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The Weather

Partly cloudy weather with local thunder showers Tuesday and Wednesday, gentle variable winds. Heavy stage at Fayetteville at 8 a. m. yesterday, 14.8 feet.

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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
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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
and was conspicuous. The impressions
ones based on the early
and busy newspaper dispatches that
came out of Dayton immediately after
the nomination.
As to some of these impressions,
Cox's personal back-
ground, and with the attitude of Day-
ton toward him, one would rather wait
for the maturing and confirming of the
impressions before attempting to write
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
grasped the fact that they are com-
peting for 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 he would be so rash as to say
that he doesn't yet realize what has
happened to him. Nevertheless, it is
a fact that the democratic campaign so
far has been conducted as if it were
merely a Dayton campaign for Governor
McDowell.

Little Evidence of Change.
No changes or additions have been
made to the personnel around Cox in
the way of additional secretaries or
assistants. It 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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merely a Dayton campaign for Governor
McDowell.

From the point of view of effective
business-like organization, the re-
publicans are much wiser in holding
on to their machine than they have been
in the past two years.
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 they
are right. 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. It is 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 a well planned course.
He lacks any
one who went to Cox's headquarters
for a 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 Grier,
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. 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
the hallways than in the senate.
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 Warren said that the
senate would vote in favor of ratifi-
cation.

The anti-suffrage group was busy in
attempts to swing a few votes their
way in the senate, where all admit the
vote will be close 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 op-
ponents 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.

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.

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 dead before he
helped 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 company
of this city is in full, 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 consisted 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 Foreign Ex-
change 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 be
about \$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.

WANTS VOTERS TO PASS ON RECORDS

ARRANGE HARDING PROGRAM TO OCT. 1

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 jus-
sue 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 governor's address will be
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 woman suffrage
fight 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.

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
this summer, about \$8 to \$12.
They have 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.

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
while at bat, attempted to dodge a fast
underhand curve, thrown by Pitcher
Clyde Knab 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 to-
night. 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 a city limit extension in the city
that it has been impossible to get a
favorable report on the bill in other
years.

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

Shipping Board Hears 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 in 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
parts 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 agents 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.

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 said that a
man 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-
dly enforced.

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 op-
eration, 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.

GOTHAM WILL WELCOME COX

New York To Give Gov- ernor Glad Hand.

New York, Aug. 16.—Plans for the
visit of Governor Cox, democratic pre-
sidential nominee, to New York August
25, were announced at democratic na-
tional headquarters tonight. A reception
will be held at the national democratic
club immediately after the governor's
arrival and a luncheon will follow at
which Governor Cox is expected to
speak. The nominee will spend the af-
ternoon witnessing police field day
games.
Senator Pat Harrison, chairman of
the speakers' bureau, announced to-
night changes in the western itinerary
of Frank W. D. Roosevelt, vice-presi-
dential nominee. Mr. Roosevelt will
speak in Los Angeles August 24 and
this, he said, will make it necessary
to eliminate Reno and Cheyenne from
the list of stops originally scheduled.
National Chairman George White an-
nounced after a conference with Sen-
ator Key Pittman of Nevada, who will
direct the campaign west of the Rocky
mountains, that Senator Pittman would
serve as chairman under the name of
White in California, Utah, Washington,
Nevada, Idaho, New Mexico, Arizona,
Colorado, Montana, Oregon and Wyo-
ning. Representative Frank Doremus
of Michigan, Chairman White stated,
will have charge of a district includ-
ing western Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky,
Tennessee and Alabama. Chairman
White will have personal charge of the
campaign in the other states.

CANTU WILL RETIRE QUIETLY FROM OFFICE

General Salazar New Governor In Lower California.

Mexicali, Lower Cal., Aug. 16.—Con-
clusion of negotiations looking toward
a settlement of the insurrection in the
northern district of Lower California
was the arrival of certain formal
papers from Mexico City, according to
a statement made today by Governor
Esteban Cantu.
Unofficially it was admitted that ne-
gotiations had been closed and that
Gen. Luis M. Salazar would succeed Col-
onel Cantu as governor in about a week
after the arrival of his commission to
that office.
The delay, it was said, was advisable
to prepare the territorial government
and the people to accept the change
quietly.
Representatives of the territorial and
of the provisional center government
declared the change probably meant
the end of gambling and other occa-
sions.

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.