

The Weather Partly cloudy Saturday, probably local showers, east portion; Sunday fair. Higher stage at Fayetteville yesterday 4 feet, rising slowly.

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WEST MAY BECOME BATTLEGROUND IN CAMPAIGN FOR COX

Interest Centering On Nominee's Conference With Committee.

Canton, Ohio, July 9.—That the west may be developed into one of the battle grounds early in the coming political campaign was the inference gathered today.

Governor James M. Cox, the Democratic candidate for President, stated today that many requests had been made that he open the campaign in the west, and in his talk to newspaper men the governor left the impression that he was in favor of the early invasion of the west, if not, in fact.

Considerable interest is now centering in the conference of the national committee with the governor July 20. It has not been definitely established whether a meeting will be held at the governor's home at Tall's End or in Columbus, but the governor said he would visit Chairman Cummings that the plans made for the conference meeting here seemed satisfactory to him.

The date and place for the official notification seemed to be forthcoming soon, Governor Cox said that August 19 and 20 would be the dates to him.

The proposed conference with the committee is understood by the governor to mean that there will be no sub-committee here for the purpose of having the everything intended to be done by the sub-committee will be handled by the full committee, in addition to many things that the sub-committee could not handle.

Mr. Cummings' telegram, notifying the governor of the proposed conference, follows:

Germany Signs Pact To Disarm

Chancellor Accepts Exact Terms Laid Down By Marshal Foch.

Spa, Belgium, July 9.—Germany today, in conformity with the decision of her cabinet, signed the protocol for her speedy disarmament, firmly insisted upon by the allies. Chancellor Fehrenbach and Dr. Walter Simons, the foreign minister, affixed their signatures to the document, which was drawn in the exact form submitted by Marshal Foch and Field Marshal Wilson, the allied military chief.

The signature was preceded by a notification from Dr. Simons, on behalf of his government, that in signing the protocol Germany did not give her consent to further occupation of German territory, which could only be given by the reichstag. Premier Lloyd-George said he quite understood that point of view.

The document was signed in a room adjoining the conference room. Fehrenbach and Simons, after signing, laid down the pen they bowed to Lloyd-George, as though saying: "We're glad this disagreeable business is finished." Lloyd-George bowed in return.

It is now generally accepted that the conference will proceed rapidly with the other business on its program.

JOHNSON GIVES "TERMS" FOR HIS SURRENDER

Federal Agent Refused To Enter Into Any Bargain.

Los Angeles, July 9.—Jack Johnson, former heavyweight champion pugilist, now a fugitive from American justice, in a long distance call from Tia Juana, Lower California, offered to surrender himself to federal authorities, if accorded certain privileges.

J. R. Hall, federal agent of the department of justice, who told of Johnson's offer, said he refused to enter into any bargain with Johnson.

BICKETT WILL ATTEMPT TO SETTLE STRIKE

Raleigh, July 9.—Governor T. W. Bickett left here tonight for Landis, a cotton mill village fourteen miles from Salisbury, where he will endeavor to bring about a settlement of a cotton mill strike that, after a week of picketing by union strikers, threatens serious damage.

The strike of five hundred employees of the Linn and Linn Mills company and the Corridor Mills company began five weeks ago when two employees were discharged. A week ago, four hundred workers, returned to the mills and the operations were resumed.

MOVE TO DESTROY LABOR, IS CHARGE

Commercial Interests Combine To Wreck Organizations, Union Head Asserts.

New York, July 9.—The central federation of New York, in a telegram tonight to Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in behalf of striking members of the marine workers' affiliation, declared: "Chambers of commerce of all cities are combined with other large interests to destroy these unions and all other unions."

The telegram appealed to Mr. Gompers to support the strikers and harbor boatmen in their strike here.

The message charged that "the railroads are in this combination and if this conspiracy succeeds against the marine workers' affiliation, in a short time the great business interests will try to annihilate all organized labor."

CHARGE AGAINST SNOW DISMISSED

Court Holds He Did Not Conspire to Kill Wife

Washington, July 9.—Charges that Chauncey A. Snow, seventy-six-year-old millionaire patent attorney, and two other persons conspired to bring about the death of Mrs. Adis Hubbard Snow, divorced wife of Snow, were dismissed today by the United States police court.

HARDING IS URGED TO STANFIRM ON DRY ENFORCEMENT

Candidate Asked To Come Out Strong In Receptance Speech.

Marion, Ohio, July 9.—Senator Harding, the republican candidate for President, was urged to take a firm stand in support of national prohibition in his speech of acceptance, at a conference today with J. Frank Hanley, former governor of Indiana and prohibition candidate for President in 1916.

Later it was announced the senator had not committed himself regarding the matter, while Mr. Hanley said he hoped to be able to support him but "would wait to see what the senator said in his speech."

Hanley declared he came to Marion to present the matter to the republican nominee as an individual prohibitionist and not as a representative of prohibition advocates.

Regarding the conference, Senator Harding said Hanley only presented his views as to the construction of the platform, as others have done.

Plans for the notification were officially announced today following a conference between the nominee and T. Coleman Dupont, of Delaware, chairman of the committee on arrangements for the republican national committee, and Harry M. Baugherty, Columbus, the senator's manager in the present campaign.

The event will take place at 2 p. m. July 31, in Garfield park on the outskirts of Marion, with National Chairman Will H. Hays, presiding.

Following the singing of the Star Spangled Banner by the republican club of Columbus, the notification committee will then deliver an address advising the senator of his nomination, to which the nominee will reply.

Palmer's Name Drawn In Probe

Woman Asserts High Cost Incurred Created As "Political Enterprise."

St. Louis, July 9.—Questioning of a dozen witnesses by the senate committee investigating campaign expenditures resulted in charges that the high cost bureau established by the department of justice were "political enterprises," used primarily to bring about the nomination of Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer for President by the Democratic party.

The charges against the attorney general and the department of justice were made by Miss Olivia Brueggeman, formerly executive secretary of the Missouri Women's High Cost of Living bureau, who declared she "was dismissed because I was a Republican."

John R. Leighty, chairman of the bureau, and Miss Mary Scott, its publicity director, partly contradicted Miss Brueggeman's testimony, declaring that while its representatives had attended state Democratic and Republican conventions at government expense, they did so to organize counties in the anti-high cost of living campaign.

BUBONIC PLAGUE IS CHECKED IN MEXICO

Epidemic Mild And Few Deaths Are Reported.

Vera Cruz, July 9.—An official report made public today by the sanitary commission of this city, says that since the beginning of the bubonic plague there have been forty-six cases of the disease and thirteen deaths. Recently very few cases have been reported.

The epidemic seems to have a mild character, most of the deaths occurring when no medicines were available. Since medicines have been obtainable, nearly all those stricken with the plague have recovered.

American destroyer No. 345 has arrived here, her physician having instructions to examine the blood of those attacked by the disease. The warship brought a commission which will determine whether Vera Cruz is to be quarantined as an infected port.

NEW MEXICAN GOVERNMENT IN TOILS OF REVOLUTION PROMOTED BY GEN. MERGUIA

State of Chiapas Reported In Open Rebellion—Huerta Not Alarmed—Former Officers Imprisoned for Conspiracy—Censorship Is Restored

Washington, July 9.—Advices to the state department today from the American embassy in Mexico City said a number of officers formerly on the staff of General Pablo Gonzales, were in prison on the charge of plotting against the government, that the state of Chiapas was in open rebellion and that General Francisco J. Merguia, who was defeated for governor in the state of Michoacan, had raised the flag of rebellion.

The Mexican embassy has received official advices which it made public today, stating that Generals Juan Berragan, Alfredo Ricault and Lucio Blanco, and Colonel Paulino Fontes had returned to Mexico from the United States, where they fled after the killing of Carranza.

The embassy statement said: "The authorities, in accordance with orders issued by the war department, have not prevented their entry."

Revolt Promoted in U. S. Mexico City newspapers give prominence to the reports that two of these generals, Blanco and Ricault, together with Ignacia Bonillas, former ambassador to the United States, attended a meeting held recently at San Antonio, Texas, for the purpose of promoting a new revolution, looking to the restoration of the Carranza government.

According to the newspaper reports, Bonillas was to come to Washington to ask the American authorities to recognize Berragan, in order to insure the constitutional succession of authority in Mexico, while Lucio Blanco was to go to the state of Nuevo Leon, to lead the revolution.

The censorship in Mexico City has been restored, as copies of the Mexico City newspapers reaching Washington have whole columns blank.

Not explained in these papers of the renewal of censor's activities.

Mexico City, July 9.—Five generals have taken up arms against the new Mexican government, Provisional President De la Huerta told foreign correspondents, but he declared they did not constitute a military menace, since they had but very few followers. He stated that not more than 500 men had been involved in recent outbreaks.

Headquarters in Columbus Governor Cox stated today his personal campaign headquarters would be in Columbus. He would, according to reports that national headquarters might be established there. "That is a matter for the national committee to determine," he said. He also said it was probable there would be an eastern and western headquarters. The presidential candidate arrived at Tall's End at 10 o'clock and immediately saw newspaper representatives. He said he had been in Columbus longer than he anticipated, answering telephone calls. A large stack of telegrams were awaiting him. Among the morning messages was one from D. S. Ewing, of Columbus, Democratic national committee of California. It told the governor that it will be easier for the Democrats to carry California this year than in 1916. Another message from Joseph W. Work, former governor of Missouri, said: "Let's kill ten horses instead of one."

The Democratic candidate learned today that Texas has a James M. Cox. The Texas whose home is at Tyler, stated as follows: "Congratulations. I know that you will be elected. You have a good name."

Names Sent Best Wishes The governor said he did not know the Texas, but apprehended that he must be a Democrat.

After being highly prized by the governor, the Jefferson Masonic lodge at Middletown, of which the governor is a member. It commented on the fact that the Middletown lodge has furnished two governors, the former and presidential nominee and Governor James E. Campbell, and concluded: "Now our Jimmy has received the highest honors of the Democratic party and he is going to win."

Governor Cox had no comment to make today on the Louisiana legislature's refusal to ratify the suffrage amendment.

Philadelphians, July 9.—Cries of "murder attracted policemen to the city hall plaza early today. They found a woman in an altercation with a man she said was her husband, "ack" Welch, of New York. She denounced him as a murderer of a man in the New York subway. The police of that city confirmed the woman's story and asked that the man be held.

The woman, who says she is an actress, said her husband had been acting queerly for some months and she is afraid he will kill her. She told the police Welch, who served twenty-five months overseas as a sergeant in the American army, shot an officer in France and also shot a negro in the south. She said he was gassed and shell-shocked. He had recently been discharged from service and still wore his uniform.

WANDERER FIRED SHOT THAT KILLED WIFE Chicago, July 9.—Lieut. Carl Wanderer today confessed that he fired the shots which killed his wife and a young child in the vestibule of his apartment several weeks ago, according to an announcement from the state's attorney's office.

The man slain by Lieut. Wanderer was tentatively identified tonight as William North, who in 1911 or 1912 was employed by the Gentry Brothers circus while at South Bend, Ind. The partial identification was made by a former circus employee.

WANTS BRITAIN TO DEFINE POLICY TOWARD PALESTINE London, July 9.—Mr. Max Dordau, speaking at today's session of the international Zionist conference, demanded that the British government give an explicit definition of the policy it will pursue as the mandatory power for Palestine and define clearly the terms of the mandate so all Jews may know exactly in the relationship there may be expected between the Zionist organization and the British government.

RICHMOND, July 9.—Despite the fact that the expenses of the West Virginia debt committee and the other litigants in the case which has been battled in the courts for more than a quarter of a century, amount to \$1,094,015.60, as reported by Special Debt Commissioner Robert E. Scott, to Judge Scott in the city circuit court today, the bondholders will receive from 71.8 to 85.9 per cent of the face value of their holdings.

EL PASO GIRL SPONSOR FOR CONFEDERATE RE-UNION Memphis, Tenn., July 9.—Miss Sadie Ruth Aldridge, of El Paso, Texas, has been appointed sponsor for the south at the Confederate re-union to be held in Houston, Texas, October 8-9, according to a statement received here today from the quartermaster general of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, from K. M. Vansandt, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans. Miss Mabel Steger, of Memphis, was appointed sponsor for the Tennessee division of the Sons of Veterans.

AIRPLANE PATENTS UPHELD AGAINST FOREIGN INFRINGEMENT New York, July 9.—American airplane patent rights were upheld against foreign infringement in a decision today by Federal Judge Thomas I. Chafetz in Brooklyn. The decree perpetually restrains the Inter-Alloy Aircraft association of New York from using or selling in the United States or foreign built machines which are liable to foreign infringement.

PLAYERS ROBBED New York, July 9.—Thieves broke into a dressing room at the Polo grounds during the game between the Yankees and Tigers and stole street clothes and personal effects of umpires Doc Hildebrand and Billy Evans. They obtained \$900 in money and several pieces of jewelry.

COMMISSION Richmond, Va., July 9.—A special commission to study the fee system in the next last general assembly will meet today in the city hall.

MRS. FANNIE HOLMES DEAD Holmes, eighty-five years old, died at her home here today. Mrs. Fannie was the widow of Dr. A. Holmes and mother of the late Dr. Frank Holmes, and a sister of Colonel Sillers, for whom the Ashford Sillers chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy here was named. Funeral services will be held Saturday.

THREE DEAD IN PLANE CRASH Mexico City, July 9.—Three members of the crew of an airplane on its way north to aid in the military campaign were killed when the machine crashed, according to Zacatecas dispatches received by El Universo.

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