

WEATHER FORECAST.

Fair tonight and Saturday without decided temperature change. Moderate north winds becoming variable.

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GERMANY NOW WILLING SETTLE FOR THE ACT

If Assured Marine Not Engaged In Transport Business Will Apologize and Pay

CONFERENCE HELD IN WASHINGTON TODAY

German Commander Took the Ship to Be a British Transport—President Wilson To Pass Upon Any Agreement Reached in The Case.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The German commander who sank the horse ship, Marina, with a loss of six Americans, has reported to his government that he took the vessel to be a transport. Germany has asked the United States for information and the status of the ship and is ready to offer amends if the Marina was entitled to immunity.

The case was discussed today at a conference between Count von Bernstorff and Secretary Lansing. Germany had a communication in reply to the inquiries of the United States asking for any information in the possession of this government that would lead to a settlement.

It is understood that if the United States can inform Germany that the Marina was not in the British transport service and was entitled to the immunities of a peaceful merchant ship, the Berlin government is ready to acknowledge the error and make offers of settlement satisfactory to the United States.

President Wilson has been looking after the case personally and will pass on any understanding reached between the Ambassador and the Secretary of State. When the Marina was sunk it was stated in London that there was some ground for believing she had been previously connected with the British transport service. Later dispatches said the ship had been armed with a gun, manned by two British naval gunners, before starting on the voyage during which she was destroyed.

The Marina had carried a cargo of horses to England from Newport News and was returning when two submarines sank her in a stormy sea, from which the survivors were rescued after many hours of hard ships.

In the last note to Germany on the submarine question the United States threatened to break off diplomatic relations unless the campaign of destruction without warning was abandoned. Another note said that offers of reparations and expressions of regret would not be sufficient, but did not actually close the door to accepting an admission of error and indemnity for damage in any specific case where the American government may choose to deal with it in that way.

The conference between the ambassador and the Secretary of State developed that neither seems to be in possession of such complete information as would be essential to a determination of the case. The conference was asked for by the ambassador.

WILL DEDICATE CHURCH

Rev. L. E. Thompson, Presiding Elder, Will Preach.

The Methodist church at Wrightsville will be dedicated at the Sunday morning service and all are urged to attend the exercises. Rev. L. E. Thompson, presiding elder of the Wilmington district, will preach the dedicatory sermon at 11 o'clock, following which he will dedicate the church building to the service of God. It will probably be one of the last services of this nature that Elder Thompson will perform in this district in the near future as he is rounding out his four years as presiding elder of this district and in all probability will be transferred elsewhere.

Methodists of the Wrightsville section are looking forward to the dedicatory services of their church with much anticipation and indications are that the church will be inadequate to seat all those who will wish to attend.

DIED LAST NIGHT.

Well Known Brunswick Negro Passed Away Aboard the Lathrop.

Aaron Fulwood, a well known and respected colored man of Supply, died last night on the schooner Lathrop, which arrived here this morning.

Captain J. T. Evans, of the Lathrop, stated that Fulwood complained of his leg troubling him last night and that he advised him to go to his bunk and rest. The sharpie, nearing Wilmington, the captain called Fulwood to assist him in making a landing and receiving no response investigated and found that he had died some time during the night.

CHARGING FRAUD WAS COMMITTED IN THE RETURNS

Tenth District Troubles Again Being Aired in Court Today.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 1.—Attorneys for Representative James J. Britt, Republican, in Wake county superior court today charged that the returns from Buncombe county, as certified by the board of canvassers and which elected Zebulon Weaver, Democrat, to congress from the Tenth District by a plurality of nine votes, are false and fraudulent. They asked that a temporary injunction restraining the state board of canvassers from taking action as regard the Buncombe county board be made permanent and that the returns of the county be removed from the files of the secretary of state. The temporary order was obtained Wednesday in Rowan county superior court at Salisbury and was made returnable today before Judge W. M. Bond.

The hearing was adjourned until after the day, after counsel for Mr. Britt had stated their reasons and asked that the temporary injunction be made permanent. It was said that decision of Judge Bond probably would be announced before tonight.

Friends of both Weaver and Britt declared that the contest would be carried to the floor of the House of Representatives.

THIEF SENT TO ROADS

Quice Got Half Year—Polly Wright Makes Declarations.

Preston Quine, colored, was the heaviest sufferer in the Recorder's court this morning. He was sentenced to serve six months on the county oads of New Hanover county when he was declared guilty of the theft of several packages of snuff from F. E. Fashawn & Company on Water street Wednesday afternoon. Preston was caught in the act by fellow draymen and turned over to the police.

Polly Wright, the colored woman who was arrested yesterday morning when she attempted to leave the country stockade, after serving two months there, with clothing belonging to other inmates of that place, was found guilty and sentenced to serve thirty more days on the county farm, but she was later allowed to pay \$5 and costs. Polly started the court when on the stand she alleged that she had been mistreated while a prisoner at the county institution. The allegations were stoutly denied by Mr. F. M. Rivenbark, superintendent of that place.

The only other offenders to face recorder Empie this morning were three men charged with being "charged" with "fire water" Thanksgiving. They were taxed with the costs for celebrating the annual event in such a manner.

BIG ADVERTISING CONCERN LAUNCHED

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 2.—Application for a charter for C. M. Moore, Inc., of Lillington, with a capital stock of \$100,000, of which \$10,000 has been paid in, was filed with the secretary of state here today. The corporation proposes to conduct a general advertising business and to buy and sell stocks and bonds and other securities.

MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR STRONG DEFENSE.

London, Dec. 1.—The Exchange Telegraph Company says it has received information from Zurich, via Rome, that the Russian military authorities are making preparations for a desperate defense of Bucharest.

The civilian population is said to have evacuated the city and government officials have retired to a town on the Russian frontier. This town is reported to be Jassy.

Neilson's Eel oil that is recommended for asthma, rheumatism, paralysis, kidney and bladder trouble and for venereal and female diseases is doing much for the good of suffering humanity, according to all reports. This medicine is marketed here by A. C. Neilson, a resident of Wilmington for 35 years.

THOMAS WATSON IS TURNED LOOSE BY THE JURY

Georgia Editor Declared Not Guilty in Federal Court This Morning.

NO AGREEMENT AT FIRST TRIAL.

No Demonstration But Watson Heartily Congratulated. One Juror Embraced Him.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 1.—Thomas E. Watson, author and editor, was acquitted here today by a jury in the Federal court on charges of sending obscene matter through the mail.

Watson's trial began here last Monday and the case was given to the jury early last night. The verdict was rendered at 10:42 o'clock this morning, sixteen hours later. It was received without demonstration by friends of the defendant, although many pressed forward to congratulate him. Watson shook hands with the jurors, and one of them embraced him.

Watson was charged in the indictment, containing four counts, with having violated the Federal penal code in sending obscene matter through the mail in a publication of which he is the editor. He was acquitted on all four counts. A year ago trial on the same charge resulted in the jury disagreeing.

TUG BOAT BIDS OPENED AT NOON

Illinois Concern Submits Lowest Figure—Wilmington Iron Works Highest.

Of the seven bids submitted for the construction of a motor-tug dredge tender for the local United States Engineering Office, to be used on the Neuse river at New Bern, the price of C. P. Willard & Co., Winthrop Harbor, Ill., was lowest, their figure being \$9,100. The highest bid submitted was that of the Wilmington Iron Works, the local shipbuilding concern, who placed the price at \$20,000.

Although the specifications asked for bids for delivery at the place of construction and with and without electrical fixtures, only one or two complied with this and the prices for the most part were for delivery at New Bern. The bids are as follows:

New York Yacht, Launch and Engine Co., New York, \$13,975; E. H. & J. H. Meadows, New Bern, \$11,270; Great Lake Boat Building Corp., Milwaukee, Wis., \$16,239; Valk-Murdock & Co., Charleston, S. C., \$18,000; C. P. Willard & Co., Winthrop Harbor, Ill., \$9,100; Wilmington Iron Works, Wilmington, N. C., \$20,000; Chance Marine Construction Co., Annapolis, Md., \$13,826.66.

Major A. W. Waldron, in charge of the local office, will make immediate recommendations to the War Department and the award will be shortly made.

The Manteo is to be used as a tender for the dredge Croatan now engaged in deepening the Neuse river from New Bern to the Sound. The motor-tug will be 50 feet in length, 13 feet in beam and of 6 feet depth. The deck house will afford sleeping quarters for the crew.

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Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—Judge William Chambers of the Federal Board of Mediation was in communication today with representatives of the Chicago, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railroad to determine whether members of the board will proceed to Nashville in an endeavor to adjust a threatened strike.

President Paton has asked for the board's services.

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TIGHTER DRAPES RIP ON BUCHAREST

Converging Forces Continue Unchecked Towards The Capital.

ALMOST WITHIN GUN SHOT OF OBJECTIVE.

Russians Open Up Big Offensive and Petrograd Reports Successes—On Other Fronts Today.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—President Wilson today invited William Jennings Bryan, former Secretary of State, to take luncheon with him on December 6, at the White House. Mr. Bryan is to attend a dinner here that evening to be given in his honor by the Democratic members of the Senate and the House.

Despite tenacious resistance by the Romanians, which appears to have increased as Bucharest was neared by the armies of Field Marshal von Mackensen and General von Falkenhayn, the invaders are now almost on the frontiers of Secretary Daniels. The usual Friday cabinet meeting was nearest their objective on the southwest, where a town 16 miles distant from the cabinet and Secretary Daniels' residence has been reached; from the west they have driven within 40 miles, and on the northwest they have broken through the Rumanian line, permitting a new influx of Austro-German troops by the way of Torzburg Pass and Campuleciu.

Invitations have been sent out by

the President for a dinner December 7, at the White House, in honor of

the Rumanian army, who have been

invited. The dinner will be in the

nature of a celebration of the Democratic victory.

The Russians meanwhile have been

attacking heavily all along from Moldavia, in an evident attempt to cause

a divergence in the Rumanians' favor.

Today Petrograd reports a pronounced success and declares that a whole range of heights along the frontier south of Kirilovka has been taken. Whether this success will have any immediate effect on the operations of the Teutonic armies engaged in the main attack on the Rumanians has not yet been indicated.

Apparently it would require considerable penetration of Transylvania by the Russians to affect the southern campaign.

In Macedonia, the Germans and Bulgarians are counter-attacking violently in the Crumishie meadows of the Cerna,

where gains were recently claimed by the Serbians. Paris admits the Serbians lost certain trenches, which they

had previously won, but declare the main effort failed.

CLOAKED IN MYSTERY

Former Wilmingtonian Attempts to End Life.

News was received here yesterday to the effect that Mr. J. E. Balkcum, formerly a conductor in the employ of the Atlantic Coast Line and running out of this city, had either attempted his life or had been assaulted by some one with intent to kill. The near tragedy occurred in Columbia, S. C., where Mr. Balkcum has lived for some time past. While in the employ of the Coast Line he was a resident of this city and is remembered by many of the older residents.

Very little could be learned of the affair, although Coast Line officials

who knew Mr. Balkcum personally

stated that while they had been unable to learn whether he attempted his life or whether the attempt was

made by another they had been informed that the attempt was unsuccessful and that the injury happened on Wednesday, according to advices reaching this city. However,

yesterday's edition of The Columbia

State does not make any mention of

the fact. One gentleman stated that he saw an account of the near tragedy in the Columbia evening paper of Wednesday.

The Count for Roosevelt.

"All but four of the eighteen States

that heard Mr. Bryan during the cam-

paign voted for Wilson." Will some-

body make a like count for Teddy? It

is reported that he carried all the

States in which he spoke for Wilson

except New York, in which he is a

smaller man than Barnes.—Florida

Times-Union.

What delayed you for your dinner?

The baseball season is over.

Sh! My wife doesn't know that as

yet.—Exchange.

SLOW, BUT SURE.

A citizen of Macon Chunks, Pa., has

just received a check for \$20 from a

Californian in payment of a debt con-

tracted sixteen years ago. Those

California returns may be slow, but

they get there.—Washington Post.

Adv.

BRYAN INVITED TO DINNER AT THE WHITE HOUSE

President Also Arranges Celebration For The Recent Big Victory.

PROGRESSIVES ARE ASKED TO ATTEND.

Jollification Dinner In Honor of McCormick Will Be Given December 7th.

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 1.—A negro, believed to be John Johnson, who recently murdered Rev. Hugh Harrellson, of Dillon, S. C., and beat Mrs. Harrellson into insensibility, criminally assaulted a prominent white woman of Fairmont this morning, according to a report received at the sheriff's office here shortly before noon.

Sheriff Lewis and all available dep-

utes hurried to Fairmont on receipt