

THE WEATHER
Forecast for the North Carolina: Fair, slightly warmer Saturday; Sunday rain and warmer; moderate north to east winds.

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Maximum temperature, 40 degrees; minimum, 20 degrees; total precipitation for 24 hours ending 8 p. m., 0 inches.

The News and Observer.

LEATHERS WILL NOT HAVE EASY SALE

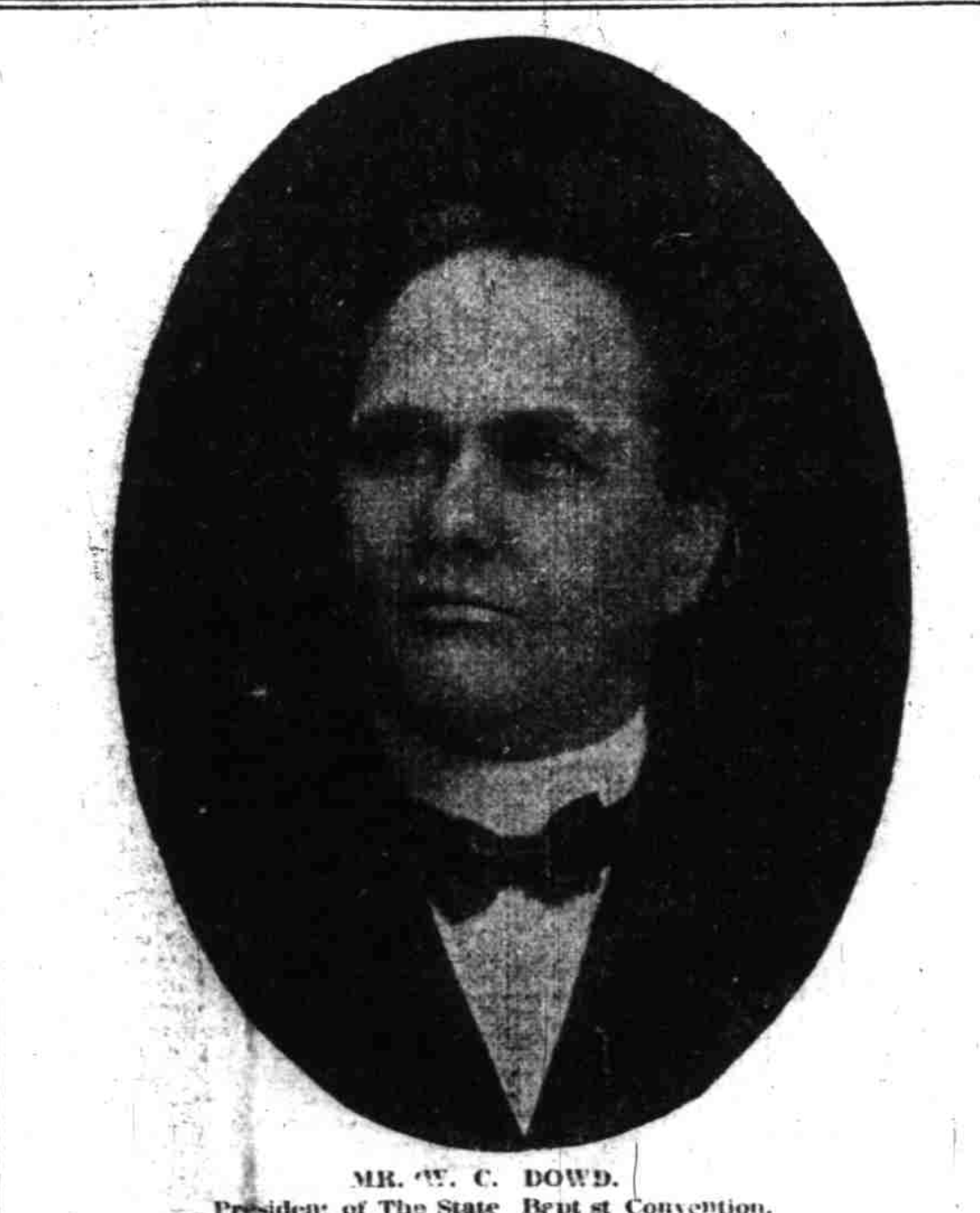
COTTON REACHES THE 16 CENTS MARK

RIVERS-HARBORS CONGRESS CLOSES

Action of Grant Will be Aired in Senate

Sensational and Spectacular Rise in Prices

Most Successful of Kind Ever Held



MR. W. C. DOWD, President of The State Baptist Convention.

THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION ENDS

EVERETT LEACH IS FOUND NOT GUILTY

Hendersonville the Next Meeting Place

Case Did Not Even Reach The Jury

HEARING FOR WIDOW REED RECALLS DAYS OF SULLY

RANSDELL IS PRESIDENT

Significance Attached to the Fact That Nomination Was Not Included in Recess Appointments—North Carolina Senators Get Letters on the Baltimore Postoffice Affair From Indignant Republicans—It is Hoped That Taft Will Include White Mountain-Appalachian Forest Reserve in Reclamation Message.

AMERICAN ICE CO. GUILTY

FLOOD OF BILLS IN SENATE

Convicted in the New York Supreme Court

Wants Zelaya Apprehended as Common Criminal

SENTENCE OF \$5,000 FINE

RESOLUTION OF MR. RAYNOR

Company Found Guilty of Restricting Competition in Attempting to Create a Monopoly of the Sale of Ice—Took the Jury Only an Hour and Forty Minutes to Reach Verdict—First Conviction Under the New Law.

THREE BOLD ROBBERS

Enter Machine Shop and Hold Up Employees

(Special to News and Observer.)
Washington, N. C., Dec. 10.—One of the most daring attempts at robbery ever perpetrated in this city was made early yesterday morning when three strange men entered the office of the Mutual Machine Company, about two o'clock and held up several of the machinists and other employees of this company at the plant on Water street.

CONDITION OF BANKS.

Increase in Individual Deposits, Loans and Discount and Resources—Southern Banks Make Good Showing.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—An increase in individual deposits of \$400,000,000 in loans and discounts of \$268,419,917 and in total resources of \$294,218,846. These are the essential features shown in a statement issued by the comptroller of the currency giving the condition of the national banks of the United States on November 15, the date of the last reports to his office this year as compared with the last reports made in 1908 as of November 27.

DEATH OF MRS. J. W. KNOX.

She Dies Quite Suddenly at Her Home

(Special to News and Observer.)
Statesville, Dec. 10.—Mrs. J. W. Knox died quite suddenly Wednesday evening at her home in the Mount Ulla community of Rowan county. Mrs. Knox, who was 65 years of age, was apparently in her usual health. She was found in the yard in an unconscious condition and died about seven o'clock. The funeral services and interment took place at Third Creek church yesterday.

DEATH OF MR. A. C. MOORE.

Prominent Business Man of Currie Dies After a Brief Illness.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Wilmington, Dec. 10.—Mr. A. C. Moore, of Currie, died Wednesday afternoon after a brief illness. He was a descendant of the original settlers in that section, who bore an important part in the war of the Revolution and from whom the Battle of Moore's Creek took its name. He was a member of the Currie Monumental Association.

Accidentally Shot Himself.

Whiteville, N. C., Dec. 10.—Dr. T. T. Johnson, of Lumberton, accidentally shot himself. The doctor was firing with a pistol in his pocket when it accidentally went off, the ball ranging around his hip, but fortunately the wound was only a flesh one.

Worked Children Under Age.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Suffolk, Va., Dec. 10.—William E. Cobb, one of the owners of the Suffolk Knitting mill, pleaded guilty to the employment in his factory of children under 13 years of age and was fined \$25 and costs.

PROCEEDINGS YESTERDAY

SHOW AT RECORDER'S COURT

The Report of the Trustees of Wake Forest College and the Report on Meredith College Show These Baptist Institutions to Be in a Flourishing Condition—Endowment Needed for Meredith—Secondary Schools Make Good Showing and Are Highly Endorsed—Wadesboro Hospitality—Resolution of Thanks.

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Clove Daniel Up for Vagrancy—Witness Convulses the Court Room by His Answer to Attorneys Question—Saw Him Hauling Corn, But It Was in Liquid Form—Residence Goes Up in Smoke—Death of Mrs. Elizabeth Adams, Grandmother of Rev. G. T. Adams—Bates Has Escaped.

FLOOD OF BILLS IN SENATE

The House Was in Session for an Hour and a Half and a Large Number of Measures Were Introduced—The Most Striking Feature Was the Speech by Representative Kueserling of Wisconsin, as to the American Merchant Marine.

FLORIDA WANTS WARSHIPS.

Delegation Wants Them to Be Sent to Participate in Mardi Gras Celebration.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—Senator Fletcher and other members of the Florida delegation in Congress called upon the Secretary of the Navy yesterday to send several warships to participate in the Mardi Gras celebration there in February. At the same time they took occasion to express to the secretary their regret that the Pensacola yard had not been given a more complete repair work as some of the other yards. Secretary Meyer promised to send some warships to Pensacola for the celebration if any were available at that time.

FUNERAL OF MRS. LOU BATTLE.

Her Remains Were Interred in the Baptist Cemetery.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Salisbury, N. C., Dec. 10.—The funeral of Mrs. Lou Battle, who died Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, was held yesterday afternoon. The remains were interred in the Baptist cemetery. Rev. A. V. Joyner, of Wise, N. C., conducting the services. Mrs. Battle's pastor, Rev. R. A. McFarland, was away attending the Baptist State Convention at Wadesboro, so Mr. Joyner was called to conduct the funeral exercises at the grave. He paid a beautiful tribute to her noble Christian life and expressed the hope that all who knew her might imitate her example.

CAN OF BEANS EXPLODES.

Miss Rose Holmes Painfully Injured as a Result.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Salisbury, N. C., Dec. 10.—By the explosion of a can of air-tight beans on a hot stove at the home of Mr. C. H. Holmes, in this city, yesterday afternoon, Miss Rose Holmes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, was painfully injured. The contents of the can struck Miss Holmes in the face and inflicted painful injuries. Prompt attention was given and it is expected that she will soon recover.

U. S. Steel Stock in France.

New York, Dec. 10.—The announcement was made here today that the block of 100,000 shares of the common stock of the United States Steel Corporation, which was purchased by a syndicate of French bankers last spring, and which it was reported was to have been listed on the Paris Bourse, had been entirely taken up and that the shares for the most part had been placed in small lots with French investors.

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By THOMAS J. PENCE.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—There is significance attached to the fact that the President has forwarded to the Senate several nominations of postmasters under the North Carolina law, and the appointment of D. M. Luther as postmaster at Biltmore was not included in the list. It will be recalled that this appointment, following the removal of Mrs. Reed under circumstances more or less sensational, raised a storm of indignation in North Carolina, and it is among the possibilities that the President has taken cognizance of the situation that resulted from the announcement of the appointment of Luther and the removal of Mrs. Reed during the past session. The fact that the nomination did not go to the Senate with the other appointments of North Carolina postmasters made during the recess of Congress has attracted attention here. It makes no difference what the action of the President may be, but the treatment of Mrs. Reed and the charges against Congressman Grant are certain to receive an airing in the Senate. Both the Senators have received numerous letters, and the great weight of the matter will be pressed to bring the letters and the charges in the case to the attention of the Senate. It is not regarded as unlikely that Mrs. Reed will be appointed postmaster at Biltmore, and it is expected that she will come here and present her case in person to the President. The more fact that the nomination of Mrs. Reed was not included in the Senate would indicate that there is something doing with reference to Biltmore postoffice matter.

Both May and July Options Touched

15.90 a Gain of 42 Points Over Previous Day's Close—The Government Report, Issued Yesterday, Stirs the World to Buying—Smallest Crop Since 1903—Estimate is for 10,088,000 Bale Crop for 1909—Bull Brokers Prevent Violent Advance.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 10.—Not since the Sully boom of 1904 has the New York Cotton Exchange witnessed a more sensational scene or a more spectacular rise in prices than occurred today the announcement of the government crop report. With the galleries crowded with visitors from the South, augmented by friends and relatives of operators and other interested spectators, the market soared to a new high record for the season with gains of more than 42 points over yesterday. Both the May and July options touched the high mark of 15.90, both gaining approximately 42 points over yesterday's close.

The New Board of Directors Meet But Postpone Action on Selecting the Next Place of Meeting—The Resolution Adopted by the Congress Makes an Appeal to Congress for an Appropriation of \$50,000,000 for River and Harbor Work and the Same Amount Annually for Ten Years Thereafter.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—What is declared by its officers to have been the most successful convention of its kind ever held came to an end today when the National Rivers and Harbors Congress adjourned after a three days' session. Representative Joseph E. Ransdell, of Louisiana, was re-elected president; Captain J. F. Ellison, of Cincinnati, secretary and treasurer, and John A. Fox, of Arkansas, special director. Vice-presidents to represent States also were named.

Company Found Guilty of Restricting Competition in Attempting to Create a Monopoly of the Sale of Ice—Took the Jury Only an Hour and Forty Minutes to Reach Verdict—First Conviction Under the New Law.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 10.—The American Ice Company was found guilty today in the State Supreme Court of restricting competition in an attempt to create a monopoly of the sale of ice. The jury was out one hour and forty minutes and when the foreman announced the verdict the court immediately imposed the maximum sentence of \$5,000 fine, under the provisions of the so-called Donnelly anti-monopoly law of this State.

Special Director Fox Urged Larger Appropriations for Carrying on the Propaganda of Improving the Rivers, Harbors, and Canals of Continental United States.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—The American Ice Company, which he said supplies 8,000,000 customers would mark the first step in its ultimate dissolution.

James E. Smith, of St. Louis, Chairman of the committee on rules, in making his report said it represented the unanimous sentiment of the committee. He believed further resolutions to be developed before "dreadnoughts" need be built to fight imaginary foes.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—The committee on rules of the House of Representatives, which was organized yesterday, held its first meeting today. The committee was organized by the House of Representatives, which was organized yesterday.

Considerable Damage Done, But There Were No Casualties.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—A severe earthquake occurred at Guam at 9 a. m. today, causing considerable damage according to a cablegram received at the Navy Department today. The women's and children's hospital was wrecked. There were no casualties.