the House in its present shape. The hardest fights in caucus against the bill have been already made."

This was the statement of Oscar Underwood, tariff pilot of the House and majority leader, as he left the White House today, smiling and full of confidence that all the obstacles in the path of the new tariff bill had been brushed aside.

Debate to Be Brief.

Mr. Underwood says the debate in the House will be brief, probably not exceeding two or three weeks. He expects that the caucus will complete its deliberations on the bill within three or four days at the outside. There is every inclination to give free rein to debate in the House, but it is not expected that the opposition will prolong the discussions unnecessarily, in view of the overwhelming majority of the Democrats.

Elucidating the life insurance situation which has caused confusion in the minds of some authorities, Mr. Underwood said the new income tax bill makes absolutely no provision for the taxation of either mutual companies or policy holders other than is provided in the existing corporation tax.

Sees a Mistake.

"Those who have read the bill differently are mistaken," he said. "The income tax does not tax policies or insurance firms except under the existing corporation tax—that is the rate of 1 per cent. When accumulated benefits in insurance companies are converted into bonds and other forms of investment they become taxable under the income tax. That would naturally follow."

An Mr. Underwood came out of President Wilson's office Secretary of State Bryan went in. The two men between whom hard feeling existed two years ago bowed and smiled as they passed each other.

Collars and Cuffs Under Consideration At Tariff Caucus

Tackling the cotton goods schedule of the new tariff bill, the House Democrats spent nearly two hours today in lively debate on the item of collars and cuffs. The length of time devoted

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SENATORS HEAR POLICE SCORED

Mrs. S. Hazen Bond Criticises
Conduct During Suffrage
Parade in Affidavit.

PLEAS IGNORED, SHE SAYS

Work of Officers of Law Has
Been Censured by Scouts,
Declares F. C. Wood.

Caustic criticism of the conduct of the police the day of the suffrage parade was contained in an affidavit submitted this morning by Mrs. S. Hazen Bond to the Senate investigating committee headed by Senator Jones.

Mrs. Bond described herself as a friend of Major Sylvester, but said this did not prevent her from speaking her mind.

She was seated in the stand south of the Treasury and had a good view. The police, she said, made no effort to keep open the entrances to the stand south of the Treasury.

Crushed in Crowd.

Women and children were crushed in the jam about the stand, but the police did not lift a finger to help. She criticized policeman No. 144 to whom she appealed.

Mrs. Bond in her affidavit says: "Only one entrance to the stand appeared to be available. Three policemen were standing on the steps at this entrance, up above the crowd, where the air was good and they had plenty of breathing space. During all the time I was in the stand I never saw them offer to aid any of the women struggling in the crowd, nor make any effort to keep the crowds back. They all looked to be drugged and nine-tenths asleep."

As to No. 144 she says: "He was standing just in front of me and I asked him to move to one side and let me get into the stand, as I was being crushed. He turned and glared at me as at a rattlesnake. I called to my husband to come to help me, and the policeman threatened to arrest him if he did not move on. I told the policeman that we were personal friends of Major Sylvester, and that if he did not help me I should report him to the Superintendent of Police."

"No Difference."

"He jabbed me in the side with his club and shoved me up on the stand, and told me that I could report anything I wanted to; that it wouldn't make any difference."

Mrs. Bond declares she was hurt in the back and in the side, and that she still suffered from these injuries.

That some of the Boy Scouts criticized

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Rumor of Armistice by Balkans and Turkey

VIENNA, April 16.—Persistent reports, none of them officially confirmed, continued all over Europe today to the effect that another armistice has been agreed upon in the Balkan war. In Constantinople it was believed that Turkey and Bulgaria had agreed upon a ten days' cessation of hostilities. The ambassadors in London professed to believe that the end of the war is near, but the Montenegrin foreign office has told the Powers that Montenegro would not accept any amount of monetary consideration in return for Scutari.

Dead Girl's Fiance Arrested in Chicago

CHICAGO, April 16.—George Ringler, Jr., fiance of Edna May Frederickson, whose death the police are attempting to link with the mysterious murder of George Dietz, wealthy tailor and patron of art, was arrested early today as he stepped from the steamer California, from Milwaukee.

Ringler was taken to detective headquarters and closeted with men working on the case. He protested that he did not know Dietz, never heard the Frederickson girl speak of him, and that he first heard of the murder yesterday morning when a steward on the Carolina told him of it.

Mrs. Eaton May Face Insanity Examination

NORWELL, Mass., April 16.—Rumors that an insanity test may be arranged within a few days for Mrs. Jennie M. Eaton, in jail at Plymouth, awaiting trial in June for the alleged murder of her husband, Admiral Joseph C. Eaton, were heard here today, following a telephone conversation between District Attorney Eaton and a State Officer, who has continued to work on the case since Mrs. Eaton's indictment.

Passenger Rates Must Be Brought in Harmony

All railroads in the Central Freight Association territory were notified by the Interstate Commerce Commission today that passenger fares, where they exceed the combination of rates established by States' authority, must be brought in harmony with the long and short haul section of the commerce act by May 1, 1913.

POPE PIUS IS ON DEATHBED, IS LATEST REPORT FROM DOCTORS

POPE PIUS X, Bestowing a Blessing—a Photograph Taken About a Month Ago.



At Left—CARDINAL V. VANNUCELLI, Who Is At the Vatican, Waiting for the Call to Confess His Holiness. At Right—CARDINAL S. VANNUCELLI, Sub-dean of the College of Cardinals, Who Is Acting As Dean In the Absence of Cardinal Oreglia, Who Is Seriously Ill, and Who Will Call the College Together to Elect a new Pope, In the Event of the Death of Pius X.

Pontiff Is Not Expected to Live Until Mid- night, Is Bulletin Sent Out From Vati- can—Has Bid Tearful Farewell to His Old Servants From Venice.

(By United Press.)

ROME, April 16, 6 P. M.—Latest reports from bedside of the Pope declare that the Pontiff is dying. He is not expected to live until midnight.

Throughout the city hope has been abandoned, and preparations are going on everywhere in a fashion to confirm the general belief that His Holiness will not survive the night.

At 6 o'clock this evening all members of the Pontiff's family were requested to remain in close call and to hold themselves in readiness for the final summons to the bedside.

They were told by Dr. Amici that the Pope could not possibly survive the night.

BIDS FAREWELL TO SERVANTS

BULLETIN—ROME, April 16.—Dr. Andrea Amici, hastily summoned from luncheon this afternoon, found Pope Pius suffering from highly increased fever. His condition is regarded as very critical.

ROME, April 16.—Pope Pius X, convinced, despite his cheerful optimism, that his death is inevitable, insisted this afternoon on saying goodbye to all his personal attendants, most of whom served him when, as archbishop, patriarch, and later cardinal, he lived in Venice, and whom he brought to the Vatican when he was elevated to the pontificate.

Realizing that his end could not be far off, the papal physicians consented, but limited the number of servants to be admitted, singly, to the sick chamber, and the length of each visit.

Solemnly, cooks, groomers, gardeners, and other attaches of the Vatican entered the Pope's room, falling on their knees at the foot of his bed.

The Pope spoke to all of them in the Venetian tongue, first thanking them for their long service and then giving them the apostolic blessing. Every servant cried as if his heart would break, and before the audience had gone far, the Holy Father was crying, too.

Although greatly weakened by his relapse of last night, Pope Pius X slept well for several hours. After the first thorough examination today, Prof. Marchiafava and Dr. Amici issued the following bulletin:

"The Pope slept tranquilly for several hours, and his temperature this morning is 101.8. His heart condition is good."

Condition Unsatisfactory.

Throughout the night an anxious crowd kept careful watch on the Vatican, for notwithstanding the assurances of Prof. Ettore Marchiafava there was doubt that the "satisfactory general condition" on the Pontiff is borne out by the facts.

In the early night the Pope's condition first became really alarming. His temperature rose to almost 102 and remained there for hours. His pulse was very weak and he breathed with great difficulty. The bronchitis condition returned, noticeably more acute than before, and His Holiness was unable to cough satisfactorily. Sounds in the bronchial tubes indicated the spread of the infection to his lungs and the physicians contemplated giving him an emetic in order to clear the windpipe.

The bronchial features presented new and grave symptoms. The part of the left chest, already affected, grew perceptibly, with a large area of possible congestion an indication of pneumonia. The bacteriological examination of the Pontiff's sputum confirmed the fears of the physicians that the bronchial trouble is infectious.

The greatest activity prevailed at the Vatican all night. Drs. Amici and Caggiati remained at the bedside all the time and Dr. Marchiafava was there much of the time. When he left in the early hours after midnight, he was besieged by correspondents, whom he assured that the Pope's condition was not alarming.

WEIRD FIGURES HAUNTED CELL

Third Degree "Ghosts" Forced
Murder Confession, Says
McCleary's Attorney.

ARE CHARGED WITH TORTURE

Authorities Accused of Unbear-
able Treatment to Gain
False Story of Crime.

Charging that a "ghost" was used to scare a confession from Norman Bruce McCleary, charged with murdering Mrs. Nannie Henry in Hagerstown, August 15, 1912, Attorney Charles Waggaman, McCleary's counsel, today followed up his story by accusing Washington police helped in a "third degree" process.

In the crowded court room at Rockville, whence the case was removed on a change of venue process, Attorney Waggaman startled his hearers by charging United States District Attorney McComas Hawken and Detectives Grant and Heelan, of headquarters, with taking part in a "sweating" of the prisoner.

Used a White Sheet.

The prosecution attempted to show there was no "third degree," and that the confession of McCleary was made of his own volition. The defense charged that the prisoner was brought to Washington for the express purpose of giving him the "third degree."

Then he was brought back to Rockville, where, Attorney Waggaman claimed, five detectives pursued the bounding prisoner. One member of the party was the "ghost." Clad in a white sheet and uttering ghastly statements to break the prisoner's nerve, this ghost told McCleary's cell several nights, according to the Waggaman charges.

The prisoner was kept in solitary confinement. The ghost preyed on his nerve until at last, half starved and broken in spirit, he signed the confession prepared by Prosecuting Attorney Wainmaker, of Hagerstown. So went the accusation of Attorney Waggaman.

The prosecuting attorney admitted preparing the confession of McCleary, but he maintained strongly that it was at McCleary's own request and not under a "sweating" process.

Chief Friedinger, of the Hagerstown force, started the court crowd with an admission that he had heard of the third degree on McCleary, although he did not know of his own knowledge that it had been performed.

The case today was in a preliminary stage. The prosecution tried to break down the charges of the defense so that the confession might go into the record.

Deny Third Degree.

Several witnesses were called to refute charges. The prosecuting attorney entered a denial. Chief Friedinger told of what he knew, but could not give a positive statement that there had been no third degree.

Upon completion of the prosecution's case this afternoon, the defense will introduce witnesses to support its story. It will endeavor to show that when "the third degree" failed at Hagerstown, the prisoner was taken to the United States District Attorney Hawken's office, in this city, for a star chamber session with two detectives. Then he was taken back to the headquarters and finally incarcerated again in the Hagerstown jail at the week end.

There it was that the five detectives, as yet unnamed, came into the case. One of the quietest, according to Waggaman's outline of the case, did the ghastly work in the cell, while the other four acted as detail, leading to hear any statements of the prisoner, and to assist in staging this unusual form of "third degree."

To Tell Story.

Tomorrow Miss Lulah Henry, daughter of the murdered woman, will go on the stand to tell what she knows of the terrible tragedy. It is expected that she will relate conversation with McCleary in Washington subsequent to the time when he is alleged to have strangled the mother to death. She will picture the mad love of the young prisoner and give as much as she knows of the details leading to McCleary's frenzied attack on the mother following her refusal to permit him to see the girl.

Miss Henry was again today a mute spectator as the prosecution tried to force the State to admit the confession of her former sweetheart.

From miles around the curious went to Hagerstown today, choking the courtroom in the expectation of sensational testimony.

Woman Asks \$25,000 as Compensation for Hurts

Mrs. Bridget White, an employee of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, filed suit in the District Supreme Court today against the Washington Railway and Electric Company for \$25,000 damages for injuries allegedly sustained by her on February 27, 1912, while she was alighting from a street car at Eleventh and F streets northwest. It is alleged that Mrs. White's hip was broken and that she received injuries of a permanent nature.