

North Carolina—Rain Saturday; Sunday cloudy and colder.

COAST GUARD LEFT WITHOUT MONEY TO OPERATE CUTTERS

Treasury Department Forced To Keep Two Vessels Tied Up Without Crews

UNABLE TO SEND SHIP TO NEW BERN JUST NOW

Instead of Providing For Increased Appropriations, Republicans Preparing To Cut Down Money; No Chance For Pamlico To Be Restored; Condition of National Banks

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(By Special Leased Wire.)

Washington, Feb. 4.—Representative Brinson went to the Treasury department today, where he called upon Commander Reynolds, of the Coast Guard...

The policy of Congress in making appropriations for the Coast Guard Service is so niggardly that the "Pamlico" and the "Apache," a cutter formerly used in the Baltimore district, are tied up for lack of crews.

Niggardly Policy of Congress. That the policy of Congress in dealing with these services is niggardly is proven by the fact that the report of the Coast Guard Service shows that the cutters saved during one year \$70,000 in property, while the number of lives saved by the crews of these vessels cannot be estimated.

These drastic cuts in appropriations for necessary departments tend to reduce the efficiency of the government...

Until this policy is changed, and Congress becomes more liberal in making appropriations for bureaus that ought to be properly provided for, Mr. Brinson sees no chance for the "Pamlico" to be restored to duty.

Judge Yates Webb and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, were here today from Shelby. They were on their way to Philadelphia, where Miss Webb is to consult an eye specialist.

Condition of Banks. The Treasury department, through the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, made public today a statement of the condition of the National banks of the country as of the date of the last call, which was as of the close of business November 15th.

The report showed the total resources of the National banks on that date to have been \$23,981,915,000. The capital stock was \$1,999,930,000 and surplus \$6,616,522,000.

For North Carolina, the report shows a total of 87 National banks. Their total capital stock was \$12,540,000. Their surplus was \$7,806,000.

The total capital stock of the National banks of the thirteen states classed as Southern which included West Virginia and Texas, was \$212,371,000. Their surplus amounted to \$137,739,000.

Among these thirteen Southern states, North Carolina stood fourth. Texas ranked first in the amount of capital stock, deposits, liabilities, etc.

CONDUCTING EXHAUSTIVE INQUIRY INTO LIVING COST

Asheville, Feb. 4.—A committee of eleven representative business men of Asheville is busy now conducting the most sweeping and exhaustive probe into the cost of living in Asheville, which has ever been held here.

CONGRESS ACCEPTS OFFER OF EMBASSY



The House of Representatives has accepted Mr. J. P. Morgan's house at Princess Gate in London, which he has offered to the United States for use as the American embassy.

COURT GIVES LAW LICENSES TO 61

Results of Monday's Examination Before Court Are Announced

Sixty-one of the 75 applicants for law license who faced the Supreme Court examination Monday were successful, according to the announcement of the court yesterday.

The only woman who took the examination, Mrs. Florence C. Martin, Asheville, was among those who are now qualified to practice law in the State.

James Spencer Fulghum, Raleigh; Jane Ernest Frazier, Asheville; Charles Howard Gray, Kenly; Martin Luther Gordon, Nashville;

William Carl Goodson, Mount Olive; Lloyd Eldon Griffin, Edenton; William Edward Hennessee, Salisbury;

Edison Thurston Hicks, Henderson; Arvon Egan Hall, Winston-Salem; David Wesley Isaac, Wilson;

Robert Lee Whitmore, Hendersonville; Mrs. Florence Colleen Martin, Asheville; Hubert Clarence Jarvis, Asheville;

Ernest McArthur Currie, Fayetteville; Ernest Calvin Cheek, Durham; Victor Starbuck Starbuck, from Florida, licensed under county act of 1920.

WANT POWER TO FORCE APPRAISAL OF PROPERTY

Asheville, Feb. 4.—On refusal of the Asheville Power and Light Co. to allow an expert engineer to appraise the property, as designated by the city, Mayor Gallatin Roberts has wired the State Corporation Commission for authority to force the company to allow the engineer to appraise the property.

COUNCIL OF STATE GETS LACY'S REPORT

State Treasurer Convinced That 6 1-4 Per Cent Best Rate On Paper

The Council of State yesterday received the report of State Treasurer B. R. Lacy, who went to New York at the instance of the council and there perfected arrangements for the sale of four and a half million dollars of North Carolina one-year notes at six and a quarter per cent.

State Treasurer Lacy explained the difficulty involved in the transaction. Little interest could be aroused in short term paper and it looked for a time as if seven per cent was the smallest figure at which the paper could be placed.

This figure, in the opinion of the State Treasurer and Joseph G. Brown, president of the Citizens National Bank, of Raleigh, who accompanied him, was the best to be secured under the circumstances.

The opinion of the Council of State was not harmonious, at first. But the opposition to endorsement on the showing that the Treasurer had gone to New York at the instance of the council and had secured the money at the best terms possible, acquiesced in the opinion that the council should stand by the transaction and ask the Legislature to perfect the machinery under which the money is borrowed.

MILLION-DOLLAR HOTEL FIRE AT GEORGIA RESORT

Fashionable Hostelry Destroyed By Early Morning Blaze at Augusta

Augusta, Ga., Feb. 4.—The Bon Air, a large winter resort hotel in the South, was destroyed by fire here early this morning. The flames originated in the dining room and are attributed to some faulty electric lighting equipment.

Guests tonight had found accommodations at a nearby winter hotel and at home of residents on The Hill, the suburb in which the hotel was located, while others left this afternoon for their homes or for other winter resorts.

The loss is estimated at \$1,000,000, with insurance covering \$550,000. There is the tacit understanding that reconstruction will be begun at once, though there was no formal decision to this effect by the stockholders tonight.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS FELT IN MOBILE COLLEGE LABORATORY

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 4.—The seismograph at Spring Hill college this morning at 2:29 o'clock registered a fairly severe earthquake, about 1,000 miles south of this place, according to Father C. Ruhlmann, the director in charge. Father Ruhlmann says that the machine indicated that the shock was close to Vera Cruz or Mexico City. The shock lasted 21 minutes.

WILSON REPLIES TODAY TO REQUEST OF LABOR UNIONS

Answer of President to Railroad Brotherhoods Will Be Made Public Today

SPENDS GREATER PART OF DAY DRAFTING REPLY

Nature of Reply Not Indicated But Expected To Follow Recommendations Made By Secretary Payne; Labor Leaders Challenged Statement of Penn. R. R. Official

Washington, Feb. 4.—President Wilson will reply tomorrow to the recently communicated request of seven large railroad labor unions that he investigate railroad executives' claims before the railroad labor board in Chicago that the railroads must readjust wages or face bankruptcy.

The President, it was said, at the White House today spent the greater part of his day drafting the reply to a telegram sent to the President by Thomas Dowitt Cuyler, chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, who charged that the first telegram sent by the unions was "Plumb Plan League Propaganda."

The second telegram from the unions, received yesterday, was in nature of a reply to a telegram sent to the President by Thomas Dowitt Cuyler, chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, who charged that the first telegram sent by the unions was "Plumb Plan League Propaganda."

Secretary Payne returned the telegrams with his recommendation to the White House today.

GERMANS CONTINUE TO PROTEST AGAINST TERMS

Minister of Economics Says Effect of Reparations Would Be Financial Bondage

Berlin, Feb. 3.—Dr. Srnest Scholz, minister of economics, summing up today what he declared would be the obvious effects of the reparations proposals formulated by the Allies at the recent meeting of the Supreme Council in Paris, said the proposals were tantamount to the financial bondage of Germany.

"After our securities were taken from us and our overseas possessions sequestered," he said, "our sole means of paying for our foreign purchases were foreign money earned with our exports. During the present fiscal year we were forced to import almost one-half our grain from overseas. If we now are called on to pay such sums as part of the indemnity tribute we will soon be bereft of all opportunity to buy wheat and raw products abroad."

THREE MEN IMPRISONED ON CHARGE OF HOMICIDE

Asheville, Feb. 4.—Charles, Sol and Latta Sligles, Cape Creek men who are held here on charges of killing Luther Merrill on Busbee Mountain, will be given a preliminary hearing before Magistrate Creaman on February 12.

Their denial any connection with the crime. Merrill's father said that he believed his son was killed for reporting a still, said to have belonged to the Sligles, which was destroyed near their home.

NORFOLK MACHINISTS CONTINUE FIGHT ON OPEN SHOP

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 4.—With a capitalization of \$5,000,000, the American Engineering Corporation received its charter today and will succeed the Crescent Iron Works, Inc., as the medium for labor's experiment in combatting the open shop. W. J. Fielder will head the new concern, which will be backed by the International Association of Machinists.

U. S. LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION WILL HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

New York, Feb. 4.—The annual meeting of the United States Lawn Tennis Association to be held here tomorrow carries more than usual interest as to the day and place for the Davis cup international tennis for the coming summer will be decided. Australasia, the British Isles and Spain have all notified the American association of the making of challenges and it is expected that additional challenges will bring the total number of competing nations close to ten.

BOLLINS BEATS FURMAN

Greenville, S. C., Feb. 4.—Bollins College defeated Furman University in a game of basketball here today, 21 to 15.

GOVERNOR'S ATTACK ON KU KLUX KLAN FINDING SUPPORT

Is Assured By Some of State's Wisest Men That Negroes Are Disturbed

HAS NO FAULT TO FIND WITH ORDER'S MEMBERSHIP

Morrison Also Expresses High Approval of Secret Fraternities; Wants No Secret Law Enforcement; Papers Editorially Champion Governor's Position

The announcement of Governor Cameron Morrison's opposition to the operations of the Ku Klux Klan in North Carolina yesterday brought considerable support to his position.

While a number of the State's leading newspapers are standing behind the Governor and while citizens of their views are being organized, it is said to be made up largely of a good class of citizenship.

The Governor has already been assured by "some of the State's wisest" citizens that the operation of the Ku Klux Klan in North Carolina is fraught with grave danger to the continued peaceable relation between the races.

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PROPOSED CANCELLATION OF INTER-ALLIED DEBTS

British Chancellor of Exchequer Says Proposals Unacceptable To America

Birmingham, Eng., Feb. 4.—By the Associated Press.—The British government formally proposed a cancellation of all inter-allied debts, but the proposals were unacceptable to the American government, said J. Austen Chamberlain, chancellor of the Exchequer in a speech to his constituents here today.

"To make them again," Chamberlain continued, "would be, I think, beneath our dignity and would render us liable to a misconception of our motive."

"In making them," he added, "we sought no National advantage for ourselves. We proposed a solution in which we should have foregone claims larger than any relinquished to us, and we proposed it because we believed it would be to the interest of good relations among people, the rehabilitation of national credit and the restoration of international trade."

"Our great international debt is due to the obligations we undertook on behalf of our allies. If we had had only ourselves to consider we should have been practically free of external debt at the present time."

ENTIRE GREEK CABINET THROWS UP THE SPONGE

Athens, Feb. 4.—The Greek cabinet formed November 18 last by Premier Rhalilis, resigned late tonight. This action was a result of the controversy between the Premier and Minister of War Gounaris as to which one would head the Greek delegation which will attend the Near East conference to be held in London late this month.

FORGE AHEAD WITH TARIFF MEASURE

Prospects For Bill To Continue Under Consideration Until Final Vote

Senator Simmons Speaks Vigorously Against Tariff On Long Staple Cotton; Senator Harrison Forces Record Vote On Forty-Cent Tariff

As the situation stood tonight it appeared that the bill would be for the most part actually as well as technically under consideration until a final vote is reached.

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SENATE STANDS BY COMMITTEES ON THREE ISSUES

Attempts To Override Committees Beaten After Long Discussion

HARDEST FIGHT COMES OVER PENSION MEASURE

House Divides Session Into Talking, Passing Par Clearance Bill, Reviving Veterinary Practices Act and Killing Effort To Take Seating Measure From Committee

Three attempts to override committees were made in the Senate yesterday, and although one of them was sanctioned by the chairman of the committee, the Senate voted them all down and the day was recorded as one of negation.

The most prolonged discussion and hardest fight of the day was over the pension measure for veterans and their widows, without the bill being passed upon by the Appropriations Committee.

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