

Cloudy and unsettled tonight and Sunday; rising temperature Sunday and in west and north central portions tonight.

Current Comment

We Can Sympathize.

A foreign correspondent for one of the larger American newspapers writes that the German republic, weakened by grafting office holders and politicians, is passing through a stage so critical that at this time one can be found with the ability to form a new cabinet. Marx abandoned effort this week, after several futile attempts. According to the correspondent's report, the Tenth Dome scandal was a quiet one, as compared to those prevalent in German political circles. Americans familiar with their history can sympathize with Germany in her troubles. This country only escaped lasting disaster in the early days of its present form of government, and the causes were largely the same. The central government was a figurehead against which the states leveled their scorn and criticism. Congress was weak, the army was rampant, intelligence was a premium. Only by almost superhuman effort was Washington a Hamilton able to hold things together and, finally, give to congress that new start from which its dignity and authority ultimately were to develop.

The German republic was born under conditions somewhat similar to those from which sprang our own, and its difficulties are in many instances the same. There may be said to be even greater obstacles to overcome in Germany than there were here in the seventh and eighth decades of the eighteenth century.

We Get a Rest.

President Coolidge, for whom the campaign slogan, "Keep Cool with Coolidge," was happily conceived, asked congress to desist from its spot tempest about the alleged inequity of the United States navy. Yesterday the house naval affairs committee honored the executive's request. Representative Fred Britton of Illinois, who has been doing most of the agitating and who forced the measure before the committee yesterday, announced that he would drop his demands for further inquiry and legislation proposed to strengthen the navy. He will wait until the next congress convenes.

The heated debates of the last few weeks would seem to create disturbing doubts as to Uncle Sam's ability to defend himself whenever some jealous and ambitious nation decides that a war should be forced on America. Just when that war will come, or who will be so courageous as to start it has not, of course, been made a matter of record. The program with which the press has been filled would lead to the belief that war may be expected at almost any moment, and that if we prepare for it immediately we will have taken action none too soon.

This Is Not News.

The Couzens senatorial committee investigating prohibition enforcement has come to a decision that is neither surprising, encouraging nor unusual. It reports that the eighteenth amendment can not be properly enforced under existing laws. Serious friction is noted between enforcement agents and United States district attorneys in various sections, and specific instances are cited as examples. But the greatest difficulty encountered is not at all related to this lamentable lack of unity. It pertains to the obstacles met, in trying to prevent the illicit manufacture and sale of liquor that is more apt to kill than to satisfy. The still in the old coal bin or covey shed is harder to find in most instances than the proper solution to the latest cross word puzzle.

The Start And Goal.

Dr. Edward A. Steiner, whose recent noonday talk here was one of the season's outstanding events, has a new subject on which he will speak this evening in Des Moines. It is "We Know Where We Are Going, But We Have To Start From Here." Without having heard Dr. Steiner deal with this original topic, it is easy to imagine how interesting he might make it. It is not, however, so easy to accept the flat assertion that we know where we are going as it is to realize that, no matter whether we may go of our own volition or drift with the tide, we must start from where we are. Dr. Steiner always deals with worst conditions as he finds them, not as he or anyone else would like

EDSON SPEAKER NEXT IOWA HOUSE

Defends U. S. Stand On Debts

LOYD GEORGE SAYS EUROPE HAS NO KICK
Balfour's Plan For Cancellation Given Praise; Baldwin Gets Blame.
By DAVID LLOYD GEORGE. (Former British Premier.)
LONDON, Jan. 10. — (By Cable.)—The Paris conference is, or ought to be, full of interest to the war-burdened taxpayers of the world. Bluntly, it is a conference at which certain nations will be engaged in maneuvering to shift part of the burdens they incurred during the war on to the shoulders of their comrades in the struggle. It is an unpleasant spectacle, however much diplomacy and journalism may strive to disguise its implications.

New Candidates For Cabinet Job. Being Groomed
WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(By Associated Press).—There were increasing indications today that Charles B. Warren of Michigan would be the choice of President Coolidge for attorney general.

SAHARA! THAT'S WHAT AMERICA IS GOING TO BE
Wet Leaders To Support Legislation In Congress To Dry Up Nation.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(By International News).—A tightening of dry law enforcement, through legislation giving prohibition officials greater powers in their war on bootleggers and rum-runners, was in prospect in congress today as the outcome of a series of investigations into activities of the prohibition bureau.

CONVICT GAVE FAKE NAME TO PROTECT KIN
"Mystery Man" Sent Up For Murder 31 Years Ago Freed By Kendall.
DUBUQUE, Jan. 10.—(By International News).—Hugh Robb and Leon Hardy, who has served thirty-one years of a life sentence imposed after being convicted of slaying Henry Talcott and Theodore Frith, railroad policemen, are free today. They were released from Fort Madison penitentiary by order of Gov. Nate Kendall on the eve of his retirement.

STORM LAKE CANDIDATE WINNER
DES MOINES, Jan. 10.—(By Associated Press).—In a session that lasted scarcely half an hour, republicans of the Iowa house of representatives this morning chose Representative W. C. Edson of Storm Lake, as the speaker of the new house, named Oscar Olstead of Wright county, speaker of the senate, and C. Gustafson of Des Moines, chief clerk.

PARDON BRIBE INVOLVES SON OF GOV. DAVIS
Young Man Trapped By Kansas City Reporter; Father Makes Denial.
TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 10.—(By Associated Press).—Kansas' political circles were agog today with the allegation that Russell G. Davis, son of Gov. Jonathan M. Davis, accepted \$1,250 and delivered a pardon to Fred W. Pollman, former president of a Kansas bank, and convicted forger.

So far, the British taxpayer has had nothing to be ashamed of in the matter of inter-ally indebtedness except, perhaps, the extreme simplicity of some of his championing. They have contrived to put him in a position where he is paying all his liabilities whilst he, who lost the battle, appears as the much heavier debtor of him. His reward is a light conscience and a heavy tax.

Two senate committees today studied declarations that prohibition could not be "properly" enforced under the present Volstead act. One, general counsel for the anti-saloon league, won endorsement from dry leaders who previously opposed any tampering with the Volstead act.

The technical right of the United States to elevate the guns and the question of costs, the work would entail are looked on by the President as minor considerations in comparison with the question of reverting to armament competition.

Hardy, entered in the criminal records as Leonard Hale, was only 28 at the time of the double trial at which he was the center of attention. He was polished, good-looking and highly educated. It was generally known that Hale was not his name and he became a sort of mystery man. Rumors were woven about him and such was the action of a prominent eastern family.

Mr. Edson's name was placed in nomination by A. G. Ressler of Pocahontas county, who had been one of the strongest supporters of Representative Harrison. Half a dozen members of each faction rose to second the nomination and the vote was by acclamation.

The transaction took place in a hotel room here and was exposed by the Kansas City Journal, whose representatives in conjunction with Pollman, had set a trap for the governor's son. Gov. Davis, whose term expires next Monday, admitted his son had been "involved" into accepting the money and asserted the affair was "a frame-up by political enemies to get me."

At the Paris conference, he is to be pressed to put off all expectations of receding anything from his debt quota for years. All interest is meanwhile to be suspended. At the end of the moratorium, such interest as may be paid must be at a negligible rate, not on the other hand, the quota received by Britain of German reparations must immediately be reduced.

As a result of Wheeler's recommendations there was a possibility that for the first time wet and dry in congress would unite to make prohibition enforcement real. The most prominent wets in congress—Senator William J. Wheeler, Democrat of Maryland—have urged stricter enforcement for years, contending that a bone dry rule would arouse such popular approval as to bring about repeal of prohibition.

The court issued the ouster order in its ruling on the state order to drive the Klan out of Kansas brought three years ago by Attorney General R. J. Hopkins.

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The mysterious case of A. J. Schrader's death New Year's eve, will be settled by the grand jury as far as official action goes, next week. County attorney W. J. Barngrover said today. He declared that he has several witnesses which he will summon before that body Monday or Tuesday.

Glenn Davis was granted a full pardon by the governor December 20, last, Pollman said. Gov. Davis in his talk with Glenn Davis said, according to Pollman's affidavit, that if Pollman paid his son's life term, a pardon would be issued to Pollman and that perhaps Glenn Davis might also get a full pardon.

LOCAL WOMAN DIES, AGE OF 104 YEARS
Mrs. Ellen Hurd, Born In Ireland, Came To Iowa When It Was Still A Wilderness State.
(CEDAR RAPIDS NEWS.)
Mrs. Ellen Hurd, one of the oldest persons in Iowa, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Fuller, 1635 Fifth avenue, at 1 p. m. yesterday. About three months ago Mrs. Hurd fell to the floor while walking and slightly injured herself. Since that time she had been bedfast. She was 104 years old.

The Couzens committee, directly investigating prohibition, members had under consideration a report from John S. Pyle, its chief counsel, declaring the present law can not be enforced. Pyle produced evidence showing that "dissuasibility" of the prohibition until functioning under the Volstead act. He recommended numerous legislative changes.

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Taxation Estimated.
Taxation a head in 1923 or 1923-24 was estimated in sterling at: United Kingdom, fifteen pounds eighteen shillings; France six pounds eighteen shillings and two pence; United States (federal) six pounds fourteen shillings and ten pence; Italy, three pounds six shillings and eleven pence; Germany (reich) four pounds one shilling and four pence; Austria (including two provinces) eight pounds and one penny; Switzerland three pounds nine shillings and eleven pence; New Zealand six pounds three shillings.

Iowa House Will Be Minus A Farm Bloc, Says New Speaker
DES MOINES, Jan. 10.—(By Associated Press).—There will be no farm bloc in the new Iowa house of representatives, in the sense that any group will organize and split the house to promote the ascension of agriculture over other interests of the state, if Willis C. Edson, who was chosen speaker for the coming session can prevent it.

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Black Sheba Kills Her Sheik In Omaha Railroad Station
OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 10.—(By International News).—When a Missouri Pacific passenger train arrived here from Kansas City shortly before noon today, Mamie Madison, Negro, of Omaha, alighted from a chair car and walked back along side the train to where Elijah Washington, Negro pullman porter, Kansas City, was assisting passengers to alight.

Klan Women Take Nebraska Charter
LINCOLN, Jan. 10.—(By Associated Press).—The women of the Ku Klux Klan, of Nebraska corporation, yesterday filed the original articles of incorporation with Secretary of State Charles W. Poole, for the purpose of becoming a Nebraska corporation.

Communist Head Fired On As He Enters Leningrad
BERLIN, Jan. 10.—(By International News).—The head of the communist international, was fired on when he appeared in Leningrad, according to a news dispatch from Moscow today. The reports which Zinoviev was unharmed and his assistant was arrested.

Woman Dies From Poisoning Caught From Her Husband
SIOUX CITY, Jan. 10.—(By International News).—Blood poisoning, contracted while dressing an infected thumb of her husband, caused the death this morning of Mrs. Karen Windfield Holm, and her husband, suffered from the infection which spread from his thumb through his entire system, is not expected to live.

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Mrs. Willebrandt May Be Placed On The Federal Bench
WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(By Associated Press).—Appointment of Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, not an assistant attorney general, to the vacancy in the federal court for Northern California, is understood to be under consideration by President Coolidge.

YOUR HOME—HOW TO DECORATE IT
The Evening Gazette is publishing daily, a feature on interior decorations of the home, which is attracting a great deal of attention from those who are interested in making the home more attractive. These articles tell how to give that deft touch to decorations—furniture and the like—to make the home more alluring and cozy. They describe antiques, in fact they leave nothing untold that tends to make the home more lovely. Marian Moore, an expert in interior decorating, is the author. Every article is informative. Be certain to read them.

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Firebug Active, 6 Fires In Sioux City
SIOUX CITY, Jan. 10.—A firebug is again busy in Sioux City, according to firemen and police who in the ten hours preceding last midnight responded to sixteen fire alarms. At least six of these were positively asserted to have been purposely started. The largest loss, about \$2,000, was suffered by the Consumers Ice company, when a large quantity of hay burned.

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