THE WEATHER
Light rain this afternoon; generally cloudy tonight; Sunday fair; not much change in temperature.
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5
52	53	54	54	55	53	53	55	55	55

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NTRIGUES OF EN TENTE CAUSE DISTRUST AND SPREAD BOLSHEVISM

icals Grin Sardonically at Lloyd George's Alleged Pro-German Policy

UMANITARIAN" PLOT OF PREMIER NITTI SEEN

d Trains Rushed to Vienna, Although Italy Itself Is Famished

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Geneva, May 8.—Secret diplomacy is its zenith in Europe today, eighteen nths after victory that was to put end to it forever. The fact would distressing enough under any circumstances, but it assumes a singularly ouraging aspect in the present state of urope.

In these feverish days of acute so- l crisis, secret diplomacy is neces- rily bolshevism's best ally. All the rious intrigues, plots and counter- ots in which the statesmen of Europe the allied statesmen, alas! as well as e subtle diplomats of the vanquished utral powers—are blindly engaged g along Lenine's sinister plans and vitably serve to promote Red chaos. Will the allied statesmen discern the rmal pitfall into which secret di- macy is enticing them before it is late?

It is no exaggeration to say that the e of Europe today depends on the establishment of absolute unity, of reserved co-operation, between gov- ments of the nations that won the r. If this unity is not created anew, it is dishonestly left in doubt or lantly rent in pieces, Europe will ome the prey of the occult alliance of hevism and Germanism, which is lved to destroy the foundations of mocracy laid by the victory of the tern world over Prussian despotism.

Time to Tear Off the Mask

The time has come when the brutal th must be told about secret di- macy in Europe and its disastrous lts since the conclusion of peace. ed against each other in a subter- ean diplomatic struggle, leaders of victorious nations are madly un- ining their own power and de- ying what little confidence the ples still have left in their wisdom integrity.

typical instance of this destruc- secret diplomacy is the Anglo- nch disagreement over Germany. d George's policy is rooted in a -honored axiom of British secret macy which says that England t always oppose the dominating tinental power in Europe. Germany to be this power, so England op- ed and finally fought against Ger- y.

oday, British diplomats, in view of fact that the German fleet has ased to exist, are of opinion that Ger- y is disarmed and innocuous, and victorious France has taken her as the dominating, imperialistic r of the European continent. nd therefore Lloyd George, quite ally, and fortified by the knowledge he was acting in strict accordance the ancient traditions of British t diplomacy, drew imperceptibly er away from France and nearer to many, until the unforeseen Ruhr ent precipitated his withdrawal disclosed his plan to the astonished ld.

Policy Is Not "Golden Rule"

ck is the simple truth about Lloyd rge's new "pro-German" policy. It nothing whatever to do with loving enemies, or helping the starving an children, or any other kind of sitarian idealism featured in the ion liberal newspapers—it is just t diplomacy, that is all. The ble is that it is hopelessly out of

the first place France's days of eonic domination over the Euro- continent are definitely past. e is victorious and justly proud of lorious achievements on the field of , but the French remain a nation t 40,000,000, physically and eco- ically weakened by war, and it is ab- to imagine that they can ever represent a menace of continen- imperialism. But British secret macy is working on this warped thesis, and is even trying, not out success, to make America be- it.

rthermore, Germany, with an over- ng population of 60,000,000, has encouraged to the verge of imme- revengeful aggression by Lloyd e's antiquated secret diplomacy, s thus threatens to plunge Europe a new Franco-Prussian war, England might have to fight is real earnest, not only to pre- the equilibrium of power on the nent, but as in 1914 for her own existence.

War in 1922 Not Impossible

pparently, honest Germans see this to England more clearly than statesmen hypnotized by obso- diplomatic traditions. A German eral, a member of one of the old- most influential Junker families Prussia, who has honorably re- ed the militarist faith of his fa- assures me that Germany will war again in a couple of years Allies do not remain united. my opinion," he says, "Lloyd

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Premier Nitti's Diplomacy Likely to Cause Downfall

Premier Nitti's secret diplomacy has aroused so much resentment that the overthrow of his cabinet is expected hourly.

B. F. Kospoth shows how Nitti has been sending trainloads of Italian food to Austria in order to prevent an Austro-Jugo-Slavian alliance, although the hungry masses of Italy are on the verge of anarchy.

This policy irritates especially the Socialists, and in trying to placate them the Italian premier has antagonized the Catholics, who are now uniting against him.

DIDN'T KNOW HIS PURSUER

Fred Welsh, Patrolman Pugilist, Knocks Out Man to Arrest Him

Fred Welsh, lightweight boxing champion of the police, was patrolling his beat at Twenty-first and Arch streets today when he saw Gene Edwards, weighing 200 pounds, run out of a boarding house and start out Arch street toward Twenty-second.

Welsh shouted at the man, and when he refused to stop the boxing patrolman gave chase, which led to Twenty-second street, south to Cuthbert street and then east toward Twenty-first.

Near Twenty-first and Cuthbert streets, Welsh overtook the man. Police say he struck at Welsh several times, and when he finally made a move as though th draw a revolver, Welsh landed an uppercut on his jaw.

The 200-pound man dropped to the pavement. He was taken to Hahnemann Hospital and given medical treatment and later placed in a cell at the Fifteenth and Vine streets station. He is charged with carrying a loaded .45-caliber revolver, and resisting arrest.

Police say Edwards created a disturbance at the Arch street boarding-house.

POST DEFENDS BAIL CUTS

Declares He Obeyed Constitution in Reducing Aliens' Bonds

Washington, May 8.—(By A. P.)—Continuing his defense of his conduct in alien deportations, Assistant Secretary of Labor Post told the House rules committee today that in many cases exorbitant bail was demanded by the Department of Justice so as to keep aliens locked up and that in reducing the amount of bail he only followed the constitutional prohibition against excessive bond.

By placing the amount at $1000 instead of $10,000, he said, the government was able to obtain the appearance of the aliens when they were wanted.

Post declared the release of aliens at his direction was justified. At the request of Chairman Campbell, the assistant secretary explained that some newspapermen were influenced in their writings regarding deportations by reason of salaries received from sources other than their newspapers. He told the committee that he "spoke entirely from hearsay."

Mr. Post named Thomas F. Logan, a former Washington correspondent, as one newspaperman who, he said, had received pay from outside sources. Mr. Logan, the witness said, a few years ago received money from meat packers.

METHODISTS FOR SUFFRAGE

Des Moines Conference Asks Delaware House to Ratify

Des Moines, Iowa, May 8.—(By A. P.)—Resolutions asking the House of Representatives of the Delaware Legislature to ratify speedily the federal suffrage amendment were adopted at the Methodist Episcopal general conference today. The conference said it believed adoption of the amendment was desired by an overwhelming majority of the people.

The conference went on record as favoring passage of what was termed by delegates a "Sunday rest law" in the District of Columbia.

Use of cigarettes was condemned by other resolutions submitted to the conference. Approval was given to teaching in public schools the alleged effect of cigarette smoking. The committee on state of church will consider the resolutions.

WHEE! THE SUN'S OUT!

Only It Came Too Late to Help "Straw Hat Day"

This was "straw hat day," but the sun came out too late to do any good.

Oh, yes, it did come out. After a gloomy morning and a rainy afternoon the sun broke through the clouds late this afternoon. Too late, however, to bring even a gleam of brightness to the thousands who had hoped to sport straw hats at Saturday afternoon ball games and athletic events.

The weather man promises fair skies and bright sunshine for tomorrow. Also —best news he's given us for some time—next week is to be bright and "seasonable" in its temperatures, even warming up to a real late spring glow toward the end of the week.

BRYN MAWR REVEL HALTED

Rain Causes Postponement of Fete Until Monday

Too much rain for May-Day revels at Bryn Mawr.

The festival has been postponed until Monday, when the weatherman says it will be clear.

The entertainment of visiting guests will go on as usual. This afternoon Mrs. Mary Roberts Rinehart was given a tea.

CITY LOSES AUTO CASE

A jury before Judge Barratt today awarded a verdict of $4000 in favor of Mrs. Anna McDevitt, and $2000 in favor of her husband, Richard McDevitt, and against the city. The evidence showed an automobile in which Mrs. McDevitt was riding sank into a hole in the street at Broad and Ridge avenue, throwing her violently from her seat, twisting her body and severely wrenching her shoulders.

PEACE DEBATE DELAYED

Washington, May 8.—(By A. P.)—Senate Republican leaders today decided to postpone the calling up of the peace resolution until Tuesday because of the absence of a number of senators.

TWINS WIN AT HORSE SHOW

ESTHER AND MARY B. DU PONT

An unusual event occurred at the Indoor Horse Show today, when Mary B. du Pont won first prize in the combination pony class with her pet, Huntsman, and his twin sister, Esther, was given the second ribbon for her entry. Both girls handled their mounts in almost professional style

THOMSON STARS IN PENN TRACK MEET

Famous Dartmouth Athlete Wins Three Events—Quakers Lead in Games

MAXAM AND BROWN WINNERS

Franklin Field, May 8.—Penn led Dartmouth 38 to 25, with seven events finished in the annual dual meet between the2two colleges.

Fifteen of the points scored by Dartmouth were garnered by Earl Thomson, the big Canadian hurdler. He captured the 120-yard high hurdles by beating out Reynolds, Penn's new high jump sensation.

Thomson cleared the bar at 5 ft. 9½ ins., while the best Reynolds could do was tie Piper, of Dartmouth, at 5 ft. 7½ in.

The 220-yard high hurdle was held up for Thomson's last jump in the high jump. He speeded up the track and toed the mark without a rest, and beat out Smalley, of Penn, by three yards.

Earl Eby, interallied middle-distance champion, won the half mile by fifteen yards from Granger, his teammate, in 2 minutes 1-5 second. Penn finished one, two, three in the 440, Maxam beating out Gronquist by three feet and Gronquist edging out Rogers by one yard.

Eddie Shields won the two-mile race, thirty-five yards separating the Red and Blue lad from Bolles, of Dartmouth.

The first undisputed Penn victory came in the one mile, which went to Larry Brown in 4m. 34s. Irwin, another Red and Blue runner, was second, and Coakley, of Dartmouth, third.

Coach Robertson's boys made a clean sweep in the quarter mile. Maxam, Cronquist and Rofiers finished in the order named. Maxam's time for the 440 was 52s flat.

Earl Thomson's second triumph came in the low hurdles. The famous Canadian athlete ran the 220 lows in 25 3-5s. Everett Smalley again was second and Harrison Frazier third.

Shortly after his victory in the low hurdles, Thomson went out and won the high jump with a leap of 5 feet 9½ inches. Reynolds, of Penn, who surprised in the relays, fell flat, tieing with Piper, of Dartmouth, at 5 feet 7½ inches.

Less than 200 spectators were in attendance, the weeping clouds keeping away the 10,000 or more who were expected to witness the meet. The old army slicker, discarded since the day of discharge, had its inning today.

Scotty, who manicures the track here with a corps of assistants, swept the puddles off the cinder path, but the remainder of the field was a quagmire.

About 100 spectators braved the mud

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MRS. H. E. SCHOENHUT DIES

Descendant of 'Mad Anthony' Wayne Was Seventy-five Years Old

Mrs. Henry E. Schoenhut, a direct descendant of General ("Mad Anthony") Wayne, died last night at her home, 7009 Cresheim road, Chestnut Hill. She was seventy-five years old.

Mrs. Schoenhut was the daughter of William and Hannah Sharpless Lyle, members of two old American families. Her husband, who is in the insurance business, and ten children survive.

The funeral will be held Monday afternoon. Interment will be in St. David's Cemetery, Radnor.

LABOR MAN SEEKS CURE FOR RADICALS

John M. Tobin Attends Economists' Meeting—Hopes to Find Remedy

SAYS P. R. T. MEN ARE SPLIT

A representative of organized labor attended the morning session of the American Academy of Political and Social Science in the ballroom of the Bellevue-Stratford today, to learn, as he explained, what remedy the economists might have to suggest for the present menace of radicalism in labor.

John M. Tobin, general vice president of the International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths and Blacksmiths' Helpers, told the assemblage of economists and big business men that he feared for the future unless some powerful influence were brought to bear to change present conditions.

Incidentally, Mr. Tobin disputed optimistic statements made by the speaker preceding him, A. A. Mitten, of the P. R. T. Co., concerning the harmony existing between the transit officials and the company management.

Sees Big Changes

"In years of active participation in the organized labor movement," said Mr. Tobin, "I have worked side by side with conservative men. I have gone to them frequently for advice, respecting their opinions, always sure to be the opposite to radical. Of late these men have changed; their present views are as radically different from their former views as day is from night.

"We must find some solution. It was in hope of finding some solution that I came here. For years organized labor has fought radicalism. Organized labor is now trying to bring about a peaceful solution. But the tide of radicalism is rising. There are impositions by the employers that must be remedied."

Mr. Tobin then turned to statements

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DOCTOR DRINKER RESIGNS

President of Lehigh University Gives His Age as Reason

Easton, Pa., May 8.—(By A. P.)—Dr. Henry C. Drinker, president of Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa., since 1905, has tendered his resignation to take effect June 15. He will be seventy years old in November and gives his age as the reason.

Doctor Drinker was formerly general solicitor for the Lehigh Valley Railroad Co.

The resignation has been presented to the trustees and accepted.

PHILS AND A'S IDLE

Rain Causes Postponement—No Tilts Until Tuesday

Philadelphia will be without big league baseball until next Tuesday.

The scheduled battle betweem the Phils and the Braves this afternoon was called off on account of rain. It took the Phillies' officials until long after noon before they decided to postpone the engagement.

No game is scheduled for either ball park on Monday. The Phils will be traveling West and the A's will be awaiting the arrival of the Browns.

The A's tilt with Boston also was postponed because of rain.

BUYS CALIFORNIA CANYON TO SHOW RELIGIOUS PLAY

Mrs. W. Yorke Stevenson Seeks to Establish New World Oberammergau—Worked Six Months Preparing Life of Christ, Using Scriptures for Scenes

Mrs. W. Yorke Stevenson, 251 South Eighteenth street, has bought a canyon near Hollywood, Calif., and will use it as the setting for a national religious pilgrimage play.

The giving of the play is contingent only on the enthusiastic support of those interested in establishing in this country a new world Oberammergau.

Mrs. Stevenson has worked assiduously for more than six months on the dramatic work of a life of Christ, using only the Scriptures as her source for actual scenes.

Bible Facts Not Altered

Unlike the Passion Play of Oberammergau, the pilgrimage play depicts the whole life of Christ and the words of the Saviour are given literally without alteration, substitution or interpretation.

The presentation is to be free from creed and sect, and instead of devoting the entire play to religious teaching, the human side of Christ will be brought out. His humor, His sympathy and His mysticism will be dramatically told as He showed it Himself in the Scriptures.

The play is divided into two parts, with three prophetic scenes preceding the first act: the prophecy of His coming, Herod's fear and Proclamation and the Nativity. The first act shows the baptism, the temptation, transfiguration and the episodes of Lazarus and Mary Magdalene.

The second act shows Christ's entrance into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, Gethsemane and the trial. There is an epilogue of the death and resurrection, the appearance and ascension.

Mrs. Stevenson's work has received

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TOWN MEETING MEN AID VARES TO FIGHT MOORE, IS CHARGE

McCaughn, Alliance Leader in 24th Ward, Declares Combine Is at Work

NOMINATING PETITION NAMES CITED AS PROOF

County Employes Said to Be Bucking City Hall in 17th District

The assertion that Town Meeting men are combining with Vare followers to defeat administration candidates was made today by Blakeley D. McCaughn, Republican Alliance leader of the Twenty-fourth ward.

McCaughn has evidence which, he said, proves the combine exists in his home ward. He has been told, he declared, that a similar situation exists in other wards.

The Twenty-fourth ward leader's declaration is important in the general political situation here because Sheriff Lamberton is recognizing Town Meeting leaders and because the sheriff has stated he is "100 per cent" with the administration.

Petitions Give Inkling

McCaughn displayed a list of six signers to the nominating petition for the Vare candidate for the Legislature from the Seventeenth district. It contains the names of Town Meeting men, he said, and the name of a patrolman.

"This shows a combination between the Town Meeting men and the Vare men to defeat administration candidates," McCaughn asserted.

"This shows that the Town Meeting men in my ward, and I am told the same condition prevails elsewhere, are combining with the Vare men to undermine the administration.

"I have placed this evidence in the hands of Thomas W. Cunningham, president of the Republican Alliance and other administration leaders. I want every one to know about this plot."

When questioned concerning the reported combination of Town Meeting and Vare supporters, Sheriff Lamberton said:

"I am against the Vares until kingdom come." Then he added, "But I do not see why candidates should kick any support offered to them in the face."

He said he did not know anything about the Twenty-fourth ward situation except that McCaughn had shown him the evidence he had. The primaries will have to settle the leadership of the ward, he said. He made it plain that the sheriff's office was playing "fifty-fifty" with McCaughn, the Republican Alliance leader, and Charles Horter, the town Meeting party leader.

Lamberton Plays "Fifty-Fifty"

On behalf of McCaughn the sheriff said he appointed Edward T. Farron, while Andrew Botto had been appointed in behalf of Horter.

Asked if he favored alliances between the Vares and Town Meeting leaders, he said, "Most assuredly not. Uncompromisingly not." Then he added significantly, "I do favor alliances between the Town Meeting party and the

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100 OFFER BLOOD TO GIRL

Doctor Among Those Eager to Save Life of 14-Year-Old Lillian Braun

More than a hundred people have submitted themselves to undergo blood transfusion to save the life of fourteen-year-old Lillian Braun, of 1515 North Seventh street, who is in the Lankenau Hospital suffering from hemorrhages.

Among the applicants are a prominent doctor, who refused to allow his name to be used, and Donald Leopold, of the University of Pennsylvania and member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, who was authorized to offer the other members of his fraternity for the operation.

The superintendent of St. Luke's Hospital offered her services and in the list were firemen, sailors, bricklayers, laborers, soldiers.

According to Doctor Smoley who is in charge of the case, the quality of the blood of applicants who have already undergone the test has in no instance proved satisfactory for transfusion. The life of the child depends on this operation.

OPPOSE SPA PARLEY DELAY

French Newspapers Fear Conference May Be Deferred Indefinitely

Paris, May 8.—(By A. P.)—Reports of a possible postponement of the Spa conference between allied and German delegates from May 25 to June 10 have caused a universal protest from editors of newspapers here. They fear the meeting may be deferred indefinitely.

Premier Millerand's visit to London next week for the purpose of conferring with Premier Lloyd George as to indemnity payments will be important, as the British premier is believed to favor the payment of a lump sum by Germany in place of the present plan by which the Allies would be paid an indeterminate amount.

The Germans have not made formal request for the postponement of the conference, but the question was raised informally by Doctor Mayer, the German charge, during a conversation with Premier Millerand.

TUTT! TUTT!

Pays $8.10 to Win in First at Pimlico Track

Pimlico Race Track, Md., May 8.—Tutt won the first race at the Pimlico track this afternoon. The race was for two-year-olds, over five furlongs. The winner paid $8.10, $6.20 and $4.20.

Roseate was second and Hot Stuff third.

The results:

FIRST RACE, two-year-olds, purse $1086.30, 5 furlongs:

Tutt, 103, Fator	$8.10	$6.20	$4.20
Roseate, 110, Lux		19.50	6.50
Hot Stuff, 115, Haynes			6.30

Time, 1:06 2-5. George Bovee, Mary Ere and George C. Jr. also ran.

SECOND RACE, the Green Spring Valley

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EXTRA

1200 MARINES ORDERED SOUTH; MAY BE MOVED INTO MEXICO

A force of 1200 Marines was today ordered to proceed on the Transport Henderson from League Island to Key West, Fla., to be held there for possible service in Mexico, says an Associated Press dispatch from Washington received here late this afternoon.

TODAY'S BASEBALL SCORES—NATIONAL LEAGUE

CHICAGO	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	7	3
PITTSBURGH	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	5	0

Vaughn and Killefer; Hamilton and Schmidt. Kiem & Emslie.

CINCINNATI	1	0	0	1	0	0			—
ST. LOUIS	0	0	0	0	2	0			—

Ring and Rariden; Schupp and Clemons.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

ST. LOUIS	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	4	11	2
DETROIT	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	x	5	5	1

Leverette & Severeid; Dauss & Stanage. Evans & Hilderbrand.

NEW YORK	0	0	0	0	0	—
WASHINGTON	0	2	0	1	0	—

Shawkey and Ruel; Zachary and Gharrity.

CLEVELAND	2	0	0	1	1	—
CHICAGO	0	1	0	0	0	—

Myers and O'Neill; Faber and Schalk.

OTHER BASEBALL GAMES

COLUMBIA	0	0	1	0	0	—
CORNELL	0	0	0	2	0	—

WON'T SWEETEN COFFEE TILL SUGAR IS CHEAPER

EAST PALESTINE, Ohio, May 8.—Five hundred employes of a tire and rubber company here have signed an agreement not to use sugar in their coffee or tea until the prevailing high price of the sweetening commodity declines. The agreement is said to be the first of a number in an attack against the high cost of living.

ALCOHOLIC WARDS IN N. Y. HOSPITALS FILLING UP

NEW YORK, May 8.—Alcoholic wards in city hospitals are filling up because of the disregard of the prohibition law, Bird S. Coler, city commissioner of charities, declared today. He said that if conditions did not improve within the next month he would send out his inspectors "to uncover the real facts" and aid in a more rigid enforcement of the dry law.

COBLENTZ HOTELS OVERCROWDED

COBLENTZ, May 8.—American tourists have been warned by the United States army authorities there is no room in this city for all hotels are crowded. An information bureau has been established by the army, and accommodation for tourists can be arranged for in cities outside of army centers in the Rhineland province.

CITY HALL PRISONER FIGHTS DETECTIVES

"Irish Patsy," Wanted in Maryland for Murder, Makes Two Attempts for Liberty

HUNDREDS SEE BATTLE

Twice today John Kelly, alias "Irish Patsy," arrested as a burglary suspect, battied vainly with detectives to break from custody, staging one fight in the City Hall courtyard with hundreds looking on.

Kelly, who claims no home address and is twenty-eight years old, is wanted by the Maryland authorities for murder, according to Captain of Detectives Souder.

The detective chief said the prisoner's photograph has been identified as that of one of a band of burglars who looted a Sandy Spring, Md., bank recently, killing a bank official and escaping with a rich haul.

The defendant was arrested near Carlisle and Jefferson streets early this morning with two other men.

Makes Dash for Freedom

As Kelly was stepping from a patrol wagon in City Hall courtyard, halted before the "Tower of Sighs" leading to the cellroom, he brushed past a blue-coat and darted across the courtyard.

The patrol crew, City Hall guards and two elevator operators pursued him. The patrol officer made a flying tackle which failed to upset kelly, but gave the others a chance to make a ring about him.

Women pedestrians cried out in alarm

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HOOVER HAS PLAN TO GIVE U. S. SUGAR

Suggests Way to Relieve Shortage Due to Administration Mistakes

END RIVALRY AND RATION

By the Associated Press

Washington, May 8.—Rationing of sugar to manufacturers of nonessentials and an agreement between the United States and foreign countries not to bid against each other for this commodity were suggested today by Herbert Hoover as means of relieving the present sugar situation.

Mr. Hoover's suggestions were contained in a telegram to Senator Capper, Republican, Kansas, in response to one of inquiry from the Senator. Mr. Hoover said the government was primarily responsible for the present situation through the failure to purchase the Cuban crop.

"The present sugar position is due simply to bad business administration," said Mr. Hoover. "Last September the administration could have bought the Cuban sugar crop at six and one-half cents per pound for raw sugar. This would have given twelve-cent sugar to our consumers. As the result of failure to act in this matter, we are participating in the world shortage of sugar due to decreased European production and we are subject to unparalleled speculation and profiteering. The increase in price is imposing an additional tax on our people of about $50 per family per annum.

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REBELS CAPTURE MEXICO CITY, IS EL PASO REPORT

Revolutionists, Commanded by General Hill, Declared to Have Taken Capital

CARRANZA SAID TO HAVE FLED FOR VERA CRUZ

American Embassy Is Cut Off From Communication With State Department

3 STATE CAPITALS REVOLT

Federal Governor of Coahuila Escapes With Public Funds to Nuevo Leon

By the Associated Press

El Paso, Texas, May 8.—Revolutionary forces under General Benjamin Hill have taken Mexico City, according to an unconfirmed report received here today from Chihuahua City and made public by revolutionary leaders here.

The message from Chihuahua said: "It has been confirmed President Carranza left the capital, for Vera Cruz."

Saltillo, capital of Coahuila; Zacatecas, capital of the state of Zacatecas, and Augascalientes, capital of the state of the same name, became revolutionary territory when Generals J. Augustin Castro and Cecaerero Castro, Carranza commanders of the garrisons at the three capitals, revolted with their troops. Torreon, Coahuila, one of the most important strategic points in northern Mexico, also revolted, it is said.

General Espinosa Mireles, Carranza governor of Coahuila, which is the home state of the Mexican president, fled with all the public funds to Monterey, Nuevo Leon, where Carranza adherents were reported concentrating to resist the revolutionists, it was announced.

Rebels Gain Coal Mines

Carranza troops at Las Vacas, across the international boundary from Delrio, Tex., revolted, according to local rebel leaders. Coal mines and towns in northern Coahuila were reported in the hands of the revolutionists.

"Piedras Negras, across the boundary from Eagle Pass, Tex., will fall today," the announcement said. "General Reynaldo Garza, in a telegraphic communication with President Carranza, asked him to resign and said he was holding Laredo notwithstanding the fact his soldiers was on the verge of joining the revolutionary movement."

All railway and telegraph communications between Aguas Calientes, Zacatecas, Torreon and Satillo was reported cut.

Washington, May 8.—(By A. P.)—Mexico City is believed here to have been virtually cut off from communication with the outside world through the destruction of the wire lines by the revolutionists. The State Department has received no word from the American Embassy at the Mexican capital since Thursday.

There is a powerful wireless station in the capital but there was some doubt whether this was in operation. In some Mexican circles, it was suggested that Carranza probably had closed this station so as to screen his activities.

No confirmation of reports that the president had left Mexico City has yet been received here.

POLES CAPTURE KIEV, BOLSHEVIKI ADMIT

Re-enforcements Cover Russian Retreat From Ancient Capital

London, May 8.—(By A. P.)—Polish and Ukrainian troops captured Kiev on Thursday night, according to an official soviet statement from Moscow yesterday.

The Poles advanced by bayonet charges, Bolsheviki defending the villages and the entrenchments on the hills until they were killed or taken prisoners. The main body of the soviet army retired across the Dneiper river in good order. Re-enforcements, consisting of Russian Marines, Letts and Chinese, covered the retreat.

Reports of the capture of Kiev, capital of the Ukraine, were published in a Warsaw newspaper last Sunday, but were later denied. Kiev, recently headquarters of the Twelfth soviet army, is known as "the mother of Russian cities." During the early middle ages it was the capital of the empire. It is situated on the Dnieper river and is famous for its historic churches and educational institutions. The population in 1902 was 250,000.

Kiev has changed hands several times during the fighting between contending groups in the Ukrainian territory and the conflict between the Denikin forces and the Bolsheviki. The latter had been in possession since last December.

JOHN WAS TOO CURIOUS

Enthusiasm for Motoring Ends Badly for City Treasurer's Son

Boyish desire to see if he could operate a certain type of automobile got thirteen-year-old John Shoyer into a pickle last night. The lad is the son of City Treasurer Shoyer, of 415 West Chelten avenue, Germantown.

Patrolman Moore saw the boy inspecting several automobiles parked on Maplewood avenue, near a theatre, and after observing his actions for several minutes picked him up.

At the Germantown police station several keys were found in the boy's pocket, the police say. Mr. Shoyer was reached on the telephone, and he hurried to the station house and took his son home.

Mr. Shoyer said that he had taught his son to drive their car last Sunday, and since then the lad has been eager to learn how to drive various makes.