

Twelve Germans Killed When Jail Was Stormed

Were Trying to Release Prisoners Arrested in Demonstration.—Eight Wounded in the Riot.

IDLE WORKMEN IN THE PARTY

The General Strike in Berlin, Affecting All Means of Transportation, Has Been Called Off.

Aaix la Chapelle, Aug. 14 (By the Associated Press).—Twelve persons were killed and more than 80 wounded here last night when crowds attempted to storm police headquarters and release prisoners taken during the day when police broke up a food shortage demonstration.

All the victims were German civilians. In yesterday's demonstration four Germans were killed and forty wounded. The crowd was composed for the most part of idle workmen. It laid regular siege to the headquarters and refused to heed police warning to disperse.

After throwing hand grenades into the crowd and firing several volleys the security police emerged and charged with sabers and revolvers.

Mounted police now are patrolling the city. The Belgian troops did not interfere in the affair.

General Strike Called Off. Berlin, Aug. 14 12:35 p. m. (By the Associated Press).—The general strike in Berlin was called off by the communists this morning, all the transportation lines reopening.

Ready to Help on Reparations. Washington, Aug. 14.—President Coolidge's administration was said by White House spokesmen today to stand on the proposition laid down by Secretary Hughes in his speech at New Haven in December on the matter of German reparations. The government, it was declared, is ready to help in any way it can without involving itself directly.

GASOLINE PRICES ARE ON THE DECLINE NOW. Already Price is Reduced in Some States—Federal Action is Being Carried Out.

Chicago, Aug. 14.—(By the Associated Press).—Reductions in gasoline prices began when Governor W. H. McMillan of South Dakota, ordered the state highway supply depots to sell gasoline at 16 cents a gallon, assumed a national aspect today when price cuts announced by the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana and Kentucky, and independent producers became effective in midwestern and southern states.

The announcement of a federal investigation of gasoline and oil conditions, of further curtailment of production, also are features in the gasoline price war.

Gasoline is selling today at 15.4 cents in Chicago; 14 1/4 cents in Omaha; 15.9 cents in Kansas City; 22 cents in Louisville; 11 cents in Dallas, Texas; and from 13 cents to 16 cents in other parts of Texas, with prices in other sections affected by the reduction varying according to freight rates.

The investigations of the oil situation have been undertaken by various state executives and municipal authorities.

CHARLOTTE MAN HEADS CARPENTERS OF STATE

J. V. Whiteside Elected President of the N. C. State Carpenters Council.

(By the Associated Press.) Greensboro, Aug. 13.—J. V. Whiteside, of Charlotte, was unanimously elected President of the N. C. State Carpenters Council in convention here this morning, succeeding Grover A. Kerr, of High Point.

Other officers elected are as follows: C. A. Hurst, of Durham, first vice president; J. E. Kilian, Hickory, second vice president; Grover A. Kerr, third vice president; H. R. McIver, of Raleigh, fourth vice president; J. A. Hunt, of Greensboro, fifth vice president; George A. Whitaker, of Asheville, secretary-treasurer.

The next convention city has not yet been selected as this is contingent upon the selection of the meeting place for the N. C. State Federation of Labor which is also in session here.

Conditions of the Cotton Crop.

Raleigh, Aug. 14.—Reports received by the Field Service Department of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Co-operative Association from 413 local sections show the average condition of the cotton crop in 38 counties to be 76.4 per cent. of a full crop. The average weather damage is set at 8.3 per cent. Average boll weevil damage of 10 per cent. or more with the greatest damage reported by Stanly county. Warren, Northampton, Hertford, Halifax, Franklin, Edgecombe and Bertie report no damage from the weevil. Franklin reports the heaviest damage from weather conditions. Bertie is the only county to report a full crop in prospect. The average condition of the crop as reported by the United States crop-reporting service for the same period is 82 per cent. of a full crop.

Operators to Attend Meeting.

(By the Associated Press.) Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 14.—Samuel D. Warringer, chairman of the general committee of anthracite operators, today announced the operators have accepted the invitation of the federal coal commission to attend the party in New York with the coal miners tomorrow.

Messrs. Carl Broome, of the Parks-Belk-Broome Co. store at Hickory, and Marlin Brunley, of the Parks-Belk-Brunley Co. store at Newton, are spending the day in the city.

NOT TO CALL SPECIAL SESSION OF CONGRESS.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 14.—President Coolidge at the present time sees no occasion for a special session of Congress in advance of the regular December meeting, it was said officially today at the White House.

THE FORTUNES OF PRESIDENTS.

Coolidge Not the Poorest President Who Ever Entered the White House. Washington, D. C., Aug. 14.—The statement that Calvin Coolidge is the poorest man who ever entered the White House is contradicted by the known facts in the lives of some of his predecessors. The new President, as is well known, is a man of very moderate means, but there have been other Presidents who were equally lacking in worldly goods, and several who unquestionably were poorer off than he.

Lincoln was a poor man when he was elected President, and had he lived to see out his term he would perhaps have retired with only a few hundred dollars more than when he entered. Both he and Mrs. Lincoln were very liberal and gave away a great deal of money to people in distress.

Another poor man elected to the presidency was McKinley. He was not only poor, but was in debt. By frugal management and the assistance of friends he was accumulating money when the assassin's bullet ended his life.

James Monroe entered the White House a very poor man, and he retired almost penniless. He lived well, but not extravagantly, while President, and he died so poor that he was buried at the expense of relatives. It took just 162 words to tell in his will what he wished done with the few dollars he left.

On the other hand, the most of the Presidents have been comfortably fixed financially, and some of them exceedingly rich, according to the standard of their time. George Washington, for instance, had so much money and property to dispose of that his will covered twenty closely written pages, and if put into type would make five columns of an ordinary newspaper.

Van Buren was so wealthy that he did not trouble himself to draw his salary until the expiration of his four years, when he signed for an even \$100,000. When he died he left a fortune of nearly half a million dollars.

John Adams died moderately well off, leaving about \$75,000. His son, John Quincy Adams, died a rich man. He owned immense properties in Boston and Washington. Polk, Fillmore and Pierce were all rich men when elected President. Polk left an estate valued at \$150,000. Fillmore was always frugal and added to his savings by marrying a woman of wealth, and was worth about \$200,000. Pierce's estate was valued at about \$50,000.

Thomas Jefferson, according to history, always put on a large amount of style and was rated as a very rich man, but in his old age he was reduced to hard-pan and died so poor that if Congress had not purchased his library at \$20,000 he would have been a pauper. James Madison had a good bank account and considerable real estate when he became President, and it had not dwindled perceptibly when he retired. Andrew Jackson was another who was comfortably rich when he was chosen President. Buchanan was wealthy, too, as was also Andrew Johnson, but the latter was impoverished before death by assuming the debts of his son.

William Henry Harrison saved a goodly portion of his salary as President. This grand-son, Benjamin Harrison, was likewise economical and died worth about \$750,000. John Tyler added to his wealth by marrying a rich woman. Cleveland was a poor man when he entered the White House, but was quite wealthy at the conclusion of his second term. Grant managed to accumulate considerable money while in the presidency, but lost his fortune in the Grant & Ward failure. Hayes was always frugal and added to his fortune, while Garfield was only moderately well off. Roosevelt had a substantial competence. Taft was comfortably well off, while Wilson has royalties from his books and his second wife is a woman of wealth. Mr. Harding, according to reports, was worth between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000. Arthur was the most extravagant of Presidents and left only a moderate fortune.

WATCHING ANTHRACITE DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY

President Coolidge and Other High Officials Much Interested in the Situation.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 14.—Not only President Coolidge and the members of his cabinet but most of the senators and representatives who are in Washington are watching closely the trend of developments in the anthracite industry. When the cabinet met today the President had before him such detailed information that there was no indication that any action by the White House was contemplated, pending the outcome of a conference to be held tomorrow in New York.

Cloudbursts Believed to Have Killed 12.

(By the Associated Press.) Salt Lake City, Aug. 14.—Twelve lives are believed to have been lost in northern Utah as result of a series of cloudbursts last night and early today. Property damage is expected to total upwards of \$1,000,000.

150 Miners Trapped.

(By the Associated Press.) Salt Lake City, Aug. 14.—One hundred and fifty miners are trapped as a result of an explosion in a coal mine near Kemmerer, Wyoming, according to a report received at the general office of the Oregon Short Line Railroad, shortly after 11:15 o'clock this morning. There were no other details received.

GERMAN RESISTANCE WILL BE ABANDONED UNDER CONDITIONS

New German Chancellor Outlines Plan and Conditions Whereby Resistance Will Be Abandoned.

NEW CHANCELLOR CORDIALLY GREETED

In the Reichstag, Where He Made Address.—No Mention Made of Evacuation of Rhineland.

Berlin, Aug. 14 (By the Associated Press).—Dr. Gustav Stresemann, the new German chancellor, outlined in a statement today the conditions under which Germany is ready to abandon the passive resistance in the Ruhr. The conditions are the complete restoration to Germany of her right of control over the Ruhr; re-establishment of the conditions in the Rhineland vouchsafed her under the Versailles treaty; and the liberation of every German citizen who has been outraged, evicted or imprisoned.

The statement was made in the course of his inaugural speech to the reichstag this afternoon. Dr. Stresemann made no mention of the evacuation of the occupied areas, merely stressing the conditions under which Germany is prepared to enter upon negotiations for the complete restoration of her jurisdiction and the freedom of her citizens here.

The new chancellor was cordially greeted by the majority of the house, the only jarring note in his reception being in the form of a boisterous heckling by the communists.

GANG FLOGGED A MAN ALREADY NEAR DEATH

Macon, Georgia, Victim in Last Stages of Consumption—Other Victims Flee Home.

Macon, Ga., Aug. 13.—Gas Roberts, one of four men whipped by a gang of unskilled men here Thursday night off Macon today, he was unable to go home today, his friends said. R. E. Bobo, also flogged and ordered to depart, left the city Sunday.

Ollie M. Perry, also given 36 hours to leave the city, was still in a serious condition at his home. Doctors stated that if he will be a week, should he recover, before he can be cured to a tubercular camp in North Carolina, when he was about to go when whipped. Perry is said to be in the last stages of tuberculosis.

Doctors today at Perry's home exhibited wounds on Perry's back measuring 8 and 9 inches from the kidneys downward and 19 inches across when the skin was completely worn away by the beatings.

Reports from the Georgia training school for boys, at Millidgeville, today showed that all was quiet there. A machine gun was still manned at the place ready for any emergency. Unmanned bands raided the institution last week for the purpose, it was said, to dog Tom Thomas and his wife, Mary, negro attendants.

"Heaven knows I want them to come," said Mrs. Orian Manson, superintendent, "not to take Mary and Tom, two innocent negroes, acting entirely under my direction, but to take me, for I am responsible for the negroes' every act and am willing to take this responsibility. The mob will not have to batter down doors to take me. I will meet them unarmed at my front door and am ready at any time to do this."

OIL COMPANY STOCKS ACTIVE ON EXCHANGE

Activity Caused by Sharp Reductions in the Price of Gasoline.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Aug. 14.—Sharp reductions in the price of gasoline announced by competitive companies in fifteen states today resulted in widespread selling of oil company stocks on the New York Stock Exchange.

Eleven oil company stocks established new low prices for the year and practically the entire list on this group dropped 1 to 2 1/2 points. Inevitable oil. Sinclair common and preferred, White Eagle, and Middle States were among the shares which fell to new low records.

Senator Harris Suggests Substitute for Flogging.

State Senator Charles U. Harris, of Wake, has suggested what he believes will be a successful substitute for flogging as a means of disciplining prisoners. Senator Harris was one of the most interested persons attending the discussions of administration of county penal institutions at the welfare institutes at Chapel Hill. He has come out flat-footed in opposition to corporal punishment.

This substitute, according to Senator Harris, would mean that the infraction of prison rules be made a misdemeanor by law, and that if, after receiving his maximum sentence, a prisoner should break these rules he could be tried before a court and given an additional sentence. It is based on the idea that the loss of liberty is an effective deterrent, the senator said.

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Coolidge Sets Out on Rocky Road as Party Rivals Wait For First Misstep

Special to the New York World. Washington, Aug. 12.—A rough road opens ahead of President Coolidge from the moment he takes possession of his new Executive Offices in the White House tomorrow. Probably in the realization of the stormy times ahead, the President spent a comparatively quiet Sunday.

He began the day with a brisk half-hour walk about the ellipse south of the White House, breakfasted and then attended services at the First Congregational Church.

The afternoon was given over to necessary duties, among the visitors who called on the President were Chief Justice Taft.

In the evening President Coolidge took an automobile ride and retired early. Republican leaders are assembling in Washington and it is expected many important political conferences will be held during the week. These will deal mostly with the future of the Republican party and the part President Coolidge will have in it. While the administration begins with evidences of friendliness on the part of the leaders, it is realized that this is not necessarily prophetic of the future and that developments may come quickly.

It is assumed that President Coolidge will seek to succeed himself in his office and it is acknowledged he has the point of vantage in the race.

Whether he will succeed or fail will depend upon himself, and probably no one realizes this better than the Chief Executive. The ten months intervening before the next Republican convention is a long time politically, but a very brief time in which to write a record of achievement.

While the President has an absolute clean slate before him, there is much to write upon it. In international affairs the Executive faces a heavy burden. His course in this respect will have its reflection upon domestic politics.

HARDING LEFT BULK OF ESTATE TO HIS WIDOW

Will Drafted Bequests Just Before He Started on His Trip to Alaska. Washington, Aug. 14.—President Harding was worth about three-quarters of a million dollars at the time of his death, and most of this will go to Mrs. Florence King Harding, his widow.

Mr. Harding made a new will not long before he left Washington for Alaska last June, and placed all his personal affairs in such shape that in the event of his failure to return alive, he would give his widow the least concern and worry.

The Harding will is not to be filed in Washington for the reason that he owns no property here except personal effects at the White House and funds in bank.

It was learned tonight that the will is to be filed at Marion, Ohio, probably during the coming week and that it will be probated in the old court house in that city. It makes Mrs. Harding the chief beneficiary. She will not receive the entire estate, as there are some minor bequests to persons Mr. Harding wished to remember in this way. Mrs. Harding is not a rich woman but she has a considerable estate of her own.

The principal item in the estate of the late President is his share in the proceeds of the recent sale of the Marion Star, in which he owned a controlling interest until he disposed of it before his departure for Alaska. The making of his new will, the sale of his control in the Marion Star, the deeding away of his recently purchased farm near Bloomington, Ohio, where he lived as a boy and the reorganization of his financial investments were all undertaken by Mr. Harding just before he started for Alaska, as part of his plan for putting his home in order in anticipation of the possibility that he might never return alive.

The price paid for the Marion Star by those who bought it was \$535,000. The President's share in the proceeds of the sale was \$423,000. There were some other stockholders, whose interests were disposed of at the same time, who received the difference between the sale price and what went to Mr. Harding.

Reduces Gasoline in Five States One Cent.

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 13.—A reduction of one cent a gallon in the retail price of gasoline in five states in the territory of the Standard Oil company of Kentucky, was announced here tonight by S. W. Coons, president of the company. The reduction, effective Tuesday morning, will apply to Kentucky, Florida, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia. The one cent cut brings the price at filling stations in Louisville to 22 cent a gallon.

Miners Accept Invitation.

(By the Associated Press.) Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 14.—John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, has accepted the invitation of the federal coal commission to confer in New York tomorrow with the commission and the anthracite operators in an effort to avert a strike September 1st.

Roland Kirk, 73, Dies at His Home at Salisbury.

Salisbury, Aug. 13.—Roland Kirk, 73, for many years engaged in the transfer business in Salisbury, died early this morning at his home on East Liberty street.

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COURT CASES

Only Submission Cases Were Heard on Monday.—Judge Ben F. Long Presiding.

The August term of Cabarrus Superior Court began here Monday morning. Judge Ben F. Long, of Statesville, is presiding, and the State is represented by Solicitor Zeb Long.

The drawing of the grand and petit juries took up most of the morning session Monday. After the juries were drawn, Judge Long addressed the grand jury, of which S. Kay Patterson is foreman.

During the afternoon a number of cases were disposed of. None of them were tried, however, a nol pros being taken in most of them. The others were cases in which the defendants plead guilty.

A. C. Lambert plead guilty to having liquor in his possession and was fined \$25 and the costs.

Bingham Dees plead guilty to three counts—assault with a dangerous weapon, operating a car while intoxicated and being intoxicated. He was fined \$25 and the costs in one case, and judgment was suspended in the other two on condition that he remain sober for 12 months and that he does not drive a motor vehicle of any kind for 12 months. If he violates these conditions he will serve 12 months in jail.

J. F. Honeycutt plead guilty to having liquor in his possession. He paid a fine of \$25 and the costs.

Later Monday afternoon the grand jury returned a true bill of murder against Frank Miller, negro, charged with killing Ervin Barrier, another negro. The court was informed by attorneys for the State that a verdict of first degree murder would not be asked, and for that reason a special venire was not called. Judge Long ordered Sheriff Mabery to have ten additional jurors ready for the case, however.

Miller was formally arraigned this morning, and the case started then, although the taking of testimony was delayed until this afternoon.

All civil cases scheduled for this term of court were continued by consent of the bar and Judge Long. Owing to the construction work on the new home of the Cabarrus Savings Bank, Judge Long decided to hold court only after 4:30 each afternoon when the work of placing the rivets in the building is stopped. He conferred with the foreman on the building, and after the conference decided it would be unwise to hold up the construction work for the three weeks court was scheduled to be in session.

It was then decided to continue all civil cases and to hold court beginning at 4:30 each afternoon. The Miller trial was started this morning, however, so that much of the preliminary work could be gotten out of the way by 4:30 this afternoon.

MAY ESCAPE TONGUE OF A MOTHER-IN-LAW

South Carolina Supreme Court Makes a Ruling in an Interesting Point in Law.

(By the Associated Press.) Columbia, S. C., Aug. 14.—The duty of a wife to stand abusive language from her husband "may not be extended to cover the tongue of a cantankerous mother-in-law," the State Supreme Court of South Carolina held in an opinion written by Associate Justice J. H. Marion.

The case was that of state vs. Sam Bagwell who lives at Laurens, S. C. He was convicted of non-support and he appealed to the Supreme Court which upheld the lower court.

THE COTTON MARKET

Was Nervous and Unsettled During the Early Trading—Opening Price Steady.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Aug. 14.—The cotton market was nervous and unsettled during today's early trading. Opening prices were steady at an advance of 15 to 21 points on the relatively steady showing of Liverpool and continued crop complaints from the southwest.

Cotton futures opened steady: October 24.15; December 24.10; January 23.85; March 23.80; May 23.80.

Begin Elimination of 12-Hour Day

No wYork, Aug. 13.—The Republic Iron and Steel company posted notice today that it would begin elimination of the 12-hour day in its blast furnaces, open hearths, and white products coke department, in the north on August 16. Tulsa Today Goes Under Martial Law. Oklahoma City, Aug. 13.—Gov. J. C. Walton late today issued a proclamation placing the city of Tulsa under martial law. The curfew under the rule of the militia at 6 a. m. tomorrow. Guard units were ordered to Oklahoma City and Okmulgee were ordered to proceed to Tulsa.

Issuance of the proclamation followed flogging of Nathan Hautman of Tulsa Friday night. Hautman called at the governor's office today and was in conference with Aldrich Blake, executive councillor. The martial law order was promulgated after Hautman told his story.

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Go to C. H. Barrier & Co.'s and get a weather indicator, only 75 cents, regular price, \$1.75. See cut in their new ad. today. Prices on tennis rackets reduced at the Ritchie Hardware Co. See ad. today for new prices. It will cost you only 5 cents to ride up and look at H. B. Wilkinson's big stock of furniture. Keep your valuable in a safe deposit vault where they will be protected. See ad. of the Citizens Bank and Trust Co. J. C. Blume has both Durant and Star cars in stock. See ad. today of Venetian Poudre de Soir, by the Gibson Drug Store. Twenty-Three Tourists Are Killed in France. Tarbes, France, Aug. 13.—Twenty-three tourists were killed in a motor bus accident today at Sainte-Sauveur, a Pyrenees resort, about 25 miles south of here.

PREPARING ANSWER TO BRITISH REPARATIONS NOTE

Premier Poincare Will Take Up Note Point by Point and Give French Views on Each One.

WILL SEND REPLY IN NEAR FUTURE

Reply Expected to Show That Attitude of the French Has Not Been Changed on the Reparations.

Paris, Aug. 14 (By the Associated Press).—Premier Poincare, who will return to Paris tonight, has informed his collaborators at the foreign office that he intends "in the most courteous manner possible" to reply point by point to the note of Lord Curzon, British secretary of foreign affairs, on the reparations question. Although the reply will be courteous, it is asserted in foreign office circles that it will be a stout reaffirmation of the French viewpoint and a flat rejection of British suggestions.

The reply will be sent as soon as possible, probably before the end of the week. Although it is no longer assumed in official quarters here that the entente may survive the present difference, the situation is taken with perfect calm in government circles as well as by the press and the public. The French have, in fact, long considered the entente as virtually defunct so far as concerns co-operation between England and France on the application of the terms of the treaty of Versailles.

Lord Curzon's note is taken merely as a public recognition of that fact by the German government, with the aim of throwing the responsibility for the rupture on France.

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GOVERNMENT TO INSURE SUBSTITUTE FOR FUEL

If the Anthracite Strike Takes Place—Think Strike Will Be Averted.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 14.—The new administration under President Coolidge has approved plans to furnish necessary substitutes to relieve any fuel shortage which might result from the anthracite strike, it was announced today at the White House.

Confidence was expressed that the initiative taken by the coal commission would result in prevention of a strike, but it was emphasized, that should such suspension of production become inevitable, the administration was prepared to deal with the situation in such a way as to prevent suffering.

The Sweet Potato Crop.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 14.—The North Carolina sweet potato crop is estimated at 81 per cent. of a full crop condition, forecasting a yield of 97 bushels per acre, it was announced today by the State-Federal Departments of Agriculture Crop Reporting Service. The white potato crop, it was asserted, which indicates a yield of 81 bushels per acre.

The white potato crop for the United States is slightly less than the average for several years and considerably less than last year," it was stated. "The price of \$1.23 per bushel is about 12 cents above last year's quotation at this season. The present condition of the crop is 80.5 per cent. on ten per cent. reduced acreage.

"The North Carolina crop averages 77 per cent. at this season for the late crop, which indicates 81 bushels per acre. Of course, the early truck crop has been harvested.

"The sweet potato crop shows 16 per cent. less production than last year, which is also less than the average for six years. The average price quoted is \$1.23, or slightly less than the quotation of a year ago. The North Carolina crop is estimated at 81 per cent. of a full crop condition, forecasting 97 bushels per acre. The acreage is somewhat reduced.

Typographical Union in Session.

(By the Associated Press.) Atlanta, Aug. 14.—The sixty-eighth annual convention of the International Typographical Union began its second day's session here today by hearing a report of the committee on credentials having to do with the seating of delegates, and the reading of messages of greetings from heads of various labor organizations.

Among the many communications read were those from the president of the International Union of Bookbinders and International Stereotype and Linotype unions.