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THE WEATHER—Tonight and Thursday, fair, with mostly southerly winds. Maximum Temperatures Tuesday: Chicago, 80; New York, 78; St. Louis, 82; Portland, 82; San Francisco, 82; St. Paul, 82.

HITCHECOCK THE PACEY COMMITTEE

Demands Immediate Action on Peace Treaty or Its Withdrawal From Senatorial Body.

Stormy Session Follows Nebraska's Speech and Effort to Rush the Matter Is Made.

By L. C. Martin Washington, Aug. 13.—(U. P.)—A threat by Senator Hitchcock, administration leader, that the peace treaty will be taken out of the foreign relations committee's hands and ratified unless the committee soon reports it, today caused the committee to decide to push the treaty with all possible speed.

Hitchcock's warning was delivered today at a meeting of the committee and caused a stormy session.

Following the meeting it was announced that the committee will begin considering proposed amendments tomorrow.

DEMAND FOR ACTION "I told them," said Hitchcock, "that there is a great demand in the senate and the country for action, and asked when it might be expected. I said that unless some effort was made to expedite matters in the committee, an effort would be made to bring about action outside the committee."

Senator Lodge, the chairman, said he was in favor of expediting as much as possible and did not believe there had been any artificial delay so far.

I told the committee that they could put on as many amendments as they saw fit in committee and we would promptly beat them in the senate," Hitchcock said. "Senator Fall had a bitter debate, bordering at times on the personal."

Fall, commenting on it, said that he objected to Hitchcock's manner.

CONFERENCE IS URGED Democratic members of the senate foreign relations committee appeared anxious to have that body go to the White House to confer with President Wilson on the treaty.

The committee has questioned Secretary Lansing and other members of the American peace delegation in its consideration of the treaty. Some members said the information they failed to elicit was, in their opinion, more important than what they did learn.

Democratic committeemen said that if Republicans are dissatisfied they can easily get more information by calling on President Wilson. The inquiry developed that the president had been keeping all the important matters in connection with the American delegation's work.

But Republicans asserted that the president's position appears to be that of withholding instead of giving information. They are disposed to go to every other source before visiting the White House.

FACTS BROUGHT OUT The most important facts brought out at the hearings, senators said, included: Proof that article X of the league covenant was an American proposal or was at least urged by the American side as much force as by any other nation.

Evidence that the American plan for a league was not summarily thrust aside, but received at least as much consideration as the drafts submitted by Great Britain, France and Italy.

Testimony that the United States urged that Germany's bill be made as small as compatible with the necessities of the case, so that Germany could the sooner be restored to normal conditions and thus help the whole world back to normal.

The foreign relations committee has finished its treaty hearings, at least for the time being. It takes up the Colombia treaty today.

ATTORNEY KASTE ATTACKS HOLMAN

Lawyer Declares County Commissioner Used His Public Office to Serve Private Ends.

County Commissioner Rufus C. Holman is attacked today in a statement issued by John W. Kaste, Portland attorney, for having recently employed one of the automobile truck owned by Multnomah county to haul building supplies to his new country home in Clackamas county. He is also scored by the attorney for purchasing county materials through the county purchasing agent, thus securing for his own use supplies originally bought by the county at much less than present prices.

Following his suit requesting an injunction restraining the payment by the county treasurer of the bills for gasoline incurred by the county commissioners in the operation, partially in county business, of their privately owned automobiles, Attorney Kaste, has been devoting himself to an investigation of the records of the county auditor's office which show expenditures by the county in connection with automobiles. Having constituted himself, as he says, "a watchdog of the public treasury," Kaste avows that he is not to expose any irregularities.

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TILLY READY TO FIGHT BATTLES OF CHORUS GIRLS



Marie Dressler Elected President of Chorus Girls' Union and Will Lead Strikers; Two Chicago Theatres Are Closed but Will Reopen Pending Court Proceedings.

New York, Aug. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Whatever the general merits of the actors' strike that has knocked some of the gay lights out of Broadway, New York is about 99.5 per cent for the striking chorus girls.

Fourteen "walking delegates" of the new chorus girls' union invaded Wall Street and the downtown financial section today to seek popular support, and they got it with no trouble at all. Brokers and bankers went flying out into the street, deserting million dollar transactions, to see the touring car loads of beauty and to shout, "Who's all right? Chorus girls!"

Here are the chorus girls' demands, formulated at a meeting at which Marie Dressler, who once earned \$8 a week as a chorus girl, but who long ago outgrew tight, was elected president of the union:

Free shoes and silk stockings (for the theatre). Half pay for rehearsals lasting more than four weeks.

At present the girls get no pay for rehearsals.

No discrimination by managers in favor of "good lookers."

Ethel Barrymore motored in to tell the chorus girls she was with them to the limit, and one of the chorus boys—40 are members of the union, too—led shrill cheers with a little bamboo cane.

Miss Dressler was first opposed for the presidency by one of the loveliest girls from the "Follies," but some of the girls thought the "Follies" queen would arouse jealousy because of her youth and good looks, so they made it unanimous for Miss Dressler, who admitted she had neither.

The battle between actors and producers is steadily growing more bitter. George Hahn has quit the Lambs and Friars clubs, rendezvous for striking actors, on the ground that he was insulted, and has promised to spend his efforts on helping defeat the strike, even if he has to "run an elevator afterwards." The strikers promised today that following the closing of two theatres in Chicago, the strike would spread to other cities.

TWO CHICAGO THEATRES ARE CLOSED ONE NIGHT Chicago, Aug. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Chicago theatre owners and theatre goers have felt the first effects of the strike of actors which started in New York and now has spread to Chicago.

Two of the "loop's" houses were dark Tuesday night.

The strike was temporarily called off today when an agreement was reached whereby injunction proceedings entered

BAR OF COLUMBIA RIVER DEEPENED

New Geodetic Survey Charts Show Minimum Depth to Be From 40 to 47 Feet.

There is a minimum channel depth of from 40 to 47 feet for a width of 3000 feet at the mouth of the Columbia river where at one time the river bar was a serious menace to ships coming to Portland, according to the new coast and geodetic survey charts received by the Chamber of Commerce through Captain Jacob Speier, Tuesday afternoon.

The government has checked over the Columbia river readings and under date of July 28 issued these maps to disprove statements that channel depth is insufficient for floating vessels of the heaviest draft.

Misstatement was made of the findings of these charts. It had been made public that a depth of only 36 feet existed "over the bar" when in reality it is 40 to 47 feet, where the bar used to be. The 36-foot depth, however, extends 8000 feet in width and makes one of the best entrances on the Pacific coast.

67 Indictments in Chicago Riot Cases

Chicago, Aug. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Thirteen white men were charged with murder, assault to kill, arson and conspiracy in indictments voted by the grand jury investigating the recent race riots here, which were returned to Judge Crowe in the criminal court here today. Sixty-seven persons, fifty negroes and seventeen whites, have so far been indicted in connection with the riots.

WAR DEPT. MEETING PRICE CUTS

Sweeping Reduction Made on List Price of Surplus Foods to Be Sold to the Consumers.

Postmasters or Rural Delivery Employees Will Receive Money for Orders for Army Foods.

Washington, Aug. 13.—(I. N. S.)—A retail grocer in Binghamton, N. Y., today was arrested and fined \$500 for selling sugar at 15 cents a pound—the first penalty under the food control act—in the department of justice fight against profiteers, attorney General Palmer announced this afternoon.

Washington, Aug. 13.—(I. N. S.)—The government made its first move today in its campaign of competition with commercial food dealers.

Sweeping reductions in the prices of army surplus foods to be sold direct to the American public beginning August 18, were announced by the war department, in a revision downward of its original quotations.

This move by the war department follows reductions of prices by commercial retail dealers since it was announced that the army surplus would be put on sale. When the war department heard of these reductions, it announced that the army prices would be cut, and that this revision downward would be continued.

At the same time Postmaster General Burleson sent the following notice to Postmasters in connection with the sale of the food, which will begin August 18 and end August 29:

"1. Patrons will find the price lists posted in the lobbies of postoffices and substations.

"2. Prices quoted are the cost of the articles to which will be added the cost of postage. Information as to the amount of postage on any order will be supplied by the postmasters or carriers.

"3. The amount of the order and the amount of the postage must be paid in advance.

"4. Patrons may deliver their orders in writing to the postmaster, or to the city and rural carriers, together with their receipt. First come, first served.

MAY COMBINE ORDERS "6. A number of consumers may join in a single order, such as flour and rice. The postmaster will promptly refund the amount paid should there be a shortage of any item as ordered by the customer.

"Any article that is damaged or spoiled will be replaced by the military authorities upon affidavit by the customer, signed by the postmaster.

"9. Bulky supplies such as flour and rice, in bags must be ordered in the original container. It is not practicable to furnish a part of a bag of flour or rice."

The reductions announced by the war department are:

Corned beef, 6 pound cans, from \$1.93 to \$1.75.

Corned beef, 6 pound cans, from \$2.13 to \$1.80.

Baked beans, No. 1 cans, from 5c to 4c.

Baked beans, No. 2 cans, from 8c to 6c.

Baked beans, No. 3 cans, from 11c to 9c.

Stringless beans, No. 10 cans, from 42c to 40c.

Sweet corn, No. 2 cans, from 10c to 9c.

Tomatoes, No. 2 cans, from 9c to 8c.

Tomatoes, No. 2 1/2 cans, from 11c to 9c.

Tomatoes, No. 3 cans, from 12c to 11c.

Tomatoes, No. 10 cans, from 37c to 35c.

Bacon, from 35c to 31c a pound.

Sugar cured hams, from 31c to 29c a pound.

Viscount Grey to Be Sent to U. S., Bonar Law Tells British House

Former British Foreign Secretary to Remain in Washington Pending Appointment.

London, Aug. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Viscount Grey will be sent to Washington on a special mission, pending the appointment of a British ambassador, which will not be made until early in 1920, Bonar Law, government leader, announced in the house of commons this afternoon.

"I am sure the house will share the government's appreciation of Viscount Grey's patriotic action, which in the opinion of all will be of the greatest value in influencing relations between the two countries," said Bonar Law.

The announcement was greeted with cheers.

The Evening News says that Viscount Grey will go to Washington in October. Viscount (formerly Sir Edward) Grey was British foreign secretary upon the outbreak of the war, having held that post from 1905 to 1916. He is 67 years old.

NEW PRICE BOARD WILL MEET TODAY

Portland Bakers May Hesitate About Boosting the Price of Bread.

If bread prices go up Monday as bakers have announced, thorough investigation to determine whether an agreement among the bakers experts will be made by United States Attorney Bert E. Haney.

Although he would not directly say so, Haney's attitude indicated that the bread rise might not come at all.

Portland's price fixing committee was announced as complete today by W. K. Newell, former food administrator, in charge of the committee. He has named representative men among the bakers in forcing down high prices and at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon the commission will meet with United States Attorney Bert E. Haney to discuss proposed plans.

PERSONNEL OF COMMISSION The commission now includes: Thos. Roberts, representing the dry goods industry; J. C. Green, representing the markets; C. E. Spence, master of the city's market; representing the public; Thos. Farrell, representing the wholesalers; Harry Anderson, Central labor council, labor; Mrs. H. B. Torrey, representing the college, college; public; Emil Gunther, the retailers.

Publicity measures will be used if wholesalers refuse to allow city investigators to find out retailers' list prices on hand. Chief of Police Johnson said today. Opposition to patrolmen engaged in making a food inventory developed Tuesday, but the city investigators are making every effort.

POLICE LENDING AID Chief Johnson and a party of patrolmen engaged in the inventory conferred with Haney today as a cooperative measure in the general food inquiry.

High Vender are frequently peddling off the street for charging excessive prices, the commissioner asserted, and he assures the public that the city will regulate the selling of food.

"We realize that prices are high on the market, and they are bound to continue so long as the producer is offered high prices for his product," Bigelow explained. "Our market ordinance permits the market master to fix the maximum price. This maximum applies to the best quality in each class. Hardly a day passes that someone is not ruled off for selling high, and a great portion of the market master's time is given to checking against overcharges. The public in each section of the market giving the maximum prices and if consumers will report any cases of overcharging or sale of inferior products the market master will take immediate action."

Strikebreakers and Deputy Sheriffs in Clash With Strikers

Peoria, Ill., Aug. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Deputy sheriffs and strikebreakers at the Keystone Steel & Wire company shops and striking employees engaged in a pitched battle early today, during which more than 100 shots were exchanged, but so far as could be learned, no one was injured.

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The matchless grandeur of scenery, buoyancy and the health giving mountain breezes and wonderful hospitality that 215 members of the National Editorial association say they encountered in their Crater Lake trip, brought them to Portland this morning unable to find words adequate to express their delight over Oregon.

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6,000,000 BUSHEL'S ESTIMATED

Statistics Show Crop of Oregon, Washington and Idaho to Be the Largest Ever Grown.

Money Value of Present Harvest to Growers Themselves Fixed at Round \$160,000,000.

By Hyman H. Cohen Special returns received by The Journal from over 300 private and regular correspondents, together with data furnished by the railroads, furnish the basis for a wheat crop of 6,000,000 bushels in the Pacific Northwest states, this being the greatest crop that Oregon, Idaho and Washington have collectively grown and gathered. This means \$160,000,000 to the growers alone.

This estimate compares with one I made July 15 of a total of 73,750,000 bushels for the same sections; an estimate that at that time was fully 60,000,000 bushels over what the trade or growers themselves had expected.

The great estimate made in July after a tour of the entire grain belt of the Pacific Northwest was more than justified. Conditions since then have been such that over 6,000,000 bushels have been added to the already large totals, giving the three states their greatest crop.

In the revision of the figures Oregon fared best with nearly 3,000,000 bushels added to the former totals, making the present estimate for the state 24,160,000 bushels, Washington figures have been given a boost of nearly 2,000,000 bushels while 2,000,000 bushels have been added to the figures of Southern Idaho.

The revised estimate shows:

Table with columns for OREGON, WASHINGTON, and IDAHO, listing bushels for various crops like Wheat, Barley, Oats, etc.

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Stage Manager Is Now Authority on Scenic Effects of Highway Robbery

Alvin Baird of Alcazar Theatre Relieved of Watch, Elks' Charm and \$23 in Cash.

Alvin A. Baird's gold watchchain scintillated in the fitful flicker of the arc light as he alighted from a car at Jarrett street at 2 o'clock this morning. Why was he out so late? He is stage manager at the Alcazar theatre and these midnight rehearsals do take time.

Lurking in the shadows of the trees at East Eighth street stood the two well known police characters, the tall man and the short man. They saw the watch chain's significant glitter, with its hints of other merchantable chattels elsewhere in the ratty person of the car of the back-stage.

"Put 'em up," said the gruff voice of one.

And Baird put 'em up with alacrity, although he well knew that his watch, his \$23 and his diamond studded Elks charm would be the price of obedience.

So the tall one and the short one slung away, both happier and richer, while the stage manager hurried to his home at 1221 East Ninth street north with a new idea in technique to be used next time he stage manages a crook play. He complained about the episode to the police, however, and the police recognized his description as that of the same two footpads who have been operating in Portland for the last two weeks.

George Crispi of the Northern hotel told the police that one robber had stopped him at Sixth and Jefferson streets 11 o'clock Tuesday night and taken from him \$40 in cash and a check for \$200.

But for the family dog, no one knows what untold wealth might have been flicked from the home of Arthur Holly, 1301 Glen avenue, between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning, when Holly was awakened by loud barks and terrifying growls.

Holly told the police he found signs of a burglar's attempted entrance at the side door, but that the dog frightened the intruder away.

SAYS THEY PASSED CHECKS FOR \$3000

Mysterious Forgeries Cleared Up With Arrest of Man and Woman.

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Cincinnati Trims New York Giants in Close Contest, 4-3

Polo Grounds, New York, Aug. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Coming from behind after the Cincinnati Reds had written down the first game of the series today, 4 to 3. Art Nehf beat himself. The big left hander passed two men and made a home run in the third inning, and mixed in with a hit and a long fly. This gave Cincinnati 3 runs. Henie Groh smashed the ball to deep center for a home run in the fifth, giving the Reds their winning tally.

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Bolsheviki Reported To Have Taken Riga

Berlin, Aug. 13.—(Delayed)—(U. P.)—The Russian newspaper Przeglad published here, stated today that the Bolsheviks had captured Riga. The Latvian premier fled to Mitau, the newspaper said.

CONJUGES ESCAPE FROM PRISON

Sister of Edward Southwick Suspected of Assisting Him and D. C. Brichoux to Get Away.

Salem, Aug. 13.—D. C. Brichoux and Edward Southwick, two state prison inmates, one of them a life term, but both temporarily committed to the state hospital for the insane, made their escape this morning by jumping from a truck in which they, together with a number of other hospital inmates, were being taken to the state prison flux fields.

Hospital attendants saw the two men enter a passing automobile a few minutes after jumping from the truck and are convinced that a sister of Southwick, who has been here for a month in an effort to effect his release, is implicated in the plot to escape.