

GREAT CEREMONIES MARK OPENING OF OLYMPIC STADIUM

Athletes from Thirty Nations March in Monster Parade at Opening

GAMES SCHEDULED TO START TOMORROW

German and Austrian Flags Missing Among Those Flying Over New Stadium

Antwerp, Aug. 14.—The Olympic Stadium was opened today. It was a formal ceremony, staged with a setting of flags, banners and fluttering pennants against a background of white stone, cement and wood, with royalty, officialdom, diplomacy, fame and fashion participating in the program or represented in the boxes. But the thousands of spectators packed the huge oval centered their interest in the actual contest—athletes from nearly 30 nations—who paraded the arena and tomorrow will begin their tests of strength and skill.

Two flags, the German and Austrian, which flew over the stadium in the six olympiad at Stockholm, were missing and these countries, barred from participating in the meet, as were all enemies of the Entente powers in the arena or in the diplomatic boxes. The Russian flag, also was missing. In their places, however, were the athletes and flags of nations warring at the war, Estonia and Czechoslovakia, the latter replacing Bohemia, whose athletes, though they listed separately, had to march just behind the Austrians at Stockholm. The Jug-Slavs today replaced the Serbians of 1912.

The formal ceremonies of opening the stadium included addresses by the King of the Belgians, who officially presented the stadium to Baron Pierre de Coubertin, president of the International Olympic committee and by a number of other officials of the Belgian or Antwerp city government and Belgian Olympic committees. There was also tremendously impressive singing by a Belgian choral society.

The cheering was continuous as the athletes, filing in from the open space just back of the stadium where they had formed, nation by nation, swung into the arena headed by the members of the International Olympic committee. They marched in alphabetical order, although the Belgians, alphabetically first in the list, took last place, courtesy, as hosts. This brought Australia first in the behind the official committee.

Each group was preceded by its flag, and generally speaking, each group of nations was uniformly dressed—not in elaborate togas but in suit of uniform of each nation. However, several nations of 25 uniforms. As they swung by the royal box, where King Albert, Prince Leopold and a group of government officials were standing, they saluted the king. Some of the athletes paid special courtesy to the ambassadors or ministers of their nations, who had boxes all around the arena.

Whether it was represented by 350 athletes, as was France, or only a comparative handful, as was Japan, each nation participating seemed to have its elite of partisans in the stands. Where possible, the spectators of one nationality had grouped together. All of the tourists who, for weeks, have been pouring into Belgium seemed to be there.

The American athletes, about 300 strong, were cheered frequently not only by their compatriots in the stands, but by the throngs who recognized that the group marching behind the stars and stripes were among the strong contenders for victory in the seventh Olympiad.

It seemed that there were thousands of Americans in the stands. Every soldier from the army of occupation on the Rhine who could possibly secure leave was there in khaki. Jackies from the cruiser Frederick, sailors from the American merchant and passenger liners in the harbor and hundreds upon hundreds of tourists swelled the delegation from across the Atlantic until, in some parts of the stadium, at least, it seemed to be a regular American crowd. The Belgians, of course, and also the French and English appeared to be out in force.

JAPAN REPLIES TO SIBERIAN PROTEST

Makes Detailed Reply to Recent Note from American Government

LENGTHY STATEMENT

Original Note and Complete Reply May Be Made Public by State Department Next Week—Goes Into Occupation Issue.

Washington, Aug. 14.—Japan's reply to the American note protesting against Japanese occupation of the northern part of the Island of Saghalien was received today at the state department. The note was described as a lengthy one and it was understood that it went thoroughly into the whole question of the Japanese question in Siberia. The document, together with the original American note, may be made public next week.

Survived 22 Wounds to Be Killed by Lightning

Paterson, N. J., Aug. 14.—Richard J. Furan who survived the world war with 22 wounds and a member of the South American Legion was killed by lightning today while seeking shelter beneath a tree during a severe thunder storm. Two companions had left Furan a moment before he was killed.

Ahern Re-Instated on American Olympic Team

Antwerp, Aug. 14.—The reinstatement of Don Ahern, of the Illinois Athletic club, disolved yesterday from the American Olympic games on charges of insubordination, was announced this noon. Ahern apologized this morning in the presence of both the American committees. They accepted his apology and he was restored to his former standing on the team, thus closing the incident.

VETERANS INVITED TO VIRGINIA CITY

General Meets Issues Announcement of Dedication Exercises

According to announcement made today by General James I. Meigs, of Wilmington, commander of the North Carolina division of United Confederate Veterans, the memorial to Generals Hancock and Pettigrew will be dedicated September 16, 17, which are the only dates open for the dedicatory exercises.

"It is earnestly desired," declares General Meigs in his announcement, "that all veterans who possibly can will attend and take part in the exercises. Two memorable wars, an gallant soldiers never lived, and the Tar Heel Veterans who possibly can should be invited to their memory with their presence on this occasion."

On the night of September 16, the Daughters of the Confederacy at Winston-Salem, will give a reception to the veterans of the party attending the dedication. As the Daughters their wish to know as soon as possible about how many there will be present, those of the North Carolina Veterans who expect to attend are requested to advise R. D. W. Connor, of Raleigh, secretary of the North Carolina Historical commission.

REPUBLICAN PARTY ASSAILED BY COX IN SPEECH TODAY

Vigorous Attack Made in Address Before W. Va. State Convention

DECLARES G. O. P. IS GUILTY OF TRICKERY

Would Trick People in Opposition to League of Nations—Second Speech of Day Will Be Public Appearance at Wheeling.

Wheeling, W. Va., Aug. 14.—Governor Cox today assailed his republican opponents charging their leadership with "unimpaired trickery of the American people in opposing the league of nations" and with conducting a campaign behind a smoke screen to secure partisan goals.

Although the advocacy of the league of nations, which the governor declared was the "greatest movement of righteousness in the history of the world," was the main theme of the governor's address, he also attacked the republican majority. This, however, he added, present a statement of constructive, progressive economic policies with a saving of two billion dollars annually in government expenses.

SINN FEIN START SYSTEM OF COURTS

Establishment of Supreme Tribunal of Appeal Will Finish System

Dublin, Aug. 14.—Sinn Fein is organizing, under the name of the Irish Republic government, a supreme court of appeal which will complete the system of tribunals so successful in handling minor disputes for the past months. The highest court of the Irish government in Ireland has virtually ceased to function because appeals have been withdrawn and many judges decline to recognize that it has any authority whatever.

Arthur Griffith, the leader of Sinn Fein in Ireland, told the Associated Press, that it had not been decided whether to have three or five judges on a supreme bench nor had any of the judges been selected.

"Our lower courts have been successful in checking the way of crime that was sweeping over Ireland a few months ago," said Griffith. "What ever may be said about the republican government by our enemies it must be admitted that petty crime has been on the wane all over the country since our courts began to function. Naturally many cases both criminal and civil have been appealed but we have no court higher than a district court to which we may take them. Appeals are piling up and the need of a supreme court is increasing every day."

"We do not anticipate any more trouble with the military and police in holding meetings of the supreme court than we have had in connection with the lower ones. Now and then an armed force prevents their being held but in that case the court meets again somewhere else. In no instance have the troops and police permanently prevented cases from being tried."

The plan for forestalling British judges and courts is very simple but quite effective. When court is called men summoned for jury service fail to appear. Fines up to \$50 have been imposed on absentees. If the officers arrest them and imprison them they go in hunger strike and subsequently are released. Hence, British authorities have ceased to use imprisonment as a weapon and their courts are rapidly ceasing to function.

TENNESSEE HOUSE EXPECT SENATE TO VOTE ON SUFFRAGE QUESTION TUESDAY

Leaders of Anti Forces Declare Amendment Doomed in Both Houses

HARDEST FIGHT WILL OCCUR IN THE HOUSE

Ratification Supporters Encouraged by Governor's Message and Favorable Report on Resolution by Committee.

Raleigh, Aug. 14.—Leaders in the North Carolina legislature were of the opinion today that neither the senate nor the house would vote before Tuesday on ratification of the federal suffrage amendment. It was predicted that action would be taken first in the senate probably Tuesday and that if the ratification resolution introduced today were adopted there, it would then be considered by the house where it was expected a bitter, close battle would occur.

Suffrage advocates were encouraged by Governor Bickett's message urging ratification and the favorable report by a senate committee of the ratification resolution were confident today of success in the senate. Some of them were a bit dubious about the house.

TREES NOMINATED FOR HALL OF FAME

Washington and General Johnston Oaks Among Those Reported

Washington, Aug. 13.—The only tree known to have been planted in memory of Abraham Lincoln right after his assassination has been nominated for a place in the Hall of Fame of Trees with a history," which the American Forestry Association is conducting. A. S. Bailey, of Decatur, Ga., where the tree now stands, informed the association that the tree was planted by one John T. Egan, who is still living.

The Washington Oak near Santee, S. C., nominated by J. Danforth Bush of Wilmington, Del. The tree was started from the ax when George Washington urged that it be not cut down. The tree is on the estate of Colonel Henry Rutledge.

The largest canyon live oak in California is believed to have been found by Lt. A. Barrett, of the United States army, near the Baldson ranch in Bouquet Canyon on the Santa Barbara forest.

The San Diego Mission Palm, nominated by T. P. Getz. This is the only one remaining of the four planted in 1769. Two were sent to the Chicago world's fair in 1892 and a third was blown down in 1913.

The old Sassafras tree at Harrisburg, now 298 years old, nominated by J. S. Hilek. It was 15 years old when John Harris, Jr., son of the man who found the Pennsylvania capital, was born. The tree is 14 feet in circumference and 54 feet high.

MANY LOCAL BILLS PASSED ON TODAY

Two Houses of Legislature Worked to Clear Docket For the Week

RECESS UNTIL MONDAY

Statewide Tick Eradication Bill and Stringent Measure Against Carrying Concealed Weapons Are Reported Unfavorable.

Raleigh, Aug. 14.—(By Max Abernathy).—Working for nearly two hours this morning, senate and house made little or no progress on bills offered during the past four days, and leave the docket clear for the week. Both houses took recess until Monday night at 8 o'clock.

The house committee on agriculture reported unfavorably the statewide tick eradication bill as did another committee on the bills offered by Representative Davis proceeding for fighting up the laws about carrying concealed weapons. The Davis bill provided that a man might be arrested on suspicion and otherwise made the law still tighter for the approval of the committee.

NEGRO IS KILLED BY VIRGINIA MOB

Brother of Girl Negro Tried to Assault Fires Bullet When Negro Fought

Danville, Va., Aug. 14.—A few hours' attempt to attack a white girl near Abing, Va., Halifax county, by a mob of whites, resulted in the death of a negro, according to a report received here today.

Traded by a posse and caught, Mitchell showed fight with an axe when cornered, the girl's brother firing a load into a shot gun into the negro's stomach. Mitchell died shortly after being carried to the hospital jail.

RUSSIANS GREATLY OUTNUMBER POLES

140,000 Poles Are Estimated to Be Fighting Over 350,000 Bolsheviks

Washington, Aug. 14.—Polish forces defending Warsaw are outnumbered about two and a half to one. Comprehensive details as to the bolshevik military organization, received yesterday in official circles here, place the strength of soviet army on the Polish front at 350,000 men. The strength of the Poles has been estimated at 140,000.

POLISH DELEGATES PREPARE TO LEAVE FOR PEACE PARLEY

Woman Among Party That Will Meet Representatives of Soviet Russia

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Newspaper Men Will not Be Allowed to Accompany Poles to Parleys Unless Permission Is Received From Moscow.

Warsaw, Aug. 14.—Poland's peace delegation consisting of 16 members with military aids, clerks, and stenographers, one of whom is a woman, prepared late tonight to leave for the battle front to meet representatives of the Russian soviet government. Up until a late hour tonight there had been no response from Moscow to wireless message naming the newspaper correspondents who were to accompany the Polish delegation. Announcement was made at 8 o'clock that correspondents would not be permitted to go to the front unless word allowing them to travel came from the bolsheviks.

TO PROBE CLOSING OF MANUFACTORIES

Federal Agents Trying to Learn if Conspiracy is in Existence

Washington, Aug. 14.—Department of justice officials are conducting an investigation into the textile industry to determine whether or not closing of cotton and woolen mills is due to a conspiracy by manufacturers to maintain high prices. It was learned yesterday at the office of Attorney General Palmer, a week ago, sent into New England an agent who now is directing the investigation. District attorneys have been instructed to give him all assistance.

Information reaching not only the justice department, but also experts in the bureau of markets and the commerce department, officials said, indicates that manufacturers now are closing their mills to prevent stocks of cotton and woolen cloths from piling up. This would create a shortage and higher prices when the fall demand begins.

BOND PLOT FIGURE TAKEN TO CANADA

Arthur Ecrement Secretly Deported to Answer Wire Tapping Charge

New York, Aug. 14.—Arthur Ecrement, former member of the Canadian house of parliament, whose name was drawn into "New York's five million dollar bond plot" was secretly deported to Canada last night, it was learned today at Ellis Island.

Secret, whose role in the bond plot was that of a witness, is said to be named by Canadian authorities in connection with an attempt to raise money in Canada to finance the bolshevik revolution.

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RUSSIANS CONTINUE DRIVE ON WARSAW

Warsaw, Aug. 14.—(1 a. m.)—The Russians attacking Warsaw have worked well towards the rear of that city's defenses and are attacking Ploensk within a dozen miles of the Vistula northwest of the Polish capital, according to Friday night's official Polish communique available early today. The statement says the enemy is advancing towards a point north of Warsaw and that masses of the bolsheviks are attacking a point 22 miles northwest of Warsaw and Ploensk.

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