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THE WEATHER.
Unsettled tonight, possibly showers: Saturday partly cloudy and warmer.

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MACHINE GUNS HELP PUT DOWN GERMAN REVOLT

NEGRO WHO SHOT UP HOUSEHOLD, WOUNDING THREE, GOES TO PRISON

PLEADS GUILTY WHEN ARRAIGNED BEFORE JUDGE DAVIS

DRAWS 1-14 YEARS

AFTER EMPLOYING HIS REVOLVER IN BODIES OF KIN HE STOLE $138 BELONGING TO FATHER-IN-LAW — CAUGHT IN BUREAU COUNTY.

James Johnson, Streator negro who Feb 21 went on a rampage [illegible] and shot three people [illegible] to serve from one to fourteen years in Joliet prison today by Judge [illegible] in the Circuit court. Johnson pleaded guilty to a charge of [illegible] with intent to kill.

He was indicted by the grand jury last week on two charges of stealing $138 from [illegible] Streator [illegible]. Early this week he was arraigned in the circuit court and [illegible] Judge Davis [illegible] Thomas O'Meara to defend him.

After thinking the matter over Johnson decided that it was useless for him to fight the charges against him in face of the evidence in the possession of the state, and informed the officers that he would enter a plea of guilty. This morning he was again taken back to the court room.

The hearing was without excitement of any kind and Johnson received his sentence with [illegible]. He was informed [illegible] that if he lost [illegible] would be sentenced to the [illegible] for a term of between one and fourteen years [illegible].

Johnson after the shooting fled [illegible] Ottawa and started west. He was apprehended [illegible] of guns, in which he threatened to kill a constable.

Taken to Joliet.

Vincent Zupancic, confessed murderer of his wife, Mary; Peter Lotis, convicted of rape, and Joseph Johnson, Streator negro accused of robbery and of attempted murder, were taken to Joliet this afternoon on the 3:09 Rock Island train to begin serving their sentences in the state prison. Zupancic is under a sentence of from one year to life, Lotis of [illegible] and Johnson of from one to fourteen years.

Deputies Thomas Armstrong and Chas. Campbell escorted the trio to the prison. Zupancic and Lotis were indicted by the January grand jury and tried during the January term of court. Johnson was sentenced five hours before he started on the trip to the prison.

Neither Zupancic nor Lotis is able to speak the English language so that they can make themselves understood.

Zupancic is accused of having shot his wife while they were in the rear of his La Salle soft drink parlor on October 28. She died from the effects of the bullet on November 10. He is said to have served four years in prison in Austria before coming to Ottawa for the murder of a friend.

Lotis was convicted for a criminal assault on his fourteen year old niece, Loretta Baltulis, last November.

Johnson was indicted last week on two charges, larceny and assault with intent to kill. He pleaded guilty to the latter charge today.

Murphy Has Police Record.

Edwin Murphy, who was arrested here Tuesday charged with stealing fresh meat from a car on the Rock Island railroad, has a criminal record in Chicago, his home city. This morning Sheriff Ayers received a phone message from Chief of Detectives Hughes in Chicago, informing him that a larceny warrant for Murphy was held by the Chicago police.

As Murphy is charged with burglary in Ottawa, he will be prosecuted here, before being turned over to the Chicago authorities. He was bound over to the grand jury under $500 bond by Justice Koenig at a hearing late Tuesday afternoon. After his arrest he is alleged to have confessed to Sheriff Ayers and some Rock Island detectives that he, George Crook and Thomas O'Brien of North Ottawa committed the theft.

The men claim that after taking the meat from a box car they carried it to the O'Brien home and that they abandoned it in a freight car when they were given a bum tip that the police were after them. The meat was found in an empty car last Friday morning.

ACCUSED OWNERS OF "HOOTCH" SHOPS TO FIGHT CHARGES

THREE OTTAWA MEN SIGNIFY INTENTIONS OF CONTESTING INFORMATIONS FILED BY STATE'S ATTORNEY KELLY.

Owners of three Ottawa soft drink parlors [illegible] informations charging violation of the prohibition law [illegible] on Saturday, March 12, [illegible]

Ottawa Girl Given Freedom.

Mrs. Esther Tole received a divorce from her husband, Alvin Tole, in the circuit court this morning. Mrs. Tole told the court that he [illegible] on several occasions struck her and made other forms of cruelty against her. She was awarded the custody of her infant son, LeRoy Tole, born Nov. 25, 1920.

The couple according to the testimony of the wife, were married Dec. [illegible], 1917, and separated in September, 1918. Mrs. Tole claimed that she returned to her husband in January, 1920, but on account of his brutality she was forced to leave him and take refuge in the home of her parents.

After hearing the evidence Judge Davis signed the decree.

Seeks $2,500 Damages.

John [illegible] of La Salle started a $2,500 [illegible] damage suit against the Associated First National Pictures, Inc., in the Circuit Court this morning. Attorney J. E. Malone is representing the plaintiff in the case.

Sarah Rose Estate Filed.

The will of Sarah Rose, a former Marseilles resident who died in Newton, Iowa, on February 24, has been filed for probate. Mrs. Rose left property in Marseilles valued at [illegible]. Her will specifies that her estate shall be equally divided between her five children, Clara N. Hoeg of Seneca; Elmer J. Rose of Seneca; Elgin E. Rose of Detroit; Mrs. Fannie S. Clark of Newton, Iowa and Victor A. Rose of Marseilles.

Left 160 Acre Farm.

The will of the late Joseph A. Kime of Reading, Livingston county, was filed for probate today. The petition fixing the value of the estate was not entered on the records of the court. By the terms of the will Mr. Kime leaves a 160 acre farm near Reading and a plot of ground containing 11.50 acres to his two nephews, Joseph and George Baldwin. He specifies that the remainder of the estate be divided between the [illegible] of his heirs as the law provides.

SCOUTS TO MEET AT C. OF C. HEADQUARTERS

The boy scouts will hold their meeting tonight in the Chamber of Commerce rooms in the College building, rather than at the Reddick library, as Chester Olson, the scoutmaster, is ill.

The Spirit of Easter

NO CONTESTS LOOM IN APRIL ELECTIONS OF SCHOOL BOARDS

TERMS OF THREE MEMBERS OF CITY BOARD EXPIRE THIS YEAR—TWO OF HIGH SCHOOL CONTROL BODY TO BE CHOSEN—OFFICE OF ONE TRUSTEE WILL BE FILLED.

Three school elections are scheduled to take place in Ottawa during the month of April. These will be held for the electing of members of the board of education, the board of the Ottawa Township High school and the school trustee of the township of Ottawa. Two members of the high school board will be named, three to the grade school board and one trustee.

The election to name three members for the board of education will take place Saturday, April 16. The terms of the president, [illegible], member W. B. [illegible] and attorney E. J. Roberts expire this year. [illegible]

The terms of the president of the high school board, [illegible] and one member, Dr. A. J. Roberts, expire next month. [illegible]

At the same time the township high school election [illegible] the term of John B. Kenny expires this year. [illegible]

WARWICK HOLDS WAR RISK ACT DIES JULY 1

Washington, March 25.— Military allotments and [illegible] under the war risk insurance act will expire automatically [illegible] Comptroller Warwick of the treasury holds in a ruling made public today. The ruling was based on the resolution adopted by the last congress repealing most of the special war [illegible].

Mr. Warwick held the resolution repeals the war risk insurance act within four calendar months within its adoption and [illegible] the allowances made to equal the allotments must cease after [illegible].

DEBS LEAVES PRISON AND GOES TO CAPITAL UNATTENDED BY GUARD

Washington, March 24.—Surprise more than mild [illegible] in the wake today of the unheralded visit to Washington unattended of Eugene V. Debs imprisoned socialist leader to discuss his case with Attorney General Daugherty.

Slipping into Washington early yesterday, Debs had gone to the department, held a three hours' conference with the attorney general and left to return to the Atlanta penitentiary before the visit was announced. [illegible]

In announcing the visit [illegible] to review by President Harding the attorney general said he had called the socialist leader to Washington after conferring with the President. [illegible] it was decided that he should come here to answer such inquiries as the government desired to make.

TRANS-U. S. FLYER FALLS: BREAKS BACK

Monroe, La., March 25.—Lieut. William D. Coney, of the army air service, received probably fatal injuries [illegible] this morning when his airplane struck a tree while he was trying to make a landing at Crowville on his return today in a transcontinental flight from Pensacola, Fla., to San Diego, Calif. His back was broken. The landing was attempted after engine trouble had developed and the plane fell about seventy-five feet. The lieutenant was flying over a swamp wilderness. The plane was wrecked. A farm laborer was the first to reach his side and extricated the flyer from beneath the plane. Coney was taken to a cabin where he regained consciousness. The village doctor pronounced Coney's back as being broken and said there were indications of internal injuries.

Made Trip in 22 Hours.

Jacksonville, Fla., March 25.—Lieutenant W. D. Coney of the aero squadron, who hopped off here today for a one stop, twenty-four hour flight to San Diego, Calif., recently made the trip from there to this city in twenty-two hours and [illegible] minutes net flying time. Engine trouble forced him to make an extra stop. He took the air at [illegible] this morning under excellent weather conditions, all objects standing out in clear outline in the bright moonlight. The one stop scheduled is at Love Field, Dallas, Texas, which he expected to reach in less than seven hours. On his recent eastward flight he made the trip from Dallas here in seven hours and eleven minutes.

STATE REJECTS BIDS FOR BRIDGE WORK

Springfield, March 25.—All bids on bridge construction work and road grading received Feb. 18 have been rejected by the department of public works and buildings.

SEE HOPE OF EARLY END TO MORIARITY HILL CONTROVERSY

C. O. & P. SUBMITS FIGURES TO UTILITIES COMMISSION WHICH HAS TAKEN PROPOSITION UNDER ADVISEMENT.

The proposition of a viaduct and bridge from the foot of Moriarity hill, east of Ottawa, across the tracks of the Rock Island railway, the canal and the interurban tracks was again before the state utility commission at Chicago this week. The plans and estimate of costs called for by the commission at a previous meeting were submitted on the part of the county, Rock Island road and township of Ottawa as to the extension of the bridge to the south so that the interurban company might move its tracks and come under the extension as well as an estimate of the cost which the undertaking would mean was submitted. After listening to such further suggestions as the conflicting interests had to offer, the commission took the case for final consideration but without indicating when a decision might be looked for.

To those who have been watching the development of the case there seems little doubt that a final and probably amicable adjustment of the matter will be effected. The extension of the bridge to cover the interurban tracks would be only about [illegible] feet, while the interurban would have to obtain a new right of way for a short distance [illegible] along the [illegible] canal [illegible]

[illegible] It is sincerely hoped that no further friction will be encountered in bringing about this final disposition of the question. [illegible]

SLAIN DETECTIVE KNOWN IN OTTAWA

Patrick J. O'Neil, the Chicago detective who was slain yesterday by Teddy O'Connor, the bandit, was according to the county officials, the detective who brought Ghent and Brockitt, the former owners of the Ghent Automobile company, to Ottawa at the time they were indicted by the grand jury for falsely obtaining money from a [illegible] physician.

COMMUNISTS' CAUSE WAIVERS; SHOTS THIN OUT RIOTERS' RANKS

Berlin, March 25.---Belief was expressed today that unless the communists succeed in tying up mid-Germany's industrial areas in a general strike the government will be able to cope with the rioting prevailing at Eisleben, Mansfeld, Hettstedt and Leuna, where the communists are heavily armed.

Fierce Street Fighting.

Eisleben, March 24, 4:00 p. m.—(By the Associated Press)—The street fighting as a result of the communist outbreak which has been in progress in this important copper mining town of Saxony was continuing desperately tonight with a hand to hand combat in the streets. The rattle of machine gun fire, the crash of hand grenade explosions and the popping of rifles has been going on for the last three hours. 2,000 police were holding the east half of the town while workmen were in possession of the western sections. All workers are heavily armed and well disciplined. The railroad station changed hands twice in twenty minutes. The police are now in possession. Bodies of the dead and wounded are lying in the streets, where the victims fell twenty hours ago. Less severely wounded were crowded into doorways. At least twenty were killed and fifty wounded in this morning's fighting. Railroad and telephone communications are cut and no automobilist has been found daring enough to enter the city in his car. The correspondent came into the town on foot.

Paris Terms Revolt "Spurious."

Paris, March 25.—Official circles here regard the communist uprising in Germany as "spurious," basing their judgment on dispatches received in this city.

The latest reports reaching official quarters are to the effect that a large number of Russian bolsheviki succeeded in entering Hamburg, bringing with them large supplies of money for propaganda purposes. The uprising there is attributed for the most part to their influence.

Communists Losing.

London, March 25.—Although the situation arising from the communist outbreaks in Germany is still dangerous, the communists are being overcome by the forces of law and order, according to reports from the different [illegible] from Berlin today.

Investigation of the reported communist attempt to blow up the statue in the Sieges Allee in Berlin is declared to have revealed the existence of a widespread conspiracy of [illegible] which was to have been started before Good Friday.

Government Forces Active.

Berlin, March 25.—Governmental authorities today continued their efforts to crush further communist disorders in Prussian Saxony and in Hamburg, following the first outbreak of violence in many Saxony towns. There came yesterday a period of comparative quiet, but officials proceeded on the theory that new outbreaks might come at any time. Forces of security police were near Eisleben last night and it is believed a clash with the communists, who yesterday were virtually in control of that city, is imminent. Local forces were holding a part of the town, but were being besieged by the communists at last reports.

Organized labor seems not to have lent its support to the revolutionary movement and although there have been a few [illegible] disorders in Berlin, the authorities have been too vigilant to permit anything approaching an organized strike to develop.

Communists have occupied the Blohm and Voss [illegible] and dock yards at Hamburg [illegible] been ejected.

BOY BOOSTERS HOLD MEETING TO RAISE PLAY GROUND FUND

EAST SIDE LADDIES AND LASSIES HAVE SITE ALL CLEARED OFF—NOW LACK PARAPHERNALIA TO EQUIP IT.

The new east side play ground, at the east end of Chapel street, has been leveled off and rolled down, and is now ready for some equipment, if funds to buy such apparatus are ever forthcoming.

The grounds which were donated to the kiddies of the east side by Henry M. Kelly and Charles Geiger, have been cleaned up, leveled off, and put in perfect condition by the boys of east Ottawa, who want some place to call their "own."

The little fellows, with all the enthusiasm of youth, have already planned a big track meet which they intend to pull off next week. The playground is a [illegible] to bring much pleasure to the boys and girls of east Ottawa next summer.

Last night an informal meeting of certain Ottawa men who are interested in the boy question was held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms. While no definite program of action was taken up it was decided that a campaign must be started to raise a fund for the Boy Scouts, and to equip the new playgrounds of the city with paraphernalia for the entertainment of the boys and girls. At the close of this meeting the matter was turned over to Secretary Leo Carroll of the Chamber of Commerce to [illegible] and devise some method or a financial drive to raise the needed funds.

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SHRINERS GO TO CHICAGO POW WOW

[illegible] The Ottawa delegation expects to make a big showing at the meeting.

Close Iowa Bank.

Rome, Ia., March 25.—The Rome Savings bank with deposits of about [illegible] has been ordered closed by the banking department.

BALLOONISTS MAY BE ON GULF VESSEL

Pensacola, Fla., March 25.—Naval authorities here have expressed the belief today that the only hope for the rescue of Chief Quartermaster G. [illegible] and four student pilots, missing since they left the naval air station here when they took the air in a free balloon on Tuesday night, is that some vessel in the Gulf of Mexico may have rescued them.

GOOD WEATHER SIGN HUNG UP FOR EASTER

Washington, March 25.—The weather bureau sent a message of hope and cheer to the women of the United States in a forecast given out today. The message said: "For Easter Sunday the outlook is for generally fair weather and moderate temperature over much of the country."