

Local thunder showers Saturday and probably Sunday.

GERMAN MINISTERS SIGN COAL TERMS, AVOID OCCUPATION

Difficult Question Settled After Hours of Hesitation and Debate.

DISTRIBUTION BASIS OF INDEMNITY FIXED

Allied Premiers Award France 52 Per Cent Of Payments And England 22.

Spa, July 16.—The German representatives signed the coal protocol drawn up by the allied representatives at Spa last night, thereby settling one of the most difficult questions which has come up in the present discussion.

The allied powers were affixed on the document after a four hour session at the Spa conference, one hour of which was spent by the Germans in a cabinet meeting in an adjoining room.

There was a conflict over introduction in the protocol of the menace of occupation of additional German territory after October 15, next, if German coal deliveries were not up to the stipulated quantity—8,000,000 tons—by that date.

The allies decided to drop this clause from the protocol below the signature of the allied powers. Then, the Germans objected to the preamble, which set forth in the document what had been taken in common accord by the allied and German plenipotentiaries.

The Germans contended that it was not by a common accord, but by the will of the allies, that any further occupation would occur. At this juncture Dr. Fehrenbach, the German plenipotentiary, sent for three of his cabinet colleagues, who were at the German headquarters, and called a cabinet meeting.

An hour elapsed before Dr. Fehrenbach returned to the conference room. After an explanatory speech by Dr. Simons, all the delegates signed the protocol.

NEW YORK GUARDSMEN REACH CAMP BRAGG

First Of Eastern Contingent Begins 15 Days Training.

(Special To The Star.) Fayetteville, July 16.—The first national guardsmen to arrive at Camp Bragg for their summer encampment and artillery training reached here today.

They compose Battery D, Sixty-fifth New York field artillery, Buffalo, N. Y., and Number 101 men and three officers. They will be stationed at Camp Bragg for the next 15 days.

MARINE WORKERS' SCALE EXTENDED NINETY DAYS

Agreement Holds To Meet Keen Competition Of Foreign Ships.

New York, July 16.—Representatives of the shipping board, the American Marine Workers' association and the Marine Engineers' Beneficial association met at a conference here today to extend for an additional period of ninety days the present wage scale and working conditions for the Atlantic coast seamen.

Officials of the marine engineers will conduct a referendum of their members on the time extension, it was announced. It was increased by the insistence of the shipping board and the fact that in view of the impending competition with foreign flag ships no increase in wages or increase in overtime was possible at this time.

STRIKING FIREMEN ARRESTED; TURNED IN FALSE ALARMS

Memphis, July 16.—With the blinding over to the grand jury of Louis Grano, proprietor of a small store adjacent to the downtown section, on a charge of arson, the arrest of a former city fireman and two companions on a charge of turning in a false alarm and the fireman charged with entering one of the fire stations and attacking the volunteer firemen, the first untoward acts of the fire fighters' unions were reported today.

FRANCE MODIFIES TAX DECREE

Paris, July 16.—The prohibition upon certain imports into France instituted by the decree of April 23, is about to be modified. It affects some articles, especially luxuriant in character, according to Echo de Paris today. Because the decree is considered to have been accomplished its purpose of bringing down a change from its high price, the customs tax on a number of these will be 15 per cent, in keeping with the rise in prices.

Cox Gives Word To Help Women Get Franchise

Tells Deputation "Time and Influence Will Be Dedicated to Cause"

Columbus, Ohio, July 16.—Members of the national woman's party were assured today by Governor Cox, democratic candidate for president, that he will do all in his power to bring about ratification of the federal suffrage amendment by Tennessee.

His promise was given to a deputation from the woman's party headed by Miss Alice Paul, chairman, late this afternoon, prior to his departure tonight for Washington, where, with his running mate, Franklin D. Roosevelt, he will confer Sunday morning with President Wilson.

The suffrage leaders had urged the governor to use his influence, in an effort to have the Tennessee legislature ratify the amendment and some of them intimated that, unless he came staunchly to their aid, he might expect little or no support from the women voters in the November election.

Mrs. Margaret Krahan Jones, Seattle, Washington, said: "The women are going to vote the candidate who gives us the thirty-six state."

To suggestions by women supporters that the governor might expect their votes in November, if he should be successful in efforts to obtain results from Tennessee, Governor Cox urged them not to "preach the gospel, because I helped them."

Governor Cox suggested to the woman's party representatives that they appoint a committee to confer with him on a definite plan to be followed in handling the Tennessee situation.

Governor Cox said: "I will give you my word without any reservation, that, unless my time and my strength, and my influence will be dedicated to your cause in procuring results from Tennessee."

U. S. AGENT TO PROBE CHARGE BOAT IS 'FLOATING SALOON'

New York, July 16.—James S. Shevlin, prohibition enforcement officer for New York, announced that he had begun an investigation of charges that the steamship Orizaba, which carried several hundred passengers to the yacht races yesterday, became a "floating saloon" when it crossed the three-mile line.

"I have detailed two agents to probe the charges to the bottom. If the investigation discloses a violation of the prohibition law aboard the Orizaba, I shall take immediate steps for prosecution of those responsible," Mr. Shevlin said.

RAIL EXECUTIVES URGE SINGLE EXPRESS CONTROL

New York, July 16.—The Association of Railway Executives, meeting here today, decided to recommend to all railroads that the nation's express business continue to be handled under federal control as it was during the war, under one agency—the American Railway Express company—the reason given being that the four original express companies have virtually ceased to exist and no longer are able to function independently, leaving the American Railway Express company the only agency through which the service can be operated.

TO RELIEVE CONGESTION IN HAVANA SHIPPING

Washington, July 16.—Appointment of a committee of seventeen persons to advise and cooperate with the Cuban government in relieving congestion in the port of Havana was announced tonight by Secretary of Commerce Alexander C. McAdoo. Creation of such a committee was decided on at a recent conference here at which shipping congestion at Havana was discussed.

TUG WINTHROP CAPSIZES; ONE MISSING FROM CREW

New York, July 16.—One man was reported missing and sixteen others of the tug Wintthrop, which capsized three minutes last night off Cape Henry, Va., were landed at Norfolk by the steamer Kokomo, according to wireless advices received here today. The coast guard vessel virtually has ceased finding no signs of the wreckage, it was stated.

AWAITING LABOR DECISION. CHICAGO, July 16.—E. H. Fitzgerald, grand president of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, arrived here today for a conference with executives of the sixteen recognized railroad organizations. On Monday he will confer with 200 general chairmen of the clerks' brotherhood. At a mass meeting Monday night plans will be perfected for the immediate calling of a strike if the awards of the United States labor board are not in accord with the demands.

CENSORSHIP TIGHTENED IN CHILE. Santiago, Chile, July 16.—Newspapers here print dispatches from northern provinces of Chile stating that for the last three days all efforts to pierce the censorship in Bolivia have failed. The war ministry's decree calling reserves of the First and Third divisions to the colors was printed in newspapers in this city today. Journals print long editorial comments on the Bolivian situation today taking up the case of the United States labor board are not in accord with the demands.

BOY SCOUTS IN ENGLAND. Southampton, Eng., July 16.—American Boy Scouts, 350 in number, were landed here today from the American transport Pocahontas to attend the first international conference of scout executives to be held in London July 25-30. The American scouts were met by a detachment of British Boy Scouts with cheering and music. The Americans responded in kind. After their greeting the boys left for London on a special train.

FORTY EIGHTERS BRANDED 'NUTS'

Bolters From "Liberal Party" and Are Scored By Former Active Member

Chicago, July 16.—Another political movement, the liberal party, was launched today by former members of the committee of forty-eight who bolted from that organization.

Judge Arthur G. Gray, mayor of York, Neb., and Allen McCurdy, keynote speaker at the forty-eight convention, head the new party.

The convention was confined to those persons, some fifty in number, who signed a call, and all other forty-eighters were excluded from the hall.

Lester Bartlow, leader of the World war veterans, attempted to make an address, but was invited to leave. He threatened to call still another convention. "I have never seen so many nuts collected in Chicago as during the past few days," Bartlow declared, as he marched out.

A. W. Ricker, chairman of the Chicago committee of forty-eight, also was asked to leave when it was discovered he had not signed the call.

McCurdy announced that the principal purpose of the gathering was to oppose any attempt to nominate Senator Robert M. La Follette for president and William Jennings Bryan for vice-president. It is probable that no presidential ticket will be named by the liberals.

A. H. Hopkins, chairman of the committee of forty-eight, tonight issued a statement attacking the newly formed farmer-labor party, and announcing that there were still a demand for a "real new party."

TWO CARS IN CRASH. While attempting to drive past a car driven by I. W. Cooper in East Washington late yesterday afternoon, a machine piloted by R. C. Smith struck the other car, battering the fenders and front of running board. Neither driver was hurt.

Wilmington Lads After Adventure In Police Toils

(Special To The Star.) Wilson, July 16.—Four white boys, W. Phelps, Martin Arnold, George Brown and Charles Yarboro, ranging in age from 14 to 15 years, given Wilmington as their home, were arrested here today for attempting to take an automobile. The boys left home last Tuesday on a trip of adventure, and took a machine from in front of the First National bank, Greenville, which they ran into a ditch, it is said. Police here say the boys had a hack-saw and a screwdriver, but they were sent to a reform school, the authorities state.

Wilmington police said last night that inquiry had been made to the department concerning the absence of a bicycle, but it did not know they were being held in Wilson.

ENRAGED ITALIAN MURDERS WOMAN

Mrs. Martha Latham, High Point, Victim Of Jealousy; Stabbed Four Times.

(Special To The Star.) Greensboro, July 16.—Mrs. Martha Latham was found dead at her home in High Point early today, with four knife wounds in her body and three hours later Frank Peeter, an Italian, who had been boarding at the Latham home for a week, was arrested at Jamestown, a short distance from High Point, charged with the murder.

Peeter first denied that he had committed the crime, but shortly after his arrest he admitted to Deputy Sheriff Wagner, who arrested him, that he was the woman's slayer. According to the deputy sheriff, he implored his captor to kill him. The prisoner was brought to Greensboro this afternoon and placed in jail and confessed to a newspaper reporter that he killed the woman.

Jealousy is supposed to have been the motive. The Italian said that he was not sorry that he killed the woman. A coroner's inquest revealed that a dagger had been on the table for four times, two of the wounds being (Continued on Page Two.)

FOUR QUAKE SHOCKS HIT LOS ANGELES; BUILDINGS DAMAGED; MANY INJURED

Hundreds Faint In Streets, Others Pray as Successive Tremors Throw City Into Wildest Excitement—Agitation of People Very Intense

Los Angeles, July 16.—Four severe earthquakes here today threw the city and its suburbs into excitement, indirectly caused a number of injuries to women and children and slightly damaged several buildings, chiefly old ones, but none to a great extent.

While the shocks seemed to center in Los Angeles, some of them were felt more than thirty miles away, but no material damage was reported. An unusually warm morning prompted from some the saying "good earthquake weather." It was said in jest, and none was more surprised than those who made the remark when the first tremor came at 10:10 in the morning.

It felt much as does the sudden stopping of a street car, operated by an inexperienced motorman, only that the tremor had the unpleasant sensation multiplied many times.

People Became Hysterical. Excitement, in many cases hysterical, followed the first shock and had hardly been calmed when the second followed two minutes later by the third, and then a fourth at 8:13. The two in the afternoon were shorter than that of the morning, and the agitation of the

Tommy Burns Easy Pickings

London, July 16.—Tommy Burns, one time heavyweight champion pugilist of the world, was stopped in the seventh round of what was to be a twenty round bout by Joe Beckett, heavyweight champion of England.

The seconds of the French-Canadian threw up the sponge, after Burns had taken the count of seven, but Burns protested and desired to go on with the "unclear" fight.

Burns is nearly thirteen years older than Beckett, and he had not engaged in a big boxing match for many years. Three months of hard training had not reduced his waist line, and he appeared to be sluggish when the fight began.

It seemed that Beckett could have ended the bout in the second round, when Burns to save himself repeatedly clinched after having received a blow to the head and body. Nevertheless the ex-champion came back in the third and this was his best round. He out-boxed and out-manuevered Beckett. His blows however, lacked the old time sting, and he could not hurt his rugged opponent.

GIRL TELLS OF MURDER OF FIANCEE BY NEGRO

Man Deliberately Slain When He Refused Money, She Testifies

Richmond, July 16.—Miss Pearl Clarke, fiancée of H. T. Morgan Moore, shot to death near Alexandria, Va., testified today in court that she saw the district court here today in the trial of William Turner, a negro alleged slayer of Moore.

Turner was brought to the bar entered plea of not guilty and will stand trial on the charge of murder. Miss Clarke testified that she and Moore were sitting in the car, which was standing still when they heard a shuffling noise toward the rear of the car and saw Moore pointing a pistol into the car. He demanded a dollar, which Moore refused, saying he had no money.

Miss Clarke urged Moore to give the man something, so he would go away. She then got out of the car and saw Moore pointing at her, demanding that she give him what she had. The pistol was pointing at her chest and she began pulling off her gloves to obtain her jewelry. Miss Clarke was not able to say which shot first. After several shots, Moore cried out, "Pearl, get out of the car, and get to the ground with a gun." Miss Clarke then turned and ran down the road, followed by Turner.

ELWELL NOT CONNECTED WITH 'WHISKEY RINGS,' HE SAYS

Cincinnati, Ohio, July 16.—Joseph B. Elwell, New York, wealthy tycoon and whisky expert, who was mysteriously killed in his New York home several weeks ago, was not involved in illegal transactions of so-called "whiskey rings" in this section of the country, so far as investigations conducted by Thomas E. Stone, Baltimore, Md., supervising federal prohibition agent, has revealed.

Statement of this effect was made today by Colonel Stone, who was here for an inspection of the federal prohibition office in Cincinnati.

PROMINENT PREACHER DIES. Dallas, Tex., July 16.—Rev. Dr. J. Frank Smith, for years a prominent leader in the Presbyterian church, and at one time moderator of that church, died at his home here late tonight. Dr. Smith's death was caused by a nervous collapse suffered a year ago, just before he was to have delivered the final address in the new era movement at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church, New York.

INSPECT ALASKAN MINES. Anchorage, Alaska, July 16.—Secretary Daniels and Secretary Payne today began inspecting the Chickaloon coal mines. They expect Sunday to start for Seattle. The cabinet officers made short addresses and inspected the terminal docks on their arrival here last evening.

ROOSEVELT GIVEN GLAD WELCOME BY FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Navy Department Employee Led By Band Cheer Vice-Presidential Nominee.

SERVICE MECHANICS PRESENT HIM GAVEL

Will Divide Country With Cox In Vigorous Campaign, He Tells Friends.

Washington, July 16.—Amid the blaring of navy bands and the cheering of employees of the department of which he is acting head, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Franklin D. Roosevelt, democratic vice-presidential nominee, was given a formal welcome back to Washington late today.

Committees of employees of the Washington navy yard marched to the navy department, where they joined navy marine officers, enlisted men and civilian employes in extending the welcome. Mr. Roosevelt made a brief address, in which he pledged continuation of his friendship for the laboring man.

On behalf of the metal trades council of the navy yard Paul Donley, a machinist presented the nominee with a gavel, made of teakwood, taken from the hand rail of the presidential yacht Mayflower and inscribed with silver.

"If, in the course of events, you go to the high office to which you have been nominated, I hope you will use this tool to keep your colleagues in the senate in good order," said Mr. Donley.

"I hope to use it for the first time on the fourth of March next," was Mr. Roosevelt's reply. "It may be necessary for me to take on my friends at the navy yard and borrow one of these instruments known to the workmen as a 'heavy hammer,' and if I am compelled to do so, we will get some quick action out of the senate."

During the welcome, Mr. Roosevelt met some of the high officers of the marine corps and navy, including Major General Le Jue, commander of the marine corps and the heads of the various bureaus, in his office. He also received there the congratulations of several hundred women employees of the department.

The nominee arrived in Washington early in the day from New York, and went immediately to his office where he spent most of the day clearing up matters which had arisen during his absence.

He will resign next month. Announcement was made by Mr. Roosevelt during the day that he would resign his position in the navy department about the first week in August. He said the exact time he formally notified of his nomination about August 7, at his home in Hyde Park. He will spend next Monday and Tuesday with Governor Cox at Columbus, attending the session of the democratic national convention at New York, and to his summer home on an island near Eastport, Maine, to prepare for a strenuous speaking tour, and also to write his speech of acceptance. The vice-presidential nomination of Governor Roosevelt at the white house Sunday morning to confer with President Wilson.

Mr. Roosevelt characterized a "good guess" the suggestion that he would divide the country between them in the campaign.

HARDING DEVOTES TIME TO ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

Senator Nearing End of Text Formal Campaign Declarations

Marion, Ohio, July 16.—Another full work day beginning at 10 o'clock and stretching into the evening, was given by Senator Harding today to his speech accepting the republican nomination for president. Tonight the text was nearing completion, but the final touches remained to be added before the manuscript could be given to the printer.

Working almost without interruption, the senator put his words of the most arduous days since he returned to Marion, which itself had been the busiest period he has seen in years. He turned aside from the speech only once or twice to dispose of urgent correspondence and he abbreviated his lunch period through the brief daily conferences with his local managers.

ATTACK GREEK SHIPPING

Constantinople, July 15.—The Turkish nationalists have begun an attack upon Greek shipping in the Black sea. The Greek steamer Filla on entering Kerason, west of Trebizond, from Batum on July 14, was seized by nationalists who took the vessel's officers prisoners, put Turks in charge and seized 7,000,000 rubles.

FAVORITE WINS. Toledo, Ohio, July 16.—Louis Oratton, the favorite, won the Willy-Overland 2:08 racing stake worth \$1,850, the feature on today's grand circuit card, the fastest paced race won the first money.

TO SELL STRANDED STEAMER. Washington, July 16.—Stranded off the coast of Maine since February the steamer Pollas was offered for sale today by the shipping board. Sealed bids which will be received until 10 o'clock must contain agreements to remove the wreckage.

WILL GO TO RUSSIA. Vienna, July 16.—Bela Kun, former dictator of Hungary, and all the communists whose extradition has been demanded by Hungary, left Vienna last night for Russia by way of Germany, in a prisoner's convey.