

SECRETARY WEEKS MAY RESIGN SOON FROM THE CABINET

Rumor That He Will Give Up Post Set in Motion Again by His Call on President Coolidge.

CONDITION OF HEALTH BETTER

But He Is Not at All Certain He Will Be Physically Able to Stay on the Job.

(By the Associated Press) Swampscott, Aug. 12.—The visit of Secretary of War John W. Weeks at White Court has strengthened the belief he will never return to the cabinet.

President Coolidge intimated as much yesterday after the Secretary, leaving his residence alone for the first time since he was stricken seriously ill last spring, had talked with him for an hour. Mr. Weeks declared his return to Washington hinged on the complete recovery of his health. He said he had many things to do at his home at Manchester, N. H., where he intends to motor tomorrow from his Gloucester residence.

Several possible successors have been mentioned, among them Chas. D. Hilles, republican national committeeman from New York, and Dwight Davis, of Missouri, now acting Secretary of War.

Although he still is under a physician's care, Mr. Weeks is spending his time entirely in resting. He declined to discuss what he had said to President Coolidge regarding his resignation.

Secretary Weeks Calls on Coolidge. Swampscott, Mass., Aug. 11.—Secretary Weeks called on President Coolidge late today and stated upon leaving he was undecided as to whether he would return to his office in the fall.

The secretary, although looking well, still is under physicians' care and is spending his time entirely in resting. He will leave his Gloucester home Thursday to go to his summer residence at Lancaster, N. H.

As a result of serious illness of the secretary and the probability of his retirement, several names have been mentioned as a possible successor, including Charles D. Hilles, Republican national committeeman from New York, and Dwight Davis, of Missouri, now acting secretary. Mr. Hilles conferred here with the President early in the morning.

The visit came somewhat as a surprise and was described by Mr. Weeks as a social one. It is the first time he has left his home since he became ill in Washington several months ago.

With Our Advertisers.—Poverty is uncomfortable—but it is the only way of teaching a man how comfortable riches are. Read new ad. of Cabarrus Savings Bank.

The J. C. Peany Co. has two new styles in pumps at \$2.98 per pair. They are beauties.

A porch that harbors a Victrola is a porch of joy and comfort. See ad. of the Kidd-Frix Co.

At the Concord Theatre today only "Daughters Who Pay." Extra "Boys Will Be Boys."

Final reduction on all ready made wearing apparel beginning Thursday at Robinson's. Attractive prices on attractive dresses.

One Hundred and Twenty Persons Die in Motor Wrecks. Chicago, Aug. 12.—One hundred and twenty persons were killed in automobile accidents in eleven middle western states last week, an increase of a score from the previous week.

The death list in Ohio was 31, while twenty fatalities were recorded in Illinois, mostly in Chicago and vicinity. The record in other states follows: Indiana, 15; Texas and Michigan, 10 each; Missouri and Minnesota, nine each; Iowa, seven; Kansas, five; Oklahoma, three, and South Dakota, one. In addition, several hundred were injured.

By means of a dip net, an Eskimo woman will catch an average of one little auk a minutes, as they fly through the air.

Program For The Cabarrus County S. S. Convention

Sessions of Convention Will Be Held on Thursday, August 20th, at St. Stephens Lutheran Church, Beginning at 10 a. m.

The following is the program for the Cabarrus County Sunday School Convention to be held at St. Stephens Lutheran Church, Thursday, August 20th:

Morning Session. 10:30—Song. Scripture reading and prayer—Rev. J. A. Yount.

10:45—Effective Plans for Work With Children in the Sunday School. Miss Eugenia Lore, Concord, Children's Division Superintendent Cabarrus County Sunday School Association.

11:15—Business Period: Reports of County and Township Officers. Appointment of committees. Record of Attendance.

11:40—Lesson Preparation. Dr. D. W. Sims, Raleigh, General Supt. N. C. S. S. Association.

12:15—Offering for Support of the State and County Sunday School Associations.

12:25—Announcements. 12:30—Adjourn. Dinner at the Church. Everybody come and bring a basket.

Afternoon Session. 1:30—Children's Department Workers Conference, led by Miss Eugenia Lore, County Supt. Children's Division.

2:00—Song. Scripture Reading and Prayer—Rev. J. D. Maeder.

2:15—The Sunday School Organized for Service—Mr. R. P. Benson, Vice-President Cabarrus County Sunday School Association.

2:35—Reaching and Holding Adults in the Sunday School—Mr. D. W. Sims.

3:05—Song. 3:10—Opportunities for Progress—Mr. J. E. Sharpe, Supt. Adult Division Cabarrus County, S. S. Association.

3:35—Suggestion and Problem Solving period. Everybody requested to present their suggestions and problems for discussion.

4:00—Business period: Reports of Committees and Election of Officers. Presentation of Attendance pennant.

4:15—Adjourn. A pennant will be presented to the Sunday School having in the Convention the largest number of representatives. Sixteen Years of Age and Over, according to the number of miles traveled. Records will be taken at each session of the convention. The pennant will be presented at the close of the session Thursday afternoon.

POMONA COTTON MILLS SUED FOR BOY'S DEATH. Cautchen, of Charlotte, Starts Action in Effort to Get \$30,000 Damages.

Charlotte, Aug. 11.—The Pomona Mills, Inc., of Greensboro, is named defendant in a suit for \$30,000 damages in a Mecklenburg Superior court by J. Z. Cautchen, master mechanic at the Savona Mills here, who claims that amount for the death of his 21-year old son who was accidentally killed while working in the Greensboro plant.

Mr. Cautchen in his complaint sets forth that his son, W. E. Cautchen, was killed when he caught a small water pipe to steady himself while walking along the top of a large water main in the Pomona mills, the small pipe having become charged with a high voltage of electricity.

The youth was killed July 13, after having been employed in the mill for only a week, according to the complaint, which charges negligence on the part of the corporation in failing to provide a safe place for him to work.

Gives Big Sum For Education. Chicago, Aug. 11.—Most of the \$2,300,000 estate of Edward Rector, noted patent attorney, has been will to De Pauw University, Greencastle, Ind., which he never attended. Annual scholarships at De Pauw for every high school in Indiana were included in the bequests.

Since 1914, when he became interested in De Pauw, Mr. Rector had made numerous gifts to it and at the time of his death 500 of his students were being educated at his expense. He was trustee.

Thomas Jefferson invented the swivel chair.

TO OUR ADVERTISERS.

Our advertising friends will kindly remember that 10 o'clock is our "deadline" for changing their ads. The work is so heavy that it will be impossible for us to change any ads the same day when copy is brought in after 10 o'clock.

JOSEPH WARD UNDER ARREST IN LOS ANGELES

Said to Be Wanted in West Virginia on Charge of Embezzling \$300,000. (By the Associated Press) Los Angeles, Aug. 12.—Joseph Ward, said to be wanted in West Virginia on a charge of embezzling \$300,000 in funds on the Bank of Benwood, was arrested here last night.

Police detectives who took him into custody said he at first denied his identity, but later broke down and admitted he is the man wanted.

Ward is alleged to have confessed that he, while assistant cashier of the bank, conspired with other officials of the institution in the embezzlement of the \$300,000.

He said he had received only a small share of the money which was part of a widow's trust fund, and under control of one of the officials. His bank balance now, he added, was but \$147.

BRITISH STRAMER IN TROUBLE NEAR NORFOLK

Steamer Glen Ardle Went Aground and Is Resting Easily Off Middle Ground. (By the Associated Press) Norfolk, Aug. 12.—The British steamer Glen Ardle, bound for Baltimore, heavily loaded, went aground off Middle Ground today. The ship ran into one of the humps just off the channel, and was reported as resting easily on the bottom by observers at the Cape Henry weather station.

The coast guard tug, Carabasset, which was in the vicinity, was ordered to stand by to render assistance if necessary, although it is expected the ship will be afloat at high water today. The tide was at the lowest point when the ship went aground.

LABOR FEDERATION TO CLOSE MEETING TODAY

Election of Officers Most Important Business Before State Federation of Labor Meeting. (By the Associated Press) Winston-Salem, August 12.—The State Federation of Labor which opened its annual session here today, began its final session at 9 o'clock this morning. The principal business before the federation today will be the election of officers and selection of a meeting place next year.

Following adjournment the visitors will be taken on sight seeing tour through several of the large manufacturing plants of the city.

Two Wives Come to Bury Aviator Killed in Crash. Los Angeles, Aug. 11.—As an aftermath to an airplane crash Friday in which William R. Coe, world war aviator lost his life, two women, each of whom supposed she was Coe's lawful wife came today and concurred in funeral arrangements for the dead aviator.

As a result of their conference, the body will be turned over to Coe's father who will take it for burial to Alma, Neb.

After the conference the two widows announced their meeting had resulted in an enduring friendship.

Fire on Striking Mill Workers. Tien Tsin, China, Aug. 12.—Chinese police and the military were compelled to fire on striking mill workers when they staged a demonstration yesterday. Eight of the strikers were wounded, mostly in their legs.

Coast Guard Cutter Ashore

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 12.—A cablegram received here today from Unalaska, on Unalaska Island in the Aleutian Archipelago, stated that the U. S. coast guard cutter Bear was ashore at Cape Prince of Wales at the western end of Seward Peninsula in Bering Strait.

The message read: "Bear ashore on Cape Prince of Wales village. Fresh southeast winds."

The stadium of the West Side Tennis Club at Forest Hills, L. I., which will be the scene of the national championships this year can seat more than 20,000 spectators. It is the only concrete tennis stadium in the world, except the one at Wimbledon.

In 1922 the privately owned central electric light and power stations were valued at \$4,229,357,000. They have increased enormously in value since that time.

He Preaches



Charles Tally is only 17 but he's a cased minister in Texas and has delivered more than fifty sermons. He's a freshman at Southwestern University and lives in Beaumont, Tex.

ANTHRACITE WORKERS SUPPORT BITUMINOUS GROUP

Trouble Centers in the Jacksonville Agreement—Violation Is Alleged. Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 11.—It was learned today from an authority high in the miners' confidence that the present policy of the United Mine Workers of America is to demand that any government intervention in the hard coal industry take into account the re-establishment of the Jacksonville agreement in soft coal.

From now on, it was said, wage contract conditions affecting 158,000 hard coal miners and 500,000 soft coal miners must be considered jointly by an anthracite mediator to gain cooperation from the miners' union.

Anthracite operators recently asserted belief that the key to the union's strategy this summer was a determination to win redress of alleged wrongs in soft coal fields through hard coal pressure upon public authorities.

The United Mine Workers deny this. But they now assume, it was stated definitely, that the breaking off of anthracite scale negotiations is a determination to win redress of alleged wrongs in soft coal fields through hard coal pressure upon public authorities.

Any agreement now, which would seek to heal this break, and thus avert or shorten a costly anthracite suspension also should take cognizance of wage cutting and repudiation of the Jacksonville contract, as alleged in union soft coal territory by John L. Lewis, president of the union, and his associates.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at Advance of 2 Points on August, But Generally Lower. (By the Associated Press) New York, Aug. 12.—The cotton market opened steady today at an advance of 2 points on August, but generally 6 to 11 points lower, owing to relatively weak Liverpool cables. Fall response to the decline abroad were prevented by continued trade buying or covering, however, and after selling off to 23.69 for December, or 10 points net lower, the market rallied.

Apparent uncertainty prevailed as to the showing of today's weekly weather report, the disposition to take profit on recent sales being promoted by complaints of high temperatures in the southwest or claims of an improved spot demand in some of the South American markets. December sold up to 23.81 and the market held within a few points of yesterday's closing at the end of the first hour.

Cotton futures opened steady. Oct. 23.50; Dec. 23.75; Jan. 23.23; March 23.32; May 23.78.

Fierce Forest Fires in Northwest

(By the Associated Press) San Francisco, Aug. 12.—Forest fires in the Pacific northwest were reported today as the worst for many years, but gradually improving. In British Columbia they have taken a toll of five lives in the last twenty-four hours, and two men have been driven apparently insane by incessant toil, in attempting to save their homesteads from destruction. Four were killed while fighting a blaze near Revelstoke, 250 miles from Vancouver, while another lost his life in a blaze on Vancouver Island.

Some papers, including travelers' checks totalling \$200 were found on the body.

The body was identified as that of Clawson, according to Deputy Sheriff Calvert.

Georgia-Born Negro 100 Years Old Leaves Over 200 Descendants

Hartford, Conn., Aug. 11.—Eliza Hicks, 100 years old, born in slavery and freed by President Lincoln's emancipation proclamation, died today at the home of her son, John Hicks. Of the fourteen children born to her, seven are living. She leaves eighty grandchildren, 134 great grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren. She was born in Crawford county, Georgia, March 15, 1825.

Wounded Man Caught in Watermelon Patch

Gastonia, Aug. 11.—Dave Mitchell, well known farmer of Lowell, is out under a \$1,000 bond to await the outcome of injuries received by F. L. Jamison, mill employe of Belmont, who lies in the Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte with wounds received at the hands of Mitchell. Mitchell fired upon Jamison when the latter was caught in the farmer's watermelon patch.

Steamer Maude Free Again. Seattle, Aug. 12.—The steamer Maude, exploration ship of Capt. Roald Amundsen, bound in the ice through last winter in the Arctic Ocean north of Siberia, has freed herself and set out for Nome, Alaska.

SHOWS EFFECTS OF NEW FREIGHT RATE IN NORTH CAROLINA

Reductions in the Tar Heel State Range From Six and a Half to Twenty per Cent., Says Commission.

WANT ONE RATE FOR THE SOUTH

This Reason Changes in Rates Were Made, in the Opinion of a Member of N. C. C. Commission.

(By the Associated Press) Raleigh, Aug. 12.—A statement explaining freight rate schedules recently ordered effective by the Interstate Commerce Commission, issued here last night show that reductions affecting North Carolina from 6 1/2 to 25 1/2 hundred pounds would be made. The statement was issued by Allen J. Maxwell of the North Carolina Corporation Commission.

The purpose of the order of the federal body, said Mr. Maxwell, was "to set up within the South one mileage scale of rates to govern all interstate shipments of freight between points within the southeast that move over the standard system lines of railroads without any arbitrary or additional charge for transfers or joint hauls."

He also said it was intended to set up a "comprehensive basis of through rates to govern all shipments between points in the South and all points north of the gateway points on the Ohio River and Virginia Cities and east of the Mississippi," and "to have a system of rates within and to and from the South that is free from violations of the long and short haul principle."

CHANGE OF VENUE IS GRANTED YOUNG SLAYER

Rudolph Disse, Charged With Slaying Three Persons, Wins in First Court Skirmish. (By the Associated Press) Richmond, Va., Aug. 12.—A change of venue was granted today in the case of Rudolph Disse, 29-year-old slayer of his sweetheart, his rival and a police detective, and who seriously wounded an automobile salesman who he thought was a policeman trying to stop him in his efforts to get to Henry Grady Carter, his rival for the affections of Mrs. Vivian Peers, 18-year-old clothing model. The place from where the venire men will be gathered had not been made public when court adjourned at 11:15 this morning until 10 a. m. tomorrow.

Judge Frederick W. Coleman, presiding, granted the request of the defense for permission to have the prisoner's head X-rayed this afternoon by Dr. E. L. Flannagan, engaged by the defense. The picture will be made this afternoon in the presence of Dr. A. L. Gray, representing the commonwealth, for presentation to the court to substantiate a plea of defense counsel indicated they will make, that a blow to the youth received on the head in his boyhood had affected his mentality.

FIND BODY BELIEVED TO BE ADAM CLAWSON

Body Found on Byroad Near Missouri Farm—Was Killed by Youth. (By the Associated Press) Laramie, Mo., Aug. 12.—A body believed to be that of Adam Clawson, of Lodi, N. Y., was found in a ditch near a ledge on the farm of George Myers, four miles southwest of Laramie today. An inquest will be held tomorrow.

The body was found by road workers in weeds along the highway about four miles west of Laramie. The body, badly decomposed, was taken to Laramie and turned over to the coroner.

Some papers, including travelers' checks totalling \$200 were found on the body.

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Going to Cutter's Aid

Seattle, Aug. 12.—The steamer Oduna, of the Alaska Steamship Co., early today was hastening to the cutter Bear, veteran of the U. S. coast guard, ashore in Bering Strait.

Edmonton was the first city in Canada to have a municipal golf course.

MacMillan Planes Make Flight

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Principals in Mystery Blast



When an explosion destroyed the laboratory of Charles Henry Schwartz inventor, at Walnut Creek, Cal., Mrs. Schwartz (above) identified a body found in the ruins as that of her husband. Police grew suspicious, however, when Walter Gonzales (below) night watchman, said Schwartz had ordered him away from the place on the night of the blast. Now they claim to have identified the body as that of a ranch hand, and claim Schwartz had plotted a "perfect crime" and fled. He had \$150,000 insurance. He is shown above, beside Mrs. Schwartz.

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The study of rates for the anthracite and other fuels for household use was undertaken by the commission with the assistance of the United Coal Commission and the possibility of making a reduction of approximately 10 per cent. in anthracite rates was given particular attention.

UNDERWORLD GANGS ARMING FOR FIGHT

Police Are Preparing to Take Action in What Promises to Be One of Worst Fights in Years. (By the Associated Press) New York, Aug. 12.—Rival gangs in New York's underworld are arming for war. News of the impending trouble is contained in a confidential letter to the detective division of the police force.

The orler said to be without precedent in the history of the department, does not give the cause of the trouble between the gangs, but says: "One is known as the Neary mob, which hangs out along 7th and 8th avenues, between 27th and 34th streets. The others is the Diamond mob. They have fallen out and have sworn vengeance on each other for some reason, and it is rumored they are in an automobile looking for a chance to kill members of opposing mobs."

"It is said the Diamond mob has imported a mob of gunmen from Detroit to help them. The Neary mob is said to have amalgamated with the Linsky Mitchell mob, who has promised to stick by Neary."

Schalk Celebrates His 13th Anniversary in Big League. New York, Aug. 11.—Ray Schalk today celebrated the 13th anniversary of his entry into major league baseball as a catcher of the Chicago White Sox by playing his 1,610th game here. His period of service behind the bat has established a record in organized baseball.

Schalk observed the event by getting one single, drawing a pass, stealing a base, scoring a run and making an error. Blankenship, his battery mate, held the Yankees to two hits and posted a home run in the seventh.

Guilford Lad Dies of Rabies. Greensboro, Aug. 11.—Rabies appears on the death certificate of James Warren Stafford, two-year-old Guilford county boy, as the cause of death, the first from this cause in this county in many years. A month ago the boy was attacked by a bull dog and severely bitten about the face and head. He died in severe convulsions Sunday morning. Vaccine was administered after the boy was bitten, but the bites being on his face rendered the injection futile.

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Jordan told officers he was a football and basketball captain in an Ohio high school last year.

CHEAPER RATES ON COAL ORDERED FOR NUMBER OF STATES

Rates on Anthracite Coal to North Carolina Will Be Lower Under New Ruling by I. C. C.

GENERAL CHANGES ARE NOT MADE

The Changes Will Effect All Railroads Serving the Smokeless Coal Districts of West Virginia.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, Aug. 12.—Railroads serving the West Virginia smokeless coal districts were ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission today to lay down a new basis of rates which will allow movement of coal to consuming territory including all of the New England and north Atlantic seaboard.

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RAULSTON IS ATTACKED BY CLARENCE DARROW

Is Alleged to Have Used Scopes Case For His Own Political Exploitation. (Chicago, Aug. 11.—Clarence Darrow, defense counsel in the John T. Scopes Tennessee evolution trial, today charged that Judge John T. Raulston, who presided at the trial, used the case to further his own political ambitions.

Mr. Darrow, who is in Greeley, Colo., made his charges in a telegram to the Chicago Daily News in answer to criticism of Mr. Darrow's conduct at the trial voiced by Judge Raulston in an address here last Sunday at a memorial meeting for William Jennings Bryan. Judge Raulston in his address referred particularly to citing Mr. Darrow for contempt and said that Mr. Bryan asked the leniency to be shown his adversary. Mr. Darrow's telegram to the News follows:

"Judge Raulston was elected on a fluke and is now campaigning for re-election this fall. The trial was part of his campaign. He called the trial a Scopes case, but the indictment was a Scopes case so that the case could be tried in his district. The indictment was illegal, as it was brought too soon after convening of a special grand jury, so the judge had him re-indicted a month later, on the day of the trial.

"On Sunday, three days before the case was closed Mr. Bryan spoke twice in Dayton, Raulston was present at both meetings and sat on the platform at one. He paraded his fundamentalism all through the trial and has given the people of Chicago a chance to see what kind of trial could have been held before him.

"It was perfectly proper to call Mr. Bryan, a recognized expert on the Bible, to testify as to meaning of story of creation. The questions asked him were perfectly civil, but when the examination had only commenced, the judge came into court in the morning and took Mr. Bryan off the stand without any motion to that effect being made in court.

"The judge may be glad he has a limited education. One can not always avoid being ignorant, but few boast of it.

"The incident citing me for contempt is absurd. I did feel a contempt for his unfairness. I did show it, as often happens by lawyers in court. I did apologize as I should have done. This constantly happens in the court and the judge knows, although it never happened to me before."

In Mexico City symptoms of bubonic plague have been found in rats and the people living there are taking measures to prevent a possible outbreak.

SAT'S BEAR SAYS

Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday with scattered thundershowers.

Concord Theatre (THE COOL SPOT) Special Showing Today Only "Daughters Who Pay" With John Bowers, Marguerite DeLaMotte and all Star Cast. EXTRA "BOYS WILL BE BOYS" Our Gang Comedy Special Organ Music by C. Wm. Klassewitz. Tomorrow and Friday "THE EARLY BIRD"