

WEATHER FORECAST.

Unsettled tonight and Thursday with probably rain. Colder tonight. Strong north winds.

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FIGHT STARTS ON EIGHT-HOUR LAW

Department of Justice Will Handle Defense of The Adamson Measure.

SUITS AGAINST DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

New York Central and Pennsylvania Enter Them Today. Declare Act Not One to Regulate Commerce But Arbitrary Raise of Wages.

Washington, Nov. 15.—Attorney-General Gregory has decided that suits by the railroads against the enactment of the Adamson 8-Hour Law will be handled by the Department of Justice. The defense in each case will be worked out by Solicitor-General Davis and other department officials with the United States attorneys in their various jurisdictions.

The department today was unable to determine whether it would be necessary to have a single suit or whether the railroads would be compelled to make a test case of one instance. No word has reached the Attorney General from the railroads suggesting such a course. Department officials in charge stated that no official representation had been made for the Attorney General to make a test case.

It is pointed out that granting or refusing of a temporary order by one Federal judge would have no binding effect on any other judge of the same standing and rank, and at best the force would be but argumentative.

It was said that there was no reason to believe that each railroad may not prefer to fight its case separately in hope of being sustained.

So far as the department knows the railroads are all making their fight that the Adamson Law is unconstitutional and impossible of performance.

The principal defense is that it is constitutional and that congress did not exceed its power in enacting it.

NOT ACT TO REGULATE COMMERCE.

New York, Nov. 15.—The New York Central Railroad today filed suit in the Federal District Court to test the constitutionality of the Adamson 8-Hour Law. The suit is directed against the three Federal district attorneys of New York State and the chairman of each of the four railroad brotherhoods.

The roads' principal contention is, according to Albert H. Harris, general counsel, that the Adamson law "is in no sense a regulation of commerce, but a temporary and arbitrary increase in wages for the brotherhood men."

He said as soon as the answer was filed an injunction would be asked.

Pennsylvania Joins Fray.

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 15.—The Pennsylvania Railway Company today filed in the Federal District Court a bill against the three United States District Attorneys from bringing pressure against the railroad company under the Adamson 8-Hour Law. The court was asked to decide that the 8-Hour Law was unconstitutional and void.

RECOUNT IN WEST VIRGINIA TO START

Senator Chilton Calls Attention to Significant Difference—Watching Closely

COLDER WEATHER YET TO BE MADE BY SUNNY SOUTH

To Drop Below Freezing in Some Portions, Say The Wiseacres.

NORTH DAKOTA TOWN HAD ZERO TODAY.

Weather Colder Everywhere East of The Mississippi—Freezing This Morning In Alabama.

Bismarck, N. D., Nov. 15.—Zero at Bismarck was the lowest temperature reported up till 8 o'clock this morning, but the cold wave was still held sway in all districts east of the Mississippi and an abnormally low temperature is reported.

The weather has become colder everywhere east of the Mississippi, except in Southern Florida, and freezing temperature is reported as far south as the Gulf coast.

At Mobile it was two degrees below freezing and at New Orleans 34, while Atlanta reported 24, San Antonio 30, and Nashville 18.

Indications were that the cold wave would increase in intensity in the south and reach 20 degrees in many points in the South Atlantic States.

Cold wave warnings were issued today for the Northeast and Central Florida and along the coast of Georgia and South Carolina.

On account of the approaching West Indian disturbance the weather bureau announced that storm warnings had been ordered displayed on the Atlantic coast south of the Virginia capes. The disturbance at present is over the Gulf of Mexico, moving northward.

CLAIMS TEUTONS ARE BEING ROUTED

Bucharest Sends Word That Rumanians Have Enemy On The Run.

Bucharest, via London, Nov. 15.—In Transylvania the Austro-German forces are being pursued by the Rumanians, according to an announcement at the war office today.

In the Jiu Valley, the Rumanians have been forced back to their second line trenches, as the result of continual Teutonic attacks, the statement adds, and the Rumanians also have been obliged to yield ground in the Alt valley.

DANIELS CONFFERS ABOUT BUILDING

Secretary of Navy Looking Into Construction of The New War Craft.

Washington, Nov. 15.—Secretary Daniels and an expert engineer are today conferring with representatives of ship building concerns which have put in bids for the four battleships, four scout cruisers, twenty nine submarines and sixteen destroyers, which will have to be begun within three months by the terms of the naval bill.

None of the bids previously had been satisfactory, as all were troubled with modifications, which affected the cost prices of the ship. Officials are hoping that an adjustment may be reached.

If this is not possible it is regarded as likely that Congress will be asked to provide funds for the construction of all ships in government navy yards.

HUGHES HAS OVER A 1,000 IN MINNESOTA.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 15.—All pre-

cincts in Minnesota unofficially report give Mr. Hughes a plurality over President Wilson of 1,004.

PRESIDENT WILSON ABOUT TO CAST HIS BALLOT.



PRES. WILSON ENTERING POLLING PLACE. ©INT'L FILM SERVICE.

MANY SOLDIERS GOOD ARTISTS

Sketches and Art Works Sent Home in Great Quantities by Troops.

French Front, Nov. 15.—An exposition of "Art at the Front" composed of the creations of soldiers of the French army now on view at Compiègne includes contributions from every branch of the service.

Pictures in oils and water colors, colored crayone and pencil, charcoal and burnt wood are displayed side by side with statuettes carved out of chalk or soft stone or modelled in plaster colored to represent nature. Metal objects made of shell cases, hammered in beautiful designs to form flower holders and lamps, and splinters of steel shells made into paper weights and inkstands, rifle cartridges transformed into pen and pencil holders, papers, paper cutters, thimbles, and other useful things, fuses made into finger and napkin rings, fancy work baskets fashioned out of the long wicker cases in which loaded projectiles for the big guns are conveyed to the firing line—all give evidence that art goes together with war.

Many of the pictures exhibit a strength which can never be found in any academician salon. They all represent objects of actuality as seen by the men themselves and reproduced in such a way as to bring home to those who see them the conditions under which the soldiers live in face of the enemy. There is no idealism or fantasy in the men's work—all is realism. This, however, does not prevent many of the artists from portraying humor in its broadest sense, for the soldier in the field is very keen on the comic side, and some of the caricatures are excellent.

Few people have had the opportunity of seeing the exposition, owing to the difficulty of reaching Compiègne under the restrictions of war time, but arrangements have been made for the transfer of the collection to Paris and possibly later to America. It is probable that the work of the soldiers of other French armies will be joined together with this exhibit.

There are works by winners of the Prize of Rome of the French Academy who were mobilized while purchasing their studies, and some of these in later years may come to be regarded as masterpieces.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, NOV. 15, 1916.

GERMANS HIT THE FRENCH LINE AND GAIN GROUND

Made Desperately Pressed Attack, Using Liquid Fire, This Morning.

FIGHT RAGES ON THE SOMME FRONT

Berlin Declares Invasion of Rumania is Being Successfully Carried On—Russian Attacks Repulsed

With the battle between the British and the Germans still raging around the Acre river region, the Germans struck the French lines a blow on the other extreme of the Somme fighting front today, between Abblaincourt and the Chaulismes woods south of the river.

Paris declares this attack, which was desperately pressed, with the assistance of liquid fire, resulted in the slight gain of ground east of Presles. There the Germans reached a group of ruined dwellings.

The latest from the British offensive in the Acre region reports the British troops pressing onward. They took 5,000 prisoners yesterday the war office announces.

North of the Somme Paris announces progress for the French in the St. Pierre-Vassart woods region where possession of dominant ground on Saillies is facilitating their movements.

The invasion of Rumania is being carried on successfully by the Austro-German troops, Berlin announces. Engagements along the road leading to southwestern Rumanian yesterday terminated successfully for the Teutons, who took 1,800 prisoners. Petrograd admits the forcing back of the Rumanians by the Teutons at several points but declares that the Austro-German forces were compelled to bring up reinforcements.

On the front southeast of Lemberg in Galicia, several Russian attacks were repulsed by the Austro-Germans according to the German war office statement.

TO BE MUSTERED OUT OF SERVICE

Lieutenant Holmes and Recruiting Detail Gone to Fort Moultrie, S. C.

Lieutenant Edward H. Holmes, with his detail of three men of the Wilmington Light Infantry, who have been on recruiting duty here for the past several months, left this morning for Charleston, S. C., to be mustered out of the United States service at Fort Moultrie, near Charleston. Orders to be mustered out of service were received by the detail several days ago.

With Lieutenant Holmes on this duty have been Sergeant Adrain B. Rhodes, Corporal Nathan J. Silverman and Private Harry H. Watters. The mustering out of these men does not mean that they will lose their status with the National Guard as they will still be members of the Light Infantry.

Lieutenants Holmes and Fillyaw returned last night from Greensboro, where on Monday night they were examined by Major Alexander Greig, U. S. Army, instructor-inspector of the North Carolina Coast Artillery Corps, as to their knowledge of the branch of the service in which they hold their commissions. Practically all of the officers of the corps were present at the Corps headquarters where the examination was held.

DISCUSS METHODS OF HEALING

Physicians Continue Their Convention Today In Atlanta.

Atlanta, Nov. 15.—Discussion of ways to promote healing and a score of clinics at the different hospital made the third day of the Southern Medical Association's convention a busy one. Well known physicians will give technical lectures at the clinics.

Later in the day the delegates will be entertained at a barbecue which will be followed by dancing and an opportunity to play golf.

Very small recompense for their works. They have given them up in order to provide themselves with a few small comforts during the coming winter, on condition that purchasers make a contribution towards the assistance of their wounded and invalid comrades.

The soldiers are content with

FIND SUBTERFUGE TO SELL BUTTER

Berlin, Oct. 15.—The authorities have discovered a clever though simple method of getting around maximum prices for butter and the general prohibition of selling it in more than quarter pound lots. It consists of "butter herring" consisting of one very small thin herring, encased in about a pound of butter which has been selling for some 9 marks on the Berlin market. Before the authorities discovered the ruse dealers who had managed to get both butter and fish from Denmark and elsewhere had succeeded in disposing of hundreds of pounds. Many customers bought in 20, 50 and 100 pound lots, gladly paying the extraordinary price for the chance of getting butter again, even though most of them threw away the tiny fish and with it lost some little of the butter that clung to its skinny sides.

Santa Monica, Cal., Nov. 15.—Prepared for 300 miles of nerve-racking time-shattering, death-defying driving, more than a dozen world famous pilots are resting today, getting a last tonic before their dash here tomorrow in the annual automobile race for the Vanderbilt Cup. The race will be a contest of speed and endurance, with the victor, according to advance predictions, covering the distance in record-breaking time. Among the participants will be such famous drivers as Dario Resta, Earl Cooper, Eddie Pulen, Joe Thomas, Guy Ruckstell, "Howdy" Wilcox, Johnny Aitken and the veteran Barney Oldfield.

YOUTH MET DEATH AT SODA FOUNTAIN

BRITISH OWNERS ASK THAT CASE BE HEARD SOON

Request Speedy Consideration of Appeal In The Appam Action.

LODGED BEFORE THE COURT TODAY

Motion May Be Argued Next Monday In The United States Supreme Court—Points Involved.

Washington, Nov. 15.—British claimants of the prize ship, Appam, at Newport News today filed with the Supreme Court a request for an early hearing of the appeal of Lieutenant Hans Berg, the German prize master, from Federal Judge Waddill's decision awarding the ship to the British owners. It is thought that the motion will be presented to the court next Monday.

In the application the British claimants stated that "the point in question affected the treaty relations of the United States with Germany and have a direct bearing on the diplomatic and international relations of the United States with the belligerent countries in the present war and that it was advisable that the question be settled as speedily as possible."

WARN AGAINST GERMAN SUBS.

British Cruiser Sends Out General Message—American Steamer Gets It.

Providence, R. I., Nov. 15.—The Merchant and Mariners' steamship, Howard, reported on her arrival here today that when off Block Island, just before daylight, she had been warned against a German submarine by a British cruiser.

It was at first reported that the dispatch had been sent while the British vessel was off the coast of Southern New England, but when the Howard docked, an inspection of her wireless was made and it was shown that the message received was a general warning to all ships against German undersea boats, which might be met anywhere in the Atlantic ocean.

The trial of Charles Walker, colored, on a charge of rape was begun early this afternoon and practically the entire remainder of the day will be consumed in the taking of testimony and the summing up by counsel for the two contingents. The case is of a nature to attract the morbidly inclined and the court room was comfortably filled when the empanelling of the jury was completed. No evidence in the Walker case was taken this morning but it was begun immediately after dinner.

Other matters disposed of this morning were: Thomas F. Costen, et al. vs. Woodall & Sheppard, petition and order; City of Wilmington against German Manufacturing Company, decree; City of Wilmington against Carrie T. Mash, et al., decree; City of Wilmington against John N. Nell, et al., decree; City of Wilmington against Wesley Clinton, decree; W. H. Pridgen against Levering Manufacturing Company, order making E. W. Goodwin party to plaintiff.

CANCER INCREASING IN SOUTHERN STATES

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 15.—Cancer is on the increase in the southern states, according to the report of a committee of the public health section of the medical men's convention now in session in Atlanta.

In order to promote the study of the dread disease, the committee strongly urges the importance of more complete vital statistics by municipal and county health authorities.

The medical profession has not yet discovered the cause of cancer. In order to determine whether or not it is hereditary, a record must be kept of every case, so that the new cases in the future can be traced back to old cases in the present, if any, relating connection exists between them.

ALL READY FOR THE BIG AUTO RACES.

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TEACHERS MEET IN NORTH DAKOTA.

Fargo, N. D., Nov. 15.—North Dakota school teachers took Fargo by storm today and practically every accommodation in city is taxed to provide places for them. The occasion of the gathering is the annual convention of the North Dakota Educational association, which opened for a three-day session this morning under conditions that promise the most profitable meeting ever held by the association. Features of the program will be addresses by Governor Ferris, of Michigan, Governor Hanna, of North Dakota, and President Vincent of the University of Minnesota.