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The Weather

Maximum yesterday.....58
Minimum today.....32 1/2

ELIMINATION CASH BONUS AGREED ON

Ex-service Men, However, Allowed to Borrow From Any National Bank 50 Per Cent of Sum of Adjusted Service Pay—Will Help Soldiers in Need

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—Unanimous agreement to eliminate the cash feature of the soldiers' bonus except in the case of men whose adjusted service pay would not exceed \$50 was reported today by the special subcommittee of republican members of the house ways and means committee to which the whole bonus question was referred yesterday.

In lieu of cash for the other service men it was agreed to add a new provision to the bonus bill under which the men accepting adjusted service certificates could borrow immediately on those certificates from banks a sum equal to fifty per cent of the total adjusted service pay, computed at the rate of \$1 a day for domestic service and \$1.25 a day for foreign service.

This official statement of the agreement of the subcommittee was issued by Chairman Fordney:

"The subcommittee, consisting of Chairman Fordney, Messrs. Green, Loggworth, Hawley, Treadway and Copley, have tentatively agreed upon and prepared a provision to be submitted which in substance is as follows:

"The elimination of the cash feature of the bonus bill where the veterans are entitled to more than \$50 adjusted service pay, but adding a new loan provision to the adjusted service certificates—this which will enable holders of such certificates to borrow from any national bank or bank or trust company incorporated under the laws of any state fifty per cent of the sum of the adjusted service pay prior to September 30, 1922. This date was fixed because after that time the bill as originally drafted by the committee provides for a larger percentage of loan by the government and has not been changed by the subcommittee."

Chairman Fordney said this plan was expected to meet with general approval since it enabled the soldiers who may be in need to obtain cash immediately after the issuance of the certificates; would relieve the treasury of any large cash payment during the enormous refunding operations, which must be carried out in the next two years, and would place no additional tax burden upon the public.

Governor Harding of the federal reserve board was before the subcommittee today discussing the interest and other questions. It was suggested that the interest rate should not exceed a figure greater than two per cent above the rediscount rate of the regional reserve banks.

Under another tentative provision being considered, the title to the certificates could not be disposed of by the service men, the idea being, Mr. Fordney explained, to prevent the certificates falling into the hands of loan sharks.

It was explained that the \$50 cash payment was retained in the bill because the men entitled to only this amount undoubtedly would prefer the cash to a twenty-year certificate.

Lady Rhondda First Lady Granted Seat In House of Lords

LONDON, March 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—The petition of Lady Rhondda to sit in the house of lords was granted by the committee of privileges of the house of lords today. If she takes the seat awarded her by this ruling she will be the first woman to sit in the upper house of the British parliament as Lady Astor was in the lower chamber.

Lady Rhondda is the daughter of Viscount Rhondda, Great Britain's war time food controller who died in 1918 from an illness brought on by overwork. His only child was the daughter, wife of Sir Humphrey Mackworth.

Today's decision, it is presumed, affects all the peeresses in their own right in the United Kingdom. There are 23 of these.

HANGING CHURCH IS FOR POLITICAL EFFECT, CHARGED

People of Illinois Are Much Aroused Over Hanging of Auto Murderer Tomorrow—Claim Sheriff Using Execution for Its Political Effect.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Mar. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—Alleging that the hanging of Harvey Church in Chicago tomorrow is to be a "public spectacle for which invitations have been issued," Attorney Frank J. Tyrrell of Chicago, appeared here today as "an American citizen," to lay before Governor Small another plea for clemency for the condemned man.

"The hanging of Harvey Church," the lawyer said, "has become a political issue in Cook county. It is part of the campaign for sheriff of Chief Deputy Laubenheimer."

Departure of Governor Small for Kankakee at noon today shattered the last hope for Church, according to Judge C. H. Jenkins, of the department of public welfare. The attitude of the governor, it was said, is that he already has acted and that the law must take its course.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Mar. 2.—Another appeal on behalf of Harvey Church, reached Governor Small's office late this afternoon from the Housewives' union of Palo Alto, Cal. They asked: "for humanity's sake" that his execution be forbidden. They affiliated, their message said, with the society for the prevention of legalized crime.

CHICAGO, Mar. 2.—While an attorney was making his last stand in federal court in behalf of Henry M. Church, physicians made final tests of the doomed man today and announced that they were convinced he was not shamming. It had been announced that Church committed "mental suicide."

Justice Orin N. Carter of the state supreme court yesterday denied a petition for a writ of mandamus to compel Judge Kiekham Seanian to grant a writ of error so that an appeal might be taken to a higher court. The same plea was placed before Federal Judge Carpenter today to save Church from hanging at four o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Church lies in the death chamber of the Cook county jail, apparently oblivious to life and to the fate that awaits him.

The Piedmont State bank at Piedmont, Kas., twenty miles southwest of here and stole Liberty bonds believed to total \$50,000 in value.

Bert Anderson and Ralph Bardwell Buy Liberty Building for \$60,000



A deal was completed yesterday by which the Liberty building, one of the largest and finest store and office structures in the city and Southern Oregon, was purchased by Ralph Bardwell and Bert Anderson, well known Medford men.

The consideration was not given out but is understood to be in the neighborhood of \$60,000. The Garnett & Corey company built the structure in 1912, later selling it to the Liberty Building Co., owners, who made the sale.

The new owners who bought the structure for an investment, took possession at once, will make extensive improvements and will personally manage it. The building is a four-story brick structure with granite trimmings.

MARY PICKFORD WINS SUIT BUT SEES ANOTHER

NEW YORK, Mar. 2.—Mary Pickford does not have to pay Mrs. Cora C. Wilkenning any part of the \$198,000 which Mrs. Wilkenning claims was her due as commission for getting the film star a raise to \$10,000 a week. This was a verdict of a federal jury returned last night and unsealed today before Federal Judge Mack.

Neither Mary or her husband, Douglas Fairbanks, was in court when the verdict was announced. Her counsel rushed to the telephone to acquaint her with the news at her hotel. Counsel for Mrs. Wilkenning filed notice of an appeal.

In her hotel suite where she had been informed of her victory, the screen star said she had spent \$200,000 in fighting Mrs. Wilkenning's effort to obtain \$198,000 of her money. The trial here this week was the third in the case and it appeared probable that Miss Pickford would have to make further disbursements before she heard the last of Mrs. Wilkenning, as an appeal to the circuit court is considered likely.

"I feel sorry for Mrs. Wilkenning," said Mary, "but I have never settled a claim when I was in the right and I never will."

"I would fight her ten times more because I know I am just a target."

"Well, what are you mad about?" broke in her husband, Douglas Fairbanks.

"Nothing," replied Mary, "but it is all so silly. I haven't had an agent since I was eleven years old. When I want a raise I go ask for it myself and when I want a new job I look for one."

PORTO RICO WANTS U. S. GOV. FIRED

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—Demand for a congressional investigation of the acts and conduct of Governor J. Mont Riley of Porto Rico, looking to his removal from office, was made in the house today by Delegate Felix Cordova Davila, resident commissioner of Porto Rico.

Declaring the people he represented asked that this step be taken "only after the Harding administration was given free opportunity to act," Mr. Davila, who is a member of the unionist party of the island, expressed the belief that if Governor Riley should be called as a witness before any investigating committee, "he himself will be the best evidence of the justice of our demand for his removal."

Preceding a long series of charges against the governor, Mr. Davila told the house that while he believed President Harding made a mistake in appointing him, he knew "the president was imposed upon," therefore the appointment was not made "knowingly, or with the least malice toward the people of Porto Rico."

Mr. Davila charged among other things: "That Governor Riley 'announced publicly that he intends to make \$200,000 during the next four years in office, whereas the salary as governor is \$10,000."

"That he has endeavored to stir up strife and discord among the citizens. That he unlawfully interfered with the courts of justice and attempted to intimidate judges."

"That in public speeches he uttered disregard for the feelings and sentiment of the citizens and denounced the flag of Porto Rico as a 'dirty rag.'"

"That he declared to members of the senate he would have the government at Washington annul the organic act, which provides that the senate shall ratify appointments, unless the nominations were confirmed, which amounts to intimidation."

"Past Is Shady," said Mr. Davila, "that an investigation of Riley's past history will show he was not the kind of a man who should have been appointed governor of 1,200,000 people. His past is shady, to say the least."

Charging that Riley had been removed from assistant postmaster at Kansas City and that the postoffice department had refused to give him the record in the case, Mr. Davila added:

"If he was not good enough to be an assistant postmaster, how can he be qualified to be governor of a distant possession?"

Governor Riley, Mr. Davila said, boasts of his strong influence with the president of the United States. "I am a very influential man," he quoted Riley as saying.

The administration of Governor Riley has been a succession of insults to the people. When he went to the island he found a land of peace and happiness and almost overnight he transformed it into a hotbed of dissension and despair.

He could have had the everlasting friendship of Porto Ricans of all classes, had he possessed the least

LATEST CLUE IN TAYLOR MURDER IS ABANDONED

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 2.—The six men arrested early Tuesday on information furnished by Mrs. John Rupp, their housekeeper, have no connection with the murder of William D. Taylor, motion picture director, here February 1, it was announced today by Detective Sergeant Herman Cline, in charge of the investigation.

He said examination of Mrs. Rupp and investigation convinced the detectives that there was no foundation for her statements that they had threatened the life of Taylor.

The six men are John Herkey, Walter Kerby, William East, George Calvert, Ray Lynch and Harry Amoreheim. Whether they will be released or held on other charges was to be determined by the police later today.

A police guard over the residence of Mrs. Rupp was removed, following the failure of detectives to obtain any corroboration of any of her statements, which at first indicated connecting the men with the Taylor murder.

Police detectives and investigators from the sheriff's office and district attorney's staff are continuing inquiry along other possible leads and the search for Edward F. Sands, former butler-secretary of Taylor continued.

Jim Jeffries, Former Heavyweight Champ To Be Evangelist

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 2.—James J. Jeffries, former heavyweight champion of the world, may become an evangelist, if nothing happens to prevent it, according to a story the Los Angeles Examiner will print today.

Jeffries, now a farmer at Burbank near here, has become interested in religious affairs through a visit from A. T. Suttner, a friend of the former pugilist's father, who was a minister of the gospel, according to the newspaper.

"My desire is to bring religion closer to the hearts of the men of today," Jeffries is quoted.

HAYS' SUCCESSOR ANNOUNCED BY THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Hubert Work of Colorado, First Assistant P. M., Gets Coveted Place—Takes Offices Saturday—First M. D. to Sit in Cabinet.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Dr. Hubert Work, present first assistant postmaster general, will succeed Will H. Hays as head of the postoffice department, it was announced definitely today at the White House.

Dr. Work, whose home is in Pueblo, Colo., will take over the portfolio Saturday when the resignation of Mr. Hays becomes effective. The nomination of Dr. Work is expected to be sent to the senate shortly.

DENVER, March 2.—Dr. Hubert Work of Pueblo, who will be appointed postmaster general by President Harding, will be the second Coloradoan to hold a place in the cabinet. Henry M. Teller of Colorado was appointed secretary of the interior by President Arthur in 1882. Dr. Work will be the first member of the medical profession to hold a cabinet office.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Final announcement of the designation of Dr. Work came as no surprise, his name having been connected with the office since the prospective retirement of Mr. Hays was announced several weeks ago.

The elevation of the Coloradoan to the postmaster generalship will leave the position of first and second assistant postmaster generals to be filled, E. H. Shaughnessy, who was second assistant postmaster general having lost his life in the Knickerbocker theater disaster.

Dr. Work conferred with President Harding today over the question of the two assistants, but it was indicated that no decision had been reached.

The promotion of Dr. Work to a place in the cabinet comes as a result of the organizing ability he displayed as first assistant postmaster general and to the fact that he had the reputation of being "always on the job," according to friends.

Is Practicing M. D.

Dr. Work was born at Marion, Pa., July 30, 1860. Following graduation from the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania in 1885, he began practice in Greeley, Colo. After two years he moved to Fort Morgan, and later to Pueblo, where he became a specialist in mental and nervous diseases. In 1896 he founded the Wood Croft hospital for mental and nervous diseases, of which he is a director. In 1911 Dr. Work was elected president of the American Medico-Psychological association, and

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DEMOCRATS OPEN FIGHT UPON PACT

Senator Hitchcock Surprised to Learn President Did Not Understand Treaty — Refuses Support Unless Reservation Regarding Unprovoked Aggression Accepted.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, ranking democrat of the senate foreign relations committee declared in an address to the senate today opening debate on the four power Pacific treaty that he could not support it unless amendments or reservations were adopted to meet his objections.

Senator Hitchcock, opening the discussion because he expects to be absent a few days later, attacked what he described as the secrecy with which the four power treaty was negotiated. He declared he had voted yesterday and would support the naval and Chinese treaties.

The four power treaty, Senator Hitchcock said, was not in the arms conference call or on the agenda.

"The public never looked for nor anticipated this treaty; this seems to me rather significant," said the senator, adding that no notes or minutes or memoranda were kept by the delegation and their meetings he said, were "behind closed doors," with no communiques given out.

"My first shock was to learn that the president, who issued the call for the conference, did not understand the treaty and had not learned of the secret agreement between the negotiators regarding the inclusion of the Japanese mainland," said the Nebraska senator, who said that these had been "cured" by the later treaty of definition.

Senator Hitchcock said that in order for the treaty to receive his support, an amendment or reservation would have to be adopted declaring the obligation to deal only with "unprovoked" aggressions.

Citing Japan's activities in Siberia and Saghalien, Senator Hitchcock said that Japan should be prevented from receiving support of America if she should provoke action.

Senator Borah of Idaho, Republican, irreconcilable, entered the debate to declare that reservation could not meet the situation and that amendment would be required.

Senator France of Maryland, another republican "irreconcilable," also served definite notice of hostility to the treaty.

Senator Hitchcock said the treaty appeared too much like an alliance to suit him, and added that Baron Uchida, Japanese foreign minister appeared to so regard it.

"I have been impressed from the first that there is little profit to the United States in this treaty," said Senator Hitchcock, stating that British interests in the Pacific were protected and the Japanese mandates were assured.

Senator Lenroot, republican, Wisconsin, declared that Senator Hitchcock had changed the position he had taken in the Versailles treaty fight relative to alliances and territorial guarantees.

New Kind of Flu Is Devastating Poland

WARSAW, Mar. 2.—A new kind of influenza with a complication of jaundice has appeared in the land. The disease is virulent along the eastern borders where refugees are pouring in by thousands daily from Russia. The mortality rate is high.

The Daily Bank Robbery

EVERETT, Wash., Mar. 2.—The Oak Harbor State bank at Oak Harbor on Whidby island, near here, was robbed last night by thieves who cut through the vault door with an acetylene torch and obtained \$700 in nickels and dimes, and some securities, the total amount not yet ascertained.

ICE GORGE IN ROCK RIVER FORCES PEOPLE OF DIXON, ILLINOIS, TO FLEE

DIXON, Ill., March 2.—Water from gorged Rock river rising slowly during the night flowed into the fire pits at the city gas plant early today and stopped further manufacture. With less than a day's supply of gas in the holder, the city faces a complete famine of the fuel. Many business institutions which are dependent on gas for fuel, including the city's newspaper, may be forced to suspend operations before the day is over.

A dozen more families had been forced to vacate their homes today, bringing the total of those driven out since early Wednesday to over half a hundred.

One man, Gus Pyfer, routed from his home by the flood early this morning, fell dead from excitement.

Serious apprehension is expressed by river men, who fear the gorge will bring the greatest flood in the history of the city.

Fire Department Is Called to Flue Fire

The fire department was called at 7:05 last night to a dwelling at the corner of 11th and South Newtown streets, as a precautionary measure, for fear that sparks that were flying from an overheated flue would set fire to the roof. No damage was done and the firemen left after the danger was over.

Chief Lawton and the firemen are quite peeved over the comments made by Miss Louise Lovely, the film actress, at the chamber of commerce forum yesterday, alleging unnecessary delay in the department getting water on the fire on South King street.

I fear she was in ignorance of the circumstances," said chief Lawton today. "We were there promptly and connected just as soon as it was humanely possible. Miss Lovely did not know that we had practically no water pressure as we had to connect with a small water main a long distance away, which necessitated our laying 600 feet of hose. This length of hose tended to lower the pressure."

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—Ratifications of the treaty between the United States and Colombia whereby the American government pays Colombia \$25,000,000 as compensation for the loss of Panama were exchanged yesterday in Bogota, according to advices received today by the Colombian legation.