

THE WEATHER Fair and colder Wednesday; Thursday fair.

PRESIDENT NAMES CHARLES R. CRANE CHINESE MINISTER

Was Appointed To Same Post By Taft And Then Recalled

OPENS NEW CHAPTER IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

Inside Story Of Previous Incident Was Withheld From Public

Washington, Feb. 24.—Charles R. Crane, of Chicago, business man, millionaire and world traveler, who was appointed minister to China by President Taft in 1909 and recalled while on the way to Peking for "talking too much," has been selected by President Wilson for the same post, to succeed Dr. Paul Reinsch.

Mr. Crane's selection by the President opens a new chapter of diplomatic history which, although forgotten by many, was one of the most lively incidents in American foreign relations.

It was quite generally stated and believed by many in touch with foreign affairs that Mr. Crane's recall in 1909 was at the instance of the Japanese government, which was reported not only to have regarded his appointment as offensive, but objected also to the man who Mr. Crane was taking as private secretary and adviser, and who was quite well known for writings construed as anti-Japanese.

None of the real inside story of Mr. Crane's recall appears on such diplomatic documents as were permitted to become public, and, as the records stand, President Taft changed his mind about Mr. Crane's fitness for the post in the Far East after agreeing with Secretary Knox that Mr. Crane had "talked too much" and been "discreet" in some of the speeches he made while on the way to San Francisco to take an army transport to China.

DECLARES STATE'S CHAIN GANGS BLOT UPON CIVILIZATION

Hinders Reform Of Prisoners, Boyd Reports To North Carolina Club

(Special to The Star.) Chapel Hill, Feb. 24.—"The county chain gang as it commonly exists in North Carolina today is nothing more than a blot on our civilization," said R. E. Boyd, of Gastonia, in his report to the North Carolina club of the University of North Carolina, meeting to hear recommendations from the public welfare committee on reconstruction work on jails, penitentiaries, and chain gangs.

"The county chain gang is a primitive plan for punishing misdemeanors by county authorities," Mr. Boyd continued. "It is crude, ostentatious, cruel, and invariably degrading. It effectively hinders the reform of prisoners and their restitution to society as useful citizens. It should be abolished."

Specific recommendations made by the welfare committee included the abolition of the county chain gang system of the convict lease system, and of the turnkey fee and food allowance system or the convict lease system, and farm was recommended, together with compensation to the families of the prisoners, the use of indeterminate sentences and of frequent paroles, and establishment of vocational schools.

HOUSE PASSES UP MILITARY MEASURE

Republicans Decide To Defer Action Until After Presidential Campaign

Washington, Feb. 24.—Universal military training will be omitted from the house army reorganization bill and be the subject of separate legislation at the next session of congress, beginning in December. This was agreed upon tonight by republican leaders and Chairman Kahn, of the house military committee, after two days of informal conference.

The agreement is looked upon as eliminating any possibility of republican action in the house which might be interpreted as a stand on universal training in the coming presidential campaign, and will leave the party's attitude a possible subject for consideration in framing the platform at the national convention in June.

MATHIAS ERZBERGER RESIGNS AS GERMAN FINANCE MINISTER

Resignation Came As Climax To Day Of Sensationalism In Libel Suit Against Karl Helfferich, Former Minister Of Treasury

Berlin, Feb. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Mathias Erzberger, minister of finance, voluntarily resigned from the cabinet.

RAILROAD LABOR TO ASK PRESIDENT TO VETO MEASURE

Propose To Carry Their Opposition Through To A Finish

Washington, Feb. 24.—Railroad labor decided tonight to ask President Wilson to veto the railroad reorganization bill.

In a memorial to be submitted probably late tomorrow the representatives of the two million union workers will request the President to withhold his signature from the measure until they can present a brief of their reasons why it should not have executive approval.

Announcement of the unions' decision was made by B. M. Jewell, acting president of the railway employees' department, American Federation of Labor.

NEW JERSEY HOUSE PASSES 'WET' BILL AMID MUCH TUMULT

Le Has Arranged For Consideration Of Measure Next Monday

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 24.—Amid scenes of tumult and cries for recognition by members on the floor, after two hours debate the New Jersey House of Assembly late this afternoon passed a compromise "wet" bill fixing three and a half per cent alcohol by volume, which is declared to be slightly stronger than the 2.75 per cent of war time prohibition days, and a legal limit for beverages in New Jersey.

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Will Attempt To Annul Marriage

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Rival Labor Organization Alleges Combination Between Labor Leaders And Administration Officers In Handling Labor

Chicago, Feb. 24.—In a statement mailed today to members of congress, P. F. Richardson, president of the American Federation of Railroad Workers, an independent organization with headquarters in Chicago, made charges against officers of the United States railroad administration, intimating there was a conspiracy between the officers of the American Federation of Labor and railroad administration officials, including Director General Hines.

Mr. Richardson's statement alleged that from 65 to 95 per cent of the members of the American Federation of Labor railroad craft unions were literally handed over to those organizations by a form of subscription organized by the federation. It was said letters and communications addressed to the railroad administration from the American Federation of Railroad Workers were turned over to rival organization of the American Federation of Labor for propaganda purposes, and Mr. Richardson said he could furnish documentary evidence in support of the charge. It also was claimed that joint submissions relative to disputes and grievances were held up as long as ten months, while those of the craft union were returned in ten to fifteen days.

PLAN TO HASTEN FINAL DECISION ON PEACE TREATY

Administration Leaders Taking Council Among Divided Colleagues

Washington, Feb. 23.—Plans to hasten a final decision on the peace treaty were made by senate republicans today, while the administration leaders were taking counsel among their divided colleagues as to what should be the final democratic stand on ratification.

PROHIBITIONISTS DENIED WARRANTS IN IRON COUNTY

Iron River, Mich., Feb. 24.—Maj. A. V. Dalrymple, prohibition enforcement officer, and his assistants arrived from Chicago tonight to clear up alleged violations of the prohibition law, but took no immediate action. There was no excitement. Local officials did not meet the federal officials, who went to a hotel, while a crowd of curious citizens looked on.

AMERICAN REPLY TO ADRIATIC NOTE IN DAVIS' HANDS

Notes Will Be Published Simultaneously On Both Sides Atlantic

Washington, Feb. 24.—President Wilson's reply to the Adriatic question was dispatched tonight by the state department. It is expected to be in the hands of Ambassador Davis at London tomorrow and will be delivered as soon as it can be decoded.

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