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CONGRESS, WEARY FROM MONTHS OF BITTER FIGHTING, PASSES PENSION BILL AND QUITS

Acting Mayor Couch Liberates 258 Prisoners

BLANKET PARDON CLEARS STOCKADE AND DAIRY FARM

Indicted Alderman Says He May Never Again Be Able to Benefit So Many People.

JUDGE HOLLOWAY OPPOSES ACTION

Court Records Indicate Acting Mayor May Have Exceeded Authority in Some Cases.

J. Allen Couch, indicted alderman from the fifth ward and in Mayor Ragsdale's absence to welcome Bobby Jones back to America acting as mayor, Thursday ordered the release of 258 prisoners serving sentences in the stockade and at the McDonough road dairy farm for violation of city ordinances.

Darktown Decatur rejoiced and launched a pre-Fourth of July celebration when news reached it that, under the Couch order extending clemency, 225 negroes and 55 negro women would be released. Twenty-three white women and 55 white men received their freedom under the blanket pardon.

There were scenes of rejoicing at the Dairy farm where the women, black and white, and the 55 white men were in confinement for offenses as serious as driving cars while intoxicated and reckless driving. Almost en masse, the liberated misdemeants started a pedestrian trek to the city, singing and shouting between appeals for free transportation.

Couch's Statement.

Although the official order was terse and without comment as to the motive which actuated him, Mayor Pro Tem Couch declared he believed that by giving the offenders their freedom on the Fourth of July, Independence Day, they will make better citizens.

"If the people of Atlanta will receive those who were incarcerated in a Christian spirit, I believe many of them will have learned their lesson," he said. "If even one of them reforms as the result of this action, I will feel that the effort was not in vain."

Acting on Couch's order, Tom C. Morris, superintendent of prisons, late Thursday began turning the prisoners out, and by midnight the cells were cleared.

Text of Couch's letter follows:

"Mr. T. C. Morris,
Superintendent of Prisons,
Atlanta, Georgia.

"Dear Mr. Morris:

"I have upon this date issued executive clemency in the cases of the city of Atlanta versus the following named persons to wit, the names and the case numbers hereto attached.

"This order is effective upon receipt of this communication to you and will authorize you to liberate each person enumerated in attached communication at once.

"Very truly,
(Signed) "J. ALLEN COUCH.
"Mayor pro tem."

In signing the order Couch issued the following statement and waived all legal technicalities in carrying out his intention to "sweep the prison clean of inmates for the Fourth":

"All my life I have wanted to do some charitable act for my fellow men. Something which would really do them good. I have never had money enough

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Auto Death Verdict Lost by Mrs. Allen

A $15,000 verdict was returned in federal court Thursday against Mrs. Bona Allen, of Buford, in a suit by the heirs of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Smith, of Spartanburg, S. C., who were killed in an automobile accident near Lawrenceville, Ga., last year.

The petition asked $75,000 damages, averring that Mr. Smith earned $8,000 a year as superintendent in a cotton mill and had a normal expectation of life of 20 years. The petition averred that the Smiths' car was traveling along the Dixie highday, and was struck by Mrs. Allen's car, which came from a side road.

Plaintiffs were C. O. Smith, Daisy Pearl Smith, Albert Smith and Carey Smith. The last two named were minors.

The defendant immediately after the verdict filed a motion for a new trial, which was set for hearing July 31.

3-Year-Old Girl Drowns in Sewer

Child Drowns

BETTY DONALDSON.

Betty Donaldson Falls Through Manhole in Lot in Rear of Her Aunt's Home.

Grim tragedy again struck the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Donaldson, 1024 Sells avenue, when their pretty 3-year-old daughter, Betty, died shortly before 7 o'clock Thursday night after having been rescued from a sewer line at 67 Ormond street, S. E., into which she had fallen. Efforts to revive her by applying a pulmotor failed.

The little girl's mother was ill at her home, having been discharged from Grady hospital only Wednesday, and an aunt, Mrs. Jack Langdon, at whose home Betty had been staying while her mother was in the hospital, and in the rear of whose home the child fell through a manhole opening into eight inches of water, was prostrated.

Child Disappears.

Mrs. Langdon, upon leaving her work at the police station, where she is stenographer for Chief of Police James L. Beavers, Thursday afternoon, went to the Donaldson home to see how Mrs. Donaldson was and invited Betty home with her. While Mrs. Langdon was attending to some work about the house, Betty strolled out in the back yard to play. When she did not return in a few minutes, Mrs. Langdon instituted a search which became frantic when Betty's favorite spot had been searched and no trace could be found of the child.

It was Mrs. J. N. Samples, a neighbor living across the street at 68 Ormond street, S. E., attracted by Mrs. Langdon's calls who joined in the search and finally located the body. A passer-by, L. F. Beall, of 74 Auburn street, responded to Mrs. Langdon's cry also and pulled Betty out of the hole, about three feet underground. An ambulance was summoned from Harry G. Poole and Betty was rushed to the Central Fire station where firemen fought for an hour in a vain attempt to resuscitate the child.

Once, about half an hour after Betty had reached the fire station, firemen though they detected a faint gasp and they redoubled efforts in the hopes that the little girl's life might be brought back from a watery death.

Lost Another Child.

It was a particularly sad loss for the Donaldsons because Betty, a second child, had compensated as much as another child could for the loss, two years ago, of a little boy, Louis, Jr., who died from an attack of diphtheria when just 3 years old.

It was the request of members of the family that Mrs. Donaldson, who was not told of the new tragedy in their home until Betty died at fire headquarters, that she be told of her loss by Rev. William H. Albert, pastor of the Western Heights Baptist church.

Betty was the niece of Councilman Ellis Barrett and City Detective Barrett.

Children who had been playing in the yard of the Langdon home previous to Betty's visit there Thursday afternoon are thought to have lifted the lid off the manhole and Betty's child-like inquisitiveness is believed to have caused her to peep into the hole, lose her balance and fall.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed Thursday night.

DR. W. A. SUTTON HEADS EDUCATORS

Atlanta Superintendent Made President of National Association.

Election of Dr. Willis A. Sutton, superintendent of the Atlanta city schools, as president of the National Education Association at Thursday's session of that organization in Columbus, Ohio, brought to Atlanta the honor of having one of its distinguished public figures chosen to head the outstanding body of educators in America.

Pitted against Joseph Rosier, president of the Fairmont State Normal school in West Virginia, and with the southern educators voting solidly for the Atlanta candidate, Dr. Sutton received 604 of the convention's 1,052 votes.

Dr. Sutton will be inaugurated at the final session of the convention which will be held at Ohio stadium today. The gavel and official habiliments of the presidency of the group of school leaders will be turned over to him by Miss E. Ruth Pyrtle, of Lincoln, Nebraska, retiring president who visited Atlanta early this year. Miss Pyrtle automatically becomes first vice president.

Not only is Dr. Sutton widely known as an educator but his contributions to state and civic enterprises have distinguished him as well. In 1929 he was selected as state chairman to organize the celebration of Georgia's 200th birthday in 1933, the anniversary of the founding of the colony of Georgia by General Oglethorpe. In outling a program for this event he placed especial emphasis on education and plans for progress rather than on mere retrospect and reminiscence.

People More Important.

He is an ardent disciple of that school of philosophy which holds that people are more important than things and while no means oblivious to the advantages of material progress, he has expressed the view that Georgia's citizens are her greatest asset and that more time and money should be appropriated to improving their lot, especially in the matter of providing schools for her children. A record he likes to cite, in public addresses, is that the state has a complete history of the transfers of title to land from the time General Oglethorpe landed up to now but that neither the city nor the state instituted vital statistics to record births until 1920.

Dr. Sutton is native of Danburg, Ga. After a preliminary education he graduated from Emory college, now Emory University, with a Ph. B. degree in 1903 and an LL. B. in 1904. He took a post-graduate work at Vanderbilt University and Columbia University. Oglethorpe honored him with A. D. Ped. in 1923.

Entering his teaching career as principal of the Fredonia, Ala., high school, he served there three years and became pastor of the Methodist church in Ashland, Ala. After two years in the ministry, he resumed teaching as principal of the Clay High school in Ashland, remaining at that post until 1912 when he became president of the Northwest Alabama Agricultural college. After a year there he came to Atlanta as professor of English in the Tech High school, becoming head of the department in 1915 and in 1917 being elevated to principal. He resigned as Tech principal in 1921 to become head of At-

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July 4th Brew Hits Detectives

A case of home brew, neatly wrapped and—probably—planned to quench a Fourth of July thirst was confiscated by Atlanta detectives Thursday afternoon.

Roy Bazemore, 36, of 111 Fair street, in whose possession the synthetic reminder of pretzels was found, drove his automobile head on into one in which Detectives Satterfield and Barrett were riding on Hardee street near Whitefoord avenue. Bazemore was placed under a $200 bond to answer charges of violating the state prohibition law, speeding and reckless driving.

Georgia Shipments Top Peach Movement

With the exception of 233 cars, Georgia has shipped all of the peaches which have moved in the United States this year, it was revealed Thursday in figures released by the state bureau of markets.

The entire United States through Wednesday had shipped a total of 2,693 cars, of which Georgia growers furnished 2,460. California and the two Carolinas are the only states shipping within the past two or three days, it was said.

On July 2 the total movement was 126 cars, Georgia shipping 122 of the number. On July 1, 148 cars were shipped, of which Georgia contributed 143. Of 188 cars which moved on June 30, Georgia shipped 180.

HUNTER BROTHERS ARE STILL ALOFT AFTER 535 HOURS

Engine Throws Oil Over Landscape But Boys Are Ready To Stay Up Two More Weeks.

CHICAGO, July 4.—(U.N.)—The endurance plane City of Chicago sprayed the countryside with oil today while John and Kenneth Hunter battled to stay in the air until after the Fourth of July.

After 535 hours, more than three weeks, of roaring around Sky Harbor airport the engine was spitting oil at 12:40 a. m., C. D. T. It lathered over the blue and orange wings of the second-hand monoplane, drenched the cabin windows and dripped on the ground below.

New offers of money flowed into the brothers. Vaudeville engagements, movie stardom and fabulous sums for testimonials were offered them. The $100-an-hour reward paid by an oil company for every hour they stayed in the air above the old 420-hour record stopped after they had obtained $10,000.

"We are getting used to life in the air now," said John in a radio talk. "I don't know when we'll come down. It's up to the motor. 'Beans' and I are good for another two weeks."

Plans and announcements cluttered the atmosphere, but the principal effort seemed to be keeping of the plane flying during the holidays, both on account of the profits and because the brothers were afraid to land tomorrow.

Sky Harbor airport, far on the outskirts of Chicago, is bankrupt. Its field practically is unguarded. Its police consists of two men. Tremendous crowds expected today will swarm over the field. Authorities will be powerless to stop them. If the plane comes down, said officials connected with the flight, death and injury of scores is almost a certainty.

Rotating at an average speed of 1,600 revolutions per minute, the monoplane's propellor had twirled about 50,880,000 times in the 530 hours elapsed at 5:40 p. m. (c. s. t.) today. The tip of the eight-foot blade had travelled about 240,000 miles, the distance of the moon from the earth.

Students of mathematics on their holiday tomorrow might check these figures, too:

Each piston in the motor, chugging up and down 5 1-2 inches, has moved some 8,835 miles in its narrow confines and the nine pistons have covered 79,515 miles.

PEACE IS TALKED AT LEGION MEET

W. A. Sirmon Is Principal Speaker as Convention Opens in Gainesville.

GAINESVILLE, Ga., July 3.—(AP) The men who really know war talked mostly peace as the annual convention of the Georgia department of the American Legion got under way here Wednesday.

The speeches contained firm and proud notes, but were tempered with pleas for peace.

There was some hilarity and much good fellowship—it couldn't be otherwise with the hundreds who "soldiered" together—but the men who have grown middle-aged 12 years after their great adventure generally preferred to talk of the future and what it holds instead of the past and its horrors.

W. A. Sirmon, of Atlanta, department adjutant, erased the glamor and heroics from war and said that if profits were taken from wars there would be less agitation for conflicts. For every two American soldiers killed in the World War, he said, one millionaire was made in this county by war profits.

To the women who didn't rear their boys to be soldiers, Mrs. James Maddox, of Rome, president of the Georgia auxiliary, had a word of rebuke.

"Our answer to those women," she said, "is that we are rearing our children with the idea that if they accept protection from our flag they must defend it from dishonor."

Her speech was made at a flag-raising ceremony that opened the convention.

The veterans got down to business early after registration. It was estimated that approximately 5,000 members of the Legion and auxiliary were preseint.

Addresses of welcome were delivered by Edgar Dunlap, commander of the Gainesville post: Judge W. P. Whel-

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Atlantans Plan Diversified Programs For Celebration of Independence Day

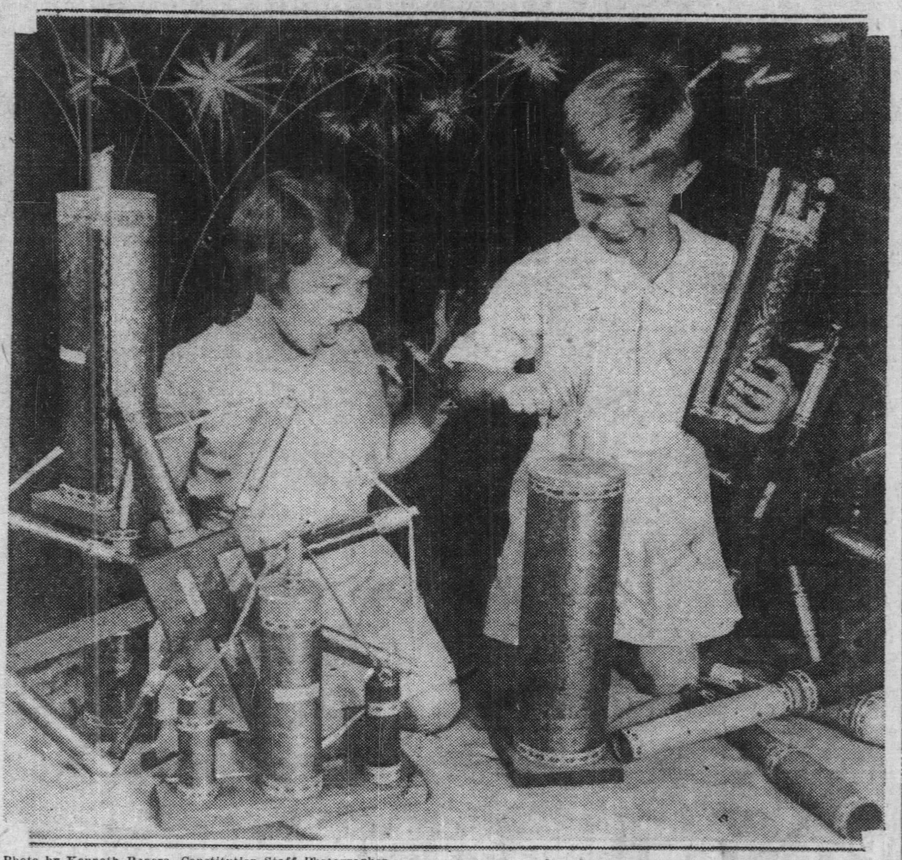

Photo by Kenneth Rogers, Constitution Staff Photographer.
Betty Regenstein and Victor Hugo Sewell are ready for the biggest Fourth of July in Atlanta.

STATE CANDIDATES PLAN BUSY FOURTH

Political Stumps All Over Georgia To Be Well Occupied Today.

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Words and phrases carefully arranged and polished, Georgia's numerous candidates are ready to lend their aid to the proper celebration of the Fourth of July throughout the state.

For several of them, including John M. Slaton, candidate for the United States senatorship against Senator W. J. Harris, and John H. Holder and George H. Carswell, candidates for governor, the day marks their initial addresses of the campaign. Others, including James A. Perry, Richard B. Russell, Jr., and Ed Rivers, also candidates for governor, are to continue speaking efforts started several weeks ago.

Mr. Slaton is to speak at Bainbridge. Mr. Carswell will share the platform with Mr. Slaton. John H. Holder, who formerly was state highway chairman, selected Homer, a small town in Banks county, for his opening address. Down in the state was Ed Rivers, of Lakeland, and Russell, of Winder, both speaking at a political rally at Fitzgerald. James A. Perry speaks at Madison.

Harris Stays at Capital.

Senator Harris, who was scheduled to speak at Neal's Gap today, in a message to The Constitution Thursday night from Washington stated that he would be unable to reach Georgia in time to deliver his address due to a delayed vote on the veterans' bill.

A wrangle in the senate late Thursday afternoon, the senator wired, held up the vote on the legislation for the veterans' benefit. He had his grip packed, his transportation and reservation made for Gainesville, from where he had planned to join the American Legion pilgrimage to Blood mountain at Neal's Gap when the vote was put off until too late for him to catch the last available train, he telegraphed.

Senator Harris said that his paramount duty was to remain in the senate and vote for the bill and therefore he could not speak as announced, but that his brother, General P. C. Harris, would be present and read the speech at the scheduled time for the senator.

Great preparations have been made at Bainbridge for the advent of Mr. Slaton and Secretary of State Carswell. All stores in the town will close, and dispatches indicate that the streets were decorated from curbing to curbing. Even the buildings came in for their share of the "red, white and blue," characteristic of the Fourth.

E. H. Griffin, representative from Decatur county, has been selected

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Conventional Picnics, Ball Games and Fireworks Still Hold Much Favor.

BY W. O. KEY, JR.

America's greatest holiday—a day that transcends all others in evoking the spirit of nationalism—was ushered into Atlanta at dawn with the desultory booming of salutes to the 154th anniversary of the second greatest challenge to the divine right of kings the earth had ever known.

Today, a century and a half afterward, in a nation which has held fast to the tenets of 1776 as exemplified by the spirit of Jefferson and those other signers of the Declaration of Independence, Atlantans awoke, prepared to contribute their bit to observing the day in a manner symbolic of the liberty which was gained through that noted document.

While there was an official ukase against the indiscriminate or dangerous use of pyrotechnics, the popping of firecrackers and the sputtering of other inflammable devices used in celebrations of this kind was marked intermittently with the resounding boom of cannon crackers; and while the last few years have witnessed the diminishing of a more general use of the noisy salutes, Atlantans still managed to observe the day in a manner reminiscent of the battles of Concord and of Bunker Hill.

This year Atlantans have the benefit of being forewarned in the use of fireworks, both by Chief of Police James L. Beavers and Fire Chief John Terrell.

Rules on Fireworks.

No large, dangerous fireworks will be allowed anywhere, the police head has ruled; and all smaller brands must be set off within the grounds of the person firing them.

Chief Terrell, conscious of the danger to life and limb of children, urges extreme care in the use of pyrotechnics. "More children die from fire," he warns, "than from any other kind of accidental injury. Fireworks, torpedoes and all other dangerous va-

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State Finger Print Bureau Is Proposed

Legislative action looking to establishment of a state finger print bureau will be favored by the Georgia State Sheriffs and Peace Officers association, the executive committee decided Thursday at a meeting in the office of Sheriff James I. Lowry.

Other legislation to be sought by the association includes a bill to give a 20 per cent penalty to the sheriffs after February 1 on delinquent automobile tag sales, and to place powers of sale in the sheriffs alone.

The executive committee let the contract for publishing the peace officers' quarterly to H. T. Barfield, of Atlanta. The next convention will be held in June of next year at Macon. Chief Ben T. Watkins, of Macon, is president; H. G. Bradley, of Atlanta, is secretary, and Sheriff Lowry is chairman of the executive committee.

NEW GRAFT BILLS RETURNED BY JURY

Bribery Charged Against Alderman Dobbs, Councilman Ozburn and York

Returning indictments against Alderman W. Guy Dobbs, Councilman J. T. Ozburn and former Councilman Harry York for bribery and being interested in a city contract, and offering presentments in which continuance of the present investigation into municipal corruption and at a later date an inquiry into the affairs of the county commission are urged, the May-June term grand jury Thursday afternoon was discharged by Judge Virlyn B. Moore.

Bench warrants were immediately issued for Dobbs, Ozburn and York. Solicitor-General John A. Boykin fixed their bonds at $1,000 which the three are expected to post today with Sheriff James I. Lowry.

The grand jury, in its report on surveys of county affairs, strongly condemned several members of the board of commissioners for obtaining tracts of land in subdivisions for "$10 and other valuable consideration" and then proceeding to improve the property locations by the pavement of roads and other county work and recommended that "some future grand jury push this investigation to a conclusion in order that the victims of unjust criticisms may be relieved of it and the public be notified of any irregularities, should they exist."

In connection with the municipal investigation the grand jury warmly praised the preceding grand juries and the solicitor-general's office for the work already done and recommended carrying on of the inquiry "until we rid our city of all dishonest officials."

Sweepers Deal.

The indictments returned against Dobbs, Ozburn and York all grow out of the same transaction, the purchase by the city of two Elgin motor sweepers, the true bills alleging that Alderman Dobbs received $200. Councilman Ozburn $600 and former Councilman York $200 for getting the purchase order through council. The sweepers cost $6,681.50 each.

Howard Manning, Atlanta representative of the Elgin Company, is listed as the chief witness against the three men. The indictments name him as the man who "paid off" the three city officials.

In its presentments the grand jury treated the municipal graft situation and the proposed inquiry into the activities of the county commissioners as follows:

"The grand jurors for the past three terms have worked diligently under the direction of our able solicitor, and brought to light a system of graft by certain city officials which has cast a blot on our fair city that will take years to overcome.

"Several indictments were returned, and of those coming to trial convic-

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HOOVER TRIUMPHS IN FINAL BALLOT ON PENSION BILL

Senate Adjourns After Session of Snarling, Vitriolic Attacks on Policy of Administration.

LOSES LAST FIGHT TO LOWER HOUSE

President Will Call Upper Chamber Into Extra Session Monday To Accept or Reject Treaty.

BY FRANCIS M. STEPHENSON.

WASHINGTON, July 3.—(AP)—Congress adjourned tonight in the fighting, snarling mood that has characterized the almost 18 months of continuous session since the advent of the Hoover administration.

It ended at 10:37 p. m., with President Hoover just outside the senate chamber in the presidential room to which he came shortly before 10 p. m., to sign the last of the appropriation measures. He signed the veterans' pension bill and the second deficiency measure. He waited for some time while Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, flayed the Hoover farm relief and tariff policies, keystones of the administrations legislative accomplishments for the session, before the bill could be passed.

Senate Returns Monday.

Not until the resolution of adjournment which was adopted earlier in the night by the house had finally been approved by the quarrelsome senate was there definite assurance that the close of the session which began last December was at hand.

President Hoover will immediately call the senate back into session on next Monday to consider ratification of the London naval agreement. While plenty of votes to assure ratification are in sight there is no certainty when the vote will be reached.

An all-day attack by senate democrats and republican independents against the president and the house for their insistence upon the lower pension rates in the World War veterans' bill held up the adjournment.

Shortly after 9 p. m., the senate finally approved the bill as demanded by Mr. Hoover and overwhelmingly voted by the house. The roll call was 48 to 14 for the measure in the senate.

Scores of house members circled the rear of the senate chamber awaiting the close of the long debate on the veterans' bill and hearing, incidentally, repeated attacks upon their willingness to answer administration demands.

Sharp Words Fly.

Sharp words were flung out as the weary legislators debated the problems that crowded upon the closing hour of the session.

Senator Watson, of Indiana, the republican leader, who has found his party majority nullified time and again by a combination of democrats

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The Weather

GENERALLY FAIR.

WASHINGTON—Forecast:
Georgia—Generally fair Friday and Saturday.

Weather forecast for all cotton states may be found on market pages.

Local Weather Report.

Highest temperature	87
Lowest temperature	65
Mean temperature	76
Normal temperature	78
Rainfall in past 12 hours, inches	.00
Deficiency since 1st of month	0.43
Deficiency since Jan. 1, inches	6.24
Total rainfall since January 1	20.05

	7 a.m.	N'n.	7 p.m.
Dry temperature	70	82	84
Wet bulb	60	57	61
Relative humidity	57	17	25

Reports of Weather Bureau Stations.

STATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER	Temperature 7pm.	High	Rain 12 hrs Ins.
ATLANTA, clear	84	87	.00
Augusta, clear	86	94	.00
Birmingham, clear	80	90	.00
Boston, cloudy	66	72	.00
Buffalo, pt. cldy.	64	68	.00
Charleston, pt. cldy.	80	90	.00
Chicago, pt. cldy.	66	72	.00
Denver, cloudy	88	94	T.
Des Moines, cloudy	78	82	.00
Galveston, clear	82	98	.00
Hatteras, cloudy	76	84	.00
Havre, pt. cldy.	78	80	T.
Jacksonville, cloudy	78	84	.02
Kansas City, cloudy	84	86	T.
Memphis, cloudy	86	90	.00
Miami, cloudy	82	88	.00
Mobile, clear	82	92	.00
Montgomery, clear	86	94	.00
New Orleans, pt. cldy.	84	92	.00
New York, cloudy	64	76	.94
North Platte, cloudy	88	94	.00
Oklahoma City, clear	90	94	.00
Phoenix, clear	106	108	.00
Pittsburgh, clear	68	74	.00
Raleigh, clear	78	84	.00
San Francisco, clear	64	68	.00
St. Louis, cloudy	80	82	.00
Salt Lake City, clear	92	92	.00
Savannah, cloudy	78	92	T.
Tampa, pt. cldy.	82	90	.00
Toledo, clear	66	70	.00
Vicksburg, pt. cldy.	78	92	.00
Washington, clear	72	78	.00

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ACTING MAYOR FREES 258 PRISONERS

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to use it for the good of other people. At the end of this year I am retiring from public office, and I may never again have an opportunity to benefit so many people.

"These prisoners are not felons. They are in jail simply for some minor misdemeanor, an infraction of city ordinances, which hundreds of people violate every day and escape with the payment of a small fine. They are human beings just as we are, and their offenses are not serious enough to prevent their being given their freedom on this gala occasion."

The statute under which the mayor pro tem acted in his wholesale pardon action follows:

"The mayor, or in his absence or inability, the mayor pro tem., shall be authorized upon a proper case made and in his discretion to remit a portion or all of the penalty imposed by the recorder for violation of city ordinances: Provided if the fine in any case is $50 or less, or the sentence to imprisonment for less than 30 days, the mayor shall not entertain any application for executive clemency unless the petition is accompanied by written recommendation from the recorder or court trying the case."

Examination of police court records Thursday night showed, it is said, that more than half of the prisoners released came within the purview of the restriction in the code which requires, before clemency may be extended, the written recommendation of the recorder.

Mayson's Opinion.

City Attorney James L. Mayson, when informed of the Couch order, said that the acting mayor was within his executive authority in releasing those whose fines were in excess of $50 or whose original sentences were for a longer period than 30 days. Mr. Mayson added that the code did not confer authority to release prisoners with a sentence under 30 days or a fine under $50 upon the mayor, or the mayor pro tem., except upon recommendation of the recorder.

Asked if he thought Mr. Couch had violated his oath of office in overstepping the authority given the acting mayor by the statute, Mr. Mayson replied: "That's another story."

Questioned as to the effect of the release of the 258 prisoners on the Couch order, Judge Murphy M. Holloway, who tried many of the prisoners, said:

Holloway Opposes Act.

"I emphatically do not think it is a good thing for the city. Clemency, where properly applied, is a wholesome agency of human reconstruction; when misdirected it becomes a social menace. Atlanta is right now in the grip of the worst carnival of crime in many years. Every agency of enforcement is taxed to the limit and nothing short of a sudden and rigid checking will bring relief."

As for his impressions of traffic conditions in Atlanta, a question he was asked by The Constitution in the light of the proportion of reckless and drunken drivers who were in the stockade and at the farm, Judge Holloway also said:

"Drunken driving and reckless disregard for human life is in an appalling state. Not since 1925 have we known worse traffic conditions than those existing at this time."