

WEATHER
Fair Saturday and probably Sunday;
warmer Sunday.

HONEST men alone invite at-
tention. In the business un-
derworld, identifying marks are
zealously avoided.—Kaufman.

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FURTHER GAINS MADE BY GERMANS IN RIGA AND VERDUN REGIONS

French Trenches on Hill 304 Are Stormed and Five Hundred Men Made Prisoner

500 RUSSIANS ALSO TAKEN

Turkish First Line Trenches Southwest of Kut-El-Amara Captured by British

LESS ACTIVITY IN RUMANIA

British Make Successful Raids on Northern French Front

Spirited fighting has taken place northwest of Verdun on the French front; near Riga on the Russian front, and southwest of Kut-El-Amara in the Mesopotamian theatre. German forces have been successful in the operations in the first two regions, while British troops have taken positions from the Turks along the Tigris.

French Trenches Stormed.

Attacking in force on a front of 1,600 meters against Hill 304, northwest of Verdun, Teuton soldiers stormed French trenches and took 500 prisoners. French troops, the latest French communiqué says, have recaptured most of the trenches. Counter attacks by the French failed, as did further attempts to regain the lost ground, according to Berlin.

German troops also gained ground on Le Mort Homme and Avocourt. The fighting around Hill 304, Paris states, was in the nature of hand to hand combats at times.

500 Russians Captured.

West of Riga in the Tirul swamp region and along the river Aa, the Germans continue to grip. German attacks, Berlin says, were successful and additional ground and 500 prisoners were taken.

Counter attacks by Russian troops were repulsed in both sectors of the battle front, with heavy losses to the attackers along the Aa. Petrograd announced that the Russians, after advancing more than a mile in the battle zone, were forced to return to their positions under the pressure of the attacking Germans.

Turkish Trenches Captured.

The first line trenches on a front of 1,100 yards were gained by the British in their attacks southwest of Kut-El-Amara. In addition, London says, some second line positions on the right bank of the Tigris were taken. West of the Tigris four counter attacks by Turkish troops were repulsed with heavy losses.

There has been no great activity in Rumania. On the northern portion of the French front, British troops have carried out several successful raids.

WILL MEET TO SEE IF PAPER PROBLEM CAN BE ADJUSTED

Publishers and Manufacturers to Study Trade Commission's Report

Chicago, Jan. 26.—Newspaper publishers at a conference here today voted to appoint a committee to meet immediately after delivery to Congress next week of the Federal Trade Commission's report on the print paper situation.

Many of the publishers favored an agreement by both sides to abide by the price the Federal Trade Commission set. This would have to be a gentlemen's agreement, as the commission has power only to investigate, as was explained by Commissioner W. J. Harris and Joseph E. Davies, who were present.

Gray Re-Elected Secretary.

New Orleans, Jan. 26.—Daniel T. Gray, of Raleigh, N. C., was re-elected secretary of the Southern Agricultural Association at the concluding session today. W. R. Dodsman, of Louisiana, was re-elected president, and Montgomery was selected as the 1917 meeting place.

550 Killed On Island Of Bali In Earthquake

London, Jan. 26.—Five hundred and fifty persons were killed in the earthquake on the island of Bali, according to an official report received at The Hague and transmitted by Reuters.

DEMOCRATS FAVOR BORAH'S PROPOSAL

They Believe There is Nothing in It Inconsistent With the President's Speech

SENATE TAKES NO ACTION

Representative Temple Announces New Code Has Been Submitted to American Institute of International Law

Washington, Jan. 26.—Democratic Senate leaders made it clear today that they would not oppose Senator Borah's resolution to reaffirm the Monroe Doctrine and the principles of Washington and Jefferson advising against embarrassing alliances, but that before voting for it they would explain their belief that there is nothing in it inconsistent with the world peace proposals enunciated last Monday in President Wilson's address.

No action was taken on the Borah resolution today nor upon Senator Cummins' proposal to set aside next week for discussion of the President's suggestions. In informal conferences it practically was agreed that nothing would be done until the return next week of Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee, who has been called away from Washington on business.

World Joins in Passing Resolution

Administration Democrats hold that both resolutions should be referred to the foreign relations committee for future action, but if there is a disposition next week to press the Borah resolution and a motion to refer it should fall the Democratic leaders will join in passing it after undertaking to show to the country that reaffirmation of the old American principles is not at all counter to President Wilson's ideas.

DEMOCRATS OF HOUSE APPROVE REVENUE BILL

Several State They Will Not be Bound by Caucus Action

Attacks by Small Group on Preparedness Expenditures and on Excess Profits Tax Keep Body in Session Until Near Midnight

Washington, Jan. 26.—Democratic members of the House, in caucus tonight, approved by a vote of 113 to 13 the administration revenue bill framed to meet the prospective treasury deficit near year.

A small group led by Representative Calloway, of Texas, attacking preparedness expenditures, and Representative Caldwell, of New York, denouncing the excess profits tax feature, made a fight against the bill that kept the caucus in session until near midnight. At the finish the following members gave notice that they would not be bound by the caucus action:

Davis, Texas; Page, North Carolina; Bailey, Pennsylvania; Caldwell, New York; Burnett, Alabama; Dougherty, North Carolina; Stephens, Mississippi; Sherwood, Ohio; Taylor, Arkansas; Thompson, Oklahoma, and Thomas, Kentucky.

Chairman Kitchin, of the ways and means committee, submitted the bill with the explanation that while he had opposed the military and naval expenditures which made additional revenue necessary, Congress was obliged to provide the money it had authorized to be spent and that unless it was done now an extra session would have to be held.

The measure is designed to raise (Continued on Page Two)

ADDRESS MADE BY ROOT IS ASSAILED AS RANK OUTRAGE

Ludwig Nissen, of Brooklyn, Amid Hisses, Replies to Denunciation of Germany

SPEECH CREATES UPROAR

Attempts to Defend Invasion of Belgium Before Constructive Patriotism Congress.

Washington, Jan. 26.—The Congress of Constructive Patriotism here was thrown into an uproar late today when Ludwig Nissen, a Brooklyn importer, attacked Elihu Root for his speech at last night's session denouncing Germany. Amid hisses and interruptions Nissen declared the address, while it might have been a great utterance if delivered at the proper place, "was the rankest outrage ever perpetrated upon an American audience on this particular occasion, under the guise of American patriotism."

Cries of "no" and "sit down" greeted this declaration, and while the chairman tried to restore order, Nissen shouted that he simply was protesting against turning the conference into a pro-ally propaganda and "went on to say that 'no paid propagandist could possibly have spoken more effectively for an English propaganda than Senator Root did here last night.'"

"I know I will be derided," he continued when the hissing had subsided, "and I know what I am saying here today will not be reported in the newspapers because the newspapers will not print a bit of news that is favorable to Germany. If they do, they will lose their financial advertisements, and everyone of them is subsidized."

The speaker then began a defense of the German invasion of Belgium but was interrupted by a motion to adjourn.

After the motion had been seconded the chairman intervened with a plea that Nissen be permitted to finish, and the audience again was quieted. The hissing and interruptions broke out afresh, however, a moment later, and continued until the end of the short address.

"Senator Root and Judge Parker both referred to Germany's action as a crime," said Nissen. "There was no crime, because there never was a guarantee. In 1839 England, France, Austria, Prussia and Russia entered into an agreement to respect the neutrality of Belgium. That neutrality was respected up to the time of 1870 when Emperor Napoleon declared war on Germany. At that time no less a statesman than William E. Gladstone, said, as prime minister of England, in the Westminster parliament, that an agreement could not be considered binding upon either of the parties to it."

"What else happened? Gentlemen you don't want to hear the truth—" At this point it was announced that the time allotted Mr. Nissen had expired under a rule permitting five minute discussions by the audience. (Continued on Page Six.)

CO-OPERATIVE SYSTEM OF EXPORTS IS URGED

James A. Farrell Speaks at Trade Council Banquet

Warns Business Men Against Entering Into Agreement Which Might Result in Perpetuation of Commercial War

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 26.—James A. Farrell, president of the United States Steel Corporation, in a speech at the banquet of the National Foreign Trade Council held here tonight in connection with the fourth annual convention, urged the establishment of a co-operative system of selling in foreign markets by the business men of America, but advised them against entering into any agreement which might result in the perpetuation of a commercial war or the fostering of hatred engendered by the present struggle in Europe. Speaking on the subject of the future of foreign trade he said in part:

"It is a debatable question whether the United States can become a member of an international league of peace for the prevention of future wars, but it is not at all doubtful that we can render an invaluable service to the establishment of lasting accord among the peoples of the earth by setting our face against anything that looks to the perpetuation of commercial war in peace."

"It is difficult to realize the colossal scale upon which Europe will have to borrow to make good the destruction of war. At least five billion dollars worth of property will have to be replaced and the demands of the work of reconstruction will be too vast to be met by private enterprise."

"Co-operation on the broadest and (Continued on Page Two)

GERMAN LIGHT SEA FORCES MAKE RAID ON BRITISH COAST

Berlin Reports Ships Returned to Their Base Without Sighting Hostile Craft

ATTACK THURSDAY NIGHT

London Says Only One Small Vessel Fired Shells and That Only Few Struck Land

An attack on the English coast, near Lowestoft, Thursday night, reported by London, was carried out by German light sea forces. The German ships, Berlin says, were able to approach the English coast and to return to their base without sighting a hostile vessel. One small vessel, London records, officially, fired shells at the coast. Only a few shells reached land and there were no casualties. The damage is reported as insignificant.

BERLIN SAYS NO HOSTILE CRAFT SIGHTED BY SHIPS

Berlin, via London, Jan. 26.—A German official communication issued today tells of a raid by light German war craft in waters south of Lowestoft. The communication says:

"During the night of January 25-26 German light sea forces advanced into English waters south of Lowestoft in order to attack hostile patrol boats and outposts which had been formerly reported there."

"During the whole raid not one hostile vessel was sighted. The fortified island of a short distance southward was illuminated by rockets and shelled by our torpedo boats. Hits were observed. Our sea forces on the way back did not meet any adversary and returned safely."

ATTACK LASTED ONLY THREE MINUTES, LONDON REPORTS

Lowestoft, England, Jan. 26.—A hostile vessel arrived off the coast at about 11 o'clock. The night was very dark and the warship could not be made out from the shore. Before beginning the bombardment she fired two star shells, probably for the purpose of identifying possible objectives.

The warship then fired a number of shells, several of which exploded but the total damage was less than £100. Most of the shells exploded on open ground. The bombardment lasted only three minutes. There was no panic.

JURY TO NAME THE MAN WHO POSED AS "OLIVER OSBORNE"

Summing Up of Case Against F. D. Safford Completed Yesterday.

New York, Jan. 26.—Whether Franklin D. Safford, formerly a clerk in a hotel, was James W. Osborne or Charles H. Wax, who swears it was he who masqueraded under that name. Summing up the government's case late today William Rand, Jr., characterized Wax, the prosecution's chief witness, as "an idler, a cheap, fishy fellow with cheap jewelry." Wax, he said, was simply used as an exhibit and counsel was very sorry that he had to be called as a witness.

One of the jurors, Gersan Stern, who interrupted Mr. Rand three times, evoked an admonition from Judge Hand when he raised a question as to the reputation of Harold Spielberg, formerly counsel for Miss Tanzer, and referred to matters not in evidence.

The judge declared that he was amazed at Stern's inquiry, asserting that he seemed to be prepared to decide the guilty or innocence of Safford on things outside of the evidence and warned him that if he did so he would be false to his oath.

The jury then in summing up as counsel for Safford, charged that James Osborne had fabricated the whole case to exculpate himself, and that Osborne, not Wax, was the notorious "Oliver Osborne."

AMERICAN GUARDSMEN AND COWBOYS ENGAGE MEXICANS

All Day Battle Reported Forty Miles South of Tucson, Ariz.

Tucson, Ariz., Jan. 26.—According to telephone advices from Arizaco, Ariz., about 40 miles south of Tucson, fighting has been in progress all day at a place called Stone House between Mexican troops and American guardsmen, reinforced by cowboys.

WOULD HAVE THE PARTIES IN COUNTY ALTERNATE IN NAMING OF SCHOOL BOARDS

New Bill to Solve Knotty Problem Provides for Appointment by Governor—"Open Formula" Bill to be Fought Out in House.

Constitutional Convention Proposed by Stubbs. Pender Free Range Bill Remains Dead.

(By W. J. MARTIN).

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 26.—Senator Oates introduced a bill today designed to solve the knotty problem of meeting the demand of so many counties to elect their boards of education. It would have the majority party in the State nominate in all the counties in 1918 and the minority party in each county in 1920 and the majority party in the State again for each county in the next biennial election.

These nominees would all be appointed by the Governor under the bill. In this way the people would nominate and the Governor appoint and the minority party would have representation in their counties, but the dominant factor on all boards would be Democratic as long as the State is Democratic.

Senator Oates is chairman of the committee on education and this is the bill that the administration will hold out for, if the bill for a State commission to appoint should fail.

Representative Bowman offered in the House a bill to furnish farmers phosphate rock at cost.

The Roberts bill for municipal woman suffrage was made a special order for February 6.

There was long discussion of the Hoyle bill for mercy recommendations in jury verdicts for murder that would permit life imprisonment, but it went over to another day.

"Open Formula" Measure

The joint committee on health having voted for an unfavorable report on the State Board of Health bill for "open formula" on the labels of proprietary medicines, for which there was a most strenuous hearing some days ago, and then decided to return it in the House "without prejudice," Representative Page today served notice on the House that he would claim the right to submit a minority report in support of the bill, promising to bring up the bill on the floor in this way. No date has been set for the argument and vote on passage.

Representative Harry Stubbs, who has offered a "constitutional convention" bill in at least three sessions past, returned in such a measure for this Legislature today. It would have delegates to a constitutional convention elected at the next State election and he would bar all discussion of prohibition from the convention if called.

The Adey-Cramer Bill

The joint committee on pensions has decided to adopt the pension bill of Senator Cramer as the basis for the pension legislation that the joint committee will recommend. This bill provides for increased pension on the basis of advancing the four class from \$2 to \$45, with the other classes increased in proportion.

Both houses now have duplicate bills through Senator Seales and Representative Dalton for creating a Board of three examiners to examine applicants for law licenses, the examiners to pass on the examination papers and the Supreme Court to issue the licenses as at present. President Brooks, of the bar association, said this evening that he

feels sure the bill will pass. No committee hearing is yet set.

Pender Free Range Bill Dead.

The Senate voted down the Pender county free range bill today when it came up on a minority favorable report signed only by Senator Burnett, of Pender. He made a stand for the measure on the floor, speaking strenuously in its favor, but "the cards were stacked" against him in the conviction of senators that the free range is a menace to the cattle and hog industry and that Pender is not an exception to this rule.

SENATE STEERING COMMITTEE CAN'T REACH AGREEMENT

Either Extra Session of Congress or Abandonment of Important Bills Threatened

DEMOCRATS INHARMONIOUS

Threats and Counter Threats Made in Caucus Over Proposed Legislative Program.

Washington, Jan. 26.—Echoes of last night's turbulent caucus of Senate Democrats and failure today of the steering committee to agree on a program for the few remaining weeks of this session, emphasized the serious entanglement over legislation which threatens either to force an extra session of Congress or abandonment until next winter of several important administration measures.

It became known today that threats and counter threats followed in quick succession in the caucus when it was proposed to put certain bills on the legislative program to the exclusion of others. Railroad legislation urged by the President was one target for attack, although it was generally regarded that some form of legislation on this line should be enacted before adjournment.

Some leaders believe that failure to do so would furnish the only positive motive for the President to call an extra session.

The corrupt practices bill was vigorously opposed by Southern senators who declared they would not yield to Federal control of elections. They will submit various amendments to champion the bill and there seems little prospect for final action at this session if any other measures are to be enacted.

There is still wide disagreement over water power bills and several Progressive Republicans have given notice that they will talk until March 4 against the Webb bill to permit collective foreign selling agencies for domestic corporations, if it is pressed for a vote.

The flood control bill also is in almost hopeless dispute.

Some administration leaders said tonight that in their opinion, revenue legislation, some form of railroad labor regulation, a mineral lands leasing bill and the regular appropriations eventually would constitute all that could be accomplished before adjournment. If this much can be done they do not believe the President will call an extra session in view of the uncertainty of organization in the next House.

Differences of opinion over matters of phraseology in the railroad labor bill, practically agreed upon by the Senate, are the chief cause of delay in final committee action on the measure today and further consideration was deferred until next week.

BAKER REPORTED TO HAVE QUIT THE SHIPPING BOARD

Is Understood the President Has Accepted His Resignation

Baltimore, Jan. 26.—Bernard R. Baker of Baltimore, recently appointed a member of the shipping board and confirmed by the Senate only a few days ago, is said to have resigned from that body according to information believed reliable here tonight. It is understood that the President has accepted the resignation, although no statement has been given out.

The reason for Mr. Baker's action has not been disclosed. It has been reported that there were sharp differences of opinion over the organization of the new board.

Mr. Baker was one of the pioneers in the promotion of merchant marine legislation adopted at the last session of Congress. He served as an expert adviser upon shipping questions when the legislation was being drafted.

EMPEROR IS TO CELEBRATE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY TODAY

Rulers and Statesmen of Central Powers Will Take Part.

Berlin, Jan. 26. (via London).—The German emperor's birthday tomorrow will be the occasion of the assemblage of rulers and statesmen of the Central Powers at German great headquarters. Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary, Emperor Charles of Romania, today joined Emperor William with Foreign Minister Cernin von Chudenitz, Imperial Chancellor von Bethman-Hollweg and Foreign Minister Zimmermann have left Berlin for great headquarters.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg, General von Ludendorff and other high military and naval officers also will be present.

WILL KING, OF LONG CREEK, KILLED AS TRAIN HITS AUTO

Father Probably Fatally Injured—One Negro Killed, Another Hurt

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 26.—Will King, age 22, of Long Creek, was killed outright, and his father, Word King, age 50, was probably fatally hurt when the automobile in which they were driving was struck by a Southern Railway passenger train at Huntersville, near Charlotte, at 8:30 o'clock tonight. Two negroes, names unknown, were in rear seats and one was killed and the other badly hurt.

SAW MAN FIRING INTO RIVERS AND HARBORS REAR OF AUTOMOBILE BILL PASSES HOUSE

Appropriates \$38,000,000 for Old and New Projects

Various Amendments Were Made to the Original Measure—Vote Was 221 to 151, But Was Not Along Party Lines.

Washington, Jan. 26.—The annual rivers and harbors appropriation bill carrying \$38,000,000, including more than \$10,000,000 for new projects, was passed by the House today by a vote of 221 to 151. It now goes to the Senate.

The House increased the appropriation for Norfolk harbor from \$270,000 to \$380,000 and retained as a continuing project \$1,425,000 for deepening the channel leading to the harbor at Tampa, Fla., to 27 feet, \$300,000 of the amount being made available in this bill.

The President, although opposing the proposed public buildings bill now awaiting action in the Senate, has expressed his approval of the river and harbors measure in so far as appropriations for existing projects is concerned.

The House struck out a provision to create a commission of cabinet officers and members of the Senate and House committees to investigate river and harbor improvement, drainage, reclamation, irrigation and flood control problems, with a view to recommending to Congress next December plans for co-ordinating all such activities.

This plan, favored by the President, was eliminated on a point of order after a lively parliamentary fight, but another flood control bill is pending in the House.

The vote by which the bill passed was not along party lines.

HEARD WOMAN CRY OUT, "HARRY, MY GOD, DON'T DO THAT!"

R. N. Pittman, of Meridian, Miss., Gives Another Version of the Killing of Mrs. H. J. Spannall and Lieutenant-Colonel M. C. Butler

San Angelo, Texas, Jan. 26.—Another version of the killing of Lieutenant Colonel M. C. Butler and Mrs. Crystal Holland Spannall at Alpine, Texas, on the night of July 20, last, was told in district court here today by R. N. Pittman, of Meridian, Miss., a state's witness in rebuttal at the trial of Harry J. Spannall, who, testifying in his own behalf yesterday said that the shot that killed Mrs. Spannall was fired by Colonel Butler. Spannall is on trial for the killing his wife and also is charged with having killed Colonel Butler.

Pittman testified that last July he layed near where the shooting occurred. On the night of July 20 he said he heard shots and saw a man on his knees in the front seat of an automobile firing into the back of the car. A man and a woman were in the rear seat, he testified, and he saw that the man and woman fall in the seat, the man falling first, he said.

The automobile which had been running slowly, ran into a fence and stopped. Pittman testified he then saw the man in the front seat climb on the running board and fire several more shots into the rear of the car and heard a man's voice say: "Crystal, why did you make me do it?" The man, who "looked like he was staggering," then hurried away. The witness was then about 20 feet from the car.

Pittman testified he went to the auto (Continued on Page Two)