

Fair Saturday; colder on the coast; Sunday fair. A trace of water at Fayetteville yesterday at 8 a. m., 20 feet, falling.

PRIMARY IS SAFE AND NEW GOVERNOR IS FOR SECRET BALLOT LAW

Old-Fashioned Convention System Fades Away in Legislature

SIMMONS FIXED IT

Senior Senator's Pronouncement Against Primary Repeal Is Last Word

By R. E. POWELL

RALEIGH, Jan. 14.—Reactionary optimism over the repeal of the primary act waned today under the pronouncement of Senator Simmons and the fondest hopes of a return to the old-fashioned convention faded with the news that Governor Morrison was going to urge the Australian ballot upon the legislature in a special message.

Until the word came from Washington the so-called organization men in the house felt confident they would be able to put the repeal measure through the lower branch. The bill, however, by the overturn of Gardner supporters, was prepared to put up a stiff fight and block passage of the measure.

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The situation was characterized as "water and mud" to make a memorable holiday. The three officers rode through the downtown and into a 40-mile wind in an open automobile, cheered every inch of the way.

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Several amendments regulating the application of the reduction were adopted, the most important of which would require the war department to maintain all services on an equal basis, equivalent to 83 1-2 per cent of the strength in each branch contented by the most important of the chamber of commerce.

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RAILROADS AGAIN PLEAD FOR GOVERNMENT'S AID

Argue That Higher Rates Haven't Helped Them Much

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Increased rates granted the railroads have failed to yield anticipated revenues and many roads are in a precarious financial condition, in some instances without funds to purchase supplies, a group of railway executives declared today before the house commerce committee.

Urging amendment of the transportation act to enable the carriers to obtain better settlements for losses sustained during the six months guarantee period after government control ended, the delegation, which included Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio, and Samuel Rea, head of the Pennsylvania, told the committee that relief must be granted immediately if the transportation system of the country is to function.

Others who urged quick action on railway legislation were William J. Hobbs, vice president of the Boston and Maine; M. B. Bell, general counsel for the Chicago, Rock Island and Eastern; and T. DeWitt Cuyler and Alfred P. Thom, chairman and general counsel, respectively of the Association of Railway Executives.

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NITRATE CORPORATION IS CREATED BY SENATE

Passes Bill to Conserve Muscle Shoals Developments

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—By a vote of 34 to 29 the senate late today passed the nitrate bill for permanent federal operation of the nitrate plants built by the government during the war at Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

The measure, which had been fought vigorously for about two weeks and had been the subject of charges and counter-charges of lobbying and wastefulness, finally was passed through the aid of a few Republican votes and now goes to the house, where its future is uncertain.

BENNY LEONARD KEEPS CHAMPIONSHIP HONORS

Scores Technical Knockout Over Mitchell in Sixth

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—In a spectacular bout which was stopped by the referee in the sixth round at Madison Square Garden tonight, Benny Leonard, world's light weight champion, scored a technical knockout over Richie Mitchell of Milwaukee, who despite his defeat proved himself a worthy challenger.

In the opening round Leonard knocked his opponent down three times and injured Richie's right eye so badly that it was useless to the game western, and during the remainder of the bout, however, toward the end of the initial round Richie surprised the champion and in fact the entire house by hooking a terrific left to Leonard's jaw which sent the champion down on his back.

From this to the beginning of the sixth round, Leonard had the advantage in every session, but many close observers believed that if Leonard had not virtually blinded Richie's eye in the opening round, the Milwaukee man would have given him the fight of his career.

HERO OFF ALL BUNK, SAYS BALLOONIST, ON ARRIVAL AT ROCKAWAY

Three Navy Airmen Who Landed in Canadian Ice Fields Finally At Home

GET BIG WELCOME

Secretary Daniels Orders an Inquiry into the Trip and Their Conduct

ROCKAWAY, N. Y., Jan. 14.—All the commuters, the suburbanites and the plain home folks who make up this community, turned out in the cold and rain today to welcome the three naval balloonists whose experiences amid frozen frosts on dog sledges had thrilled a continent since they sailed away from here more than a month ago.

Children deserted their text books, business men and housewives—and all of them ignored precautions against pneumonia—to see Lieutenants Kloor, Farrell and Hinton.

Three noisy bands scattered joyful tunes among the millions of rain drops that drenched a long parade which followed the balloonists from the railroad to the air station, six miles away. Miniature war bands fluted everywhere, hundreds of automobile horns screeched to the world the frenzied joy of worshipping, and men, women and children sloshed through inches of water and mud to make a memorable holiday.

The crowd went home to change into dry clothes and the balloonists walked to their quarters. Their Lieutenant Kloor gave out another interview: "This hero stuff is all bunk," he said.

FORMAL ORDER IS ISSUED FOR FULL INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Convening of a naval court of inquiry at Rockaway, N. Y., air station next Monday to investigate the flight and loss of the naval balloon in which Lieutenants Kloor, Hinton and Farrell were carried to the shores of Hudson bay, was ordered tonight by Secretary Daniels.

The court was instructed to direct its inquiry with special reference to the following: "1.—Purpose of, plan and intention, and authorization for said flight. "2.—Preparation made for flight and instruments, provisions, clothing and equipment carried.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Chairman Volstead of the house judiciary committee, asked the shipping board today for its views on a proposed amendment to the prohibition enforcement act which would permit American passenger steamers engaged in foreign trade to sell liquors beyond the three-mile limit.

NEGRO IN STATE PRISON

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 14.—Richard "Peetie" Pogue, negro, who is charged with killing Earl Daddorf, wounding Daddorf's wife and child, and shooting Corbett Ziegler so seriously that it was necessary to amputate his leg at a Columbia hospital yesterday, was today brought to the penitentiary from the Orangeburg jail, for safe keeping.

DISCUS MILITARY POLICY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Representative Tilson, of Connecticut, a member of the house military committee, left today for Marion where he will discuss with President-elect Harding at the latter's invitation the military policy to be formulated by the new administration. Mr. Tilson said he would recommend a policy that would not fall for a large army or the extensive manufacture of munitions in peace time.

NOMINATIONS ARE MADE FOR EDUCATION BOARDS

New Members for Several Counties Sent in By Brooks

(Special to The Star) RALEIGH, Jan. 14.—Superintendent E. C. Brooks, in pursuance of public instruction, today sent to the senate for appointment the names of the following for members of county boards of education: Alamance, Mrs. W. A. Harper, Mrs. E. S. Sparker and Mrs. J. Elmer Long; Beaufort, R. L. M. Barnes, Brunswick, B. Ruark, J. L. Stone, Camden, H. C. Burgess, Catawba, E. Stannard, Greens, T. E. Barrow, Lee, J. C. Watson; McDowell, L. W. Stacey, J. S. Bradley; Madison, Jasper, Elks, Elijah Larson; Pasquotank, John Leroy; Transylvania, W. H. Duckworth, B. Gillespie; Yancey, R. C. Deyton, L. C. McColum; Avery, A. B. Brinkley; Columbus, C. D. Koonce, Avery Thompson, J. L. Williamson.

MRS. R. J. REYNOLDS TO BE ON THE ASSAY COMMISSION

(Special to The Star) WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—A. W. McLean, assistant secretary of the treasury, today nominated Mrs. R. J. Reynolds to be a member of the United States assay commission. It is the duty of the commission to test the weight and fineness of the coins reserved by the several mints during the calendar year 1921. The law provides that the commission shall consist of the judge of the district court of the eastern district of Pennsylvania, the controller of the currency, the assayer of the assay office at New York and such others as the President shall designate. No compensation is provided for the members but their actual and necessary expenses are paid. Mrs. Reynolds will accept.

ROTARIANS EXPECT FERRIN

Governor Seventh District Scheduled to Visit Florence

(Special to The Star) FLORENCE, S. C., Jan. 14.—Florence Rotarians are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the approaching visit of L. W. Ferrin, governor of the seventh district. Mr. Ferrin will pay the local club an honorarium of \$21. Suitable arrangements will be made by the club for his entertainment. A public meeting had been held in the city before he decided to make it for Rotarians only.

After enjoying less than a week of freedom, Jim Brown, negro, one of the three who escaped from the Florence county jail, returned to the city last night and was immediately placed in the county jail. H. S. Gamble recently inducted into office as sheriff of Williamsburg county, assisted by his deputy and State Constable Elmer Berger, captured three illicit stills yesterday and issued a warrant for the arrest of the operator, who is a white man. Sheriff Register has asked the county to discontinue operation in his county also yesterday.

LUMBURTON CAME OUT O. K.

(Special to The Star) LUMBURTON, Jan. 15.—The Star correspondent has been asked to state through the paper that while the Lumberton and Laurinburg teams ended in a fight, that the Lumberton team was ahead at the time and did not lose in the fight. The fight was held at the Lumberton and Laurinburg teams ended in a fight, that the Lumberton team was ahead at the time and did not lose in the fight.

WILMINGTON HIGH WINS

(Special to The Star) NEW BERN, Jan. 14.—In the basketball game here tonight between Wilmington and New Bern high school girls, Wilmington won, 29 to 15. It was a good game and highly interesting. Wilmington's superior passing and fine teamwork gave her the game.

QUEER SOUTH CAROLINA LAW

(Special to The Star) GREENVILLE, S. C., Jan. 14.—Speaking of the stone age, there is a law on the statute books of South Carolina that prevents the erection here of a building over 15 stories high. Greenville is now in the act of breaking this law, because of the erection here of the new office building for the Representative Jos. R. Bryson of this city, has introduced a bill in the state legislature to amend the old law to make way for the Woodside and other tall buildings that are contemplated.

LIFE SENTENCE IMPOSED

(Special to The Star) GREENVILLE, S. C., Jan. 14.—Hugh T. Bramlett, who was convicted on a charge of murdering his mother-in-law and recommended to the mercy of the state, has decided to drop his last freedom which continued for more than a year and a half, and counsel withdrew a motion for a new trial. He asked the court to sentence him to the chain gang of Greenville county so that he could be near his family. He was sentenced to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary.

SENATE DIRECTS THAT ARMY ENLISTMENTS BE STOPPED IMMEDIATELY

Upper Chamber Over Protest of Military Committee Orders Drastic Reduction

THE LIMIT IS 150,000

General Pershing and Secretary Baker Both Object to Reducing the Army

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Over the protest of the majority of its military affairs committee, the senate today passed a resolution directing the secretary of war to stop recruiting until the size of the regular army is cut down to 150,000 men.

Senator Phelan, Democrat, California, notified the adjournment of the senate, and the adjournment of the senate, that he would ask the senate tomorrow for a reconsideration of the vote on the ground that the senate had not been fully informed of the objections of General Pershing and Secretary of War Baker, to the reduction.

Chairman Wadsworth, of the military affairs committee, did not ask for a full call on the resolution because the senate a few minutes before by a decisive vote of 34 to 25, adopted a motion of Senator Lenroot, Republican, Wisconsin, fixing the army's maximum limit at 150,000, thereby rejecting the committee's proposal to make the figure 175,000. This vote was taken although General Pershing and Secretary of War Baker, at an executive session with the military affairs committee just before the convening of the senate, objected to any serious cut in the size of the army.

SOUTHERN PORTS WILL FIGHT FOR THEIR RATE

Go to Washington Wednesday to Prepare for War

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HARDING DISCUSSES A LOT OF BIG QUESTIONS

About the Whole Scale of Problems Is Run Over By Him

MARION, Ohio, Jan. 14.—About the whole scale of public questions was embraced again today in President-elect Harding's talks with his callers, among those with whom he conferred was Col. Theodore Roosevelt, who came to talk about policies as they affect the coming administration.

Representative Bachrach of New Jersey urged President-elect to give his approval to a general sales tax, and Geo. S. Oliver, publisher of the Pittsburgh Gazette-Times, asked him to appoint W. Mellon of Pittsburgh, secretary of the treasury. Bishop Joseph Berry, of the Methodist Episcopal church, was another of the day's callers, but said he had only come to pay a personal visit.

ADD AMENDMENTS TO FORDNEY TARIFF BILL

Evidence of Disagreement in Congress Over Wisdom of Tariff Law Now

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Three amendments were tacked on the Fordney emergency tariff bill by the senate finance committee today in the first day's consideration of the measure, executive session after the recent public hearings.

After the committee had voted four to open the bill to amendments, Senators Calder, Republican, New York and Jones, Democrat, New Mexico, got provisions through which, materially broadened the scope of the measure, and Senator McCumber, Republican, North Dakota, obtained acceptance of a higher import duty on wheat.

The McCumber amendment would fix a tariff on imported wheat of 46 cents a bushel instead of the 30 cents carried by the bill as it passed the house. Senator Calder's amendment would add a tariff on imported butter of six cents a pound on butter and cheese and their substitutes, and two cents and five cents a gallon on fresh milk and cream.

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CAROLINAS CALLED ON TO WORK TOGETHER IN COTTON EXPORT PLANS

Former Governor Manning of South Carolina Discusses Export Corporation

SHIP FIRST CARGO

Corporation Already a Going Concern, With 7,000 South Carolina Backers

Former Governor Richard I. Manning of South Carolina, president of the recently formed American Export and Import corporation, addressing a representative gathering of Wilmington business men and New Hanover county farmers at the chamber of commerce yesterday morning, made a strong appeal for the co-operation of North Carolina business men, farmers and professional men in the move being made by the Export corporation to provide a ready and profitable market, both foreign and domestic, for the cotton now being raised by the southern farmers and that which will be produced this year.

Although Governor Manning is head of the export corporation, he did not solicit subscriptions to stock. He declared that solicitors would visit Wilmington in the near future. Former Governor Manning informed his hearers of the fact that the corporation has already started business, the first cargo of cotton having been shipped to Central Europe Christmas day from Charleston, S. C.

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New Writers for The Star

In addition to the list of well known writers announced in yesterday's issue, new contributors to the paper are two women. Elizabeth Miner King is described by one politician as the "only woman I know who understands the mind of a woman and the woman's viewpoint" who will be emphasized in her dispatches to The Star on national affairs. Big events in the woman's world will be written by Clara S. Bagg—distinguished list of contributors, whose services are pledged to The Star as a part of this paper's new 10,000 word Sunday wire report.

Watch the Sunday Star for the timely articles of these women and the following writers who are mentioned in yesterday's announcement: Robert T. Small, Walter Camp, Lawrence Perry, Stuart P. West, William Bird, Harden Colfax, Rene Viviani, Maximilian Harden, George S. Messersmith, and others. The Star is pleased to have these writers pledged to The Star as a part of this paper's new 10,000 word Sunday wire report.

Saturday night service is, of course, in addition to the full double-wire Saturday night report of the Associated Press.