

## TAFT DICKERS WITH DEMOCRATS

### Flood Situation In State Looks Brighter; the Cape Fear and Tar Rivers Still Rising Rapidly, But Other Streams Are Going Down

#### RACE RIOTING ON BIG SLUMP; SIX NOW DEAD

Only Isolated Outbreaks by the Negroes Mark Night of Comparative Quiet at Capital.

#### ADDITION TO CASUALS

Marine, Shot Down by Negro Monday Night, Dies; Treasury Watchman Held in Slaying.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—Although there were reports of isolated outbreaks by negroes, including the firing into a street car last night passed without a serious renewal of the race rioting which has terrorized the capital since Sunday.

Presence of 2,000 armed soldiers and co-operation generally by the public with the request of the city authorities that street traffic be held to a minimum, resulted in quieting the situation and both the military and city officials expressed the belief that there will be no more serious trouble.

No one was hit by three shots fired into a street car, nor was anyone hurt when early this morning in the same locality—the negro section. Shortly before midnight last night a riot came from the southeast section where a white woman and her brother reported that while going home from a theater they were set upon by a mob of negroes and shot at several times. No arrests were made.

The death list was brought to six with the death of Lewis Havelich, a marine, who was shot Monday night in front of the treasury as he stood on a platform waiting to board a car. A negro employed as a watchman at the treasury is charged with killing the marine.

#### DYERS' LOSERS IN APPEAL TO YOUNG, HOTEL CONDEMNED

Old Jarrell Building in Has-Been Class from Tomorrow on Young's Decree.

The appeal of John Dyer and Willard Dyer from condemnation by Fire Chief Horney, of the local fire department, of the old Jarrell hotel building, was today dismissed by Insurance Commissioner J. R. Young, who approved the condemnation as proper and necessary.

The chief of the local fire department condemned the old landmark several months ago, but as one of the owners was in military service at the time, Commissioner Young considered their appeal until conditions returned to some state nearer normal. It's just that now, according to the decision of the commissioner, who made a trip to the city today from Raleigh for the purpose of personally going over the property and the conditions it causes.

The building is condemned from tomorrow on, according to the interpretation of the state laws made to a representative of The Enterprise by the commissioner. Strictly enforced, it would mean that the owners would be liable to a fine of from \$10 to \$50 for each and every day the building stands after Friday, but the commissioner's decision carried a proviso that the owners could go before the city council Tuesday evening when lines could be set for the removal of the building.

#### Cleveland Murder Strange Mystery



CLEVELAND, July 24.—Dan Kaber, wealthy Cleveland publisher, helplessly ill, was stabbed to death in his bed with a dagger made from a file, 24 wounds inflicted in his abdomen. This dagger, a razor bearing a Syrian name and a pair of blood-stained canvas gloves were the only clues left by the murderer. Below the picture of Kaber is that of his wife, who was absent from home the night of the murder, and her daughter, by a former marriage, Miss Marian McArdle, who was sleeping in the Kaber home.

#### NEW U. S. LINERS TO CROSS OCEAN AT RECORD SPEED

Largest Ships in World Are to Be Built by This Country in Near Future.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—Two gigantic ocean liners, larger than any ships now afloat, and designed to cross the Atlantic in four days are to be built by the shipping board.

They will be 1,000 feet long and of 35 knots speed and will be equipped for use as commerce destroyers in the event of war.

Announcement was made today by the board that the plans for the ships are near completion and that work on them would be started in the near future.

#### DANGER OVER IN FLOOD IN N. C., BELIEF

Rivers, Which Have Poured Out of Their Banks, Damaging Lowland Crops, Are Receding.

#### TRAINS TRAVEL BETTER

Washout at Bailey Causing the Most Inconvenience to the State's Railroads.

RALEIGH, July 24.—Although the waters of the Cape Fear and Tar rivers continued to rise today, other streams in eastern North Carolina, which have been out of their banks doing much damage to crops in the lowlands, are receding, and the flood situation is considerably improved.

The rains which have fallen almost continuously for more than a week stopped late yesterday throughout most of the territory affected.

The Cape Fear at Fayetteville showed a rise of 7 feet 4 inches during the last 24 hours at 10:30 o'clock today, attaining a height of 51 feet 8 inches, and was still rising. The flood stage at Fayetteville is 65 feet. Damage to the town is feared from the rising waters.

The river rose one foot last night, which is two feet over the high-water mark. The waterworks and electric light plant at Rocky Mount are threatened. Rain in this vicinity continues unabated.

The Norfolk and Southern Railway is today carrying passenger trains over the Southern railway and Atlantic Coast Line tracks to and from Raleigh and eastern North Carolina on account of a washout near Bailey, 20 miles east of here.

The Southern is maintaining normal schedules on its lines after a number of its trains had been held up for several hours last night by a washout near Wilson Mills.

#### Rains Help Forest Fire Situation In Western States

SPOKANE, July 24.—Heavy rains last night in western Montana, and northern Idaho, were believed by district forest service headquarters to have greatly improved the forest fire situation which had been regarded as extremely critical.

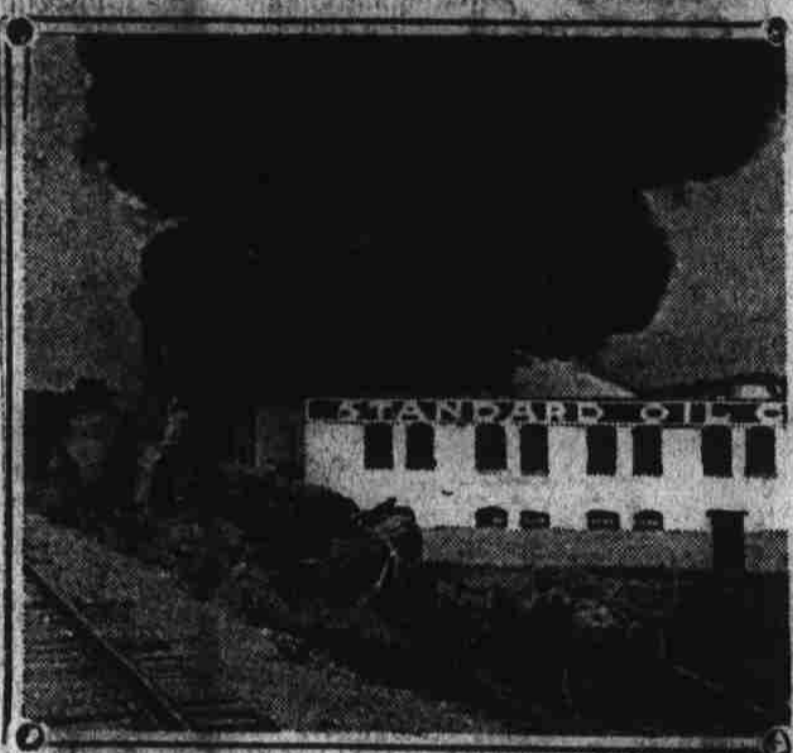
#### COAL FAMINE IS UP TO CONSUMER

WASHINGTON, July 24.—The managing director of the American Wholesale Coal association told the house fuel committee today that the consumer would be to blame for a coal shortage if one exists in the United States next winter.

"There is plenty of coal in the ground," he said, "and plenty of miners to dig it out, but unless the consumers of the country buy the coal, it will not be mined."

James River Subsiding. RICHMOND, July 24.—With cessation of rains today over the James river watershed all danger of serious damage from floods has passed and the river is gradually falling.

#### \$300,000 Worth of Gasoline Burning



GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., July 24.—Burning gasoline from two tank cars started this great smoke. Collision of two New York Central engines splashed "gas" into the firebox of one of them. The storage warehouse of the Standard Oil company was set on fire. Two of the tank cars on the siding were thrown from the track. They are in the picture. The oil company loses \$300,000.

#### Higher Insurance Rates Threatened by Young

Fire and Insurance Commissioner Warns High Point to Improve Condition Here or He'll Hoist Rate Ten Cents. Frankly Displeased With Conditions in City.

Frank displeasure was expressed by Insurance Commissioner J. R. Young this morning following a tour of inspection made to various parts of the city. Further, if conditions are not vastly and immediately improved, insurance rates must increase 10 cents, the state commissioner of insurance stated to Fire Chief Horney and a representative of The Enterprise.

"A number of buildings have been visited and we have inspected various parts of the city and you may say the commissioner is not at all pleased with what he has seen during this inspection," stated Mr. Young. "The inspection law must be carried out as written and premises must be cleaned up and kept in better condition. If this is not done it will mean an increase of 10 cents on all property in the city and the loss to the firemen of the firemen's relief fund. Furthermore, the law provides for the indictment of the inspector who fails to enforce the law. The penalty, I may add, is \$300."

Chief Horney re-affirmed his determination to have inspection laws enforced and sundry regulations promulgated by Commissioner Young's department work overtime.

The commissioner took occasion to give a little lecture on municipal stinkiness. "While cities pay thousands of dollars on equipment and maintenance of their fire departments, which is absolutely necessary, yet they seem to feel that no money should be expended for or in inspection, which is nothing less than prevention work. Prevention will, in the course of the year, save more money than the very best fire department. This is shown by the fact that the United States has by far the best fire departments in the world and yet inspection and building laws in Europe give that country a loss ratio of practically one-tenth of that of the United States.

"It is just as much the duty of citizens to keep their premises clean and in proper condition as it is to put them in condition when notified by the authorities. For that reason the inspector has the authority to take out warrants when he finds premises in bad condition. It is a bad habit to clean up when notified or during stated periods of wide observance and then permit the old conditions to return."

#### EX CHAMP BUYS A LARGE FARM

TOPEKA, July 24.—Jess Willard, a former heavyweight champion, who received \$100,000 for his participation in the boxing match with Jack Dempsey at Toledo, July 4, has purchased a farm containing 700 acres near his home at Lawrence.

Willard took possession today, having paid down \$100,000 in cash. The total purchase price was understood to be \$175,000.

Troops Sent to Yorkshire Area. LONDON, July 24.—Troops were moved into the Yorkshire area affected by the coal strike. Sir Eric Godden, the government's representative, explained that the move was for the protection of the navy men engaged in keeping the mine pumps in operation.

#### Latest News Bulletins

BAYONNE, N. Y., July 24.—Eighty thousand gallons of gasoline contained in eight cars exploded on the switching track of the Texas Oil company here today, causing a fire which resulted in the serious injury of four persons with many others suffering minor burns. Buildings ten miles away were wrecked. The flames spread to two storehouses and for a time it appeared the entire plant was doomed.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—Secretary Lansing, who returned to Washington today, had a long conference with the President at the White House during the forenoon, discussing the situation at the peace conference and other matters.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—An army bombing plane carrying a crew of five men, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Hartz, left the ground at 10 a. m. on the first leg of a flight of nearly 8,000 miles around the rim of the country. The first stop scheduled is Augusta, Me., 560 miles from Washington.

PARIS, July 24.—The Baltic commission of the peace conference presented a report today recommending that the Aland island, between Sweden and Finland, at the mouth of the Gulf of Bothnia, be utilized under the guarantee of the league of nations.

#### Taft Tackles Leading Democrats In Drive To Ratify Peace Treaty

Suggests to Hitchcock and Other Administration Men Reservations be Made in Present Terms to Speed Acceptance by Senate; Democrats Are To Cling to Former Plan, However.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—Former President Taft, who has written several republican senators and leaders suggesting reservation to the peace treaty which might prove acceptable to both sides, has opened correspondence on the subject with prominent democratic senators.

Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, one of the leading spokesmen for the administration in the senate fight, received one of the letters from the former President.

The former president's communication to the Nebraska senator was not made public, but it was understood to be of the same general tenor as those sent to the republicans—suggestions for agreement upon treaty reservations as interpretations to enable ratification.

Senator Hitchcock and other administration senators declared today, however, that for the present at least they would continue their efforts for ratification without reservations.

Expressing confidence that there was no question but that the treaty would be ratified, they said the fight now centered in the resolution accompanying ratification in which would be embodied any reservations or interpretations.

Concluding that senate rules required a vote for each article of the treaty, the administration leaders said they believed they had the vote to defeat amendments to any section.

Conceding that strength might develop to compel acceptance of a ratification resolution with qualifying clauses, the administration senators said they had not been advised would be disposed to accept any interpretations. It was said, however, the administration would oppose to the last any qualifying clauses which

WEIMAR, July 24.—In addressing the national assembly here, Gustave Adolph Bauer, the premier, alluding to the recent strikes, warned the country against a hasty revolution, which he said could only be a counter revolution resulting in disaster.

The premier admitted that the great masses of the people had ground for discontent and said it was the government's task to remove any just reason for this.

The remedy, he added, was a law regulating workers' councils and economic councils which the government would draft.

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#### Miners' Envoys Meet George and Aides in British Mine Dispute

LONDON, July 24.—The executive committee of the miners' federation met Premier Lloyd-George and other members of the government this morning in an effort to settle the dispute in the Yorkshire coal fields.

Before entering the conference one of the representatives of the miners said:

"Of course we are ready for a settlement, but not on the government's own terms."

Coal Exportation Stopped. LONDON, July 24.—The exportation of Cardiff coal has been stopped by a government order issued today.

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#### Bulgar Garrison Is Disarmed After Attack on French

GENEVA, July 24.—As the result of an attack on French soldiers by Bulgarians, a French regiment has arrived at Sofia, to disarm the local garrison, according to the Bulgarian bureau at Berne.

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School Largely Attended. CHARLOTTE, July 24.—The Young Men's Christian association summer school at Blue Ridge was the most largely attended and had the most successful session in its history.