

THE WEATHER.

Increasing cloudiness, rain by Thursday night and on Friday. Moderate temperature; east to southeast winds.

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Say a good word for Wilmington. Don't knock—you can't saw wood with a hammer.—Register.

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WHITE SLAVE BILL PASSED IN HOUSE

Drastic Measure Looking Toward Suppression of nefarious Traffic.

STATE PHASE ACTED UPON

More Than Dozen Members Denounced Slave Traffic During the Debate—Mann Surprised Defenders of Bill.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Drastic action looking toward the suppressing of the "white slave" traffic in the United States was taken today by the House.

A bill was passed under which, it adopted by the Senate, it will be unlawful for any person to provide transportation from one State to another for any person who engages in prostitution or other immoral practices.

The mere purchase of a ticket for a woman whereby she would be "enabled or assisted" to go from State to State for immoral purposes will render the purchaser liable to ten years imprisonment and a \$5,000 fine.

Chairman Mann, of the committee on interstate and foreign commerce, who stated yesterday that he was not opposed to the bill, sprang a surprise upon its defenders by moving to recommit the measure.

House Against Amendments.

The House today refused to concur in the Senate amendments to the so-called Pinchot-Ballinger resolution and decided to ask for a conference.

The Senate joint resolution is a compromise measure, the basis of which was the Jones-Humphrey resolution.

When the action of the House was reported to the Senate it agreed to the conference. Senators Nelson, Clark, of Wyoming, and McEnery were named as conferees.

FIVE SEED CORN MEETINGS

Meetings to be Held in Congressman Godwin's District.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 11.—Representative Godwin has arranged with the Agricultural Department, here, through Dr. Knapp, of the Farmers' Cooperative Demonstration Work, to hold five seed corn meetings, or corn judging days, in the county seats of the five counties in his district where demonstration work is now being carried on.

INCREASE PRICE OF SHOES

Demand by Trade Conditions Says President Hanan.

New York, Jan. 12.—Trade conditions demand an increase in the retail price of shoes. Retailers probably will increase their prices from 10 to 12 per cent. before the close of the present year.

Melbourne, Australia, Jan. 12.—Stanley Leitch has sent a cable message to Hugh McIntosh, the fight promoter, that he is willing to meet Tommy Burns, in Australia.

INVESTIGATING THE WRECK

Corporation Commission Inquiring into Recent Smash on Southern Near Greensboro—Great Array of Witnesses.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 12.—For the investigation of the cause of the Southern Railway accident at Brown Summit, near Greensboro, last month there were before the Corporation Commission here today, Coroner W. W. Wood and his jury, of Greensboro, who inspected the scene of the wreck immediately after the accident, and quite a number of officials and employees of the railroad intimately connected with that section of the main line on which the accident occurred.

Corporation Commissioners Franklin McNeill and S. L. Rogers presided, Commissioner Aycock being detained at his home by sickness.

The evidence was that the Southern is a member of the American Railway Association and conforms closely to the regulations of that association in maintaining the standard of the main line road beds and that the defective rail was put down in October, 1908, the life of a rail in a section such as it was a part being eight or ten years.

Coroner Wood and his jurors, E. A. Brown, T. J. Cox, J. S. Phelps, C. C. McLean, V. C. Sergeant and Z. V. Conners, of Greensboro, was practically the same as that originally reported in their investigation at the time of the wreck.

Southern Railway officials and employees here for the hearing were: Col. A. B. Andrews, vice president; Alfred P. Thom, general counsel; W. D. Lamb, chief engineer, maintenance of way; A. H. Westfall, general superintendent; P. G. Walton, superintendent; H. W. Miller, assistant to first vice president; Thomas Bernard, engineer, maintenance of way; H. D. Knight, roadmaster, Danville Division; C. H. Anderson, superintendent, Danville Division; N. L. Hall, supervisor bridges and buildings, Danville Division; B. A. Osborn, section master; also C. M. James, chief engineer, maintenance of ways, Atlantic Coast Line, and A. W. Thompson, chief engineer, maintenance of ways, Baltimore & Ohio Railway.

SIMON B. CHAPIN SUSPENDED.

For Participation in Manipulation of Rock Island Stock.

New York, Jan. 12.—Simon B. Chapin, head of the New York and Chicago firm of S. B. Chapin & Company, was suspended from the privileges of the New York Stock Exchange today for a period of 60 days for participation in the Rock Island case of December 27th last, when alleged ill-managed manipulation sent the common shares of the Rock Island Company from 50 to \$1 and back again in a period of 12 minutes.

F. D. Countiss, one of Mr. Chapin's partners, and the only other board member of the firm, was also suspended for 30 days.

Notwithstanding all the present rumors concerning the Rock Island deal involving the name of Daniel G. Reid, chairman of the board of directors of the Rock Island Company, for whom, it is said, Chapin & Company executed their buying orders, the verdict of the stock exchange governors indicates that the infraction of the suspension members were not regarded very seriously.

Contrary to general expectations no other members of the exchange are to be punished, though it is known that the investigation of the special committee appointed by the governors brought out facts supposed to have involved several other firms.

The sessions of the investigating committee were executive and the "inside" of the entire transaction is thus kept from the general public. As Wall Street has analyzed the situation however, S. B. Chapin & Company, acted for Mr. Reid or others in the purchase of Rock Island stock, while a looked for selling order was not forthcoming, thus nipping an intended "match sale" which would have threatened a corner.

Lynchburg, Va., Jan. 12.—The Lynchburg Y. M. C. A. five out-basketed Davidson, (N. C.) College basketball team here tonight in a hard fought game, the score being 9 to 16. The local team had the best of the game at all stages.

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FIGHT TO SETTLE NICARAGUA AFFAIR

Provisionals Rapidly Advancing on Managua For Decisive Battle.

MOVEMENTS OF THE TROOPS

Last Struggle Expected Within the Next Few Days—Unable to Tell Strength of the Enemy—Government's Soldiers.

Bluefields, Nic., Jan. 12.—General Chamorro telegraphed that a decisive battle will be fought at Acopya. His message now made public, was sent on Monday last.

Earlier reports that General Menéndez had occupied Acopya unopposed were erroneous and grew out of the fact that an advance guard of 400 provisionals reconnoitered in that vicinity. They did not enter the town. The recent official statements based on messages from Granada to the effect that there were no insurgent troops in the State of Chamela, within which Acopya is situated, appear to have been promulgated in order to deceive the enemy into believing that the provisionals were inactive.

The movement of the troops culminating in their concentration before Acopya began three weeks ago immediately after the battle of Rio Coco. General Menéndez with 1,000 men proceeded up the Rama river; Generals Masís and Corro struck into the west following the Mico river, while General Chamorro moved up the Sigüí river.

Both sides of these rivers were scouted as the troops proceeded. General Chamorro emerged at the town of Lamanga while Masís and Corro made their way to La Libertad. This maneuver with that of General Menéndez, accomplished the object of ascertaining that the country afforded hundreds of head of cattle. General Chamorro recently telegraphed that he needed no food supplies from Bluefields as ample subsistence was obtained along the line of march.

Knowledge as to the strength of the enemy is not had here.

Washington, Jan. 12.—The advance on Managua is as good as victory in the opinion of the Central American diplomatic colony here.

Acopya is only two days from Granada and three days from Managua. Chamorro's probable line of advance is expected to be upon Granada and then to Managua.

GEN. RUFUS N. RHODES DEAD.

President of Publishers' Association and Well Known Southerner.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 12.—General Rufus Napoleon Rhodes, president of the Birmingham News, a director of the Express and president of the Southern Publishers' Association, died today after a lengthy illness of Bright's disease and arterial trouble.

General Rhodes was born at Pascagoula, Miss., June 5th, 1856. He married Miss Margaret Smith, of Clarksville, Tenn., in 1882. He read law in Clarksville and served as city attorney of that place from 1877 to 1881, was a member of the Tennessee Legislature 1881-82 and also practiced law four years in Chicago.

General Rhodes founded the Birmingham News in 1888 and has been prominent in public life in this city and State ever since.

The funeral will take place Thursday afternoon from the Church of the Advent Episcopal, interment to be at Elmwood cemetery, this city.

LAYMEN THROUGH GREENSBORO CITY

Opening Session of Great Convention Held There Last Night.

DELEGATES ON EVERY TRAIN

Already More Than a Thousand Registered—Promise of a Great Session During Three Days Programme—Speakers.

Greensboro, N. C., Jan. 12.—The North Carolina Convention in the National Campaign of the Laymen's Missionary Movement began in this city this evening, with the presentation of a programme that was full of interest and inspiration to larger work for the cause of foreign missions.

The presiding officer of the convention, Rev. D. Clay Lilly, D. D., who is field secretary of the National Laymen's Missionary Movement, called the convention to order and led the responsive scripture lesson and the opening prayer, then requested Hon. A. M. Sealock, of this city, to preside.

There is a very large attendance of delegates, already more than a thousand having registered and others coming on every train. No other convention of a religious nature has brought together so many men in this State. Most of those here are laymen, but a large number of ministers are present also.

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NATION WILL FACE RELENTLESS DAY

Unless Production is Increased to Meet Demands of The Country.

SOUNDS NOTE OF WARNING

Caused by Steady Increase in Cost of Living—Must Devise More Intelligent Methods—Address of President Brown.

Boston, Jan. 12.—"We must increase production per acre by more intelligent methods or we must face the relentless, certain day when we shall not produce food enough to supply our own necessities," said President William C. Brown, of the New York Central Railroad, in an address to-night before the New England Club.

The wages of labor, he declared, must continue to advance in fair ratio with the steady increase in the cost of living.

Many representatives of New England railroad interests were gathered about the banquet tables at Hotel Somerset. Governor Eben S. Draper also was a principal guest and speaker.

President Brown's speech, coming as it does at the height of a new flood-tide of national prosperity, was intended for a warning of the most serious import. It gains added force by its reiteration of the recent admissions of James J. Hill, another great railroad man as well as those of visiting students of our internal affairs, and it is especially timely in view of the fact that the employees of all the railroads east of the Mississippi are formulating demands for an increase in wages, based on the increased cost of living.

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THE GRAND LODGE OF MASONS

Officers Elected For Ensuing Year—Inspection of National Guard—Charters Issued—Other Raleigh News Notes.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 12.—The North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons this afternoon elected Richard N. Hackett, former Congressman, of Wilkesboro, as Grand Master; W. B. McKoy, of Wilmington, Deputy Grand Master; F. M. Winchester, of Charlotte, Senior Grand Warden; John T. Alderman, of Henderson, Junior Grand Warden; Leo D. Heatt, of Raleigh, is re-elected Grand Treasurer and John C. Drewry, of Raleigh, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge adopted a resolution to place a marble bust of Governor Samuel Johnson in the rotunda of the State House, he having been the first Grand Master of this jurisdiction. The sum of \$7,500 is appropriated toward paying off the temple indebtedness. Last year \$10,000 was appropriated for this purpose. The temple finances were reported in fine condition.

The Grand Lodge this evening appointed a Board of Trustees and set about the work of establishing a Masonic and Eastern Star Home for aged and infirm Masons, their wives and daughters. Members of the Board are F. M. Winchester, chairman, five year term; M. W. White, four; L. M. Clymer, three; A. J. Parker, two; W. H. McLean, one year.

Official announcement is made by Adjutant General Armfield that the annual inspections of the companies constituting the North Carolina National Guard will be held between February 15th and April 2nd by an inspection on the part of the United States War Department and the State Inspector.

The Tarboro Knitting Mills Co., changes its name to the Runnymede Mills No. 2. George Howard, president of the Board of Directors, of the United States War Department and the State Inspector. The dates are: Raleigh, February 15; Lumbler Bridge, 16; Fayetteville, 17; Wilson, 18; Wilmington, 19; Clinton, 21; Rocky Mount, 22; Goldsboro, 23 and 24; Kingston, 25; Newborn, 26; Edentown, 27; Washington, 28; Tarboro, 29; Weldon, 30; Warrenton, 4; Oxford, 5; Henderson, 7; Louisburg, 8; Franklinton, 9; Durham, 10; Burlington, 11; Lexington, 12; Reidsville, 14; Thomasville, 15; Winston-Salem, 16; Mt. Airy, 17; Greensboro, 18; Salisbury, 19; High Point, 21; Concord, 22; Charlotte, 23 and 24; Wadesboro, 25; Shelby, 26; Dallas, 28; Statesville, 29; Hickory, 30; Asheville, 31, and April 1; Waynesville, April 2.

The bond of J. E. Smith, the young Wake county farmer who swindled Barbee Co., cotton brokers here, out of over \$400 by raising a cotton weigher's certificate so as to show 11 instead of one bale weighed, and producing a check for the larger number, was called out as forfeited in Wake court today, the statement being made that the young man had fled the State.

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FRENCH AVIATOR FLYS THE HIGHEST

Louis Paulhan, Ascends Over 4,000 Feet, Breaking All Records.

SUCCESS OF AVIATION MEET

Paulhan's Thrilling Flight Made Him Idol of the Crowd Last Night. Curtiss Made Several Flights—Spectators.

Aviation Camp, Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 12.—Louis Paulhan, French aviator, broke all official and unofficial records for altitude in a Farman bi-plane today by flying to a height of more than 4,000 feet and descending safely after 50 minutes and 46 1/2 seconds in the air.

The exact height reached is not known, but it is certain that he exceeded the record of 3,600 feet. The instrument on Paulhan's machine registered the greatest height at 4,600 feet.

The judges record of Paulhan's altitude which is yet to be sanctioned officially was 1,540 metres, approximately 5,000 feet. The time of the descent was 7 minutes, 30 seconds.

Paulhan is the idol of the crowd tonight. He made his record shortly after losing the speed record of the course to Glenn H. Curtiss.

The Frenchman, using an engine that had just arrived from Paris, has been on the course all afternoon. He had circled the course again and again, skidding and dipping and swinging corners in a daring fashion that made his wife shiver with fright.

The sun was low toward the sea and the shadows had begun to gather when Paulhan decided to go higher in the air than any man in a heavier-than-air machine ever had flown.

Paulhan pointed north, went up 1,000 feet, passed over the center of the field again, then turned north and up again.

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