

Rain Tonight And Tomorrow Colder

GOVERNMENT WILL END THE TROUBLE IN MEXICO

May Dispatch Battleship at Once to Protect American Lives and Property From Mexican Vandals.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Disquieting reports of a grave situation at Vera Cruz, Mex., yesterday caused State Department officials to seriously consider detaching one of the warships from the first division of the Atlantic fleet at once for immediate duty at the Mexican port.

If no reassuring news comes during the day this may be done.

Continued disorders and widespread rebel activities in Southern Mexico, in which official dispatches say small towns and ranches have been attacked and pillaged, women have been carried off and bandits have demoralized the populace, have aroused apprehension for the safety of Americans in the disturbed zone.

That the Madero government was providing little or no protection for foreign interests has again been made evident by the recent action of American planters in announcing that they proposed to pay tribute to the rebel Zapata to protect their growing crops against other rebel bands and raiders.

State Department officials admitted today that their reports were of a condition so grave as to indicate that the presence of a United States warship might be necessary to pro-

tect Americans.

The first division of the Atlantic fleet composed of the dreadnoughts Wyoming, North Dakota, Utah and Florida arrived at Colon last night for target practice, while the remainder of the big fleet is at Guantanamo.

Any of the dreadnoughts makes about 20 knots an hour. The torpedo boats Roe, Drayton, McCall, Terry, Paulding, Sterrett and Warington, of much faster speed, could transport machines a little quicker.

The distance from Colon to Vera Cruz is about 1,300 miles and the distance to the remainder of the fleet at Guantanamo is about the same. Any of the ships could make it in about three days or less.

While the discouraging reports received today affect the situation on the Atlantic coast, the situation on the Pacific is not better. No adequate Federal reinforcements have arrived at Acapulco to protect the town against the rebel Padillo and his men.

The cruiser Denver should arrive there probably tomorrow and meanwhile the cruiser Annapolis has been ordered down to San Diego from San Francisco, ready to reinforce the Denver if necessary.

FANS ARE DETERMINED TO REVIVE LEAGUE

Fayetteville, Jan. 22.—Concrete action toward the resurrection of the Eastern Carolina Baseball league was taken by men of Fayetteville Monday afternoon when a number of them met in the chamber of commerce rooms and appointed a committee to work toward that end and pledged five hundred dollars within a few moments after contributions were called for. The committee was instructed to canvass thoroughly the situation as to professional baseball and recommend a business manager for a proposed organization. The result of its work will be reported to a meeting to be held Friday.

Today's gathering disclosed considerable enthusiasm over the prospects of the return of professional baseball to Fayetteville. It was determined that if the Eastern Carolina league is revived this city will be in Terry A. Lyon, president over the meeting and Hubert Ramseur, president of the chamber of commerce, acted as secretary.

Goldsboro "Approached."

Goldsboro, Jan. 22.—New Bern "fans" have addressed a letter to the Argus asking that Goldsboro "fans" get together and see what can be done toward getting up a league between a number of Eastern Carolina towns. The letter says: "New Bern is ready to support a team. We have taken the initiative. We have had a meeting and are going to try to form a six-team league. We are writing to the baseball fans of Rocky Mount, Wilson, Fayetteville, Wilmington, Goldsboro, Kinston and Washington. We believe there is enough of baseball enthusiasm to organize teams in at least six of these towns."

They wish to have a committee appointed from all these towns, which will meet in Goldsboro Friday night, January 31, in order to get the ideas and see what definite steps can be taken towards getting out a team. The New Bern committee is composed of Harry Marks, Dr. Jos. F. Patterson and Clyde Eby.

Nothing definite has been done by the Goldsboro "fans."

COMPETITIVE TARIFF SAYS UNDERWOOD

Washington, Jan. 22.—"What we want to do in arranging this tariff," said Democratic Leader Underwood at the night session, "is to get a reasonable amount of importations so that we may get a reasonable amount of revenue. It is especially in regard to oranges. Reasonable revenue is what we expect from the duty. You must take that portion of the competition. I expect my people in Birmingham, who make iron and steel, to take reasonable competition. I also expect others to stand a reasonable competition."

"We are going to put on the free list some real necessities of life. The tariff now looks like a mountain range with high peaks and low valleys."

Mr. Underwood was replying to W. C. Temple of Tampa, Fla., who said he had a quarter of a million dollars invested in citrus fruits and who proposed in behalf of Florida fruit growers against and change in citrus fruit tariffs.

"I do not think that you get a competitive tariff rate," Mr. Underwood continued. "It is prohibitive, not competitive."

In support of his statement the majority leader quoted statistics showing an enormous drop in the importation of oranges.

VOLCANO IS IN VIOLENT ERUPTION

Guadalajara, Mex., Jan. 22.—The volcano of Colima broke into violent eruption last night. Thousands of people are fleeing from the villages and ranches in the vicinity.

It is believed that there has been some loss of life in the remoter settlements.

Hundreds of refugees arrived in this city this morning on a train composed of box cars, which had been picked up on a siding at a nearby village. The fleeing people had found it necessary to shovel away a quantity of volcanic sand before they were able to move the cars, and for many miles along the way here the train had to be stopped frequently to clear the track of debris.

Very little lava was ejected from the crater, which, however, emitted vast quantities of smoke and sand, and suffocating gases formed an unusual feature of the eruption. A gale was blowing from the northwest and this probably saved many of the inhabitants of the surrounding districts, as it caused the flying sand and deadly gases to pass over their heads.

WEATHER CONDITIONS PHENOMENAL

New York, Jan. 22.—"Cattle freezing to death in the West"; "First straw hat out in New Jersey"; "Traffic blocked by snow in Chicago"; "Tulips budding up-State."

These were headline contrasts yesterday coincident with an official forecast of "much colder" here.

With the mercury at near 70 yesterday it could be much colder without upsetting the phenomenal mildness of the past few days, but today there is hardly any sign of an immediate freeze-up.

For the last three days the January records of forty-three years standing have been repeatedly broken. It was just 102 years ago today that Fulton established a Hudson river record by navigating one of his steamers on this date as far as Albany—a record equaled today for the first time.

There is not a particle of ice in the river. The ice men are reported "glum" and the consumers in the same mood.

Colder Weather Is Promised.

Washington, Jan. 22.—The cold wave today had advanced into the Atlantic States from the Middle West and was being followed in the northwestern part of the country by decidedly warmer weather.

The area of high pressure causing the cold wave was moving toward the New England States and the weather bureau issued a cold wave warning for the northern part of New England. Much colder weather in the Atlantic States and warmer Wednesday in the interior was forecast.

Storm warnings were ordered on the Atlantic coast from Norfolk to Eastport, Me.

BALKANS TO COME DOWN ON TURKEY

London, Jan. 22.—Balkan plenipotentiaries who are awaiting the Turkish reply do not attempt to conceal their impatience and the firm determination to prevent Turkey from postponing settlement of the war longer than a week. Meanwhile, unofficial conversations have begun among the Allies regarding their inter-Balkan delimitations. Doctor Danoff, head of the Bulgarian delegation and the Greek Premier, M. Venizelos, were engaged in this task. As no agreement yet has been reached concerning Salonika the Greeks hope to have no trouble in retaining the town when the Bulgarians get Adrianople.

Rehad Pasha received long cipher messages from Constantinople this afternoon and it is asserted he was instructed to confer with Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Secretary, with the object of obtaining direct information in the form of mediation, or in another way if more acceptable, so that Turkey might be spared the humiliation of ceding Adrianople at first hand.

Rehad Pasha, accompanied by Tewfik Pasha and Osman Nizami Secretary, visited the British Foreign Secretary but the nature of Sir Edward Grey's reply has not been disclosed.

W. C. T. U. HOLDS VERY PLEASANT MEETING

Mrs. W. D. Woolard charmingly entertained the W. C. T. U. Tuesday afternoon, at her home on Harvey street, from 3 to 5. No social function of the season was more of a success than this. It was well attended by the members of the club, and each one present report an enjoyable evening. The feature being a Silver Link Society, each lady that came gave a silver offering.

Hot chocolate and wafers were served by Misses Fannie Stuart and Pamela Simpson. As each lady took their departure they gave Mrs. Woolard a happy return of the day. Those present were: Mrs. Fannie Sings, Mrs. A. W. Thomas, Mrs. Tim Hardin, Mrs. Clifton Ross, Mrs. Traylor, Mrs. T. F. Smith, Mrs. B. A. J. Simpson, Miss Bettie Farlow, Mrs. Lucy Archibald, Mrs. O. B. Carnall, Mrs. Joe Ross, Mrs. Mayne Jordan, Mrs. Isaac Suck, Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Berd, Mrs. E. L. Stewart, Miss Jennie Howard, Mrs. A. S. Fulkler, Mrs. J. M. Allgood, Mrs. William Fowler.

DEATH OF MR. WHITLEY ONE OF OLDEST CITIZENS

Mr. G. M. D. Whitley, one of the county's oldest and best known citizens, died yesterday at his home near Hunter's Bridge, this county, from pneumonia.

Mr. Whitley was between 80 and 90 years old, and had made many friends in the course of his long life. The funeral took place today at noon from the residence, and the interment was made in the family burying ground near his home.

REGULATION OR PROHIBITION? VIEWS OF MONTGOMERY PAPER

The following facts, taken from an editorial in the Montgomery (Ala.) Advertiser of January 3, 1913, shows that progress has been made in Alabama in the regulation of the liquor traffic since the state-wide prohibition bill was repealed and the Smith law, which was designed to license, regulate and control the liquor business, has taken its place:

"The Advertiser is not an apologist for or a defender of the saloon. But the conditions which prevailed on January 1, 1913, when the saloons were marked, restricted and regulated, were infinitely better than the conditions which prevailed on January 1, 1910, when they were unregulated and unrestricted, and more than ten times as numerous."

"... In Montgomery the prohibition law resulted in the demoralizing wholesale and open selling of intoxicating liquors, with the toleration, if not the connivance, of the public. Can it be said that conditions today are not vastly superior to the conditions of two years ago, when whiskey was sold in more places in Montgomery than meat and flour, and when there was a general demoralization of morals and respect for the law?"

"The Advertiser, while deploring the fact that mankind in populous cities insists upon having the privilege of buying and using intoxicating liquors, prefers the orderly regulation of the business, rather than unrestricted license in its conduct. We are convinced that Montgomery today is more orderly, more law abiding, and that it has a healthier and finer moral sense than at any time in the past fifty years. We are convinced, too, that the most lawless, the most demoralizing, the most immoral period Montgomery ever had was in the period during which the so-called state-wide prohibition law was on the books, only to be openly defied in the larger cities of the state."

"There are, we believe, fifty-two licenses issued in Montgomery for the legal sale of intoxicating liquors. If all the wholesale, hotel and club licenses are added to the licenses issued one for each 1,000 of population of the city. It was estimated that in the old days when prohibition in same only prevailed, intoxicating liquors were probably sold in five times as many places in the city. The doors of a large number of these last night, returned this morning. They said they had been caught in the wind storm and were forced to spend the night at a farm house."

BARGAIN HUNTERS THROUGH BOWERS-LEWIS STORE

If you wish to enjoy the spectacle of a typical frenzied bargain rush, drop in at the Bowers-Lewis Co., where they are conducting a ten-day sale, closing Saturday. The store is liberally decorated with price tags showing the original price, and below it the marked down price—these tags constituting an allurements which women are proverbially unable to resist.

Many of the prices are more than cut in half, everything being reduced to actual cost, and some things, such as ladies coat suits, considerably below cost.

Next Saturday night, when the last victorious bargain-hunter has departed, the store will be a pretty good imitation of a storm-swept battle field, until things are cleaned up to make room for any stock which may be left. They wished it lightened and seem to be getting their desire.

THINK THEY HAVE GOT SURE-ENOUGH SEASERPENT

According to the Messina correspondent of the Courriere di Milan, the inevitable sea serpent has at last been captured alive by fishermen while it was heading along the shore in the wake of an English yacht.

These details proclaim that the terrified fisherfolk at Tremestieri found the monster caught in their nets one morning, and after infinite trouble succeeded in landing him. This enormous and horrible denizen of the deep weighs, it is estimated, about 600 pounds, has a prominent back, measures nine feet eight inches across the body, which is taller than a man, and terminates in a tail of even greater length, which is long and curled up like that of a pig.

"Its average thickness is about 20 inches, its head seems to be formed of two huge earlike fins set some four inches apart, in the midst of which are its eyes. It has a rectangular mouth four inches wide, while along under its body are half a dozen apertures evidently used for breathing purposes. The skin is said to be fine and soft, and the color of that of human beings, "although marked here and there by mole-like spots."

The Messina correspondent seriously adds that a number of scientific experts have hurried to the spot and are absolutely dumbfounded and quite unable to classify the creature, which is kept alive in a small inlet on the beach of Tremestieri by the entrance being staked off.

Mr. J. W. Keys, of Raleigh, is in the city.

Mr. W. H. Weatherly, of Elizabeth City, is registered at the Louise.

Mr. N. A. Coggsdale, of Detroit, is a visitor today.

Places were as wide open as are the doors of the licensed saloons, and the man outside outside knew as well the character of those places as he knows the character of the saloon. Men engaged in this business, illicitly conducted, and not one dollar was paid by them for the support of the government and the enforcement of the law.

... Under the direction of the Excise Commission large sums have been spent in hiring professional detectives to assist the officers of the law in closing up these places. ... The men who made money in violating the law, when the prohibition law was on the statute books, did not abandon their lucrative business until they were driven out of it. The campaign against the blind tigers that tried to hold over from prohibition times has been successful. Scores of the keepers of these places have been convicted and forced out of the business. Their places have been closed and the officials are now grappling with the problem of eliminating the bootlegger, as they have eliminated the blind tiger keeper."

W. C. T. U. WILL MEET TOMORROW AFTERNOON

The Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. O. B. Carnall on Respass street. This is one of the most active organizations of Washington, and it is hoped the same splendid attendance which has characterized the other meetings will be kept up.

Misses Josephine and Frances Whitney entertained "The Younger Set" at auction bridge at their home last evening in honor of Miss Katie Blount Bragaw, one of the season's fair debutantes.

The guest of honor prize was presented to Miss Bragaw. The first prize to Miss May Ayers and the booby was won by Miss Mary Virginia Bonner, of Trenton, N. J.

A delicious three course luncheon was served.

Those present were: Miss Katie Blount Bragaw, Miss Bessie Conoley, Miss Marcella Myers, Miss Mary V. Bonner, Trenton, N. J.; Miss Katherine Small, Miss Belle Small, Miss Janet Wetmore, Miss Mary Clyde Hassell, Miss Linda Moore, Miss Julia Mayo, Miss Mary S. Jones, Miss May Ayers, Miss Caddee Fowler, Miss Isabelle Carter, Miss Rebecca Simmons, Miss Olive Gallagher, Mrs. Claud Carrow, Mrs. Henry Bridgman, Mrs. Geo. Hackney, Mrs. John Blount.

Everyone present pronounced it a most enjoyable affair.

Three men were before Recorder W. B. Windley this morning, Stewart Clemmons, John Hardy and Joe Martin, all charged with the same offense, namely, soliciting passengers at the railway station, such as asking for baggage checks, etc. Such entering to passengers is prohibited by city ordinance, for the protection of travelers.

The men were each found guilty, but were let off lightly with a fine of one dollar and costs.

OLD NEW YORK HERALD BROUGHT TO DAILY NEWS

Mr. McCoy, of Third street, was in the office of the Daily News today with a copy of the New York Herald for Saturday, April 15, 1865. This paper is an extra, containing an account of the assassination of President Lincoln. The paper came out in erpe, having black borders between every column on the frontpage. Double column heads were unknown in those days, but the heading and sub-heads take up over half a column of space in the left hand corner. A cut of Lincoln occupies the center of the page at the top, while at the right is the news from the Northern and Southern armies. General Lee's surrender is chronicled. North Carolina points are several times mentioned, for instance we are told that Johnston's army is west of Raleigh. A good deal is made of the fact that the newspaper of Governor Vance advises the submission of the South to Lincoln's terms.

The editorial page is exceedingly dignified, discussing the greatest event of the period—the murder of Lincoln—as calmly as through only a crop report was being reviewed.

The paper contains but four pages.

PRAYER MEETING TONIGHT.

The regular Wednesday night prayer meetings in the various churches will be held at 7:30 this evening. Many of the ministers make a special feature of these meetings, and their congregations profess to find them extremely helpful.

DEATH OF LITTLE CHILD.

On Friday night, January 17, 1913, Ella, the two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Swain, died from diphtheria. For just a few days she suffered severely, but God knew best and took her unto himself.

Much sympathy is felt for the sorrowing parents and sisters left behind.

CARD OF APPRECIATION.

I desire to express my profound appreciation on behalf of myself and my daughter, Essie, to our kind friends for their services during the illness of my wife and their sympathy for us in our grief since her death.

Respectfully,
T. W. PHILLIPS.

COTTON MARKET.

List Cotton, \$11.75.
Seed Cotton, \$4.35.
Cotton Seed, \$26.00.

LEE SOCIETY GIVES PARTY FOR SOUTH CREEK SCHOOL

At the South Creek School House the night of Friday, January 24th, the Lee Society will give an apron party for the benefit of the school. The public is cordially invited, and doubtless will respond in large numbers to the invitation of the Society. The sociability of the South Creek community is so well known that the guests may look forward to a delightful evening, as well as having the satisfaction of aiding a good cause.

JESSE B. RAYNOR DEAD.

On Friday afternoon, January 19, 1913, after an illness of one week, Jesse B. Raynor passed away. He was a young man of charming personality and beloved by all who knew him.

For the past two years he had been attending the Industrial Christian College at Kinston, and was spending the holidays at home at the time of his death. In his neighborhood of Hawkinsville has suffered a severe loss and the Christian church one of its faithful members.

The interment was in Beaver Dam cemetery near Buayan.

Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved family and friends.

MR. WINFIELD PURCHASES INTEREST IN HIS FIRM

Mr. O. M. Winfield has purchased an interest in the firm of J. F. Buckman & Son. Mr. Winfield has been prominent in Washington business life for some years, and the citizens are proud to claim him as a native product, he having made his career thus far in this section.

He has been with J. F. Buckman & Son for the past nine years, and has for the past several years been buyer for them. His friends will deem it especially fitting that he should now become one of the owners of the business he has served so faithfully and successfully.

SAME ATTRACTIVE BILL AT LYRIC ONE MORE NIGHT

No better attraction has been offered for real refined amusement and high class entertainment than that offered by the management at the Lyric for the first half of this week.

Bobby Fountain with his Educated Pony has been receiving excellent patronage during his engagement, and the performance offered is unquestionably one of the best as a performing animal.

"China" the talking pony is excellent and has made many friends with the children as well as the older ones, and so far he has made no mistakes in his calculation.

Tonight closes the engagement of "China" at the Lyric and those who have not seen this act can ask for no better entertainment.

For the last half of the week the manager offers one of the classic bills of the season, and one that carries the record of the best trio of the season. The Manhattan trio is slated for the last three days, and reports are that they play to capacity houses everywhere.

FLOOD VICTIMS SUFFER FROM VERY SEVERE COLD

Evansville, Ind., Jan. 22.—Although the Ohio river is gradually subsiding, the cold wave, which started yesterday, has caused more suffering among the flood victims than at any time during the high water. The river this morning showed a fall of three-tenths of a foot.

Alarm at Shawneetown, 75 miles below here, has subsided, but the inhabitants still are prepared to see at a moment's notice. The Boy Scout organization men still are patrolling the levees, which protects the town.

J. W. Fahrner, a merchant of this city, and six other men, who left yesterday for Henderson, Ky., in a boat, and for whom fears were expressed

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