

THE WEATHER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Forecast for North Carolina: Fair Saturday, slightly cooler in interior; Sunday cloudy.

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EUROPEAN EVENTS

Which are now having a decided effect on affairs in this country are reported fully in The Citizen by its Associated Press Dispatches.

NEW BERN FIRE LOSS OVER TWO MILLION FORMAL STEPS TAKEN TO IMPEACH DAUGHTERY

Charges Are Filed; Taft Named Witness In Plea For Hearing

ALLEGATIONS ON ANTI-LYNCHING WHICH HEARINGS WILL FALL ASKED ARE GIVEN BY THE WAYSIDE

Charge "Fraud and Deceit" Practiced on Taft While President.

PUBLIC INTEREST SAID PREJUDICED Failure to Heed Recommendations for Prosecution Claimed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Chief Justice Taft was named today in a statement to the House Judiciary Committee, by Representative Keller, Republican, Minnesota, as a witness to be called in support of his demand for the impeachment of Attorney-General Daugherty.

The chief justice was desired to testify, Mr. Keller wrote, in connection with his charge, formally written that Attorney-General Daugherty had appointed "untrustworthy, corrupt and dangerous men" to high office, knowing at the time that they were men of such character.

George W. Wickersham, former attorney general, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and Guy O. Royer, Mr. Gompers' secretary, were also mentioned by Mr. Keller as other witnesses he would ask the committee to summon as to this particular allegation.

Regarding the committee request that he give the names of all persons who could testify as to any part of the charges on which he had a demand for impeachment, Mr. Keller wrote that he could not comply except in certain particulars as he and his advisers regarded as safe.

Setting forth 14 specific grounds for impeachment, Mr. Keller alleged that Daugherty practiced "fraud and deceit" on Mr. Taft while President, to obtain the release from prison of Charles W. Morse and that on Mr. Morse's failure to pay Daugherty's associates in the pardon proceedings agreed fee, he "prostituted" the office of attorney-general for "personal revenge" by securing an indictment of Morse.

Wrote Volstead He Is Prepared to Prove Charges In his letter to Chairman Volstead, of the judiciary committee, Mr. Keller said the specifications he enclosed "set out and I am prepared to prove, after a full and fair hearing, the guilt of serious misconduct in office highly prejudicial to the public interest; of grave abuse of his discretionary powers; of willful and reckless violations of his official duties and relations of his office and conduct in 14 particulars, each one of which is supported by numerous instances."

"If any of these 14 specifications against the said Harry M. Daugherty can be said to be more important than any other," said Mr. Keller, "it is that group of specifications that relates to the impeachment of the late President."

REDUCED RATES ON FREIGHT IN EFFECT IN STATE

Food Stuffs Mostly Involved—Will Save Thousands Dollars Yearly.

(Special Correspondence The Asheville Citizen)

GREENSBORO, Dec. 1.—An announcement was made here Friday, of the publication by the railroads of reductions in commodity or special freight rates, affecting a few of them are quoted:

On syrup and molasses the reduction is \$1.40 a carload from Baltimore and \$5.48 from New York.

On coffee the reduction is \$45 a carload from Baltimore and \$53 from New York.

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Harding Favors Measure but Is Silent on Democratic Filibuster.

NOT GRATIFIED AS TO SHIPPING BILL Look for Combination of Democrats and Insurgents to Defeat It.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—This morning when the Senate met, Senator Overman was on hand with an array of law books. He was going to answer the Republican argument for the Dyer Anti-Lynching bill. But the death of James R. Mann caused the Senate to adjourn. It looks now as if the anti-lynching bill would fall by the wayside. The opposition to it is so strong and so determined because of its attitude toward the South that it cannot be passed without a long drawn out fight. The new session comes Monday, and then it will be too late to do anything with it. The prediction now is that it will go to the pigeon hole to rest indefinitely.

Senator Overman announced that at some opportune time he will cite some precedents against this measure, and give the court record on such legislation. He contends that any such measure, if enacted, would be unconstitutional.

With the Dyer bill tied up and the ship subsidy measure drifting to the legislative rocks in the Senate the Harding Administration is very unhappy.

The merchant marine bill is President Harding's pet measure. A combination of Democrats and Insurgent Republicans will defeat it outright by a fair vote and count or a prolonged debate. This became known at the capitol today. The President thinks that if the measure can be brought to a roll call it will win but admits that the rules of the Senate are in the way.

Mr. Harding told callers today that he is more interested in the measure before Congress than in the bill before the Senate. He is deeply hurt by the fact that certain party leaders in the Senate actually have asserted that the measure is not a bill.

The danger in the inside comes from the Insurgent Republicans led by Senators LaFollette and Norris, who can prevent a vote. The Democrats are ready to speak and work against the subsidy bill, but have asserted they would not filibuster. On the other hand, Senators Borah and LaFollette have served notice it cannot pass this session.

HARDING IN FAVOR OF ANTI-LYNCHING BILL WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—President Harding personally favored the enactment of the Dyer anti-lynching bill, it was declared at the White House today, although it has not yet passed the House. The President would make no comment concerning the Democratic filibuster in the Senate.

The Executive, it was added, feels that lynching is a very sore spot on our boasted civilization. President Harding was not entirely satisfied with the shipping bill as it was passed by the House, it was declared at the White House today, but at this time he has no objections, as to do so it felt, would only confuse the issues which are to be met when the measure is taken up in the Senate.

The Executive, it was declared, had recommended anything to Congress in which he had a more sincere interest and he felt it to be inconceivable that Congress would fail to take the necessary steps to amend the bill. The President would make no comment concerning the Democratic filibuster in the Senate.

FORECASTS HARDING FOR NEXT PRESIDENCY PALO, ALTO, Calif., Dec. 1.—The Republican presidential candidate in 1924 "obviously will be Warren G. Harding," Secretary of Commerce Herbert C. Hoover, said in an interview at his home here today.

CAUSE AND EFFECT BY BILLY BORNE



Weeks Says U. S. Army Inadequate For Safety

Further Cuts Would Be "Inexcusable" Secretary of War Reports. ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS IS MADE

Declare the Officers' Corps Is Backbone of Military System.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The present authorized regular army strength of 12,000 officers and 125,000 men is "inadequate" for national safety, and further cuts would be "inexcusable," Secretary Weeks declared today in his annual report to Congress.

"We should seize the first opportunity to bring the regular army back to the proportions which are required," he wrote. "We cannot ever again make the mistake of expecting good soldiers to rise overnight and good officers to be turned out in quantities in three months' periods."

"We are making progress, and any progress is good progress. This progress is, however, scant and not really enough. Any further cuts would force us to lose what we need. We should make a cording be inexcusable."

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STATE ELECTION BOARD CONDUCTS CANVASS OF VOTE

Corporation Commissioner Lee's Majority 84,811—Adams' 84,778.

INDICATIONS OF PARTY SPIRIT GOOD Representative Weaver's Official Majority Given as 9,434.

(By Brock Barkley)

RALEIGH, Dec. 1.—The State Board of Elections after the Corporation Commissioner W. T. Lee a majority of 84,811 and Supreme Court Justice W. J. Adams 84,778 in its canvass today of the general election vote, indicated the healthful condition of the Democratic party spirit.

The official vote for the State ticket, as recorded by the Elections board, is 225,803 for Lee and 184,992 for his Republican opponent, Charles M. Hoover, 225,728 for Justice Adams and 140,950 for the Republican nominee, Judge E. W. Timberlake.

The congressional majorities were listed as follows: Representative Steadman, of the Fifth District, leading with a majority of 13,314. Representative Hallett, of the Sixth District, followed with 10,492 for his Republican opponent, Charles M. Hoover, 8,533; Charles L. Abernathy, 7,176; E. W. Pou, 8,119; Homer L. Lyon, 9,730; W. C. Hamner, 7,037; R. L. Dowdson, 7,105; A. B. Swain, 8,423.

The official vote shows that the proposed constitutional amendment to increase the pay of legislators lost by 49,468 votes. In favor of the amendment were 12,297 voters and against it 61,765.

"Forythe, the home of Mrs. Lindsey Patterson, cast the largest vote for her opponent, Major Steadman, and it came within 100 votes of the largest majority."

The Congressman received 37,628 votes and Fisher 25,192. The Tenth District cast the largest vote of any district in the State, 54,074. The Eleventh District holds second place with a total vote of 54,074.

Following is the Tenth District vote by counties:

Table with 3 columns: County, Weaver, Fisher. Counties listed include Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, McDowell, Macon, Polk, Swain, Transylvania.

JAPANESE TROOPS ARE TO LEAVE SHANTUNG TOKIO, Dec. 1.—(By The Associated Press.)—The foreign office announced the signing at 9 o'clock this morning of the agreement between China and Japan concerning Shantung.

The transfer of all Japanese interests in the province of Shantung will take place at noon, Dec. 11. When all the Japanese troops will be evacuated.

POLICE WITH RIOT GUNS ARE GUARD FOR CLEMENCEAU Spends Hours of Rest at Pulitzer Home in St. Louis—Speaks Today.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 1.—(By The Associated Press.)—French and American flags tonight to do honor to Georges Clemenceau, Tiger of France, who arrived here this morning on his good will for France tour of America.

For miles through the business section, where he will ride in a parade tomorrow prior to his address, every trolley wire support had been draped from sidewalk to sidewalk with the red, white and blue of the two republics he hopes to weld closer.

Clemenceau, resting at the country home of Joseph Pulitzer, publisher of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, was under heavy guard. Uniformed policemen, with riot guns on their shoulders, walked past about the house. Inside two plain clothes men kept vigil.

Chief of Police O'Brien insisted the precautions were merely the usual office. He declared he did not even know of four letters threatening the Tiger which have been received by Mayor Kiel. The almost secretive manner in which Clemenceau was escorted from his train to the Pulitzer home also had no significance, the chief said. It was merely planned so as to relieve the aged war veteran of the strain of a big reception.

The Tiger spent almost the entire day in the Pulitzer home. Mr. Clemenceau will leave for Chicago tomorrow.

1,800 Made Homeless As Wind Drives Blaze Through Area In Town

Wilson Will Help Shape Presidential Campaign Policies

500 DWELLINGS AND BUSINESS PLACES BURNED

Blaze in Negro Dwelling Starts While Lumber Plant in Flames.

DYNAMITE FAILS TO HALT ITS PROGRESS Many Too Stunned to Accept Shelter at Homes and Warehouses.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 1.—Mayor James H. Cowan, of Wilmington, tonight tendered to the mayor of New Bern, the offer of provisions, fire apparatus and other needed necessities.

Fire Chief Charles Schindler late this afternoon sent a radio message to the chief of the New Bern fire department offering all available apparatus, should it be needed. The message was dispatched by Donald McKee Parsley, who operates an amateur wireless station, here.

NEW BERN, Dec. 1.—When interviewed at 10:30 o'clock tonight Mayor S. Clark stated that as far as he could judge 500 residences and business houses had been totally destroyed, approximately 1,800 persons were homeless and the Rogers Lumber Company mill was in flames of \$2,000,000.

The fire was completely under control at midnight tonight. The war devastated towns of Belgium and France hardly presented a more pitiable spectacle of complete destruction as that section of New Bern tonight which was swept by fire throughout the entire day.

Over an area of a mile or more in length and from two to five blocks in width nothing remains but a row of charred timbers, stumps, standing in the midst of charred timbers, which almost completely covered the ground.

Not a single piece of frame work remains in an upright position. Everything in the path of the terrific fire was swept before it. It is a grim and pathetic spectacle. Scores of families late tonight were wandering along the ruins looking for the site of their former homes, trying to see whether the fire had overlooked anything. Women and children were crying and men gazed at the ruins with hopeless and sullen eyes.

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Advertisement for 'CODE METHOD TO BE USED IN CITY FOR TELEPHONES'. It describes a new system for telephone numbers, mentioning that approximately \$15,000 is being spent for new equipment on all party lines. It includes a list of telephone numbers and a small illustration of a telephone.

Advertisement for '18 DAYS TO X-MAS DO YOUR SHOPPING EARLY'. It features a cartoon illustration of a man in a suit running with a shopping bag, looking stressed. The text encourages early shopping for Christmas gifts.

Advertisement for 'MANN'S FUNERAL WILL BE HELD IN HOUSE TODAY'. It provides details about the funeral services for Representative James R. Mann, including the location and time of the service. It also mentions that the funeral will be held in his home in Chicago.