

The Weather For North Carolina: Partly cloudy Thursday; Friday cloudy and warmer. Highest temperature, 38; lowest, 26; precipitation, .04.

The News and Observer

NORTH CAROLINA'S GREATEST DAILY

WITH LAND ABOARD CRUISER CHESTER SPED ACROSS GULF

John Purroy Mitchel Takes Oath of Office Today... DROPPING ANCHOR ABOUT MIDNIGHT OFF SHIP ISLAND, MISSISSIPPI COAST... TO BREAKFAST WITH THE PRESIDENT AT PASS CHRISTIAN

NAVY GREYHOUND MADE ABOUT 23 KNOTS FOR 24 CONSECUTIVE HOURS—LIND COMES TO REPORT THAT HIS EXCELLENCY'S CRUMBLING PLAN HAS ABOUT REACHED THE POINT WHERE THE HUERTA GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE IS SOON TO TOPPLE OVER—WHAT MUST HE DO WHEN IT BITES THE DUST.

Washington, Dec. 31.—John Purroy Mitchel, elected mayor on the Fusion ticket, will take office at noon tomorrow, succeeding Adolph L. Kline, who assumed the mayoralty when William J. Baynor died on the shipboard last September.

PRESIDENT SLEPT LONG

Washington, Dec. 31.—With John Lind aboard, the United States yacht cruiser Chester was speeding across the Gulf of Mexico tonight due to drop anchor about midnight off Ship Island, on the coast of Mississippi.

EMBRYO NEW PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

In this connection belief has been expressed here that the administration's objection to the provisional government in Mexico City does not extend to all of Huerta's adherents and that in the creation of a new provisional government in Mexico some of the capable men now associated with Huerta might be included.

REBELS SEEK NUEVO LAREDO

Reports today told of continued rebel movements against the town of Nuevo Laredo, indicating a purpose to occupy that place at the earliest possible moment and with the fall of Ojinaga, to establish an unbroken line of Constitutional authority along the whole northern border.

SLEPT NINE HOURS

The President went to bed early to get what he needed most—"The Clock of Mystery" Surrounding Lind's Visit.

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Marked Closing Hour of Administration of Mayor Kline. Removes Waldo for Insubordination—Would Have Left City Without Civilian Head On New Year's Eve.

E. M. KOONCE GETS IN RACE FOR CONGRESS

Well Known State Legislator Announces He Would Like to Have a Hand in National Law-Making.

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THE WIRELESS NEW YEAR FLASH

From the Top of the Great Naval Radio Tower ACROSS LAND AND SEA

TOLD ALL WITHIN RANGE OF THE PASSING OF THE OLD YEAR—HOW BLUEISH FLASH SPARKLED AND FLED, FOR WHICH GREAT CARE HAD BEEN TAKEN AT THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—Following custom, Washington tonight observed the advent of the New Year without ostentation. With but one exception—the bluish flash that sparkled and sped from the top of the great naval radio towers at Arlington across land and sea telling all within range of the passing of the old year—the usual program was strictly followed.

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FIGHTING AROUND OJINAGA STILL ON

Huerta's Army Entrenched in the Village ALMOST WITHOUT HOPE

OF BEATING BACK THE CARRANZA REBELS, NUMBERING 6,000 WHO BEGIN TO ADVANCE ARTILLERY ON THE FEDERALS—MANY OFFICERS KILLED—STORY OF DAY'S FIGHTING.

Presidio, Tex., Dec. 31.—After withstanding bullet shells and shrapnel poured in on them from the rebels, the Mexican Federal army at Ojinaga, Mexico, tonight still was entrenched within the village, but in the opinion of military experts with small hope of beating back the attacking force.

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REDFIELD ADVISES EIGHT HOUR DAY

Be Better for Pockets as Well as Peace of Mind FOR GREATER PRODUCTION

AND ENHANCE ABILITY OF THIS COUNTRY'S MANUFACTURES TO COMPETE WITH ALL CORNERS OF THE WORLD—ADDRESS BEFORE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR LABOR LEGISLATION.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Secretary of Commerce Redfield today expressed the belief that it would be "far better for the pockets, as well as the peace of mind of employers" if they worked their men only eight hours a day. He was speaking before the American Association for Labor Legislation, which is acting here with the American Political Science Association.

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CRY OF FIRE BY ONE INSIDE THE HALL

That Is the Open Verdict of Coroner's Jury

DEATHS BY SUFFOCATION CAUSED BY THE PANIC-STRIKEN JAM ON STAIRWAY AT CALUMET CHRISTMAS EVE NIGHT—NONE SAVE HOLDERS OF UNION CARDS OR THOSE VOUCHERED FOR THERE, IT ADDS.

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 31.—An open verdict, including a finding that the Christmas Eve panic which cost seventy-two lives in Italian Hall, was caused by an alarm of fire raised within the hall, was returned tonight by the coroner's jury, which for three days has been hearing evidence. Every allegation that enemies of the Western Federation of Miners were responsible was rejected by the jury.

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CHANGES BROUGHT IN GOVERNMENT UNITED STATES

Probably More Far-Reaching the Past Year Than Any Year in Quarter Century

POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL

Epitome of the More Important Events, Following the Inauguration of Woodrow Wilson, First Democratic President Since Grover Cleveland. A Backward Glance Over Memorable Events in All Branches of Governmental Activity.

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