THE WEATHER
Generally fair tonight and Tuesday with slowly rising temperature; gentle variable winds becoming southerly.
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CHARLES BEATEN IN BITTER FIGHT, BUDAPEST SAYS

Hungarian Government Claims Decisive Victory in Vicinity of Raab

MONARCHIST COLUMNS ATTACKED FROM REAR

Allied Council of Ambassadors Demands Immediate Crushing of Royalist Plot

CZECHS MASS ON BORDER

Rumors Tell of Many Troops Joining Standard of Ex-Emperor Who Seeks Restoration

By the Associated Press

Budapest, Oct. 24.—Hungarian Government forces, fighting against the attempt of former Emperor Charles to regain the throne, have won pronounced successes against the Carlist forces, it was announced in reports to the Government early today.

The reports stated that the town of Raab had been recaptured and that the Carlists were being attacked in the rear.

This attack, it was stated, was being led by Baron Pronay, at the head of the West Hungarian insurgents, who have hurried to the Government's aid.

Other reports show that hand grenade fighting had begun after midnight near Torbagy, thirty miles from Budapest.

Government circles were greatly heartened by the news of the recapture of Raab and that of the operations of Baron Pronay.

The foregoing dispatch, filed by the Associated Press correspondent in Budapest early this morning, indicates that up to that time, at least, former Emperor Charles had not entered Budapest and that a hard fight, with at any rate some measure of success, was being made to keep him away from the Hungarian capital.

Paris, Oct. 24.—(By A. P.)—The troops of former Emperor Charles are closing in on Budapest without meeting much resistance, according to information which reached the Allied Council of Ambassadors here this afternoon.

It is rumored in Vienna that Charles already has entered Budapest, a news agency dispatch reports.

At the meeting of the Council of Ambassadors, the influence of the allied Powers was definitely thrown against the attempted restoration.

The Council instructed the allied representatives in Budapest immediately to demand from the Hungarian Government these things:

First. A proclamation of the forfeiture of all rights of ex-King Charles to the throne.

Second. The placing of Charles under arrest and his expulsion from Hungary under conditions which the allied Powers will fix.

Failing these things, the allied representatives are instructed to inform the Hungarian Government that the allied Powers will decline all responsibilities and the consequences which might result for Hungary.

Reports that there exists an agreement between Italy and Hungary concerning the restoration of former Emperor Charles were denied at the Italian Embassy here today. It was asserted that Italy was not involved in any agreement aimed against the other Powers.

London, Oct. 24.—(By A. P.)—It is reported in Vienna that the British High Commissioner there has declared the Entente will constru he continued presence of former Emperor Charles in Hungary as a casus belli.

The ex-ruler is reported to have declared that if the Entente adhered to its policy of "suppressing the will of the Hungarian nation," then he, as the legitimate King, would sever relations with the Entente.

An ultimatum has been sent to the Hungarian Government by Czecho-Slovakia, giving the former forty-eight hours to secure the removal of former Emperor Charles from that country, says a dispatch from Vienna.

The British Government has notified the Hungarian Government that the latter must take all possible steps for the expulsion of former Emperor Charles from Hungary, it was learned this afternoon.

Support Little Entente

It is stated in well-informed quarters that Great Britain reserves the right to support the "Little Entente"—Jugo-Slavia, Czecho-Slovakia and Rumania—in any action it may take for the expulsion of the ex-ruler from Hungarian territory.

Orders for the advance of the Czecho-Slovak army were expected yesterday. All arrangements for the march against Hungary are said to have been completed. The Czecho-Slovak Government has issued an official statement, decla ing the "little entente" is resolved to oppose the return of a Hapsburg to the Hungarian throne.

An unverified report that former Emperor Charles of Austria has been assassinated has been received by the Exchange Telegraph Company.

Feeling over the attempt of the former Emperor to regain the throne of

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HAWTHORNE EMERY was going to be married to the man she loved. And just before her marriage she had to wrestle with that old, old problem of

"Should a Woman Tell?"

How she solved it and what the consequences were—very unexpected ones—form the theme of this newest and best serial by

HAZEL DEVO BATCHELOR

The first chapter appears today on

The Woman's Page

Wins Divorce

Photo Crafters

MRS. ANGIER B. DUKE

The former Miss Cordelia Biddle was today granted a divorce from the son of Benjamin W. Duke, millionaire tobacco manufacturer

MRS. A. B. DUKE GRANTED DIVORCE

Daughter of Major A. J. Drexel Biddle Wins Decree Against Son of Tobacco Manufacturer

SEPARATED SINCE 1918

Mrs. Cordelia Biddle Duke, daughter of Major A. J. Drexel Biddle, was granted a divorce today from Angier B. Duke, son of Benjamin N. Duke, millionaire tobacco manufacturer.

The decree was issued formally by the Court of Common Pleas No. 1, acting on a master's report recommending a divorce on the ground of cruelty and indignities.

The general charge was not contested before the master. All the evidence in the case was impounded. There were reports that $100,000 a year alimony had been agreed upon.

Mrs. Duke started suit against the son of the tobacco magnate on June 16. Formal severance of the marriage has been long expected since the Dukes separated, in 1918.

They were married in April, 1915, in Holy Trinity Church, Rittenhouse Square. The bride was seventeen years old. Shortly after the wedding the engagement of Mrs. Duke's brother, A. J. Drexel Biddle, to Miss Mary Duke, sister of the bridegroom, was announced.

Since the separation three years ago the young couple have avoided being in the same city at the same time. Mrs. Duke lived in New York while her husband was in Florida or elsewhere. When he returned to New York she took a residence in Bryn Mawr on Montgomery avenue west of Rose lane.

Mrs. Duke has possession of her two children, Angier Duke, Jr., and Anthony Drexel Biddle Duke.

MOTORIST ROBBED OF $2000 IN JEWELS; WIFE IS SHOT

Bandits Fire Upon Auto Driven by Pottstown Man

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger

Pottstown, Pa., Oct. 24.—Held up by three bandits late last night on a lonely road near Cedarville, Chester Freed, a local jeweler, was robbed of jewelry valued at $2000, and also $20 in cash. His wife was shot in the shoulder.

Mr. Freed was having trouble with his machine and, near the farm of Charles Marshall, pulled to the side of the road to permit a machine in the rear to pass. As he was bending down to examine the brakes on his car, the machine following him came to a sudden halt. Three men, wearing masks, jumped into the road and flourished revolvers. One, after uttering several oaths, demanded that Freed throw up his hands and "shell out everything."

Taken by surprise, the jeweler complied. This act required only a short time and the trio continued to swear as they ordered him back into his machine. They told him to drive away just as fast as his machine could travel.

Freed was so excited that he had trouble in meshing the gears on his car. The bandits, evidently aggravated by his delay in getting under way, fired a shot at the car. The bullet struck Mrs. Freed in the right shoulder. It cut a necklace and imbedded itself in her neck. She cried out as she was hit and her husband raced his car into town to a physician's office, where an unsuccessful effort has been made to remove the bullet.

With Mr. Freed, Policeman Gumpert and Detective G'eason visited the scene of the hold-up, but could get no trace of the bandits.

CLUB EMPLOYE SHOT

Michael Bechmeyer Wounded by Mysterious Shot From Street

Michael Bechmeyer, thirty years old, of 1628 North Newkirk street, was shot in the back by an unknown assailant at midnight as he was entering the Fraternity Club of the Yonah Tribe of the Red Men, Marston street and Columbia avenue, where he is employed. He is in a serious condition in the Lankenau Hospital.

After an argument in the club in which several persons were ejected, according to a story told the police, Bechmeyer was told that there was some one waiting outside "to get him." He went out, but seeing no one turned to go back when a shot was fired from across the street. Bechmeyer fell.

Clifford Mead, of 1718 North Twenty-second street, was arrested, charge with being implicated in the shooting. Mead was freed of the charge, but was held in $300 bail as a material witness for a further hearing next Monday.

LINKS SMYTH AIDE WITH CHARGES IN INSURANCE PROBE

Former Judge Gordon Says Evidence Will Connect Goldsmith With Wire-Tapping

PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN CROWD AT DETECTIVE'S HEARING

A declaration that Assistant City Solicitor Clarence Goldsmith will be connected with charges mdae agnst a private detective in the insurance "wire tapping" case was made today by former Judge James Gay Gordon.

Former Judge Gordon is counsel for J. Milton Young and J. M. Zinman, insurance adjusters, who caused the arrest of George F. McCann, a detective, and Harry Fox, janitor of a building at 524 Walnut street.

While Director of Public Safety Cortelyou was testifying, former Judge Gordon interrupted with a remark that "the evidence will eventually implicate Goldsmith in the conspiracy."

McCann and Fox were arraigned on a conspiracy charge before Magistrate Beaton at 1025 Spring Garden street. The office was crowded with public officials and insurance men. Six girl stenographers, who were said to be "planted" in Young's office by McCann, were at the hearing.

After Firebug Ring

In the background of the whole case appears the efforts of the State Insurance Department and, apparently, of some city officials to turn up evidence against an alleged firebug ring. These attempts led to the tapping of telephone wires and efforts to scrutinize the private correspondence of adjusters.

Before Director Cortelyou, the first witness, was called, John R. K. Scott, associated with Judge Gordon, informed Magistrate Beaton that a charge of larceny also would be pressed against the defendants.

In the hearing room at the time were Thomas B. Donaldson, State Insurance Commissioner; James Leyden, chief bookkeeper of the State Insurance Department, and Mr. Goldsmith.

When Mr. Cortelyou took the stand, former Judge Gordo nasked him if he had seen Mr. Donaldson after learning of the alleged wire-tapping.

"I did after a conference with Fire Marshal Elliott," Mr. Cortelyou said. "The meeting was in the office of Murdock Kendrick. I told Mr. Donaldson I would try to find out if he, Donaldson, had any evidence reflecting on the Fire Marshal's office. I asked Mr. Donaldson if he engaged McCann."

The Director continued that Mr. Goldsmith, who was present at the conference, interjected that he, Mr. Goldsmith, had retained McCann, the detective.

"And what did Mr. Donaldson say?" asked Mr. Gordon. Mr. Kendrick, counsel for the defendants, interrupted.

Hints Goldsmith Implicated

"If Cortelyou was there at a conference there couldn't be any conspiracy," he remarked. At this point, Mr. Gordon said the evidence will eventually implicate Mr. Goldsmith.

Director Cortelyou resumed his testimony by stating that Mr. Goldsmith had commented on the "mix-up in the investigation."

HARDING WRITES LETTER TO YOUNG NAMESAKE

Knows Baby Has Good Name, as His Own Parents Gave It to Him

Norristown, Pa., Oct. 24.—President Harding took time from the pressure of executive business to write a letter to a baby who was named for him, Warren Harding. The baby is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Hannaway, father being an ice crea mmanufacturer. The letter:

"THE WHITE HOUSE, Washington.

"My Dear Warren Harding—A friend of yours has just written to let me know that you have arrived in this world within a few days past and have demonstrated an early and appealing discretion by inducing your parents to give to you a good name. I know it is a good name because my father and mother gave it to me. And they were the best people I have known. I hope you will try as hard as I have to do nothing to discredit that name, for I know your father and mother, like my own, would be grieved if that should happen. You have arrived here in a mighty interesting time for the world and will have a chance to be a useful citizen.

"Please do your best to live up to all your possibilities in that direction.

"I wish I could hope to remain as long as you may, for this world is going to be an extremely interesting place during the time you are entitled to stay in it. Please give my kindest regards to your mother and father and thank them for me for the compliment they have paid me in selecting that name for you.

"From your friend,
"WARREN G. HARDING."

SOLDIER SLAYS TWO OTHERS

Members of 27th Infantry Found Dead—Comrade Accused

Honolulu, Oct. 24.—Privates Frank W. Barnard, twenty-two, of Akron, O., and Ernest C. Sprague, twenty-four, of Parkersburg, W. Va., both of Company H Twenty-seventh Infantry, are dead at Forth Shafter, from bullet wounds alleged to have been inflicted yesterday by Private William C. McLachlin, twenty-one, of Edmonton, Alberta.

Officers said no cause for the shooting could be learned. McLachlin will be turned over to civil authorities.

U. S. GETS RADICAL LIST

Names of Communist Leaders Are Found on Prisoner

Andrew Paznor, a Russian who says he lives on Eadon street, arrested yesterday when he shoved alleged seditious literature beneath the front door of a patrolman, was held in $5000 bail by Magistrate Mecleary today.

In his pockets, beside a large amount of literature declaiming against the Government, was found a list of alleged Communistic leaders living in the coal regions. R. D. Clark, an agent of the Department of Justice, said the Government had been trying for some time to get possession of this list.

DETECTIVES SEARCH NAVY YARD FOR WOMAN'S SLAYER

Girl Whose Torso Was Found in Pool Positively Identified by Marine Corps Captain

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger

New York, Oct. 24.—The search for the murderer of the young woman whose dismembered body was found on Saturday in a rainwater pool near Queens boulevard, Long Island City, led today to the United States Navy Yard in Brooklyn. It was there, three weeks ago, that a distressed girl sobbed out the sordid story of her romance with a young naval officer who is married and has several children.

The similarity between the slain girl and the one who appeared at the Navy Yard caused Captain Carey, of the police homicide squad, to send detectives to the Navy Yard.

The information upon which this sudden turn in the search was based was furnished by Captain B. A. Moeller, of the United States Marine Corps, attached to the corps barracks in Brooklyn. After viewing the partitioned body he identified it as that of the young woman who visited him and told her affair with the naval officer. She told him she was about to become a mother, and that she was in need of funds.

Tells Trouble to Officer

Pleading with the marine officer to tell her what to do, the distressed woman said she came from a good family in Green Point, and that she was unable to return to her parents because she had found her sweetheart was married.

Detectives of Captain Carey's staff disclosed but few of the details of Captain Moeller's statement, which was given when the marine officer visited the Morgue and peered long and closely at the features of the slain girl.

From other sources, however, it was learned that Captain Moeller had been sure of his identification and had talked at length concerning the visit of the young woman. When Captain Moeller first appeared at the Morgue, he said he would be able to pick the girl from a hundred, for he had become so interested in the story she had to tell her features were fixed indelibly in his memory. As a result of his statement, the naval officer, whose name he furnished to the detectives, was ordered put through an examination.

Certain in Identification

From an authoritative source it was learned that when the marine officer was taken to view the remnants of the girl's body he looked at the head for some moments before rendering a decision. Despite the length of time the half body was in the drain pool, the cast of the features is well preserved and the hair has not lost its natural color.

"Yes," said Captain Moeller, after a pause, "that is the girl. She has the same eyes, the same nose and the same hair. That is the girl I talked with."

While his wife, who had accompanied him to the Morgue, looked on he explained to the police officials how he first met the girl. After listening to her story, Captain Moeller said he referred her to the Court of Domestic Relations and the District Attorney of Queens County. The girl promised to heed his advice and left the Navy Yard. Not until the newspaper description of the slain girl came to his attention did he again think of her story.

LLOYD GEORGE SEES IRISH "CHALLENGE"

British Prime Minister States Attitude on De Valera's Message

GOVERNMENT WON'T RECEDE

By the Associated Press

London, Oct. 24.—Prime Minister Lloyd George, answering a question in the House of Commons today regarding Eamon de Valera's message to Pope Benedict, said the publication of Mr. de Valera's message, especially in the middle of the peace negotiations, constituted a grave challenge.

"The position of the Government on the question involved in that telegram has been made abundantly clear," the Premier continued. "We do not propose to recede from it, and the conference cannot proceed on any other basis."

Sir Thomas Bennett asked whether the Sinn Fein colors were not displayed over the door of the house occupied by the Sinn Fein delegation, and whether this was not a great provocation to the people in that district.

Mr. Lloyd George replied that he had been assured the colors were not displayed, but if they were he quite agreed with Sir Thomas' observation. Mr. Lloyd George then added:

"I cannot imagine why all these follies are being perpetrated at a time when there is a real desire to negotiate for peace. It seems as if some people are doing their very best to make this impossible."

Collins Back From Dublin

Michael Collins, Minister of Finance in the Dail Eireann Government, who went to Dublin on Saturday, returned here last night. It was understood that Prime Minister Lloyd George had laid before the Irish delegates certain questions affecting Irish allegiance to the British Crown, and there was a belief that Mr. Collins had gone to Dublin to talk the situation over with his colleagues. It was supposed he brought a communication from Eamon de Valera, and it was felt that upon this answer and the attitude taken by the Dail Eireann delegates would depend the continuance of the negotiations.

Everywhere, except in irreconcilable quarters, hope that the conference would continue was expressed this morning, and it was argued that, with good will on each side, a way out of the difficulty created by Mr. De Valera's message to Pope Benedict could be found. At the same time it was contended that if the Sinn Fein representatives indorsed their leader's works it was hardly possible to see how a rupture of the conference was avoidable.

The possibility of the Government appealing to the nation through a general election, should the conference fail, assumed considerable prominence over the week-end and many newspapers referred to it today, but there was not much concrete expression of opinion. The Daily Mail referred to the suggestion as "childish nonsense."

The London Times today earnestly reiterated its desire for an Irish settlement. It urged that, even if an agreement in the conference itself was impossible, a complete rupture need not follow. In such an event, the newspaper favored a referendum in Southern Ireland on the question of allegiance to Great Britain.

Sinn Fein Pessimistic

At Sinn Fein headquarters here the attitude of hopefulness which had prevailed gave way to pessimism after the return of Michael Collins from Dublin, the fear being expressed that insistence upon a declaration of allegiance to the King by Premier Lloyd George would result in the breaking off of the conference.

It was pointed out on behalf of the Sinn Fein, that this condition was repudiated by the Dail Eireann, and that there was substituted for it the formula of "association with the British Empire." The Sinn Fein, it was declared, is willing to continue the conference according to that formula, but will not accept allegiance to the King, at least until the bargain is finally made.

BOY, HIT BY AUTO, DIES

Ten-year-old William Rea, who on Friday was hit by an automobile near his home at 3115 Dauphin street, died this morning in the Woman's Homeopathic Hospital. John Gallagher, twenty-eight years, of 2453 Percy street, has been held without bail to await a further hearing.

POISON RUM KILLS MAN ON "JOYRIDE"

Another in Critical Condition. Autoists Bought Liquor in Washington

POLICE HOLD TWO IN PARTY

One man is dead and another is in a critical condition in the University Hospital from liquor believed to contain wood alcohol and bought at a Washington drug store, according to police of the Sixty-fifth street and Woodland avenue station.

The dead man has been identified as S. M. Bell, sixty-five years old, 315 Pennsylvania avenue, Washington. The man believed to be dying is Roy Bechtel, of Indianapolis.

John Slone, Thirteenth and Shunk streets, and James Price, Shallcross street, Wilmington, were in the same automobile with Bell and Bechtel.

Patrolman Stewart, of the Sixty-fifth and Woodland avenue station, saw the car parked at Fifty-third street and Woodland avenue. Slone and Price were changing a tire. The bluecoat, acting under recent orders to challenge all motorists after midnight, questioned Price and Slone and discovered the other two unconscious in the tonneau.

Stewart arrested the entire party. Bell was taken to the Misericordia Hospital, where he died a half hour later. Physicians said death was caused by wood alcohol.

Police found in the automobile a bottle labeled "alcohol," supposedly a liniment containing a high percentage of ethyl alcohol. The label bore the name of a large Washington drug store.

Price, after he regained consciousness at the hospital, told the police that he had joined the party in Wilmington and that he had not previously known either Bell or Bechtel. Slone, he said, was picked up somewhere in Maryland.

To the best of his recollection, Price said, neither he nor Slone drank of the stuff which is supposed to have caused the death of Bell, though both had been drinking.

Police have been ordered by Magistrate Dugan to hold Slone and Price as material witnesses.

GIRL WHO DEFIED BEACH CENSORS FLEES ASYLUM

California Writer Refused to Roll 'Em Up in Atlantic City

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger

Atlantic City, Oct. 24.—Shore police were advised today of the escape of Louise Rosine Johnson, California writer, from the State Insane Asylum at Trenton. She was taken into custody here last summer following her heated refusal to roll 'em up and badly battered up Patrolman Ed Shaw when he attempted to arrest her.

The comely coast girl appeared on the beach in a forbidden one-piece suit and stockings well rolled down. The outfit shocked the beach censor because it showed no respect for rigid so-called propriety rules promulgated at City Hall.

ONE KILLED IN AUTO UPSET

Several Others Injured When Driver Loses Control of Car

Cape May, Oct. 24.—One man was killed and several others were severely injured when one of the Reliance busses blew a front shoe at Dead Man's Curve in Cold Spring, three miles north of this city, yesterday afternoon, crashed into a telegraph pole and turned turtle.

George Bohm, of Wildwood, a passenger, died after being taken to the Wildwood Hospital.

The bus had about eight passengers on board and was running at a good rate of speed to connect with the Ocean City bus at the Wildwood boulevard. The driver lost control when the shoe blew on the curve. The driver was locked up in the Wildwood jail to await the Coroner's inquest.

JAIL FOR MRS. BURKETT

Sentenced to Three Years for Forging Roosevelt's Name

New York, Oct. 24.—(By A. P.)—Mrs. Emma Richardson Burkett, of Hillsdale, Ind., today was sentenced to the penitentiary for forging the indorsement of Theodore Roosevelt to a note for $69,900.

The length of her sentence is limited to three years.

STRATH HAVEN INN ROBBED BY THIEVES WHO GAG GUARD

Lock Watchman in Cellar Closet of Swarthmore Hotel and Get $50 in Loot

MEN MAKE ESCAPE ON GUESTS' BICYCLES

Two burglars broke into Strath Haven Inn, at Swarthmore, early yesterday morning, bound and gagged the watchman, stole $50 from the office money drawer and escaped on two guests' bicycles, which they later abandoned.

John Caldwell, fifty years old, the night watchman, was bound so tightly it took him two hours to roll and crawl up to the apartment of F. M. Scheible, owner of the hotel, after battering his way out of a locked closet.

The burglars were young Negroes, Caldwell said. He was making his rounds at 2 o'clock in the morning when suddenly confronted by them. It developed later they had forced an entrance through a cellar window.

Caldwell had patrolled the grounds and most of the first floor of the hotel without finding anything to arouse his suspicions. He was carrying an electric flash lamp, but had left his revolver in the office desk.

Robbers Spring at Watchman

The office communicates with the kitchen at Strath Haven Inn. Caldwell passed through the door leading into the kitchen, flashing his lamp about before him. He was astonished at the sight of two crouching men, who sprang on him as the rays of the lamp struck them.

"Boss, you got one thing to do, and that's easy—just keep quiet," said one of the two. Then they thrust a gag in his mouth and secured it, bound him tight hand and foot and carried him down the cellar to a closet, where they tossed him. They shut the door and made it fast with a turnbuckle.

Caldwell lay there helpless for a half hour while the burglars worked. They made no attempt to enter the rooms of any of the guests, and found little of value on the first floor. They took Caldwell's revolver, which they found in the desk and carried off $50.

It was because of the lateness of the hour, police believe, that the burglars stole the bicycles.

The trolley cars had stopped running, and the burglars were in too great a hurry to walk. They found the guests' bicycles and took them along as a handy means of locomotion.

As it happened they did not get very far with their stolen mounts. They were found later in the day in Morton, at Darby and Media avenues. One of the riders evidently had been in a collision, as his wheel was smashed. With only one bicycle between them, apparently the burglars had decided to walk, or perhaps had boarded an early train or trolley through Morton.

Caldwell Struggles to Get Free

Caldwell, left in the closet in the cellar, was aware of the departure of the burglars by a cold draft which he felt blowing under the closet door. He knew it must be sweeping down the stairs from the first floor, and must come from a door left open by the departing burglars.

Therefore he began to struggle to free himself. He was too tightly bound to do any more than wriggle around until his back was to the wall and his feet against the door. Then he began to press with all his strength, and at last the turnbuckle flew off the door and he was free.

The most extraordinary feature of his adventure was the journey up the stairs to the owner's room which followed. Bound as he was, all he could do was roll across the floor and painfully wedge himself up the stairs, each step taking several minutes.

It was 4 o'clock when Mr. Scheible heard a bumping sound at his door, and opening it saw the huddled figure of Caldwell. The watchman was released and told his story. Police were called immediately, but the burglars had two hours' start and got away.

Police believe the two burglars had been attracted to the hotel by the fact there was a dinner-dance there that night, with a chance to hold up some of the guests. If this was so, the plan went awry, because most of the guests came in their cars, and there was no chance for a hold-up. The hotel is well filled at present with its usual fall colony of Philadelphia society people.

TOKIO'S ARMS DELEGATES DEVOTE DAY TO CALLING

Welcomed at Washington—Exchange Courtesies With Diplomats

Washington, Oct. 24.—(By A. P.)—A formal visit of courtesy to Secretary Weeks as the head of the American Army and Major General Harbord, acting chief of staff, was the first function today of the Japanese delegation to the conference on armaments and Far Eastern affairs.

The delegation was headed by Major General Tanaka, chief military adviser of his Government, and Vice Admiral Kato, senior naval officer. Later the delegation paid a similar call to Secretary Denby, of the Navy. Receiving with Secretary Denby were Assistant Secretary Roosevelt and Admiral Koontz and their aides.

The Japanese contingent is the first from the Governments invited to participate in the conference to reach the capital. The principal group of Japanese delegates is now en route to the United States.

Greeted at the station by officials of the Government, the delegates who arrived yesterday were given a vociferous welcome by crowds along the street as they proceeded to their hotel under cavalry escort.

NEW POLICY SHOWN IN R. R. RATE-FIXING

"Scientific" Basis Yields to Social and Political Considerations in Latest Cut

U. S. MUST MAKE UP LOSS

By CLINTON W. GILBERT

Staff Correspondent Evening Public Ledger

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Washington, Oct. 24.—The Interstate Commerce Commission's decision cutting the freight charges on grain and hay implies a step forward in Government control of railroads or at least Government responsibility for the financial success of railroads.

Rates have hitherto been made to secure an adequate return upon capital invested. These new rates are made, not with regard to the financial condition of the railroads, but with regard to the finanical condition of the shipping farmers.

What has been done in the case of the farmers may be, and doubtless will be, done in the case of other shippers, and you have rates made upon a social and political, rather than a scientific basis. If rates on this basis do not yield an adequate return, the next logical step will be making up the deficiency by the Government on the ground of the social value of the service the railroads perform.

Here in Washington it is believed that the railroads will not contest the decision upon hay and grain rates. The Government has a powerful club over the roads in the proposed payment of $500,000,000 in war claims and in the 6 per cent guarantee clause of the Esch-Cummins law. Both of these are in effect subsidies, for in the case of the $500,000,000 payment they will receive what the Government owes them and are permitted to defer payment of what they owe the Government, and the guaranteed earnings are frankly a subsidy.

Guarantee Against Losses

If the railroads should contest the rate-cutting decision, Congress would never authorize the $500,000,000, and it would probably also repeal the guarantee clause of the Esch-Cummins Law. Thus there is in effect a system by which the Government makes rates, not upon operating costs, but upon the needs of the industries affected by the rates, and guarantees the roads against losses.

The division of authority over rail-

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U. S. ARMS DELEGATES MEET

Confer on Policy to Govern Their Actions at Conference

Washington, Oct. 24.—(By A. P.)—The American delegates to the Conference on Limitation of Armaments were again in conference today in Secretary Hughes' office at the State Department.

They continued their review of data prepared for their use by various Government agencies and the preliminary discussion of policies which will govern their actions when the conference assembles.

BLUENOSE LIFTS SAILING TITLE

HALIFAX, N. S., Oct. 24.—Bl[illegible], of Lunenburg, [illegible] defeated Elsie, of Gloucester, in the second international [illegible] men's race and won the sailing championship of the North Atlantic, captured last year by the Globe-[illegible] Esperanto.

R. R. WATCHMAN IN JAIL FOR ALLEGED SHOOTING

BROWNSVILLE, PA., Oct. 24.—Morris Huffmaster, [illegible] road crossing watchman at Ten Mile Run, near here, [illegible] charged with shooting Clarence Spence, who is [illegible] hospital with a wound in the lung. According to the authorities, Huffmaster fired at some men when they moved toward him after he had ordered them off railroad property. Huffmaster reported to railroad officials that the men attacked him [illegible].

PASTOR BREAKS QUARANTINE

Leaves Haddonfield With Four Cases of Smallpox in Home

The Rev. William Boone, pastor of the Colored Baptist Church, located in the smallpox district of Haddonfield, who had four cases of smallpox in his home, broke the quarantine Friday night and left town.

New Jersey police and health officials who are searching for him say he will be locked up immediately on apprehension. The health authorities of Collingswood have placed placards in all parts of town advising citizens to be vaccinated.

TOWNLEY VERDICT STANDS

Supreme Court Upholds Conviction of Non-Partisan League Head

Washington, Oct. 24.—The Supreme Court refused today to review the conviction under Minnesota laws of A. C. Townley, president of the National Non-Partisan League, and Joseph Gilbert, manager of its organization department.

Persons paying Federal taxes under protest cannot bring proceedings to recover such taxes against a successor of the collector to whom the taxes were paid, the Supreme Court held today in deciding a case brought by the Indiana Steel Company.

RAILROAD LABOR BOARD HOPES TO PREVENT STRIKE

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CAN'T CANCEL WALKOUT, BROTHERHOOD HEADS WARN

Again Tell Federal Tribunal Settlement Alone Can Deter Men

UNION FORCES ARE SPLIT

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Latest Developments in Railroad Situation

The Labor Board announced that it had "reason to hope" next Sunday's strike will be averted.

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Only one-fourth of railroad employes have agreed to quit work, nine of sixteen "standard" unions opposing a strike at present.

Freight movements have begun on a Texas road, where a strike began last Saturday. Passenger service continues regularly.

By the Associated Press

Chicago, Oct. 24.—The Railroad Labor Board announced that it had "reason to hope" that the railroad strike set for October 30 would be averted.

In a formal announcement the board warned the public to "refrain from loose talk and provocative language about either side of the controversy."

The announcement said:

"There is a great reason to hope that the strike will be averted. The Railroad Labor Board has settled 700 disputes between the railroads and their employes in about a year and a half. Many of these disputes contained the possibilities of strikes or lockouts.

"The board is anxious to get the present dispute out of the way in order that the restoration of sound business conditions may proceed.

"All good Americans should refrain from loose talk and provocative language about either side of the controversy. Neither of the parties should be alarmed or irritated by unwarranted denunciation or insinuations from irresponsible sources."

Brotherhoods Reiterate Warnings

The four big brotherhoods and the Switchmen's Union, however, have reiterated their warning to the Labor Board that only "satisfactory settlement" can prevent the strike. The presidents of the five unions, replying to the board's citation to appear here Wednesday, sent a joint message, reasserting the stand they took at their conference with the board last week, when they insisted they had no power to suspend or call off a strike unless a settlement in accordance with their demands was reached.

"The only power in our hands," the union executives telegraphed, "is to advise four men that a satisfactory settlement has been reached."

If the strike is called there are indications today that the strikers may find themselves without any directing leaders. As the board has summoned the 1400 general chairmen of the five unions to come to Chicago with their general officers, a prolonged hearing would leave the locals without leaders.

The strike call provided that the general chairmen should supervise the strike and be responsible for its conduct in the territories within their jurisdiction, reporting each night by wire the situation on their lines.

Long Drawn Out Hearing

The Labor Board today is hunting a hall large enough in which to hold the hearing. Besides the five union presidents and 1400 general chairmen, the presidents of 165 railroads in the Class A group have been ordered to appear and with attorneys and friends of both sides an audience of nearly 1800 was in prospect.

While the board statement says "there is great reason to hope that the strike will be averted," the strong stand of the union executives as set forth in their acceptance of the board's order to appear here Wednesday indicated a long, drawn-out hearing.

Members of the board, according to all reports, are still unprepared to offer any different basis for a settlement than the proposition made to the union officers last week and rejected by the labor chiefs. It also is understood that Washington has no plan to present, at least at this time, and that the three members of the board who conferred with the President a week ago were told in effect that they had a free rein to work out their own solution, with the Administration backing them.

Whether the refusal of nine of the sixteen "standard" unions to support the strike has weakened the brother-

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DIES IN FALL FROM CHAIR

Baby Tips Over Backward While at Table With Parents

Tipping over backward while seated at table with his parents, Fred Roessler, one-year-old, sustained a fractured skull and died last night at his home, 1700 North Marston street. The child was seated in a highchair and fell back when he tried to push himself away from the table.

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