

Maximum yesterday 44
Minimum today 28

Tonight and Thursday,
fair and colder.

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SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Jan. 7.—Earl Bowles, who with E. J. Roney of Houston, was killed by Mexicans in the Tampico oil district several days ago, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Bowles of Banskis, Tex., advices received here today said.

LENINE MAKES A NEW PEACE OFFER TO ALLIED NATIONS

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 7.—Nikolai Lenine, Russian bolshevik premier, has made a new peace offer to the allies, which is being taken to London by Colonel Talents, British representative in the Baltic states. Among other conditions included in the offer is a promise to abolish terrorism and the activity of revolutionary tribunals, according to an Estonian newspaper.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—A bolshevik communication dated Tuesday and received here this evening says: "In the Vinnitsa (government of Podolia) region we have occupied the town of Litten, Vinnitsa and Linavels. In the direction of Kherson we have occupied the station and district of Piatikhatki. In the direction of Melitopol (government of Taurida) we have taken the town of Alenandrovsk.

"We have captured Maurinof (government of Ekaterinoslav) with large quantities of booty. The enemy fled, partly on steamers and partly along the coast. "In the direction of Novocherkassk (province of the Don Cossacks) we have broken the enemy's resistance and continue to advance successfully to the Taurisyan region. We have taken Sarveta and a number of villages from 10 to 35 versts south thereof."

MORE DRUNKENNESS IN PORTLAND LAST YEAR THAN 2 YEARS BEFORE

PORTLAND, Jan. 7.—Notwithstanding the fact that two days of the saloon in Portland in four years removed and national prohibition took effect July 1, last year, there were more arrests here for drunkenness during the year just ended than in either 1918 or 1917, according to the annual report of the chief of police, just made public. The figures for this offense the report shows, were 1909 for last year; 1340 in 1918, and 1212 in 1917.

THOUSANDS ARE KILLED MEXICO BY EARTHQUAKE

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 7.—Hundreds of thousands of lives were lost as a result of the earthquake which shook the state of Vera Cruz Saturday night. So widespread was the damage and so wild are some of the sections that the suffering is hard to estimate.

Private dispatches from Vera Cruz and Jalapa said that 1000 persons lost their lives at Conatlan. Thirty lives were lost at Tuxtepec, where three churches and forty houses were destroyed.

Volcanic eruptions have occurred at Volcane de Parí from which point to the volcano of Orizaba the shock seemed to center, according to rumors. Flood waters pouring down the Pecos river have inundated Ishuacan, Mahauastlan, and Tapalapa, while many ranches are under water. Barranca Grande and Los Simones are also suffering from floods, it is reported from Vera Cruz. Twenty bodies have been recovered from the Pecos at Jalcomulco and Apaxtlan.

There were three slight shocks yesterday, so feeble that they could be detected only by instruments. Subterranean noises are still noticeable in the Pedregal, a rocky waste near this city and great cracks have appeared in the earth. Travelers returning here from Vera Cruz say some streams are dried up as a result of the shock and it is feared that many mills near Orizaba which depend upon waterpower will be compelled to close.

Several oil wells near Tuxpan have been spouting petroleum since the earthquake, according to advices from Vera Cruz.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 7.—Grover Bergdoll, one of the two brothers accused of draft dodging and who have been sought by the police for the last two years, was arrested in his mother's home here today.

Detectives broke into the house by the front and rear entrances. While one of the men wrestled a revolver from Mrs. Bergdoll, mother of the two accused men, the others went thru the house and found Grover wrapped in a blanket, hiding in a box seat.

Grover escaped two years ago in a high powered motorcar and reports reached this city that he was seen in various sections of the west. He sent impudent messages, written on postcards, to the authorities. Once he was seen in Mexico and again in Cuba. He was provided with a large sum of money. His mother, Mrs. Bergdoll, is the widow of a wealthy brewer.

DEMOCRATS TO INDORSE PRESIDENT

Resolution endorsing Wilson's stand on Peace Treaty is to be taken before the National Committee—Increases Probability of Making Treaty Campaign Issue—There Once Again Is Most Pressing Question of Declaration on Reservations.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—A resolution endorsing President Wilson's stand on the peace treaty and commending his efforts to establish a league of nations is to be laid before the democratic national committee at its meeting tomorrow with the leadership of the committee officials.

"If I have anything to do with it," said Chairman Cummings today, after consultation with various party leaders, "the resolution will be so clear as to leave no doubt about our position. We are behind the president."

The announcement that formal action by the committee would be sought was taken as enhancing the prospect that the treaty would become an active campaign issue. The general expectation was that the committee would adopt the resolution, helping to open the way for discussion of the subject at the Jackson day banquet Thursday night.

Both in a letter from President Wilson and in a speech by William Jennings Bryan, the treaty is expected by committee members to be brought prominently forward at the banquet. What they will say and how far their views will coincide was the subject of spirited discussion today.

The committee resolution is understood to go no further than endorsing the position of the president, avoiding any direct declaration for ratification without reservations.

The fight over the place of this year's national convention also to be decided tomorrow, has become more spirited. Of the six cities asking for the honor, only three seemed to be serious contenders. They were San Francisco, Kansas City and Chicago, with the two former making the most vigorous fights.

PARIS, Jan. 7.—Georges Carpentier and Jack Dempsey probably will meet in America for the championship of the world as a result of the acceptance last night by Descamps, manager for Carpentier, of an offer of a \$400,000 purse for the bout by James Coffroth. Dempsey has already accepted Coffroth's terms and all that remains to ensure the meeting is the settlement of the number of rounds the men will fight and division of the purse.

Coffroth's offer was for a bout going 45 rounds but objection to a fight of this length is expected in the Carpentier camp. Carpentier would rather have the fight limited to fifteen rounds or even ten. Descamps declared last night that if the issue is not settled in less than fifteen rounds "neither Dempsey nor Carpentier is worthy to be champion of the world."

It was indicated Descamps would ask for an even break of the purse, holding Carpentier as great a drawing card as Dempsey.

TWO MORE SONS OF KAISER BRING SUITS DIVORCE THEIR WIVES

PARIS, Jan. 7.—(U. P.)—Prince Gustav and Prince Joachim, respectively the fourth and sixth sons of former Emperor William of Germany, have brought suit for divorce, according to Berlin advices today.

Prince Gustav was married to Princess Alexandra Victoria of Schleswig Holstein on October 22, 1908. His brother's marriage to Princess Maria Antonovna of Anhalt occurred March 11, 1916.

5 SOCIALISTS EJECTED FROM N. Y. ASSEMBLY

By a vote of 148-6 Radical Members N. Y. Legislature Refused Seats—Pending Investigation of Their Eligibility and Qualifications—Speaker Leads in Attack.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 7.—The five socialist members of the assembly, in a resolution adopted 148 to 6 today, were denied seats pending an investigation of their eligibility and qualifications.

This action was taken after a denunciation by Speaker Sweet of the socialist party. He declared the socialists were elected on a platform "absolutely inimical to the best interests of the state of New York and the United States."

Socialist Assemblyman Louis Waldman did not vote. His colleagues, August Sliemers, socialist leader, and Samuel A. Dewitt, Samuel Orr and Charles Solomon, voted against the resolution.

The only other votes in opposition were cast by William S. Evans and J. Fairfax McLoughlin of the Bronx. Solomon attempted to speak after the vote was announced, but Speaker Sweet ruled that he had no privileges and that unless he and his fellow socialists left the chamber the sergeant at arms would be asked to escort them from the chamber. None of the five moved.

Sergeant at arms Haines approached Chassens and after a brief whispered conversation the leader of the "minor minority" accompanied the sergeant at arms to the door. Haines made a second trip for Waldman and on his third trip Dewitt, Orr and Solomon went with him in a body. There was great applause as the last of the suspended members left the chamber.

SENATOR UNDERWOOD, democrat, Alabama, served notice in the senate today that unless the dead-end lock over the treaty of Versailles was broken within a few days, he would press his resolution calling for the appointment of a bipartisan committee of the senate to work out some agreement. Meantime informal conferences among republican and democratic senators on compromise propositions continued, but without apparent results.

A telegram from Mayor Thompson of Chicago, protesting against ratification of the treaty and urging that the people be given an opportunity to express an opinion on it was placed in the Congressional Record today by Senator Walsh, democrat of Montana.

PALMER NOT SO SURE OF HIS VICTORY

Attorney General Felix S. Sparks Committed Experts to Investigate Disruption in Food Prices as Result of Disagreement—Experts Big Business Can Produce at Less Expense Than Little Business—Tells of Refutation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—No promise of immediate reductions in food prices as the result of the dissolution agreement between the government and the packers is seen by Attorney General Palmer, he told the senate agriculture committee today in explaining the circumstances leading up to the settlement.

"There is great strength," said Mr. Palmer, "in the argument that these great concerns with their efficiency methods do handle business with less expense than many smaller units, but if so, that is efficiency gained by autocracy. We shall have to depend on better results in this direction from competition and if they are not obtained, then our whole theory of efficiency gained by democratic competition is wrong."

"All the things which the government could possibly accomplish by obtaining a decree adverse to the packers after bringing a case to trial in the courts we accomplished with that agreement," Mr. Palmer added. "Indeed we got many things that I doubt could have been obtained by such a decree."

"We have a perpetual injunction against monopoly by the packers, against unlawful trade practices, and all of the matters at issue, without any provisions which would prevent the government from reopening the case at any time."

The packers were not precluded from handling butter, eggs, cheese and poultry, through their refrigerating systems, Mr. Palmer explained, because, he concluded, that this practice had "economic value," but he added that the decree gave express power to renew prosecutions in that field if it is found desirable.

Senator France, republican, Maryland, suggested that the department of justice was "sending out agents to spy upon labor unions and leaving itself open to the charge that it is not pushing criminal actions against multimillionaires."

"I had the choice of bringing the packers before the courts on the civil or the criminal side," the attorney general retorted. "My decision was that the interests of justice were best served by civil proceedings. I call your attention to the fact that when a similar question was raised in the coal strike, I brought proceedings against the miners' union on the civil side and enforced the court's decree by contempt proceedings."

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—Two big wine seizures today followed the announcement yesterday that the internal revenue department would permit the disposal of wine under an option plan evolved by Theodore A. Bell, attorney for various liquor interests. One seizure resulted in the sealing of thousands of gallons in the cellars of a local liquor establishment and the other in the confiscation of a \$20,000 wine shipment to Weed, Siskiyou county.

An interpretation of the option plan whereby the person disposing of the wine cannot secure it from another but must rely on stocks purchased by himself before wartime prohibition became effective, was announced by the collector of internal revenue today. It was held by the collector that in both of the seizures mentioned the wine had been purchased from a third party for delivery to the ultimate consignee.

DRESSED AS A WOMAN FEDERAL PRISONER S. F. DECEIVES U. S. GUARDS

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—Garbed in woman's attire, Virgil Tolliver, a federal prisoner at the United States disciplinary barracks on Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay, boldly walked past the guards and succeeded in escaping on a government tug last night. It was reported to the police early today. The tug landed at Fort Mason and Tolliver is reported to have walked past the second line of guards.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Minimum salaries of \$36,000 for ambassadors and \$15,000 for ministers with government owned embassy buildings and allowances for upkeep were recommended to the house foreign affairs committee today by Secretary Lansing. The committee is holding hearings on the annual diplomatic and consular service appropriation bill.

Ambassadors now receive \$17,500 and ministers \$12,500. Concerning the reorganization of the state department Mr. Lansing said this had been abandoned until the peace treaty was disposed of by the senate.

"The state department must be reorganized on a better business basis," he said. "The reorganization of the diplomatic and consular service is demanded by the American public. Adequate compensation is essential to the enlargement of the service. America has ten times more interest money in Europe than ever before. American tonnage in foreign waters has increased 357 per cent since the beginning of the war."

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Determination on the government to take Martens into custody was definitely made after all evidence which had a bearing on activities of the Russian soviet bureau in New York had been assembled by Assistant Attorney General Garvan.

U. S. REDS GET BUSY SCOTLAND

Soviet Centers Backed by American Communists Established in Glasgow—Arrest of Soviet Ambassador to United States Is Ordered—Hearings for the 500 Aliens Held at Ellis Island Are Started—Some Reds Released.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—Soviet centers, backed by American communists have been established in Glasgow with sub-committees in various towns in the Clyde district, according to the Glasgow correspondent of the Daily Mail.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Hearings in the cases of more than five hundred alleged reds held at Ellis Island on deportation proceedings began today before immigration inspectors. They were taken singly from the detention quarters to small hearing rooms where a stenographer recorded their testimony.

Byron H. Uhl, acting commissioner at the island, estimated that the force of inspectors could complete from thirty to forty hearings daily unless the extremists prove recalcitrant and interpose technical objections.

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