

The Weather
Partly cloudy and much cooler Tues-
day; Wednesday fair; cooler on the
coast.
River stage at Fayetteville yester-
day at 5 a. m. 7 feet.

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TO PUT FORDNEY BILL THROUGH WITH A RUSH AT THE NEXT SESSION

President Harding Swings House Ways and Means Committee Right About

"SAVE THE FARMER"

Measure Designed to Rescue American Producer From Foreign Competition

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The Fordney emergency tariff bill, precisely as it is, is slated for the first important legislation of the extra session.

According to the request of President Harding for passage of a measure designed to help the farmers crying for protection against foreign competition, Republican members of the house ways and means committee turned about today and voted to re-visit the Fordney bill after agreeing almost unanimously a week ago not to consider any emergency legislation on a permanent tariff and revenue revision.

Senators Penrose, Smoot and McCumber, conferees from the senate finance committee, agreed to the new program which, it was explained, will be followed by the allied measure. Senator Penrose expressed the belief that the emergency measure would be in the hands of Mr. Harding within ten days of the convening of the special session April 11.

Several members of the house committee, including Chairman Fordney and Representatives Longworth and Green, who heads the senate finance committee, after the former had reached its agreement. From this conference came the prediction that the measure would be rushed through the senate, possibly under limitation of debate enforced by cloture.

The new Fordney bill will be presented with a six-month limitation, but its provisions will expire at an earlier date should the permanent bill be enacted before expiration of the six months period.

The house ways and means committee at the end of an all-day wrangle apparently was in the utmost harmony. Calling in newspapermen at the close of session, Chairman Fordney set forth the program with everybody approving.

After disposing of the emergency measure in the first few days of the extra session, the house will take up and pass the anti-dumping bill which will follow by the allied measure fixing an American valuation on goods which must pay ad valorem duty.

Then will come the permanent tariff, which Republican leaders hope will be broad enough to satisfy all interests in all sections demanding an upward revision. The actual work of framing it will begin tomorrow, hearings having been concluded at the last session.

While the house is at work on the tariff, the senate finance committee will consider revenue revisions, and its printed hearing will be available to the ways and means committee which will be following the allied measure.

Fordney predicted congress would work at high speed, in the hope of earning a summer recess.

The house would be considering revenue when the tariff was still before the senate.

"All differences have been ironed out," said Chairman Fordney "and we now have a definite working plan. It is to be assumed that it meets the approval of the President."

"The Fordney bill," said Chairman Penrose, "will be put through congress without the crossing of a 't' or the signing of an 'H'."

The President stepped into the fight early today when he telephoned Mr. Fordney suggesting that an emergency agricultural measure be advanced in lieu of tariff or revenue legislation, and while there had been some indication of his attitude, the proposal took the committee off their feet. There were rumblings of discontent, which were allayed by the fact that more congressmen are going to be asked for a special tariff law. The President asked that senate Republicans be hounded up the fact that with a cloture rule the measure might be long delayed. Senator Penrose, however, said that cloture would be invoked.

When the house meets April 11 there will be three bills awaiting action—emergency tariff, anti-dumping and the revenue valuation. How soon thereafter the permanent measure might be ready members declined to say.

In some quarters there is belief that an attempt might be made in the senate to hold up the Fordney bill, but revenue framers said this possibility did not exist, since the measure had the hearty indorsement of the President.

May Again be Named Ambassador at Paris



Myron T. Herrick, former U. S. ambassador to France, and one time governor of Ohio, is slated for the post of ambassador to France, according to rumors in official circles in Washington. Mr. Herrick, it is said, would be most acceptable to the French government. He resigned as ambassador to France in 1914.

HEAT RECORDS BROKEN ALONG COAST MONDAY

In Washington, Which Lead in Temperature, It Was 89, Street Level 99 Degrees

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The beginning of spring today brought to the Atlantic coast region of the United States the highest temperatures ever recorded for March 21.

Washington lead nearly a dozen cities in the coastal region with an official temperature of 89 and a street level temperature as measured by government thermometers of 99. The capital sizzled and sweated as in mid-July.

New York reported a record March 21 temperature of 80; Philadelphia 82; Boston 82; Hartford, Conn. 83; Portland, Maine, 78; Baltimore, 88; Raleigh, N. C. 86 and Norfolk 83.

Temperatures were reported tonight, however, to be declining even faster than they went up, a cool wave having overspread the entire section of the country east of the Mississippi and reaching beyond that river, as evidenced by snow in southwest Kansas and freezing weather in the Texas Panhandle. Morehead, Minn. tonight reported only 18 degrees above zero.

The cool weather in the opinion of weather bureau officials, however, will not endanger fruit trees which had been brought to the blossoming or budding stage by the abnormally warm weather of the last two weeks.

Wilmington's maximum yesterday was 89 degrees, minimum 62. The forecast for today in the state is much cooler, here Saturday when, it is much cooler country. A decided change set in early last night after a day of such summer-like quality that everywhere remarked on the very noticeable heat.

WITNESS HUGHES SAYS PACKING HOUSE LABOR HIS LIFE IS MENAGED CONFEREES SILENT ON FOR EXPRESS REGITAL FIRST DAY'S RESULTS

Man Who Turned State's Evidence in Express Thefts Case Closely Guarded

RENEWS HIS STORY AT CABINET TODAY

Swears Some Express Messengers Stole as Much as \$100 on Every Trip

MACON, Ga., March 21.—In his testimony against 13 persons accused of conspiracy to steal express shipments from the United States government, W. A. Hughes, express messenger, this afternoon declared that two of the defendants, Conductor V. Meeks, of Macon and Baggage-master F. J. Morris of Albany, Ga., had threatened to kill him.

Hughes said he met Captain Meeks in Atlanta. The conductor was angry, he said, and response to his "good evening" shouted, "I've been looking for you and I'm going to kill you. I've good mind to do it now."

Later the witness said the Baggage-master Morris met him and said, "If you'll keep your mouth shut we'll get you out, but if you don't we'll kill you."

This explains why Hughes is being guarded, it was later announced by Assistant District Attorney, E. Clem Powers.

"That express messengers sometimes 'collected' as much as \$100 a trip was proved by the witness.

"Ernest Fields (who has never been arrested) told me, in the presence of C. F. McMillan," said the witness, "that on every run he hit the 'company' for \$100."

"Lee Dix, who had just come in from a trip with R. S. McMichael," continued the witness, "told me that McMichael had held out everything on that trip except the car."

Hughes refused to sustain an objection to the assistant district attorney's method of calling the names of defendants to ascertain what Hughes knew of transactions with them.

Hughes first testified against Charley Johnson, a conductor, declaring that he sold him inner tubes, although he wanted outer casings.

He identified a suit of clothing that had been dyed, which he said he sold to J. L. Johnson, baggage-master for \$10. Another suit that he said had a C. O. D. tag for \$65, which he said he sold to J. L. Johnson was identified.

"Johnson, Pearce, the news butcher, and I were playing poker one night," said the witness, "when I went broke. I took a shipment of cigars and shirts, I do not remember the amount, and sold them to J. L. Johnson. I lost all the money I got from that shipment and then wrote Johnson three checks, two for \$25 and one for \$10."

Hughes declared that Carlos Jordan told him he "was working with the Louisville and Nashville people and said all the crowd came had dress goods or working clothes," said the witness. "I carried some silverware to my room that I had taken from a shipment. I had an order from the Prestwoods for silverware. That day Jordan and me found the silverware. Jordan had brought me the order from the Prestwoods. I said 'yes' and we opened the shipments and I gave him the silver."

Secretary Davis Requests of Those Attending Give Nothing to Papers

Nothing to Papers

AT CABINET TODAY

Subject Likely Will Be Discussed By the President and Cabinet Officers

WASHINGTON, March 21.—After spending three hours and a half in conference with Secretaries Davis, Hoover and Wallace, representatives of the five leading packers and of their union employees, adjourned late today to meet tomorrow afternoon. None of those participating in the conference would make any statement as to the progress of the initial efforts of the new administration in mediating a major labor dispute.

Representatives of the packers and of the employees on coming out of the conference stated that Secretary Davis had requested all parties to say nothing regarding the status of the discussions. The labor secretary also sent word by his private secretary to newspaper men that he had nothing to say regarding the conference, and announced that the discussions would be resumed tomorrow following the regular Tuesday cabinet meeting, probably at 3 o'clock, but earlier if possible.

The cabinet officers had no morning conferences were taken to indicate that Secretary Davis might bring the matter as revealed at today's preliminary meeting to the attention of the President and the other members of the cabinet.

Secretary Davis remained in conference after the session with Hugh L. Keenan, chief clerk of the department, and with the labor department's board of conciliators.

Unions allied with the butchers and meat cutters' union sent nine representatives to the conference to advise with the representatives of the employees if their advice should be needed. Prior to the joint conference, J. J. Brennan, of the International Brotherhood of Firemen, and the principal spokesman for the allied unions would stand by the other employees.

Industry and organized labor alike is being asked to advise the government for its effect on similar operation in other industries.

Frail Little Fellows from Starving Hungary



They have just arrived from starving Hungary. But these three brothers, Ernest, Emilie and Walter Hohne, do not look as though they had neglected their stomachs. Their combined weight is more than 1,500 pounds. Ernest alone tips the scale at 500 pounds.

ATTACKS NATIONAL RULES AS ROAD TO PLUMB PLAN

General Atterbury of Pennsylvania Railway Declares American People Are At the Parting of Ways—One Road Leads to Government Ownership of Railroads, Nationalization, Etc.—Other to Industrial Peace on the Roads

CHICAGO, March 21.—Brig. Gen. W. W. Atterbury, vice-president of the Pennsylvania railroad and former chairman of the railway executives' company and Mr. Alexander announced that Attorney-General Daugherty had instructed him to enter the case for the purpose of upholding the act.

The hearing by which union leaders seek to have Judge S. H. Sibley rescind his wage reduction order, which precipitated a strike March 5, was started last week but postponed until Tuesday afternoon.

Resumption of local freight and passenger service throughout the A. B. system with the exception of the Wayne division, was announced today by B. L. Bugg, receiver. New men are being put to work daily, filling the place of strikers, it was said, and full schedules were forecast soon.

B. L. Bugg issued a statement tonight declaring that the United States railway labor board at Chicago, "did not ask nor require the appearance of any one representing the receiver at the wage hearing it called for today. Colonel Bugg announced last week that he would not attend the hearing and he stated tonight that the board had simply instructed its secretary to 'notify' the receiver regarding the hearing. The unions announced they had sent two representatives."

BURDEN OF PROOF HAS BEEN PUT ON THE GAS COMPANIES IN HEARING

Must Show Corporation Commission Today That Present Rates Are Reasonable

FREIGHT IS HIGHER

But Cities Contend That It Doesn't Justify the Temporary Rates Granted

By JULE B. WARREN
RALEIGH, March 21.—The burden of proof will be on the gas companies in the 16 cities of North Carolina, whose cause comes before the corporation commission tomorrow, to show that they are entitled to the increased rate granted during the summer of 1920.

It is recognized that there is some argument and fact which justify some increase in the gas rates charged North Carolina cities, as compared with cities of similar size in other states, but it is generally admitted that the rates now being charged are out of proportion to the difference in manufacturing costs in the different sections of the state.

The freight rate to North Carolina coal is somewhat higher than in many other states, which are nearer the coal fields or which do not have such a short distance to the freight rates but the difference in the freight rates does not justify the big difference in the cost of gas, according to the city officials who have been collecting data and information for the purpose of presenting their case to the corporation commission tomorrow.

Contrary to the popular belief, the gas companies are not now asking for an increase in rates. They are asking nothing specific at this hearing, which is merely a continuance of the hearing on the initial petition filed with the corporation commission last summer. At that time the cities asked for a continuance in order that they might get data and information regarding profits and management of the different companies. In the meantime the price of coal and gas oil went up to such a point that the gas companies were able to convince the corporation commission that they could not wait even a short time for the increase in revenues which would come by the increase in the price of coal and gas oil.

At the time the temporary rate was put into effect the commission had no idea what the final disposition of this case would be delayed until this time, but the delay has been the result of a number of causes, some of which were contributed to by the cities themselves, some by the immense rush of business of the commission.

During the period of the delay, however, the prices of materials going into the manufacture of gas have dropped materially and the present rates may in the end work to the advantage of the cities. These drops in prices will place all the more burden on the gas companies to show that the present rates, as compared with rates charged in other cities of the country, are not too high. The presumption is that there will be a substantial decrease in rates ordered, and unless the companies can show that the present rates justify a continuance of the present rates, there will be a reduction.

Mayors and other city officials are in the city today conferring about the case and about the proposed corporation commission will make every possible effort to expedite the hearing, but in a measure the consolidated case embraces just as many cases as there are cities involved. Some of the cities are Winston-Salem, Raleigh, Charlotte, Goldsboro, Washington, Oxford, Henderson, Elizabeth City, Wilmington, Salisbury, Spencer, East Spencer, High Point and Greensboro.

HAMON WOMAN SIGNS UP MOVIE CONTRACT

Will Write Her Life's Story and Help Act It

ARDMORE, Okla., March 21.—Clara Smith Hamon late today signed a contract with the Oklahoma Motion Picture company with headquarters at Oklahoma City, Okla., and studio at Lawton, Okla., to make a picture for the next two years, she said in an interview here tonight.

The pictures will be styled "The Clara Smith Hamon Pictures, Inc.," and the principal roles will be a modified story of her life, written by herself.

"I'm going to leave some parts out," she said, but leave enough in to be a good picture. I don't want to advise want people to think I'm doing it for the money alone, either."

A reception was held for Clara Hamon tonight at the First Christian church here, where she was baptized yesterday.

The Oklahoma Motion Picture company was incorporated at \$1,000,000 about a year ago. E. T. Turner, president, completed arrangements with Clara Hamon today, she said. Arrangements for a 50 per cent royalty on her productions and a cash advance were made in the contract, she said. She said she was leaving for California in a week or ten days.

BOTH COASTS TO MAKE NEW MARINE CONTRACT

Ship Operators and Seamen Will Negotiate New Scales

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Pacific ship operators and seamen have agreed to negotiate a new working agreement, Chairman Benson of the shipping board announced today. The old agreement was terminated recently on notice by both sides but the chairman said both sides had been persuaded to get together and work out a new one.

No date has been set as yet for the negotiations, Mr. Benson said, but it is probable they will await the negotiations between Atlantic coast operators and seamen.

Negotiations on the Atlantic, the chairman added, would probably not be completed until about the middle of April, but it was expected that new agreements covering wages and working agreements would be revised on both coasts. Working agreements on both coasts were terminated by the operators some time ago, the board official recalled, and it was planned to reduce wages and overtime pay without entering into a new agreement with the men. Chairman Benson, however, advocated the negotiation of new agreements covering wages, hours and working conditions and last week telegraphed to the Pacific coast urging the adoption of this method of settling the labor question of the merchant marine for the coming year.

BRYAN THINKS THE LADIES COULD MAKE HIM PRESIDENT

MIAMI, Fla., March 21.—William Jennings Bryan was asked tonight by the Young Women's Christian association of Miami to run for President in 1924.

Mr. Bryan was chairman of the association's drive for funds which has just ended and he had just finished addressing a gathering of workers.

"With the women voting, I am confident I would be elected should I decide to try," the commoner replied.

RESUME BASEBALL PROBE

CHICAGO, March 21.—Grand jury investigation of the 1919 world series baseball scandal started last week, was resumed today when the assistant state's attorney, George E. Goeman, subpoenaed the grand jurors in the grand jury investigation of the matter.

Several important witnesses, including H. B. Johnson, president of the American league, are expected to be called tomorrow before the grand jury.

WOMAN AND A PREACHER IN RAGE FOR PROBATE JUDGE

GREENVILLE, S. C., March 21.—A woman and Baptist preacher are among the five candidates in the special election to be held tomorrow in Pickens county to fill the offices of judge of probate made vacant by the death recently of J. D. Newberry.

GEORGIA ROAD MAY LOWER WAGES OF UNSKILLED MEN

SAVANNAH, March 21.—It is rumored here that the Central of Georgia is considering the matter of skilled labor and that a meeting of superintendents is to be held Wednesday to consider the question. Confirmation of the report has not yet been obtained, however.

IRISH KILL SEVEN BRITISHERS

DUBLIN, March 21.—(By Associated Press.)—Seven members of the crown forces, including an officer, were killed and 12 were wounded when a train was ambushed today, according to official announcement. The attack occurred near Headford Junction, County Kerry.

MOORE DEFEATS DELMONT

MEMPHIS, March 21.—Paul Moore, of Memphis, was given the referee's decision over Mickey Delmont of New Orleans in a fast eight-round bout here tonight. Moore had the best of the fight in every round. The men are bantamweights.

BEST EGGS 19-1.5 CENTS AT WHOLESALE IN ST. LOUIS

ST. LOUIS, March 21.—The wholesale price of best eggs was 19-1.5 cents a dozen here today, a drop of 9-1.2 cents in the last week. Today's price were the lowest here since June, 1916. Heavy receipts and favorable weather were given as contributing causes for the price decline.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO TAKE HAND IN A. B. AND A. ATLANTA

ATLANTA, March 21.—The department of justice will take a hand in the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic railway wage hearing in federal court here tomorrow to defend the constitutionality of the Newlands act, it was announced tonight by United States District Attorney Alexander.

That portion of the law providing

RECEIVER BUGG FILES BRIEF WITH THE RAIL LABOR BOARD

CHICAGO, March 21.—The constitutionality of the labor board's decision in the case of the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic railway was challenged today when the receiver filed a brief filed by the receiver, E. L. Bugg, formerly president of the road.

The employees were represented at the hearing today by E. P. Curtis, vice-president of the One of Railway Contractors, who defended their action in striking.

The receiver took the position that the board had ordered wages which the industry was financially unable to pay and that since such a situation would have meant confiscation of the property, such a ruling by the board was "repugnant to the fifth amendment to the constitution and utterly unconstitutional." The receiver further argued that he was without the jurisdiction of the board because he was not a carrier at the time of the award and therefore not bound by the award of July, 1920. In fixing the wages of employees, he acted under authority of the United States district court, he declared.

GERMANS WIN SILESLIA BY A WIDE MAJORITY

Get 61 Per Cent of Vote Cast, or 718,700 Votes

LONDON, March 21.—The official returns of the plebiscite in upper Silesia as given by Dr. Simons, the German foreign secretary, in a telegram to London, are:

Germany 713,700; Poland 460,700 in the whole plebiscite area or approximately 61 per cent in favor of remaining German territory, and approximately 39 per cent for incorporation in Poland.

Giving details of the polling, Dr. Simons says:

"All the towns, especially the industrial centers, show an overwhelming German vote. There are only Polish majorities in the country, especially in those parts to which, contrary to the urgent desire of the German government, troops were not sent in time for the protection of the German population, sorely tried by the Polish terror."

BLAIR, OF WINSTON-SALEM, URGED FOR COLLECTORSHIP

WASHINGTON, March 21.—David H. Blair, of Winston-Salem, is being considered by some North Carolina Republicans for the collectorship of the western part of the state if the office is again divided. This is without the consent of the friends of William Grissom, secretary of the North Carolina Republican state committee, for they assert that he will get the nomination and be confirmed.

William B. Duncon is slated by eastern Republicans of the old Duncon faction for the job in the east if the state is again broken in halves. This is to be the big bone of contention. Here the hot fighting will take place.

ANOTHER BASEBALL LAW

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 21.—Governor Hart today signed the baseball bribery bill passed by the recent legislature. The law provides that any player, umpire or other employee of the baseball leagues, who conspires to throw a game shall be guilty of a cross misdemeanor, punishable by 10 years and jail sentence.