

Fair tonight and Sunday. Frost tonight. Not much change in temperature. Moderate west winds.

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BRITISH ATTACKS NET MORE GROUND

Further Progress Reported by London in The Offensive North of The Ancre.

GERMANS FIERCELY ATTACK THE FRENCH

But Paris Reports They Were Repulsed—Allies Drive Nearer Monastir—Serbians in Thick of The Fight.

British attacks last night resulted in further progress for the new offensive north of the Ancre river in the extension of the offensive on the Somme front in Northern France.

Striking northeast from Beaumont-Hamel and northward from Beaucourt, the British pushed back the Germans in each case, London announces.

The operations of the Serbians have brought them to a point due east of Monastir. On the south the French are five miles from the city.

Germany in Winter's Grip. London, Nov. 18.—Germany is in the grip of winter, says the Exchange Telegraph Company's Bernese correspondent.

Rumanians Advance. Bucarest, (Via London), Nov. 18.—The Rumanians have made progress on the front in the region of Dragoslav, the war office announced today.

GEORGIA PRISON A POET'S HOME

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 18.—Instead of embittering his soul and making him an enemy of society, eight years as a prisoner in the Federal Penitentiary in Atlanta has whitened the hair of Logan P. Martin, sweetened his disposition and turned him into a poet.

He is going to publish a book of poems selected from more than a thousand which he wrote in prison, and Rev. C. B. Wilmer, D. D., rector of St. Luke's Episcopal church, and one of the brilliant clergymen of Atlanta, is going to give him a helping hand.

Ohio Valley Exposition.

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 18.—Of prime importance to the agricultural, commercial and industrial interests of the States bordering on the Ohio River is the Ohio Valley Industrial Exposition, which opened in this city today for an engagement of one week.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 17.—It rang for the election of Grover Cleveland both times, it rang for the election of Woodrow Wilson in 1912 and rang for his election in 1916; and now "Gusie Hill," the monster fire bell that hung for years in a tower on top of the Atlanta fire department headquarters, has been removed to Grant Park and will be mounted on a special tower of its own and preserved for all times as one of the most precious relics of Atlanta's pioneer village days.

Several weeks ago it was taken down from the top of the fire headquarters, because the department had ceased to use it after the installation of a new and up-to-date electric fire alarm system. The old bell lay on the sidewalk until "Cap" W. R. Joyner, former Atlanta fire chief, former mayor of Atlanta, and now state fire marshal, jacked it up on temporary blocks to ring it in celebration of the Woodrow Wilson victory.

The latest ring of the bell brought its sentimental attachments to the attention of the people and it will be preserved.

SEARCH OF NITRATE HAS PROVED TO BE DISAPPOINTING

Government Hoped to Find Supply to Use in Time of Peace for Fertilizer.

MANY BOGUS STOCKS SOLD.

Promoters Flashed Wildcat Bonds on Market But Not Enough Percent of Nitrate in Deposits.

(By George H. Manning.) Washington, D. C., Nov. 18.—The search for a natural supply of nitrate in all parts of the United States, which it was hoped would be sufficient to supply our needs in case of war and furnish the farmers of the country fertilizer material in times of peace, has been very disappointing in its result, it was stated at the United States Geological Survey today.

The importance of discovering such a supply to relieve us from the German monopoly which has been cut off now about two years, has received widespread public attention.

Prospectors in many sections have raised great hopes by finding good surface showings of saltpeter, but further investigation has proved that the deposits did not extend any distance into the earth, a conclusion that has been reached with reluctance by the Geological Survey.

Advantage has been taken of this situation to promote numerous stock-selling enterprises, even after the worthlessness of the deposits seemed apparent to any competent judge, the Survey claimed, so that the public might question either the good faith of the promoters or their practical knowledge.

A careful study of these deposits was recently made in different parts of the country by Hoyt S. Gale, a geologist of the United States Survey, who states in his report of findings, that deposits found on lavas and in limestone and sandstone either did not penetrate a sufficient depth into the earth to make their development profitable, or did not show a sufficiently high percentage of nitrate deposit to warrant the substance being handled commercially.

The Geological Survey officials stated today they will always be glad to examine any samples submitted, and urges that anyone intending to devote his time or money to further exploration should do so with full knowledge of the evidence already in hand, and should not be led into a venture by misleading representations.

WANT MORE PAY FOR EMPLOYEES

Federation of Labor Adopts Resolution to Seek Such From Congress.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 18.—The American Federation of Labor today adopted a resolution instructing its president and council to endeavor to have Congress enact a law granting all government employees in the civil service an increase of salary of at least \$200 a year.

The resolution declared that: "It is normally impossible for the classified civil service employees to support himself and family on the wages paid by the United States." Several hundred delegates went to Washington on a sight-seeing trip today. They will be received by President Wilson at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

DEVICE TO COUNT CALIFORNIA.

Friedler Wanted to Sell a Machine to the President.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Saul Friedler, who said he lived at No. 145 Orchard street, New York, was arrested at the White House when he tried to see President Wilson to sell him a vote-counting device.

"It is a nuisance to have to wait a week for election returns, and then have to count them over," he told the policemen who stopped him at the door. Friedler said by his device the count could be made in full before midnight of Election Day. He proposed to have the machine installed in California at once to clear up this year's elections, and possibly convince Charles E. Hughes. He was sent to the Washington Asylum Hospital for investigation as to his sanity.

ANTI-SALOON LEADERS ACTIVE

Planning to Have Stringent Laws Enforced After Meeting of Next Legislature.

Raleigh, Nov. 18.—The trustees of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League in their meeting Thursday offered a law for the consideration of the next general assembly that prohibits both prohibition and the prohibition of the prohibitionists. In short, it goes right after liquor.

The trustees determined to meet in Raleigh shortly after the opening of the general assembly. This will be the biennial session of the league and William Jennings Bryan will be invited to speak. The bill, which will be offered provides against the possession of more than a half gallon of spirituous liquors, five gallons of vinous and three gallons of malt. It provides also against the receipt of liquors from an express company or other carrier and their storage in cafes, stores, clubrooms, or other public places. It makes unlawful the storage of liquor in lockers.

In a word, it is to be unlawful to possess more than half a gallon of liquor, the real stuff; three gallons of malt or five gallons of vinous liquors. Section 5 of the bill makes unlawful receipt for liquors or biters from express companies or other carriers, and makes unlawful also the possession of liquors that have been shipped. Section 6 makes unlawful the manufacture, for sale, of wine, but a person making and consuming five gallons only in a year will be free from prosecution. Hard cider is banned if it contains more than 2 1/2 per cent alcohol.

Section 7 prohibits the storing of liquors anywhere, clubrooms, fraternal organizations, etc. Section 8 operates against the keeping of booze for another.

Section 9 gets the man who distributes liquor and the man who takes orders for it. Section 10 gets the paper that advertises the stuff. Section 11 gets the club that stores in lockers or otherwise for use. Section 12 provides machinery, for abating the drinking place and prohibits that employment of third.

Sections 13 and 14 provide for the seizure and sale of automobiles and other property used in transporting liquor for illegal purposes and fixes the "right, title and interest of every party or person in or to the said property so seized and sold." Section 15 makes the common carrier come clean with the books. Section 16 allows nobody to be excused from testifying before a grand jury. Section 17 provides for the prosecution of the violator wherever he be caught. The four sections following embody the 1915 law providing for the use of grain alcohol by drug stores and physicians.

The first offense may range from \$100 to \$2,500 in fines and repeaters will not be less than 60 days nor more than two years. Copying the Virginia act the proposed law provides a fine of \$10 to \$100 for public drunkenness.

It is boldly announced that the purpose of this act is to break up drinking and to quit temporizing and compromising with liquor.

Cursed and abused as he has been, Rev. R. L. Davis was again selected superintendent for 1917 and the leader is expected to get the legislature right. Most everybody will cuss Brother Davis some during the fight and the members do not all vote with him, but he always knows more about the way they will vote than anybody else does and when the liquor bill is called about 90 per cent. of the representatives will have petitions from the people back in his county. Brother Davis gets the petition somehow when the representative hasn't heard of it.

And should the prohibition sentiment become aggressive in the speaker's race it is very probable that Harry Grier, who led them two years ago, would make a great showing. There is a considerable sentiment for Grier, who has done nothing to excite it.

This bill is very different from any other. In 1908 the slogan was prohibition, not the tampering with one's appetite. The new bill distinctly announces its intention to stand at the suffragan's muzzle and superintend the load that goes therein. And nothing nearly so drastic has been undertaken. This will be the true test of prohibition sentiment.

Archibald Johnson, Rev. R. L. Gray, Dr. L. E. M. Freeman, Rev. Hight C. Moore, W. T. Shaw, Rev. B. M. Andrews, Rev. J. E. Underwood, Major H. A. London, M. L. Shipman, and Rev. J. W. Holt signed this bill. Nobody accuses them of being afraid.

I do wish you'd get a new car, pa. The old one is getting so shabby that I'm ashamed to be seen in it. Good. Now, maybe I'll get a chance to use it myself occasionally.—Exchange.

FOOTBALL SEASON REACHES THE BIG CREST TODAY

Important Gridiron Battles to Be Staged in South This Afternoon.

N. C. UNIVERSITY PLAYS AT HOME.

Tar Heel A. and M. Battles With Georgetown Eleven. Yale and Princeton Will Fight.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 18.—With three unbeaten eleven facing teams that are out of the championship contention, the football season reached its height today. In none of the battles does any one aggregation appear decisively better than its opponent and it would occasion little surprise if either of the eleven won.

Auburn and Georgia Techs meet Virginia and Georgia and Tennessee must dispose of Sewanee to have a claim for the championship. Auburn was a slight favorite over Vanderbilt, while Tennessee had the edge on Sewanee. Rivalry on Georgia and on Georgia Techs kept the betting even. Louisiana State and Mississippi meet at Baton Rouge, while Alabama and Tulane battle at New Orleans, and Virginia and Virginia Military Institute at Charlottesville.

Mississippi A. & M. goes to Lexington, Ky., to play Kentucky State. North Carolina A. & M. plays Georgetown at Washington and North Carolina meets Furman at Chapel Hill.

Two inter-sectional contests are listed. Florida plays Indiana at Bloomington, Ind., and Washington and Lee entertain Washington and Jefferson at Richmond.

On Eastern Gridirons. New York, Nov. 18.—Although the meeting of Yale and Princeton today overshadows all other Eastern football games, there are several tight scores expected.

Rivalry of many years standing, both fast and powerful organizations, Syracuse and Colgate will battle at Syracuse and widespread interest is manifested in the meeting. Harvard will meet no mean opponent in Brown and while the Crimson is a slight favorite a thrilling battle is anticipated. Cornell lines up against the Massachusetts Aggies at Ithaca and the Army plays Springfield at West Point. The Navy plays Villa Nova at Annapolis.

The Yale-Princeton Game. Princeton, N. J., Nov. 18.—Princeton bestirred itself early today in order to accommodate the 40,000 persons who were expected to witness the battle between Princeton and Yale this afternoon. The game will start at 2 o'clock.

Princeton was the favorite in the few bets made. Yale supporters asked odds at 10 to 9. Although the majority of the football critics concede the Tigers to be the stronger eleven the Princeton coaches and men are looking for a harder struggle than the one with Harvard a week ago. Princeton now has a much stronger team than met Harvard last week.

GREETINGS FOR "BILLY" SUNDAY

Boston, Mass., Nov. 18.—Evangelist "Billy" Sunday, who has just concluded the first week of his great revival in Boston, is in receipt of a shower of congratulatory messages sent in anticipation of his fifty third birthday anniversary. Sunday was born at Ames, Ia., Nov. 19, 1853. Among those who have remembered him with greetings are hundreds of ministers and laymen in Omaha, Baltimore, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Paterson and other cities where he has conducted his remarkable evangelistic campaigns during the past few years. Mr. Sunday has made no special plans for the observance of his birthday tomorrow. He expects to conduct afternoon and evening services in the big tabernacle and will pass the remainder of the day in company with his family and a few intimate friends in the spacious mansion occupied by the evangelist's party in Commonwealth avenue.

"Georgia Products Day." Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 18.—In compliance with a proclamation by Governor Harris the people throughout the length and breadth of Georgia observed today as "Georgia Products Day." In his proclamation setting aside the day the Governor urged the people to raise larger amounts and a wider variety of farm and garden products and thereby make themselves more independent in these days of high prices. "Georgia Products Day" was observed in Atlanta with a great civic dinner, attended by a thousand representative citizens from all parts of the State. Every item on the menu, from soup to nuts, was a Georgia product.

MANY ITEMS TO BE ELIMINATED

Passing of Constitutional Amendments Lessens Work of State Assembly.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 18.—An interesting trio of notables attending the annual convention of the Southern Medical Association, which closes today with a golf tournament, are Dr. Cary T. Grayson, W. J. Harris and Dr. Seale Harris.

The first is private physician to President Wilson, the second is a member of the Federal Trade Commission appointed by President Wilson, and the third is secretary-treasurer of the association and a brother of the second and close personal friend of the first. Dr. Harris and Dr. Grayson have been friends for years, and Commissioner Harris and Dr. Grayson are also friends. It was at the request of Dr. Harris and Commissioner Harris that Dr. Grayson arranged to come to Atlanta for the convention. Dr. Grayson has been called the "only man in the world from whom President Wilson takes orders." Commissioner Harris is one of the closest men in Washington to the President. Dr. Harris is editor of the Southern Medical Journal, besides being secretary-treasurer of the Southern Medical Association, and during his incumbency of five years in the office the association's membership has increased from 600 to 6,000.

THE COUNTY JAIL IS EMPTY TODAY

Condition Exists For First Time in History—Jubilee Service in Morning.

The New Hanover County Jail is without prisoners this afternoon for the first time in the history of the city, according to the memories of officials connected with that institution, and the dream of all jailers has realized by Mr. J. M. Branch, jailer. Several times the number of prisoners has dwindled to one but it seemed impossible to get rid of all prisoners at one time. This condition actually exists this afternoon but how long it will remain so is only a matter of conjecture.

Jubilee services will be held in the jail in the morning at 9:30 o'clock and all will celebrate the departure of the erring ones. It is customary to hold services for the prisoners in the jail each Sunday morning and officials have long contemplated the idea of a jubilee if it were possible to hold this with no prisoners to look on. Such a condition is now possible and Jailer Branch has the distinction of holding office with no prisoners to guard—a position never before occupied by a predecessor.

This condition either speaks well for the law and order of the community or would indicate that the police department and county officials are not strictly on the job. The consensus of opinion is that our civilization is advancing regardless of the evil prophecies of those who are wont to argue that our civilization is only skin deep. The last prisoner was given his freedom this morning when he gave bond for his appearance in Rocky Mount and Wilson to answer to charges of false pretence. G. J. Hart, white, was the last one to see the interior of the jail as a prisoner and now he is free to go and come as he pleases until his trials, which are slated for the 27th of the month at Rock Mount and December 1st, at Wilson are begun and the two cases against him disposed of.

The November term of Superior Court which came to a close last yesterday afternoon helped to clean out the jail and unless some one commits a crime that would warrant his confinement in the jail rather than the guard house the county jail will at least remain vacant until Monday morning.

Prices For Bacon.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 18.—Mr. Store Keeper! Ring up another for old H. C. of L.! Boarding houses have caught the fever of increased prices, or have been compelled to advance their rates because the price of groceries and other necessities is soaring—whichever way you choose to put it—with the result that bachelor boys and bachelor men, and bachelor girls and bachelor maids, are having to dig down deeper into their pockets. There is no way out of it, declares our good friend the landlady. Meat up. Lard up. Flour up. Sugar up. Everything out of sight. That's the way she does it out. And the worst of it is, for the boarders, that she's telling the truth.

LITTLE CHANGE SO FAR IN RETURNS FROM CALIFORNIA

All But One of The Los Angeles Precincts Have Been Heard From.

HUGHES' ELECTORS MAKE SLIGHT GAIN.

No Material Deviation Yet Shown—Wilson Still Ahead Over Three Thousand Votes.

Sacramento, Cal., Nov. 18.—Twenty-five counties out of 58 in California had yet to file election returns with the Secretary of State today. Several of the most populous counties have completed the recount, but have as yet not made their returns. With 625 of the 684 San Francisco precincts counted the deviation of the original showed a gain of 74 for Hughes.

The work here, according to the State statutes, must be completed by November 27. No important discrepancies have been discovered in the counties' returns and President Wilson's unofficial majority over Mr. Hughes is approximately 3,200 votes. Advice from Los Angeles stated that 1,214 out of the 1,215 precincts had been received and the Republican elector had received a net gain of 121 votes.

HANDSOME STEAMER IN

The Pennsylvanian is One of The Largest Ever Here.

The American freighter Pennsylvanian, one of the handsomest and largest vessels to ever visit this port, arrived in Wilmington this afternoon from Charleston, S. C., with a part cargo of nitrate of soda to be discharged at the Atlantic Coast Line terminal. The cargo is from one of the ports on the West coast of South America.

The Pennsylvanian is practically a new steamer and it embodies all the latest improvements in ocean going freight vessels. Her tonnage is 4,139 which is probably the greatest of any steamer to ever visit this port. It is considerably longer than a city block. The commanding officer is Captain Tapsley.

Handsomely painted, the hull of black and the superstructure of white and buff, the steamer presented a pretty sight as she steamed into the harbor. Not a few persons lined the wharves to view the steamer.

MANY ITEMS TO BE ELIMINATED

Passing of Constitutional Amendments Lessens Work of State Assembly.

Raleigh, Nov. 18.—That the passage of the four constitutional amendments will so restrict local legislation as to eliminate about 75 per cent. of the usual work done in the biennial sessions of the general assembly is the view of many politicians here who look with great favor upon the incoming legislature. The chief things prohibited in the amendments are that the pickings of the representatives. Many a young lawyer has come to Raleigh solely upon his local promises, but the fellows who were elected on local legislation platforms this year must double-cross their electorate, so the leaders say. Such things as the township stock law, the sadwast act, the election of county school boards of education and a thousand similar things will be out of it.

It is believed that this set of amendments will have much to do with fundamental changes in the school laws. While the Republicans attacked the Joyner administration much, they were often reminded that he was the most progressive of the Democrats, had always been willing to a system, uniformly elected or uniformly appointed, school boards. The present system is a mixture. And the death of local legislation will doubtless give more time for the study of the bigger problem of education. The Republicans declared for popular election of school boards, but it is doubtful whether that measure will get anywhere this year or not. Times have changed. Yes, I don't believe you'll ever hear any of the youngsters growing up wishing for the kind of pie their mothers used to make.—Exchange.