

WEATHER TODAY
For North Carolina: Fair Friday;
showers at night or Saturday in
west portion; fair in east.

The News and Observer

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Highest temperature yesterday 81
degrees. Lowest temperature yester-
day 54 degrees. Total precipita-
tion for 24 hours ending 5 p. m.
yesterday 0.

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REASON SENATOR OVERMAN WANTS ACTION DELAYED

Tar Heel Senator Pleads for
Postponement of Working-
men's Compensation Bill

ENGINEER WRIGHT AND CHIEF JUSTICE CLARK FIGURE IN ARGUMENT

Senator Overman Agreed That the
Measure Should Go Over Till Next
Session of Congress, One Reason
Advanced Being That An Element
of Workmen Affected Had Not
Yet Been Heard-In Support of His
Position He Read Into the Record a
Memorial from Engineer D. K.
Wright of Raleigh, and an Article
by Chief Justice Clark Printed in
The News and Observer—Three
More Months of Present Session
Predicted.

(By L. A. BROWN)

Washington, May 2.—Senator Over-
man joined with other Democratic
Senators today in a fight for the post-
ponement of vote on the working-
men compensation act until the next
session of Congress. He took the po-
sition that the Senate and its commit-
tee had not yet taken sufficient evi-
dence on the bill to vote on a mea-
sure of such revolutionary tendencies.

Sensor Overman was a member of
the committee on Judiciary which
held hearings on the bill. He signed
the minority report which was un-
favorable.

Today the Senator told the Senate
that the committee had heard only
one side of the case. He said that the
workmen who will be most strong-
ly affected by the bill have not yet
been given a hearing. He urged that
the consideration of the measure be
postponed until next December.

In support of his position he read
into the record a memorial from D.
K. Wright, a well known locomotive
engineer of Raleigh, and an article
written by Chief Justice Clark, a sen-
atorial candidate, in The News and
Observer of recent date.

When Senator Overman asked
unanimous consent to have Justice
Clark's article printed in the Record
Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia, said
that he desired to hear the opinion
of "That Distinguished North
Carolinian," Senator Overman then
read the article himself.

Three More Months of Congress.

"We'll stay here until August," was
the prediction of two Tennessee
Congressmen, Hull and Padgett, today.

Padgett who is chairman of the com-
mittee on Naval Affairs, said that his
committee had a bill to report which
would require more than two weeks
consideration. Other appropriation
bills he said would require more time
than that now intervening between
this date and June 25, the date of the
national convention at Baltimore. Hull
was disposed to lay the blame on the
Senate, pointing to the sugar, steel,
wool scales, and iron bills which have
passed the House and on which the
Senate has as yet taken no action.

Increase to the appropriation for
North Carolina waters in the rivers
and harbors bill, which has passed
the House and is now pending before
commerce committee of the Senate
are \$300,000 each for the Cape Fear
river and the harbor of safety at Cape
Lookout.

AND CLARK SMILED

Demonstration Accorded Mr.
Underwood When He Ap-
peared in House, Because
of His Success in
Georgia

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, May 2.—An unusual
demonstration greeted Representative
Oscar Underwood, the majority leader,
when he appeared in the house
today, the chamber, which was crowd-
ed, rising to a body and cheering him
because of his victory in the Georgia
and Florida presidential primaries.
Speaker Clark, who was in the chair,
looked on smilingly while the applause
continued.

Another demonstration was accorded
Mr. Underwood when he was called
to take the chair upon the intro-
duction of the legislative, executive
and judicial appropriation bill. When
Speaker Clark turned over the gavel
to the majority leader, the House
burst into an uproar that lasted sev-
eral minutes. Throughout it all, Mr.
Underwood smiled slightly.

Debate of Ninth District Meets.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Sallybury, N. C., May 2.—With a
large number of leading physicians
present, the Ninth District of the
North Carolina Medical Society as-
sembled in Sallybury today. The
meeting is an annual affair and a
dozen or more counties are repre-
sented by well known practitioners.

Dr. W. A. Crum, of Crum,

TO PUT BACK TIME LIMIT ON PASTORS

"Northern" Methodist Episco-
pal General Conference to
Take Up Subject Today

PLAN IS ADVOCATED
BY ALL THE BISHOPS

Among the Reasons Advanced by the
Bishops Are These: The Better Min-
isters Would Not Be Monopolized
by Any Churches All the Time and
None of the Churches Will Be
Forced to Accept the Less Able
Pastors—Opposition States Their
Reasons, and a Fight Over the Pro-
posed Change Will Result.

(By the Associated Press.)
Minneapolis, Minn., May 2.—Lim-
itation to five years as the longest time,
any minister shall remain in a given
church, it is expected will be recom-
mended to the Methodist Episcopal
General Conference by the Bishops
tomorrow as a means of stimulating
the growth of the church.

Much opposition is expected to arise
over the proposal. At present the
15,000 Methodist Episcopal ministers
scattered over the world are allowed
to remain in any pulpit indefinitely.
The new plan, supported by the twen-
ty-four active Bishops at the confer-
ence will mean a restriction of the
time limit abolished in 1900. In favor
of the change the Bishops have received
these arguments:

Reasons for Change.
"Because some of the churches will
not have the less able ministers all
the time, and none of the churches will
be able to minister exclusively to
them, the prominent pulpits, now
held by a few, will be thrown open to
younger men."

Against the Proposition.
"Against the change these objections
were made: That preachers who plan
great work will not be in pulpits long
enough to accomplish it; that many
great preachers have left the church
because hampered by a time limit;
that large congregations cannot be
built up from a pulpit where there are
frequent changes."

It is said that many of the min-
isters have occupied the same pulpits
for more than twelve years and their
entire life has been spent in the
same place. When the Bishops pro-
posed, when it comes before the Confer-
ence will be based on their action, to leave
a community where they have lived so
long.

Changes in Amusement Restrictions.
It is expected the Bishops will re-
commend radical changes in the
amusement restrictions now imposed
upon church members and these
changes will be in the nature of re-
stricting John Wesley's method of al-
lowing counsel of individuals to de-
cide what shall be prohibited, in-
stead of having the church decide.

In delivering the first section of the
bishop's report, signed by all the
churches and received by all the 150
delegates at the most important docu-
ment to come before them, Bishop
Earl Cranston, of Washington, de-
scribed as "critical" the fact that, in
the last year, the church has gained
"from that year" a per cent in mem-
bership, notwithstanding the outlay
of millions of dollars.

"The greed for wealth, sports and
forms of amusement have taken away
from the church, it is useless to deny,
it is expected the Bishops will re-
commend radical changes in the
growth partly to the system of drop-
ping from membership those who
went to their church without letters,
and failed to report to another church
within a year."

"In the last year," said the report,
"the church has made a net gain of
55,000, which is less than two per cent,
as the outcome of the year's
activities and the outlay of many mil-
lions of dollars. The statistical pa-
radox gives us out of countenance."

A full calculation reveals the
astounding fact that probably no less
than 149,000 members disappeared
from our rolls by repeated use of the
"dropping" process.

Nevertheless, we still face the patent
fact that our distinctive doctrines are
not being emphasized as they once
were. We are, therefore, discredited
for the time by a gain saying, world
drunk and with glutinous in-
dulgence."

Plugging for the Wesley Doctrine.

Pleading for an emphasis on the
distinctive Wesley doctrine, the report
said that they were the only power
to save the nation against vice.

The report also charged that the
church press was being used "as a
free forum by the promoters of dis-
affection."

The tendency of ministers to go to
church because the salary was in-
viting, Bishop Cranston pronounced
"a source of commercialism."

The Conference ordered a Commission
appointed to investigate the
Episcopal supervision of the 325,000
negro members in Southern States.

William W. Lucas, of Meridian,

MINERS MEET WITH COAL OPERATORS

But Tentative Agreement for
Settlement Was Rejected
By the Miners

GREEN SAYS OUTLOOK
IS NOT DISCOURAGING

Objections to the Agreement Which
Had Been Approved by President
White Stated, Mr. White Being Ill
and Unable to Attend—The Rejection
Must Be Ratified or Not and a
Night Session Was Held to Deter-
mine the Method to Be Employed
and Other Matters.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, May 2.—The outlook,
while rather complicated, is not dis-
couraging. It is hoped all differences
may yet be adjusted.

This was the statement made early
tonight by William Green, represent-
ing John P. White, president of the
United Mine Workers, shortly before
the convening of an evening session
of the general committee represent-
ing the mine workers of the anthracite
region, which today rejected the
tentative agreement for the settle-
ment of the miners' wage and other
demands, which had been approved
by the sub-committee representing
the operators and mine workers.

This agreement, it had been hoped,
would result in the speedy resumption
of work in that region, where a sus-
pension affecting 170,000 employ-
a became effective April 1.

Objection to the agreement, which
had been approved by President John
P. White, of the United Mine Work-
ers of America, was based on the
tenure of the contract period, which
was for four years; the abolition of
the sliding scale and failure to recog-
nize the union to the extent demand-
ed.

The proposal for settlement of the
dispute was voted down by the min-
ers while in conference with the op-
erators.

After adjournment of the confer-
ence William Green, representing
President John P. White, of the United
Mine Workers, who is ill in Iowa,
announced that a conference would
be held tonight to determine whether
the tentative agreement, rejected by
the general committee of the miners,
should be submitted to a referendum
vote or to a convention of representa-
tives of the four hundred local unions
in the anthracite regions. Should the
referendum vote be decided upon,
Thomas Kennedy, president of Dis-
trict No. 1, representing the operators,
Baer, president of the Philadelphia
and Reading Railroad, to submit the
entire question in dispute to the sur-
viving members of the Anthracite
Coal Commission, which settled the
strike last year.

From Messrs Green and Kennedy
it was learned that a majority of the
members of the general committee
favored the referendum vote. The
mine operators, and they stated
that this was the principal objection
to the tentative agreement considered
in the joint conference this afternoon.

THE NIGHT SESSION.

A Miners' Convention Called to Pass
on Refusal to Agree on Tentative
Plan.

New York, N. Y., May 2.—The
calling of a miners' conven-
tion to approve or disapprove
of the sub-committee's agreement for
settlement of the wage and other dif-
ferences between miners and op-
erators in the anthracite coal fields was
practically decided upon by the com-
mittee of miners representatives and
members of the boards of the three
anthracite districts affected at a ses-
sion here tonight.

Another Conference Probable.
Another joint conference with the
operators will first be sought by the
miners, in all probability to see if
further concessions can be obtained,
it was said after tonight's session. The
miners' committee adjourned until
tomorrow, when a decision will be
reached, it was announced. Whether
further conference with the operators
shall be sought or an immediate call
be issued for a miners' convention.

This action was brought by the
miners' full committee today at the
joint conference with the operators
committee of ten of the tentative
agreement for a settlement reached
recently between the sub-committees
of the two interests.

Convention Will Meet at Seneca as
Will Be Called.

If a convention is called, as seemed
certain tonight, it will be William
Green, who represented President
White, of the United Mine Workers,
in today's conference, said that he
will be held either in Seneca or Wilkes-
barre and will be composed of 400
delegates from the three districts.

Such a convention could be conven-
ed within four days after notice of it
was given, Mr. Green declared. Mr.
Green expressed the opinion that if a
convention were held at once, before
another conference with the op-
erators it would uphold the action of the
miners' full committee and vote the
approval of the sub-committee's
settlement.

A statement by the operators' com-
mittee indicated a disinclination to
meet again with the miners' repre-
sentatives until after the latter had
endeavored to secure ratification of
the pending settlement agreement.

Death of Ex-Congressman Nationalist

(By the Associated Press.)
Nashville, May 2.—Nationalist, N.
C., member of Congress from 1893
to 1897 from the seventh Tennessee
district, died today at his home in
Williamson county, aged 74.

PARADE OF WOMEN IN NEW YORK TOMORROW WILL BREAK THE RECORD FOR NUMBER IN LINE



New York, May 2.—It is expected that at least 15,000 women and girls
will take part in the "votes for women" parade here Saturday, May 4. The
parade will start from Washington Square at 5 p. m. and will march up
Fifth avenue to Central Park at Fifty-ninth street, where the women will
turn west to Seventh avenue and then two blocks north to Carnegie hall,
where a mass meeting will be addressed by leaders in the suffragist move-
ment. The parade will be in several divisions, one being on horseback.
Miss Lee Milholland and Miss Mabel Lee will be in this division. Miss Lee
is a daughter of Mrs. Lee Towe, who is also a suffragist, and is a Colum-
bia University student. Dr. Anna Shaw will be one of the speakers, and
Mrs. Harriot Stanton Blach will also speak. The paraders have adopted
a white straw hat with a black band as the official headgear. The women
shown in the picture are 1, Mrs. Harriot Stanton Blach; 2, Dr. Anna Shaw;
3, Miss Mabel Lee; 4, Miss Grace Stratton; 5, Mrs. Lee Towe; 6, Miss Ro-
berta Hill; 7, Miss Inez Milholland.

HERE'S WHERE WE INLAND WATERWAY PEOPLE COME IN

Senate Committee Agrees On
Amendments to House Riv-
ers and Harbors Bill; Ap-
propriations for Cape Look-
out Harbor of Refuge, etc.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, May 2.—Carrying \$5,
000,000 in addition to the appropri-
ations provided for by the House,
the Rivers and Harbors appropriation
bill aggregating \$12,155,530, has been
agreed to by the Senate Committee
on Commerce and will be reported in
a few days.

The largest single item in the House
bill was \$2,500,000 for the Mississippi
river, making \$6,000,000 for that wa-
terway.

Among the appropriations as in-
creased by the Senate committee ap-
propriations are:

Inland waterway, Norfolk to Beau-
fort, N. C., for a dredge, \$200,000;
Cape Lookout Harbor of Refuge,
\$100,000; Cape Fear River, \$200,000.
The bill authorizes the appointment
of a board of three engineers officers
to examine the harbor and
channel, and the Port Bolivar harbor
channel, and the Port Bolivar harbor
channel, near Galveston, with a
view of securing a depth of 35 feet
the necessary cutting off of bars, the
widening of the channels in the Sabine
canal, Texas, and change of the
route of the channel from Arkansas
Pass to Cavallo so as to pass by
Port O'Connor, Texas.

The \$5,000,000 for improving the
Mississippi river includes \$4,000,000 to
repair and build levees on account of
the flood.

CHARLOTTE FAIR FADING.

Only About Half of \$25,000 Needed
to Make It Go Has Been Secured.
(Special to News and Observer.)

Charlotte, May 2.—Following the
resignation of President Clarence O.
Kramer and all the other officers and
directors of the Charlotte Fair Asso-
ciation except three directors, it is
conceded that the prospects for a
repetition this fall of the fair which
has become almost an institution in
the annual affairs of Mecklenburg
county have faded into the remotest
possibility.

The rather sensational action on
the part of the officers and directors
followed the discovery that only about
one-half of the twenty-five thousand
dollars stock issued and necessary to
guarantee the success of the fair, had
been secured as the result of pre-
sented canvasses.

Plans to put on a fall look form
when it was learned that the old
Mecklenburg County Fair Association
would dissolve. It had been planned
to buy a new one and rebuild. But
was of the city, and the second
month the directors had been con-
sidering others.

THE FLOYD ALLEN TRIAL UNDER WAY

Damaging Testimony Against
Prisoner Given by One of
the First Witnesses

THREATENED LIFE OF
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

"I Will Kill Bill Foster Before the
Sun Goes Down if I Am Convicted,"
Is the Declaration Witness Weddell
Swears Floyd Allen Made in His
Presence—Other Witnesses Tell of
Threats Made Against the Court
Officials—Defense Claims Floyd
Was Shot Before He Fired.

(By the Associated Press.)
Wytheville, Va., May 2.—"I will kill
Bill Foster before the sun goes down
tomorrow night if I'm convicted,"
Floyd Allen, the first of the Hills-
ville courthouse assassins on trial here
for his life, was charged with making
this remark before the shooting on
March 14, according to the testimony
today of I. D. Weddell of Montgom-
ery, one of the first witnesses for the
prosecution. On cross-examination,
Weddell stuck to his story, though he
admitted no other persons were pre-
sent during his conversation with Allen.

Six Witnesses Examined.
Six witnesses, spectators at the
shooting, testified. The first witness,
D. W. Bolen, a lawyer who was de-
fending Allen, testified that he was
then trying Allen, testified. One of
them said that Allen had fired in the
direction of where he last saw Foster,
the Commonwealth's attorney, who
was killed. Other witnesses told of
conversations with Allen, in which he
had threatened Foster.

Conspiracy to Shoot Up the Court.
Prosecutor Wyzor, opening the case,
said he would show there was a con-
spiracy among the Allen to shoot up
the court, if Floyd Allen was con-
victed. Attorney Willis, for the de-
fense, retorted that reports of the
tragedy had been grossly exaggerated
and that he would introduce testimony
to show that Bettle Ayres was killed
by a bullet from Clerk Dexter Goad's
revolver, and not by the Allen.

The defense would show, he said,
that Floyd Allen had been wounded
before he had taken part in the shoot-
ing.

GRAND PREPARATIONS FOR
MEMORIAL EXERCISES.

Meeting of John W. Dunham Chan-
celor, Daughters of Confederacy.
Speaker Selected—Dinner and Pre-
sentation of Crosses of Honor.
(Special to News and Observer.)

Wilson, N. C., May 2.—At a recent
meeting of the John W. Dunham Chan-
celor, Daughters of Confederacy, held
at the home of Mrs. C. T. Daniels,
plans were formulated for the fitting
celebration of Memorial Day, May
10th, in honor of those who fought
and died for the Confederacy.

The speaker in the occasion will
be Dr. D. H. Hill, president of the
A. & M. College. Crosses of Honor
will be distributed to the old heroes,
those of Jesse B. Barnes' camp who
are entitled to them. Dinner will
be served the veterans in one of Wil-
son's commodious warehouses, and
effort to get out of the carriage, and
to make a monthly donation to
Mr. Gilbert, an old veteran who is
now in his seventy-ninth year, and to
accomplish this purpose will, from
time to time, give entertainments to
raise the necessary funds.

Strangled to Death.
(Special to News and Observer.)
Kinston, N. C., May 2.—An un-
usual accident caused the death of a
16-month-old son of Dr. and Mrs.
W. W. Whittington, prominent people
of Snow Hill, according to a long dis-
tance message from that town. Mrs.
Whittington left the child sitting in a
perambulator, for a few moments, and
was horrified upon her return to find
the little one hanging, head down,
from the side of the carriage. It was
presumed that the baby made an
effort to get out of the carriage, and
in so doing was caught by its clothing
and held by the feet, a garment twisted
around the neck causing death by
strangulation. The mother was fran-
tic with grief.

U. S. AID FOR ROADS

This One of the New Features

of Post Office Appropriation

Bill Which Passed Con-
gress Yesterday

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, May 2.—The post-
office appropriation bill, carrying ap-
proximately \$278,000,000, was passed
by the House today, 227 to 5. The
measure carried in addition to the
appropriation necessary for the con-
duct of the department, a number
of radical additions. Among these
were Federal aid for good roads, the
compulsory publication by news-
papers, magazines and periodicals of
the names of their owners, and the
establishment of a parcel post in
connection with the rural free deliv-
ery service. The good roads pro-
vision added between states and
eighty million dollars to the ap-
propriation and this amount, it is ex-
pected, will be materially increased in
the next possible session.

NO TESTIMONY TO CONFIRM REPORT OF DELAY IN NEWS

Evidence Taken By Committee
Doesn't Prove That White
Star Line Held Back News

PAPERS IN FIRST OF THE
DAMAGE SUITS FILED

Widow of Colonel Astor's Valet De-
clines Action to Recover Damages on
Grounds of Negligence of Duty on
Part of Ocean Steam Navigation
Co.—Important Testimony Taken
By Senator Smith's Senatorial Com-
mittee—The Chairman Says That
He Expects to Take the Evidence
of a Man "Cognizant of the Fact
That Members of the Crew Could
Not Turn a Certain Bolt"—Day's
Features.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, May 2.—Papers in the
first suit for damages brought by a
relative of a Titanic victim were filed
in the Federal District Court here to-
day. The suit, in admiralty, is
brought by Mrs. Louise Robbins,
widow of Victor Robbins, Col. John
Jacob Astor's valet, and is the suit in
which the testimony of J. Bruce In-
may and officers of the sunken steam-
er is desired. It charges negligence
on the part of the Ocean Steam
Navigation Company, and asks
for \$50,000 damages and cost.

News Not Held Back.

New York, May 2.—Testimony
taken today by Senator William Allen
Smith, chairman of the Senate com-
mittee investigating the Titanic
disaster, did not reveal any
facts tending to confirm the report
that news of the Titanic disaster,
which the White Star Line made pub-
lic on Monday evening, April 15, had
reached New York early that morning.

To determine this question was the
principal object of the Senator's visit
here and he had before him today in
private hearing John Bottomly, vice
president of the American Marine
Company, E. J. Dunn the New York
merchant who testified in Washing-
ton that he had been informed by the
son of a Western Union operator that
a message had been received in New
York on Monday morning telling of
the Titanic's fate; and the operator
himself who returned to the city to-
day. Mr. Smith said after having been
absent since Sunday night.

These two witnesses were disposed
to be recalcitrant, the Senator de-
clared, and their expression was very
unfavorable. He declared he would
call the operator again when he hoped
to obtain more definite infor-
mation.

Vice President Bottomly, according
to his stenographic testimony, dis-
claimed all knowledge of any such
news being received at the time re-
ported.

"Do you know of your own knowl-
edge or have you been informed by
any persons, by wire, wireless, cable
letter, word of mouth or otherwise
that information regarding this dis-
aster reached any office of your com-
pany or the White Star Line on Mon-
day, April 15, prior to 10 o'clock?"
was the question Senator Smith put
to him.

"No, I don't know of any such mes-
sage," Mr. Bottomly replied, adding
that the Marconi Company received
its first message of the sinking of the
Titanic about 8 p. m. Monday. The
witness testified that he had made
every effort to get news of the dis-
aster from the Carpathia and had sent
instructions to all wireless stations
asking them to furnish the sinking of
the ship with all the news they could
obtain.

He denied that he had in any way
tried to inform Coffman and Bida,
the wireless operators on the Carpa-
thia, in regard to the sending and
receipt of information during the res-
cue, and said that he had given
Mr. Marconi's consent, he had given
wireless permission to Bida to sell
his story.

The witness denied that operators
of his company were instructed not
to give information to any ship not
fitted with Marconi wireless.

Sensor Smith said that tomorrow
he expected to take the testimony of
a man "cognizant of the fact that
members of the crew could not turn
a certain bolt in one of the water-
tight compartments on which de-
pended its efficiency."

Movements of Morgan Steamer

New York, May 2.—The Western
Union cable steamer Minia, which has
been searching the scene of the Ti-
tanic wreck for bodies, is returning to
Haitian with 15 bodies and will dock
Monday, according to a wireless mes-
sage received here this afternoon by
the White Star Line. This means
officials of the line say, that the search
for bodies has been abandoned for the
present and may be postponed indef-
initely.

The message states that the Minia
found the bodies widely scattered over
a great area, so that the search be-
came daily more difficult.

Most of the bodies now on the
Minia, it is believed, are those of
members of the Titanic's crew, which
has been found by the bodies of the
wreckage of the Titanic were found
on April 25 in latitude 41.13 and longi-
tude 49.14 by the Western Union cable
steamer Minia, which arrived today at New York.

When the bodies were located
the steamer was ordered to stop and
signify a formal report could be made
from the steamer.

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