

Weather Prediction:  
Partly cloudy, with slight temperature change tonight.  
Cloudy Tomorrow.

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## RUSSIANS RESUME ADVANCE—SLOWNESS OF LEGISLATURE IS DEFENDED BY EDGE

### EDGE DEFENDS LACK OF SPEED IN LEGISLATURE

Declares People Should Not Object to Few Weeks More for Reform's Sake

### WANTS FEW LAWS, BUT PROMISES KEPT

President of Senate Replies to Criticism — Declares Republicans Are Endeavoring to Make Good and Calls Attention to Important Issues at Stake—State Finances Bothersome

President Walter Edge of the Senate feels that a few weeks added to the Legislative session ought to be appreciated by the people of the State, provided promises made are carried out and the number of laws is kept down to a minimum.

Edge replied to criticism of the do-nothing policy of the Legislature. He said: "I notice some newspaper comment criticizing the Legislature because it has been in session ten weeks and only some twelve or fifteen acts have actually been made. I have the impression that the people of New Jersey were becoming weary of over-legislation and instead of the Legislature's action in not hurriedly filling the statute books with more or less needless acts, personally hope the net result of the session, so far as numbers of acts are concerned, will be to make along this line. Of course, we have important platform pledges still before us and I am equally desirous that these be enacted into law, and I have no doubt the most important will be before the Legislature completes its labors."

**IMPORTANT ISSUES.** "In the meantime, however, it must be remembered that this present Legislature has probably dealt with more universally important questions than has the average Legislature for a number of years. Take the local option issue. It was not even up for a vote last year; this year, it has been the subject of a long and important discussion and certainly is an important question and has of necessity consumed much time. The same may be said of the amendment last year. It was not even discussed. This year its importance has been the subject of a long and important discussion and the press of the state, and as a result it has received such consideration as to be before the Senate and possibly will likewise be in the House.

### NEW JERSEY WILL ESCAPE STATE TAX

All fear of a direct State tax for New Jersey, when every member of the Joint Appropriations Committee, which has concluded its labors with a confidence that the State will be able to pay its expenses this year and that's about all. This means there will be no earlier adjournment of the Legislature than was generally expected.

### LOCAL OPTION BEATEN, 44 TO 13; HAMMOND FOR IT, OLIPHANT AND WEART OPPOSED; BRYAN HISSIED

The much vaunted strength of the local option sentiment in the Legislature was entirely dissipated when the bill presented in the Senate by Senator Gaunt and passed by the upper house came to a vote in the Assembly early today. From 3 o'clock last evening until nearly 1 o'clock this morning the members talked about the measure in favor of the local option proposition, and nearly every one of the 60 members had his little say.

### COUNTY TAXBOARDS SPARED BY WHITE

With His Vote, Democrats Kill Committee Substitute for Pierce Bills

When Senator White, of Burlington, voted with the Democrats this afternoon, he prevented the abolition of the county tax boards of the state. The Senate considered the committee substitute for the Pierce tax bills and among other provisions it would have caused the abandonment of these boards and would have ousted 44 Democrats from office.

### WITNESS SAYS MAN CONFESSED MURDER

Driver of Taxicab Testifies as to Fiorelli's Statement Following Capture

That Alpine Fiorelli, on trial in Mercer Court for the murder of his wife, confessed that he committed the crime, was testified to this morning by Duilio Giovannetti, who drove the taxicab in which the alleged murderer attempted to escape to New Jersey. Giovannetti acted as interpreter at the First District Police Station the night of the capture.

Antonio Marolda, and Patrolman James Deane heard the testimony of Giovannetti, who stated that the state contends that Fiorelli premeditated the murder of his wife. Marolda testified to having tried to effect a reconciliation between the defendant and his wife, and when the latter refused to again live with her husband, he exclaimed, "I will take her life." The witness was subjected to cross-examination.

### GRADE TEACHERS NAME MISS HINMAN AS HEAD

Miss Caroline L. Hinman was elected president of the Grade Teachers' Association at a meeting of the organization yesterday afternoon. Officers include Miss Helen West and Miss Lydia Beers, vice president; Miss Jane McKee, secretary, and Miss Isabelle Goulding, treasurer.

### GREATEST CROWD EVER

In all the history of Legislatures in this state there has never been such a crowd to hear the debate on any bill as the gathering present last night. There were hundreds who could not even get near the door of the Assembly chamber, and once in a person would have to stay inside until released by the movements of the crowd. They stood on chairs and in windows, men and women, and the assembly was fully a third as large as the crowd that gathered to hear "Billy" Sunday.

### LA MONTE WON'T YIELD POST AS BANKING CHIEF

State Commissioner Makes Vigorous Denial of Rumors That He Planned to Resign Berth

### FEDERAL POSITION DOESN'T INTERFERE

Appointment as Deputy Reserve Agent and Vice Chairman of Board of Directors of Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia Believed to Have Been Cause of Stories That He'd Quit

Commissioner of Banking and Insurance George M. La Monte today made a vigorous denial to the stories that he has gained circulation to the effect that he intends to resign his position as the head of the Banking and Insurance Department.

### SECOND "CAN DAY" WILL BE OBSERVED

All Workmen Are Asked to Help Poor of City by Relief Workers

Because several of the industrial plants of the city failed to receive notice of the observation of "Can Day" last Thursday, workers who did not contribute then are asked to do so this Thursday when a second "Can Day" will be observed.

### SAYS DR. HAMMOND IS NOT A MANIC

Dr. H. A. Cotton Brands Story in Morning Papers Untrue. Says He's Recovering

Dr. H. A. Cotton, medical director at the New Jersey State Hospital for the Insane, today denied the story appearing in morning papers that Dr. Frederick Hammond was a maniac. Hammond was now a raving maniac as the result of being infected with the meningitis germ. The articles which stated that Hammond had died from death by a treatment which he had discovered himself, but that now he was a patient at the hospital.

### MERCHANTS PLAN BIG PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN

Trenton retail merchants will meet this evening at the Chamber of Commerce to perfect plans for the manufacture of the campaign for the relief work for this year. Secretary Salter has interested a large number of the merchants in the campaign, which gives promise of being the largest of its kind in the history of the city.

### 1 DEAD, 7 MISSING, IN HOSPITAL FIRE

MUNCIE, IND., March 22.—At least seven persons were killed and seven more who were four or five are thought to be dead, and the Delaware County Infirmaries five miles away, is almost totally destroyed as the result of a fire of unknown origin in that institution early this morning.

### FIRE MENACES BUSINESS DISTRICT IN ST. PAUL

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 22.—Fire early today threatened the destruction of a large portion of the downtown district. The fire started in the basement of a building on the corner of the elevator shaft to the Nichol Export School, a business building, it soon spread to neighboring buildings.

### Just Among Kiddies

"Say, pop, were pennies made for collection?" asked a small boy of his father Sunday afternoon when the ushers were passing the plates at a religious service.



FRANK H. HUTCHINS.

### URGING HUTCHINS FOR COMMISSION

Potters' Vice President is Advocated as Representative of Labor

One of the latest names to be seriously urged for City Commissioner, at the election in May, is that of Frank H. Hutchins, national vice president of the Brotherhood of Operative Potters, and one of the recognized able labor leaders of the country.

Mr. Hutchins is being seriously urged to get into the contest by his numerous friends throughout the city, who feel that he would make a particularly fitting representative of the working people in the city governing body.

### ORDER PROTECTION AMONG FOREIGNERS

WASHINGTON, March 22.—State Department officials today were endeavoring to protect foreigners in Tampico, anticipating that fighting will soon reach there.

### HEAVY PUNISHMENT WILL BE METED OUT TO VIOLATORS OF TRAFFIC RULES, JUDGE SAYS

Following several careless infractions of the local traffic rules, Judge Naar in Central Police Court today announced that he will hereafter punish traffic offenders to the full extent of the law. Despite the frequent warnings of the Court to careless drivers of automobiles and horses, the violations of the traffic rules continue, and Judge Naar has decided to take drastic steps to safeguard the lives of the public. The Court also announced that no excuses will be considered.

### 239TH DAY OF WAR

RUSSIA—Russians, enthused by fall of Przemysl, begin mighty sweep toward Hungary and crown land of Bukovina. Occupation of Przemysl begins. GERMANY—Germans, driving Russians out of Memel, push them back 12 miles over own border and capture town of Krottingen.

## OCCUPATION OF PRZEMYSL BEGINS WHILE HALF MILLION RUSSIANS SWEEP FORWARD; KROTTINGEN NOW OCCUPIED BY GERMANS

### JAPAN STILL SILENT ON INQUIRY OF U. S.; ISSUE VITAL--WILSON

WASHINGTON, March 22.—No reply has been received yet, President Wilson explained to callers today, to the American inquiry addressed to Japan on the Chinese situation. This is the President said today, designed to develop just what Japan actually had in mind in connection with her negotiations with China. Original demands had been changed and reduced a number of times. The President said, and this government, as the friend of both parties, desired to know just what the situation was.

### MEXICANS CONDOLE AMERICAN'S DEATH

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Through General Palafax, the Mexican City Villista authorities today formally apologized to the Brazilian minister, who is acting for the United States in the Mexican capital, for the murder there of John B. McManus, American, according to State Department advices.

### PARIS GETS FRESH ZEPPELIN THRILL

PARIS, March 22.—In a drizzling rain thousands of Parisians paced the streets until nearly dawn today awaiting the arrival of another Zeppelin reported on its way to Paris from General Von Klueck's headquarters near Soissons.

### MEANING OF WAR MOVES

NEW YORK, March 22.—The fall of Przemysl may have an important effect on an early ending of the war or the gain for the Allied cause may equally be frittered away by incompetent Slav leadership. The situation now confronting the Allies is admirable for the delivery of a powerful offensive in the direction of Budapest; but it will be in accord with previous Russian strategy if the desire to accomplish too many things at once wastes the sudden advantage now resting in Grand Duke Nicholas's hands.

### Seen This Morning

—Hungry-looking dog following meat wagon for several blocks. —Girl fixing "blonde" locks while looking into mirror of bureau on a furniture wagon. —Man delayed in following his wife aboard trolley car, inadvertently sitting down with wrong woman, to amusement of watching friends.

### Mutiny Among Starving Austrians Forces Surrender of Great Fortress, Troops Refusing to Charge Foe Unless Fed—Slavs, Driven Out of Memel, Pushed Over Own Border

PETROGRAD, March 22.—Half a million Russian troops, inspired by the news of the fall of Przemysl, are sweeping forward in gigantic advance all along the Carpathians, according to War Office dispatches today. From the Dukia Pass region to the borders of Rumania, the Slavs are driving southward in a mighty sweep toward the plains of Hungary and the crown land of Bukovina. General Seliwanoff's army of 150,000 men began entering Przemysl today. Tentative terms of surrender were agreed upon late yesterday at a conference between General Kusmanek, the Austrian commander of the fortress city, and Seliwanoff. The war office says that the terms were public, but it is certain that General Kusmanek and the remnants of his disease-ridden garrison will be accorded full honors of war.

### CIVILIANS KILLED BY GERMAN BOMBS

PARIS, March 21.—A German aviator, dropped three bombs in the city of Rheims, killing three civilians, according to War Office dispatches today. The German bombardment of the town, reported in yesterday's official communication, was continuing rapidly, according to the latest dispatches from the War Office.

### MRS. VANDERBILT REAR RAID BY ZEPPELINS

LONDON, March 22.—Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, enroute to New York after supervising the work of the American ambulance hospital in Paris, today reported several Belgian civilians. No damage was done to German military works, at which the bombs evidently were aimed.

### DOGS OF TRENCHES DIE WITH SPY, WHO USED ONE AS TOOL TO BETRAY ALLIES' SECRETS

BY PHIL RADER. (Copyright 1915 by United Press.) LONDON, March 1.—(By Mail.) Demielle was the spy of all spies. He lived with us in our trenches, he shot at the Germans and caused them as much trouble as he could. But all the time he was sending messages to them. And when he was caught in the act, he kept silent like a man. Our officers took charge of him and he disappeared—executed, we heard. In the early days of the war, when foreigners in Paris were forming a foreign legion, Demielle, a splendid looking, big man, with a beard that gave him a distinguished appearance and a manner that was the essence of courtesy, got his name in the list and was accepted. He had money in unlimited quantities and before he departed from Paris to the front he gave parties right and left to little groups of comrades. His profession was that of an engineer of a sugar-making engine and he knew every inch of the sugar beet country in which our regiment was finally stationed.