

WEATHER FORECAST.
Rain followed by clearing and cold tonight. Friday fair and colder. Southerly to westerly gales.

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BLAMES DIVISION FOR ALL TROUBLES

Counsel For Railway Executives Tells Congressional Committee "Reasons"

CREDIT POOR UNDER PRESENT SYSTEM.

Too Much Division of Authority Between States and Federal Government, He Contends—Too Much Politics That Retards Development.

Washington, Nov. 23.—The railroad's view of the trouble with the country's transportation facilities was presented to the joint congressional investigation committee today by Alfred P. Thom, counsel for the railway executives' advisory committee.

Mr. Thom blamed the present system of "corrective" regulations divided between the State and the Federal government for most of the problems that trouble the public and the carriers and appealed for necessary changes not upon "any mere theory or jealousy as to distribution of governmental power, but upon the larger issues of what the public interests require."

Rates, Mr. Thom declared, are less important to the public interest than "certainty, safety and sufficiency of transportation."

Under the present condition by which the railroads' business is largely controlled by political instead of business consideration, he added, "the railroads' credit is so poor and the returns so small that adequate expenditure of running lines into undeveloped territory and enlargement of facilities are impossible."

He said increased transportation facilities would tend to reduce the cost of living, opening up new country, thereby causing an increase in production. Mr. Thom pointed out that the present system of railroad regulation had its beginning in abuses of the past and was based on principles of repression, correction and punishment rather than on constructive principles.

STILL WITHOUT A CLUE TO ROBBERY

Detectives Searching For Men Who Looted Express Money Box.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Nov. 23.—Police and express officers throughout the South today sought the two men who are alleged to have stolen \$40,000 in currency from a Southern Express motor truck here last night. Although the robbery occurred in the center of the business district, detectives so far have found no clue leading to the recovery of the money, which was being shipped by Chattanooga banks to various Southern cities. Their only information was that given by the driver of the truck, who said two well-dressed men climbed aboard the machine and held him up at the points of revolvers. He was forced to turn over the keys to the strong box, he said, and the robbers quickly rifled it and, after clubbing him over the head, disappeared with a thousand dollars was left untouched.

The driver was detained at police headquarters during the night by the detectives, who said they wished to question him further.

ANOTHER JEAN CRONES HAS BEEN ARRESTED.

Spaulding, Neb., Nov. 23.—A man who the town marshal believes answers the description of Jean Crones, wanted in Chicago on a charge of having poisoned the soup served at a banquet in honor of Archbishop Mundelein, is under arrest here.

STORM WARNING.

Washington, D. C., November 23, 1916.
Observer,
Wilmington, N. C.
Holst southwest storm warning 10 a. m., Jacksonville to Cape Henry.
Storm over Illinois moving east. Strong southerly winds probably reaching gale force this afternoon and tonight and shifting to westerly Friday. Southeast warnings displayed north of Cape Henry to Boston.
BOWIE.

MANY SENT BEST WISHES TO WILSON OVER RE-ELECTION

Hundreds of Telegrams Made Public By The White House Today.

ANSWER TO CABINET DEEMED SIGNIFICANT.

Taken to Indicate That All Members Are Invited to Remain—Bryan Sent Congratulations.

Washington, Nov. 23.—The White House today made public several thousand telegrams of congratulations from cabinet members, governors of States, Democratic leaders and the presidents of several Latin-American countries. No messages were received from any of the belligerent nations.

Replying to congratulations of members of his cabinet, the President said: "One of the best things about the victory is it means four more years of active association in public service. In that we are genuinely rejoiced."

This was taken by some to forecast an invitation to members of the cabinet to remain in office.

Former Secretary Bryan telegraphed: "I am proud of the west, including Nebraska. The states beyond the Mississippi rallied to your support and saved the day, and in doing so have honored themselves no less than you. They have been largely benefited by the great reforms secured under your leadership and they stand with you for peace, progress and prosperity."

Secretary Lane said: "New York may be a feudal state, but the remainder of the country wishes to be free."
Many telegrams came from women voters.

BURIAL OF AIRMAN MOST DRAMATIC

Service That Marked Funeral of Daring German Aviator, Lieut. Wintgen.

St. Quentin, France, Nov. 23.—While fellow airmen wheeled their machines overhead and dropped wreaths of flowers upon the coffin, Lieutenant Wintgen, next to Captain Boelke, the most successful German aviator flying in the west and chief competitor of the ill-fated First Lieutenant Immelman, was borne to his last resting place. He had been killed in an air battle late in September.

Lieutenant Wintgen's burial was one of the most dramatic episodes in the history of the little French city, which has had its fill of the kind of drama that the war brings. It was attended by almost every military person quartered in St. Quentin and by a large number of civilians as well. The interment was in the local cemetery by special wish of the dead flier, who had asked that in case he fell he should be buried as near as possible the scene of his death.

After a heart-rending service in the little evangelical church here, Wintgen's body, in a black and white coffin smothered in floral offerings, was placed on a gun carriage and carried to the cemetery. Behind the coffin walked three fellow aviators who with Wintgen have won the coveted order Pour le Merits—Baron Althaus, First Lieutenant Buddeke, who has been flying for the Turkish army, and Lieutenant Frankl.

At the head of the funeral procession marched an honor company. Near the coffin was Wintgen's closest friend, the flier Lieutenant Hoehndorf, who was the only witness to Wintgen's death, and who carried the many orders that had been conferred on the famous aviator since the beginning of the war.

In the procession behind the gun carriage were representatives of the commanding general, and hundreds of representatives of the various flying corps of the many German armies, all of whom had known and appreciated Wintgen and his exceptional ability as an aviator.

At the cemetery, while a comrade of the dead lieutenant spoke a few final words, two aviator friends of the deceased, who had followed the funeral procession in their aeroplanes, let their machines volplane to within a short distance of the ground and let fall floral wreaths, and then opened up with their machine guns the crashing military salute of three volleys for the dead.

STILL TRYING TO AGREE ON TEST CASE FOR COURT.

Railway Lawyers and Government Officials Resumed Conferences Today.

ROADS MOVING WITH CAUTION.

Desire One That Will Cover All Conditions—Government Leans Towards Suit Decided Yesterday.

Washington, Nov. 23.—Railroad lawyers and Attorney-General Gregory continued today their conference in an attempt to agree on one suit involving a test of the Adamson act, to press for early consideration by the Supreme Court of the United States.

The difficulty in reaching an agreement arose mainly, it is believed, from anxiety of the railroad executives to pick from the many cases pending in the Federal courts one covering the different conditions faced by all roads. Railroad lawyers thought the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe case, set for hearing today at Kansas City, involves all points at issue better than any other, but department of justice officials were inclined to favor the Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf case, in which Federal Judge Hook, at Kansas City, yesterday, held the Adamson act unconstitutional.

Selection of a test case would relieve the Department of Justice from defending a multitude of suits already filed, as under the agreement all railroads would agree not to press individual suits or institute new action pending decision in the test case.

WORKED UP TO FINAL SUMMONS

Jack London Penned A Story During His Last Conscious Moments.

Santa Rosa, Cal., Nov. 23.—The fact that Jack London, the author, who died last night at Glen Ellen farm, near here, spent his last conscious moments writing caused intimate friends to discuss today his unusual capacity for work. London complained of indigestion when he went to bed Tuesday night, but his last conscious hours he sat propped up in bed writing a story. His physicians attribute death to a gastro-intestinal type of uremia. The body will be taken to Oakland Friday for burial.

FLOCK OF TURKEYS BEGINS TO ARRIVE.

Plenty of The National Fowl For The White House Table.

Washington, Nov. 23.—President Wilson plans to spend Thanksgiving at the White House with members of his family. The annual flock of turkeys, "raised especially for the President," has already begun arriving. One will be selected for the White House table and the others, according to custom, probably will be sent to hospitals or for distribution among the poor.

WILSON ACKNOWLEDGES WIRE FROM HUGHES.

Washington, Nov. 23.—President Wilson today sent a telegram to Charles Evans Hughes acknowledging his message of congratulations received last night. The President's telegram read: "I am sincerely obliged to you for your message of congratulations. Allow me to assure you of my good wishes for the years to come."

RULES AND CONDITIONS OF CONTEST ARE FAIR TO ALL

No Candidate Will be Favored Above Another—Subscriber Will Not Have to Pay More For Paper—Small Amount of Work All That is Necessary to Win One of The Valuable Prizes.

* 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. *

In inaugurating its Grand Prize Voting Contest, The Wilmington Dispatch was not actuated by philanthropic motives, nor does it make any pretensions of same. Although it has been shown that the advertisers make possible a newspaper, yet the extent of their support rests with the quality and extent of its circulation. The Wilmington Dispatch has made wonderful gains in circulation and advertising during the past year, but its great desire is to get more readers and enter new fields. Therefore, after careful and deliberate consideration it decided on the Voting Contest.

While the contest is purely a business proposition, the offer to give away hundreds of dollars in prizes is none the less astonishing—in magnitude and liberality, a project seldom undertaken in a city the size of Wilmington.

Every expense of the prizes—and there are ten of them—are borne by The Dispatch. The public is not asked for any contributions. It costs those who enter the contest nothing to compete. The subscriber is not asked to pay more for the paper. All that is required of the contestants is a small amount of work, an amount so small that it will not interfere with their duties or pleasures.

The contest is planned on lines that experience has shown afford everyone an equal opportunity. The rules and conditions are eminently fair to all. The management of the contest is in hands that cannot have the slightest reasons for favoring one candidate above another. The judges will be well-known business men, and behind all, assuring equity

BERLIN LOOKS UPON STATUS AS VITAL

Thinks That "Period of Complications" May Again Be Pending.

HAS MANY INQUIRIES TO MAKE REPLY TO.

Declares The Arabia Was Not Only Armed But Used Her Cannon—Interest Aroused in Washington Over Wording of The Wireless Message.

Berlin, (By Wireless) Nov. 23.—A period of complications may again be impending in the German-American relations. Germany's conduct of submarine warfare has brought forth an abundant crop of American inquiries, of which John C. Grew, the American charge, recently filed no less than ten, five of them today.

Six remain to be answered, including the cases of the Marina, on which a number of Americans appear to have been killed, and the liner Arabia, the sinking of which the American government declares to be inconsistent with the policy of the German government regarding the treatment of passenger liners. The United States' plea, based on its attitude in the Arabia case, assumes that it was unarmed and torpedoed without warning and is unable to see justification for forcing the passengers into the boats. Washington believes the submarine commander, ascertaining that women and children were on the deck, should have refrained from making an attack. Germany in four cases in regard

TEUTONS CONTINUE TO BADLY BEAT THE RUMANIANS

Invaders Overrun Western Wallachia—King Ferdinand's Troops Fall Back.

BLOW UP BRIDGE OVER THE DANUBE.

Entente Forces Unable as Yet to Advance From Monastir—No Wounded On Ship Sunk.

Later reports on the campaign being waged against the Rumanians indicate that the Teutonic forces are overrunning Western Wallachia, following up sharply their defeat of the Rumanians in the Jiu Valley region and the capture of Craiova. Berlin has reported progress for the Austro-German armies, that are extending the Teutonic front from Craiova to Orsova. The fate of the Rumanian army, that operated in the Orsova region, remains in doubt.

Indications of abandonment by the Rumanians of a large section of Western Wallachia may be found in today's announcement from Bulgaria. In the report it is declared that the Rumanian forces have blown up the bridge over the Danube near Corabia, fifty miles southeast of Craiova; the firing of stores of ammunition there and the sinking by the Rumanians of their barges in the Danube, presumably in the region indicated.

It appears that the entente forces that captured Monastir have not been able to press beyond the new line taken up by the Bulgarians and Germans, a short distance north of the city. Sofia records the repulse of the entente attack in the bend of the Cerna and to the eastward.

Only artillery and aviation operations on the Somme front, in Northern France and elsewhere on the Franco-Belgian front are reported in today's bulletins from London and Paris.

The British admiralty today confirmed the press advices that no wounded were on board the hospital ship Britannic, when she was sunk in the Aegean. Those on the vessel were the crew and hospital staff.

Rumanians Withdraw Troops.

Bucharest (Via London), Nov. 23.—The Rumanian troops in the Jiu Valley, in Western Wallachia, have been withdrawn and now occupy their old position, the war office announced today.

In the Alt Valley the statement records that the Rumanians have maintained their position.

JOYNER HEARD BY CONFERENCE

Tar Heel Superintendent Discussed Live Subject Today.

Durham, N. C., Nov. 23.—An address on "Preparedness of Negro Teachers," by J. Joyner, of Raleigh, State superintendent of public instruction, featured today's session here of the National conference on education for betterment of the negro race.

The personnel of the commission appointed to study the negro educational system of the South will be announced tonight, it was said.

ALMOST HALF ARE WOMEN WORKERS.

Berlin, Nov. 23.—According to the official municipal insurance bureau, the number of women now employed industrially has advanced to 47.5 per cent of all workers, as against 20.6 per cent a little over thirty years ago. It rose from 24.5 per cent in 1907, an average year, to 36.3 in 1914, to 42.2 in 1915, and to 47.5 in 1916.

Whereas the number of women now at work almost exactly equals the number of men, in some industries female help far outweighs numerically male help. This is especially the case in the textile and the paper industries, though the excess of women employed seems in no manner to have lessened the number of women who are now offering their services.

FAMED CARTOONIST HAS PASSED AWAY.

Dayton, Ohio, Nov. 23.—Devoas Driscoll, aged 43 years, originator of the "Maude Mule" cartoon, died last night.