

North and South Carolina—Cloudy with some drizzle; Tuesday, rain; Wednesday night and Wednesday, rain or Wednesday.

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ASHEVILLE, N. C., TUESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 28, 1922.

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RETRENCHMENT IN SCHOOLS FUNDS NOW THREATENING EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Retrenchment in expenditures for public schools is seriously threatening the educational progress of the United States, John J. Tigert, federal commissioner of education, told delegates to the convention of the National Education association here today.

NOT AN ORGANIZED POLITICAL ATTACK

Glass Denies Wilson Has Suggested Course to Democratic Friends.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The first connected attack on the arms conference treaties, characterized by tactics which administration leaders openly charged as a filibuster, was made today by the foreign relations committee.

JOHNSON AND REED ATTACK YAP TREATY

The attack on the Yap treaty, during which many stray shots were taken at other arms conference agreements, was led by Senator Johnson, republican, California and Reed, democrat, Missouri, the former characterized the Yap pact as "a dismal prospect."

HARDING CONSIDERS BILL WITH FORDNEY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The tariff conference between President Harding and Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, the republican, of the ways and means committee, it was indicated afterwards that the executive department is speeding up now in process of writing by republican members of the senate finance committee.

SENATE LETTERS INTENDED FOR REPUBLICAN

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ARBUCKLE'S ATTORNEYS IN MOTION FOR EVIDENCE

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—Counsel for Roscoe C. (Patty) Arbuckle, accused of manslaughter in connection with the death of Virginia Rapp, petitioned Superior Judge Harold L. Underhill today for the right to take the depositions of five witnesses.

ONE KILLED, TWO HURT BY BOMB IN BELFAST

BELFAST, Feb. 27.—Tonight a bomb was thrown from the top of a tramcar in York street and Richard Duffy was killed and two other persons were wounded.

Supreme Court Sustains Constitutionality of Federal Amendment.

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Objection to Tennessee's Ratification Is Held to Be "Immaterial."

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AUTOMOTIVE MEN MEET IN CHARLOTTE

CHARLOTTE, Feb. 27.—The Charlotte Automobile Trade Association met at the weekly luncheon today at the Hotel Raleigh.

FIVE BROKERAGE HOUSES IN FINANCIAL TROUBLES

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Financial troubles overtook five more brokerage houses in Wall street today.

MAKES SUGGESTION AFTER CONFERENCE WITH THE PRESIDENT.

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LEGION IS OPPOSED TO FURTHER DELAY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The Legion of Honor today expressed its opposition to further delay in the passage of the soldiers' bonus bill.

REFUNDING OF FOREIGN DEBT IS DISCUSSED AT WHITE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The question of refunding the foreign debt was discussed today at the White House.

FIRE IN AUGUSTA'S BUSINESS DISTRICT

AUGUSTA, Ga., Feb. 28.—Fire starting here at 12 o'clock tonight destroyed the business district.

TEXTILE STRIKE IN RHODE ISLAND AT CLIMAX TODAY

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 27.—A climax to the textile strike which has closed many cotton mills in Rhode Island for five weeks will be reached tomorrow afternoon when strikers and mill owners must reply to the final appeal of the state board of mediation and conciliation.

INDICT TWELVE ON CHARGES OF CONSPIRACY TO FRAUD U. S. OF SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS

MONROE, N. C., Feb. 27.—Documentary evidence introduced to support the claim of the state banks that a large percentage of their revenue is derived from the exchange business and that many of them would be driven out of business if they should be denied this income, and to support the contention of the state banks that the alleged "through" contracts of the Richmond bank were designed merely to force the state banks to adopt the par clearance system.

CLAIM FEDERAL RESERVE BANK MADE THREATS TO FORCE STATE BANKS TO PAR-CLEARANCE PLAN

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MORRISON SENDS SARCASTIC NOTE ON BULLOCK CASE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Governor Morrison is in a real spirit with the state department over the Bullock case, and he is wanted in North Carolina on a charge of inciting to riot, Acting Secretary of State Fletcher today sent a telegram to the governor.

SHOE MAN HEARD BY COMMERCE BODY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The Interstate Commerce commission, allowing maintenance of existing railroad rates, was declared to be "holding an umbrella over the railroad at the expense of other industry."

ELECTROCUTED AS FISHING LINE TOUCHES LIVE WIRE

MACON, Ga., Feb. 27.—Sarah Arnold, negro woman, who was fishing in the Coghogue river here late today, was electrocuted by touching power wire, and was killed instantly.

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STORMY MEETING

BOSTON, Feb. 27.—At a stormy meeting of the Presbyterians, the ruling body of the Presbyterian denomination for Greater Boston, the First Presbyterian church of Brookline, was denied admission to the denomination.

TO OFFER ALABAMA OFFER ON MUSCLE SHOALS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—(By The Associated Press.)—The Ford offer for purchase and lease of the government's proposed project at Muscle Shoals, Ala., was temporarily side-tracked today by the house military committee after almost three weeks of continuous investigation and the way was cleared to begin consideration tomorrow of the rival proposal for the same properties submitted by the Alabama Power company.

DEFENDANTS ARE CONNECTED WITH SHIP CONTRACTS

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The indictment further charged that the defendants falsely pretended that large sums of money were due from the fleet corporation as progress payments and obtained money when they "knew it was not due."