

Generally fair tonight and Wednesday. Not much change in temperature. Fresh northeast winds.

WITH BOLD, RAPID MOVE THEY CONQUER

Teutons Lose No Time In Pushing Their Attack On The Rumanians.

KEEP UP THEIR STRONG INVASION.

Rumanian Army May Already Be Cut Off In Its Retreat—Entente Troops Pursue Germans and Bulgarians From Monastir.

By bold and rapid stroke the Teutonic invaders apparently have conquered a large section of Northwestern Wallachia from the Rumanians.

Petrograd's official bulletin today announces a Rumanian retreat to the region of Filiash, forty miles northwest of Craiova. Judging from recent reports of operations this means converging of the attack by the Austro-Germans moving southward and east, compelling the Rumanians to withdraw from Orsovia and execute a rapid retreat in the Jiu Valley. This movement apparently may have been prevented and the retreating army cut off.

Whether even the rapid retreat has been in time to save the Rumanian army in that region is rendered doubtful by the German announcement that the Teutonic troops are now before Craiova.

For further retreat in Wallachia the arrival of Russian troops seem to have strengthened the Rumanian defense. The Rumanians are resisting persistently in the Arp Valley, but nevertheless have been compelled to yield important positions.

In the other chief fields of military activity, on the Macedonian front, the French and Serbian troops are continuing pursuit of the German and Bulgarian forces, which evacuated Monastir under entente pressure. Berlin reports that the entente advanced here is a "feeling out" of the German-Bulgarian positions by scouting detachments. The new line is a distance of about 17 miles north of Monastir and is reported strongly entrenched, with the presence of fresh German forces.

East of the Monastir region, Berlin declares the Serbian attempt to advance was repulsed. West of Monastir the Italians, according to Paris, repulsed a center attack.

On the Somme and Ancre, in Northern France, the fighting has been continued to artillery engagements.

WILL ADHERE TO FORMER PROGRAM

President Wilson to Reiterate Railway Recommendations in Address.

Washington, Nov. 21.—President Wilson's recommendations for railway legislation in his address to congress will be practically the same as those embodied in his special address last August, when a nation-wide strike was pending. The President discussed some of the details today with his cabinet.

In his special address the President made six specific recommendations. Two providing for the eight-hour day as a legal basis for work and of wages from the railways and for a commission to observe the operations of the law, were embodied in the Adamson act.

Attorney General Gregory said today, after the cabinet meeting, that the government was fully prepared to defend the suit to test the constitutionality of the law and he supposed the brotherhood officials would be represented by counsel.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS WAS REORDER TODAY.

Washington, Nov. 21.—A pronounced earthquake, lasting from 1.31 o'clock this morning until 2:15 o'clock was recorded today at Georgetown University. The center of the disturbance was estimated to be from 2,100 to 2,200 miles from Washington.

HUNDREDS DIE IN ACCIDENT IN RUSSIA.

Petrograd (Via London), Nov. 21.—It is announced officially that 341 persons have been killed and 667 persons injured in an accident in Bakkaritsha.

LABOR BODY GAVE SPEAKERS A BIG GREETING TODAY

Lee Tells Federation of Labor All Must Hang Together or Hang Separately.

WILL CO-OPERATE FOR EIGHT-HOUR DAY.

President Gompers Welcomes Affiliation of The Railway Brotherhoods—Delegates Enthusiastically Cheer.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 21.—Affiliation of the American Federation of Labor and the four big railway brotherhoods was forecast today before the Federation's convention here by the brotherhood heads and President Gompers. The delegates cheered all the speakers enthusiastically.

"We must hang together or we will hang separately," W. G. Lee, head of the railway trainmen, declared. "It is a great comfort to know," President Gompers said, "that the time is not far distant when the great brotherhoods will be a part of the Federation of Labor."

Lee explained that official affiliation with the Federation was impossible before their convention, but he said the organizations would cooperate as though officially affiliated.

He declared that the brotherhoods did not bring their "eight-hour troubles" to the Federation for support. "I am about as anarchist enough," he said, "to say we are going to work for an eight-hour day for all classes. If we can't get it peacefully, we will fight for it."

Lee said that some sort of affiliation will be effected to fight any arbitration legislation which might be unfair to labor. "President Wilson plans such legislation," Lee said, "and it should be carefully watched." He declared that Congress had no right to pass any law to compel a man to work and he did not think it would do so.

Prolonged cheering followed when Lee praised President Wilson.

"It took more courage for him to write across the front page of the newspapers that he was for an eight-hour work-day than it would have taken to have written across it that this country was at war with Mexico," he said.

"Our principal object is now to help the President and the members in both branches of congress to make good their promises to us. I believe they will do it."

Lee declared that now the election had been won without the assistance of New York, Indiana and Illinois, that labor should not fail to retain its power thus gained. The brotherhoods, Lee declared, had no desire that the Adamson bill be enacted into law, but as it had become a law they were trying to live up to it.

BISHOP WILSON PASSED AWAY TODAY

Well Known Divine of the Methodist Church Dies at Home in Baltimore.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 21.—Bishop Alpheus W. Wilson, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, died at his home here today. He was 82 years of age.

Bishop Wilson returned home last night after a month's tour of the South. He was ill when he arrived, having come from Richmond in an automobile. He took to his bed at once.

He had been bishop since 1882 and was a Biblical scholar of national note.

TRYING TO SHOW ANIMOSITY EXISTED.

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 21.—Evidence introduced today by the defense in the case of Charles E. Trabue, charged with the murder of Harry S. Stokes, was aimed to show animosity on the part of the dead man towards the accused.

WILL NOT TRY AND PROVE AN ALIBI

David Overton Pleads He Killed Judge as Matter Self Defense.

Huntsville, Ala., Nov. 21.—David D. Overton, former clerk of Madison county court, today faced trial in Madison county circuit court charged with the murder of Probate Judge W. T. Lawler here last June. Although it had been reported that Overton would try to prove an alibi his attorneys today indicated he will plead self-defense and they will attempt to prove that Overton was compelled to take severe measures to defend his own life.

CALLS FOR NATIONAL BANK STATEMENTS.

Washington, Nov. 21.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for the condition of all National banks on Friday, November 17th.

MANY NOMINATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED

Women of Wilmington and Vicinity Have Shown Great Interest in Competition For Overland Automobile and Other Prizes—Many Inquiries and Requests For Information.

- THE PRIZES. \$685 Overland Automobile. Ford Automobile. Building Lot. \$100 in Gold. \$75 Victrola. \$50 O. K. Mystic Range. \$40 Sellers Kitchen Cabinet. \$25 Wrist Watch. Two \$60 Diamond Rings.

The first day of The Dispatch's Grand Prize Voting Contest showed that the people of Wilmington and the surrounding territory are greatly interested in the big enterprise. Nominations are coming in rapidly, and there were many requests for information, both by mail and phone.

While it is a little early to expect much evidence of interest from the smaller towns and the rural routes in the territory, the contest department was most agreeably surprised by the communications received yesterday.

The women and young ladies of the Tar Heel State were quick to realize that the offer of The Dispatch was an unusual one, and that it is seldom that a newspaper offers such prizes as an Overland Automobile, a Ford Automobile, Building Lot at Carolina Beach, a Victrola, \$100 in Gold, \$50 Range, \$40 Kitchen Cabinet, and a \$25 Wrist Watch, for a few weeks' work. They were also quick to realize that there will be no losers in The Dispatch contest, as a cash reward ample to compensate the competitor for her efforts will be paid to each one who fails to win one of the prizes.

All that is necessary to nominate yourself or some friend as a candidate for prize honors is to clip the "nomination coupon," which appears

Advertisement for 28 Shopping Days till Christmas. Includes decorative border and large number 28.

DEUTSCHLAND / AGA STARTS BACK.

New London, Conn., Nov. 21.—The Deutschland has started on her return voyage, leaving for Bremen shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon.

NEW BERN READY FOR THE SHRINERS

Great Time On Tap For There Tomorrow—Red Letter Event N. C. Shriners.

New Bern, N. C., Nov. 21.—New Bern is preparing today to greet the one thousand or more Shriners and novices, who are expected to be here tomorrow for the institution of Sudan Temple. The vanguard of the visitors will begin arriving late today.

It is said the program arranged by the Shriners will be one of the most elaborate ever presented in Shrine-temple in North Carolina.

COAST LINE HAS RESTORED OLD DIVIDEND RATE

Brings Back The Seven Per Cent at Annual Meeting Held Today.

OLD DIRECTORS WERE RE-ELECTED

Semi-Annual Dividend of Three and a Half Per Cent Was Declared By Meeting.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 21.—A declaration of a 3 1/2 per cent. dividend on the common capital stock of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, payable January 10, 1917, to stockholders on record December 19, was declared today by the board of directors of the corporation, following the stockholders' meeting.

All of the old officers and directors of the road were re-elected from President Kenly down. President Kenly's report, in part, follows: "Operating revenues for the year, amounting to \$34,445,110.33, showed an increase of \$2,908,635.50, or 9.22 per cent. over 1915. "Operating expenses decreased \$107,148.81, leaving an increase in net of \$3,015,784.26. It has happened.

increase in taxes, which amounted to \$204,673.99, net operating revenues, less taxes, increased \$2,811,110.36." The report showed the road's affairs to be in a prosperous condition.

George B. Elliott, of Richmond, was named for the executive committee, succeeding the late Alexander Hamilton, and F. F. Darden, of Wilmington, was elected assistant secretary.

Restores Old Dividend.

New York, Nov. 21.—The Atlantic Coast Line declared a dividend of 3 1/2 per cent. on the common stock today, restoring it to a 7 per cent. basis, an increase of 2 per cent. The directors, at the annual meeting, were re-elected.

UNWILLING TO ADMIT DEFEAT

Brunswick Democrat Says The Mourning Apparel is Still Being Worn.

Mr. J. S. Phelps, of Supply, Brunswick county, was a caller at The Dispatch office this morning and among the other items of interest embodied in a conversation with this gentleman was the assertion that Brunswick has not yet discarded her mourning over the defeat of one Charles Evans Hughes for the Presidency of this fair country and was as yet loath to admit that President Woodrow Wilson had been returned to office.

Mr. Phelps pays his poll tax in Brunswick, which is strictly Republican, he is very well satisfied with the way the election went and was all smiles when referring to the outcome of the Presidential election.

Mr. Phelps was here on business, but found plenty of time to congratulate Democratic friends over the outcome of the recent issue between President Wilson and Mr. Hughes. Brunswick, as a whole, is very much disappointed, but there are a few, according to Mr. Phelps, who are mighty well pleased.

In speaking of the bridge proposition, Mr. Phelps advanced the information that he was under the impression that the Brunswick commissioners had expressed themselves on the matter and that it was now up to the New Hanover commissioners as to what action is taken. Brunswick wants an improved ferry service or a bridge across the Cape Fear, but Mr. Phelps is of the opinion that she has spoken and that it is up to New Hanover to act.

Mr. Phelps was accompanied over by Mr. Floyd Kirby.

GIANT TACKLE HAS RETURNED TO PLAY

West Point, N. Y., Nov. 21.—The return of Butler, the giant tackle of three years' experience, to the army football squad today is the feature of the cadets' final drive for Saturday's game with the Navy. Butler was sadly needed to bolster the weakened army line. The team will be one of the heaviest sent out of West Point in many years.

ULTIMATUM IS GIVEN MEXICAN DELEGATES

American Commissioners Are Tired Fooling and Put Question Squarely Up to Them

HAS APPROVAL OF PRESIDENT WILSON.

Details Conditions Under Which Punitive Expedition Will be Withdrawn—Mexican Commissioners Now Considering Proposition.

Atlantic City, N. J., Nov. 21.—The American commissioners today gave the Mexican commissioners what is understood to be the last opportunity for an amicable settlement of the border problem.

In joint session Chairman Lane, of the American commissioners, informed Carranza's representatives that the American punitive expedition would be withdrawn within a reasonable time and under conditions that would not leave unprotected the territory south of the border. He also outlined the manner in which the American government would guard the frontier and punish any marauding bandits who attempted to enter the United States. He made it clear that his government will not tolerate any restrictions of pursuit of bandits by American troops. Luis Cabrera, chief of the Mexican commission, and his colleagues, received the proposal.

Steady opposition to the plan by Mr. Cabrera and insistence that further activity of American troops must be refuted caused Mr. Lane to place before President Wilson all the facts, and when he entered the conference room today he carried the President's approval of his plan. The Mexicans were aware of this and it was regarded as probable that they would recede from their position.

The Mexican commissioners retired to their room for consideration of the American proposal and were still secluded when the American delegates adjourned until later in the afternoon.

NOT AFRAID OF COAL SHORTAGE

New Bern Dealers Fear Not—Postoffice Makes a Good Showing.

New Bern, Nov. 21.—The increasing cost of coal and its shortage even at fabulous prices, is worrying a few New Bernians, but the majority of them are paying little concern to this, knowing full well that the fuel question is one that can be quickly and easily solved here.

Already hundreds of citizens have cut out coal and are burning slabs and blocks which are secured from the local saw mills at most reasonable prices and these are giving complete satisfaction.

The only advantage that coal has over these slabs and blocks is that it is not necessary to "fire up" so often when the former is used and that a fire can be kept overnight with no trouble while it is practically impossible to do this with the latter.

While no detailed statement is given out, it is known that the record made by the New Bern postoffice since the ending of the fiscal year has been an enviable one in every way, shape and form and there is every indication that by the end of the present year, it will have reached the point where it can be placed in the first class.

Under the able management of Postmaster L. G. Daniels, the office came mighty near getting in the first class last year, but missed the mark by a few thousand dollars.

It is believed that the receipts this year will be large enough to place it in this class and local citizens are doing everything possible to bring this about.

WOULD TAKE LAW INTO OWN HANDS

London, Nov. 21.—Robert P. Houston, member of parliament from Liverpool and head of the Houston Line of Steamers, writes The Times asking that the British merchant marine take the sea law into its own hands and to arm against submarines regardless of government restrictions. He offers the master of any British merchantman 2,000 pounds for each German submarine he sinks.

COTTON OVER TWENTY CENTS AT NEW BERN.

New Bern, N. C., Nov. 21.—Cotton sold here today brought 20 1/4 cents. More than 500 bales were sold yesterday at 20 cents.

SWISS GOVT. WON'T RECOGNIZE NEW KINGDOM.

Paris, Nov. 21.—The Swiss government has decided not to recognize the newly created kingdom of Poland, according to a Swiss dispatch to the Radio Agency. The dispatch adds that the decision will not, however, be made public until after the war.