

WEATHER: Fair tonight, slightly cooler in east portion. Wednesday fair. Moderate north to northwest winds.

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TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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PAGE WILL DRIVE AT PROFITEERING

MACHINERY SET IN MOTION THIS WEEK TO ESTABLISH PROFITS IN FOOD AND APPAREL.

COUNTY FOOD MEN TO CO-OPERATE

Raleigh, August 26.—Uncle Sam's determination to do his best to make the cost of living come within the range of the purse-strings of the people is getting in some good work, done hereabouts and elsewhere in North Carolina.

State Food Administrator Page's machinery is set in motion this week for the campaign against profiteering, concurrent with the passage by Congress (in the Senate) of the amendment to the Lever Food Control act.

The legitimate profit which Mr. Page will hold shall be observed is as follows:

Fifteen per cent for the retailer of meat, sugar and flour. Twenty-five per cent for the retailer of other foodstuffs. Thirty-three and a third per cent to the retailer of clothing, shoes and furnishings—added to the cost.

Mr. Page calls upon all county food administrators to appoint Fair Price Committees in every county, who will inform wholesalers and retailers alike of the profit which the state administrator considers sufficient and when the margin is not observed action by the Department of Justice will be ordered. Then when the investigation discloses profiteering trial in the United States court will follow on the criminal charge.

Therefore, brethren, let us co-operate in anyway we can, as good citizens, to help Uncle Sam help us.

Solicitor Norris will on Wednesday of this week resume the investigation before a coroner's jury, of the lynching of the negro, Walter Tyler, last Wednesday night near Youngsville. So far the main evidence gathered by the investigation is the fact that the lynchers got the guilty brute and not the wrong man, as has happened at times when the mob hastily takes the law into its own hands.

Out at the State Fair grounds the sound of the saw and the hammer resounds to the strains of men (paid \$6 per day) and the darkey laborer to rehabilitate the grounds which the tank campers pretty thoroughly destroyed, which, plus the fire that burned the grand stand, has imposed upon the management of the fair a big job.

COMMITTEE HAS NEW AMENDMENT

Washington, Aug. 26.—Another amendment to the peace treaty was adopted by the Senate Foreign Committee which voted nine to seven to eliminate the United States from membership on the International Commission to supervise reconstruction work in Europe.

ANOTHER SEARCH FOR AERONAUTS' BY NEW PARTY

Conference Planned With Governor of Lower California.

AVIATORS MISSING 5 DAYS

San Diego, Aug. 26.—Arrangements have been made for a conference between Governor Cantu, of Lower California, and American aviation officers to continue the search for Lieutenants Waterhouse and Connelly who have been missing since Wednesday.

A new search party is to be organized.

QUIEN DENIES ALL CHARGES

Paris, Aug. 26.—Georges Gaston Quien answered negatively all questions on the first day of his trial on charges of betraying Edith Cavell.

REBELS ADMIT LOSS OF ODESSA

London, Aug. 26.—A Bolshevik wireless message from Moscow admitted the occupation of on the Black Sea, by allied forces.

TROOPS PATROL CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Charlotte, Aug. 26.—State troops and deputies patrolled the principal streets today to prevent a renewal of rioting in connection with the street car strike which resulted in the death of four men and the injury of thirteen last night.

HUNS GLOOMY OVER POTASH

Weimar, Aug. 25.—The Potash Committee of the Assembly have presented a bill which provides permission to export potash to Switzerland and Scandinavia. Loss of the Alsace fields and the discovery of potash in Spain, make the outlook for Germany rather gloomy.

2ND BRAVEST MAN IN WAR

Lockport, N. Y., Aug. 26.—Frank Gaffney, called by General McHale the "second bravest man in the war," wants nothing of politics. He has declined designation by the Democrats for member of the New York state legislature.

Gaffney is chief of police at a local manufacturing plant, employing 1,200 men and says he is satisfied with his job. His greatest exploit in the war was the capture, single-handed, of 84 Germans.

MONOPOLY ON R. R. ICED CARS

Washington, Aug. 26.—The operation of refrigerator cars to be made a government monopoly is the recommendation to President Wilson by the Federal Trade Commission.

SHOPMEN WONT ACCEPT TERMS

Washington, Aug. 26.—The committee representing the railroad shopmen informed Director General Hines that they could not accept the four cent raise submitted to them by President Wilson as a basis of settlement of their demands.

Union leaders throughout the country are instructed to take a strike vote on acceptance or rejection of the President's proposal.

HOTEL PROJECT MAKES PROGRESS

ONE-THIRD OF AMOUNT NECESSARY FOR NEW HOTEL SUBSCRIBED AT MEETING LAST NIGHT.

\$45,000 IS THE AMOUNT DETERMINED

At a meeting held last night in the director's room of the Scotland Neck Bank, attended by a goodly number of earnest, civic-minded citizens who feel that Scotland Neck is suffering from the need of a first class hotel for its visitors, one-third of the necessary sum of \$45,000 was signed up which makes the proposition secure.

A committee of business men, who agreed to see all others in town and get them to subscribe to the civic venture, was appointed and comprised Messrs. T. B. Wheeler, S. A. Dunn, Lewis B. Suiter and Henry T. Clark, and these men are at work today with the intention of completing the list today.

While it was pointed out that in all probability there would be a good investment in the proposed hotel it is strictly upon the grounds of civic pride that the committee is working among the business men and it should be the pleasure of all to go the limit in providing Scotland Neck with a suitable hostelry.

GIVES UP KEYS OF JERUSALEM

New Wilmington, Pa., Aug. 28.—The city of Jerusalem was really surrendered to the British by a Yankee photographer, acting for the Arab mayor, according to an account of the affair told by Captain Wendell Odeand, a former resident of New Wilmington, who recently returned from Egypt where he had served as a Red Cross worker.

After weeks of bombardment, Captain Odeand said, the Turks had decided to surrender. The mayor hitched a sorry looking team of donkeys to a carriage, raised the white flag and started out of the city gates to find the British. On the way he encountered the American photographer and asked him to ride with him. Followed by many of the city's people, the procession continued until two British soldiers halted them, whereupon the American informed the "Tom-mies" that he had the honor of surrendering the keys of the city to the British government and asked the sentry to lead the way to the British general's camp.

The nearest British general rode into the city and posted a notice that it was under the protection of the British government. Two days later General Allenby rode triumphantly into Jerusalem and the news of the surrender was given to the world.

COTTON MARKET

October	32.12
December	32.36
January	32.21
March	31.79
May	31.17

Local Market NOMINAL

KAISER SUMMONED FOR TRIAL OCT 14.

NOTICE POSTED THROUGHOUT CITY OF BRUSSELS FOR EMPEROR TO APPEAR THERE.

GENERALS OFFER AND RUPPRECHT ALSO

RETAIL STORES FOR DISPOSAL OF ARMY FOOD

Fourteen Cities Open Stores on September 25th.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST COST

Washington, Aug. 26.—Retail stores for the sale of army foodstuffs are to be established September 25, it was announced today, and will fill mail orders.

These stores will continue indefinitely as part of the government's plan of campaign against the high cost of living.

Fourteen supply cities have been planned and prices are to be fixed to avoid discrimination.

STRIKE TIES UP PITTSBURG

Pittsburg, Aug. 26.—A thousand extra policemen have been sworn in as a result of a trolley strike following riots in which a score of persons were injured. Transportation is tied up.

No, we have no objection to price fixing by the government, provided the prices are such as to meet our individual approval.

IRISH SPLIT OVER HOME RULE

Dublin, Aug. 25.—Appearance in various London papers of the announcement that Premier Lloyd George is considering an offer to Ireland of dominion home rule with county option has created much discussion in political circles in Dublin.

Sir Horace Plunkett's new Dominion League, is very strongly opposed to any arrangement by which any part of Ireland would be altogether outside the new Irish Parliament and Sir Horace believes any such plan would be unworkable.

Ulster Unionists on the other hand are violently opposed to county option or indeed to any option. The furthest they have gone is to agree to the total exclusion from an Irish Parliament or the six most northern counties without the preliminary of a plebiscite.

Yes, we are a law abiding, peace loving, God fearing nation. We only have profiteering, strikes, riots, race wars, Bolshevism, and a few other mild forms of amusement too inconspicuous to mention.

Brussels, Aug. 26.—The following public summons has been posted throughout this city:

"The persons named below are summoned to appear in Chamber No. 8 of the Court of Appeals, Palace of Justice, Brussels, on October 14, 1919, at 8 a. m., to be arraigned on charges of crimes committed in their names during the German occupation of Belgium.

"I.—Wilhelm von Hohenzollern, formerly King of Prussia and German Emperor, at present residing at Amerongen, Holland.

"II.—General Order, formerly commandant of Tournai; present whereabouts not known.

"III.—Rupprecht, General in the German army; present whereabouts not known."

SHERIFF SEEKS TAX ON DOG

Berlin, Aug. 26.—Local newspapers tell the following true story which happened in Berlin: SHERIFF—"I must ask you to pay your dog tax here and now."

CREDITOR—"Can't do it." SHERIFF—"Then I'll have to search your home and seize the equivalent."

CREDITOR—"Go ahead." SHERIFF (After the Search)—"Nothing here worth seizing."

Where's your dog?" CREDITOR—"Killed and ate him yesterday."

PLAN BIG RAID ON SALOONS

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 26.—Government officials have planned extensive raids on saloons following alleged wholesale violations of the prohibition law.

INVESTIGATE PAPER PULP

Washington, Aug. 26.—As a step toward conserving the decreasing supply of American pulp wood used in the manufacture of newsprint paper, Senator Watson, Republican, Indiana, today is pressing a resolution authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to make a survey and preliminary investigation of the nation's available pulpwood timber supply.

In introducing the resolution, Senator Watson said:

"Two-thirds of the newsprint paper used by American newspapers is imported or is manufactured from wood or pulp imported from Canada. One-third is made in the United States from wood grown in the United States. The former proportion is steadily increasing, the latter is steadily decreasing."