

THE WEATHER Unsettled tonight. Probable showers tonight.

VILLA TAKES CHIHUAHUA CITY

GERARD WILL TAKE PROTEST OF THE U.S.

OUTLINE OF GOVERNMENT'S POSITION WILL BE GIVEN HIM BY PRESIDENT WILSON.

TAKE UP OTHER MATTERS

Submarine Question Will Also Be Taken Up and Ambassador Will Give President's Views on This Matter. Leaves December 5.

(By United Press) WASHINGTON.—Ambassador Gerard will carry vigorous protest against the deportation of Belgians to Germany when he leaves for Berlin on December 5. Outline of the government's position will be given Gerard by President Wilson. Several replies to former protests have been received. These are unsatisfactory. Gerard is expected to see President Wilson this afternoon to get instructions.

Included in the outline is the government's attitude on the submarine question, warning against the unbridled activity of submarine warfare.

Col. House, the President's adjutant, is conferring with Ambassador Gerard, Secretary Lansing and President Wilson.

ZEPPELINS MAKE ANOTHER RAID

Two of the Machines Were Downed Off the English Coast Yesterday.

(By United Press) LONDON.—Two Zeppelins of a fleet which raided the eastern counties of England yesterday, were destroyed, according to an official statement given out today. One was downed on the coast of Durham, and the other off Norfolk. Admiral French, the home commander, stated. Both were headed seaward at the time they were downed. The damage done to the machines was slight. This makes the twenty-seventh raid on the eastern counties this year.

TWO STEAMSHIPS HAVE BEEN SUNK BY GERMANES

(By United Press) LONDON.—The Ellerman Rye, City of Birmingham, was sunk today by a submarine.

MONKEYS.—Owners of the Transoceanic steamship, Janco, were advised today that the vessel was sunk off the Spanish coast.

U. S. TAKES STEPS TO REGULATE THE EXPORT OF BULLION

(By United Press) WASHINGTON.—The United States government has taken steps today to regulate the export of bullion.

WILL ANNOUNCE FARM LOAN BANKS IN TWENTY DAYS

(By United Press) WASHINGTON.—The location of the twelve regional farm loan banks will be announced in twenty days by the Farm Loan Board.

ARMENIAN FUND, \$149.40

Spent Last Thanksgiving Spirit Will Result in Material Increase of Contributions.

Six dollars was contributed to the Armenian relief fund by residents of this county yesterday, bringing the total contributions up to \$149.40.

Thursday will be Thanksgiving Day. The people of this section, as a whole, have much to be thankful for. It is hoped that they will contribute their share of the fund tomorrow for the relief of the vast number of Armenians and Assyrians who are suffering and starving. The fund to date is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Total \$149.40

BUSINESS MEN TO MEET

Meeting Requested to be Present at Important Session to be Held Tonight.

An important meeting of the Business Men's Association will be held tonight at the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

President J. K. Hoyt has issued an urgent request for every member to be in attendance and it is hoped that a large number will be present.

PRESIDENT CHANGES EDGE OF MEETING FOR HIS CABINET

(By United Press) WASHINGTON.—President Wilson smashed another precedent today when he announced a change in the time of the cabinet sessions.

CITIZENS ARE URGED TO GIVE OLD CLOTHING

Will Be Distributed from the Public School to Needy Families in the City.

A project is on foot at the graded school to have every one who has old and discarded clothing, send them to the Washington public school on Wednesday in order that they may be sent to the needy families of the community, along with the customary Thanksgiving baskets.

Miss Janet Whitmore will be in charge of this work and will see that all incoming contributions are sent to the proper families.

It is hoped that a large number of local citizens will respond to the cause.

WILL HOLD A BAZAAR

Ladies Aid Society to Hold Event at Store on Market Street Friday Afternoon and Night.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. church will hold a bazaar Friday afternoon and night at the store formerly occupied by Lewis & Calais on Market street. It is requested that all fancy work promised be handed in either to some of the committee or taken to the store Wednesday afternoon. Estates promised must be carried to the store Friday morning. The patronage of the public is sincerely requested.

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RETREAT OF RUMANIANS CONTINUING

ALLIES REALIZE THAT BALKAN CAMPAIGN HAS TAKEN ON A SINISTER ASPECT.

ALL LINES ABANDONED

Retreat of Rumanians Said to be Orderly. Allies Suffer Small Losses Along the Western Front, According to Reports.

(By United Press) LONDON.—The orderly retreat of the Rumanian armies continues. This is the only satisfactory part about the Rumanian situation. No attempt is being made here to minimize the effectiveness of the German drive. Abandonment of the Alt river lines was forced by the turning of the left flank of the Teutonic forces against the Rumanians. It is expected that the Rumanians will retreat to the Argochu river, consolidating their forces there and preparing to make a stand against their pursuers.

Ally Suffer Small Losses. LONDON.—The heavy and continuous shelling against British positions north of Ypres resulted in small losses for the allies, according to official statements. Southeast of Bouches, the British exploded mines and consolidated their positions in the shell craters. Hand grenade attacks of the enemy were repulsed.

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Mr. Crutchfield has proven himself to be an extremely capable man in the business and during his stay in Washington he has made many friends. During the recent trouble in retaining him he worked day and night until the trouble had been settled. He has at all times proven himself willing to serve the people and the cause of his resignation will be received with genuine regret on the part of many of our citizens.

Judge Brown Discusses Special Tax Bonds for Which Cuba is Now Suing

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 27, 1916. To the Washington Daily News:

I see you desire information concerning the special tax bonds involved in the petition filed in the Supreme Court of the United States by the Republic of Cuba against the State of North Carolina.

I do not believe that the President of the Cuban Republic understands this attempted suit. If he did, I believe he would have it withdrawn at once, as it will seriously injure that Republic in the good opinion of the people of this country.

It is strange, too, that such action should be attempted by a friendly nation for whose independence North Carolina soldiers, Shipp and Bagley, shed their blood. The latter was the brother-in-law of the present Secretary of the Navy and was the first American soldier killed in the war for Cuban independence.

These Special Tax Bonds have been offered to nearly every state in the union by holders and have been refused because of their well known fraudulent character. They have no relation to the bonds involved in the South Dakota suit. The latter were valid bonds and were secured by a pledge of the States' stock in the North Carolina Railroad. It was upon this latter ground only that the Supreme Court of the United States assumed jurisdiction. No question of taxation was involved. You can understand that controversy by reading the case of South Dakota vs. North Carolina, 192 U. S. Reports. All those bonds had been compromised except \$27,000 in that suit.

In that case Chief Justice Fuller and Justice McKenna, Day and White dissented, all of whom except Fuller are on the present bench. The only Justice now there who voted with the majority is Justice Holmes. The dissenting opinion of White, present Chief Justice, is regarded by practically the entire profession of law as unanswerable. He demonstrates conclusively that to permit such suits against a State upon bonds transferred to another State or foreign nation for purposes of suit is a palpable evasion and violation of the 11th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

These Special Tax Bonds, amounting to fourteen million dollars principal were all issued by the Convention of 1865, and the General Assembly of 1869. The history of them is given in DeRouillac Hamilton's history of Reconstruction in North Carolina, Chapter 11. The Legislature of 1870 appointed a Fraud Commission to investigate these bond issues. They reported, and Prof. Hamilton sets out on page 427 of his book the immense bribes and to whom paid in order to secure the passage of the bills. The reasons they are called Special Tax Bonds is because a special tax is levied in each act authorizing the issue to pay the interest.

No provision is made for paying the principal. The principal has interest on these bonds not amounting to nearly forty million dollars. It is impossible for the people of the State to stand the enormous taxation necessary to pay them. These bonds were issued ostensibly to build the building railroads but as Attorney Cabot Lodge in one of his communications says, "not a mile of railroad was built." The State never benefited a penny for them. The persons who had possession of the bonds showed them about Wall Street and sold them to speculators for a mere pittance.

The Legislature of 1896 was practically under the control of newly enfranchised negroes who were easily controlled by a few unscrupulous white men and induced to this great fraud upon the State of North Carolina.

When the State Constitution of 1875 was adopted, it was provided that not a dollar of these fraudulent bonds should ever be paid and no tax levied for that purpose unless approved by a vote of the people.

The Legislature will not and cannot levy any tax to pay these bonds and I do not believe the Supreme Court of the United States will attempt it. I believe that court will dismiss the petition of the Republic of Cuba. The matter is to be argued on January 2, 1917. Our Governor-elect, Mr. Bickett, Judge Manning and Cameron Morrison will represent the State. I presume that the principal argument will be made on behalf of the State by Bickett as he is still attorney general. Our State is ably represented. Only some two and a half million of the bonds are involved in the Cuba suit.

Those who read Prof. Hamilton's book will see what a prominent part two distinguished citizens of Beaufort county played in the Legislature following that of 1868, when Holden the reconstruction Governor was impeached. Mr. Thos. Sparrow represented Beaufort county in the House of Representatives, and was one of the ablest of the impeachment managers. Judge Edward J. Warren was in the Senate and I believe president pro tempore. He was a lawyer of great ability and was one of the ablest of the Senators.

GEORGE H. BROWN

J. H. BONNER TO SPEAK

Will Make Principal Address at Memorial Services of Greensboro Elks on Sunday.

The annual Lodge of Sorrow of Greensboro lodge No. 602, B. P. O. E. will be conducted at the Piedmont theatre in that city next Sunday afternoon. John H. Bonner of this city will make the principal address. Referring to him the Greensboro Daily News has the following to say: "The address of the occasion will be delivered by J. H. Bonner of Washington, N. C., one of the prominent attorneys of the state; and there will follow three eulogies for the members of the local lodge who have passed to the Great Beyond since the memorial service of a year ago."

GERMAN AEROPLANE DROPPED BOMBS ON CITY OF LONDON

(By United Press) LONDON.—A German aeroplane this afternoon dropped six bombs on the city of London. Four persons were killed, one woman seriously. The aeroplane escaped.

URGE GOVERNMENT TO REGULATE THE PRICE OF FOODS

(By United Press) NEW YORK.—An appeal for government regulation of food prices was forwarded to President Wilson today by the National Housewives League, representing two million women.

FEAR THAT CHIHUAHUA HAS FALLEN

NO NEWS FROM THE CITY CAUSES GRAVE FEARS FOR THE FATE OF CARRANZA'S SOLDIERS.

U. S. TROOPS MAY REMAIN

If Villa Gains Control of the City, It May Be Some Time Before Carranza's Men Will Be Withdrawn from Mexican Soil.

VILLA HAS GAINED POSSESSION OF CHIHUAHUA CITY

(Special bulletin 8 p. 6.) EL PASO.—Villa is in possession of Chihuahua City. General Trevino is fleeing southward, attempting to join his reinforcements, according to reports received here this afternoon by United States authorities and forwarded to Washington.

EL PASO.—Because of the lack of news regarding the siege of Chihuahua City, authorities here fear that the capital of northern Mexico may have fallen to Villa. Nothing authentic has been heard of the great battle today. Yesterday it was known that Villa had the advantage and that the Carranza forces were hard pressed. Several large detachments of defecting troops are on the way to Chihuahua, but it is feared that they will not arrive there in time to be of any material aid to the beleaguered city.

May Allow Troops to Remain. WASHINGTON.—The situation at Chihuahua City, where the Carranzistas and Villistas are battling is considered such that it will probably halt the plans for the evacuation of the U. S. troops from Mexican soil, it was learned today from the war department. "It had been expected that several regiments would be sent home this week, but it was learned today that these orders had been countermanded. Officials prefer to wait the outcome of the battle before permitting the guardsmen to return. If Villa gains possession of Chihuahua, it will mean the starting of "real trouble," it is said throughout northern Mexico. If the bandit chief is crushed, however, Carranza's men will be withdrawn within forty days.

TODAYS PROGRAM

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