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### The Weather

Partly cloudy weather with local  
thunder showers Tuesday and Wednes-  
day, gentle variable winds.  
Over stage at Fayetteville at 8 a. m.  
yesterday, 14.8 feet.

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WILMINGTON, N. C., TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 17, 1920.

OLDEST DAILY IN THE STATE.

## DEMOCRATS TARDY IN PLANS; PARTY SLOW IN HEADWAY

Chiefs Fail to Realize Short  
Time Left to Wage Cam-  
paign, Sullivan Says.

## COX FOLLOWS ALMOST DAILY ROUTINE LIFE

Neither Nominee or National  
Committee Has Waked to  
Task That Must Be Met.

By MARK SULLIVAN  
(Copyright, 1920, By The Star.)  
Columbus, Aug. 16.—Your cor-  
respondent has lately spent several  
days at Dayton. In this contact with  
the democratic candidate's home town,  
the democratic candidate's marked  
impression is one based on the early  
preconceptions of several months  
ago. The busy newspaper dispatches that  
came out of Dayton immediately after  
the nomination.  
As to some of these impressions,  
Cox's personal background, and with the attitude of Day-  
ton toward him, one would rather wait  
for the maturing and confirming of the  
impression before attempting to state  
them. There is one quite definite  
impression which is shared by all the  
other newspaper men with whom I  
have talked. Neither Cox nor those im-  
mediately around him nor the demo-  
cratic committee has yet taken any  
concrete action to the fact that they com-  
pete one-half of a great national cam-  
paign, and that more than one month  
of that campaign has already passed,  
and that less than three months re-  
main.

Cox so far, has done practically  
nothing towards adjusting himself to  
the enormous increased figure he now  
is in the nation, and neither Cox nor  
the national committee has done any-  
thing to adjust the surrounding candi-  
date with a machinery adequate to  
what is now expected of him.  
Cox is so obviously competent a per-  
son in practical affairs that it is hard  
to believe that he would be so rash as to  
say that he doesn't yet realize what has  
happened to him. Nevertheless, it is  
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From the point of view of effective  
business-like organization, the re-  
publicans are much wiser in holding  
on to the campaign already filed one  
and is about to overflow into  
another.  
For the most part, probably, this  
lack of organized expansion is due to  
the change in the chairmanship of the  
national committee and the fact that  
no new machine can possibly be  
set under way as promptly as the old  
could have.

Cox is competent man  
As to Cox himself, every impression  
I get is one of quick competence.  
All his friends and associates picture  
him as extremely aggressive, and his  
career would seem to prove that  
rightly. His friends say that when he  
really gets going and puts his back  
to a campaign, he is the Douglas Fair-  
banks of politics. Nevertheless, any  
one who has been at Dayton recently  
must have wondered whether Cox has  
realized the huge proportions of the  
business of impressing his prac-  
tically unknown personality on a hun-  
dred million people within the space  
of eighty days.  
Cox undoubtedly has energy. Every-  
body says that of him. Whatever he  
wants he goes after aggressively, and  
generally he brings home the bacon.  
The purposes of the present  
campaign, Cox has not yet thought  
of. He still has high gear, so to speak.  
He still has the air of considering  
things as if he hasn't quite grasped  
the conditions of this new game.  
There is more the air of still  
wondering what is going on rather  
than of having down the track on  
the appearance of pressure. He lacks any  
one who went to Cox's headquarters  
fifteen-minute engagement ac-  
tually talked with him for four hours.  
On personal contact, is one finds  
that what I am confident the public  
thinks it is.  
Cox lives in his big new house a few  
miles out of town, and every morning  
he moves about in a manner which  
is far as it is unassuming, one ad-  
mires; but so far as it goes no at-  
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## RACTIONS TIGHTEN LINES FOR TEST ON SUFFRAGE PROBLEM

### Ratification Advocates and Op- ponents Ready to Lock Horns in State Senate Today.

### BOTH SIDES SAY VOTE WILL BE VERY CLOSE

### Neal Denies He Visited Nash- ville as "Emissary" to Work Against Adoption.

Raleigh, Aug. 16.—Suffrage op-  
ponents took the offensive in their con-  
test over ratification in the North  
Carolina legislature with the intro-  
duction late tonight with a resolu-  
tion to reject the federal woman's  
suffrage amendment. The resolution  
measure was brought into the  
lower house by Representative O'Brien,  
democrat.  
No comment accompanied intro-  
duction of the resolution and it was  
referred to a committee immedi-  
ately.  
Meanwhile, the senate, in antici-  
pation of a close, bitter fight when  
the suffrage question comes up to-  
morrow, was making plans to di-  
vide both the floor and the galleries,  
the suffrage supporters to occupy  
one side and the opponents the  
other.  
The ratification of the suffrage  
amendment is a special order for the  
senate Tuesday morning at 11:30.  
This was decided on tonight upon  
motion of Anti-Leader Lindsay War-  
ren, who offered the motion imme-  
diately after the session of the sen-  
ate opened.  
Raleigh, Aug. 16.—Leaders of both  
factions in the fight over suffrage ratifi-  
cation tightened their lines tonight  
preparatory to the first test of strength  
tomorrow, when the upper house of  
the North Carolina legislature is sched-  
uled to begin consideration of the suf-  
frage issue.  
The extraordinary session recon-  
vened here last night at 10:30  
Monday. It occupied its time with local  
measures. However, discussion of the  
probable senate action on suffrage to-  
morrow was heard more frequently  
under the state house dome and in  
social saloons than the other questions  
on which the legislators were voting.  
Both sides claimed victory. Suffrage  
supporters were confident of success in  
the senate, and countered the view  
that they would lose in the house.  
Anti-Leader Hard Fight  
The anti-suffrage group was busy in  
attempts to swing a few votes their  
way in the senate, where all admit the  
issue will be closed as based on con-  
ditions tonight. States' rights defenders  
were active also and the anti's were  
given new backing during the day by  
the arrival of State Senator George  
Frick of Maryland. Senator Frick has  
been in Nashville watching the contest  
there and was also at Wheeling, W. Va.,  
when that state ratified.  
Representative W. W. Neal returned  
to Raleigh tonight, but denied he had  
been in Nashville. Neal is a member  
of a message to the suffrage oppo-  
nents in the lower house of the  
Tennessee legislature. Mr. Neal has  
been absent from this city since Fri-  
day. He said he had been to his home  
in McDowell county, which is on the  
Carolina-Tennessee border. Reports  
that Governor James M. Cox, the demo-  
cratic presidential nominee, had sent a  
personal representative here to aid  
secretly in defeating the suffrage ratifi-  
cation were denied in a statement is-  
sued by suffrage headquarters.  
Cox Denies Report  
The statement included a telegram  
from the nominee, in which he de-  
clared: "There is not a word of truth  
in the reports that I have sent a private  
emissary to work against ratifi-  
cation of suffrage in North Carolina."  
Suffrage leaders believed the message  
was secretly disposed of, rumors,  
which they described as "ugly" and  
which were causing much discussion  
regarding the democratic candidate's  
actual position on the question.

## FORM SHOTGUN BRIGADES TO RUN DOWN BANK THIEVES.

Bubque, Ia., Aug. 16.—Shotgun  
brigades of citizens and officers of the  
peace are being organized in this part  
of the state in an effort to stop and  
approach thieves, particularly bank  
robbers. State authorities have taken  
the initiative in organizing the posse,  
according to Sheriff Frank Kennedy.  
It is planned that when a robbery is  
reported notice be sent throughout the  
country in which it occurred and coun-  
ties nearby, and the "shotgun" men  
called together to patrol all highways.  
The Iowa Bankers' association has  
sent out notices that it is believed that  
at least three gangs of bank robbers  
have worked in the state recently, and  
with the aid of speedy automobiles  
soon are a long distance from the  
scenes of the robberies.

## TOBACCO PRICES SHOW BIG JUMP ON LUMBERTON MARKET

(Special to The Star.)  
Lumberton, Aug. 16.—Tobacco prices  
were \$10 the hundred higher on the  
Lumberton market today than last  
week. The weed has dried out, and  
has been in short supply. Other frag-  
ments in price. If the weather remains  
clear it is believed the high prices will  
continue, and big breaks are expected  
each day this week.

## STEAMER REPORTED DISABLED.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 16.—Wireless  
reports of a steamship in distress about  
one-half mile northwest of Stranger  
Key off the Florida coast were picked  
up here tonight, but due to inter-  
ference the vessel's name and exact  
position could not be learned. The steam-  
ship reported a bad leak, and that she  
was unable to keep her way. Other frag-  
ments of the message indicated that  
the ship was sounding badly.

## Attempted To Cut High Tension Wire, Man Is Electrocuted

(Special to The Star.)  
Fayetteville, Aug. 16.—Sidney  
Hall, 26 years old, lineman for the  
Holmes Electric company, was killed  
today when he attempted to  
cut a 2,200 volt wire while his  
knee was in contact with a telephone  
wire below.  
When Hall touched the high ten-  
sion wire with his fingers a circuit was  
created and he was electrocuted. It  
was believed he was married, a  
helper succeeded in rescuing him,  
but he showed signs of life for  
hours while physicians worked over  
him. His knee was burned to the  
bone, and his right hand was also  
badly burned.  
Hall was an experienced lineman,  
and the only explanation of the  
tragedy is that he was unaware  
that his knee was resting on the  
telephone line. He was married less  
than a year ago, and was born and  
brought up here.

## EXPERTS UNCOVER ONLY SMALL SUM IN PONZI WRECK

### More Than Two Million Liabil- ities Found—\$11,000 Avail- able for Creditors.

Boston, Aug. 16.—Uncovering of  
some of the assets of the Old Colony  
Foreign Exchange company was one  
of the developments today in the fed-  
eral and state investigations of finan-  
cial concerns promising abnormally  
large returns to investors. The  
investigation of the Ponzi Exchange  
company is in jail, and one of its  
agents is at liberty under  
bonds on charges of larceny.  
Alburt Hurwitz, assistant state at-  
torney general, said today that the  
company, consisting of cash and checks to  
the amount of \$11,000, which he took  
over in the vaults of the United States  
Trust company he found \$9,928 in cash  
belonging to the Ponzi Exchange  
company. The remaining \$1,152, in  
cash and checks, he obtained at the  
office of J. R. McCuen, a sub agent for  
the company.  
At his office he seized a quantity of  
books and papers which he turned over  
to the police as evidence.  
Note holders continued to visit the  
attorney general's office in large num-  
bers today and others made reports to  
the attorney general by mail.  
The office had examined unpaid un-  
paid Ponzi notes to bring his liabilities  
up to \$2,100,000 and the tabulation was  
incomplete.  
Assistant Attorney General Benton  
said that a Somerville Italian had in-  
formed him that his mother-in-law  
had sustained a shock and had become  
ill after learning that Ponzi's busi-  
ness had collapsed. She had invested  
\$2,000 with Ponzi's company.  
Ponzi's liabilities, as disclosed thus  
far in the audit of his accounts being  
made by Edwin L. Frick for the fed-  
eral authorities, were said to total  
\$5,000,000, exclusive of the fifty  
percent interest on loans, which he  
had promised. His assets are  
problematic.

## McGraw REFUSES TO ANSWER BOOZE QUERIES

### "Too Ill" Cannot Talk of Club Incident With Police.

New York, Aug. 16.—"Too ill to be  
interviewed"—this was the message  
delivered today to federal prohibition  
enforcement agents who called at the  
home of John J. McGraw to ask the  
manager of the New York Giants, if it  
was true he had bought whiskey at  
the Lamba, a prominent club for ac-  
tors.  
An admission to this effect, alleged  
to have been made to the district at-  
torney's office in connection with its  
investigation of how John C. Slavin,  
actor, received a fracture of the skull  
in front of McGraw's house about a  
week ago, today attracted the atten-  
tion of federal agents in this city. It  
was he who dispatched the dry agents to  
that if the baseball man did not volun-  
tarily present himself at the federal  
attorney's office, a subpoena for his  
appearance would be sought.  
The agents reported they had been  
unable personally to see McGraw, who  
is recovering from a blow on the head.  
This blow, he has told the district at-  
torney's office, was received in a scuf-  
fle in the Lamba club house, before he  
left for home with Slavin in a taxicab  
the night the actor also was injured.

## UNION DOCK WORKERS AND NEGROES CLASH

### Blacks Accused of Being Strike Breakers—Two Shot.

New York, Aug. 16.—Two men were  
shot and four others hurt by missiles  
thrown during a fight between striking  
longshoremen and negro non-union  
workers at Ninth avenue and Four-  
teenth street tonight.  
The trouble started when a crowd of  
non-union men on their way from the  
piers, encountered a number of strikers  
who, according to the police, started  
throwing rocks and bottles. Revolv-  
ers were drawn and a number of  
shots fired, two of which took effect  
among the strikers. Police reserves  
were summoned and the crowd dis-  
persed before arrests could be made.  
A meeting of strikers, scheduled to-  
night for the purpose of voting on  
the question of returning to work was  
held. Union officials could not be  
reached to explain the reason.

## FLORIDA CITRUS FRUIT CROP MAY BREAK RECORD

Tampa, Aug. 16.—The citrus fruit  
crop of Florida for the 1920-21 season  
will total sixteen million boxes, some  
five million boxes more than for the  
1919-20 season, according to estimates  
made public by the Florida Citrus ex-  
change. Weathers of the crop at this  
very heavy, the well advanced crop  
shows, while the grapefruit yield will  
be lighter than last season.

## Suffragists Lose Support In Tennessee; Speaker Of House Says "Ratification Is Beaten"

### He Holds North Carolina Will Stand True To History And Defeat Suffrage

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 16.—The lower  
house of the Tennessee legislature to-  
morrow will vote on ratification of the  
federal suffrage amendment, both suf-  
frage and opposition leaders announced  
tonight. The committee on constitu-  
tional conventions and amendments to  
which the ratification resolution was re-  
ferred, held an executive session to-  
night to consider the measure and  
conflicting claims as regards ratifi-  
cation or rejection were being made by  
both sides, but the opinion was ex-  
pressed in various quarters that the re-  
sult would not be known until after the  
house had voted. Seth Walker, speaker  
and leader of the opposition, said the  
amendment would be rejected. "We  
have ratification beaten, that is all  
there is to it," he declared.  
Suffrage leaders still were confident  
they would win the contest in spite of  
objections from their ranks over the  
week-end. They have claimed a majori-  
ty in the house since the legislative  
session began, and said if members  
stood by their pledges victory was cer-  
tain.  
Anti-Jubilant  
Both suffrage and opposition workers  
tonight confirmed reports that five of  
the seven members of the Davidson  
county (Nashville) delegation pledged  
to suffrage, had gone over to the op-  
position.  
The anti's were jubilant over this ac-  
cession to their ranks, especially since  
their leaders never have predicted the  
extent of their expected majority, but  
have confined their claims to the state-  
ment that the vote would be close. The  
suffrage poll has listed from fifty to  
sixty members, including the Davidson  
delegation. Fifty votes is the constitu-  
tional majority necessary for ratifi-  
cation.  
Workers were everywhere today,  
either attempting to maintain their  
lines intact or to win over members of  
the opposing forces. They were on the  
house floor during the session this af-  
ternoon and after adjournment backed  
members into corners and argued with  
them. Groups debating suffrage at-  
tracted attention on the streets and  
hotel lobbies were the scenes of numer-  
ous noisy wars. The house has ninety-  
nine members, and the active workers,  
both men and women for and against  
suffrage, are said to number at least  
one thousand. Campaigners were work-  
ing in relays and when one enthusiastic  
advocate or antagonist of votes for  
women became exhausted, there was  
another one near to take up the task.

## OPERATION OF U. S. SHIPS ON GERMAN ROUTES IS LAUDED

### Shipping Board Heads Say That America Will Shortly Hold Big Foreign Trade.

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placed at the disposal of the service.  
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Hamburg-American line in United  
States ports and that the German com-  
pany as agent for the American  
company in German ports, but each  
company may establish offices in the  
country of the other to supervise the  
activities there. Each company is to  
appoint its own agents outside of Ger-  
many and the United States.  
The Hamburg-American line may  
transfer any service to any other Ger-  
man company for execution, and the  
American corporation may transfer  
service to any American company, both  
parties to remain responsible for the  
carrying out of the services.

## WANTS VOTERS TO PASS ON RECORDS

### Cox to Parallel Official Achiev- ement With That of Sen- ator Harding.

Columbus, O., Aug. 16.—Governor  
Cox indicated today that his address  
before the Ohio democratic conven-  
tion tomorrow would parallel his six  
years official record in the state with  
that of Senator Harding, the republic-  
an presidential candidate.  
"The reactionary candidate was on  
one side and I was on the other," said  
the democratic nominee, adding that  
"the eyes of the country are on Ohio."  
In the presidential contest.  
The league of nations is another issue  
the governor will champion in to-  
morrow's address with the support of  
Newton D. Baker, secretary of war,  
who is to appear on the platform with  
the governor.  
Encouraging reports of prospects  
for democratic success in Ohio were  
received by Governor Cox today regard-  
ing the Tennessee gubernatorial elec-  
tion. The governor's address is to open  
the state campaign formally and then  
organization matters are to be taken  
up. The convention program is routine,  
and the Tennessee gubernatorial elec-  
tion of 24 presidential electors, being  
the only work scheduled.  
Governor Cox spent the day at the  
executive office, engaged with state af-  
fairs and politicians. He received in-  
formation regarding the proposed  
automobile speeding charges made  
yesterday at Jacksonville, Ohio, as he  
was returning from Wheeling, W.  
Va. Action against the governor was  
current that chauffeurs of his  
party were to be prosecuted.  
Long distance telephone reports re-  
ceived by Governor Cox today regard-  
ing the Tennessee gubernatorial elec-  
tion stated that "a very, very hard  
contest" was in prospect, the governor  
said. Louisville and Nashville railroad  
interests, Governor Cox said, he had  
been advised, were intervening in op-  
position to ratification of the federal  
amendment.  
Governor Cox today added another  
address to his itinerary for this week.  
He will speak at 2 p. m. Satur-  
day at Orrville, Ohio, while enroute to  
Canton.

## HIT BY BALL, CLEVELAND PLAYER IS SERIOUSLY HURT

New York, Aug. 16.—Ray Chapman,  
shortstop of the Cleveland American  
league baseball club, was hit on the  
head and his skull fractured by a  
pitched ball in the game with New  
York here today. The accident occurred  
in the fifth inning, when Chapman,  
while at bat, attempted to dodge a fast  
underhand curve, thrown by Pitcher  
Carl Mays of the Yankees.  
The Cleveland player was given first  
aid on the field, and then removed to  
a hospital, where physicians said his  
condition was serious. Concussion of  
the brain and hemorrhages developed  
and physicians said an operation  
might be necessary.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS TO EXTEND CITY LIMITS OF RALEIGH.

(Special to The Star.)  
Raleigh, Aug. 16.—With the majority  
of the members of the house out of  
the city for the week-end, neither of  
the houses had sessions until 8 o'clock  
tonight. Public hearing on the bill for  
the extension of the city limits of Ra-  
leigh, heard this morning, was favor-  
ably reported and will probably be sent  
to the house during the first of the  
week. Outsiders have always objected  
to the extension of the city limits,  
and it has been impossible to get a  
favorable report on the bill in other  
years.

## ITALIAN ARISTOCRATS PUT BAN ON EXPENSIVE SUITS

Rome, Aug. 16.—A large number of  
aristocratic young men in Rome, Flo-  
rence and other Italian cities, by agree-  
ment are wearing a simple costume  
and are wearing a simple costume  
this summer, declared a boycott on ex-  
pensive clothing.  
The suits are composed of khaki or  
blue denim trousers and a shirt or  
blouse which can quite easily be made  
at home. Wearers of the cheap attire  
have also temporarily abandoned  
jewelry, elaborate cravats, silver-  
handed canes or expensive hats. Most  
of the innovators also wear sandals in-  
stead of shoes.

## PORTO RICO HAS MORE THAN TWO MILLION RAT POPULATION

San Juan, P. R., Aug. 16.—Porto Rico  
has a rat population of 2,488,000—two  
to each inhabitant—and it costs the  
island \$15,000,000 annually to support  
them. This is the estimate of Major  
C. M. Corput, of the United States  
public health service, chief quarantine  
officer for Porto Rico. Each rat, ac-  
cording to Major Corput, consumes pro-  
visions to the extent of \$6 monthly. The  
census gave Porto Rico a population  
has a rat population of 2,600,000—two  
of approximately 1,300,000. On this  
basis each man, woman or child in the  
island contributes about \$11 annually  
to the support of the rat family.

## Klamath Falls, Ore., Lays Claim to Having the Champion Enter in the per- son of Yarnon Anderson, a newboy, who consumed twenty large hamburger sandwiches in three hours and twenty minutes.

## Women Use Their Fists For Settling Suffrage Debate

(Special to The Star.)  
Raleigh, Aug. 16.—One of the  
most interesting and widely dissemi-  
nated morsels of gossip in connection  
with the suffrage fight, is the re-  
ported actual clash here today be-  
tween two women—an ardent suf-  
fragist and an equally ardent anti.  
According to the story, the verbal  
barrage finally ended in an animated  
hair-pulling, provoked, it is said by  
charges and counter-charges, as to  
which one should have been home  
attending to domestic duties. When  
friends intervened, it is asserted,  
that both combatants bore evidence  
of something more than discussing  
the latest effects in fall fashions.  
While full details of the set-to could  
not be ascertained, it is asserted, a  
sensible decision gave the anti the worst  
of the engagement.  
By common consent a strict cen-  
sorship was placed on all "news"  
concerning the affair by friends of  
the participants, which is being rigi-  
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Governor Cox spent the day at the  
executive office, engaged with state af-  
fairs and politicians. He received in-  
formation regarding the proposed  
automobile speeding charges made  
yesterday at Jacksonville, Ohio, as he  
was returning from Wheeling, W.  
Va. Action against the governor was  
current that chauffeurs of his  
party were to be prosecuted.  
Long distance telephone reports re-  
ceived by Governor Cox today regard-  
ing the Tennessee gubernatorial elec-  
tion stated that "a very, very hard  
contest" was in prospect, the governor  
said. Louisville and Nashville railroad  
interests, Governor Cox said, he had  
been advised, were intervening in op-  
position to ratification of the federal  
amendment.  
Governor Cox today added another  
address to his itinerary for this week.  
He will speak at 2 p. m. Satur-  
day at Orrville, Ohio, while enroute to  
Canton.

## HIT BY BALL, CLEVELAND PLAYER IS SERIOUSLY HURT

New York, Aug. 16.—Ray Chapman,  
shortstop of the Cleveland American  
league baseball club, was hit on the  
head and his skull fractured by a  
pitched ball in the game with New  
York here today. The accident occurred  
in the fifth inning, when Chapman,  
while at bat, attempted to dodge a fast  
underhand curve, thrown by Pitcher  
Carl Mays of the Yankees.  
The Cleveland player was given first  
aid on the field, and then removed to  
a hospital, where physicians said his  
condition was serious. Concussion of  
the brain and hemorrhages developed  
and physicians said an operation  
might be necessary.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS TO EXTEND CITY LIMITS OF RALEIGH.

(Special to The Star.)  
Raleigh, Aug. 16.—With the majority  
of the members of the house out of  
the city for the week-end, neither of  
the houses had sessions until 8 o'clock  
tonight. Public hearing on the bill for  
the extension of the city limits of Ra-  
leigh, heard this morning, was favor-  
ably reported and will probably be sent  
to the house during the first of the  
week. Outsiders have always objected  
to the extension of the city limits,  
and it has been impossible to get a  
favorable report on the bill in other  
years.

## PORTO RICO HAS MORE THAN TWO MILLION RAT POPULATION

San Juan, P. R., Aug. 16.—Porto Rico  
has a rat population of 2,488,000—two  
to each inhabitant—and it costs the  
island \$15,000,000 annually to support  
them. This is the estimate of Major  
C. M. Corput, of the United States  
public health service, chief quarantine  
officer for Porto Rico. Each rat, ac-  
cording to Major Corput, consumes pro-  
visions to the extent of \$6 monthly. The  
census gave Porto Rico a population  
has a rat population of 2,600,000—two  
of approximately 1,300,000. On this  
basis each man, woman or child in the  
island contributes about \$11 annually  
to the support of the rat family.

## Klamath Falls, Ore., Lays Claim to Having the Champion Enter in the per- son of Yarnon Anderson, a newboy, who consumed twenty large hamburger sandwiches in three hours and twenty minutes.

## STRONG POSITIONS ARE RECOVERED BY POLES IN BATTLES

### Heavy Losses Inflicted Upon Enemy in Flight Raging in Narew Valley.

### DENY REPORT RED ARMY HAS ENTERED WARSAW

### Forces Defending Capital Are Grouped to Hold Against Terrific Onslaught, Report

London, Aug. 17.—The London Times  
cites Monday's official communique  
from Warsaw "as disposing of the re-  
port circulated by the Bolshevik com-  
mand at Vilna that Warsaw fell Sun-  
day." This report had been sent to  
The Times from its Kovno correspon-  
dent.  
London, Aug. 16.—The Russian soviet  
troops have entered Warsaw, the  
Polish capital, according to the Knova  
Lithuania correspondent of the London  
Times. The dispatch says the staff  
of the fourth bolshevik army entered  
Warsaw Sunday.  
Warsaw, Aug. 16.—Uninterrupted  
fighting is going on in the valley of  
the Bug from its source to its con-  
fluence with the Narew river. The  
great battle which has just begun  
along the river has been marked by  
appreciable advantages for the Poles.  
They have inflicted heavy losses on  
the enemy and won back important  
positions.  
In Galicia the Poles without pressure  
from the bolsheviks, have withdrawn  
to the line of the river.  
The forces defending Warsaw are  
now grouped as follows: On the left  
wing, resting on the forts of Modlin  
(Novo Georgievsk) holds the line of  
the lower Narew and Bug; the center,  
protected behind by the outer forts  
of the Narew and Bug rivers, is  
at distances varying from eighteen to  
thirty miles from the capital, the right  
wing commands the valley of the upper  
Bug. Both on the right and the left  
the Poles are in the offensive, taken  
the initiative in the operations.  
The bolshevik forces which had  
crossed the Bug between Huzigovsk  
and Wlodawa have been thrown back  
on the right bank of the Narew. The  
Poles, starting from Modlin, have  
made a successful attack in the di-  
rection of Miawa. Thanks to this opera-  
tion, the positions the Poles occupy in  
the fork of the Narew and Bug rivers,  
which constitutes the key defenses of  
Warsaw, are now better protected  
from a flank attack threatened by the  
bolshevik forces on the northwest.

## OPERATION OF U. S. SHIPS ON GERMAN ROUTES IS LAUDED

### Shipping Board Heads Say That America Will Shortly Hold Big Foreign Trade.

Washington, Aug. 16.—Operation of  
American ships on former German  
trade routes to all parts of the world  
has the sanction and support of the  
shipping board. Chairman Benson an-  
nounced tonight in making public co-  
operative working agreements reached  
between the American Ship and Com-  
merce corporation of New York and  
the Hamburg-American line of Ger-  
many.  
In his summary of the agreements,  
the chairman declared that the shipping  
board would "look forward to seeing  
one of its constructive plans carried  
out."  
There is no German money in the  
American and of the business in any  
place nor is there any agreement ex-  
pressed or implied for German invest-  
ment in any of the American com-  
panies, he stated.  
The arrangement is for 25 years and  
consists, the chairman said, of a gen-  
eral agreement covering the principles  
to be followed by the two concerns,  
and an operating agreement covering  
the methods of carrying out the plans.  
In general, it provides that each party  
may participate with an equal amount  
of tonnage in such passenger and  
freight services as shall be established,  
which will include service between the  
United States and Germany and other  
ports of the world other than the United  
States. Pier facilities, port and office  
organizations of both companies are  
placed at the disposal of the service.  
The American Ship and Commerce  
corporation is to act as agent for the  
Hamburg-American line in United  
States ports and that the German com-  
pany as agent for the American  
company in German ports, but each  
company may establish offices in the  
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