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Central West Swamped By Third Flood; Rain Fell 8 Inches In Day

It Is Known That Seven Persons Perished But Property Damage Can Only Be guessed at Now.

INDUSTRY HALTED BY THE FLOODS

In Several Cities More Than 7 Inches of Rain Fell While the Fall Was 8 Inches in One City.

Chicago, Sept. 10.—(AP)—The central west counted 7 deaths and guessed at millions of property and crop loss today in the flood wake of the third visitation within ten days by storms of equinoctial fury.

Industry and agriculture were at a standstill in many localities paralyzed into complete inactivity by floods which swept fields and factories alike.

In central Indiana and Illinois the torrential rain and lightning were more damaging in their effect than last week's storms, from which a broad area of Ohio to Nebraska was only beginning to recover before the fresh onslaught.

Clearing skies and forecasts of warmer weather promised relief today and strengthened hope that the peak of the downpour had been reached on Wednesday night.

The fear today was of swollen streams, freshened by torrents draining inundated territory miles from the principal outlets.

At Terre Haute, Ind., conditions were the most serious since the disastrous flood of 1913; the 7.35 inches of rain at Matteon, Ill., was the heaviest fall since 1907; and Jacksonville, Ill., recorded 8 inches of rain for the first time in history.

Throughout central Illinois hundreds of automobile tourists were marooned, cut off by submerged highways or wrecked bridges. Railroad service was impaired by washed out trackage and bridges and in some sections was not attempted.

Near Terre Haute 25 coal mines temporarily were abandoned and a number of industrial plants in the city were idle.

Some houses were partly under water. One fresh of the storm was washing away of ground at the foot of a spillway at Lake Bracken near Galesburg, Ill., disclosing a 5-foot bank of coal clay.

There were little more than estimates on the cumulative loss to agriculture, but they ran well up into the millions.

Farmers abandoned hope for small grain standing in some sections and taking note of coolness accompanying the rains were fearful for corn under threat of frost before maturity. At Aurora corn losses were put at 50 per cent. Three of the four storm deaths in Illinois were from electrocution. The other and those of a Missouri farmer and his 2 small children were drownings.

Seek $300 Prize For Ford Owners.

A number of persons here are seeking the $300 to be given by Ford dealers in this district to the Ford owner who can get the greatest mileage on a gallon of gas.

First tests here were made Thursday and Noel K. Reid, of the Reid Motor Co., announces the following contestants and the mileage they made:

L. R. Penninger, Sedan, 38.04 1-2.
D. D. Barringer, Roadster, 37.08.
R. H. Toupte, Roadster, 32.06.
S. Y. Eddleman, Touring, 30.02 1-2.
T. M. Query, Touring, 25.05.
T. H. Talbert, Coupe, 25.00.

Another test will be made this afternoon, persons interested to call at the Reid Motor Co.

Two cars from this district will be entered in the finals to be run off in Charlotte, the prizes to be awarded after the tests there.

Any Ford owner is eligible to compete.

World's Oldest Rose Tree.

Berlin, Sept. 10.—At Hildesheim grows what is believed to be the oldest rose tree in the world. It covers nearly the whole of one side of the parish church. In the records of the church references are made over a period of fully a thousand years to the training, pruning and methods of preserving it.

A mountain on the sun, if it bore the same proportion to that luminary as Mount Everest does to the earth, wou'd be about six hundred miles high.

EXTENT OF BOLL WEEVIL DAMAGE IN THIS STATE

Many Think the Crop Will Be Less Than a Million Bales.

Tribune Bureau
Sir Walter Hotel

Raleigh, Sept. 10.—The farmers do have their troubles, but they probably do not even yet appreciate the extent of the boll weevil damage already done in North Carolina. At least, it was not reflected in their reports for September first. It would not surprise many well informed cotton men of the state to see the final yield fall below 1,000,000 bales. Of course, the September and October condition will be the determining factor. The present condition reported by the United States crop reporting board in its release for today was 59.8 per cent. with the indicated crop 15,166,000 bales.

According to several hundred well-informed cotton growers, the trouble began in the early spring when the soil was too dry for the seed to germinate. Hope had almost been given up when rain came late in June and in July. Then some more dry weather came along, causing severe shedding in August. The rain that relieved the drought seemed to go into weed development rather than fruiting, especially in the southern piedmont area. Late in August the boll weevil, combined with the cotton flea or leaf hopper, put an end to squaring and blooming in the southeastern counties. They are now puncturing half grown bolls which have been counted on for picking. It would probably have been better had the dry weather continued.

The picking date is ten days later than a year ago and probably more than two weeks later than the usual picking date. Very little cotton had been picked prior to September 1st. The stands average about 80 per cent. or at least 10 per cent. below the usual.

On the other hand, the crop was quite fruitful in July and most of August. It is well cultivated and much of the acreage is still blooming. Many sections report the outlook as bery promising. Many "town" farmers anticipate a record crop. It will be remembered that last year's crop made 1,102,000 bales, with an average yield of 263 pounds to the acre.

MUSICIANS CALL OFF STRIKE IN CHICAGO

Agreement Reached Whereby Musicians Get $4.50 Per Week More For Two Years.

Chicago, Sept. 10.—(AP)—The strike of 3,000 musicians in 400 Chicago movie theatres was called off early today. An agreement was reached after a lengthy session between union officers and exhibitors, providing for an increase in pay of $4.50 per week for two years, with an additional increase of $3 per week for the third year.

The settlement under which musicians will return to their jobs today came after four days of negotiations, during which Chicago movie houses and vaudeville theatres showed pictures only at reduced prices. After negotiations had been in progress for several hours last night an agreement had been reached on all but one point, the length of new contract between exhibitors and the union. Several more hours were required to settle this point.

Petting and Thievery Allied at Asheville.

Asheville, Sept. 9.—Offices of the United States forest service and the Gordon Lumber Company, fourth floor of the Drhumor building, were the scenes one night recently of both thievery and petting. A "petting party" was evidently held in the offices, according to evidence, which was to the effect that a woman was in the party.

Cabinets, money drawers and desks were rifled, but nothing was taken but a small diamond stickpin from the lumber company office. Police said that they believe they have evidence which will lead to an arrest soon.

Drops Dead as Train Rushes By at Station.

Greensboro, Sept. 9.—C. A. Douglas, telegraph operator employed by the Southern Railway as operator at, Benapa, Rockingham County, dropped dead this afternoon as Passenger Train No. 45 southbound passed him at the station. He was standing at the track and it was thought at first that he had been struck by the engine, but an examination of the body did not show bruises or laceration.

Tourists From United States Spent $226,000,000 With French Last Year

(By International News Service)

Paris, Sept. 10.—Figures just published by the French national tourist office, compiled in collaboration with the United States department of commerce, show that 220,000 Americans visited France during 1925 and spent $226,100,000 an average of slightly over $1,000 each.

Figures for 1926 are not yet available but it is estimated that there were at least 50,000 more American visitors and that they spent correspondingly more money.

Four thousand four hundred of the Americans visiting France last year were millionaires, spending, it is estimated, an average of $5,000 each. Students, teachers and employed persons on vacations numbered 61,600 and spent $425 each. Merchants, industrialists and professional men made up the most important class of tourists, numbering 96,800 and spending $850 each. Thirty-one thousand six hundred tourists were classed as wealthy and spent $1,760 each while 17,600 persons combined business with pleasure and spent $1,500 each.

English tourists were by far the most numerous in France, totalling 760,000 to 685,000 Spanish, 38,588 Dutch and 13,545 Swiss.

GERMANS PRESENT AT LEAGUE MEETING FOR THE FIRST TIME

At First Assembly With Germans Audience Jammed the Historic Hall of Reformation.

ARE KEPT BUSY SHAKING HANDS

Germans Solemnly Walked to Their Seats After the Appearance of All Other Delegates.

Geneva, Sept. 10.—(AP)—The first assembly of the league of nations with a German delegation present began this morning before an audience which jammed the historic hall of reformation.

The German delegates were kept busy shaking hands with other delegates right up to the time that President Ninchitch called the body to order.

Proceedings were opened by Senor Aguero, of Cuba, representing the credentials of the German delegates in order. Consequently they were admitted only to membership.

The Germans, headed by Gustav Stressman, the reich foreign minister, solemnly walked to their seats amid the applause of all the other delegates, many of whom were standing. Cameras clicked furiously for a minute and then M. Ninchitch began his address of welcome which was heartily applauded.

He said the entrance of Germany marked a new stage in the universality of the league, and it was a happy augury for a pacific future for a continent so terribly afflicted by war.

Dr. Stresemann afterwards took the rostrum amid redoubled applause. He began his speech in slow but distinct German. It was the first time any assembly oration had used that language. The delegates accorded him strict silence, which was broken only by scattered bursts of applause.

Dr. Stresemann emphasized the importance of economic understandings among nations, saying the old order of things had passed and that the new economic life needed new forms of international co-operation which would give less importance to national boundaries.

Recalling that the disarmament of Germany stipulated in the treaty of Versailles was proclaimed there as the percursor of general disarmament he voiced the hope that an advance would be made in that direction, thus affording proof that positive constructive forces existed in the league. He appealed to Spain not to leave the league.

Foreign Minister Briand, of France, mounting the tribune to welcome Germany was applauded several minutes. M. Briand said a real tangible step had been taken toward a new international understanding.

SCHOOL BOOK PRICES

Reduction in Prices Has Made a Hit Among the People.

Tribune Bureau
Sir Walter Hotel

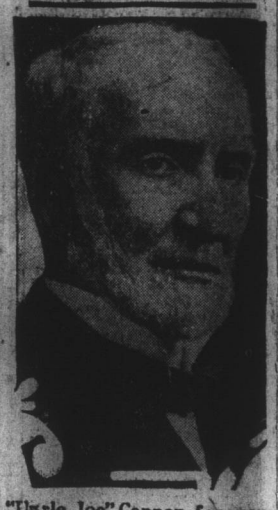
Raleigh, Sept. 10.—A political bonfire of no mean proportions that will probably overshadow many other really more important matters undoubtedly will be started in the forthcoming legislature over school book prices in the state. For now that all of the offending publishing companies but one have agreed to have their books sold in North Carolina at the same prices that they are sold in Tennessee, and with indications that the fifth company, Allyn & Bason, which have but one book, a civics, that is not used until the second term, will capitulate long before that time, it will not take long for the local politicians all over the state to see that this reduction has made a decided hit among all classes of people. Perhaps nothing more generally affects all the people in a state or community than the schools, and anything connected with the schools accordingly affects the people at large. Hence if a reduction in the price of nine school books has been obtained by the state already merely by using the threat of a lawsuit, why cannot further reductions be obtained through legislation

And it is going to be this line of reasoning that is going to be used, though perhaps not so frankly and publicly, in the next session of the legislature. There will be a large number of members of both houses, who hosently interested in the schools and the welfare of the school children, and who desire to make education as nearly a universal privilege as possible without imposing a burden, will honestly endeavor to seek some method of reducing the cost of textbooks. They will, of course, seek to make contracts with the publishers at as low a figure as possible, and if the reduction cannot be secured in this manner, they will seek a cheaper mode of distribution.

But there are others, who inspired more from political motives than from any heartfelt desire to help the school children and their parents, will have as their slogan "cut prices at any price" and who as a result may do really more damage than good.

Thirteen women of Salt Lake City are seeking election to the office of county recorder, which means that twelve of them will find the number unlucky.

"Just Tired."



"Uncle Joe" Cannon, for years Speaker of the House, denied that he was seriously ill. "I'm just tired," he said. He is spending his declining years at Danville, Ill.
(International Newsreel)

THE BROGDEN DECISION

The Newton Highway Case Is Made Final and Binding.

Tribune Bureau
Sir Walter Hotel

Raleigh, September 10.—Maintaining that the "sole and only question" presented in the Newton highway case "is whether or not the proposed road disconnected the town of Newton from the highway system," Justice Brogden re-asserts that the route proposed by the highway commission constituted a disconnection, and that hence the original Newton highway decision of the Supreme Court shall stand, in an opinion declining the petition of the State highway commission to re-hear the case. The creation of the State highway system was "not designed for the sole and exclusive purpose of serving through travel, but rather serve the general public, which the law did not intend should be side-tracked," according to Justice Brogden. The allegation in the petition that the court assumed erroniously as a fact that the southern route was shown on the map attached to the road act of 1921, when as a matter of fact the location of the road actually shown on the map is in fact the location of the route of the Southern railway, between Statesville and Newton, is "not sustained by the record before the court," the opinion says.

Thus the Newton highway Supreme Court decision is made final and binding, and is set up as a precedent to be followed in all highway litigation, and to be the basis for future injunction proceedings.

THE COTTON MARKET

Renewal of Liquidation and Hedge Selling Featured the Opening Today.

New York, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Renewal of liquidation and more southern hedge selling featured the opening of the cotton market today.

First prices were easy at a decline of 10 to 14 points, and local selling was encouraged by relatively easy Liverpool cables, combined with more favorable weather outlook. Stop loss orders were uncovered on the break which extended to 17.51 for December or about 17 points net lower, but at this figure the market steadied on covering. Trading was fairly active at the start but tapered off after rallies of 4 or 5 points. The market was quiet at the end of the first hour.

Cotton futures opened steady. Oct. 17.40; Dec. 17.55; Jan. 17.76; March 17.86; May 18.01.

With Our Advertisers.

The Concord Furniture Co. will take your old heater or stove in exchange for a new Buck's. See ad.

W. J. Hethcox will show you what you need in the way of electrical fixtures if you will call.

H. B. Wilkinson has a beautiful line of exquisite rockers.

New shoes from old is the slogan of the Shepherd Shoe Hospital. Phone 431. Special mail order service.

Boys' school suits, 4 pieces, only $4.95, at Efird's. Also up to $9.95. See ad. for other prices.

Schloss Bros. fall suits, Schoble hats and October neckwear at Hoover's. Go right there for anything in men's wearables.

Ten dollars in gold will be given away Saturday night at the Concord Theatre.

First showing of silk frocks at J. C. Penney Co.'s, from $14.75 to $29.75.

County Home Boys Admitted to School.

Asheville, Sept. 9.—A protest designed to bar the attendance of 15 young inmates of the Buncombe County home for boys at the West Buncombe high school, launched by a group of patrons of the school, fell through today at a meeting of the board of directors of the home.

In the ten years from 1914 to 1924 Canada, besides enormously expanding her trade with Great Britain and the United States, increased her exports to France by over 500 per cent, Italy over 3,500 per cent., Belgium over 400 per cent., Japan over 2,00 per cent., China over 2,500 per cent., and the Argentine 350 per cent.

FRENCHMAN BREAKS ALL RECORDS WHEN HE SWIMS CHANNEL

George Michel Crosses From Cape Gris Nez to England in Less Than Twelve Hours.

THIRD TIME IN YEAR RECORD FALLS

Frenchan Beat German Who Beat Miss Ederle, First Woman to Cross the Channel.

London, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Georges Michel, Frenchman, today swam the English Channel from Cape Gris Nez, France, to England, in eleven hours and five minutes. This established a new record.

This is the third time this season the record has been broken. The record up to today was ewelve hours and forty-three minutes made by Ernst Vierkoetter, German, August 31st. Previously Gertrude Ederle, of New York, went across in fourteen hours and thirty minutes. The only other swimmer to conquer the channel this year was Mrs. Mallie Gade Corson, of New York, who onAugust 28th made it in fifteen hours and twenty-eight minutes.

All four of the swimmers who have negotiated the grim stretch of water this year started from Cape Gris Nez.

Michel landed at St. Margaret's Bay, midway between Dover and Deal. When he took the water last evening sea conditions were favorable and there was good swimming virtually all the way to England until the last two miles when the wind began to stiffen. At the start there was a fast tide under him and when the flood tide began it carried him a long way across.

He left the rocks at Gris Nez an hour before low tide instead of four hours before high tide. He believed that in starting thus he could accomplish the feat before him in ten hours.

ALLEGE RUSSIAN WAS PLOTTING AT GENEVA

Prisoner Said to Have Been Plotting Against Life of Dr. Guiseppe Motta, of Switzerland.

Geneva, Sept. 10.—(AP)—A Russian was arrested today charged with plotting to assassinate Dr. Guiseppe Motta, former president of Switzerland. It is alleged that he desired to revenge the murder of M. Vorovski, Russia's representative, during the Lausanne conference in 1918, by Maurice Aconradi a Swiss, who was acquitted.

The Russian was denounced to the police by Swiss journalists. Apparently he made no actual attempt against the life of Dr. Motta, who was present at the league assembly mmeeting today, at the head of the Swiss delegation.

The prisoner will be sent to Zurich, where he is wanted for another charge.

Duke Stock Rises When Star Returns.

Durham, Sept. 9.—John Frank, Duke backfield flash who has distinguished himself both as a heady, hard-driving quarterback, and as a game and speedy halfback, appeared in person at the opening of the Blue Devil training camp this morning to offer proof that he is not in Japan.

"I sure am here," he stated emphatically. "Not in Japan, not in China, not in any place but right here. Them's my word, and I'll stick to 'em!"

The arrival of Frank came as a surprise to campus grid fans who had heard that he was not coming back. According to an almost authentic report, the little back was slated to taked a job with a big American oil company in Japan.

Mel E. Grose Takes Own life in Iredell.

Harmony, Sept. 9.—Mel E. Grose, well known north Iredell farmer of the Sandy Springs section, killed himself with a shotgun at about 11 o'clock this morning. The load entered Mr. Grose's body about the heart and death was evidently instantaneous. He had told his family that he was going hunting in the hope of killing some squirrels. The people of the neighborhood believe the death a plain case of suicide but no reason for the act could be learned. It is said, however, that Mr. Grose had been in ill health for some time.

Severe Earthquake Recorded.

New York, Sept. 10.—(AP)—An unusually severe earthquake was recorded by the seismograph at Fordham University today. The shock began at 6:54 a. m., reached its greatest force at 8 o'clock, and continued until 10 o'clock. The distance was estimated at 5,600 miles from New York, probably in the southern Pacific.

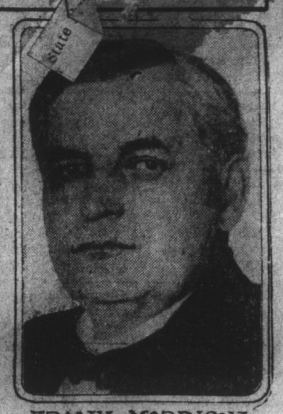
Cold Sent C. O. D.

London, Sept. 10.—A new method of producing cold is described in a leading British chemical journal. Carbon dioxide snow is compressed into bricks, and can be sent by mail, packed in special boxes made of a very light fibrous wood. The blocks produce intense cold, and can be used for refrigerating purposes for about a week.

Petroleum was first refined in Pittsburgh in 1854.

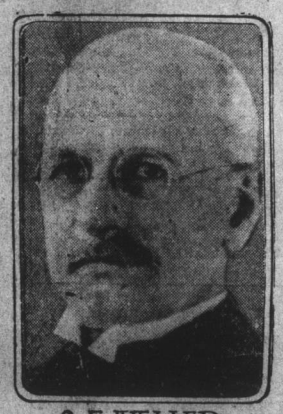
In Affairs of the Nation

HERBERT A. DARGUE



FRANK MORRISON

JOHN P. HILL



O. E. WELLER

Major Herbert A. Dargue will lead an American air expedition around South America. Frank Morrison, Secretary of the American Federation of Labor, denounced "Mussolini-ism." John Phillip Hill, wet, and Senator O. E. Weller, "moist dry," sought the Republican Senatorial nomination in Maryland.

STATE'S COTTON CROP

Looks as if We Will Raise More Cotton This YQear Than Ever Before.

Raleigh, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Although the estimated yield of cotton in North Carolina dropped from 73 to 69 per cent. between the reports of August 16th and the one just made public by the co-operative crop reporting service of the N. C.-U. S. department of agriculture, it still appears probable that North Carolina will make more cotton this year than it ever has before.

The crop of 1,102,000 bales last year holds the previous record, according to agriculture department figures, but this year the state will produce 1,137,000 if the September estimate runs true to form. The estimate is based on a per-acre lint yield of 267 pounds, 69 per cent. of a normal full crop condition.

The September report indicates that conditions from the start were quite variable this year, but that they have been favorable to the crop. On September 1st the stands appeared 80 per cent, normal, the plant growth from two to three weeks late, and picking ten to twelve days later than last year. During July and August the very dry periods caused considerable shedding.

Freedom from the boll weevil until late in August was balanced in some sections by visitations from the cotton flea (hopper). The total damage from this pest is the worst on record, and appeared most severe in the southeastern part of the state.

The extent of the weevil damage cannot be fully determined until October 1st, but if the season continues favorable for this pest, a sharp drop in the forecasted production may be expected before the final harvest, the report states.

Only one per cent. acreage abandonment has been shown since June 25th, leaving 2,036,000 acres for harvest.

Ginnings in North Carolina to September 1st were 111,000 bales, according to the report of the federal department of agriculture.

North Carolina stood fifth among the sixteen cotton producing states this year according to the September 1st estimates, which represents a rise from seventh place last year. Texas stood first on September with 5,000,000 bales and Oklahoma next with 1,561,000.

The total estimated production for the United States on September 1st was 15,106,000 bales, or 59.6 per cent. of normal.

Prisoners Fatten in Mecklenburg Jail.

Charlotte, Sept. 9.—Lodgers at the Mecklenburg county jail may kick against the State board of health for foistinng night shirts on them but they haven't any visible complaint about the food, Jailer Crenshaw declares.

Seldom does a prisoner in the Mecklenburg jail go out without putting on a few extra pounds of flesh, the jailer avers.

"Steady meals, sane hours and no dissipation does the work," he said adding that the prisoners get corn meal in the morning and beans at night and from 10 to 12 hours of sleep.

J. H. Ham, Prominent Man of Charlotte, Passes Away.

Charlotte, Sept. 10.—J. H. Ham, one of the pioneer automobile dealers of Charlotte, died at his home early today after an illness of one week. He had been in declining health for about a year.

CHARLOTTE COW SETS NEW STATE RECORD

Daughter of Southern Champion Also Excels as Producer.

Oxford's Noble Brownie, a Jersey cow owned by R. E. McDowell, of Charlotte, has completed her third official production test and has established a new high record for this state for Jerseys tested in senior four-year-old form. In this test Brownie produced 806.35 pounds of butterfat and 13,735 pounds of milk in 365 days. This record is higher by 100 pounds of butterfat than the previous state record.

As a junior two-year-old Brownie won a silver medal for producing 541.17 pounds of butterfat and 9,477 pounds of milk in 334 days and a year later she became the champion junior three-year-old Jersey by producing 764.95 pounds of butterfat and 11,944 pounds of milk in 365 days.

Brownie is the daughter of Princess Elise, the champion producer, all breeds, south of the Mason and Dixon Line and Dixie's first cow to produce 1,000 pounds of butterfat on official test.

WANT LONGER PARKING TIME

Twenty Minutes Not Long Enough For a Woman to Get a Bob or Select a Dress.

Raleigh, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Twenty minutes is not sufficient time to allow a woman to buy a dress or get a bob, Raleigh merchants declare in petitioning the city commissioners to rescind the recently passed twenty-minute parking limit on the city's main business streets. They want a return to the old one-hour limit, which was abolished at the request of another set of business men last month. The commissioners have taken the matter under advisement. Meanwhile police officers are burybanding out traffic violation summons to shoppers who fail to accurately guage the time they leave their cars parked.

Pretty Romance Dies Because Ford Hasn't a Daughter.

Warsaw, Poland, Sept. 9.—A report reached Warsaw today of the engagement of Alexander Skrzynski, former premier, to a daughter of Henry Ford, the American automobile magnate. The newspapers immediately had extras out on the street creating a great sensation with the assertion that Miss Ford would bring a dowry of three hundred million dollars to her Polish husband.

It took time for the local American colony to allay the excitement with the explanation that Henry Ford has no daughter.

John McElwee Dies at Home in Statesville.

Statesville, Sept. 9.—John McElwee, age 54, for 35 years connected with the J. H. McElwee Tobacco company established by his father, J. H. McElwee, pioneer Statesville tobacco manufacturer, passed away this morning at his home on Water street. More than two months ago he suffered severe brain injury in an automobile accident near Winston-Salem, and his physical condition has since been on a steady decline for weeks. His family and friends have known of his critical condition.

Milton Sills and Doris Kenyon to Be Married.

Los Angeles, Sept. 10.—(AP)—The approaching marriage of Milton Mills, screen star, and Doris Kenyon, film actress, was announced here today. The wedding date has been tentatively set for October 4th.

MERTON TESTIFIES HE GAVE JOHN T. KING MUCH MONEY

Says He Suggested Plan by Which $7,000,000 Was Turned Over to Him by the Government.

MILLER GAVE HIM CHECK AT PARTY

Witness Says Two Checks Were Handed to Him by Miller Which Totalled $7,000,000.

New York, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Richard Merton, German metal magnate, testified today that it was he who suggested paying the late John T. King "something" for his aid in obtaining the return to allegedly German owners of $7,000,000 realized from the sale of American Metals Co. stock during the war.

Merton is the government's star witness in the trial of Harry M. Daugherty, former Attorney General, and Thos. W. Miller, former alien property custodian, for conspiracy to defraud the United States in the transfer of the $7,000,000. John T. King, who died soon after the first indictment in the case was returned, is alleged by the government to have "pulled the strings" in the deal.

Merton said that under the terms of an agreement he finally reached with King in July, 1921, he afireed to pay the latter 5 per cent. of the amount of asserts recovered, providing the transaction was completed before August 15, 1921. If the transaction were not completed beefore September 15, Merton said he was to pay King 2 1-2 per cent. of the amount recovered. In addition, he testified he agreed to pay King $50,000 in cash and shortly thereafter give King a check for that amount drawn on the Chase National Bank.

Merton said he had not seen the cancelled check, but he knew it had been cashed.

Merton said he obtained the services of King because he thought it would be less expensive than hiring a lawyer. King was once republican national committeeman from Connecticut and one of the most influential men in the republican party.

Telling of the actual transfer of the $7,000,000 Merton testified that at a champagne dinner in a private room at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in this city, Miller handed him two checks totalling $7,000,000. He could not fix the date of the dinner. The government alleged it took place on September 30, 1921.

MAIL LOOT VALUED AT $500,000 STOLEN

A Band of Robbers Boarded a Grand Trunk Train in Chicago Suburb.

Chicago, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Loot estimated at about $500,000 was seized aboard eastbound Grand Trunk train No. 10 today by three of a band of four robbers who escaped at the southwestern suburb of Evergreen Park, without firing a shot.

Consignment of currency from the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and the Union Trust Co. also a Chicago bank comprised the loot, the exact amount of which Grant Miller, post office inspector in charge here said, had not been ascertained.

Two of the robbers entered a mail car and held up the clerks, taking one pouch of mail containing registered shipments which were consigned to Harvey, Ill., a large manufacturing suburb.

The robbers had boarded the train in the city. After the robbery they dropped off at Evergreen Park, a suburb, at west 95th street, chiefly known for its cemeteries.

An automobile of an inexpensive make, little used by robbers was seen, and is believed to have been used for the escape. Only one pouch was taken, Inspector Miller said, indicating that the robbers had information that the currency was on board, and were familiar with the mail system.

The robbery is the first important mail theft since the $2,000,000 train holdup at Roundout, Ill. The robbers today apparently knew that a consignment of currency was aboard, and knew, too, where to obtain the money.

After boarding the train at 51st Street station in Chicago the holdup men had a favorable opportunity near Chicago Lawn, entered the express and mail car, and held up the clerks. Mail sacks were thrown over their heads and tied, and the invaders then selected two pouches working swiftly and quietly.

New Telephone Rule.

Raleigh, Sept. 10.—(AP)—An experiment is being tried out by the local telephone exchange.

No more is the number called for repeated by the operator. Instead a cheery "thank you" comes over the line, except when the number is not understood.

G. C. Cauthern, manager of the local office, declares that an average of one and a half seconds a call is saved by the new method.

Of every 100 people in the world 18 live in India.

THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday, cooler tonight. Moderate north and northeast winds.