

Rain tonight and Friday. Colder tonight. Moderate to fresh north to northeast winds.

MANY CHILDREN DIE WHEN HOSPITAL BURNS

Twenty Five Little Ones Leaped From Windows and Were Injured.

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE IN THE BUILDING

Disaster Occurred in Town Not Far From Montreal. St. Elizabeth's Hospital The Pyre-Blaze Probably Started From Defective Chimney

Farnham, Quebec, Oct. 26.—Six children are dead and 15 unaccounted for as the result of fire this morning at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Farnham is about 44 miles from Montreal.

More than 350 persons were in the hospital when the blaze was discovered. Unable to make their way to safety, by means of fire escapes, nearly all jumped from windows.

Twenty-five children, who leaped from the third story, were badly injured when they landed on the stone pavement.

The hospital and a laundry were destroyed and several adjacent buildings were damaged by smoke and water. The fire is believed to have started in a defective chimney.

Six adults and five children at least lost their lives in the fire. This forenoon the blaze was still high and it was impossible to search for the 15 to 25 persons reported missing.

The institution was maintained by Grey Nuns and comprised two buildings, one for hospital patients and the other a school for children.

Up to noon no bodies had been found. The missing were paralytics. Survivors were taken to many homes in Farnham. Many were injured by jumping and four children may die.

The property loss is about \$135,000.

HUGHES OFF ON HIS FINAL TRIP

Will Wind Up Campaign With a Big Speech in New York City.

New York, Oct. 26.—Charles Evans Hughes left New York this morning on his last trip of his presidential campaign. His program called for three speeches today at Hartford and at Boston, where there will be an evening meeting.

Mr. Hughes will not return to New York City until November 3rd. His itinerary calls for four days in New York State, exclusive of Sunday, one day in Ohio and two days in Indiana.

Mr. Hughes will return to New York State Thursday and spend three days campaigning before he ends his trip here. The last speech will be made at Madison Square Garden on Saturday night, November 4th.

LARGEST GARAGE EVER ERECTED

Preparations Being Made For Such at Fort Sam Houston.

San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 26.—Preparations were started today at Fort Sam Houston for commencing of a garage that is said to be the largest ever erected.

The structure is to house for the winter 800 of the big army motor trucks, which have been in use on the border.

Army officials stated that 25 companies of 33 trucks each would be brought here within a short time.

CLEMSON WALLOPS OLD FOE.

Columbia, S. C., Oct. 26.—Clemson College today took the scalp of its annual foe, South Carolina University, on the grid-iron here. This battle is the yearly athletic event of the Palmetto State Fair and was witnessed by a large crowd today.

Clemson's eleven whipped their fellow Carolinians by a score of 27 to 0.

ENTENTE DECLARES THE TEUTONS' GRIP GROWS WEAKER

While Berlin Thinks Plight of Rumanians Is More Precarious.

FRENCH CAVALRY TAKE VILLAGE.

Allies Advancing in Macedonia—German Counter-Attacks On Verdun Ceased.

The situation of the defeated Russo-Rumanian armies, in Dobrudja, appears less critical from today's official report from Petrograd, which says that the Teutonic pressure has weakened.

Unofficial dispatches from Berlin report that the entente forces are split in two parts, with the fall of Tchernavoda, some of the troops escaping across the great bridge over the Danube, while others fled northward.

Apparently the forces remaining in the Black Sea provinces have finally been able to make a stand against the onrush of the Bulgarians, Germans and Turks, north of the Constantza-Tchernavoda line.

As a whole, the situation for Rumania is considered by military commentators in Berlin as increasingly precarious in connection with the operations against Dobrudja and the Austro-German successes in the mountain passes on the north. Petrograd, however, asserts that the Teutonic pressure also has been arrested in the Transylvania border regions.

On the western front the Germans are reported by Paris to have ceased their counter-attacks at Verdun, following the French successes in the capture of Douaumont and the advance of the French lines along the wide front. The new French positions are still under German artillery fire, however. French military writers declare the position of Fort Vaux is such that its capture by the French is momentarily expected.

In Macedonia new entente advances are announced. French cavalry have occupied two villages in the vicinity of the Greek-Albanian border, while the Serbs have driven the Bulgarians further back in the Cerna river region southeast of Monastir, according to Paris.

Bucharest's account of the fighting on the Transylvanian border reports the capture by Rumanians of the heights south of Bicz. In this region some 25 miles southeast of the junction of the frontier of Transylvania and Rumania, the Rumanians have apparently gained advances of several miles in Transylvanian territory. They have also held their ground on the Transylvanian side of Oituz valley region, Bucharest declares.

Berlin reports further gains by the Austro-German forces, on the northern Rumanian front, and declares Field Marshal von Mackensen is making progress with the campaign in Dobrudja.

The Rumanians have blown up the Tchernavoda bridge, the Berlin statement added.

WORK BEGAN TODAY.

Tents and Tabernacle Will Cover 43,000 Square Feet of Space.

The work of putting the tabernacle in shape for the holding of the Corn Show was begun this morning and already the space committee is allotting space for the manufacturers who will have exhibits at the show. The work is progressing rapidly and members of the executive committee are very optimistic and while they fear fewer people will attend the show than if the first plans had been carried out they consider the tabernacle a very good location.

A mammoth tent is to be placed on either side of the tabernacle and each will cover 10,000 square feet of floor space. The tabernacle has 23,000 square feet of floor space, which gives a total of 43,000 feet of space.

EASTERN SOCIETY FOLLOWS THE HOUNDS:



TAKING A FENCE.

Red Bank, N. J., Oct. 26.—With the arrival of brisk fall weather society all over the East has turned to the hounds and at any time the peaceful quiet of the woods or country lane is liable to be disturbed by the baying of the pack and the dash of the mounted hunters. This photograph was made as Sidney Erlanger, of New York, vaulted his mount over an unexpected fence, while following the hounds of the Monmouth County Hunt Club.

BIG RALLY DAY IS TO BE HELD AT CHADBOURN

Several Noted Speakers Will Deliver Addresses—Many People Expected.

ATHLETIC SPORTS WILL BE FEATURE

Athletic Field Will Resemble Gridiron Track Meet—Low Round Trip Fares.

Chadbourne, Oct. 26.—The people of this section are looking forward to tomorrow when the great Columbus county rally day and county fair will be held at Chadbourne.

The program for the day calls for speakings, parades, athletic contests and, according to plans for the entertainment of the visitors, everyone who is present will not have a single idle moment.

Dr. E. W. Sikes, of Coker College, South Carolina, and Senator E. D. Smith, of South Carolina, will be the two principal speakers of the day. Other speakers are expected but just who they will be has not yet been divulged by the management.

The morning will be devoted to agricultural addresses, farm exhibits and the like. Dinner will follow at noon.

At 1 o'clock all of the school children of the county will assemble at the city graded school building, where a parade will be formed. The parade will march through several of the principal streets and will end at Brown's grove, where the educational addresses are to be made.

Immediately after the educational speakings the athletic contests that take in all manner of sports will be indulged in and as some of the contestants are well-known in collegiate circles the followers of the different games are predicting some splendid contests.

The railroad is granting exceptionally low rates from Wilmington and intermediate points and the management has so arranged it that everything on the program will occur between the special train that will come here from Wilmington and other points.

A brass band will be on hand throughout the day and will furnish music for all the different events. The management has promised the usual good order that prevails at Chadbourne and the people in this section are preparing to do all in their power to entertain the influx of visitors who are expected to arrive early in the morning.

Grain-handling facilities in Buffalo, N. Y., are to be increased by the construction of a new 2,000,000 bushel elevator, with three legs for vessel unloading and fast shipping legs for railroad cars and canal boats.

MORE SERIOUS IS THE SITUATION THAN IN MONTHS

This is the Latest Twist to the Conflict In Old Mexico.

AMERICAN TROOPS STILL ON GUARD

Government Has No Intention of Withdrawing Them—Trevino Sends Denial To Story.

Washington, Oct. 26.—Villistas' activities near Chihuahua City had the effect of convincing officials here that no thought should be given soon to the removal of the National Guard from the border patrol duty or of the withdrawal of General Pershing's column from Mexico.

Fear is felt that if Villa succeeds in his apparent move to capture Chihuahua City he might later find it easier to get control of Northern Mexico.

The entire Mexican situation is regarded here as more serious than it has been in many months. Conditions at Chihuahua City were the subject of a great many conflicting reports.

The Mexican ambassador has received from Mexican officials at El Paso a denial of General Trevino, Carranza's commander at Chihuahua City, that he was short of ammunition and intends to evacuate the city. Carranza's forces lost in the fight with the Villistas at Santa Ysabel have been slight. He and his 8,000 troops have arrived to reinforce the garrison.

War department reports were that Villa is encamped five miles from Chihuahua City with considerable force, after defeating Carranza, and that General Trevino was ready to abandon the city.

\$12 EACH FOR RATTLESHANKS.

Oxnard, Cal., Oct. 26.—James Benton's latest rattlesnake catch is worth \$432. Benton, who lives in Santa Barbara, catches rattlesnakes for a living, and this week sold thirty-six of the reptiles for \$12 each to Oxnard Chinese, who value them for medicinal purposes, drugs being compounded from the venom. Benton has been bitten a number of times, in one instance almost losing his life. He catches the reptiles with a pronged stick.

BRITISH MINE SWEEPER HAS BEEN TORPEDOED

London, Oct. 26.—The British mine sweeping vessel, Genista, has been torpedoed and sunk, according to an announcement given but at the admiralty. All of the officers and 75 members of the mine sweeper's crew lost their lives. The survivors number 12.

SYNOD TOOK UP IMPORTANT WORK THIS MORNING

Report of Educational Committee Was Heard and Discussed.

STANDS BY THE FIRST BIG AMOUNT

New Building Given by Wilmington Citizens Was Dedicated Yesterday by The Presbyterians.

Salisbury, N. C., Oct. 26.—After an evening crowded with much important work having to do with education and missions, the North Carolina Presbyterian Synod spent the greater part of the session this morning discussing the report of the committee on Christian Education, taking up first the recommendation of this committee that the Synod raise a fund of \$1,500,000 for this great work.

A motion to make this an even million dollars was voted down by a large majority, the members of the Synod being almost to a man for leaving the original amount as reported.

This money was apportioned among the institutions of the Synod—Davidson College, Union Theological Seminary and other schools for boys and girls.

This matter was receiving attention when an adjournment was taken for noon recess. The meeting this evening will be addressed by Dr. S. L. Morris, the chairman of the home mission committee of the whole southern church.

The trip to Barium Springs yesterday afternoon by the entire body of delegates attending the Synod was of more than passing interest and the orphanage buildings and grounds were examined interestedly by those who never before had had the pleasure of visiting the institution.

The dedication of the new school building and auditorium that was given by Messrs. James and William Sprunt, of Wilmington, was one of the features of the afternoon.

The building is a thing of beauty and is said to have cost over \$13,000. The evening session was given over to the discussion of home missions. The report of Rev. A. W. Crawford, the superintendent, showed that the North Carolina Presbyterians are doing valiant work in the home mission field, and clearly demonstrated that this year has been the most successful year in the history of the Synod's mission work.

NON-SUIT TAKEN IN BENTON CASE

Morning Consumed in Taking Testimony in Damage Suit. Divorces Granted.

After all the evidence in the case of Frank Benton against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, had been heard in the Superior Court before Judge G. W. Connor, this morning, a nonsuit was taken by the plaintiff. It was claimed by Benton that he was injured when thrown from a lever car in 1913.

Benton stated in his testimony that he was riding on a handlever car, together with other trackmen, when the foreman, in changing places on the car, was knocked off by a lever and run over. Benton claimed he was thrown from the car when it passed over the foreman. Almost the entire morning was consumed in taking the testimony in this case. The amount of damages asked was \$5,000.

Divorce was granted Clara Wize Williams, colored, from Thomas Williams. Divorces were granted yesterday to Murray Carney from Lola Carney and Sam Watson against Bertha Watson.

Judgment was given the plaintiffs in the following actions: Annie M. Thompson against H. M. Chase; American National Bank against R. A. Wright, Jr.; American National Bank against B. H. Stephens; Armour and Company against Tidewater Grocery Company.

The jury yesterday afternoon returned a verdict for the defendant in the case of the Imperial Manufacturing Company against the Eureka Dye Works.

CALLS FOR REPORT ON BLOCK EQUIPMENT

Washington, Oct. 26.—The annual call of the Interstate Commerce Commission for the report from the railroads on the new block signal equipment was issued today. Information is due by January 15th.

THE BUCKEYE STATE GIVES WELCOME

VILLA NEAR AMERICAN LINE.

Columbus, N. M., Oct. 26.—Americans coming from Mexico report that Villa forces near Namiquipa, only 25 miles north of the American expedition's Southern outpost, have demanded the shortening of the American troops line and the gradual evacuation of Mexican territory by the United States army.

President Wilson On His Final and Vital Trip to the Middle West.

SPEAKS BEFORE THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Declares For "Spiritual Unity" Before Cincinnati Audience—Many Ohio Towns Turn Out Large Crowds to Greet Democratic Nominee.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 26.—President Wilson, speaking at Cincinnati at the Chamber of Commerce, urged the need of "spiritual unity" on the part of the people of the United States to prepare for the great work ahead of the nation.

President Wilson on his final Middle Western swing of the campaign came to Cincinnati today for the first time in his administration.

The President's program included four speeches, a reception, a lunch, a dinner and an automobile ride. Because of the determined fight for Ohio's 24 electoral votes being made by both parties, administration officials watched the spirit of President Wilson's reception with special attention. They expressed themselves well pleased.

On his way here Mr. Wilson was greeted by large crowds at six Ohio towns. He appeared on the observation platform at each stop, shook hands with as many people as was possible, exchanged laughing remarks and thanked the crowds for coming out to see him.

HUGHES TURNS TO THE TARIFF AND SPEAKS ON IT

Addresses Audience Composed Largely of Workers in Munition Factories.

AMERICA WILL FACE A NEW WAR

It Will be That of Readjusting Business Conditions, Declares Republican Nominee.

Hartford, Conn., Oct. 26.—Charles Evans Hughes went into the "home stretch" of the campaign, with the opening speech of his last trip before the election. The nominee, in a theatre, spoke before an audience composed partly of workers in munitions plants.

"This is not the time for complacency," he said. "This is no time for political talk about prosperity. It is time for thought."

"When the men now in the trenches of Europe get out and follow the pursuits of peace the abnormal stimulus of the war will be withdrawn and men in this country engaged in satisfying the demand of Europe at war will no longer have that demand to satisfy."

"It is a new Europe we will meet, a disorganized Europe, and we should be a new United States."

"You can no more run this country in coming years on the tariff principle of our opposition than you can fly to the moon."

SECRETARY M'ADOO STILL STUMPING

Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 26.—William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury, who delivered an address here last night in interest of President Wilson's election, left today for Chattanooga, where he will speak tonight. The Secretary has also accepted an invitation to speak in Knoxville tomorrow.

RUMANIANS BLEW UP BRIDGE.

London, Oct. 26.—A Rome dispatch says it is reported from Bucharest that after the evacuation of Tchernavoda by the Russo-Rumanians, the bridge was blown up by the Rumanians.

STEAMER RACES TO AVOID LIBEL

Capt. Halliday Makes Speedy Departure to Save Demurrage For Owners.

The clearing and sailing this morning of the British steamship Crown of Galacia, which had just completed loading 5,000 bales of cotton at the Hilton Compress and Warehouse Company, resulted in a race on the part of Captain Halliday, the vessel's master, and A. G. Ricard and E. K. Bryan, Esq., who were seeking to secure Federal Judge Connor's consent to serve papers on the vessel in a suit brought by Gus Jones, a colored stevedore, who was injured while loading the steamer. The steamer won the race.

Captain Halliday stated when he hurriedly secured his clearance papers this morning about 9 o'clock that he was not trying to avoid having the papers served on him altogether, but was racing to clear this port before they could be served here, the saving about \$3,000 a day which the vessel is worth on account of the terms of the charter. He stated that to have them served here would mean a delay of two or three days to secure bond from the owners and at Savannah, where the vessel completes her cargo, that much time will be consumed in loading and the matter could be handled then if the papers were served there.

On account of the fact that the injured negro Jones is considered in the class of a pauper who is unable to give bond for the trial and advance the necessary costs, it was necessary for his attorneys to secure the consent of Judge Connor, of this district, to institute suit and have papers served on the steamer's master.

Judge Connor is presiding at Federal Court in New Bern and his consent was not secured until too late to serve the papers. Mr. S. P. Collier, clerk here of the United States Court, received a telegram from Judge Connor, about 9:30 o'clock, authorizing him to have the papers drawn, which was accordingly done, and put into the hands of Marshall J. N. Fennell, but the vessel steamed out of port about 15 minutes before this time.

The 5,000 bales of cotton loaded here are for export to Liverpool, Eng. With the present high price of cotton it is considered a very valuable cargo. The Crown of Galacia is now proceeding to Savannah, Ga., where she will complete her cargo.

While the steamer was being loaded at the Hilton Compress considerable vigilance had to be exercised by the officers of the steamer in order to prevent the 18 Chinese members of the crew from deserting.

CHIEF CLERK PROMOTED BY THE SEABOARD.

Norfolk, Oct. 26.—Following the appointment of W. L. Stanley, general claim agent of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, to the new position of assistant to the President of that system, with headquarters in Atlanta, W. Clarke Moore, who has been chief clerk to Mr. Stanley, has been promoted to freight claim agent of the Seaboard, with headquarters in Portsmouth. He will assume his duties on November 1st.

As the result of Mr. Stanley's promotion the office of general claim agent has been abolished.

REPORT DISTURBANCE OFF FLORIDA COAST

Washington, Oct. 26.—Pressure was still abnormally low today over the Caribbean sea and the West Indies and extending to the Gulf of Mexico. There was a report of a disturbance off the Florida coast and the weather bureau advises caution.