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FLORIDA WEATHER
Rain Wednesday and probably Thursday with fresh to moderately strong southeast and south winds Wednesday.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

BRYAN LEAGUE LEAVES COMMONORIS TO LAUNCH BOOM FOR GERARD BRYAN EXPECTS TO STATE PLANS

Twelve Leading Figures in Democratic Party Will Speak at Jackson Day Dinner.

WILSON'S MESSAGE SECRET

Party Leaders Expect Him to State His Position on Treaty and Outline Party Policy.

New York, Jan. 6.—The Bryan League of New York resurrected recently for the ostensible purpose of booming the commoner for the presidency, announced today it had swung around to support former Ambassador Gerard. Frank H. Warder, one of the leading members of the league, said that Augustus Thoma, a life-long friend of Bryan intended to give a dinner here January 15 to launch a Gerard boom, with Secretary Daniels and Bishop Charles Sumner Burch as speakers. Thoma denied tonight having anything to do with the Gerard boom. He said he would speak at a dinner of the Holland society early 15 but declared there was no political significance either for Bryan or Gerard.

Bryan to Speak at Jackson Day Banquet.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Twelve of the leading figures of the democratic party, including most of those prominently mentioned for the presidential nomination, are on the list of speakers made public today for the Jackson Day dinner to be held here Thursday night.

A message from President Wilson will be read first at the banquet and speeches will be made by the following: William C. Handy, Secretary Daniels, Attorney General Palmer, Governor Cox of Ohio; James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany; Champ Clark, of Missouri; former speaker of the house; Governor Conwell of West Virginia; Senators Hitchcock, of Nebraska; Pomeroy, of Ohio; Underwood, of Alabama; and Owen of Oklahoma and Mrs. Peter Oleson, associate member of the national committee from Minnesota.

The banquet, incidental to the quadrennial meeting of the national committee to choose a time and place for the national convention is expected to provide a vehicle for those in the running for the presidential nomination to place their views before the party leaders and the country.

Greatest interest among arriving committee members manifested centered today in the president's message of greeting and the pronouncements to be made by Mr. Bryan. Characterized as "an important word," by white house officials, the nature of Mr. Wilson's message is being carefully guarded. Speculation revolves about what he may say on a third term and on the peace treaty as a campaign issue.

Guesses about Mr. Bryan's address touch on these same subjects, many of the party leaders expecting him to declare his attitude on the treaty and to put himself definitely into the running for the nomination. In the past few weeks his friends have been very active in his behalf and they expect the banquet to give the opportunity for him to again assume a conspicuous place in the party councils.

Mr. Bryan has been quoted as urging, at a recent meeting here with several democratic senators, that the bill be ratified promptly with some promise reservations and in some quarters it is believed he may reiterate that stand Thursday night. There are committee men who believe that the president, on the other hand, may ask in his message that the party go before the country on a platform of unreserved ratification. The possibilities of the situation that might thus be developed were widely and eagerly discussed today by those who had arrived for the big party get-together.

Of the six cities asking for the convention, Kansas City was the first to begin active work among the committeemen, a group of boosters opening headquarters today at a hotel, Chicago and San Francisco are expected to get actively into the race tomorrow and Cleveland, Cincinnati and Indianapolis also will be ready to present the selection is made Thursday. The three last named however are not expected to make extensive campaigns.

BERGER MET BY POLICE ESCORT

Jersey City, Jan. 6.—Victor L. Berger who was to speak tonight at a widely advertised mass meeting under the auspices of the socialist educational club, was escorted out of town by the Chief of Police Battersby.

SINS OF DEMOCRATS POLITICAL DOPE

Chicago, Jan. 6.—While women attending the conference of republican women of fourteen western states were being drilled in campaigning, national commitment and other political leaders after discussion indicated their virtual unanimity that republican convention talk should center on "Sins of Democratic Administration."

SMOOT ATTACKS SUGAR PRICES

Says Retail Dealers Charging 22 cents a Pound Ought to be Handled by Palmer.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Retail dealers charging 22 cents a pound for sugar were attacked in the senate today by Senator Smoot, republican of Utah, who declared "they ought to be handled," by the attorney general.

"Sixty-five per cent of the beet sugar crop has been delivered," Senator Smoot said, "and if there is any hoarding, the attorney general should find out who is hoarding it and stop it. Here in Washington dealers are charging 22 cents and selling only two pounds at a time. There is no excuse for it. There is plenty of law to deal in drastic fashion with these profiteers and the people ought not to be forced to pay such prices."

Purchase of the remainder of the Cuban crop, estimated at 2,250,000 tons to stabilize and reduce prices to the American consumer was urged in a cablegram received from Rafael Montoro, secretary to the president of Cuba, by Senator McNary, republican of Oregon. President Wilson has announced his decision not to make the purchase on the recommendation of the sugar equalization board.

The cablegram expressed regret the United States had failed to secure the Cuban output, adding that the Cuban government had "put forth every effort to conclude by agreement with the American government the disposition of the entire output of Cuban sugar for the year 1920."

TRAMMEL HALTS HIGH RANK ACT

Will Oppose Additional Pay for Generals Until Enlisted Men Are Rewarded.

(BY GEORGE H. MANNING.)
Washington, D. C., Jan. 6.—Senator Park Trammell of Florida, blocked passage by the senate today of the bill to bestow higher rank and pay on Generals March, Liggett and Bullard, because he said congress has not given additional recognition and reward to the rank and file of the American army.

"Six months ago I introduced in the senate a bill providing additional recognition and reward to the rank and file of the American army," said Senator Trammell in objecting to passage of the bill. "I have heard of no unfavorable report on that measure or any measure of a similar character. Until congress sees proper to give, as I see it, the proper recognition and reward to the rank and file of the army, I cannot see how I can support any measure which would object to further promotions in rank and increases in compensation to higher officers. Therefore I object to consideration of this bill now."

MORE AMERICANS SLAIN IN MEXICO

Washington, Jan. 6.—Receipt by the state department this afternoon of advices that two more American oil men, F. J. Roney and Earl Bowles, were murdered by Mexicans in the Tampico district, was followed by instructions to the American embassy at Mexico City to urge the Mexican government to take every possible step to capture and punish the murderers. This makes 16 Americans killed in the Tampico district since April, 1917.

WAR SURPLUS IS STILL AVAILABLE

Bigger Inducements Are Offered Municipalities and County Institutions

Washington, Jan. 6.—Municipal and county institutions may purchase at 19 per cent discount any of the surplus goods or materials held by the war department, the director of sales announced today in addition to allowing prices 15 per cent under the prices prevailing in the quarter-master retail stores or in established trade channels, the department will allow such institutions a credit of 90 days and the goods will be delivered freight prepaid provided the order can be deposited in the zone in which the purchasing institution is located.

HOW OUTLAW BOOZE KILLS AND INJURES

Hospital records and post mortem examinations reveal a large variety of effects from the use of wood alcohol, denatured alcohol and home-made whiskey. Wood alcohol causes death by paralysis of the lungs or heart. Permanent blindness sometimes results when the victim of wood alcohol poisoning escapes death. Whisky substitutes are likely to contain any one of several in furious ingredients, such as ether, carbolic acid or formaldehyde. Moonshine whisky, not sufficiently aged, is highly charged with irritant oils. It often attacks the heart directly if taken in any quantity. Grave injury to the vital organs occurs among those who recover from the first symptoms of whisky poisoning. The many forms of synthetic whisky now being sold include toxic substances which may cause almost any illness from asthma to insanity.

RADICALS ARE WILLING TO GO

Ime Kaplan, Leader of Last Lawrence Textile Strike Says His Followers Won't Fight

WANT RED FLAG FLYING

Will Demand to be Deported as Political Prisoners in Russian Ships by Russians.

Boston, Jan. 6.—The 400 alleged radicals taken in New England raids declared today they were willing to go to Russia without a legal fight. Ime Kaplan, leader of the last Lawrence textile strike said they would demand to be political prisoners in Russian ships and preferably with the red flag flying.

Washington, Jan. 6.—No further deportation of radical aliens will be undertaken until the experiment with the Buford, the first "soviet ark," is completed, it was said today by Anthony Caminetti, commissioner general of immigration.

The Buford is now enroute to northern Europe with 249 radical aliens destined for Russia, but whether she will be permitted to land her passengers has not yet been determined. It is not possible for the ship to go to soviet Russia and if the radicals are sent into that country they must be transported across one of the adjacent countries.

The 600 radicals aliens taken in the raids of the last few days will be tried by the department of labor in the districts in which they were arrested and those ordered deported will be sent to New York. Mr. Caminetti said should necessarily require the use of additional space at New York or in the districts to house the radicals awaiting deportation, steps will be taken to secure camps or other facilities from the war or other departments that might have suitable accommodations.

Bomb Plots Charged to Palmer's Agents.

Washington, Jan. 6.—S. Nourortova who says he is secretary to the "soviet ambassador, Martens," issued a statement to the press tonight charging that department of justice agents "actively participated" in the formulation of communist party platform planks "which now form the basis of persecution of thousands of people." He also declared he could prove they took part in the celebrated bomb plots.

MAY TO SUCCEED LOST BIRD MAN

Tallahassee, Jan. 6.—(Special)—Governor Catfish has appointed J. S. May to be county commissioner for the first district of Wakulla county, to succeed John Williams, resigned. Williams is the man who turned out to be Charles J. Pennock of Kennett Square, Pa., former state ornithologist, and who was discovered at St. Marks last week by his brother-in-law, Dr. R. J. Phillips of Philadelphia, Pa., living and working there under the name of John Williams. Press dispatches last week stated that Mr. Pennock had disappeared from home about six and a half years ago and had not been heard from until located at St. Marks last week.

During his stay at St. Marks Mr. Pennock or Williams took a prominent and interested part in all matters affecting the community and became and was, when discovered, the county commissioner from that district. It is said that his keen interest in birds aided in his discovery.

CANADIAN PAPER MILLS REGULATED

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—The governor general signed an order in council today authorizing the minister of customs to refuse export licenses to manufacturers of newsprint paper who refuse to comply with an order of the controller of paper. The paper controller is also authorized to requisition and distribute to newspapers any newsprint paper which manufacturers have refused to deliver on order.

MANNING SAYS WILSON WON'T BE CANDIDATE

Democratic Leaders and Candidates Will Rally at Jackson Day Dinner Thursday.

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS UP

All Eyes, Democrats and Republicans Alike, Will Watch Results of the Gathering

BY GEORGE H. MANNING.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 6.—The campaign for the presidency of the United States in both the democratic and republican parties may well be said to open this week with the holding of the Jackson Day banquet in Washington on Thursday night, because it will be made clear at that gathering of democratic leaders that President Wilson will not be a candidate for a third term and an insight is almost certain to be obtained on who the candidate will be.

The republicans are at a standstill on candidates and policies until they can learn if President Wilson is again to be the nominee.

The Jackson Day banquet is to be held at the Shuyheim hotel here on the night of the meeting of the democratic national committee, as a rally of all leading democrats. All the prominent leaders of the party, including presidential and vice presidential candidates, prospective and hopeful, will attend the history-making gathering except President Wilson and William Gibbs McAdoo. President Wilson is too ill to attend; Mr. McAdoo has declined insistent invitations and says he will be a long way from Washington on that date.

The eyes of all republicans as well as democrats will be focused on that gathering because it is expected to clarify the whole political atmosphere by answering the following important questions:

1. Is Woodrow Wilson to be a candidate for a third term?
2. Will the president point the way for party policy and suggest the kind of a candidate to choose?
3. Will William Jennings Bryan try to resign himself as leader of the party?

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LANSING CALLS CHURCH LEADER

Churchmen and Editors of Protestant Periodicals Gather to Discuss World Work.

Atlantic City, Jan. 6.—One thousand and 150 editors of Protestant religious periodicals will gather here tomorrow for a three days' conference having for its main purpose "the welding of Protestant denominations for the evangelization of the world." The conference has been called by Robert Lansing, secretary of state, who is chairman of the general committee of the interchurch world movement, under whose auspices the sessions will be held.

For the first time, it is said, the co-ordination or lack of co-ordination of the churches will be visualized in order that a remedy may be applied for the "wasting of spiritual energy, the lives of the workers and the money of the churches."

Maps, charts and graphics illustrating the present religious, moral, educational and hygienic conditions of the world in both the foreign and home fields will be placed before the delegates. Typical counties and cities in the United States will be presented showing the social, center, school, parish house, social center, church or other centre of religious influence.

Unmarked patches on the chart exhibits, it is said, by those in charge of the conference, will prove "a startling revelation as to the great inadequacy of the American churches at present to meet the religious needs of the country." The foreign missionary field charts and maps will form another part of the exhibit and afford information gathered from more than 1,500 missionaries of all denominations.

Missionary statistics never before compiled, it is announced, will be presented so that the magnitude of the financial task the interchurch world movement must shoulder to fulfill its spiritual obligations may be definitely fixed.

MEXICAN TOWN WIPED OUT BY EARTHQUAKE

Mexico City, Jan. 6.—The town of Coszuel was entirely destroyed by thousands of casualties including 2,000 dead as a result of Saturday night's earthquake which was felt throughout the republic according to official report here late tonight.

RENT PROFITING BOARD IS SUSTAINED

Dallas, Texas.—Activities of the rent profiteering board, created by city ordinance, have been a large factor in reducing the cost of living for many families in Dallas. The ordinance of the city of Dallas, creating the board, before which cases of alleged over-charging for rents or apartments can be brought for hearing and adjudication, has been attacked in the courts and has been held to be valid.

When complaints are made by renters, the board investigates the value of the property involved in the issue, discovers the valuation placed upon it by the owner in rendition for taxation, and from these data calculates a fair return on the investment, allowing a sufficient margin for repairs and upkeep. By this method a fair rental charge is reached, and this is then entered as the rental authorized to be charged by the owner.

RAIL SYSTEMS BEING STUDIED

Private Owners Will Not Return To All Of The Old Systems of Operation

EFFICIENCY TO BE AIM

To Lower Living Costs Brotherhoods Announce Purchase of Clothing Factories.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Railroads will not revert to all of the old systems of operation when they are returned to private control on March 1. Under an agreement reached by the Association of Railway Executives in session here, many changes in administration made during federal control will be with the view of increasing transportation efficiency.

All of the changes by the railroad administration are being closely studied by the executives and other government methods are expected to be adopted before the conference ends.

Coinciding with the meeting of the executives, committees of the National Association of Railway and Utilities Commissioners met and outlined plans for eliminating pending railway legislation provisions conferring upon federal agencies powers now exercised by state bodies. The delegates decided to outline in a memorandum to the senate and house the association's objections to the Cummins and Esch bills.

Detroit, Jan. 6.—As a move to lower the cost of living among its members, the brotherhood of maintenance of way employees and railway shop laborers, the third largest of the railroad brotherhoods, today announced the purchase of four clothing factories from a group of private owners in southeast Michigan, the largest of which is a 200,000 square foot plant at Ypsilanti, Mich. A glove factory at Williamsburg, Mich. and a new York factory at Detroit are also included. The latter plant will be moved to Ypsilanti. The transactions announced represent an initial investment of approximately \$1,000,000 and are the first steps of a large scale of the plan to purchase directly for their members necessities of life.

Members of all railroad brotherhoods may purchase goods handled by the maintenance of way union. Other brotherhoods are expected to enter into similar transactions. The plan is to purchase directly for their members necessities of life.

SYSTEM FLOATING BARS IS PLANNED

Quincy, Mass., Jan. 6.—The installation of a bar, with the regulation brass and mahogany fittings, on the after deck of the former steamer South Haven now being refitted here, disclosed today plans of New York and Milwaukee financial interests for a new fleet of fast steamers between southern points and Havana. Work on the steamer, which has been rechristened the City of Miami, is being pushed night and day in order that the vessel may be plying over its new route before the end of the month.

Before its purchase by the navy department for war service, the South Haven was one of the crack steamers on the Great Lakes, where she was known as the "White Flyer."

Another steamer purchased by the same interests is expected here soon, according to yard workmen. It is understood that about \$300,000 will be spent on each vessel and that they will maintain a night service from Miami to Havana.

PERSHING MAY BE CHIEF OF STAFF

Washington, Jan. 6.—Incorporation of language in the army reorganization bill which senate military sub-committee members said would make General Pershing chief of staff is under consideration by committee but Chairman Wadsworth said tonight no decision had been reached.

BLOCKER UNANIMOUSLY SELECTED TO HEAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR 4TH TERM. WORK OUTLINED

BANKERS FAIL SETTLE ISSUE

Harding Urges Inland Bankers Not to Scramble With New York for More Deposits

Washington, Jan. 6.—Bankers representing clearing house associations from all parts of the country at a meeting here today at the call of the federal reserve board failed to take action on the question of interest rates on bank balances. They decided to hold another conference at which an agreement may be reached to stop bidding between New York and inland cities for out of town deposits.

An appeal to the bankers of the country not to raise interest rates on deposits in a scramble for out-of-town balances was made by Governor Harding of the federal reserve board, in opening the conference.

Governor Harding served warning that the federal reserve board did not recognize any relations between banks and the interest rates paid by members banks on deposit, and gave notice that the board would be free to raise or lower the rate on deposits and to require such action.

About fifty bankers were present. After Governor Harding had completed his remarks, they went into executive session to consider the question of interest rates.

Governor Harding predicted a further increase over the present rediscount rate of 4 3/4 per cent at the federal reserve bank of New York would be necessary.

RETAILERS TO BACK CLEAN-UP

Merchants' Association Adopts Resolution Commending Efforts of County Solicitor.

The Retail Merchants' association passed a resolution at yesterday's meeting commending attempts made by Solicitor William Fisher and the other county authorities to clean-up the city, especially with reference to the suppression of the sale of intoxicants.

Mr. Fisher appeared before the association by invitation and spoke at some length on his efforts and the difficulties he has encountered. Chief among his complaints is the shyness people have about offering evidence. Mr. Fisher says if people would tell him what they know about the illegal sale of liquor it would be a simple matter to clean-up the city and the county.

The retailers, according to their resolution, will give Mr. Fisher what support they can, the organization, being able to give moral support only but Mr. Fisher has been assured by several individuals that moral support will be forthcoming as a result of his convincing arguments.

JAPS SEND MORE MEN TO SIBERIA

Washington, Jan. 6.—Japanese troops now moving westward in Siberia are those who have been stationed at the seaboard or nearby, and are being sent into the interior to insure the safety of the slender Japanese garrisons along the Siberian railway who are more or less endangered by the rapid eastward advance of the bolshevik armies, according to officials of the Japanese embassy here.

RUTH SALE DUE TO "SWELLED HEAD"

President Frazee of Boston Red Sox Says He Was Bad Influence

Boston, Jan. 6.—The passing of "Babe" Ruth, slugger, extraordinary and pitcher of high degree, from the Boston Red Sox to the New York Americans for the largest sum ever paid for any baseball player was due to Ruth's ego, President Harry H. Frazee said today.

"The Red Sox for the best interests of the Boston club," he explained, "The Babe was not an influence for good, or for team play. To thought only of himself, whether the question was one of breaking contracts or of making long hits."

President is Given Resolution of Appreciation For Work During Past Year

NEW DIRECTORS ELECTED Resume of Year's Work and Plans For Future Work Are Given at Annual Meeting

Dr. Louis de M. Blocker was unanimously re-elected president of the Pensacola Chamber of Commerce last night at the annual meeting and election of officers held at the San Carlos hotel. Dr. Blocker finished out his third term as president of the local chamber last year and upon being urgently requested to head the commercial body during the next twelve months consented at the meeting last night.

Reports of progress during the past two years were briefly touched upon by the retiring president before the election. The items of progress being printed completely and distributed in booklet form. The list gives all the activities of the club during the past two years in detail, showing what the club has accomplished and what it has attempted, as well as its social activities.

Fourteen directors were elected at the meeting last night, the polls having been open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and the ballots counted during the meeting at night. The directors were: I. H. Alken, E. R. Malone, Max L. Bear, J. S. Reese, T. L. Goad, Hunter Brown, C. B. Hervey, G. A. Moore, J. A. Merrill, M. G. Hoffman, G. W. Parker, G. P. Wentworth, P. P. Stewart and Alex. Friedman. Hunter Brown received the largest number of votes given any one man. He received 56 votes, with several others following closely.

After the election of officers and while the voters for directors were being counted luncheon was served. During the recess Miss Clara Sherman of the San Carlos orchestra entertained the members with several numbers on the piano.

J. V. Price, newly appointed secretary pro tem, gave a short talk on credit which was enjoyed by the members present. In his talk he stressed the necessity of keeping credit in good standing, for without credit he said, no business would develop into big business. He said that credit was based on faith, confidence and trust.

Following Mr. Price C. W. Reynolds, at one time president of the Mobile Chamber of Commerce, gave a talk on the field and work of the chamber of commerce. Mr. Reynolds, in speaking of the field of the chamber of commerce, said that it was a maker of a city out of possibilities. This could be done he said, only by cooperation of the membership and other forces that were helping to make a city grow to its full possibilities. The big trouble with Pensacola, he said, was that too much shipping was passing out of this port but that not enough was coming in.

When the chamber of commerce developed the incoming shipping to what it should be in Pensacola, he would then have one of the greatest ports on the Gulf coast.

C. W. Collier, of the Southern Express company, gave a short talk on the business outlook for the coming year and stressed the fact that business was better here than it had ever been in the history of Pensacola, but that it would decrease rather than build up unless the city organization realized and developed their wonderful possibilities. He gave some statistics on shipping and packing parcels to express that were of special interest to the business men who were affected by express shipments.

Hunter Brown sprung a dark horse in a statement he made just before the close of the meeting in which he compared the financial standing of the Pensacola Chamber of Commerce with that of Panama City—a town of very few thousand people. This latter town he said, organized a chamber of commerce recently and immediately raised \$10,000 for a fund to carry on the activities of that body. Pensacola, with a population of several times that of Panama City, he quoted from a financial statement made earlier, had only a few hundred dollars to finance the chamber of commerce here.

A resolution of appreciation was presented by M. T. Hoffman to President Blocker, and was ordered to be written into the minutes of the meeting and a copy presented to Dr. Blocker. This resolution follows:

Whereas, the Honorable Doctor Louis de M. Blocker, has now completed his third year of faithful, energetic, efficient and effective work as president of the chamber of commerce.

And, Whereas, especially those three years last past have been one of great progressive advancement of our city and recognizing the fact that he has been our most devotedly useful public-spirited citizen during the time of his services as president of the chamber of commerce.

And, realizing also that he has for three strenuous and trying years without remuneration or hope of material reward, devoted most of his valuable time to the end that his

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