

THE WEATHER.

Cloudy and colder Wednesday, probably preceded by local rains; Thursday fair.

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ATTACK MADE ON FOREIGN POLICY

Representative Kahn, of California, Leads Fight.

AGAINST THE SIMS BILL

Wonders What United States Would Do Should Foreign Nation Ask That Panama Canal Not be Fortified—Sarcastic.

Washington, March 17.—Attacking the administration's foreign policy...

He cited several instances which he declared conclusively proved that England would not yield if she were in a position similar to that of the United States...

Mr. Kahn expressed the belief "that no people on earth that have a due regard for the opinions of mankind would be willing to sell their birthright for such an unpalatable mess of pottage."

MATERIAL DECREASE IN TRAIN ACCIDENTS

Fewer Killed in Past Quarter Than Corresponding Quarter Year Ago.

Washington, March 17.—A material decrease in the number of train accidents and in the number of people killed and injured in such accidents...

During the quarter 211 were killed and 4,011 injured in train accidents, a decrease, as compared with the corresponding quarter of 1912, of 77 killed and 587 injured.

An increase of 123 killed and of 1,841 injured was shown in "other than train accidents," including accidents to employees while at work, to passengers getting on or off cars, to trespassers and others, the total being 2,830 killed and 19,753 injured.

Through industrial accidents, not involved in train operations but occurring to railway employees other than trainmen, on railway premises 132 persons were killed and 32,378 injured, an increase of 18 killed and 3,994 injured.

The total number of collisions and derailments on steam railways for the quarter was 3,913, 1,634 collisions and 2,279 derailments of which 173 collisions and 223 derailments affected passenger trains.

Unemployed Plan Big Revolution

"GENERAL" KELLY'S ARMY AND OTHERS WOULD CAPTURE GOVERNMENT ARSENAL.

Sacramento, Cal., March 17.—In a report to the War Department in Washington, Adjutant General Forbes, of the National Guard of California, has given official cognizance to an alleged plan of "General" Kelly's unemployed army to seize the Federal arsenal at Rock Island, Ill., in order to equip 500,000 men for a revolution against the government.

General Forbes' report is based on a note made to him by Lieut. Franklin Gimnes, of a Sacramento company of the State guard, who joined Kelly's army as a spy.

DECISIVE BATTLE IS BEING FOUGHT

Villa's Forces and Federals Engaged in Mountains.

REBELS HARD PRESSED

Constitutionalists Claim to Have 25,000 Men Around Torreon but 12,000 Regarded as a Closer Estimate.

Juarez, March 17.—Heavy fighting, with the rebels hard pressed, was reported here tonight. A force of Federals is said to have met Villa's army at Escalón, an important railroad town, 100 miles north of Torreon, and both sides have been reinforced.

The railroad from Torreon runs north through Escalón to Jimenez, Chihuahua, and beyond. On each side of the road are mountains. These for ten miles are marked with rifle pits, dug in previous revolutions. It is reported that the Federals moved out of Torreon in two detachments, pursuant to orders from Provisional President Huerta.

One detachment is said to have moved west of the railroad with mountains between it and the road, while the main body went directly by rail to Escalón. The eastern detachment evidently was trying to get in Villa's rear, as it was moving in the direction of Jimenez, 55 miles north of Escalón.

Encountered Advance Guard. General Urbana, of the Constitutionalists, however, had been posted in the mountains against just such a strategy and last Saturday command had encountered the Federal advance guard at or near that city, which is about 110 miles west of Jimenez.

The main battle at Escalón, apparently nicely timed by General Urbana, was reported to have begun last night or early today. No definite news has been received as to the result of the engagement, which was contained in a 15-word telegram.

The Zoragoza brigade of 1,300 veterans, under General Aguirre Benavente, encountered the Federal advance guard and is reported to have been pressed back yesterday. This is believed to account for the sudden departure from Chihuahua of General Urbana, who is reported to have been in the hills of Durango southwest of Torreon, General Contreras with 3,000, and south of Torreon in the mountains, General Natera with 1,000.

The rebels troops have been moving south from Juarez and Chihuahua and closing in from other directions for a month. Rebel leaders have laid claim to as high as 25,000 men, but 12,000 is regarded as a closer estimate. Refugees from Torreon have placed a question in the mind of General Velasco with 7,000 to 9,000 adding that he rapidly was being reinforced.

A fortnight ago rebel generals under General Urbana, were reported to have been in the mountains, General Natera with 1,000, General Aguirre Benavente with 1,000, General Contreras with 3,000, and south of Torreon in the mountains, General Natera with 1,000.

The rebels were taken to indicate an early move southward and the impression was deepened Sunday when the censorship at Chihuahua which had been nominally suspended on press dispatches and allowed only the briefest paragraphs to get through, last night and today with Villa's departure, the censor apparatus recently stopped all messages except those on official business.

The country north of Torreon is a desert and one of Villa's greatest problems which he can communicate with Chihuahua and Juarez. The Federals also have stations connecting Torreon with the City of Mexico, 707 miles to the south.

At Fort Bliss today the wireless station occasionally sputtered out detached Spanish words, but they were unintelligible and their sources were unknown.

BORAH EXPLODES DYNAMITE IN CAMP

Repeal of Fifteenth Amendment is Necessary.

WAS A MISTAKE, ANYWAY

Senator From Idaho Makes Vigorous Defense of Suffrage Cause, But Frankly Tells Ladies the Truth—Tilt.

Washington, March 17.—After a vigorous defense of woman suffrage in the Senate today, Senator Borah, of Idaho, shocked suffrage advocates by declaring it was impractical and impossible for women to obtain the vote by constitutional amendment.

Designing "to prohibit unlawful restraints of trade or monopolies in inter-State or foreign commerce by corporations through the device of interlocking stockholdings," the bill was drafted by Representatives Clayton, Carlin and Flood. It probably will be consolidated with other proposed measures, that trust legislation may be taken up for passage as the bill. The Senate inter-State commerce committee, which is working to report a general anti-trust bill, has been supplied with a draft of this measure.

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HOLDING COMPANY BILL MADE PUBLIC

Subject of Conference Between Senators.

PROHIBITS RESTRAINT

Of Trade That is Unlawful but Inter-State Corporations Can Buy All Stock They Desire as Matter of Investment.

Washington, March 17.—The holding company bill, as approved at a White House conference last night for incorporation in the administration trust legislation programme, was made public today by Representative Clayton, of Alabama, chairman of the House Judiciary committee.

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SEVERAL KILLED BENEATH WALLS OF CLUB BUILDING

ALL PARIS EXCITED

Factional Feeling at White Heat in French Capital.

Royalists Attempt Demonstrations but Leaders Were Arrested by Police—Mobs Cry "Down With the Government."

Paris, March 17.—Not since the Dreyfus affair has any incident in French history so stirred the French people as the shooting of Gaston Caillaux, editor of Figaro, by Mme. Caillaux, wife of the minister of finance. The immediate effect is a tense political situation, all the greater in view of the nearness of the elections.

Throughout the day large crowds assembled around the Caillaux residence, the Figaro and Saint Lazare prison, where Mme. Caillaux occupies a cell.

For the most part the crowds comprised curious spectators, although rowdies attempted hostile demonstrations. The police had no difficulty in handling them, however and made many arrests.

Late tonight the Royalist Association was called out by Leon Daudet, the leader. He mounted a table outside a well known boulevard cafe and attacked M. Caillaux in violent terms to the accompaniment of shouts of "Down with the assassin, Caillaux!"

M. Henion, prefect of Paris, commanding a large body of police, hurried the manifestants up and down the boulevards and finally scattered them, the Royalists fleeing with shouts of "Down with the Republic!" "Long live the King!"

A score were arrested and many were bruised in the scuffles. Daudet made a second attempt to organize a demonstration with the assistance of another Royalist leader, Maurice Pujol, outside of the opera comique and the two men were arrested.

Early in the evening half a dozen mobs assembled and endeavored to make their way to the Chamber of Deputies. In every instance formidable battalions of police barred the streets and made short work of the mob. The police were ordered to repress all anti-Caillaux outbursts both before and after the shooting, because they were provocative of counter-demonstrations by Socialists and Radicals.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 17.—Fred Welch, lightweight, of Pontypridd, Wales, won a decision over Joe Rivers, of Los Angeles, at Vernon Arena today after 20 rounds of fighting. Welch had a lead on points nearly all the way.

MR. POU WILL OPPOSE IT

Rivers and Harbors Bill to be Attacked in House by North Carolina Congressman—For Roads.

(Special Star Telegram.) Washington, D. C., March 17.—Representative Pou stated today that he intends to oppose the river and harbor bill when it reaches the House. He will not only cast his vote against the measure, but he intends to make a speech against it and give some very interesting statistics on what a vast amount of government money has been spent for rivers and harbors.

Mr. Pou does not expect to defeat the river and harbor measure. But he does expect to show Congress what large sums are being spent each year for this purpose and what a comparatively small amount is being appropriated for good roads. Mr. Pou wants Congress to be more liberal with road improvements, and for this reason he will oppose this year's bill. Mr. Pou has figures which show that the government has spent up to 1911 a little over \$637,000 for river and harbor improvements, while that spent for good roads is too insignificant to mention.

The resignation of Postmaster Yarbrough at Chicago is causing Mr. Pou a good deal of worry. It has been but a short time since Mr. Pou appointed Yarbrough over a number of other candidates and now he must go over the same ground again and name another man. Among those mentioned to succeed Yarbrough are Chas. G. Guley, N. P. Peel and Mrs. Penn, wife of the editor of the Clay-ton news.

Representative Doughton has secured an R. F. D. route from Snull's Mills, effective May 1st, and a daily star route from Nazons Creek to Scottville.

Representative Faison has introduced a bill appropriating \$70,000 for a public building at Olive.

The following candidates for postmasters were nominated today: Redding M. Harper, LaGrange; Kate S. Dunn, Scotland Neck; W. D. Legett, Parboro; Emma I. Vaughan, Whitakers.

ELECT PRESIDENT FOR FLORIDA EAST COAST.

W. H. Beardsley, Financial Agent for Flagler, Heads the Road.

THOUSAND MEN IN PARADE IN DURHAM

Features Opening Session of Baptist Men's Convention.

CLARENCE POE SPEAKS

Judge Pritchard Applauded When He Warns Convention of Danger of Letting Up in Prohibition Fight—Platform.

(By T. W. Chambliss.) Durham, N. C., March 17.—Featured with a parade of men, 1,000 in line, and members of all Durham Baptist Bible classes, the opening session of the first State-wide convention of Baptist men opened auspiciously in the spacious auditorium of the First Baptist church tonight. The Bible classes formed at their several churches and marched through the principal streets to the church building and every seat was occupied when the opening hymn was announced.

From every section of the State, Baptist men have come, and they are intent upon a broader vision of religious work, determined to plan and pray and study during the next three days. It is estimated that 600 men are present at the opening session and others are coming. The programme marks the beginning of a new era in denominational activity, the work within the State and the world-wide missionary need being united in plan and purpose.

Following the address of welcome by Mayor W. J. Brogden, and the response by Dr. C. E. Brewer, of Wake Forest, Clarence Poe, of Raleigh, delivered the opening address on the subject: "What North Carolina Baptist Men Need." Mr. Poe emphasized as a present day need more intensive service for humanity.

Because Rev. Dr. B. W. Spillman, of Winston, and Rev. Dr. T. W. O'Kelly, of Raleigh, were unable to be present tonight, the programme was changed and the closing address was delivered by Judge Jeter C. Pritchard, of Asheville, speaking to the subject, "Co-Operation and Conservatism." Judge Pritchard advanced the truth that the responsibility rests on the churches to rear up a greater civilization. In his closing remarks Judge Pritchard referred to the prohibition question and he warned the convention of the danger of letting up in the fight.

"We have won a victory in North Carolina, but we must be vigilant. The enemy will try to defeat us. They tried it in the last election and made me turn a double somersault politically. For the first time in my life I could not vote the Republican State ticket because it was based on a whiskey barrel."

Violating all precedent, the convention broke into applause when Judge Pritchard said, "I look forward to the time when the United States will outlaw whiskey, and that is my platform."

TWO KILLED; SEVEN INJURED IN FERRY COLLISION. Railroad Flat Crashed into Ferry on Hudson River Yesterday.

New York, March 17.—Two persons were killed and seven injured, three of them seriously, late today when the Lackawanna Railroad ferry boat Ithaca was crushed into a railroad flat on the Hudson river. The collision and injured passengers on the Ithaca. The dead are J. Meyers, Montclair, N. J., and George S. Smith, Glen Ridge, N. J.

The collision occurred when the view of the pilot of the Ithaca was obscured by the passing of another ferry boat. The Ithaca and the flat suddenly came upon one another from behind the other boat. Meyers and Smith were standing in the line of impact. The skull of each was crushed.

SENATORS DOWNED VIRGINIA.

Walter Johnson on the Mound Tells the Story.

Charlotteville, Va., March 17.—The Washington American League club today defeated the Virginia nine here 4 to 3. Washington 4 6 1 Virginia 3 2 Johnson, Cashion, Shaw and Williams and Henry; Gammon, Eichelberger and Frye.

Too Much Current Used In Initiation

NEW MEMBER OF SECRET ORDER SERIOUSLY INJURED BY ELECTRIC SHOCK.

(Special Star Telegram.) Asheville, N. C., March 17.—Shocked into a semi-conscious state as a result of an initiation into the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Columbus J. Wooten, a Southern Railway switchman, is at his home here in a serious condition, according to his physician, Dr. G. D. Gardner.

It is stated that in the course of the initiation he was given a shock with electricity and has not yet regained possession of his faculties. Dr. Gardner stated that his examination of the patient revealed a lesion in the muscles of one arm that was caused by the intensity from current. The physician also states that while the nervous system of the patient is completely demoralized, he has hopes that Mr. Wooten will recover.

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