

THE WEATHER TODAY:
For North Carolina:
Showers.
For Raleigh:
Showers.

THE MORNING POST.

TEMPERATURE:
Temperature for the
past 24 hours:
Maximum, 87.
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REPUBLICANS CLAIMING ALL OF THE WESTERN COUNTIES

Secretary McNeill of the State Committee Says They are Certain of 8th and 10th Districts, and Have Good Chance in 9th. Dan Lamont for Governor

By THOMAS J. PENCE

Washington, Aug. 4.—Special.—Mr. McNeill, secretary of the North Carolina Republican state executive committee, returned from the state today where he went to confer with the Rollins in regard to the opening of headquarters. The opening will take place September 1, in Greensboro. Mr. McNeill paints a very rosy picture of Republican opportunity and prospects in Tar Heeldom. "We are going to capture all twenty-five of the western counties," Mr. McNeill observed, "and then we will make gains in the central and eastern counties. We will result in the congressional districts, we feel certain of the eighth, ninth, and have a good chance in the tenth district."

General Passenger Agent Tayloe of the Southern is very busy these days organizing to handle the great movement of troops to Manassas this month on the occasion of the army maneuvers. A large number of side-tracks are being built at the historic station to accommodate trains. For the convenience of the public, Mr. Tayloe has had printed a map giving a fine view of the scene of the maneuvers, including points of historic interest.

Col. E. L. Stever, Fourth cavalry, stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, and Col. Jacob A. Augur, Tenth cavalry, stationed at Fort Robinson, Nebraska, reported at the war department today in obedience to orders to confer with Col. Arthur L. Wagner of the military secretary's department regarding the military maneuvers to be held near Manassas next month. The officers named will be the chief umpires of the maneuvers, and are going to make a thorough preliminary inspection of the field of operations.

The talk of Daniel S. Lamont for the Democratic gubernatorial candidacy in New York is highly pleasing to Democrats everywhere, who believe that he would add strength to the cause in the Empire state. Democrats of all classes say that Mr. Lamont would be the most formidable candidate to pit against Elihu Root, whom the Republicans seemed forced to take as their standard bearer.

The big searchlight aboard the Diamond Shoal light vessel off Cape Hatteras, which was disabled early in July, has been repaired, and the authorities give notice that its use was resumed July 28 last. This searchlight throws a beam of white light 1 1/2 miles away, that can be seen twenty miles away. Vessel masters seeing it know of their proximity to the dangerous reef and steer accordingly.

Judge and Mrs. Pritchard have been summoned here by reason of the illness of Mrs. Pritchard's father, Mr. Joseph F. Saum. He has experienced a second stroke of paralysis and there is much alarm among his relatives as to his condition. Mr. Saum has been engaged in business here thirty-two years but retired about a year ago, following a slight paralytic stroke.

A Republican who was here today said that Thomas Settle would make the canvass of Charles J. Harris, the Republican candidate for governor, but that he would accompany the former representative from the fifth district on the campaign.

Captain Zebulon B. Vance of the Eleventh infantry, who recently left his command in Wyoming, has obtained a three-months leave of absence and has gone to western North Carolina to visit Mrs. Vance. Captain Vance spent several days here as the guest of his brother, Mr. Charles Vance, who is one of the successful business men of the capital of the nation. Captain Vance spent three years in the Philippines, and recently returned to this country.

Ex-representative Spencer Blackburn has been invited by Representative Littlefield to take the stump in Maine in behalf of the Republican ticket. Mr. Blackburn intends to devote all his leisure time to the eighth district and declined the invitation.

Prize Court to Confiscate Cargo for Japanese Ports

Consists of 59,000 Pounds of Flour and the Railroad Equipment on the Arabia, Less Than Half Her Full Cargo. Take Up Cases of Ships Sunk Next

Vladivostok, Aug. 4.—The prize court has decided to confiscate such portion of the cargo of the Portland and Atlantic line steamer Arabia as was consigned to Japanese ports, namely, 59,000 pounds of flour and the railroad equipment, this portion constituting less than half the bulk and weight of her cargo, the remainder consisting of 102,000 pounds of flour consigned to Hong Kong. The confiscated portion of the cargo is now being unloaded. As soon as this is completed the steamer will be released.

Having disposed of the Arabia case, the prize court will now take up the cases of the ships sunk, four Japanese whippers, a Japanese steamer, the Thea, and the Knight Commander. The crews of these vessels were taken off and are comfortably housed and fed at the government's expense, although the Japanese, as prisoners of war, are entitled therein.

The captain of the Knight Commander declares frankly that he recognizes the legality of the act of the prize court and is astonished that the claims made by the British press that there is no precedent for such a seizure.

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Paris, Aug. 4.—The Journal states

The owner's report is expected tomorrow.

The Thea was a German steamer, which the Vladivostok squadron overhauled off the coast of Japan on July 24th and sunk, because she was bound to Yokohama with a cargo of fish. It was stated at the time that the fish was from America, but this has been denied since. It is thought now that she was taking the fish from one Japanese port to another.

Austine Had No Part

Vienna, Aug. 4.—The Pester Lloyd publishes a semi-official communication declaring that Austria had no part in any negotiations or exchange of notes regarding the passage of Russian volunteer vessels through the Dardanelles. The negotiations were exclusively between St. Petersburg and London.

A Conciliatory Spirit

London, Aug. 5.—The Vienna correspondent of the Standard corroborates the statement that Austria took no part in the Dardanelles negotiations. He adds that while Russia has not deviated from her stand on the principle involved, she has hitherto shown a conciliatory spirit regarding details. She has given a formal assurance that she will withdraw the volunteer vessels from the Red Sea, and has virtually stated that they will not be used further as war ships.

Entered English Channel

Calais, Aug. 4.—A fishing boat reports that two Russian cruisers entered the English channel from the direction of the North Sea this morning.

WOULDN'T LET HIM SCRATCH HIMSELF

So Fay Woodworth Left Home and His Wife Drank Carbolic Acid

Utica, N. Y., Aug. 4.—Fay Woodworth recently disappeared from his home in Gloversville, and soon after he had gone his wife committed suicide by carbolic acid. He said when he went away that he did not intend to return home until he knew that his wife was dead, although he did not expect it so soon. Woodworth is troubled with an itching skin disease. He claimed that his wife would not let him scratch himself and that she stood over him with a knife and threatened to take his life unless he stopped scratching. This and other domestic troubles caused him to leave home.

S. A. L. AFFAIRS

May Change Owners--Blair & Co., Dominant

Baltimore, Aug. 4.—Local financial circles are once more in an expectant mood in connection with the affairs of the Seaboard Air Line Railway. It is generally conceded that this property may change owners.

At present the dominant interests are those represented by Blair & Co., of New York, but they do not own a control of the stock.

There has always been a chance that some money on the outside of the Blair syndicate would step in and offer more favorable terms to supply any financial requirements. Rumors that such a development would come have been circulated at intervals in local financial circles, and are given some credence.

The market for Seaboard Securities this week has shown marked strength, and this seems to be based upon the hope that a favorable turn in the affairs of the company is close at hand. This strength was evident in the local market today where the first sale of the three year 5 per cent bonds of the company was at 91, an advance of 11-8 points over yesterday, and the best prices they have brought since they were issued. These bonds were brought out and are largely controlled by the Blair syndicate. In the event of the Blair plan succeeding they will likely be retired. The common and preferred stock also had a ready market at advancing prices. One development looked for is the purchase of a part of all of the stock of the firms of J. Wm. Middendorf & Co., and John L. Williams & Sons, held by the advisory committee in charge of the affairs of the two firms.

Blow at A. T. Co.

Ottawa, Aug. 4.—Today in the house of commons L. P. Brodus, minister of inland revenue, introduced his tobacco resolution. It aims a serious blow at the American Tobacco Company. It was discussed all day and the vote will be taken tomorrow. It is almost certain to carry, as both the Liberal majority and many conservatives are supporting it. The minister said this tract, had secured possession of the biggest percentage of the cigarette business, and the outlook was that within a few months the trust would seize the cigar trade. He appealed to the house not to allow a United States trust to come into Canada and crush the native industries.

CONVENTION BROKE UP IN A FIGHT

Delegates Taken to Hospitals in Kentucky--Chairman Pulled from Stage

Lexington, Ky., August 4.—The fifth appellate district convention which met here this afternoon to nominate a candidate for the court of appeals, broke up in a fight, after being in session two hours, and the delegates from the eighteen counties comprising the district have gone to their homes, refusing to participate in such a convention.

The police were called to the hall to stop the fights and many delegates were carried to the hospitals to have their wounds dressed. Circuit Clerk Charles Butler, of Bourbon county, and State Representative Al. Thompson of the same county, came to blows on the floor of the convention and Thompson was severely beaten by Butler and was in the act of shooting the latter when they were separated. The men had a difficulty in the Phoenix hall just before the convention met and it was renewed on the floor of the hall.

Chairman Millard Mitchell of the convention was pulled from the stage by friends of Judge Sautney and Judge Carroll and only for the prompt interference of the police would he have been mobbed. Mitchell is a supporter of Judge Cantrell, the other candidate, and it was claimed he was ruling favorably to his man.

WILL BOLDLY BID FOR REPUBLICAN STATES

Democrats Won't Confine Attention to So-Called Doubtful States

Esopus, N. Y., Aug. 4.—The appointments made yesterday by Chairman Taggart gratify the Democratic visitors to Rosemount. The election of Mr. Peabody to be treasurer of the committee is a guarantee, they say, that the campaign will be directed along a high plane.

In Delancey Nicolls' appointment as vice chairman Democrats profess to see the assurance that Tammany will go into the campaign militant and that the Tiger will come out of it, his claws, "red with the blood of the enemy."

In the make up of the executive committee the absence of Senator Gorman's name is regretted, but the presence there of Senator Martin's is regarded as highly encouraging. In fact, Democratic leaders say that the campaign will be run in no small measure by the alert, reticent senator from Virginia, and by Senator Gorman, just as the campaign of 1892 was directed by W. C. Whitney and Daniel S. Lamont, although neither of them was an officer of the committee.

It is understood that the Democrats will not confine their attention to the so-called doubtful states but will make a bold bid to carry such states as Massachusetts, California, Minnesota, Rhode Island and Michigan, thereby employing the methods used successfully by Senator Hanna in 1900.

PACKERS ARBITRARY

Gompers Says Their Course Is Very Impolitic

Washington, Aug. 4.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, called on the president today with President O'Connell of the International Association of Machinists and a committee representing the local union of that organization to urge that an increase be made in the wages of the machinists employed in the Washington navy yard. The president promised that an investigation should be made by Secretary Morton and that action would be based on the secretary's report.

After the conference President Gompers commented briefly on the developments of the meat handlers' strike. "It seems to me," said he, "that the course pursued by the packers in the strike is most arbitrary and most unwise. Their refusal to confer with representatives of committees of the unions serves only to exasperate the men and to render less likely an amicable adjustment of the difficulties. Inevitably their refusal to confer with the men, except as individuals, will tend not only to make the men more insistent in their desires, but, what is more to the point, will enlist the active sympathy of all unions and union men throughout the country."

THIRTY-SEVEN INJURED

Collision on L. & N. Near Horse Cave, Ky

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 4.—A south-bound passenger train on the Louisville & Nashville which left Cincinnati at 6 o'clock last night collided today near Horse Cave, Ky., with a north-bound passenger train which left Nashville about 8:30 last night. Thirty-three

passengers and four trainmen were injured, but none seriously except Engineer Rehm of the southbound train, who may die. According to the information here Rehm either disregarded orders or was sound asleep, as his train was going at the rate of forty miles an hour when it struck the northbound train. The baggage car on the southbound train was destroyed and the postal car damaged, but none of the coaches left the track.

NOVELTY IN STRIKE BREAKING

Train Load of Immigrants Put to Work by the Packers Chicago

Chicago, Aug. 4.—The packers today introduced a distinct novelty in strike breaking—a train load of immigrants, said to be direct from Ellis Island. The immigrants were unloaded at obscure spots about the yards and were smuggled in groups of ten or twelve to the various departments, where the newcomers were put to work.

This took place while representatives of the packers were reiterating the resolution made yesterday that scores of applicants for work are being turned away because only skilled men are being offered employment.

It was reported today that beef luggers in all the cold-storage plants handling meat from the big packers were to be called out in aid of the striking stock yardmen. This would be up the plants, according to one prominent market man, and shut off a source of supply for many meat dealers.

It was reported that Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture will come here from Denver and look over the strike situation and make a personal report on the conditions as he finds them to President Roosevelt.

At the wholesale houses of the packers in South Water street, near Franklin street, no delivery is being attempted and business is practically suspended. Pickets say the supply of meat at those establishments is exhausted.

The market is flooded with live poultry, and there has been a drop of five cents in the price of spring chickens inside of a week.

STORY OF MURDER

A Son Tells How His Mother Was Shot and Stamped Upon

Asheville, N. C., Aug. 4.—Special. E. E. Gardner of Yancey, who was here today, tells of a murder that was committed in Madison county last Sunday. He says that according to the story of his informant, a boy twenty years old and the son of the woman murdered, a man named John Pate appeared at the home of a man named Rice and asked where he could find a Mrs. Crowder. He was told where she could be found.

The next heard from Mrs. Crowder was that a woman between California creek and Upper Laurel heard some one groaning and investigating, found Mrs. Crowder with a wound in her arm and bruises about the abdomen, where she had been stamped. She said that Pate had shot her and then stamped on her. Shortly after the woman was found Pate appeared on the scene. According to young Crowder, Dr. Gardner says, Pate forced or influenced Mrs. Crowder to say before she died that she had shot herself. The story told by the son gives no light whatever as to the motive for the act.

FISCAL CAMPAIGN IN ENGLAND

Joseph Chamberlain Speaks to 15,000 People at Welbeck Abbey

London, Aug. 4.—Joseph Chamberlain reopened the fiscal campaign at Welbeck Abbey, the Duke of Portland's seat today. Big crowds attended and a special train from London brought a throng of notables, among them so many members of Parliament that seventy-one pairs were necessary in the House of Commons today. Mr. Chamberlain was greeted with enthusiasm by an audience of 15,000.

Mr. Chamberlain's address was devoted to the consideration of the fiscal problem as it applied to agricultural interests. He insisted that the proposals would result in more profit to the farmer than before, more employment for the laborer and cheaper food for the family.

At the conclusion of Mr. Chamberlain's speech a resolution was adopted by acclamation, declaring approval of the policy of securing a closer fiscal union with the colonies and the conviction that, in the agricultural and industrial interest of Britain and the general welfare of the empire, a change in the fiscal system was necessary.

Paris, Aug. 4.—A dispatch to the Matin from St. Petersburg states that M. Muraviev is willing to accept the ministry of the interior, if the department of political policy is eliminated from his duties.

100,000 BEHIND THEM, 50,000 IN FRONT, 50,000 TO LEFT

That's the Situation of Kuropatkin's Russians Now, and the Greatest Battle of the War Is Expected North of Haichang, Which Has Been Occupied by Gen. Oku

London, Aug. 4.—A news agency dispatch dated New Chwang says that the greatest battle of the war is expected to occur immediately north of Haicheng. General Kuroki with 100,000 men is behind the retreating Russians; General Oku with 50,000 confronts them; General Nodzu with 50,000 presses on their left flank.

It is ascertained that the rumor current here on Tuesday, of the capture of Haicheng by the Japanese, was premature. At that time the Russians had been driven back only to their inner line of entrenchments, which they were still holding with 75,000 men. Two thousand Japanese, with a large supply of trains, are leaving here for Haicheng or some point immediately north of it, where the greatest battle of the war is expected and may have begun already. If General Kuropatkin is defeated he must either move to the westward or surrender.

Must Not Cross River

Tokio, Aug. 4.—General Oku occupied Haicheng and New Chwang at noon yesterday. It is reported that General Yuen, the Chinese commander in Manchuria, who has his headquarters in Mukden, has sent dispatches to his officers in charge of the Chinese west of the Liao river to prevent in the least offensive manner possible the Russians from violating the neutrality of Chinese territory by crossing the river, in case they should be driven back by the Japanese from their present positions. General Kuroki's right is within twenty miles of Liao Yang on the northeast. His advance guard is in action with the Russians daily.

Nichi Nichi reports the taking of Yushulitsu by the Japanese. It is anticipated that the Russians will make a third attempt to retake Motien Pass.

Sortie From Port Arthur

Tokio, Aug. 4.—It is reported that destroyers and cruisers sortied from Port Arthur on Monday evening and had an engagement with the guard boats for twenty minutes, the Japanese destroyers then drove them back into Port. The daily fighting by land and sea at Port Arthur is considered very significant.

Headquarters in the Field

New Chwang, Aug. 4.—Field Marshal Oyama, commander-in-chief of the Japanese forces in Manchuria, and General Kodama, chief of staff, left Kai Chou yesterday and have established headquarters in the field with the army.

French Consular Agent Albert Kreutzer was arrested last night in a Russian house where he was taken for a spy. He was released.

Noose Gradually Tightening

Tokio, Aug. 4.—The Japanese are hourly awaiting tidings of victory at Port Arthur. It is known that the Japanese noose is gradually tightening and

Indignation in Japan

London, Aug. 5.—A dispatch to the Times from Tokio says there is much indignation in Japan at Russia's persistent neglect to observe the rules of the Hague convention in regard to supplying information about prisoners. The Japanese from the outset of the war have been scrupulously careful to convey to the Russians through the French minister every possible detail concerning prisoners taken by them.

But to this day, in spite of frequent inquiries about the prisoners taken during the third attempt to seal up Port Arthur, the Russians have maintained complete silence. This cannot be due to lack of opportunity to communicate with the Japanese, as Russia has just applied to Japan for recognition of two additional hospital ships at Port Arthur.

Russian Credit Shaken

London, Aug. 4.—The first effects of the war are beginning to be felt by Russian credit at home, which is known to be already considerably shaken. Many important orders for military stores are paid for with bills at two years. It is already declared to be doubtful whether the Imperial Bank will discount bills on the Nijn Novgorod fair, as it has always done hitherto.

Supposes Indiana Will Be the Great Battle Ground

Governor Montague of Virginia arrived at 2 p. m., coming from the summer home, at Lake George, of George Foster Peabody, the newly appointed treasurer of the national executive committee.

Col. Edward L. Russell, chairman of the directorate of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, followed Governor Montague. Colonel Russell was accompanied by National Committeeman H. D. Clayton of Alabama.

Charles R. Crane of Chicago, who was chairman of the municipal league of Chicago when it helped to clean that city, was the last caller of the day.

After the last visitor had gone Judge Parker drove up the road to salt his pooled cattle. When he returned at 7 o'clock the steam yacht Sapphire lay at anchor in the Hudson. Justice Morgan J. O'Brien and John B. McDonald of New York were on board. They invited Judge Parker to dine with them. He did not come ashore until late tonight.

The report that District Attorney Jerome of New York was not invited to Rosemount except through the newspaper men is denied. Judge Parker has very pleasant memories of his meetings with Mr. Jerome and will be glad if he calls. It was said today, although not by Judge Parker, that the nominee is likely to make at least two speeches during the campaign, one in New York and one in Indianapolis.

Drank Under Full Fire

London, Aug. 4.—A correspondent of The Daily Mail who is with the Japanese army in describing the fighting on July 31 says that the heat was dreadful. There were many cases of exhaustion and sunstroke.

One regiment, maddened with thirst, rushed forward to a river under the full fire of the Russians and drank at the peril of their lives.

Their Last Line

New Chwang, Aug. 4.—The Japanese besieging Port Arthur have driven the Russians back to their last line of defenses. The Japanese have 350 guns in action.

Senators Baily, Gov. Montague, Col. E. L. Russell and C. R. Crane Called and Judge Parker, Nominee, Likely to Make Two Speeches

Paris, Aug. 4.—The Journal states