

DAY OF RELAXATION IS BEING ENJOYED BY THE PRESIDENT

Hurried and strenuous program in Seattle Friday left the President and Mrs. Harding very tired.

PRESIDENT AGAIN ABOARD SPECIAL

Boarded train in Seattle after long water trip—No one hurt when Henderson rammed destroyer.

On board President Harding's special train, July 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—After a rail and water trip of more than 5,000 miles to Alaska, Canada and return to Seattle, President Harding was again on board the train which left Washington June 20th, traveling with his official party along the Pacific coast route, south to the Yosemite National Park, California.

There was an evident feeling of regret among members of the President's party that the collision between the Henderson and destroyer Zella which occurred in the harbor at Port Townsend, had marred in a slight degree what had been an enjoyable trip.

HIRAM JOHNSON'S SPEECH FALLS FLAT AT CAPITAL

Senator's Opponents See Nothing in It Requiring Answer.

Washington, D. C., July 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Hiram Johnson's New York speech, which had been eagerly awaited by the politicians in the expectation that it would reveal the California Senator's Presidential intentions, his reaction to the sweeping of progressivism across the country and his program for the next session of Congress, brought forth such comments as these today:

"Hiram evidently hasn't seen the returns from Minnesota." "Everybody knows Johnson is against the World Court. Why waste breath repeating it?" "He won't get far with the farmers, with labor and with the rest of the voters, trying to make an issue out of the World Court."

"A good enough speech, only it's beside the mark." "Johnson doesn't appear to be in touch with the things the people are thinking about."

Such observations came both from Republicans and Democrats. Secretary of State Hughes said he did not consider it necessary to say anything about the Johnson speech, and the Democratic national committee said it thought the speech wasn't worth answering. An Old Guard Senator remarked that it threw no new light on Johnson or his reputed Presidential aspirations.

Berlin Billionaires Have No Currency. Berlin, July 27.—Berlin was a city of penniless billionaires tonight. Bank deposits and foreign bills of exchange were useless as the banks had only small amounts of currency which were paid out today in small bills and rationed until the supply was exhausted. Many tourists were unable to get money enough to continue their journeys. The banks promise to have currency tomorrow, but no large bills are yet available in Berlin, and foreign monies are entirely out of circulation.

SCIENTISTS SEEK MEANS TO INCREASE COTTON CROP

Entomologists Want Uniform Laws to Compel Use of Calcium Arsenate.

Thullah, La., July 28.—Entomologists at the United States Department of Agriculture Experiment Station here hope to see, as a result of their researches, the enactment of uniform state laws to compel the dusting of all cotton with calcium arsenate from airplanes, or by auxiliary machinery where planes cannot be utilized.

The boll weevil has been controlled on dusted acreage, it is stated, but untreated acreage has permitted the reproduction of the pest and a continuation of devastation. The weevil depends primarily upon the cotton plant for food, and the poisoning of its entire food supply, according to the experts, would permit maximum control.

The entomologists are using airplanes here in their experiments, after having tried many machines for distributing dry calcium arsenate and the poison in solution. They declare the dry poison offers the greatest possibilities of control, as it can be broken up into particles fine enough to reach all parts of the plant, which is not possible with the water globules.

From five to six pounds of calcium arsenate are used on each acre at an average cost of \$1.00, and it is believed the airplane will save at least one pound to the acre, representing an enormous reduction in the aggregate during a season. Satisfactory results, according to the entomologists, can be obtained through six applications during the season.

COTTON PRICE BREAKS UNDER 22-CENT LEVEL

Increased offerings of new crop cotton at a low basis, together with fears of a complete German collapse added to the weakness, which was further stimulated by forecasts indicating relief from heat and drought in Texas and Oklahoma.

October contracts reached 21.50 at the close, which was the lowest of the day. This represented a loss of practically 2 cents a pound for the week, said to have been due principally to a bearish interpretation of weather conditions and a belief that the forthcoming government report will confirm private advices as to crop improvement.

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BIG SLUMP IN PRICE OF GASOLINE COMING?

Chicago, July 27.—Action to close every refinery in the mid-continent field for the month of August as a step toward the reduction of the present surplus of gasoline and crude oil was approved today by a group of leading oil men of the southwest, representing the Western Petroleum Refiners' Association and the American Oil Men's Association.

The decision to close the refineries in the greatest producing area in the country is the most sweeping action yet taken by the industry to stabilize the trade, which the oil men said was unbalanced this spring by the backward season and overwhelming supplies of crude from all quarters.

BANK CLOSED: THREE PROMINENT MEN HELD

It is Estimated That There is a Shortage of Between \$400,000 and \$500,000 in the Bank.

Denver, Colo., July 28.—The doors of the Hibernian Bank & Trust Company, are closed and three men prominent in Denver financial circles spent last night in jail after the discovery of a shortage in the bank's funds estimated to be between \$400,000 and \$500,000. Those taken to the county jail last night are Leo F. Floyd, secretary of the committee; John Harrington, teller, son of M. C. Harrington, vice president of the bank; and R. M. Mandell, head of the Mandell & Co. investment brokers.

FRANCE IS ANXIOUS FOR AGREEMENT ON REPARATIONS NOW

French Reply to Latest British Note Drafted With a View to Reaching Full Accord if it is Possible.

BELGIAN REPLY IS AWAITED NOW

As Soon as Reply is Received in Paris, the French Reply Will Be Rushed to the British Officials.

Paris, July 28 (By the Associated Press).—The French note to Great Britain in reply to the British suggestions as to a joint response to Germany's reparations memorandum was said authoritatively today to have been drafted with a determination to exhaust every means of reaching a full accord with the British. Delivery of the French note is only awaiting word from Brussels that the Belgian note to London also is ready.

The chances of welding the Entente with Great Britain co-operating in the effort to obtain guarantees for payment of reparations by Germany is thought by those closely in touch with the reparations question to be better than at any time since the split of last January. This feeling of optimism prevails not only in French official circles, but among the allied representatives who are in Paris in connection with problems arising under the treaty of Versailles.

ANGEL OF SIBERIA SAYS AMERICAN GIRL IS O. K.

Swedish Social Workers Assert European Girl is Less Moral.

New York, July 27.—Contradicting statements yesterday by Dr. F. H. Kaubel, president of the United Lutheran Church, who, sailing for Europe, declared that the American girl was at a low ebb, Miss Elsa Brandstrom, noted Swedish social worker, today asserted, on leaving for home after a six months' lecture tour here, that the American girl "for all her cigarette smoking and dancing" had better morals than the average European girl.

FORMER PUBLISHER SENTENCED TO PRISON

Dr. E. E. Rumley Must Serve One Year in Federal Prison at Atlanta.

New York, July 28.—United States Circuit Court of Appeals today affirmed the conviction of Dr. E. E. Rumley, formerly publisher of the New York Evening Mail, and H. Walter Kaufman, attorney, for defrauding the Alien Property Custodian in a report on the Mail's ownership. The three were ordered to the Atlanta federal penitentiary to serve one year and a day.

TRIPLETS BORN AT SEA AS FIERCE GALE RAGES

Ship's Doctor Had Just Died and Skipper Has His Troubles.

Gulfport, Miss., July 27.—When Captain John Ethelbert, of Cornwall, England, skipper of the Helms from Newcastle, New South Wales, to Gulfport with nitrate, arrived yesterday, he told a story of his unusual and distressing predicament during the voyage. The Helms was just rounding the Island of New Saledonia and heaving heavily in the mountainous seas kicked up by a black southwest wind had been blowing for three days when triplets were born to his wife. The ship's physician, Dr. A. N. Fowler, died two days before and was buried at sea.

FIREMEN FOUND LIFE IN SUBURBS TOO DULL

So They Set Deserted House Ablaze and Then Extinguished Flames.

Minneapolis, La., July 27.—Suburban boredom was blamed by police for the predicament of Otto Kammerer and John Due, respectively Captain and Lieutenant of the Albert Hose Company, volunteer fire department at Floral Park, a residential colony of New Yorkers, who were held today on arson charge, after confessing, it was alleged, that they started a fire in a deserted house at Elmont, nearby. The pair extinguished the blaze themselves.

INTERESTING ITEMS ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA.

(By the Associated Press)

A unique branch of the Department of Labor and Printing was authorized by the last legislature when the Bureau for the Deaf was inaugurated. This bureau, which is designed to aid the deaf and dumb of the state in obtaining employment and in improving their condition, is headed by J. M. Robertson of Wake county who himself is a deaf mute.

Men and women who are thus afflicted have been placed in factories and clerkships where it had not been believed they could be profitably employed. Many have been employed as tradesmen and tradeswomen in every case, it has been reported to the bureau, their services are proving satisfactory.

The bureau will continue to operate and it is hoped to demonstrate to the employers of the state that deafness and dumbness is no bar to satisfactory work.

Pola and Charlie Again Have Called Off Their Engagement

Los Angeles, July 28.—The engagement of Pola Negri, Polish movie tragedienne, to Charles Spencer Chaplin, the star comedian of the motion pictures, is off, definitely after having once been off and then on again. Miss Negri still says "hello" to Charlie, but "realized five weeks ago that match with him was impossible," according to the Los Angeles Times.

ANTHRACITE STRIKE THREATENS PUBLIC

Operators and Miners Arg Still Waiting for Some Mutual Ground to Continue Negotiations.

Atlantic City, N. J., July 28.—Anthracite miners and operators having adjourned for the present their wage conference when they failed yesterday to reach an understanding on the check-off of a new waiting for something to turn up to permit them to resume the negotiations. The present wage contract under which the miners are working expires in five weeks.

FOUR MEN REPORTED KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Deaths Said to Have Resulted From a Collision on Trans-continental Train in Canada.

Quebec, Canada, July 28.—Reports received here stated that four men had been killed in a railway accident on an eastbound transcontinental train near Pierce this morning.

SHIPS COLLIDE OFF THE SEATTLE COAST

Accident Due to Fog, Says Message Sent by Wireless to Seattle.

Seattle, July 28.—The Japanese steamer Mandasan Maru, inbound from the Orient, collided at 2 a. m. today four miles west of Fort Angeles in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, with the S. S. Rainier, outbound, according to wireless reports. The Rainier, badly damaged and in a waterlogged condition, is adrift in the Straits. The crew with the exception of the Captain and three men were taken off the Rainier and are aboard the Mandasan Maru, bound for Alaska, the message stated. The collision occurred in a heavy fog.

NEW "STOP LAW" IS PREVENTING ACCIDENTS

Only One Accident at Southern Grade Crossings During Present Month.

Winston-Salem, July 28.—A large decrease in grade crossing accidents has followed the North Carolina "Stop Law" at grade railroad crossings passed by the last legislature, as shown by the records in the office of Manly, Hendren & Womble, of this city, divisional counsel for the Southern Railway. They show that there has been but one accident in the state since July 1, whereas there were 29 accidents during April, May and June.

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DEMPSEY AND FIRPO WILL MEET IN RING ON SEPTEMBER 14

Facts About Contest Made Public by Tex Rickard, Noted Promoter, Who Will Stage Bout.

LOW PRICES TO BE AVAILABLE

Tickets Will Range From \$3 to \$25.—Bout Will Be Held in New York at the Polo Grounds.

New York, July 28.—Champion Jack Dempsey will meet Luis Angel Firpo, of Argentina, in a 15-round fight to a decision for the world's heavyweight championship at Polo Grounds, Friday, September 14; Tex Rickard announced today.

Prices will range from \$3 to \$25, the lowest on record for a heavyweight championship bout, and half that of the Dempsey-Carpenter tickets. A crowd of 80,000 is expected after Rickard completes construction of new stands around the ringside.

In making his announcement of the date and place for the bout, Rickard announced that he had completed arrangements whereby he would obtain use of the Polo Grounds, and all future bouts would be there.

GOVERNOR MORRISON ADDRESSES SECRETARIES

Governor Thinks That North Carolina Should Have Department of Commerce.

Asheville, July 28.—A Department of Commerce is needed by the state of North Carolina, not merely to advertise this state, but for the assistance of the commercial interests, Governor Cameron Morrison told the North Carolina Commercial Secretaries' Association at this morning's session of the annual convention.

Although the commercial industries pay more taxes than the farming and labor classes combined, this state has departments of agriculture and labor, but it has never seen fit to establish a department of commerce, the speaker asserted.

Governor Morrison declared he advocated such a department in his address to the late General Assembly, but a few politicians at Raleigh, and several newspapers' fought it, and he was forced to abandon the project before it reached a vote.

"Shipman (referring to Commissioner M. L. Shipman of Labor and Printing) believed to defeat the bill," the State Executive said. "I hope the commercial interests will remember the next time he is a candidate."

"He claimed he was in charge through some authority delegated to him by another law, but I haven't seen anything he's ever done."

The State has made unparalleled progress in many directions," the Governor said. "However the development of waterways is one big thing the state of North Carolina has left undone," the Executive said.

I. W. W. FLAG HEARD FROM ITS HEADQUARTERS

Crowd Stormed Headquarters of Organization in Hoboken. Where Strike Is in Progress.

New York, July 28.—A crowd today stormed the Hoboken headquarters of the Industrial Workers of the World, whose longshoremen are on strike, and tore down the red flag flying over the building.

The flag, flown despite protests of Hoboken citizens, who demanded that the Stars and Stripes also be raised, was burned after torn down, according to New York headquarters of the I. W. W., which announced it had telegraphed a protest to the Governor of New Jersey.

The attacking force numbered about 50. Five workers in the office of the transport division were unable to cope with the situation, and stood stony while the raiders hurled the literature out of the window.

New Charters Granted.

Raleigh, N. C., July 28.—Charters for incorporations have been issued by Secretary of State W. C. N. Everett to the following concerns: The Fidelity Development Company, of Lincolnton, with an authorized capital of \$25,000, and \$2,500 paid in. The incorporators are V. M. Ramsey, Harold E. Griggs and Harry A. Fish, all of Lincolnton.

Knights of Columbus Club, of Charlotte, with no capital stock. The club is chartered for a period of 75 years. The incorporators are M. I. Benner, C. A. Williams and Warren V. Hall, all of Charlotte.

TWENTY-EIGHT MEN KILLED IN MINE AFTER EXPLOSIONS

Men Were in Party of 100 at Work in Maltby Colliery When an Explosion Was Caused by a Fire.

RESCUE WORKERS READY TO SEARCH

So Much Stone and Coal Was Brought Down by Blast That No Rescue Work is Possible Now.

Sheffield, England, July 28 (By the Associated Press).—Twenty-eight men were entombed by an explosion today in Maltby Colliery, where a fire has been causing trouble for several weeks. The terrific nature of the explosion made any operations to get in communication with the men impossible for some time, but rescue parties were on hand ready to start as soon as conditions permitted.

Distressing scenes were witnessed at the pit mouth with women and children waiting news of relatives.

One hundred men were working in the mine at the time of the explosion, 28 of them at the far end of the colliery near the fire.

DENIES CHANGE OF VENUE FOR THE GARRETT'S TRIAL

Blistering Argument is Made For Trial in Some Other County By Commonwealth's Attorney Bonifat.

Cumberland Courthouse, Va., July 27.—The state of Virginia lost today its effort to have the trial of R. O. and L. C. Garrett transferred from the jurisdiction of Cumberland county and the two county officers, as they wished, will go on trial here Monday on charges of first degree murder in connection with the death of Rev. Edward Sylvester Pierce, Baptist minister.

In denying the motion for a change of venue, Judge B. D. White, presiding at the request of Governor Trimble, said the prosecution had failed to show good cause why the case could not be given a fair and impartial trial here and directed the sheriff to be prepared to go ahead with the selection of jurors Monday morning. An effort will first be made to select a jury from the panel previously selected—the manner of which selection came under sharp criticism from the prosecution—and if this is exhausted, the court itself will prepare a venire to be summoned for jury.

No court will be held tomorrow, Judge White having adjourned from 6:30 o'clock this evening until 10 o'clock Monday, even then, should a jury be obtainable the actual hearing of testimony will not begin, as the witnesses were directed to appear at court Tuesday morning, a day later.

Judge White, in his decision, said in part: "This court after hearing all the affidavits and evidence in this motion, does not feel that the commonwealth has shown at this time that it is entitled to a change of venue and while the selection of the jury venire in all probability will be a difficult matter for the court, the presiding judge being a stranger to the people, yet it is a duty imposed by the law and the court will endeavor to comply with it."

THE COTTON MARKET

Reports of Rains in Texas Caused Further Downward Swing in Prices Today.

New York, July 28.—Numerous reports of rains in Texas caused a further downward swing in cotton prices this morning, but there appeared to be something in the buying at the start which checked the decline. August contract broke to 21.30 at the opening or 80 points down from the previous night, while the new crop months opened unchanged to 30 points lower.

Cotton futures opened steady: October 21.35; December 21.40; January 21.30; March 21.45; May 21.46.

A. W. McLean Predicts "Dry" and "Safe Liberal" Candidate.

Charlotte, July 27.—That the Democratic party will nominate a candidate who will favor enforcement of prohibition and who is looked upon as a safe liberal, but not of the ultra-conservative type and that "such a candidate will win by an overwhelming majority," was the prediction made in a statement by A. W. McLean, Democratic national committee man for North Carolina, here today on his return from Montgomery where he addressed the Alabama legislature in the interest of the proposed cotton states commission.

"President Harding will be nominated by the regular Republican organization which represents the ultra-conservative element of the party," said Mr. McLean.

"The radical and liberal element of the Republican party will not support Harding but probably will secede and nominate some one of the type of La Follette or Magnus Johnson. Ceylon's reputation as an important gem centre is being badly injured by the flooding of the market with synthetic stones, which are daily sold to unsuspecting purchasers for sums far above their real value."