

THE WEATHER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Forecast for North Carolina: Local rains today and Tuesday; colder Tuesday.

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ASHEVILLE, N. C., MONDAY MORNING, JANUARY 22, 1923.

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A CRITICAL situation has developed in France, Germany and the Ruhr. The German people are complete reports daily, and you should not miss an issue.

RAILWAY MEN MAY GO STRIKING MINERS

THIRD WEEK WILL START TODAY IN MER ROUGE CASE

So Far Witnesses Have Identified Five Men as Being in Masked Band.

BAND INCLUDED AT LEAST 10, BELIEVED

Attorney-General Cocco Hopes to Bring Out Other Names This Week.

BASTROP, La., Jan. 21.—That the evidence already presented and that to be heard at the State's open hearing at Bastrop into Morehouse masked band activities will warrant 25 to 30 arrests from 75 to 100 indictments was the statement tonight of Attorney-General Cocco as he boarded a train to return to Bastrop after a day with Governor Parker on the progress being made at the hearing.

"The State has proven," said the attorney-general, "that the Ku Klux Klan had established a sub-organization in Morehouse Parish. Against some of the hooded men who have been terrorizing the parish there will be as high as six charges made."

BASTROP, Jan. 21.—The third week of the open hearing into the activities of black hooded bands in Morehouse parish will begin tomorrow, the state attorney general said today. The identity of more of the masked men alleged to have been implicated in the kidnaping of Watt Daniel and T. F. Richard on August 24, two whitehanded men in Lake LaFourche, on December 22, were identified as those of the missing men and pathologist who performed an autopsy here last night. The victims were tortured to death after one of them had been subjected to a painful surgical operation.

All persons who have testified thus far, have numbered between 10 and 15 men. Witnesses have declared that they recognized five of them as follows: E. N. "Newt" Gray, deacon of the Baptist Church of the Thompson section, about four miles from Mer Rouge; Oliver Skipworth, son of Captain Skipworth, leader of the Ku Klux Klan in Morehouse Parish; T. Jeff Burrow, formerly parish deputy sheriff, at liberty under \$5,000 bail, after having been arrested on an affidavit and charge of murder; S. S. Stevens, Bastrop blacksmith, and a man known as "Blacksmith" Smith, of Bastrop.

The name of Captain Skipworth also was mentioned yesterday, a witness having testified in conversation with a masked man at the fork of the Monroe-Collinston Road, the evening of the kidnaping. Captain Skipworth was not masked, the witness testified.

The bodies of Daniel and Richard were supposed to have been weighted and cast into Lake LaFourche. Around each was galvanized wire believed to have been used for the weights. On the night of December 21, unidentified persons fired a large charge of dynamite in the lake and it is believed the concussion of the explosion broke the wire loose from their weights and rise to the surface. A professional diver arrived here December 21, but was unable to locate the bodies.

SINGULAR OFFERS TO GIVE SENATE FACTS ABOUT OIL

Big Oil Man and Sen. LaFollette in Clash—To Appear Before Committee.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Prepared to fight if necessary, Harry F. Sinclair, head of the Sinclair oil interests, is ready to appear tomorrow before the Senate subcommittee in response to the subpoena issued last week by Chairman LaFollette after the oil man had refused to concede the right of the committee to his information on the stock of the Mammoth Oil Company, the Sinclair concern formed to operate the Teapot Dome lease, but was not willing to produce Hyva Corporation records under inquiry by the committee.

Senator LaFollette also had no statement to make but other committee members said that production of every bit of information included under the subpoena would be insisted upon and if not given the committee was prepared to take the next step. This step under the law, would be to report to the Senate that the witness had defaulted. This would be followed by certification of the fact by the president of the District of Columbia, who would present the matter to a federal grand jury for action.

Active Week Predicted For General Assembly; Governor Is Misquoted

(BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS) RALEIGH, Jan. 21.—With the largest calendar since 1915, the General Assembly will begin the third week of the session here tomorrow night. The week promises big events inasmuch as the hearing on the State-owned ship proposal will be resumed before the joint sessions of the House and Senate water commerce committees beginning on Wednesday afternoon.

At the same time the joint commission created by the Neal resolution which calls for an investigation of the State printing department, will get into action. The commission's first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday night. It is composed of nine members of the House and five members of the Senate. It is due to report its findings to the Assembly as soon as its investigations are completed.

Another committee of importance is due to get under way with the consideration of the budget and important bills of general interest. This is the appropriations committee. Besides the budget it has before it the report of the special committee appointed at the last session of the General Assembly to investigate a railroad through the western counties of the State which are usually termed "the lost provinces."

Committee meetings are due to be scheduled at all hours of the day and general tax if it runs according to the schedule, hoped for by Representative Doughton, chairman of the finance committee.

In Presence Of Fiancee and Big Audience, Dr. Percy Grant Takes Issue With His Church

Fire Destroys Big Methodist Church; Loss Near \$125,000

DURHAM, Jan. 21.—Fire, the origin of which is unknown, totally destroyed the handsome new Methodist Church in this city at an early hour this morning. The damage is estimated at \$125,000. One hundred thousand dollars of the loss resulted from destruction of the buildings and the additional \$25,000 loss is suffered through the destruction of a handsome memorial to the late Mrs. Julian S. Carr, erected some years ago by her husband, General Carr, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans. The church carried \$75,000 insurance.

James Freeman, a member of the local fire department, was seriously injured in fighting the flames, when a nozzle attached to a line of hose broke loose. One of his arms and three of his ribs were fractured.

MANY PLANTS ARE EXPECTED TO GO TO THE FAR WEST

Victory of Carolina-Tennessee Company Will Result in Big Things, Said.

Industrial plants of the extreme Western section of the State, employing thousands of workers, will result from the development of power along the Hiwassee River, and the Carolina-Tennessee Power Company is now in touch with the Federal Power Commission, including manufacturers of aluminum material, W. V. N. Powellson, president of the power company, stated last night.

Mr. Powellson has just returned from Murphy, where the Carolina-Tennessee Power Company gained a decisive victory in land condemnation suits in the upper basin of the river. He will leave this afternoon for Raleigh, where he will appear before the Senate committee in regard to the bill introduced in the General Assembly to repeal the charter granted the power company in 1919.

DUKE OF YORK'S HEIR APPARENTS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR BY ENGLAND

His Marriage and Subsequent Request for Funds Will Mean a Fight.

LABOR IS OPPOSED TO ANY FINANCING

The King May Find it Necessary to Furnish Son Money.

(BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS) LONDON, Jan. 21.—The coming marriage of the Duke of York to Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, daughter of the Earl of Strathmore, brings before the British people a question which has not arisen in many years but which, in times past, has been a point of difference, and sometimes of bitter feeling, between the crown and parliament. This question is the financing of a younger member of the royal family.

The Prince of Wales has his own estates, appertaining to his title, which are sufficient for his support. Princess Mary married one of the richest men in the kingdom, "Viscount Lascelles," so there was no difficulty in her case, although King George had preceded a plenty for going to parliament for a money grant if he had thought it necessary to do so.

The King's youngest sons in starting households of their own must have subsidies appropriate to their stations in life, and parliament either must make grants for them or their father must finance them from his own fortune. Although King George's wealth is a matter of guess work, he probably might well afford to launch his sons in life financially if it was judged by ordinary standards, but custom, strong in England, who inheres in the national exchequer to provide for them.

Custom forbids the King's sons to work for a living, except in such employment as the army or navy, where the pay is insignificant. It forbids them to live up to their position.

The embarrassing duty fell on Queen Victoria of approaching parliament for grants for her younger children and also because of the royal prerogative of the King for her granddaughters, the daughters of King Edward. On every occasion there was opposition in parliament which grieved the Queen.

With labor members constituting the second party in the lower house of parliament and with more than a million unemployed in the country, it is not surprising that the Duke of York on any princely scale either in the form of a lump sum or an annuity is certain to bring on disagreeable debate. The Duke's own fortune is mostly in tradition and castles and even for the latter there is a very poor market today, here being far more castles now on sale than there are buyers.

There was much gossip a year ago that the Duke of York was a suitor for the hand of Edwina Mountbatten, a girl of 17, the daughter of her grandfather, Sir Ernest Cassel, but she preferred the Duke's cousin, Lord Mountbatten.

BIG SAVING TO U. S. FAMILIES PREDICTED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—"Very appreciable money saving to millions of American families" is expected by the House committee on the bill for the first report of the building code committee of the Department of Commerce made public today. The report recommends minimum requirements for city building codes dealing with one and two family houses and goes into detail on construction of small dwellings with a view toward saving interested in persons where to save and how to save, and the enlargement of the scope of the bill.

Car Plunges Into Creek; Fear Greensboro Man Has Perished

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 21.—Although Thomas Creek, 20 miles north of here, was dynamited four times today following the finding of an automobile submerged at the end of a "blind" road, without any bodies being revealed, county officers tonight were of the opinion that several persons perished when the car catapulted into the stream Thursday night. The creek will be dynamited farther down stream tomorrow.

The automobile which was removed from the water today, bore a Greensboro, N. C., city license. There was a Shiner's emblem on the front of the car. A short distance from where the automobile was submerged was found a baby's tin horn, a pair of women's stockings, a handkerchief, some oranges and crackers. These articles had lodged in some vegetation growing near the bank. A farmer, hearing the automobile going down the "blind" road Thursday night, went to investigate the following day and found the machine in the water. The road ends at the stream.

Army Of France Will Be Called Upon Today To Meet Crisis In Ruhr As Result Of Mine Strike

Poincare To Present Plans For Moratorium At Meeting Of Allied Commission Today

GERMAN PEOPLE STANDING BEHIND THE FATHERLAND

Representatives of Ruhr Railways to Meet Today to Vote on Strike.

GERMANY IS NOW IN AN EXCITED STATE

Railway Men of the Dortmund Section Have Already Quit Work.

(BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS) PARIS, Jan. 21.—Premier Poincare together with colleagues in the cabinet who are especially interested in reparations, Louis Barthou, president of the reparations commission today put the finishing touches to the French plan which M. Barthou will present to the reparations commission tomorrow when it begins consideration of the reply the commission is to make to Germany's request for a moratorium on her payments.

M. Poincare's plan as presented to the recent premier's conference forms the basis of the suggestions which M. Barthou will make to the commission. The plan will be modified slightly by the incorporation of some ideas submitted by Benito Mussolini, the Italian premier.

Instead of an absolute moratorium provision the plan will provide for an interior loan by Germany guaranteed by the heads of German industry for three million gold marks, 600,000,000 of which will be devoted to stabilization of the mark and the remainder to go to the Allies for reparations.

All previous propositions of the Allies and of the reparations commission for the reorganization of German finances will be reaffirmed. The whole plan is to be submitted to the pre-requisite abandonment by the German Government of all rights to French action in the Ruhr valley or elsewhere in Germany.

It looks like a cinch," Senator Simmons stated when asked in regard to the return of the Democratic States, "but I have predicted an overwhelming victory, but was not inclined to discuss possible presidential timber, asserting that he wanted to be free to support the right man for the office as the time approaches. However, he implied that a number of new United States Senators, recently elected, have yet to show their political situation will crystallize into a more concrete form.

"Big business," he said, "which was responsible for the election of the present administration, is seeking the revenue exemptions they had years ago found a parallel with Wilson at the helm, and they are clamoring to have their wishes prevail."

"The policy under Wilson," he continued, "was to make the executive power in 1919, and to direct the nation's destiny, being chairman of the committee on finance, the premier committee of the Senate, during the past Democratic Administration and at present a member."

"I do not claim the honor, although it has been conceded by newspapers," the senior North Carolina Senator stated when asked in regard to reports that he will be minority leader of the Senate.

"Apprehension is felt in Washington in regard to the European situation and France has taken an unfortunate step that will probably not mean ultimate gain," he declared. "The French were justified in their move."

The outstanding bills before the Senate at the present time, Senator Simmons said, in speaking of legislation, is the Copper bill and the bill for the extension of the building code committee of the Department of Commerce made public today. The report recommends minimum requirements for city building codes dealing with one and two family houses and goes into detail on construction of small dwellings with a view toward saving interested in persons where to save and how to save, and the enlargement of the scope of the bill.

DR. PEACOCK SAYS HE WILL RETURN TO STATE LAKELAND, Fla., Jan. 21.—Dr. J. W. Peacock, who escaped from the criminally insane department of the North Carolina State penitentiary and who recently was declared sane, Arcadia, Fla., will return to North Carolina without requisition papers, provided he is assured no technical charge is to be placed against him, and he would be tried only for insanity, it was reported tonight.

The decision is said to have been arrived at last night, at a conference between Dr. Peacock and his attorneys. Dr. Peacock has been waiting here, and could not be located tonight.

Dr. Peacock, who was seen by newspapermen last night, was quoted as saying in regard to the move to extradite him that it was a "sensible move, pure and simple."

One of Dr. Peacock's attorneys left tonight for Tallahassee to inspect the charges on which North Carolina authorities are seeking to extradite him.

No reports came from Raleigh last night, with respect to new developments at the State Capital, in connection with the return to this State of Dr. Peacock, but from dispatches received from Florida it is thought that Governor Morrison is taking every necessary step toward having the physician brought back and placed in the criminal insane department of the State prison, from which he escaped.

Nor was there any information as to what attitude the State authorities would take on the physician's declaration that he would willingly return to the State for a sanity hearing or any statement with regard to his attorney's claim that they know of a similar case in which the man had been given his liberty.

SECRETARY HUGHES SAYS HE WILL NOT RESIGN WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Taking cognizance of published reports that he might resign from the Cabinet, Secretary Hughes tonight authorized the statement that he had no intention of doing so.

DR. FEW'S FATHER IS DEAD AT GREER HOME GREER, S. C., Jan. 21.—Benjamin F. Few, surgeon in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, died at his home here this afternoon, aged 93 years. He was the father of Dr. William P. Few, president of Trinity College.

THYSEN REAL TARTAR SAYS HIS ASSOCIATES BERLIN, Jan. 21.—(By The Associated Press.) The Business associates of Fritz Thyssen assert that the French caught a real Tartar when they laid hands on him. "The will is the unbinding quality of the Tartar," said one of the French who break their teeth trying to judge him.