

Showers Friday; Saturday cloudy and cooler; probably showers Saturday morning.

WILMINGTON GAS RATE LOWERED BY ORDER OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

Rate Per Thousand Cubic Feet Lowered From \$2.35 to \$2.05 Yesterday

RATE REMAINS HIGH Maxwell Sees No Reason Why More Should Be Paid Here Than Elsewhere

By JULE B. WARREN RALEIGH, April 21.—Decrease in gas rates for 16 North Carolina cities ranging from 10 to 35 cents per thousand feet was ordered by the corporation commission today.

The following gross rates per thousand feet for the first 10,000 feet will be effective as of April 1: Winston-Salem, \$1.95, reduced from \$2.30; Raleigh, \$1.95, reduced from \$2.30; Charlotte, \$1.85, reduced from \$2.10; Wilmington, \$2.05, reduced from \$2.35; New Bern, \$2.35, reduced from \$2.50; Elizabeth City, \$2.40, reduced from \$2.50; Henderson, \$2.50, reduced from \$2.50; Oxford, \$2.50, reduced from \$2.50; Salisbury, \$2.50, reduced from \$2.50; Greensboro, \$1.95, reduced from \$2.10; Goldsboro, \$2.35, reduced from \$2.60; Washington, \$2.35, reduced from \$2.60.

City officials seen last night after the news of the order by the corporation commission has been received, expressed pleasure at the finding of the body. And the opinion of Commissioner Maxwell, as given in the statement, is that the rate charged in all cases shall be \$1.50 per month.

So far as could be learned, the provision in the order concerning pre-pay meters means little in Wilmington, where the popular "quarter meters" have never been used.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Final vote in the house on the temporary limit on immigration bill with the indications of a passage by a large majority was held tonight after the house had voted down numerous amendments.

The bill would limit aliens seeking admission to the United States to 3 percent of each nationality registered by the 1919 census, and would be in effect for fourteen months from date of enactment.

One amendment adopted would permit aliens seeking religious persecution to enter the country in excess of the 3 percent specified provided they present satisfactory proof of their desirability to immigration officials.

WAR RISK NEEDS WASHINGTON, April 21.—The war risk insurance bureau needs an additional \$7,700,000 to meet a deficit expected to develop July 1, congress was informed today by Secretary Mellon.

SECOND PRIMARY TO BE HELD AT RALEIGH MAY 2 TO DECIDE CONTESTS

Balloting Will Decide Results in All Races Except Municipal Judgeship

(Special to The Star) RALEIGH, April 21.—The second municipal primary when the candidates for commissionerships of Raleigh will run off their races will be held on May 2. The only place that will not be contested for in the May primary will be judgeship of the municipal court.

Morrison Will Speak Governor Morrison has so far caught up with the work of his administration that he has accepted a number of invitations to speak during the next few weeks. He will be the speaker for the Chamber of Commerce at the Raleigh Memorial Day. He will deliver the commencement address at Peace Institute in Raleigh, which will be one of the speakers at the Elion College commencement at Winston-Salem.

PRESIDENT HARDING HAS GOOD NEWS FOR FARMERS

Intimates Reduction of Freight Rates Will Be Considered

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Delegates to the national farmers' union convention here were received on the south lawn at the white house by President Harding, who promised to give "serious consideration" to their suggestion that a conference of representatives of the labor board, capital, the basic industries and the railway executive be called to consider a reduction of freight rates.

SWINDLERS WILL GO BACK TO ALABAMA FOR TRIAL

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 21.—The four men held in Cincinnati and Indianapolis in connection with an attempt to defraud the Birmingham Trust Co. of \$25,000 will be brought back to Alabama for trial, the preliminary hearing for the case having been set for May 9 before Kenneth Charlton, United States commissioner.

CHADBOURN MARKS

CHADBOURN, April 21.—Strawberries today here were better stock market than elsewhere. Although the market was slightly stronger with light receipts, shipments yesterday were 15,000 cases, 1 Potomac, total 21. All states 66. Today's market 25 to 27. Baltimore mostly 22 to 25. Best 25 to 28, poorer 20 to 25. New York 20 to 40, low as 20; Boston 15 to 25; Washington, Missionary 8 to 12; Carraway and one Louisiana on New York market this morning.

KRAMER SCORES 0-K. KRAMER, April 21.—Denny Kramer, of Philadelphia, knocked out Jack Wolfe, of Cleveland, in the fifth round of a scheduled five-round bout here tonight. The men weighed 130 pounds.

MORE TROOPS PROMISED IN AN ELABORATE PLAN FOR ADDITIONAL CUTS

One Hundred Thousand Additional Troops for the Forces in Germany

PARIS, April 21.—One hundred thousand French troops in addition to those now on the Rhine, are provided for in the plan elaborated by the military and civil commission. There are 80,000 French troops in the occupied territory for the maintenance of which is 44,000,000 francs monthly.

The allied plan provides that a certain percentage of coal mined shall be exported to Germany. The percentage which may be modified according to commissioners, is now set at 25 percent of the output, says La Liberté, which adds that an additional tax of 10 marks gold to the already existing tax of 10 marks gold on every ton of coal sold outside the Ruhr, and three marks gold on the shares of the mines, will be levied.

HAYWOOD GONE, SAYS REPORT OF DEPARTMENT

Washington On Lookout for I. W. W. Leader Who Has Failed to Appear for Trial

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The department of justice is without advice as to the present whereabouts of William D. Haywood, secretary of the industrial workers of the world. Haywood has been sentenced to a prison term at Leavenworth, Kan. Lewis J. Bailey, assistant director of the bureau of investigation, said tonight that he indicated, however, Mr. Bailey added, that he is in Russia, possibly at Riga or Moscow.

GUILFORD SUCCEUMS TO TAR HEELS' ONSLAUGHT

Five Hits in First Frame Result in Four Runs and Turns Trick

CHAPEL HILL, N. C., April 21.—Carolina broke loose with a small sized torrent of hits off shore in the first inning today and with 4 earned runs off 5 clean hits sewed up the game. Shore tightened up after the first inning and, although the Tar Heels could get men on bases, the pinch hit was lacking.

BUGG'S COUNSEL COMMENTS ON RULING OF LABOR BOARD

ATLANTA, Ga., April 21.—Col. E. L. Bugg, receiver for the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic railroad, was out of the city, but his counsel, Morris Brandon, issued a statement on the ruling of the labor board today. "If the receiver had relied on the labor board," said Mr. Brandon, "and if Judge Sibley had not fixed the wages of the employees the railroad would not be operating today."

ONE REAL SHARK

TAMPA, Fla., April 21.—Frank Taborski, of Schenectady, N. Y., world's undefeated pocket billiard champion, today by defeating Arthur Howard, 125 to 0, won the 20th consecutive game, said to be a world's record.

SPECIAL PERMISSION WILL INVESTIGATE THE RULES AND CHARGES OF ALL SOUTHERN PORTS

Violent Construction of the Law Is Required Over Then

MORE REPORTS IN TEN COUNTIES LEAVE VALUES AS THEY WERE; CUTS OF OTHERS AVERAGE 10 TO 60 PER CENT

By JULE B. WARREN RALEIGH, April 21.—If any more counties make a horizontal cut in their tax values they will have to get special permission from the new tax commission, and that permission can be given only by a violent construction of the law. The machinery bill carries the value cutting provisions requires all counties desiring to make horizontal cuts in their values to do so on the first Monday in April, to report their cuts to the commission not later than April 20.

In addition to the 44 counties which had reported up to the time the story in connection with this was carried in this correspondence Sunday morning, 10 others have come in to the commission. Ten counties reporting said the board had decided to leave values as they were, and the other 44 had made cuts ranging from 10 to 60 per cent.

The average reduction of the 44 counties reporting is 21.43 per cent. Presumably the other 10 counties which have not yet reported intend to make no cut the average reduction for the state is 11.88. That figure, however, is subject to change for some of the counties which have not made a reduction will go over the whole valuation by individual owners and re-list the property.

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Desiring a clean town in every sense of the word, as well as fair dealing to every section of the town, the Democratic Women's club of Warsaw met in the school building Monday afternoon, and endorsed a ticket composed of the following: For mayor, H. L. Stevens; town commissioners, J. W. Quinn, E. B. Hinman, L. E. Gatterfield, A. B. Stange, G. G. Faison, F. C. Faison, J. C. Faison, and J. C. Faison. Mrs. W. M. Manock acted as secretary.

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NORFOLK, Va., April 21.—Harold Gordon Blundin, president of the Commonwealth National Bank of Reedsville, charged with embezzlement and misappropriation of \$2,120 of funds of the bank, was arraigned here today before United States Commissioner Mahon, and was released under temporary bond.

WILL CONVENE TODAY

MOBILE, April 21.—The annual convention of the Birmingham, New Orleans and Atlanta districts of the American Society of Maritime Engineers will convene here tomorrow.

BLAIR COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE

HARDING HAS STATED HIS RECORD CLEAN

(Special to The Star) WASHINGTON, April 21.—The nomination of David H. Blair, of Winston-Salem, for internal revenue commissioner is a tribute to a good, clean record. Nobody was able to say anything against Mr. Blair, and he won when the other candidates engaged in fly-blowing contests.

The President's serious interest in Mr. Blair manifested itself Monday, when Major Stedman called to press Judge H. G. Connor for the circuit judgeship. Just as Mr. Stedman started to leave the white house, President Harding asked him if he knew Mr. Blair, and Mr. Stedman told him that he had been his rival for congress and he was well acquainted with him, and could vouch for him.

Republican National Committeeman Moorehead had already endorsed Mr. Blair, thereby giving him the support of the North Carolina organization. It looked to President Harding as if the plans were arranged for Mr. Blair, and he was so happy over such a condition that he struck while the iron was hot. Mr. Blair will be confirmed without opposition. The anti-minimum league was defeated 5 to 0, and he will soon be on the job.

DIocese AUXILIARY ELECTS OFFICERS AT WINSTON-SALEM

WINSTON-SALEM, April 21.—Mrs. T. W. Bickett, of Raleigh, was chosen president of the women's auxiliary of the North Carolina Diocese of the Episcopal church here today. Other officers were elected as follows: Vice-president, Mrs. W. L. Hall, of Hillsboro; treasurer, Mrs. W. D. Burwell, of Henderson; secretary, Mrs. E. H. Hall, of Charlotte; united offering custodian, Mrs. H. G. Cooper, of Oxford; secretary department of social service, Mrs. J. C. West, of Chapel Hill.

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After a few minutes delay, spent in wondering the why and wherefore of another dinnerless day, a procession was formed with Rotarian Mayor-elect Jim Cowan at the head and singing a song pledging their loyalty to the new mayor, the Rotarians marched into the gymnasium and found on their arrival there not only a table reaching the length of the gym, set and handsomely decorated, but also about sixty husky youngsters in line who belong to the boys' club directed by the Rotarians.

It was very evident that the club was doing all it could to show Jim Cowan that it was proud of his triumph on Tuesday, and that it was equally desirous of pledging the guest of the day, Kiwanian "Joe" Thompson, that it will support him, who holds the money bag of the city for the next four years.

Joe Thompson, recently nominated as commissioner of finance, spoke in a happy way over the good work of the Rotarians and assured all present that he would do all in his power to advance the interests of the city of Wilmington. Jim Cowan was at his best in responding to the demand of his fellow Rotarians for a speech and he impressed all with the conviction that he had placed his candidacy before the people in a practical way.

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It is considered not unlikely that tomorrow's conference of miners' delegates will adjourn without reaching a decision. Meantime, the government appear to be standing aside until the parties to the dispute are able to agree on some basis for a conference.