

THE WEATHER

Unsettled weather tonight and Wednesday. Probably snow. Not much change.

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RUSSIAN TRADE ARGUED HOTLY IN HOUSE QUIZ

Demand on State Department for Information Paves Way in Committee.

MASON ON SOVIET SIDE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Arguments for and against immediate resumption of trade relations with Russia were heard today by the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

A resolution introduced by Representative Dallinger, Massachusetts, was under consideration. It asks the State Department for information in its possession concerning the conditions in Russia, its present production and the character of commodities it has for sale, together with the commodities it must purchase and its ability to pay for them.

The State Department also is asked for information as to the kind of government in Russia and whether individual rights of life and property are being observed, whether property can be had by an individual owner, whether it is taken by the State without compensation and in due process of law.

There is a further inquiry whether the present authorities in Russia are conducting in this and other foreign countries propaganda for the overturn of present forms of government and the overthrow of existing family life and of Christianity.

Representative Mason of Illinois, a member of the committee, championed the cause of the Russian authorities, holding that this country should immediately reopen trade relations with the present Russian authorities and cease interfering with the Russians in working out their own permanent form of government.

Many witnesses were heard by the committee.

LIQUOR WITHDRAWALS EXCEED THOSE OF '20

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Withdrawals of liquor for charitable purposes during 1920—the first year of national prohibition—were nearly three times as great as during 1919. Commissioner of Internal Revenue Williams today informed the House Appropriations Committee.

In 1920 these withdrawals, representing all the liquors for which permits are issued under the Volstead law, totaled 38,814,676 gallons. Williams said, while in 1919 the amount was only 14,445,161.

RIVER AND HARBOR BILL CUT AND PASSED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The House today voted, 205 to 120, against increasing appropriations for river and harbor work during the next fiscal year to \$25,000,000.

It then passed the rivers and harbors appropriation bill, carrying a lump sum of \$15,250,000 for the maintenance and continuation of projects already started.

EMERGENCY TARIFF APPEARS DOOMED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The doom of the Fordney emergency tariff bill at this session of Congress seemed certain today.

Tomorrow the Senate will vote on a cloture rule which would limit debates on the measure. A two-thirds vote is

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BERGDOLL QUIZ TO BE PROPOSED

Germans Seek to Forestall Further Alienation of U. S. Sentiment.

BERLIN, Feb. 1.—An explanation of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll's entry into Germany and his escapes since, will be demanded in an interpolation prepared by members of the People's party to be introduced in the Reichstag today.

Leaders of the party said a recent attempt at kidnapping Bergdoll carried with it the possibility of still further alienating American sentiment.

It was reported here that Colonel Stone of the American Army appeared before the German Foreign Ministry to apologize on behalf of General Allen, who was taken by soldiers in the attempted kidnapping. General Allen was said to have denied responsibility for the incident.

A new complexion has been put on the cases of Charles Neaf of Baltimore, and Frank Zimmer in connection with the attempt to seize General Allen, the chief of the American military authorities that the men were attached to the United States army of occupation on the Rhine. Neaf and Zimmer are still in jail at Eberbach, but it was expected new steps will be inaugurated looking to their release.

Woman Who Hid \$100 in Old Shoe Now Out

The Shoe Bank, first cousin to the "Lila First National," isn't the safest place in the world in which to put money, according to a report made to the Indianapolis police today by Mrs. Carrie Downing of New Palestine, R. R. No. 2.

Mrs. Downing came to Indianapolis last week on a shopping tour and among her purchases was a pair of shoes. She wore the new shoes, leaving the old ones to be sent to her. She got her old shoes all right, she told the police, but \$100 that she had concealed in the lining was missing.

Bedford Man Dies Suddenly in Auto

Special to The Times. BEDFORD, Ind., Feb. 1.—William Duncan, 59, of Lawrence County, surveyor, died suddenly today in his automobile in the city from a sudden attack of heart trouble. In the car with him was Curtis McPike, Deputy Sheriff. He is survived by a widow and two grown daughters.

WEATHER

Forecast for Indianapolis and vicinity for the twenty-four hours ending 7 p. m. Feb. 2: Unsettled weather tonight and Wednesday; probably light snow; not much rain; temperature 30 degrees.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE.

6 a. m.	26
7 a. m.	27
8 a. m.	28
9 a. m.	29
10 a. m.	30
11 a. m.	30
12 (noon)	30
1 p. m.	30
2 p. m.	29



Hundreds Killed When Dam Breaks



RAIL PROBLEM MAY REVERT TO U. S. CONGRESS

Interstate Commerce Committee Prepares Data to Deal With Situation.

VARIOUS ANGLES SHOWN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Members of the House and Senate Interstate Commerce Committee today were quietly discussing the railroads in their respective committees, but did not discourage friends from appearing again before the Senate Judiciary Committee today to urge amnesty for him and others convicted of violations of the espionage, draft and other wartime acts.

Nor did the fact that it was Attorney General Mitchell Palmer who recommended freedom for the draft and other wartime acts.

It is the intention of President-elect Harding to call a special session of the Senate to meet on inaugural day to confirm Cabinet appointments and such other as the incoming President care to announce at that time.

So far as is known, the session March 4 will be honorary. Vice President Marshall will swear in his successor, Calvin Coolidge; the Harding appointments will be confirmed and it is then likely that the session will adjourn.

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CLAIMS ECONOMIES ARE PREVENTED

Against the wishes of W. F. Kline, attorney of the Pennsylvania line, the Department of Justice should proceed against so-called "reds" in Philadelphia, he explained.

"The wholesale raids of last January met with the results that might have been expected," Kline said. "Out of some 4,000 people arrested only a few hundred have been actually deported, and while many of those deported have been sent home, we do not have to bear the added shame of a large number of ill-conceived hit-or-miss deportations."

"That we have been saved from this disgrace is due to the courage of Assistant

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PALMER FOES RENEW FIGHT TO FREE DEBS

Wilson's Denial of Clemency Fails to Check Demands in Senate Quiz.

ASSAULT RAID METHODS

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TRACK ELEVATION FIGHT DEFEATED

Judge Hay Dissolves Restraining Order.

The action of Judge Linn D. Hay, Superior Court, room 2, today, in dissolving a restraining order against a number of railroads and the Meat Constructors' Council, was upheld by the court in completion of the track elevation program.

The restraining order was first granted by the Circuit Court and the case was transferred to Judge Hay's court. The defendants were the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the Illinois Central Railroad Company, and the Meat Constructors' Council.

The Gates company objected to the construction of cement pillars on which the track elevation was to be placed at Davison, Indiana.

Efforts to obtain a statement from the

comptroller upon the balance in each fund at the end of 1920 were made several times during January without success.

"We got our report out last year. In February," said the comptroller, "but he didn't have his available until in the fall of his last year in office. He said he always sent his report to the city council and that that was what he intended to do this year."

Section 3 of the new law on legal advertising, found on page 67 of the acts of 1920, thirty (30) days after the enacting clause, was held unconstitutional.

Within thirty (30) days after the enacting clause, each county, except that shall be the duty of the clerk (or controller) of each civil city and town in the State of Indiana to publish, in conformity with this act, an annual report of receipts and expenditures of each city or town, showing the same by funds and appropriations, as is now provided for by boards of county commissioners.

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comptroller in reply to such

requests that his books had not been

published were rejected.

AUTO Driver Faces Drunkenness Charge

Fred Meyers, 29, 1125 North LaSalle street, was arrested in the early morning and charged with driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor last night after an automobile which he was driving struck a team of horses hitched to a gravel wagon driven by Miller Walters, 2160 North Rural street.

The horses were knocked down.

Pete Eptich, 30, 925 East Washington street, was struck by a car from a broken leg. Eptich several weeks ago broke his leg in an accident in a Chicago factory. The fracture was mending and he was walking with crutches. While in a drug restaurant 230 East Washington street, his crutch slipped and he fell, breaking the leg in the same place as the old injury.

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The Marion County grand jury re-

sumed its hearings today when Handel M. Ball was accepted as a juror to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of one member.

Indications are that a report will be

made tomorrow or Thursday.

FINERY FOR U. S. PUTS YANK'S FRENCH FIANCÉE IN PRISON

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