

WEATHER.
North and South
Carolina: cloudy to
light rain Sunday;
probably

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

THE STEAMER CITY OF WILMINGTON IS DISABLED AT SEA

Reported to Have Boiler
Trouble and Short of
Provisions

NAVY DEPARTMENT SENDS ASSISTANCE

essel Owned by the Sprunts
of This City—Said to
Be in Coastwise
Service

Atlantic Port, Jan. 26.—
The steamer City of Wilming-
ton reported by wireless to-
day that she was disabled at
sea because of boiler trouble
and that the supply of provis-
ions was about exhausted.
Naval authorities did not re-
veal the vessel's position but
it was said that ships had been
ordered to proceed to her assist-
ance.

The steamer City of Wilmington
purchased by the firm of Alexan-
der Sprunt and Sons, of this city, for
coastwise service, and was load-
ed at this port with a cargo for Italy,
and its sailing some months ago
was definite with regard to it has
been made public until the above As-
sociated Press dispatch was received
here this morning.

It has been reported here, however,
by apparently reliable authority, that
the steamer was taken over by the
United States Shipping Board by
order of the port upon its return from
Italy and ordered to report at another At-
lantic port. Since that time the steamer
has not been engaged in the
coastwise service.

RAIN SUNDAY. FAIR FOR REST OF WEEK

Washington, Jan. 26.—Rain Sunday,
forecast by general fair weather
for the rest of the week. The
Bureau in its forecast for the
beginning tomorrow. It will be
colder Sunday night in the east
and Monday in the South Atlan-
tic States. Frost or freezing temper-
atures are probable on the North Gulf
Monday morning. Temperatures
rise after Tuesday.

Only Wage Questions.

Washington, Jan. 26.—The railroad
commission, Director General
Adams' advisory body, decided to-
day not to investigate grievances of
railroad labor but to limit its work to
questions on a broad matters of
policy. A supervisor of labor in the
commission's permanent staff it
announced, soon will handle griev-
ances.

German Raid Failed.

Paris, Jan. 26.—A German raid
on the French positions west of
Cambrai, between the Oise and Aisne
rivers failed last night, according
to the official statement issued today
by the French war office.

GREETINGS FROM THE RUSSIAN SOCIALISTS

Petrograd, Jan. 26.—The Congress
of All-Russian Workers' and Sol-
diers' Delegates has adopted the fol-
lowing greetings to the peoples of the
principal nations of Europe and Amer-
ica.

MURDERED RUSSIAN MIN- ISTER.



A. N. Shingoreff, former member of
Kerensky's cabinet, who was killed in
the Naval Hospital at Petrograd.
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DEFINITE SET OF REGULATIONS FOR DIVERTING COAL

Local Administrators Have in
Some Instances Exceeded
Their Authority

MUST HAVE APPROVAL OF SUPERIOR OFFICERS

Administrators Can't Divert
Coal for Other Communi-
ties Without Consent
of Higher

Washington, Jan. 26.—Confusion
arising from unauthorized diversion
of coal by local fuel officials prompt
to issue a definite set of regulations
governing the practice, which pro-
vided that:

Coal intended for destinations out-
side of a State must not be diverted
by State administrators without
approval from Washington.

Assembly Delegates Released.

London, Jan. 26.—The Social Revo-
lutionary members of the recent Con-
stituent Assembly who were arrested,
have been released, according to a
Petrograd dispatch to Reuters. The
same dispatch states that the Con-
gress of Peasants, which is supporting
the Constituent Assembly, has been
presidentially board-arrested.

War on Kaledines.

Petrograd, Jan. 26.—An official
statement issued today by the Bol-
shevik government says that on Wed-
nesday the Congress Cossacks from
the front was inaugurated at the mil-
itary station of Kamensky and passed
unanimously a resolution declar-
ing war on General Kaledines and re-
legating all authority to the Congress.

CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS.

Copenhagen, Jan. 26.—The Na-
tional Russian Congress of Sol-
diers and Workmen deputies to
which the Bolshevik government
referred the question of war or
peace, has authorized Foreign
Minister Trotsky to continue the
peace negotiations at Brest-Lit-
ovsk, a Petrograd dispatch re-
ports. M. Trotsky will return
to Brest-Litovsk early next week.

PACKERS TRIED TO INFLUENCE WILSON AGAINST PROBE

Honey Brings Further Sensa- tional Charges Against the Meat Packers

ELABORATE CAMPAIGN HAD BEEN PLANNED

Were to Flood Judiciary Com- mittee With Telegrams Against Borland Resolution

Washington, Jan. 26.—The big pack-
ing interests were charged today by
Francis J. Honey, special counsel in
the Federal Trade Commission's in-
vestigation into the meat packing in-
dustry, with having attempted to
bring influence to bear on President
Wilson to have the present investiga-
tion stopped.

Mr. Honey told the Commission that
he would show later that a joint tele-
gram recently sent to the President
by a number of Detroit bankers, pro-
testing that the investigation was dis-
turbance economic conditions, had
been inspired by the packers.

Mr. Honey's statement was made
in connection with the reading of fur-
ther confidential documents taken
from the files of the Chicago packers,
which showed that the packers
planned an elaborate campaign in 1916
to influence Congressmen against or-
dering an investigation into live stock
and meat packing industries, as was
proposed in the Borland resolution.

Recommendation was made by
counsel for the packers that they
should undertake to have the Judi-
ciary Committee flooded with telegrams
from all over the country, espe-
cially the Congressional districts
where the members came from, pro-
testing against passage of the Borland
resolution, on the grounds that live
stock was selling at very satisfactory
prices and any investigation would
only disturb such satisfactory condi-
tions.

NEGLIGENCE CAUSED FREIGHT CONGESTION

Commissioner McChord Blam-
es Railroad Officials for
Present Conditions

Washington, Jan. 26.—Gross negli-
gence of railroads under private man-
agement in giving proper care to lo-
comotives is a principal cause of the
present freight congestion, according
to a report presented today to Direc-
tor General McAdoo by Interstate
Commerce Commissioner McChord.
Commissioner McChord announced
that hundreds of locomotives are idle
in shops and round houses, frozen
through neglect or lacking repairs
which might have been made if prop-
er forethought had been given by lo-
cal railway officials.

GRANDSON OF GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE FIGHTS UNCLE SAM.



Lieutenant Robert E. Lee, U. S. A.,
grandson of General Robert E. Lee,
is under the wing of Uncle Sam for
whom he is fighting.
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AUSTRIA READY FOR PEACE.

London, Jan. 26.—Austria has
declared her readiness as to con-
clude a separate peace without
Germany and to accept the Rus-
sian democratic program with
the exception of self-determina-
tion of nations, says a dispatch
from Petrograd to the Exchange
Telegraph Company.

BRITISH LABOR PAYS TRIBUTE TO WILSON

Was More Honored at Party's
Convention Than Other
Allied Statesmen

Nottingham, Eng., Jan. 26.—The
British labor party has closed the
most important convention in its his-
tory. The outstanding fact of the
three days proceedings is the firm
stand taken on the war. British labor
emphatically reasserted that the
"world must be completely and finally
rid of aggressive militarism."

PREPARING TO MEET GREATEST ATTACK

Washington, Jan. 26.—President
Wilson today completed his proclama-
tion calling on the American people
for greater food saving in order to
release more food for the army and
for the Allies and it will be given out
at the White House tonight for pub-
lication in Sunday's newspapers.

AMERICAN CREWS ON SPECIAL FOOD ORDERS

Washington, Jan. 26.—Crews of all
American ships sailing from Atlantic
and Gulf ports will be put on special
food administration rations begin-
ning February 1. They will eat less
beef and pork than now and will ob-
serve ten wheatless meals a week.

PRESS OF LONDON BITTERLY RESENTS HERTLINGS VIEWS

Declares That Germany Talks as Though She Were a Conqueror

NOTHING TO DO BUT CARRY ON THE WAR

Can't See Anything in Speech- es of Hertling or Czernin That Would Bring War's End

London, Jan. 26.—The view enter-
tained by a majority of the morning
newspapers of London respecting the
speeches of Chancellor von Hertling
and Foreign Minister Czernin is that
Germany regards herself as the con-
queror, that she is determined upon
aggression and is prepared to listen
to no peace terms except her own,
and that therefore the war must go
on.

It is admitted that the tone of the
Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister is
more conciliatory than that of the
German Chancellor, but this is attrib-
uted largely to the pressure of inter-
national conditions in Austria-Hungary.
Count Czernin's respectful references
to President Wilson's address are re-
ceived coolly for the most part be-
cause of his declared fidelity to the
alliance with Germany.

The Morning Post thinks Chan-
cellor Hertling's evident anxiety to
placate America is very remarkable
and cannot reconcile his professed
agreement with President Wilson's
general principles while differing as
to details, but assumes that the speech
was constructed, as so many have in-
terpreted it, with equal reason to op-
posite senses. After making an in-
dignant condemnation of the proposal
that Great Britain give up Gibraltar
and other defenses, the Post says:

"Now having received another proof
of Germany's inexorable hatred of
England, we will get on with the
war."

The Telegraph fears that the
speeches of the German Chancellor
and the Austro-Hungarian Foreign
Minister contribute nothing to the
pacification of Europe and believes there
is no radical divergence in the views
of Germany and Austria. The Tele-
graph says the Chancellor's views are
especially important because he ex-
presses unmistakably the fact that the
militarist party in Germany has gained
a remarkable ascendancy, adding:
"A review of the whole field of con-
troversy leaves things in the same
position as before and it is useless
to talk peace when there is no peace."

PERSHING ANNOUNCES DEATH OF FIVE MEN

All From Natural Causes,
and Three Were South
Carolinians

Washington, Jan. 26.—General Per-
shing today reported the following
deaths from natural causes among
the American expeditionary forces:

Allen Maxwell, pneumonia, Jordan,
S. C.
Private Jesse Lakes, pneumonia,
Hephzibah, Ga.
Private Wesley Small, fracture of
the skull, Baldock, S. C.
Private Ernest Mosey, pneumonia,
Rico, S. C.
Private Samuel H. Pasley, pneumo-
nia, Vinton, Roanoke county, Va.
All were privates.

COMMANDS THE AUSTRIAN FORCES FIGHTING ITAL- IANS.



General Borvevic, Commander of the
Austro-Hungarian forces fighting
the Italians.
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A DISCUSSION OF TERMS FOR PEACE HOLDS ATTENTION

Echoes of Hertling and Czer- nin's Speeches Heard Over the World

SIMILAR VIEWS IN ALLIED CAPITALS

Germany Demanding Peace Under Own Terms—One Paper Considers Wil- son Attacked

Discussion of war aims—or peace
terms—is claiming public attention
almost to the total exclusion of mili-
tary affairs. Active operations, in-
fact, are in progress nowhere just
at present, except in the way of the
never-ceasing cannonading along the
various fronts and the reconnoitering
activities that necessity constantly
compels, even in the dead of winter.
Echoes of the speeches delivered by
Count von Hertling, the German Im-
perial Chancellor, and Count Czernin,
the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Min-
ister, in reply to Premier Lloyd-George
and President Wilson, are plentifully
found in the comment of the press at
home and abroad, and there seems
comparatively little diversity of opin-
ion in the various Allied capitals.

The prevailing view in London, as
reflected in the press, is that Ger-
many has adopted what amounts to
an uncompromising attitude, desiring
to listen to no peace terms but her
own, while Austria, although more
conciliatory because of internal con-
ditions, nevertheless is unremittingly
faithful to her German ally.

A representative French view is that
the Central Powers are revealed in
the speeches as trying to drive a
wedge between the Allied nations by
attempting to open separate debates
with each, and that Chancellor von
Hertling, in particular, has made an
effort to eliminate the question of Al-
sace-Lorraine from President Wilson's
peace program.

Storage Warehouse Burned.

Paterson, N. J., Jan. 26.—The Fi-
delity Storage Warehouse was burned
here last night with an estimated loss
of \$150,000. One life is believed to
have been lost. Fifteen firemen
trapped on the roof had narrow es-
capes from death.

Disorders at Barcelona.

Madrid, Jan. 26.—Rumors of disor-
der in Barcelona are confirmed by re-
ports reaching here which state that
groups of women started riots de-
manding cheaper food prices. The
government has suspended constitu-
tional guarantees in the province of
Barcelona.

PARIS NEWSPAPERS DISLIKE TONE OF HUN STATESMEN

Alsace-Lorraine is Not the Bar to Peace Declares The Temps

HERTLING'S ADDRESS THAT OF A SCHEMER

Seeks to Separate Alsace-Lor- raine From President Wilson's Pro- gram

Paris, Jan. 26.—"Never was the
Alsace-Lorraine question farther from
being the sole obstacle to peace," says
the Temps in its comment on the
speeches of the German Chancellor
and the Austro-Hungarian Foreign
Minister.

The Temps says the German Chan-
cellor falls to follow the reasoning of
his collaborator, Dr. von Kuhlmann,
the German Foreign Secretary, de-
claring:
"For were he to believe the Alsace-
Lorraine question the only bar to
peace he would have been obliged to
declare Germany's readiness to re-
store Belgium without restrictions, to
assure the Poles, Lithuanians and
Lettis freedom to settle their own
destinies.

"For instead," says the Temps,
"Chancellor von Hertling carefully
avoided doing this. Over Belgium he
leaves a menacing doubt. He refuses
all explanation to the Allies about the
Eastern front and he doesn't even
promise that French territory will be
evacuated without reserve."

Comparing the utterances of the
German Chancellor and Count Czernin,
the Temps says that both statesmen,
weighed with responsibility, since
their countries are torn between
desires of peace and ambitions
propaganda, the words of yesterday
indicate the choice each has made.
Continuing, the Temps says:
"One would have thought that Chan-
cellor von Hertling would have fully
realized the tragic weight his words
would actually have. We in any case
have this realization if blood con-
tinues to flow. It is not the language
of the Allies which has gained his dis-
quieting equivocations of insolent
bravado about peace. * * * Although
Chancellor von Hertling accepts such
clauses in the American program as
are advantageous for Germany by in-
terpreting them according to his lik-
ing he rejects others, or reserves the
means of invalidating them. He goes
out of his way to give the impression
that Germany and her three allies
constitute a splendidly unified diplo-
matic front. He attempts in return to
open a separate debate with each of
the Entente Allies, or even to make
one contradict the other. Chancellor
von Hertling's principal program, it
appears, is to separate from Wilson's
program the Alsace-Lorraine ques-
tion."

CAMP LEE SOLDIERS ADDRESSED BY TAFT

Petersburg, Va., Jan. 26.—"Why we
are at war," was the subject of the
address delivered today by former
President William H. Taft, in the Y.
M. C. A. auditorium at Camp Lee. Mr.
Taft is making a tour of the army cam-
paments. He told the soldiers of the
numerous offenses committed by Ger-
many and which caused America to
enter the war.

Brigadier General Lloyd M. Brett,
in command of Camp Lee, in the ab-
sence of Major General Adelbert
Cronkrite, who is in France, presided
at the meeting. Several graduates of
Yale University, Mr. Taft's alma ma-
ter, occupied seats on the stage and
aided in cheering the former Presi-
dent's address.

Mr. Taft also took part in the ded-
ication of the camp library, which is
the gift of the American Library As-
sociation, and has a collection of 10,
000 books.

MORE LIGHT SHED ON PACKERS' ACTIVITIES

Washington, Jan. 26.—Additional
correspondence described by Special
Government Counsel Honey as "very
interesting," in connection with al-
leged efforts of the big packing firms
to forestall an investigation of the
business in 1916, was in the hands of
the government today to be laid be-
fore the Federal Trade Commission's
inquiry.