The Weather

For North Carolina: Partly oudy Thursday: Friday loudy Thursday: Highest temperature, owest, 28; precipitation

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NORTH CAROLINA'S

CRUISER CHESTER SPED ACROSS GULF

Dropping Anchor About Midnight Off Ship Isand, Missippi Coast

TO BREAKFAST WITH THE PRESIDENT AT PASS CHRISTIAN

Naval 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.

PRESIDENT SLEPT LONG

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 31.-With John ind aboard, the United States yacht ruiser Chester was speeding across the Gulf of Mexico tonight due to drop anchor about midnight off Ship sland, on the coast of Mississippi Mr. Lind. President Wilson's peronal representative in Mexico, exsots to breakfast with the President t Pass Christian tomorrow and lay efore him a full report on the Mexian situation. To make the run from era Cruz to Ship Island, as plan-ed, the Chester will have to mainn a speed of 22 knots an hour for ore than 24 hours. Lind's Exact Object.

There has been much speculation s to the exact object of Mr. Lind's arney. He is coming, officials say n make a verbal report to the Presi-ent and in some quarters it has been uggested that, convinced that the "crumbling" of the Huerta regime pearly finished, Mr. Lind desires confer with President Wilson as to course to be pursued when the end comes.

Embryo New Provisional Government.

In this connection belief has been expressed here that the administra-tion's objection to provisional of-ficials 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 Huerts, might take a leading part with the approval of the United States. Anxiously Awaiting Ojinaga News.

The State and War Departments

tonight were anxiously awditing news from Ojimaga, Mex., where the last remnant of General Hueria's northern army was making its final stand. The American garrison at Presidio, Tex., is comparatively small and it is believed this explains the action of the officer in command in driving back into Mexico individual Federal soldiers trying to find sufety in flight across the line. Rebels Seek Nuevo Laristo

Rebets Seek Nuevo Laredo.
Reports today told of continued rebei movements against the town of Nuevo Laredo. Indicating a purpose to occupy that place at the earliest possible moment and with tip fall of Olinaga, to establish an unbroken line of Constitutionalist authority along the whole northern border. along the whole northern border,

The armored cruiser South Dakota has been placed in reserve at Puget Sound to utilize her personnel to man smaller gunboats required on the west coast of Mexico.

SLEPT NINE HOURS.

The President Went to Bed Early to Get What He Needed Most—The "Cloak of Mystery" Surrounding Lind's Visit.

Pase Christian, Bliss., Dec. 31. !'resident Wilson did not eacrifice his program of nine hours' sleep to the custom observed by thousands throughout the country of watching the old year pass. He went to bed early, as usual, and hoped to get a good night's rest before his conference tomorrow with John Lind, who will report in full his observations during six months in Mexice.

The President declined to say to-night whether he would go aboard the revenue cutter Winona or the scout cruiser Chester, aboard which Mr. Lind sailed from Vera Crus; but indications were that the conference would take place at the coltage where the President is spending his vaca-

Cloaked In Deep Mystery. The entire affair is cloaked in deep mystery, every effort being made to keep secret all phases of Mr. Lind's arrival or departure. After the Presi-dent had played his usual game of golf, he met Representative Harrison on the links, and the latter carried a message to the commander of the Winons which was lying off the pier at Guifport. Immediately the little vessel turned her prow to sea, and was cruising tonight about Ship Island, eight miles south of here. Mr. Harri-son said he was unable to talk about

What Will He Do Today?
At The Fresident's cottage it was stated that Mr. Wilson had not yet decided what he would do tomorrow.

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Oath of Office Today

UPHEAVAL OF THE FOLICE

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

(Rt the Assetated Press.) New York, 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. Caynor died on stripboard last September. On the eye of his city hall tenney Mr. Mitchell tonight announced me of his appointments. He will enter on his duties with his cabinet incomplete; retaining, however, some of the department heads chosen by Mr. Gaynor.

A police upheaval marked the clos-g hour of the administration of ing hour of the administration of Mayor Kline, who removed Police Combinations Walds; declaring him insubordinate for resigning after acconting the resignation of all his dep-uties. Waldo's action, it was pointed out, would have left the police without a civilium head on New Year's eve when the closest supervision of the department was required. The may-or appointed First Deputy McKay commission to serve until Mr. Mitchel

selects a permanent police head. Three present department re-appointed by Mayor-elect Mitchel are Lawson Purdy, president of the tax commission, John J. Murphy tenement house commissioner and R A. C. Smith, docks and ferries com-missioner. Robert Adamson, secre-tary to Mayors Gaynor and Kilve and manager of the Fusion campaign, was appointed fire commissioner, F. J. H. Kracke, bridge commissioner, Henry Bruere, city chamberlain.

Mayor Kline, elected to the board of aldermen in November, was ap-pointed tax commissioner of Brook

E. M. KOONCE GETS IN RACE FOR CONGRESS

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

(Special to The News and Observe)

Jacksonville, Dec. 31 .- Hon, E. M. Koonce of this place announces that he is the race for nomination for longress by the Democrats of the Congress by the Democrats of the Third District. He has malled notices of his candidacy to all the papers in the district. Mr. Koonce has rep-resented Obslow county in the Gen-eral Assembly for four terms and has ranked high among the law-makers. He is chairman of the Onslow County Democratic Executive Committee, Many friends in this and other countles have promised Mr. Koonce their support_

ALLEGED MURDERER LODGED IN JAIL

He and His Victim "Had Been in Game and Had Fatien Out," tity the Associated Press

Bristol, Va., Dec. 31.—Charles Pip-pen, 25 years old, was lodged in jail at Abingdon, Va. today charged with the murder of William Dorton, aged 30 and a wealthy citizen of Russell county, Va. According to the news of the tragedy received today by Bristol relatives of the dead man, the two had been in a game and had a falling out. Pippen declared that if he had a gun he would kill Dorton, whereupon the latter loaded a shot gun and handing it to him, defied him to make good his threat. epped back and shet, killing Dorton almost instantly.

EUGENIC MARRIAGE LAW.

Rush to Evade New Statute, liffective Today, at Milwaukee.

(By the Associated Pros.) ballwaukee, Wis, Dec. 31.-A rush o evade the new Eugenics marriage law, effective Lomorrow, made today the busiest day on record for the Milwaukee county marriage license clerks. At the regular closing time 84 licenses had been issued and the thousands to issue licenses until midnight.

LOST HIS LIFE IN FRIENDLY TUSSL

Carl Graham, of Robeson Co. Accidentally Rilled By Discharge of His Own Gun.

(Special to The News and Olserer,) Lumberton, Dec. 31.—Yesterday fternoon near Lumber Bridge Carl Graham, a young white man, was ac-cidentally shot and instantly killed in company with Baxter McMillan, a

young friend,
Graham started out hunting and
while in a friendly fussle with his
friend over a gun it was discharged,
the load entering the face and rang-

LIVELY NOT THE PARTY OF THE PAR

Naval Radio Tower

Told All Within Range of the Of Beating Back the Carranza Passing of the Old Year-How Blueish Flash Sparkled and Fled, for Which Great Care Had Been Taken at the Seat of Government.

(By the Associated Press.) 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 seas telling all within range of the passing of the old ye the usual program was strictly for

At churches, hotel, clubs, lodges and other gathering places elaborate pro-grams had been prepared. The asmbled crowds watched the passing minutes of 1913 and cheered the birth -06-1924

Painstaking preparations had been ade for the wireless New Year flash Arlington; havel-officers in charge cognizing the importance of their ask to the eyes of the scientific world. Although the naval observatory for ears past had undertaken to transmit such messages by linked cables and telegraph wires, tonight was the sec od time in the history of science that re feat was attempted by wireless. According to schedule the signals began at 11:55 p. m. meridian time. The beats of the transmitting clock at the naval observatory, corrected by stellar observation to the most exact time possible connected by wire with the radio towers, were repeated outsimutically by delicate instruments and

translated into radio flashes. These, backed by the powerful voltage of the Arlington plant, were dis patched in message form over a wave length of 2,500 meters. The last beat announced the arrival of the New Year in the capital of the United

Officers said it possibly would be a week before they could ascertain just how far the signal reached. It was not doubted that the Eiffel Tower in Paris, 3,000 miles distant, received the signals. It was believed, too, that hey reached the Isthmus of Panama, Pacific Islands.

Hecause of the cancellation of the annual New Year reception tomorros at the White House, the receptions of Secretaries Garrison and Daniels, the War and Navy Departments, respectively, will be more elaborate than usual. Secretary Bryan will enter-tain members of the diplomatic corps at breakfast in the morning. The Secretary of the Navy will entertain

s personal friends. Speaker Clark, and Mrs. Clark, and their daughter. Miss Genevieve, will hold open house during the day.

RECORD BREAK IN BANK CLEARANCES

Statements From Leading Cities Have No Indications of a Money Panic.

(By the Associated Press. Detroit, Mich., Dec. 21.—Detroit bank clearings for 1913 broke all local records with a total of \$1,231,653,395. This was an increase of \$203,078,335

over last year. Increase at Geveland. Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 31.—Bank clearances here will net a new record in 1913. it, was appounced today, when the totals for the year were given as \$1.275,501.014.48 against \$1.150,397,652.86 for 1912.

New Record at Pittsburg. Pittsburg, Deh, 31.—Bank clear-ings here for the year 1913 set a new record with a total of \$2,232,402,511 against \$2,798,990,214 for 1912.

Big Jump in Philadelphia.
Philadelphia Dec. 21.—Total bank clearings in Philadelphia for 1913 were greater than that of any other year. The total was \$8,23 508,783 as against \$8,166,286,613 in 1912. 127 Millions Increase at Kansas City.

Kansas City, Dec. 31.—Bank clear-ings here for the year 1913 established a new record with a total of \$2,850.— 362,611, which was an increase of \$137,334,695 over 1912. Birmingham 2 Millions Greater. Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 31.—Bir-mingham's bank clearings for 1913

were \$23,540,019.99 greater than for 1912 and last year's clearings were the largest in the city's history up to that time. The total for the year just ended is \$173,87,773.92.

SCHMIDT'S SECOND TRIAL

Begins January Twelfth, the Date Be-ing Agreed on Yesterday. ing upward.

Mossillan did not know the gun in whose trial for the murder of Annual had been loaded. Coroner Rancies and County Physician Page went to the scene this morning and upon their return this afternoon stated criminal branch of the State Supreme that the killing were pussely specification.

OJINAGA STILL ON

John Purroy Mitchel Takes From the Top of the Great Huerta's Army Entrenched in Be Better for Pockets as Well That Is the Open Verdict of The Village

ACROSS LAND AND SEA ALMOST WITHOUT HOPE FOR GREATER PRODUCTION

Rebels, Numbering 6,000 Who Begin to Advance Artilery On the Federals-Many Officers Killed - Story of Day's Fighting.

(By the Associated, Prec-Presidio, Texi, Dec. 31 .- After with standing builets shells and shrapnel poured in on them from the rebels, the Mexican Federal army at Olinaga, Mexico, tonight still was e trenched within the village, but the opinion of military, experts with, small hope of beating back the at-

tacking force. General Ortega's army of 6,000, scattered over the surrounding hills, after driving the 4,000 Federals from all their outposts and into the shelter of the adobe buildings and inner trenches, at sundown were beginning to advance their artillery with a view of demolishing the horse corral and other, inouncia, buttings, whate the

Many Officers Killed. ny Federal officers, including Marcello Caraveo, communder of volunteers, were reported killed or wounded. Much of the rebel cav-alry fire was of no effect, but when Gen. Ortega put field pieces into ac-tion the outlying about houses crumbled into heaps of dried mud, leaving a clearer range into the heart of the settlement. The number of dead and wounded

The number of dead and wounded is not known but losses were not believed to be heavy, as most of the huts had been abandoned by the Federals for safer positions.

The Federalt had the advantage in position, because from the village they were able to sweep the valley, commanding the approach Despite

commanding the approach. Despite the belief that they were running short of ammunition they showed a revived determination to make plucky stand. A Federal shell burst on an opposite hill where a body of rebels had ascended to command a range on the Federals. The explosion caused a scurrying of rebels and left a number on the ground. The sixty hours of fighting, so far as was observable, has been indecisive, except that the rebels steadily are gain ing ground, while the operation of the Federals is becoming more limited.

Frighten Federals. To frighten the Federals into a retreat across the border into Texas and thus end the busie, without a prolonged stege or without the fatal results of a close encounter, was the who repeated their promise not to direct their fire Into United States ter-

Three or four Federals who had waded through the muddy river said they had seen as many as several hundred dead lying near one place. They said the rank of the Federal army was fighting without enthusiasmand that all the wounded were left uncared for. Many wished to describer out were prevented by fear that they would be shot by their own officers they said.

The evenis of the day caused little neasiness among the United States order patrol. More supplies for Red ross field service were brought to residio and a hospital tent is to be rected on this side

GENERAL FRANCISCO VILLA

Arrives From Chilhushua' With Raoul Madero, Brother of Late President Juarez, Mex., Dec. 31.—General Francisco Villa, commander of the rebal forces, with Raoul Madero, brother of the late President, arrived from Chuahua today to be in closer ommunication with the situation at Olinnga.

"My advices are that the Federals at Ojinaga aiready are defeated," said General Villa. "There is no chance for their escape, except to flee to the United States, which I am confident they will do

A \$250,000 Ransom. Advices from Chihrahua were that surrendered voluntarily saying the General Villa had come to the barder peddler forced his way into the back partly in connection with the collection of his home and built a fire in partly in connection with the collec-tion of a \$250,000 ransom for the re-tion of a \$250,000 ransom for the re-home and ordered him to leave be home and ordered him to leave be lease of Luis Terrazas, Jr., who is imprisoned in the State Capital.

OLE MAWSTER AND OLD-ISSUE DARKEY

White People of New Hanover

EIGHT HOUR DAY

as Peace of Mind

And Enhance Ability of This Country's Manufactures To Compete With All Comers of the World-Address Before American Association for Labor Legislation.

(B) the Amortaled Press. 1 Washington, Dec. 31 .- Secretary of ommerce Redfield today expressed the belief that it would be "far bet-

ter for the pockets, as well as the peace of mind of employers" if they worked their men only sight hours. of day. He was speaking before that American Association for Labor Legistation, which is acting here with the American Political Science Associa

"I believe," said the secretary, "that when our factories are run so that the workmen so home without being tisued from over-long hours and not till then will be be able to compete successfully against all comers in the markets of the world.

Secretary Redfield said there should be a thorough study made of the con ditions under which men work best. This subject of the human element in manufacturing, he added, could not be treated from 'the mathematical standpoint.

Austin B. Garretson, president the Order of Railway Conductors, told the association that in 1913 there had been 261,600 violations of the law prohibiting the working of a trainman more than 16 hours in one day. The law of averages, he said, would show this was but a small propertion of the number of men employed. yet the law of averages," he declared, "cannot restore lives lost through accannot restore lives lost through the nesses disagreed as to where the number cidents due to fatigue. During the nesses disagreed as to where the number of density of the nesses disagreed as to where the number of the nesses disagreed as to where the number of this the number of this persons in different concluded that persons in different number of the number of into the millions have worked in ex-

"While I have been talking to you," said Mr. Garretson, "four trainmen have been carried away on stretchers. We are willing and killed or injured. jured them at the rate of 125

That the popularity of compulsory insurance against accidents has been astonishingly rapid in the past three years and is bound to be followed quickly by other forms of social insurance, was the declaration of Joseph P. Chamberlain, of New York, Present insurance of the poor, he

said, is hopelessly expensive. Senstor Owen, of Oklahoma, advoented a national legislative reference bureau to prepare bills so clear of that even the Supreme ourt could not misunderstand them,

WHITE PEDDLER KILLED BY NEGRO

Slayer Surrendered to Granville Sheriff and Stated the Circumstances.

dispectal to The News and Observer t (ixford, Dec. 31,-A stranger peddling spectacles and giving his name as W. M. Sullivan from Reanoke, Va. was killed last night near Oxford

by a negro named Sam Taylor. The slayer came to Oxford and prisoned in the State Capital.

It is understood that us soon as the Olinaga battle is decided General Villa will return to Chihuahua to prepare for his campaign Southward. the door and wounded him fatally with a second shot. The peddler's remains were brought to Oxford to an undertaking establishment of J. Rober, Wood, and prepared for

A telegram was sent to Sullivan's wife in Roznoke, Va., who sent a reply requesting that the remains be sent to his home in that place. Sam Taylor is now in Oxford jail.

DECREASE IN ALASKA'S MINERAL OUTPUT.

Due, Report Says, to Lack of Adequate Transportation System.

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Coroner's Jury DEATHS BY SUFFOCATION

Caused By the Panic-Stricken Jam On Stairway at Calumet Christmas Eve Night—None POLITICAL, ECONOMIC Save Holders of Union Cards or Those Vouched for There, It Adds.

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

The taking of testimony was conwas well along in the afternoon be fore consideration of the testimon; was begun. The jurymen wrestled with their problems for six hours.

we find that the cause of death was softecation, the same being, caused by a jam on the stairway leading to the entrance of the Italian Hall, where a Christmas celebration was eing held," said the verdiet. "The stampede was caused by some person or persons unknown to the jury at this time raising an alarm of fire within the hall."

The jury decided the evidence showed that only those possessing The jury decided the evidence showed that only those possessing union cards or vouched for hy some member of the union, entered the place. Rejection of charges that deputy sheriffs, mine guards and company dectors had held back would be rescuers was contained in a paragraph commending the work of man who researed the stairways of its mass. who cleared the stairway of its mass of dead and injured.

65 Witnesses Gave Their Version. Some sixty-five witnesses told their versions of the catastrophe. Wit-nesses disagreed as to where the man parts of the hall look up the cry. The practical unanimity of textimony from those near the doorway that no

Note of Optimism.

An intangible note of optimism veloped in the střike situation today.
John B. Densmore, of the Federal
Department of Labor, said he had
been encouraged. W. J. MacDonald,
who is pressing a resolution for a Congressional inquiry, said there was a rift in the clouds, and attorneys for the Western Federation of Miners thought a way of settling the diffithought a way or cuity might be found soon. In com-pany circles, also there were more cheerful countenances in evidence.

Moyer Deportation Incident. The Moyer deportation incident slumbered. Striking miners of the Hancock district have called a massfor tomorrow afternoon to protest against the action against their chieftain. Grand jury investi-gation waits the ability of Moyer to appear in person. Editors and other intoxees of the paper arrested on harges of publishing statements cal-ulated to incite riot, were released ball and the paper was again cir-

ASHEVILLE COUR OF IMPEACHMEN

City Police Court Judge Adams,

inpedal-to The News and Discreet.)

the board of aldermen sitting as a Adams of the city police court, who her case it laid down the product that a "corner" in any commodity demanded the investigation following that a "corner" in any commodity is a violation of the anti-trust laws. charges of the Asheville Gazette-News to the effect that the presiding officer's usefulness on the bench is ended and that his "voluntary or in-voluntary retirement" from office is in order. Many witnesses were ex-amined although nothing was brought, to show that Judge Adams has conioned the illegal sale of whiskey in

Probably the most sensational feature of the hearing yesterday was the testimony of W. E. (Pete) Sevier.

Give a Dinner To 300 Former Servants.

| Washington, Dec. 31.—Alaska's mineral output decreased \$3,500.000 in 1918 as compared with the 1912 figures. This territory's total production was valued at \$18,900.000 as against \$22,555.51 in 1912.

| Wilmington, Dec. 31.—Three humdered ex-slaves of New Hanover were made happy this afternoon when a sumptuous dinner was given them by white people of the city at St. Stephenn's church readered.

| Preceding the dinner there were exercises in which neveral old issue darkeys and a number of prominent effishers of the city made short adecided the sum of the sum of the sum of the sum of the city made short adecided the sum of the city made short adecided the sum of the sum

UNITED STATES

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

AND FINANCIAL

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

(By the Associated Press 1. Washington, Dec. 31. Ninetent hirteen wrought changes in the American government nomic and financial probably more far-reaching than any other year of the last quarter-century. This was apparent today in a backward glance over memorable events of the past twelve months in all branches of gove

Activity.

ernmental activity. A Democratic administration in na-tional affairs came into power, a Democratic Congress at the back of a Democratic President for the first time since Grever Chveland occupi

the White House. The first constitutional amendments since 1870 were perfected, providing two radical changes in the fundamentals of government—an income tax, and the direct election of U. S. Sena-

National Bank and Currency Systems

Reorganized.

The national bank and currency system, which was devised to float the debt of the Civil War and has opstranger rushed into the place as the panic started was another of the underlying causes of the jury's find-ings. ganization perfected.

Democratic Tariff Law.

A Democratic tariff law became effective, the first since 1893 and one of the most comprehensive tariff measures ever enacted. A parcel post system was brought

successful operation. The Interstate Commerce Commission began a physical valuation of railways a project which will cost dillions and take years to complete but which is expected to ultimately provide a basis of rate-making. Meanwhile, the fifty-two great eastern railway systems renewed application for a five per cent general increases in freight rates and the commission directed reductions in express rates which are expected to save the pub-

lic approximately \$30,000,000 a year. Canal were taken with the probability the age will be in operation in the New

Year. Control of Philippines to Natives.
Practical control of the Philippines government was delivered to the nason's appentment of a native majority on the Philippine Commission

What promised a new era in relations of the povernment with great corporations in the enforcement of the Sherman Anti-Trust law, was brought about by the "bloodless" dissolution of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company's relations with the Western Union, President Investigating Official Record of Wilson's open declaration that the administration desired to co-operate with "big business" in a peaceful administration of the law, was received in business and financial circles with evidences of optimism.

Validity Sherman Act as Criminal Law The Supreme Court laid down val-Asheville, Dec. 31. Rapid progress
was made at yesterday afternoon's uable decisions of deep-seated imseasion of the mayor and member of portance. It sustained the validity of the Sherman law as a criminal means court of impeachment to investigate ure for the first time in the "turpen-States through their railroad oc sions have control over the rates of lines within their borders, irrespective of the Interstate Commerce Com-

Bryan's International Peace Plan. In foreign relations, affairs of the year hardly were less eventful. Sees retary Bryan's plan for international peace was accepted in principle by more than thirty nations and treaties with the United States actually were

signed by the Netherlands and Nica ragua. "Only Governments Founded on Law," The most important pronounce ments of the administration's foreign policy were made by President Wits son when he withdrew the support of the United States from the bankof the United States from the ers in the so-called six power Chinese ban; in his Latin-American statement in which he proclaimed the intention of the United States to recognize on the watern hemisphere only those the western hemisphere only the order; and in his noted Mobile speech, in which he pointed out the menuce

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