

The Weather

Forecast for North Carolina: unsettled, Thursday and day probably show a little change in temperature.

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STATE DEPARTMENT DISPATCHES NOTES TO FOUR NATIONS

Hughes Made It Plain That America Will Insist Upon Rights in Mandate. AWARD TO JAPAN. United States Objects To Award Of Mandate Of Yap To Japan.

DISPOSITION NOT VALID. This Nation's Assent Must Be Obtained In Disposing Of Germany's Overseas Possessions.

Washington, April 6.—The American government, although not a party to the treaty of Versailles, has surrendered none of its rights in the overseas possessions of Germany secured to the principal allied and associated powers by that treaty, the governments of Japan, Great Britain and France and the principal contributors to the League of Nations are informed by Secretary Hughes in similar notes dispatched by the state department last Monday.

Specifically, the communications deal with the award to Japan by the supreme council at Paris, May 7, 1919, of a mandate over the island of Yap, in the Pacific ocean, and Mr. Hughes says the American government "trusts that this action, which it must assume, was taken under a misapprehension, will be reconsidered."

The notes are the first important diplomatic communications penned by the new secretary of state and they make it plain that the change of administration in Washington has resulted in no modification of the previous position of the United States that, as one of the principal allies and associated powers in the disposal of the former German possessions.

TRIAL OF DRAPER BEGUN YESTERDAY

Dunville, Va., April 6.—The trial of John Draper, one of 15 white men under indictment charged with shooting at prisoners in the Halifax jail two weeks ago, was begun at Halifax, the county seat, this morning and was expected to be completed tomorrow.

SIX KILLED IN WRECK

Somerset, Ky., April 6.—Six persons were killed and 50 injured, in a wreck of the Royal Palm Limited, northbound, on the Southern railway at New River, Tenn., this afternoon. A special train bearing the dead and injured arrived here at 8:00 o'clock this evening. Four died on the train and in a hospital here. A number of the injured are not expected to live.

RIVER IS DRAGGED FOR WOMAN'S BODY

No Trace Of Wealthy Widow Has Been Found—Was Despondent. (By The Associated Press.) New York, April 6.—The finding by river police of a heavy veil, thought to belong to Mrs. Annetta K. N. Rankine, wealthy widow who disappeared Friday, and for whose body police have been dragging the East river, was declared tonight to be no real clue. J. M. (Bill) Nye, formerly of the secret service, who has been retained by relatives to conduct an investigation, said Mrs. Rankine did not wear a veil.

Louise Clouser Hale, an actress, said today she was long a friend of Mrs. Rankine and was with her Eastern Monday, four days before she disappeared. She said her friend was despondent, talked of religious matters and gave Mrs. Hale the impression she was contemplating suicide. She said she told Mrs. Rankine's chauffeur to watch her, but did not confide her premonition.

MURDER CASE WENT TO JURY LAST NIGHT

Fate Of Men Charged With Murder Of Japanese Seaman In Their Hands.

Norfolk, Va., April 6.—The fate of the four men charged with first degree murder in connection with the killing of two Japanese seamen on the steamship Kasuga Maru at Christmas eve was given into the hands of the jury at 10:12 o'clock tonight. After the jury had been out an hour, court attaches expressed the belief that no verdict would be reached tonight. Most of the afternoon and three hours tonight were taken up with closing arguments of attorneys. The state asked for a verdict of first degree murder against all four men.

FEAR FOR HIS OWN LIFE MADE NEGRO KILL FARM HANDS

Manning Said He Was Afraid To Disobey Williams— Didn't Want To Kill Them. DESCRIBED CRIME. He Gave A Graphic Description Of The Killing Of The 11 Victims. HE STUCK TO HIS STORY. The Negro Denied That He Was Told By Federal Agents He Was As Guilty As Williams.

Covington, Ga., April 6.—Fear for his own life was the motive that prompted Clyde Manning, negro, farm boss, to help kill 11 negro farm hands employed on the Jasper county plantation of John S. Williams, the negro told the jury trying Williams in Newton county superior court here today. Manning asserted on cross-examination he did not want to help kill them, but was afraid to disobey Williams, who, he declared, was trying to do away with the negroes for fear they might testify regarding peonage conditions on the Williams' farm.

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UNEMPLOYMENT IN UNITED STATES IS ON THE INCREASE

Farm Employment Over Country Was Reported To Be On the Increase. A BIG DECREASE. March Figures For 1,424 Organizations Showed Big Drop From February.

Washington, April 6.—In spite of renewed activity in automobile plants, and a resumption of operations in three or four other industries industrial unemployment in the United States continued to increase during March, according to labor department statistics. Farm employment, however, increased. Employment on farms was indicated in the verbal returns made by federal agents, though the actual number of men so engaged was not susceptible of statistical presentation.

PROSECUTION ENDS ITS CASE AGAINST CONNELL

Atlanta, April 6.—The prosecution today completed its presentation of evidence in the case against Willard Connell, a young Pike county farmer, charged by the government with having conspired with a negro farm hand, in peonage. The defense began its case by presenting a number of character witnesses.

FRENCH AVIATRIX FLIES OVER ANDES



Mme. Adrienne Bolland, famous French aviatrix, who flew across the Andes mountains from Mendoza, Argentina, to Chili. She is the first woman to perform this feat.

DEFENSE FAILS TO FINISH ARGUMENTS

It Is Now Thought Case Of Express Robbery Conspiracy Will Go To Jury. Macon, Ga., April 6.—Although lawyers for the defense in the trial of 45 persons accused of conspiracy to rob the American Railway Express company succeeded up to this afternoon, they failed to complete their arguments. It is expected now that the case will not go to the jury until late Friday.

TILDEN DEFEATS A YONKERS MAN

Philadelphia, April 6.—William T. Tilden, 2nd, world's singles lawn tennis champion, defeated Vincent Richards, of Yonkers, N. Y., in three straight sets in the final round of an invitation tournament here today.

CONSOLIDATION OF EX-SOLDIER RELIEF BUREAUS PROPOSED

Dawes Announced That Actual Drafting Of Report Will Be Done Today. GIVE TO HARDING. Report Will Be Laid Before the President—He Will Select Head.

Washington, April 6.—Consolidation under one head of all government bureaus dealing with ex-soldier relief to function directly for the President will be the chief recommendation made to President Harding by the special commission today. Charles G. Schwab, of Chicago, chairman of the commission, announced tonight that actual drafting of the report to be submitted to the President would begin tomorrow in executive session.

CROWD THOUGHT A MOVING PICTURE WAS BEING TAKEN AND DIDN'T INTERFERE

Chicago, April 6.—While scores of pedestrians watched what they believed to be a "movie" robbery and 50 rail and postal employees obligingly stood with their hands in the air, five armed bandits seized three sacks of mail at the Dearborn street railway station today and escaped. The mail for the Monon train known as the "Hoosier Limited."

WATTS WILL SOON HAVE A REAL JOB

Reductions In Value Of All Real Property In State Must Be Adjusted. SPECIAL SESSION. Financial Condition Of Some Cities May Necessitate Calling A Session.

Raleigh, April 6.—General and horizontal reductions in the value of all real property in the state will give the new commissioner of revenue a real job soon after he takes over the office in adjusting the valuation in the different counties. Indications are that there are general decreases authorized in land values ranging from 20 and 25 per cent to 60 per cent.

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