THE WEATHER

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—Forecast for North Carolina: Scattered showers Tuesday; Wednesday fair; moderate temperature.

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Fifty Miners Lose Lives In Explosion; Rescue Over Thirty

NUMBER PERISH WITHIN HUNDRED FEET FRESH AIR

Explosion in Heart of Mine Soon After 94 Enter for Work.

SURVIVORS TELL OF STRUGGLE FOR LIFE

Prompt Treatment by the Rescue Parties Under Ground Saves Many.

SPANGLER, Pa., Nov. 6.—More than 50 miners are believed to have lost their lives in an explosion in Reilly mine of the Reilly Coal Company near here this morning. Exploration of the workings by trained rescuers was being continued tonight. None of the dead had been brought to the surface at 10:30 o'clock.

Thirty survivors of the explosion, most of them young men, lay on a double row of cots in the miners' hospital here tonight, anxiously watching the entrances to the big room. They were the known survivors of the 94 miners who went into the mine this morning a few minutes before a terrific explosion. The exact number of dead was still undetermined although it was the opinion of trained rescue leaders that perhaps 50 or 60 had lost their lives.

Their vigil began when the first eight were brought to the hospital. The entrance of stretcher bearers meant that another comrade had been dragged from an underground sea of gas.

Trained Engineers and Workers to Rescue.

At 7:20 o'clock this morning, the explosion occurred in the heart of the mine. As soon as miners from neighboring pits could reach the mine preliminary work of rescue began, and it was supplemented later in the day by trained engineers from the United States bureau of mines in Pittsburgh, and the rescue crews of neighboring mines.

The rescue men all told the same story as they came to the surface. They declared bodies were scattered through the workings for more than 500 feet.

"The sad part of it," said one sturdy miner, "is that at least 20 of the victims were within a hundred feet of fresh air when they were overcome by the gas."

Every effort tonight was being made to locate all of the living. As soon as that has been done, the work of removing the dead will commence.

Men, women and children by the score crowded the police lines near the shaft. Many of them had been there since they heard of the explosion early in the day and there were no indication they would leave their posts until the last body had been brought out.

On the cot of "honor" at the hospital rests a youth of 22. His name is Abe Craig. His coolness saved at least a dozen lives.

"There is not much to tell," said Craig. "We went down at 7 o'clock and entered heading No. 10 on the left. A few minutes later there was a crash. I told the boys that meant a cave in, and we had better get out. Then there was a rush of gas. Luckily our door was open or the explosion would have knocked it down. I slammed it and about 25 of us waited to see what would happen.

"Outside there were yells and one of our gang shouted to tell them there was fresh air in our place. I opened the door and three or four men staggered in. The

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DEVENDORF MAKES HIGHEST BID FOR BUCHANAN TRACT

Sale Discloses Plan for Giving City Chance to Obtain Park.

The Buchanan property, comprising approximately 100 acres of undeveloped property, with frontages of 1,056 feet on Biltmore Avenue and 286 feet on Valley Street, was sold at public sale yesterday, Wilbur Devendorf presenting the highest bid, with an offer of $156,000. George H. Wright, attorney, was the only other bidder.

Mr. Devendorf's offer will be submitted to Judge Lane, of the Superior Court, now in session, the tract being sold under court orders to guarantee a clear title.

Mr. Wright represented a number of prominent business men who were co-operating in an attempt to purchase the property with the purpose of making a large part available to the city of Asheville as park purposes at little, if any, cost.

Business men interested in acquiring the tract have announced the plan of disposing of the business and residential sites on the property, should it be purchased before the final close of bids, and giving the city an opportunity to obtain the remainder without profit to those handling the deal.

Those represented by Mr. Wright are: J. G. Stikeleather, W. B. Williamson, J. A. Sinclair, S. Sternberg, George Wright, L. B. Jackson, Clyde Reed, Dr. E. B. Glenn, Charles A. Webb, Walter Taylor,

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Mary MacSwiney in Prison in Ireland On Hunger Strike

Is Sister to Late Lord Mayor Who Died On Hunger Strike.

DUBLIN, Nov. 6.—(By The Associated Press)—A bulletin issued by the Republicans states that Miss Mary MacSwiney, who was arrested by the Free State military on Friday, has been hunger striking since she was taken into custody.

A letter said to have been found after her arrest reads:

"If imprisoned I will hunger strike. I don't know whether they will let me die, but if they do, pray for me that I may be as brave as those who have gone before me."

Mary MacSwiney is a sister of the late Terrence MacSwiney, lord mayor of Cork, who died in Brixton prison in London, October 25, 1920, after a hunger strike lasting 75 days.

WM. H. PRESSLEY SHOOTS WIFE AND KILLS HIMSELF

Became Angered Because Wife Gave 25 Cents to the Church.

As the result of an argument, said to be over a church donation of 25 cents, William H. Pressley, 56, a laborer, possibly fatally wounded his wife, 37, and killed himself, at their residence, 86 Woodrow Avenue, yesterday morning, shortly after 9:30, in the presence of his nine-year-old daughter. The weapon was a .38 calibre pistol.

According to members of the family, Mr. and Mrs. Pressley have lived unhappily since their marriage several months ago.

Coroner E. R. Morris, after investigation, stated late yesterday that all indications point to Pressley having attempted to kill his wife and then ending his own life and therefore the case will probably not be placed in the hands of a coroner's jury.

Pressley inflicted three wounds in the body of his wife, one bullet lodging in her lungs and two in her head. She is a patient in a local hospital and hopes for her recovery are slight. After shooting his wife, Pressley walked into an adjoining room and fired the bullet which went through the back part of his head, ending his life.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Pressley have been married the second time, the former's wife having died on December 27, leaving five children and the latter's husband, Mr. Pearson, died several years ago, leaving two children.

Wounded Wife Makes Public Statement

After being taken to the hospital, although in a critical condition, Mrs. Pressley made the following statement to Chief of Police Messer, which gave the first light on the cause of the shooting: "I don't know anything only he seemed well this morning and went off to work and in a few minutes he came in the kitchen, where I was washing dishes and asked how much money I gave to the preacher last night. I told him 25 cents. He said. 'I don't want you to give any more money to the church.' I replied that, 'I was always used to giving to the church all my life. My mother gave me this money that I gave to the church.' He then said, 'I believe I will go and get me some tobacco.' I looked up at him and saw the fire coming out of the pistol. His little girl screamed, 'Oh, papa, don't shoot Mrs. Pressley.'

"The first I remember he shot me right through the face and through the jaw. He did not believe in giving to the church and asserted I ought not to give anything and I said that my mother gave me the money. He got hurt one time and his skull pressed down on his brain, just that quick he was off. I don't know anything for him to get worried at me for. He had been acting peculiar for several weeks."

The screaming of the child, who ran from the house and that of Mrs. Pressley, who was found on the kitchen floor, attracted neighbors, who immediately notified the Police Department, and Officers Luther and Colvin went to the scene of the tragedy. Mrs. Pressley was rushed to the hopsital and the body of her husband was taken to a local undertaking establishment.

According to neighbors both Mr. and Mrs. Pressley were well liked, although it is stated they have quarreled on several occasions. Pressley had lived on Woodrow Avenue for 16 years and bore a generally good reputation. It was stated by several neighbors and members of his family that although he was devoted to his wife, he had a quick temper.

Sunday morning Mr. and Mrs. Pressley left for church together in splendid spirits, it is stated, attending the North Asheville Baptist Church. Officials of the church state that Pressley was not opposed to churches other than donations in addition to regular contributions.

That fact that he was not opposed to religious activities was given color by a picture of B. H. ("Cyclone Mack") McLendon, the evangelist, which he had had enlarged and placed in his room. Members of his family assert that he attended each of the McLendon services during the revival campaign here.

Floyd Pressley, his 15-year-old

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VOTE EARLY

BY BILLY BORNE

MATNEY NAMED DISTRICT HEAD BY M. E. CONFERENCE

Choose Washington, N. C. as Meeting Place for Next Year.

STATESVILLE, N. C., Nov. 6.—Choosing Washington, N. C., as its meeting place next year, the annual sessions of the Blue Ridge Atlantic Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, which has been in convention here since last Wednesday, today adjourned.

Appointments announced for the three districts are:

Winston-Salem District: Ararat, T. W. Bryant; Bessemer City, E. H. Spencer; Casar, E. M. Farrell, supply; Gastonia, J. F. Hester, supply; Germon Circuit, Nathan Trivette; Harmony, S. W. Johnson; Hickory, F. A. L. Clarke; Kannapolis, W. Q. A. Graham; Kings Mountain, R. F. Reavis, supply; Marion, Austin Wilson; Misenheimer, J. L. Dennis; Newton, C. M. White; Mount Pleasant Pisgah, Hoyt Young, supply; St. Paul, W. E. Isenhour; Statesville, O. C. Melton; Thurmond, D. J. White; Traphill, J. F. Stokes, supply; Walkertown, J. L. A. Bumgarner; Winston-Salem, B. A. Culp; Wilkesboro, E. O. Shaver; Yadkin, S. M. Bumgarner; Zion, W. G. Warren.

Asheville District: W. C. Mateny, district superintendent. Asheville, A. S. Beaman; Asheville circuit, W. A. Green; Bakersville, R. P. Jones; Canton, W. H. Pless; Canton circuit, A. R. Dennis; Cherokee mission, J. H. Gillespie; Clyde, C. C. Williams; Culberson, Gwynn Trull; Etowah, G. C. Wadford; Hayesville, D. E. Earnhardt; Lansing parish, Lansing Bethal, W. A. Patton; Boone, A. L. Honeycutt; Creston, to be supplied; Pond Mountain, H. L. Lewis; Stone Mountain, M. C. Wineberger; Leicester, D. L. Earnhardt; Montezuma, D. W. Haga; Pisgah, J. M. Fowler; Sylva, to be supplied; Macon circuit, T. L. Taylor; Tipton Hill, to be supplied.

Washington district: W. A. Parsons, district superintendent. Camp Glenn, W. J. Plint; Chandler, W. J. Carter; Harkers Island, to be supplied; Hatteras, Vernon Nichols, supply; Lexington, J. D. Green; Marshallburg, T. H. Stamey; Morehead City, W. J. Plint; Morehead circuit, to be supplied; Parkville, M. L. Chappell; Parmele, Frank T. Fulchrer; Pembroke parish, D. F. Lowery; Bladen, to be supplied; Hamlet and Clio, F. R. Lowery; Prospect, W. L. Moore; Rowland, P. M. Locklear; Pine Bluff, E. F. Lownsbury, supply; Portsmouth, Y. D. Poole; Troy, C. W. Guthrie; Whaleyville, Y. D. Poole, supply.

Special appointments: M. O. Fletcher, president Washington Collegiate Institute; D. W. Donaldson, director religious education, Washington Collegiate Institute; C. O. Newell and Z. V. Arthur, unappointed, to attend school.

WANT INTERVENTION IN NEAR EAST SITUATION

WINSTON-SALEM, Nov. 6.—At a meeting of the Ministerial Association of the city today resolutions were adopted in reference to the Near East, declaring that the time had come when Christian governments of the world over need to stand together in the defense of Christian civilization and in the cause of humanity; that Congress and the President be petitioned to use their best influence to have the government bring the Christian nations in united effort to speedily make the Turkish people observe the restraints of laws and principles recognized by civilized nations and to afford every needed protection to Christians of those lands.

WOMEN'S CLUBS PLAN NATIONAL MARRIAGE LAW

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—Preparation of a bill establishing national marriage and divorce regulations for introduction in the next Congress was announced today by the general federation of women's clubs which has authorized Mrs. Edward Franklin White, deputy attorney-general of Indiana, to draft the bill and a resolution amending the Constitution of the United States if such a course is necessary to make possible a federal marital law.

Entente to Retain Military Authority In Constantinople

Allied Generals to Apply Clausse to the Mudania Convention.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 6.—(By The Associated Press.)—Though the Nationalist civil power is in control in Constantinople, the entente does not intend for the present at least to lose its grip on the military authority. Great Britain and France are in accord on the point that the Turks must live up to the convention drawn up at Mudania and it is not doubted that the other interested counties will fall into line with this policy.

There is every desire, however, to meet Turkish aspirations within proper limit and to this end the Allied commissioners today issued the following statement:

"The inter-allied high commissioners are firmly resolved to observe strict impartiality with regard to events which concern the international policy of Turkey. The Allied generals will continue to apply the clauses of the Mudania convention and maintain order and security in the zones occupied by the Allied armies."

Replying to the last communication from Angora concerning the Lausanne conference, the commissioners while renouncing the wish to interfere with Turkish policy, express the hope there will be only one Turkish delegation to the conference.

M. P. CONFERENCE SENDS GERRINGER TO CHURCH HERE

Approve Plan for Endowment Fund for Ministers.

HENDERSON, Nov. 6.—Reading of appointments stationing the various preachers for the coming year featured the closing session here today of the North Carolina Methodist Protestant conference. The conference today approved a plan for raising $25,000 to be used as an endowment for the support of superannuated ministers. The report of the finance committee was adopted as presented.

The appointments follow:

Alamance, G. R. W. Holmes; Albemarle, T. A. Williams; Allison Grover, J. F. Alexander; Anderson, G. C. Baker; Asheboro, H. F. Fogleman; Asheville, L. W. Gerringer; Bess Chapel, E. C. Cowan; Bessemer City, C. E. Phillips; Burlington, S. W. Taylor; Caroleen, T. G. McAllister; Charlotte, G. L. Curry; Chatham, W. M. Pike; Cleveland, J. D. Morris; Concord, A. D. Shelton; Connelly Springs, Fred Love (supply); Creswell, R. L. Hethcox; Davidson, Robert Short; Democrat, L. S. Helms; Denton, J. B. Trogden; Draper, D. A. Morgan; Fairview, C. J. Edwards; Fairfield, C. E. Phillips; Fallston, A. L. Hunter; Flat Rock, J. R. Hutton; Forsyth, E. A. Bingham; Gibsonville, C. J. Edwards; Glenraven, J. M. Morgan; Graham, C. L. Spencer; Granville, C. W. Bates; Greensboro, Grace, R. C. Stubbins; Greensboro, West End, N. M. Harrison, Jr.; Greensboro, St. Paul, T. E. Pierce; Greenville, J. H. Trollinger; Guilford, J. H. Bowman; Halifax, N. G. Bethea; Haw River, E. G. Lowdermilk; Henderson, J. E. Pritchard; High Point, First Church, G. E. Brown, High Point, Lebanon, Edward Suits; High Point, Welch Memorial, J. H. Moton; Kernersville, W. F. Kennett; Lexington, Mission, J. H. Abernethy; Littleton, J. B. Obrian; Mebane, T. M. Johnson; Mecklenburg, W. T. Carson; Midland, J. F. Alexander; Mocksville, C. H. Whitaker; Mt. Hermon, A. O. Lindley; Mount Pleasant, G. F. Millway; North Davidson, C. L. Whitaker; Orange, H. L. Powell; Pageland, J. W. Quick; Pinnacle, W. G. Reed; Randleman, H. S. B. Thompson; Randolph, W. F. Ashburn; Reidsville, J. D. Williams; Richland, D. M. Loy; Roanoke, D. R. Williams; Roberts, J. T. Sisk; Rockingham, J. D. Hardy; Saxapaw, H. L. Isley; Shelby, J. M. Ridenhour; Silver City, unsupplied; Spring Church, J. L. Trollinger; Stanley, Atlas Ridge, Tabernacle, J. A. Burgess; Thomas-

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PHARMACISTS TO ASK LEGISLATION FOR STATE BOARD

Would Ban Sale of Drugs by General Merchants and Grocers.

Efforts of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association to have introduced at the next session of the General Assembly, bills for the regulation of retail merchants who sell drugs or medicine and do not have in their employ a licensed pharmacist or assistant pharmacist, promises to develop into an interesting fight between the druggists of the State and the general merchants, looming possibly as a political issue.

One of the proposed bills prohibits general merchants or grocers, located within five miles of any drug store, from selling any drugs, chemicals, medicines or medicinal remedies.

It also provides for an annual registration fee of $1, payable to the Board of Pharmacy, by all merchants over five miles distant from a drug store, for a permit to sell such drugs, chemicals, and medicinal remedies, as the Board of Pharmacy may designate.

Another proposed bill prohibits any merchant, not employing a licensed pharamacist, to use or display the word "drugs" in any manner whatever, in any place of business.

An appropriation of $10,000 annually to the Board of Pharmacy is asked in another proposed bill for the purpose of carrying on a rigid inspection of not only drug stores, but also grocery stores and general stores dealing in medicinal remedies of various kinds.

It is asserted by a number of merchants that nothing can be gained by taking out of their hands the sale of simple medicinal remedies in package form and giving this trade to the druggists. It is further stated that the public will be greatly the loser, as well as the merchant, by legislation that will make it impossible for many people to get good medicinal remedies which they depend on, at a time when they need them promptly, as it is not always convenient for them to get to a drug store.

John A. Goode, President of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association, when asked for a statement by a representative of The Citizen last night, asserted that it is not the purpose of that association to interfere with the sale of the simple household remedies sold by general merchants and grocers, the remedies designated by the Board of Pharmacy, but to confine the sale of medicines for the treatment of various diseases and ills, not used under the advice of physicians, to the licensed pharmacist, who have studied for this purpose and legally qualified to handle drugs.

It is cited that in numerous instances persons have used medicinal remedies obtained from general stores thinking it would cure a trouble they believe to be minor, but instead the remedy would be used indefinitely and when a physician is approached, the ill has made such headway that it can not be cured.

The purpose of the legislation proposed, Mr. Goode asserts, is for the general protection of the public and one that will have far-reaching effect for general good, and it was in this vein that the association considered the proposition.

CONTINUE MANSLAUGHTER HEARING AGAINST BOWEN

RALEIGH, Nov. 6.—The hearing of Carl Bowen, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Pete Lambros, of Raleigh, ex-service man killed in an automobile accident was continued until next Monday in city court today because Miss Ruby Crane, injured in the fatal smash is still unable to attend court.

Bowen was arrested Sunday night, October 29, after a car which he was driving overturned on the Leesville road and killed Pete Lambros, another occupant of the car. Bowen told the police that the wreck was caused by Lambros pressing down on the accelerator after he had repeatedly been asked not to do so. The defendant was held in jail a day without bail but was later released when $1,000 bond was put up by his father, who is a prosperous Durham merchant.

State's Democrats To Re-Elect Congressmen And Gain Seats In Legislature, Says Norwood

CLOSE STRENUOUS CAMPAIGNS WITH VICTORY CLAIMS

Leaders in Both Parties Over Nation Claiming Large Pluralities.

OHIO VOTE BUYING SCANDAL BREAKS

Close Contests Indicated in Large Number of the States.

NEW YORK, Nov. 6.—Confidence of victory by good sized pluralities in New York State was voiced tonight by Republican and Democratic campaign managers, but neutral observers generally agreed that the result for the most important contests—United States senator and governor—would be close.

Both sides agreed that the Republicans would carry the up-state counties with few exceptions and both agreed that New York City would go Democratic. State Chairman George K. Morris, of the Republicans, predicted Senator William M. Calder and Governor Nathan L. Miller would come down to the metropolis with a plurality of 340,00 but he would not attempt to estimate the vote in this city. Two years ago, former Governor Alfred E. Smith, who is running against the governor, carried the city by a plurality of nearly 320,000.

The Democratic managers claim that Mr. Smith will sweep the city by a greater plurality than in 1920, some of the official predictions running as high as 5,000.

The Democrats also claim they will cut into the Republican majority upstate, a claim that is vigorously disputed by the Republicans. The Democratic claims for Dr. Royal S. Copeland for United States senator are not so emphatic as in the case for governor, being merely that he would be elected.

Tammany Hall, wound up its campaign tonight with an old fashioned torchlight parade.

Socialist leaders predict that Edward F. Cassidy, Socialist and Farmer-Labor candidate for governor, would receive between 300,000 and 400,000 votes.

Charles P. Steinmetz, the electrical wizard, the party's candidate for state engineer, will run well ahead of his ticket, party leaders predicted.

OHIO BEING CLAIMED BY BOTH PARTIES

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Nov. 6.—As Ohio tonight saw the close of one of the most strenuous political campaigns in years, both major parties were claiming complete success for their tickets by large majorities. Democratic headquarters predicted that Senator Atlee Pomerene, seeking re-election would lead the ticket with one of the largest majorities ever given a candidate for that office and that A. V. Donahey would be elected governor by only a slightly smaller majority.

Republican headquarters authorized the statement that Congressman S. D. Fess would defeat Senator Pomerene by more than 126,000 votes and that Carmi A. Thompson, candidate for governor, and the entire Republican ticket would be elected as an endorsement of President Harding and the present state administration.

Secretary of State Smith tonight estimated tomorrow's vote at 1,600,000 compared with more than 2,000,000 two years ago.

EASTERN STATES HAVE NUMBER CLOSE CONTESTS

NEW YORK, Nov. 6.—Close contests were indicated tonight in several of the senatorial, congressional and state elections in eastern states tomorrow, notwithstanding confident claims of victory in both the Republican and Democratic campaigns.

In the senatorial fight, interest was centered on the lively campaigns in Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Maryland. New Hampshire does not hold a senatorial election this year, and Maine had its election last September.

The fight in the Bay State has attracted widespread interest because the veteran senator, Henry Cabot Lodge, Republican leader in the Senate, is a candidate for re-election. His Democratic opponent is William A. Gaston, Boston banker.

The contest in New Jersey, where Senator Joseph S. Frelinghuysen is a candidate for re-election against Gov. Edward I. Edwards has been enlivened because of the wet and dry issue, the governor favoring the wets.

Senator Wm. M. Calder, of New York, has been through a spirited campaign with Royal S. Copeland, health commissioner of New York, with the tariff as the leading issue.

In Connecticut, Geo. P. McLean, Republican, has engaged in a strenuous tilt for re-election with Thomas J. Spellacy and in Rhode Island, Senator P. G. Gerry, Democrat, contested with former Governor R. Livingston Beeckman.

The seat for Senator Joseph I. France, Republican, of Maryland, has been sought by Wm. C. Bruce, in a vigorous campaign.

Pennsylvania will elect two senators, the Republican incumbents, Geo. Wharton Pepper and David A. Reed being candidates for re-election. Mr. Pepper is filling the unexpired term of the late Boies Penrose and Mr. Reed is filling the unexpired term of the late Senator Crow.

Two gubernatorial campaigns—in New York and Pennsylvania—have

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Many Industrial Plants In State Working Overtime

RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 6.—Virtually every industrial plant in North Carolina is in operation and many of them are working overtime according to the monthly survey of labor conditions in the State by M. L. Shipman, director of the Federal and State Employment Service. Reports for the week just ended showed 599 requests for help and only 492 applications for jobs in the seven employment offices in the State, according to Mr. Shipman.

Chairman J. D. Norwood, of the State Democratic Executive Committee, tonight pointed to this report as being conclusive evidence of the stable economic conditions in this State under a Democratic State Government.

PREDICT BIGGEST MAJORITY EVER FOR ZEB WEAVER

Chief Interest in West in Three Contests for Solicitorship.

With the Tenth Congressional District and the Eighteenth, Nineteenth and Twentieth Judicial District contests holding the center of interest, the vote today in Western North Carolina is expected to be heavy for an off year.

That Representative Zebulon Weaver will be returned to Congress by a Democratic majority greater than that of 1920, was the claim of leaders in his party last night, while the Democrats were claiming victory for J. Ed. Swain, their candidate for Solicitor in the Judicial District comprising Buncombe and Madison, and for the Democratic candidates in the Eighteenth and Twentieth Judicial Districts.

The total registration in Buncombe County is around 25,000 and the Democrats yesterday were claiming that a new record would be reached in the County's Democratic majority.

This morning at 6:59 o'clock, the polls will be opened and remain open until 5:29 this afternoon. On account of the reprecincting of the city all voters will have an opportunity to cast their ballot, the congestion occasioned two years ago being due to the large city precincts. Some of the rural precincts will have a greater vote this year than those in the city.

Hayden Grindstaff, secretary of the Buncombe County Democratic Executive Committee, last night issued a statement in which he appealed to all Democrats to vote as early as possible, because of the weather forecast of rain. It is generally conceded that only a heavy Democratic vote in Buncombe will elect Mr. Swain as solicitor and the party leaders are bending their energies largely to that end, since the county ticket is considered only a matter of majority.

Efforts of Republicans today will largely be confined to the solicitorship, and every possible effort will be made, it is said, to get out the vote in Madison for George Pritchard, incumbent.

Wayne Beachboard, chairman of the Buncombe County Republican Executive Committee, issued a statement last night claiming that Mr. Pritchard will be elected today, by receiving a handsome vote in Buncombe in addition to the solid Republican vote in Madison. Mr. Beachboard also claimed victory for Ralph Fisher, nominee for Congress and for the county Republican ticket.

Those on the respective tickets in Buncombe are as follows:

Clerk of Court
J. H. Cathey — None
Chairman of Board
E. M. Lyda — A. J. Merrill
Commissioner Public Institutions
C. C. Brown — Tom Hale Weaver
Commissioner Public Higaways
W. E. Johnson — Matt Burlison
Register of Deeds
Geo. A. Digges — John Oldham
Sheriff
John A. Lyerly — James M. Padgett
Treasurer
Solon Hyder — S. Judson Carter
Tax Collector
N. A. Collins — Byron J. Luther
Auditor
T. M. Duckett — Fred Randall
State Senate
Plato Ebbs — Charles G. Lee
Representative
Harry L. Nettles — Don C. Young
Representative
Eugene Taylor — C. A. Dickey
Surveyor
T. A. Coxe, Jr. — None
Coroner
E. R. Morris — None
Asheville Township Constable
Democrat
W. W. Warren, (unopposed)

The returns from today's elections will be received at the courthouse tonight, where the Democrats will keep a count, and at the Jenkins building where the Republicans will receive reports from the Western part of the State. Arrangements have been made at both places, it is stated, to receive reports from other states where close contests are to be waged.

HEAVY STORMS DELAY RAIL TRAFFIC IN WEST

CHICAGO, Nov. 6.—Passenger traffic from the far West was interrupted on a number of roads today because of recent heavy storms. Trains from California on the Northwestern were reported 24 hours late.

The relay was attributed to heavy snowfall and tornadoes in the far and middle West. Traffic from Portland, Ore., was held up 24 hours

PREDICTS 60,000 MAJORITY AFTER CAREFUL SURVEY

Biggest Off-Year Majority for Democrats in State's History.

REPUBLICANS ARE TO LOSE SOLICITORS

Vote in East Carolina to Be Light Because of no Contests.

CITIZEN NEWS BUREAU
TARBOROUGH HOTEL
(By BROCK BANKLEY)

RALEIGH, Nov. 6.—Chairman J. D. Norwood, of the State Democratic Executive Committee, making a phophesy as to tomorrow's voting based on careful survey of the political situation in all districts of the State, sees a Democratic majority of 60,000, the reelection of the 10 Democratic congressmen, increased Democratic membership in both houses of the General Assembly and the substitution of Democratic solicitors for Republicans in hitherto Republican districts. The majority will be the biggest off-year majority in the State's history and will be less than the record one of 1920 only because of the lack of opposition and contests in many strong Democratic counties which usually have heavy majorities. Eastern Carolina especially is expected to cast a light vote because it is strongly Democratic and no contests exist that would bring the people to the polls. Congressman R. L. Doughton will be re-elected in the Eight District over Dr. Ike Campbell by a majority larger than in 1920.

Representatives To Get Usual Majorities

Representative Weaver, of the Tenth District, is also expected to receive a larger majority than two years ago. Mrs. Lindsey Patterson, despite her intensive campaign in the Fifth District, will not make any headway against Major Stedman and the veteran congressman will get his usual majority. Congressmen Bulwinkle and Hammer, who also have had a fighting Republican opposition, will maintain the usual district majorities, although a lighter vote than 1920 is expected in the strong Democratic County of Mecklenburg, owing to the absence of a contest and may cut Mr. Bulwinkle's majority slightly.

The Republican membership in the lower house of the General Assembly will be reduced from 29 to 20, and the Republican membership in the Senate will be cut from twelve to six. The reduction in the House membership will be due to Democratic redemption of counties heretofore Republican. The loss of Senate seats to the Republicans is due largely to the redistricting of the 1921 special session of the Legislature. The Buncombe-Madison or Nineteenth solicitorship district, which has had a Republican solicitor, will be captured by the Democrats tomorrow, according to Mr. Norwood's prediction, and the chances greatly favor a Democratic victory in the Eighteenth solicitorship district, consisting of McDowell, Transylvania, Rutherford and other counties. The Republicans have the Wilkes-Davis-Yadkin district nailed down.

The Democratic majority in the 1920 election was 78,000. The presidential and gubernatorial elections brought this up to the record figure, and the maiden voyage of women into the political sea was responsible for a big contribution. This year thousands of women who rushed to the polls in 1920 are expected to remain away, the novelty of the thing having worn off for some and the lack of contest in strong Democratic counties keeping others away.

Considering all agencies tending

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Keep The Cookie Jar Full

Almost everybody, young or old, like cookies.

When children beg for sweets the modern mother knows that she may safely give them these wholesome cakes made from graham, oatmeal, spice and raisins without any fear of ill results.

Then, too, it is always handy to have a supply of cookies on hand for deserts or to pass around with tea or iced drinks. And who ever heard of a picnic lunch without a goodly supply of these delicious little cakes?

Learn to prepare cookies in all of their varieties. Full directions are given in a booklet on baking issued by the Department of Agriculture, which also contains recipes for making breads, rolls, biscuits, waffles and pastries of all sorts.

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