

Partly cloudy Wednesday and Thursday. Moderate temperature. River stage at Fayetteville at 8 a. m. yesterday, 26.4 feet.

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LAWS TRINITY PASSED BY SENATE; FEW AMENDMENTS

General Assembly Works Toward Adjournment by Dispatching These Bills

DROPS TAX ON INCOME OF SOLVENT CREDITORS

Senate Approves Bill Increasing Fees of Superior Court Solicitors

Raleigh, Aug. 24.—The legislature worked well towards adjournment today when it passed on final readings the measures which will result in the re-valuation law on the statute books of North Carolina.

The revenue act, the municipal finance act and the constitutional amendments making the necessary changes on the tax books of the state, were passed in the senate this morning with but few dissenting votes, and will be sent to the house for passage in the slight amendments made by the house.

Only amendment of general importance to either of these measures was that providing for the elimination of the authority to the legislature to levy a tax on the incomes of solvent creditors rather than to levy an ad valorem tax on this class of property. The measure as it was presented by the committee provided that the legislature at any time in the future, if it saw fit to do so, might levy a tax of up to twenty per cent on the incomes of solvent creditors, which will apply to all other taxes. It was this provision which worried nearly all the republicans, and a good many of the democrats.

INCREASE SOLICITORS' FEES

After a short discussion the senate passed on final readings the bill to increase the fees of solicitors of the superior courts of the state. It was said in defense of the bill that the average salary of a solicitor in the superior courts for the past five years or more, is impossible to get efficient men to prosecute the criminal docket for this money. The increased fees of the law were to be paid by the violators of the law, and for the most part, will increase the salaries about 33 per cent. This measure has already passed the house and will be ratified today.

Senator Stokes introduced a bill providing for the registration and voting of women, which was put on for passage in its regular order. The bill prepared by the committee on elections, which had been assigned the task by a resolution offered by Senator Howard last week. The bill merely provides the additional machinery for the participation in the elections by women, putting the state in shape to take care of the women if the Tennessee situation clears enough to permit their voting in the November elections.

NO ROAD COMMISSION

The house would have no road commission to make a study of the necessary road legislation suggested by the Good Roads convention in its meeting on August 20, when it voted down the proposal. It is understood that the measure did not meet the approval of some of the leaders in the Good Roads meeting in that it provided for the appointment of a commission from the membership of the present legislature. T. Leroy Kirkpatrick and the commission wanted road experts appointed on the commission.

SAYS CANDY NO SOLACE FOR OLD LIQUOR HEADS

They Prefer Ice Cream and The Movies

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Candy has not taken the place of alcohol for men who formerly indulged in beverages now under the prohibition ban, according to Walter C. Hughes, secretary of the National Confectioners' association.

In a letter to the state department relative to the coming session of the international congress against alcoholism, Mr. Hughes today placed the confectionary industry as fifth among those benefited by prohibition. Savings banks the soft drink industry, ice cream makers and moving picture theatres in order had drawn greater proportionate profits out of the dry edict than the candy trade, he said.

GIBSON UNDER CHARGES

CHICAGO, Aug. 24.—Suit alleging that Charles S. Gibson, of Detroit, while secretary of the National Breeders and fanciers' association, misappropriated large sums of money from the association and conspired with Joseph H. Blake of New York to defraud the association by organizing the National Breeders and Fanciers' corporation was filed in the United States district court today by representatives of the association. An injunction was asked restraining Gibson and Blake from destroying the records of the new association and from collecting funds from the first association.

STRIKE STARTS RIOT

NASHVILLE, Aug. 24.—About a score of persons were arrested and two men injured late today as a result of minor riots started in many sections of the city during the third day of the strike against union car men, according to a statement of company officials tonight. None of those injured needed medical attention.

PROOF AT PITTSBURGH IS PROMISED BY COX

Governor Says He Will Substantiate Charge of Fifteen Million Slush Fund—Ready to Go On Witness Stand

DAYTON, Ohio, Aug. 24.—A promise to prove, in his address at Pittsburgh next Thursday, his charges that the republicans were gathering a \$15,000,000 campaign fund was made by Governor Cox, democratic presidential candidate, prior to his departure late tonight on another speaking tour.

He will make addresses tomorrow at Princeton and Evansville, Ind., and speak at Pittsburgh Thursday night. Governor Cox also sent a telegram tonight to Senator Kenyon, republican, Iowa, chairman of the senate campaign investigating committee, assuring him of assistance in bringing out the facts.

"In addition to my statement in Pittsburgh," said Governor Cox's telegram, in response to one from Senator Kenyon requesting information, "I will send to your committee such leads for information as I possess. I desire to assist in every possible way." The governor told friends today that he stands ready to appear before the committee if it should desire personal testimony, but doubted if it would be necessary.

VICTORIOUS POLES PRESS ADVANTAGE

Exploit Their Gains in Skillful Manner, Though Facing

PARIS, Aug. 24.—The Poles continue to exploit their victory in a most skillful manner. The bolshevik northern army, even should it be able to cut its way eastward, will find its road barred by Czeslodoz Plandak's forces, who have now reached Bialystok by a rapid march. The bolsheviks, however, according to the latest advice reaching Paris, are very active higher up the Bug, notably in the region of Wlodawa, seventy-two miles southeast of Siedlce.

It is expected in French military circles that he will detach part of his troops both to ward against this danger and to hasten the liberation of the territory. It is thought Plandak will likely start a double move southward toward Grodno, so as to restore strategic liaison with the Vilna Lithuanians, and to the south or southeastward so as to force a retreat of the bolshevik units in positions on the Bug river and in Galicia. So far it has been plain sailing for the Poles, in the opinion of the military observers, but it is declared further duplication of the operation involves a certain danger for the Poles, who would be obliged to extend their front considerably. It is pointed out that it was such an extension of front which placed the Poles in a position of inferiority at the time of the bolshevik offensive.

TWO TOWNS CAPTURED

WARSAW, Aug. 24.—Lomza, seventy-five miles northeast of Warsaw, and Bialystok, fifty miles east of Lomza, have been recaptured by the eastern armies, says an official communication issued by the war office here today. In the remaining occupied sectors in the north the bolsheviks are crossing the Prussian frontier in great numbers. Thirty-second bolshevik divisions have been smashed and all of the fifty-fourth division have been taken prisoners.

CHAIRMAN HAYS HEARS OPTIMISTIC ACCOUNTS

But Warns Workers to Avoid Over-Confidence

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—Optimistic reports regarding republican success at the coming national election were made today by republican leaders in eastern New York in conference with Will H. Hays, chairman of the republican national committee. Mr. Hays said the meetings today were "most gratifying" and confirm entirely our opinion and belief as to political conditions. Notwithstanding the optimistic reports, Chairman Hays cautioned his assistants not to allow over-confidence to lead them into the error of neglecting the smallest details of their campaigns and told them "there must be no let-up of campaign activities until election day. The ground must be covered so well that afterwards there may be no cause for regret," he said.

COUNTER OFFENSIVE

LONDON, Aug. 24.—A dispatch to the Echo and Telegraph says the Dutch Algemein Zeitung publishes a report that the Russian northern army has commenced a counter offensive which appears to have partly succeeded. The dispatch says that the Poles have been forced back in the "corridor" between Milawa and Chozek, while in the neighborhood of Neidenburg a decisive battle is in progress.

DISORDER BREAKS OUT ABOUT BRITON PRISON

LONDON, Aug. 24.—There were disorderly scenes tonight near the Briton prison where Lord Mayor MacSweeney, of Cork, is confined, incident to the assembly of several thousand persons who waived red flags, hoisted the British flag and sang patriotic songs. The dispatch states that the Poles have the government and cried, "Up Sinn Fein, Up Rebel." They pushed the police guarding the avenue leading to the prison. Several persons were injured.

SALARY INCREASES FOR N. C. OFFICIALS

Blocked by House

Importance Time, Prices Coming Down, Solons Hold—Adjournment Near

(Special to The Star) RALEIGH, Aug. 24.—The house tonight killed a bill providing for salary increases for officers and clerks of states, claiming that prices are coming down and that it is an inopportune time for raising salaries.

The bill proposed to increase the state officials to five thousand dollars, but none of them had a chance of getting by the house. In the senate a partisan discussion developed on the bill for the repeal of the absentee voter's law, introduced by Long, of Montgomery, a republican, who claimed that there were frauds under the administration of the law. Senator Stacy charged that the republicans were not acting in good faith at the special session and were trying to make capital of the work of the general assembly for campaign purposes. This was denied by Sick and Fisher.

All amendments to the revenue bill were voted down and the measure was put through its final readings. The house passed a joint resolution for adjournment of the extra session at 1 o'clock Thursday morning, but the senate did not believe the engrossing clerk could complete his work by that hour, he held the measure until Wednesday morning. Practically all bills have been taken care of and all roll call bills will be completed by Thursday. Adjournment on that date seems certain.

SAYS GERMANS ARE SUPPLYING BOLSHEVIKI

Ammunition Sold, Says Correspondent of Times

LONDON, Aug. 24.—Germany has shipped supplies and ammunition to soviet Russia, according to a correspondent of the London Times, who insists that Leon Trotsky, Russian bolshevik minister of war and marine, visited East Prussia and to accomplish the details of reports to that effect from Moscow. "The retreat of the bolshevik armies from the gates of Warsaw," declared the correspondent, "may be explained by the fact that they lacked ammunition. Trotsky foresaw the need of the armies during the Prussian attack, and to capture the Polish capital, and to reach an agreement with representatives of the German government by which it would supply ammunition to the bolsheviks."

"The ammunition has been paid for, in part, out of the soviet 'jewel fund,' which includes the crown jewels. It was the intention of the bolsheviks to use this fund solely for propaganda purposes in the east, but Germany insisted upon cash payment. The second object of Trotsky's visit to East Prussia was to prevent munitions from reaching Poland, and to accomplish this he employed Germans at Danzig with money from the same 'jewel fund.' A large traffic in arms took place between the Russians and Germans in the neighborhood of Soldau."

OPERATORS DISCUSS COAL CAR SHORTAGE

New Freight Rates Also Taken Up at Meeting

KNOXVILLE, Aug. 24.—A conference was held here this afternoon by coal operators of the Southern Appalachian section to discuss the coal car shortage and the new freight rates which are to become effective September 1. Rumors that a conference with federal officials would be held, at which the price of coal was to be fixed, were absolutely untrue, it was learned here, district attorney, who is prosecuting a half-hundred operators and brokers in this section for alleged profiteering. Mr. Kennedy also denied a statement that the coal cases would be dropped or compromised as a matter of political expediency, declaring the operators would be in the federal courtroom.

GOVERNOR READY TO SAVE CONFEDERATE WHITE HOUSE

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Aug. 24.—Advised by a committee of the First White House of the Confederacy commission, composed largely of Montgomery women, that negotiations were under way for the purchase of a site on which to preserve the home of Jefferson Davis, the only president of the Confederate States of America, in the city, Governor Thomas E. Kilby announced that he was ready at any moment to sign a warrant for \$25,000 appropriated by the legislature of 1917 for the purchase and removal of the aged building.

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WILSON LEADS 'EM ALL IN GETTING THE APPLAUSE

EAST LAS VEGAS, N. M., Aug. 24.—President Wilson's name brought a greater demonstration at the democratic state convention here today than the mention of Governor Cox and Franklin D. Roosevelt, although the candidates were generously cheered. More than 100 women were delegates for the first time in the history of political conventions in the state. Women were admitted to membership in the state central committee, which now will consist of two men and two women from each county.

RECORDER'S DOCKET LIGHT

Recorder's court session was brief yesterday with only eight cases coming up for trial. Of the eight cases, three were continued and the other five were disposed of.

MONTAUK AGROUND

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Mr. Harding's "Speechograph" Barred By Fair

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 24.—Phonograph records as a proxy for Senator Harding at the state fair, August 21, presidential day, were tabooged today by the fair management.

Request was made for space for a tent seating 2,000 people, it was said. The plan was to have republican speakers, and Harding phonograph records represent the republican cause daily.

"Senator Harding lives within forty miles of Columbus and if he wants his speeches delivered at the state fair he ought to come and deliver them himself," E. V. Waldron, fair manager, declared. Senator Harding asserted he cannot arrange his schedule to permit him to attend the fair presidential day.

A LOSER IN LOVE, CAROL SEES DUTY

Rumanian Prince Looks Forward to Service

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—With a slight show of emotion, Prince Carol of Rumania, in an interview tonight, referred to his marriage to twenty years old, titleless, dowryless, Mme. Zizi Lambriano and the subsequent annulment by his royal parents. "I do not care to bring up past sorrows," he said. The incident is closed and only look forward to the discharge of my duties as crown prince of Rumania and hear the throne. Upon his return he said he would work with all his energy for the future prosperity of his country.

PROBLEM OF FEEDING GERMANS CONSIDERED

Harvests Are Not Good, Herr Hermes Declares

LONDON, Aug. 24.—Methods of carrying out the Spa agreement providing for better feeding of German coal miners were discussed today at the conference between Charles McCurdy, British food minister, and Andrea Hermes, German food minister. The meeting also was attended by the French, Italian and Belgian members of the permanent committee of the supreme economic council.

RAT-PROOFING PLANS ARE BEING DRAWN UP

Public Health Service at Work on Matter

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Standard plans for rat-proofing business buildings, dwellings and wharves are being drawn up by the public health service as part of its campaign to stamp bubonic plague out of the country. The plans are to be furnished to states and cities for incorporation in building codes and the division of the land. In Rumania nearly every peasant is a landowner and thus we have insured interior political stability. With this condition bolshevism cannot gain a grip on my people. The Rumanian has so many natural products that it would soon become one of the richest countries in Europe.

SOCIALIST CAMPAIGN OPENS AT NEW YORK

Would Express Solidarity With Soviet Russia

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—The socialist party opened its campaign here tonight at a meeting called for the purpose of "expressing solidarity with the Russian soviet republic and protesting against the policies by which the capitalist governments of the world have sought and are seeking to strangle the voice of the Russian people." Seymour Steadman, of Chicago, vice-presidential candidate, was to have been the principal speaker, but engagements in Chicago prevented him from being present. Joseph D. Cannon, socialist candidate for governor, criticized the United States government because of its attitude toward soviet Russia and said there was a time when the United States not only recognized a new born republic but offered protection to it. "I don't want the United States to help the Russian soviet republic," said Cannon, "what we want is to have the United States let it alone."

GIANT BALLOON CHRISTENED

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 24.—A giant balloon to be known as United States Army No. 1, of Fort Thomas, constructed by soldiers at the fort, and which will be entered in the international balloon races, was christened here late today by Miss Mary Anstead, of Cleveland, Ohio. The balloon has a capacity of 5,000 cubic feet, which is said to be more than twice as great as that of an ordinary balloon.

STEAMBOAT LINES GIVEN AUTHORITY TO RAISE FREIGHT

Shipping Board Decision Permits Conformity With Recent Rail Advances

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Steamboat lines operating on the Atlantic coast, Great lakes and Gulf of Mexico were authorized tonight by the shipping board to increase freight rates from twenty to forty per cent and passenger charges from twenty per cent to thirty-three and a third per cent over existing levels on all-water traffic.

The board's decision followed a hearing held last week on the application of the water carriers to put into effect rates corresponding to the joint rail and water advances recently authorized by the Interstate commerce commission.

A number of boat lines have filed schedules putting them into effect Thursday when the rail rates become operative. For rate making purposes, the board ruled that Norfolk, Va., is to be considered in the Norfolk-Atlantic section to and from ports within the latter section. New Orleans is to be considered in the Norfolk-New Orleans section to and from ports within that section and within the New Orleans-Mexican-Border section to and from ports within the latter section.

ROBERTS NOTIFIES SECRETARY COLBY OF RATIFICATION

Restraining Order Set Aside By Decision of Chief Justice Lansden

SUFFRAGE FIGHT MOVES TO CAPITAL OF NATION

Certification by Governor Tosses A Bombshell Into Camp Of "Antis"

AWAIT REPORT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—It is the expectation of suffrage leaders that Secretary Colby will make formal announcement of equal suffrage within twenty-four hours. Governor Robert's certification is in the mails, and immediate action by the secretary of state is expected to follow the receipt of this document.

NASHVILLE, Aug. 24.—Governor Roberts today certified by mail to Secretary of State Colby Tennessee's ratification of the woman suffrage amendment after receiving from Attorney General Frank M. Thompson an opinion that a writ issued by Chief Justice D. L. Lansden, of the state supreme court, last night set aside a lower court order temporarily restraining the governor from taking such action.

The injunction was obtained by citizens of Nashville opposed to suffrage. Issuance of the writ and the governor's certification serves to transfer to Washington the battle over legality of ratification. Anti-suffrage leaders declared the American Constitutional League was prepared to apply for District of Columbia supreme court for an order restraining Secretary Colby from issuing a proclamation declaring the amendment in effect.

RESTRAINING ORDER SET ASIDE BY DECISION OF CHIEF JUSTICE LANSDEN

The court meets in Knoxville September 20. Announcement this morning that Justice Lansden had issued the writ, followed an hour later by the statement that the governor had mailed the certification, was a bombshell in the camp of the anti-suffrage forces and an agreeable surprise to the suffragists. There had been no intimation such a course would be taken by the court. Attorney General Thompson filed the petition for the writ with Justice Lansden at his residence last night on behalf of Governors Roberts, Secretary of State Stevens and Speaker Andrew F. Tompkins. The writ was granted. Mr. Thompson argued the case before the justice and the writ was granted. The petition was filed with the clerk of the supreme court at 9:45 o'clock this morning and twenty-five minutes later the certificate of ratification was in the mails on its way to Washington.

FEELINGS BITTER

The petitioners and anti-suffragists generally were amazed at the coup and the petitioners in a formal statement were bitter in their criticism of what they termed the "high-handed tactics and unprecedented methods" involved in the case. Governor Roberts would make no statement, but suffrage leaders regarded the battle ended so far as the legislature and the state are concerned and prepared to leave for their homes. There was a general exodus tonight.

STATE COLLEGE ANNOUNCES MANY TEXTILE SCHOLARSHIPS

WEST RALEIGH, Aug. 24.—A number of textile scholarships have been awarded the textile department of the State college, which is the North Carolina textile school. For the second time the Abersole Manufacturing company, Chesler, Pa., has given ten scholarships to young men taking the textile course with the aim in view that these scholarships will prove of assistance in the constructive work the textile department is developing in the textile field. A number of mills in North Carolina have taken out scholarships and others are sending young men from their mills to take textile courses. Among these mills are the Chadwick-Hookins company, Charlotte; Tolar, Hart & Holt, Fayetteville; Kingston Cotton Mills, Kinross; R. M. Miller, Jr., Charlotte; W. H. Harris, broker, New York city, and others have given scholarships. A scholarship covers tuition which is \$45 and is awarded to textile students whose work and deportment is satisfactory.

TO HEAR CIVIL CASES

Morgan Turrentine, clerk of the United States court, yesterday received a communication from Federal Judge Henry G. Connor to the effect that the judge would come to Wilmington on September 16th for the purpose of hearing arguments in a certain civil case.

GEORGE COMMISSION ACCEPTS NEW RATES

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 24.—The Georgia railroad commission today issued an order authorizing increases in intrastate freight and passenger rates and other carrier charges, placing rates in Georgia on the same basis as those recently authorized by the interstate commerce commission. The new rates may become effective September 1 by the billing of blankets not less than three days prior to the effective date of increase. The increase in passenger fares will not apply to roads now authorized to charge five cents per mile, he said. The freight rate increases do not apply to shipments of cotton, cotton linters or brick.