

The Weather

Monday and Tuesday partly cloudy, no change in temperature. Stage of river at Fayetteville at 8 a. m. yesterday, 7.1 feet.

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NEW YORK WILL PLAY HOST TO PRESIDENT IN AN ENTHUSIASTIC WAY

Chief Executive Will Fill Three Dates During Today in the Big City

A BIG GUN SALUTE

Forts and Battlements at Metropolitan Will Welcome Yacht Mayflower

NEW YORK, May 22.—New York will greet the President Harding tomorrow for the second time since his inauguration. He will speak at a luncheon of the Academy of Political Science at the Hotel Astor in the afternoon, and will review the 23rd regiment at Fort Mifflin in Brooklyn a few hours later and deliver the principal address at the 125th anniversary celebration of the New York Commercial at the Hotel Commodore in the evening.

The city planned an enthusiastic welcome to the chief executive, who, with Mrs. Harding and a party of friends, was en route from Washington to the Mayflower. When the presidential yacht enters the Narrows tomorrow the guns at Fort Hamilton and Wadsworth will roar customary gun salutes. Dozens of batteries of the Atlantic fleet, at anchor in the Hudson, will accord the same honor as the yacht proceeds up the river to 96th street.

The President plans to remain aboard the Mayflower until noon, when he will land and go directly to the hotel for his first address. The trip to Brooklyn will take the President across Manhattan bridge over the East river, and the streets along the route to the armory will be lined with school children and a sprinkling of troops.

The President will speak briefly at the military review at the armory. A boy's band of 500 pieces will accompany the President when he returns to his hotel in Manhattan. The President and Vice-President Coolidge, who will speak, will hold a reception for an hour before the evening banquet. The President and his party plan to leave for Washington on the Mayflower tonight.

E. A. Simmons, chairman of the American Legion memorial committee, announced that he had received word from the Mayflower tonight that President Harding would attend memorial services for the Mayflower at the New York City armory at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The presidential party will depart at the 96th street pier and will be taken to the Mayflower at West 23rd street and the North river where a special ferry will carry them over to Hoboken. Col. F. W. Gallbraith, national commander of the American Legion, will meet the Mayflower at the docks and accompany the President to Hoboken.

Military officials have requested that all traffic in the city be tolled for a few minutes before 10 o'clock tomorrow and that flags be flown at half-mast throughout the day.

MAYFLOWER OFF ATLANTIC CITY LAST NIGHT AT 9 O'CLOCK

NEW YORK, May 22.—The presidential yacht, Mayflower, was reported in a radio message received at 9 o'clock tonight to be off Atlantic City. Perfect weather prevailed throughout the night and all members of the party were in good spirits. The yacht is expected to arrive here at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

PERFECT WEATHER PREVAILS FOR VOYAGE TO NEW YORK

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The presidential yacht, Mayflower, with President Harding and his party aboard, was reported 60 miles north of Cape Charles light at noon today in a radio message received here. Perfect weather was said to prevail. The Mayflower is due at New York tomorrow morning.

BASED VIRGINIA CAPES IN VOYAGE OF DESTROYER TRUITT

NEW YORK, May 22.—Convoys by the destroyer, Truitt, with the presidential yacht, Mayflower, with President Harding aboard passed Cape Charles this morning en route from Washington to New York, where the President will arrive tomorrow morning on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of the New York Commercial, one of the oldest publications in the country.

UNION AND HEMENWAY TO PLAY BALL THIS AFTERNOON

This afternoon on the Robert Strange playground the baseball teams of Union and Hemenway schools will clash. In other athletic events the Unionites have made it a rule never to play Hemenway, but the latter say there will be a difference of story to tell in baseball, for Hemenway will probably hurl for Union, with Nelson doing the pitching, while for Hemenway either M. Ellaby or Stac will pitch and Mevin will catch.

NEWSPAPERMAN'S WIFE IS MISSING SINCE 11TH OF MAY

ST. PETERSBURG, May 22.—Police authorities here have been asked to join in a search for Mrs. Jane Allison, wife of a local newspaperman who left here May 11 on a trip to New York. Mrs. Allison has not been heard from since. The following day when she boarded passage on a Clyde line steamer for New York. Fears are expressed that she is in St. Petersburg.

Suspect He Carted Wall Street Bomb

Giuseppe de Filippo, of Bayonne, N. J., laborer and truck driver, has been arrested on a charge of being the United States Commissioner S. M. Hitchcock, charging him with direct connection with the Wall street bomb explosion last September in which 33 persons were killed and scores injured according to the authorities, Filippo has been identified by three persons as the driver of the deadly wagon.

LIGHT BREAKS ALONG BLAIR-LINNEY FRONT

Marion Butler Hints at Effort to Uplift and Promote G. O. P. in Dixieland

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Former Senator Marion Butler, when asked today about the sudden reversal of position by Republican members of the senate judiciary committee and the national administration for Mr. Linney, said: "There has been no reversal of position by anyone. Some northern Republican senators and certain southern negro leaders, at first, misunderstood the real position of North Carolina Republicans as expressed in part by Linney in his now famous campaign circular in reply to the race issue raised by the Democratic campaign committee. A realization of the conditions existing in the south, and the emergency in view has brought about a better understanding for the advancement of Republicanism in our state and over the whole south, which is so vitally essential for the welfare of the whole country."

BRITISH AMERICAN GOLFERS BEGYN 5-DAY BATTLE

HOYLAK, England, May 22.—(By Associated Press).—The long-standing Liverpool Golf club, prohibiting Sunday play on its links, made a deserted spot today of what during the coming week will be the scene of a five days' battle for the British amateur golf championship.

TWO OF THE NINE BALLOONS HAD TO MAKE LANDING

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 22.—The "Chamber of Commerce of St. Louis," piloted by H. E. Honeywell and J. M. O'Riley, one of the nine balloons, after a flight of 100 miles, landed at Nashville, Tenn., at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

ROTARIANS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FISH FRY ON TUESDAY

All Rotarians are looking forward with pleasant anticipation to the fish fry to be substituted for the usual luncheon on Tuesday afternoon. This "fry" will take place at Lumsden's on Whiskey creek immediately upon arrival of the Rotarians there about 1:30. A short business session will be held at the Young Men's Christian association building, beginning at 12:45 o'clock. Upon adjournment members will leave in automobiles for Whiskey creek. This will be the first outing of the kind in many months.

RACE HORSES FROM FRANCE

HAVRE, May 22.—Forty-six horses, mostly yearlings, from M. A. K. McComber's stable, sailed for New York on the steamer Lafayette yesterday. They are products of the former Vanderbilt establishment at Chantilly and will be raced at the American tracks.

SHARP REDUCTIONS OF RAIL EXPENSE URGED TO RECOGNITION DRAWN ROAD SURVEY STATES FOR MEXICAN REPUBLIC

U. S. Chamber Commerce Committee Urged Necessity of Strict Economy

SHOULD CUT WAGES GUARD U. S. RIGHTS

Report Says That in 1920 Payroll Was 60 Per Cent Operating Revenue

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Railroads must make sharp reductions in their operating expenses if their credit and financial stability are to be maintained, a committee of the chamber of commerce of the United States, which made a survey of the transportation question, declared tonight.

"Necessity of practicing strict economy was urged, the committee pointing out that 'readjustment of salaries and wages is in progress in all other industries and it is to be assumed that railroad wages will in the future, as they have in the past, bear an equitable relationship to wages paid in other activities.'"

The committee was of the opinion that the grouping or consolidation of railroads must ultimately be accomplished. It also declared that the incorporation of railroads was highly desirable.

No additional legislation on the railroad question, however, was needed at this time, the statement said, as it was advisable to have further experience with the transportation act before attempting to modify it.

The statement said that the committee had come to the conclusion that the increased revenues which will come with the gradual return of business prosperity, the business of railroad transportation can not be restored to a profitable basis until the present high operating expenses are cut down.

"It is recognized by the railroads," the committee report continued, "that rates and fares can not be increased. Stressing the need for more economic methods of operation, the committee said that the first step toward the accomplishment of economies should be greater co-operation among the carriers in the performance of their services. In the report, the committee also designated as the chief cause of the operation of the carriers was especially urgent.

"Whatever economies may be effected by changes in operating methods, it was stated, 'there must be a percentage which salaries and wages comprise of the total operating revenue. The payroll of the railroads in 1920 amounted to \$1,700,000,000, or about 60 per cent of the operating revenue. In 1920 the payroll had more than doubled, having risen to \$3,750,000,000, which was about 60 per cent of the operating revenue."

The committee assumes that every effort will be made by the carriers to maintain equitable scales of wages for different classes of employment. While wages must be reduced, no class of labor should bear an inequitable share of the burden of the reduction. The period and all should render a full eight hours' service for eight hours' pay.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES SUNDAY IN ASHEVILLE

Henry K. Nash, Jr., aged 33 years, died yesterday morning at 1:30 o'clock at Asheville after an illness of several days with typhoid fever. The deceased was Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Nash, 511 South Third street, this city, made his home in Wilmington until, about five years ago when he went to Asheville to live. The remains will arrive in this city on the 9:40 o'clock train this morning and will be taken to the home of the parents and the funeral will be held from St. James' church at 4 p. m.

LOCAL DOCTORS ARE APPOINTED ON STATE HOSPITAL BOARD

Three Wilmington doctors have been honored by Governor Cameron Morrison by their appointment on the visiting medical staff of the Central hospital at Raleigh. They are Drs. J. G. Murphy, Thomas M. Green and E. J. Wood. There are about 15 members on the board and the fact that three of these were selected from Wilmington is considered a compliment to the medical profession of the Cape Fear city.

TAMPA, FLA., HAS GONE WET

TAMPA, Fla., May 22.—This month is already the wettest month of May in the 31 years of local weather records, Walter J. Bennett, government meteorologist, said tonight. Up to 8 o'clock tonight 9.25 inches of rain had fallen since May 1, all of this having been measured since 8 p. m. Saturday May 14. The previous high record for May was in 1874 when 6.92 inches were recorded.

Congress Laboring Toward Purpose of Extra Session

Cleanup of Pending Important Measures During Next Two Weeks is Program, in Order to Reach Permanent Tariff and Tax Revision, Two of the Major Subjects the Special Session Was Called to Consider

WASHINGTON, May 22.—A cleanup of pending important measures during the next two weeks is the aim of Republican leaders in congress, to pave the way for consideration of the permanent tariff and tax revision, two of the major subjects for which the extra session was called. The permanent tariff bill is expected to be reported by the house in a few days and means committee early next month.

Prominent among measures scheduled for completion in the next fortnight are the Knox peace resolution, the temporary tariff for the army and navy appropriation bills, the Good-McCormick bill for a federal budget system, and the deficiency appropriation measure.

The peace resolution is to be taken up by the house foreign affairs committee early this week, but Chairman Porter does not expect a house vote before next week. House leaders are leaning toward amendment of the senate measure by declaring merely a state of peace instead of repealing the German and Austrian war declarations. Negotiations with senate leaders are scheduled this week, preliminary to committee and house action.

The conference report on the temporary tariff bill is to be taken up by the house tomorrow, with its adoption a foregone conclusion. President Harding is expected to act on the measure before the week-end. The report was adopted last Friday by the senate.

Disposal of the remaining appropriation bills largely rests with the senate. It is expected to pass the \$100,000,000 deficiency bill on Tuesday, and the senate will resume consideration tomorrow of the \$495,000,000 naval budget, with the principal controversy relating to the proposed naval base at Alameda, California, and committee proposals to increase the navy personnel by 20,000 men and the 100,000 men authorized by the house.

Economy advocates will continue their attacks on the navy bill tomorrow with an extended address planned by Senator La Follette, Republican of Wisconsin, "on big interest" in armament. The senate also has to act formally on the Borah amendment for a disarmament conference, but its adoption was virtually assured last week when administration leaders came to the army.

The supply bill, with committee provisions increasing the regular army from an average of 150,000 men, authorized by the house, with minimum of 170,000 at any time during the next fiscal year, is to follow the naval bill in the senate.

On the program awaiting the first opportunity for consideration in both the senate and house are separate packer control bills. Agricultural advocates on both sides are pressing leaders for leeway for the packer measures with prospects of action in a few weeks. Another agricultural measure, on which hearings are to begin next Friday before a senate committee, is the bill to regulate future trading in wheat. There is a movement to include cotton within its scope through a senate amendment. The senate also has pending a joint resolution for a joint congressional commission with powers to make an exhaustive general agricultural survey. Another session of the joint committee is scheduled by the senate and elections committee Tuesday. Senator Townsend, Republican, Michigan, on behalf of Senator Newberry and Alfred Lucking, counsel for Henry Ford, are to discuss whether the supreme court dismissal of charges against Senator Newberry should quash further senate proceedings.

Several other committee hearings are to continue this week, including the hearing on the escape of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, disfranchiser of Alabama, by Senator Charles McNary, Republican, Oregon, and Senator Joseph P. Chamberlain, Republican, California, and committee proposals to increase the navy personnel by 20,000 men and the 100,000 men authorized by the house.

The nomination of David H. Blair, of North Carolina, for internal revenue commissioner, which Senator Johnson of California, is fighting, is to come before the senate this week, with confirmation predicted even by opponents.

MARINE STRIKERS WILL NOT ACCEPT PROPOSAL MAN NEGLECTING DUTY

Engineers Locals at New York Without a Vote Reject Mediators' Plans

NEW YORK, May 22.—Proposals of federal mediators looking to a settlement of the marine engineers' strike which has been in effect since May 1 were unanimously rejected at a meeting here today of locals 33 and 80 of the Marine Engineers Beneficial association.

The meeting was called to hear a report of a committee which had been in conference with Secretary of Labor D. W. Mitchell and a representative of the Marine Engineers Beneficial association. The committee reported that the proposals were reported to involve acceptance by the men of a reduction in wages, a 15 per cent reduction in concessions as to overtime work. So far as is known, the proposals in question were not submitted to the operators, who previously had declared they would sign any further agreements with seagoing unions.

Thomas B. Healey and Bert L. Todd, representatives of the union, declared no vote was taken. They stated that the meeting was a discussion of the proposals which followed the presenting of the proposals showed the men were unanimous in their declaration to stand by their original proposition. Healey declared that the strike committee was not divided, that it stood firm against the proposal of the private owner and the shipping line to accept a 15 per cent reduction in pay and that the committee which went to Washington to talk with the secretary of labor had no power to effect any kind of a settlement.

"The settlement of this matter is in the hands of the membership," he said. Secretary Davis succeeded in having President Johnson and the president of the American Steamship Owners' association, consent to another conference in Washington Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Dr. Fred G. Davis, secretary through Dr. Fred G. Davis, commissioner of conciliation for labor, invited the engineers' strike committee to attend the same conference.

ATLANTA, May 22.—Memorial service here Tuesday afternoon in honor of Henry W. Grady, whose speeches and writings during reconstruction days had much to do with clearing away the misunderstandings of the War Between the States, will be attended by prominent men from many states. Grady was born May 27, 1832, in Macon, Ga. He was the orator of the day; Robert Lincoln O'Brien, editor of the Boston Herald, will represent the commonwealth of Massachusetts. Others of note will attend.

The monument here to Grady, who died December 23, 1895, will be unveiled, Betty Black, a grandniece of the editor, having been selected to draw aside the hangings. Dr. Marx of Atlanta will pronounce the invocation. After the re-unveiling, wreaths will be placed at the monument's base and military honors will be rendered. Confederate and Union veterans, veterans of the world war, Boy Scouts, representatives of civic and state organizations and pupils from the city schools and colleges, both white and negro, will take part in the exercises.

EX-GOV. CATTS IS HELD IN THE SUM OF \$5,000 ON A BRIBERY CHARGE

Had Previously Given \$2,500 Bond in Case Charging Him With Peonage

IS KEEPING SILENT

Has Nothing to Say Other Than That He Had Been in British Columbia

STARKE, Fla., May 22.—Sidney J. Catts, who served for four years as governor of Florida, having been elected on a prohibitionist ticket, later a candidate for the United States senate, and now under indictments by federal and county grand juries on charges growing out of alleged misuse of his executive power, and the object of a joint legislative investigation came here today from Jacksonville and furnished bond of \$5,000. In this Bradford county, Mr. Catts is charged with accepting a bribe in voting for a pardoner.

He left late today for Pensacola, where, according to his attorneys, he plans to make a formal bond of \$2,500 on a charge of peonage for which he was indicted May 18, and arrested yesterday at Albany, Georgia. He was released from custody at Albany after five citizens had signed his bond and permitted to proceed on his way to Jacksonville.

So far as is known Mr. Catts came here unaccompanied. During his stay he was the guest of his local attorney. He had spent last night at the home of his son-in-law in Jacksonville and his attitude of silence regarding his indictments were not changed here. Beyond the fact that he told his bondsmen in Albany, Georgia, that he had been in British Columbia, nothing could be learned of his whereabouts since his indictment here May 8.

It is believed that Mr. Catts will face the federal charge first, and reports from Pensacola were to the effect that a special grand jury, which was called for this purpose. Specifically, the federal indictment set forth that Mr. Catts voted for pardons in favor of two negroes, Ed. Brown and John Henry Rodgers, serving sentence in the penitentiary, and that representatives of the former governor met the negroes upon their release and took them to his Walton county farm where they are alleged to have been held in peonage.

Reports from Albany quoted him as saying the negroes had been paid \$10 a month and well clothed and fed. One of the negroes testified at the hearings of the joint legislative committee in Tallahassee, which under a joint resolution is investigating the "rumor" that the former governor received money to influence his decision in matters of pardons, and that representatives of state officers and other alleged misconduct. The committee is holding its hearings for several weeks and no indication is forthcoming as to when it will report its findings.

Both houses of the legislature, now in biennial session, have reinstated numerous officers relieved by the former governor. At least \$25,000 has been voted as reimbursement to the various men for the salaries they lost while under suspension. Mr. Catts' term of office expired January 3 last.

NINE MORE HOME GUARD COMPANIES MUSTERED OUT

(Special to The Star) RALEIGH, May 22.—Adjutant-General Meigs has ordered the demobilization of nine more companies of the home guard organized during the war. This makes 25 in all that have been ordered mustered out of the service, and ten more will be relieved of their duty in the very near future. In fact, the remaining units of the old war time organization will be mustered out of service just as soon as it is possible to get the papers worked up which will relieve them of further duty as soldiers.

The companies ordered out of service by the latest general order are those of Asheville, Concord, Shelby, Marion, Ashboro, Salisbury, Trenton, Brevard and Brusson City.

These companies have been in the service since September 23, 1917, and have been provided for raising money to the adjutant general's department. They were called into service by Governor T. W. Bickett when the regular units of the militia were called into federal service. They have been continuously ready for work since that time, and on numerous occasions have been called out. It was members of these organizations which went to Charlotte during the street car strike.

BIG RABBIT DINNER FOR THE FOURTH AT LAGRANGE

(Special to The Star) KINSTON, May 22.—Lagrange people will have a big rabbit dinner July 4, the first of the kind ever held in this section. Labeled for its barbecued chicken and shad stew. A commercial rabbitry on a large scale has been established there by a former west Carolina man. Facilities have been provided for raising large numbers of "Rufus reds," a popular variety of hare. The animals range in weight to more than 16 pounds, and had Noah had Noah been called into the ark aboard the ark for a considerable time the elephants and hippopotami would have had to walk the plank.

The dinner rabbits will be dished up in various appetizing ways.

TO RESUME WAGE HEARING

NEW YORK, May 22.—Examiners for the Interstate Commerce commission will resume in this city tomorrow the hearings into the wage controversy between railroad executives and their organized employees. The first witness, it is held, will be E. H. Harbitt, chief engineer of motive power and rolling stock of the New York Central Railroad.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 22.—The 28th general conference of the United Brethren churches opened here today after two weeks session with church services under the direction of Bishop William H. Washington, of Portland, Oregon.