

REPUBLICANS ENCOURAGED BY THE GAINS

After More Districts The North Carolina Republicans to Put Up a Vigorous Campaign—The Ninth Looks Good to Them.

SENATORSHIP SITUATION

Washington, Jan. 31.—It has developed here within the past week that the Republican leaders are determined to hold what congressional districts they now have in North Carolina and add two, three or four more.

President Taft's desire. President Taft has begun to realize the true situation in the South and will help in this movement to increase the number of Republican Congressmen from Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky.

Ninth District Promising. The ninth North Carolina district is considered a fertile field for the Republicans.

The Third Comes Next. Next to the ninth comes the third on the list of probable districts, from the Republican viewpoint, in the coming contest.

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IN COMATOSE STATE 384 HOURS

The Case of J. F. Smithwick Puzzles Doctors.

Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 31.—Physicians and detectives are mystified over the peculiar condition in which J. F. Smithwick, a wealthy cotton merchant of South Creek, Beaufort county, N. C., has remained for two weeks at the State hotel.

It was supposed when Smithwick was found unconscious in his room that he was the victim of gas, a small gas jet above his bed being found partially turned on.

When he was found unconscious in his room at the hotel the police started an investigation but the whole affair appears as much a mystery today as it did the day he was found unconscious.

Several nurses have been in constant attendance working under the directions of attending physicians, who had charge of the victim's case.

FOR MEAT ON FREE LIST.

Representative Foelker to Introduce Bill Suspending Tariff One Year. New York, Jan. 31.—Otto Foelker, now in the House of Representatives, who when State senator, was carried from his sick bed to cast the deciding vote on the Hart-Agnew racing bill.

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PASTOR RETURNS.

Rev. Robert Hope Returns From Hartford, N. C. Rev. Robert Hope, pastor of the Christian Church, has returned from Hartford, N. C., where he has been attending the Roanoke Union of his church.

Washington was visited by a light snow last night. Signs of it could be seen by the citizens early this morning.

REVOLUTION A NEW PERIL IN STRICKEN CITY

Condition No Better The Seine Continues to Recede But the Conditions Are Little Changed—Food Supplies Plentiful and Cheaper.

EVERY ONE'S GOAL NOW

Paris, Jan. 31.—Central Paris today had the appearance rather of celebrating a joyous national holiday than of mourning an incalculable disaster.

The river side was every one's goal, and every evidence of the subsidence of the water was eagerly scanned and discussed.

If the decline continues as it has today all will be well, but there are likely to be fluctuations. For instance while the Seine and Marne have fallen greatly, the Yonne has risen slightly today.

Meanwhile, conditions in the city have not yet greatly improved. There have been sudden disappearances of the water in some districts and new encroachments in others.

JEFFRESS' PRIZE HOUSE BURNED

Greenville, N. C., Jan. 31.—Just before 1 o'clock this afternoon fire started in the tobacco stemmy building on South Pitt street, in the tobacco section of the town.

The building was owned by R. O. Jeffress and was occupied by T. W. Skinner & Co., as a storage and leaf house.

When the alarm was first given the fire department started out promptly, but some one met the hose wagon and hook and ladder truck on Dickson avenue and told the drivers the fire was all out.

The food supplies in the city are more plentiful today. The government has offered an abatement in the rates on flour and other foods, and has insisted that the railroads expedite their shipment to the city.

The prospects of an epidemic of disease continues to trouble the administration. Leading medical authorities, including Prof. Roux, president of the Pasteur Institute, have drawn up precise regulations, which the police probably will be directed to enforce.

LAW AND ORDER LEAGUE.

There will be a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce rooms this evening at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of considering the advisability of organizing a Law and Order League for Washington.

ALL INVITED TO SPEAKING

A Gala Time is Looked for at Old Ford Wednesday Night.

Professor Allen J. Barwick, of the Department of Education, Raleigh, N. C., and Professor H. J. Peel, county superintendent of North county, Williamson, N. C., will speak at Carolina Institute, Old Ford, N. C., at 7:30 o'clock, Wednesday evening, February 3.

On February 8th the freeholders and taxpayers will be given the privilege of casting their ballots for the purpose of saying whether or not their school shall be run by taxation.

A BIG LUMBER DEAL THROUGH

Asheville, N. C., Jan. 31.—A big lumber deal was consummated here today when the Norwood Lumber Company, a West Virginia corporation, purchased from Charles J. Harris and W. H. Woodbury of Western North Carolina, thirteen thousand acres of land extending from the top of Clinch Mountain in the Tennessee line to the railroad in Swain county, North Carolina, for one hundred and ninety-five thousand dollars.

The thirteen thousand acres is part of the great Whittier boundary, of seventy thousand acres which Woodbury and Harris bought two years ago. These two men sold the thirteen thousand acres for what they paid for the entire boundary, and retain more than fifty thousand acres.

OVERSTOCKED SALE ENDS SATURDAY

The overstocked sale now going on at the James E. Clark Company's store ends next Saturday, February 5th.

FOR BENEFIT OF DAUGHTERS. The Bridge Club is to give a charity card party at the Elks home this evening, from 8 to 11:30 for the benefit of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

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A STEAMER SUNK NEAR WILMINGTON

A Misunderstanding The Steamer Southport and Government Tug in Collision—The Southport Had Changed Ownership for Few Hours.

INVESTIGATION ORDERED

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 31.—While outward bound from Wilmington to Charleston, S. C., about fifteen miles below the city, the steamer Southport in a collision with the United States government tug Mercur was sunk and now lies at the bottom of the river with only the cabin above water.

The collision is said to have been due to a misunderstanding of signals. The government tug Mercur was inward bound to the city and as stated above, the Southport was passing outward. The masters of both boats saw too late to avoid it, that a collision was inevitable and both gave the signal "back bells," this prompt action probably avoiding fatal results to the collision.

The Southport just forward the pilot house and is believed to have stove a hole in the Southport as the latter boat sank in a few minutes. The Southport's crew were rescued by the Mercur and were brought to the city.

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HORSES ARE WELL TRAINED

Volunteer Hose Wagon Horses Show Skill.

The horses belonging to the Volunteer Hose Wagon have certainly leaped the trick early. Although they have been utilized only for a period of a few months it is remarkable to see them go through their drill. A Newsman saw them yesterday and the revelation was an eye opener.

DESERVES A PRIZE.

A Mother of Triplets, Writes the Governor. The Raleigh News and Observer, dated today, contains the following item, dated this city:

Governor Kitchin yesterday received a letter from Mrs. Maburne Sanders, of Washington, N. C., announcing that she is the mother of triplets, and requesting the reward that she says she has heard was offered.

"Dear Mr. W. W. Kitchin: It is pleasure to me to write you a few. It has been said who ever gives birth to triplets that there was a present for them—So on the 21st January I gave birth to three and write you to find out:

"Husband E. M. Sanders. In a postscript is given the name of the family physician.

CONDITION MORE FAVORABLE. The condition of Mrs. Mary Bogart is thought to be more favorable today. Mrs. Bogart is one of the city's most popular citizens and her critical illness is deplored.

PURCHASES FRANCHISE. King Kelly, who was manager of the Washington baseball club during the season of 1907, has purchased the Raleigh baseball franchise of the Eastern Carolina League.

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GLAVIS WILL BE QUESTIONED FURTHER

Continue Testimony There Are a Number of Letters and Other Documents to Be Considered—Pinchot and Counsel Present at Hearings.

NOW UP TO COMMITTEE

Washington, Jan. 31.—The Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee resumes its sessions this afternoon. Although L. R. Glavis has completed his direct testimony it is probable he will be questioned further by members of the committee when they have had an opportunity to go over his evidence.

The committee will decide this afternoon whether it will go on with the general land office investigation or switch to the forestry service, which is also included in the inquiry.

Up to the present time the testimony reached has been almost entirely pertaining to the land office affairs and to coal claims, while the forestry service has only been mentioned in passing.

Both engines were demolished and a number of the train crew injured. No one was killed. The mail car telescoped one of the coaches and the passengers were severely shaken up.

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