

THE WEATHER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Forecast for North Carolina: Fair and warm on Friday; Saturday showers and mild.

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RUHR SITUATION DESCRIBED AS CRITICAL

Hearing Into Masked Band Activities Ends With Warm Arguments

KLAN IS CHARGED WITH BEING THE CAUSE OF CRIME

Investigation Closes After Long Period of Excitement—Coco's Statement.

"MISSING" WITNESS SAW BAND'S TRUCK

Attorney General Says Evidence Will Be Turned Over to Grand Jury.

(BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

BASTROP, La., Jan. 25.—The open hearing conducted by the state legislature into the operations of the masked bands in the parish, which Attorney General A. A. Coco has characterized as the "Morehouse atrocities," ended today after having been in session almost continuously for a week. Scores of witnesses testified concerning floggings, deportations, circulation of warnings by a "vigilante" committee, kidnappings, and the spiriting away of a child and T. P. Richard on August 24, of whom no trace was found until their bodies floated to the surface from the depths of Lake LaFourche, on December 27. The entire hearing revolved around the disappearance of Daniel and Richard, and virtually every witness was questioned as to his or her knowledge surrounding the circumstances of their kidnapping.

Until today, no witness had testified who had knowledge of the movements of the kidnappers after they were seen at Napoleon, eight miles east of here, the night of August 24, when the hooded captors released three other men taken with Daniel and Richard and obtained a supply of gasoline for their escape.

Leon Jones, of Nacole, Miss., the only witness at the concluding session, testified that his car was disabled on the highway about three-quarters of a mile from Lake LaFourche, "sometime in August," and that during the night one small touring car, and a small truck containing masked men and two others who appeared to be prisoners, passed him, leaving the ward of the lake. Sometime later the small truck returned from the lake and he said there seemed to be no prisoners.

It has been established that Daniel and Richard were placed in the hands of the kidnappers.

OPPOSITION WILL BE VOICED HERE TO PROPOSED ACT

House Bill Would Affect Standing of Nurses on State Examining Board.

State-wide interest promises to develop in the bill introduced in the House of Representatives as House Bill No. 229, which would change the representation on the State Examining Board for Nurses, taking away from the nurses the control of the board, and a number of Asheville nurses and physicians claim that it would reduce the standards of nursing throughout North Carolina.

MERCHANTS ASK FOR PASSAGE OF GARNISHMENT ACT

Governor's State Ship Line Bill Goes to Appropriation Committee.

FIGHT IS STARTED IN UPPER BRANCH

Senator Giles, Leader in Senate, Loses First Move Against Bill.

(BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 25.—Representatives of the Merchants Association of North Carolina from more than 20 cities in the State appeared here today before two House committees in favor of the proposed garnishment law and the legislation which would make it a misdemeanor to draw a bad check in payment of indebtedness.

The committee on constitutional amendments, after hearing those in favor of the garnishment law, postponed further hearing until next Thursday when opponents of the measure will be heard. House Judiciary committee No. 1, failed to report on the proposed bill, but a substitute which would be constitutional. The sub-committee appointed for this purpose at the last meeting of the committee, but said they were unable to make it constitutional.

The Senate Agricultural Committee favorably reported the bill to authorize the State-owned North Carolina State Farm, which is now composed of all the cotton growing state of the South.

While the Senate debated disposition of the State-owned ship bill by vote of favorable report by the Water Commerce Committee, the good roads bill, with its three-cent gasoline tax, and its threatened amendments, were brought before the House, when a meeting of the trustees of the University of North Carolina, at 11:30, in the office of the Governor, made from a substitute bill.

This bill, after a motion by Senator Giles to submit the measure to a committee to be appointed by the President of the Senate to consider amendments, failed to pass, was sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee for further consideration by unanimous vote.

DR. PERCY GRANT REPLIES TO BISHOP MANNING

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Rev. Dr. Percy Shekney Grant, rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Ascension, whose recent sermons denying the divinity of Christ, and Bishop Manning's demand that he "recant or resign," tonight replied to the bishop with a long letter quoting ecclesiastical authorities for the statements he had made and concluding: "I at any time I have seemed to express myself crudely. I sincerely regret it."

HOUSE SUPPORTS THE COMMITTEE; DAUGHERTY WINS

Volstead Attacks Keller Charging Latter Has Been "Insolent."

MR. UNTERMYER IS ALSO ASSAILED

Split in Party Lines on Vote to Give Attorney General Clean Bill Health

(BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The House, by a vote of 204 to 77, approved tonight the action of its Judiciary committee in giving Attorney General Daugherty a clean bill of health. The important charges brought against him by Representative Keller, Republican, Minnesota, without a roll call and by practically a unanimous vote, were regarded as having the effect of closing the incident.

The question of whether the House would compel a member to testify before its committee was left undecided. This issue was raised in the midst of the Judiciary committee hearings when Mr. Keller refused to respond to a subpoena served on him after his dramatic withdrawal from further participation in the proceeding.

The committee, in its report, took the position that the House could punish Mr. Keller by suspension or otherwise until he did testify, the term of imprisonment, however, not to extend beyond the session of the establishment on the subject, nor did the House take direct action upon it.

Preceded by Debate. The House today opened its debate, featured by attacks upon and a defense of Mr. Keller and by assaults upon Samuel Untermyer, of New York, Jackson H. Ralston, of New York, and Representative Keller's counsel and his associate, John H. Vahney, of Boston, and Samuel Coppers, president of the American Association of Lawyers.

Referring to letters written by Mr. Untermyer regarding the impeachment charges, which were made a part of the minority report filed by Representative Goodkowitz, Republican, West Virginia, charged that these documents, which he dragged out to beset the Judiciary committee, also assailed Mr. Untermyer, declaring that he was interested in the report.

ITALY IS REPORTED TO HAVE RATIFIED TREATY

LONDON, Jan. 25.—A dispatch to the Central News from Rome says the Italian foreign affairs committee had acted favorably on the Washington naval treaty, which will be discussed by the chamber of deputies February 8. The dispatch adds that ratification of the treaty is certain.

Weygand Heads French Troops In Germany



General Weygand

General Weygand, Marschall's right-hand man, regarded Alsace-Lorraine as a subject for which the World League should be prepared to accept in success. General Weygand is commander of the French troops in the Ruhr district.

TWO REPORTS ARE MADE BY SPECIAL BOARD OF INQUIRY

Trustees Fail to Reach Agreement as to Proposed State Medical College.

RALEIGH, Jan. 25.—After a long session which continued until nearly midnight, the trustees of the University of North Carolina in session here tonight, voted a motion to appoint a committee to further consider the proposed medical college and receive any proposition thereon and report back to a general session of the trustees on February 6 to be held in Raleigh.

The committee under the chairmanship of Dr. H. W. Chase, president of the university, will hold its first meeting tomorrow at the residence of Mr. Keller.

Report of the special committee appointed by Governor Cameron Morrison to investigate the proposed medical school and a minority report were read to the board of trustees of the university in session here tonight.

SEVERAL CITIES WANT THE STATE COLLEGE

RALEIGH, Jan. 25.—Voting to proceed with a definite plan for the State College, the board of trustees of the university in session here tonight, voted to proceed with a definite plan for the State College, the board of trustees of the university in session here tonight, voted to proceed with a definite plan for the State College.

POSTPONE PLANS FOR IMPROVING CLUB'S PROPERTY

Asheville Country Club Holds up Swimming Pool Project. ASK CITY HEADS TO HEAR FACTS Many Hold Opinion Club Property Should Not Be in Incorporation.

Decision to request the city commissioners for a hearing, before the board of action is taken has been reached by the board of directors of the Asheville Country Club holding its session of reports that the property is included in plans for the extension of the corporate limits of the city.

Representatives from the board of directors will appear before city commissioners with facts and figures concerning the Asheville Country Club and its value as an asset to the city, and also the reasons why the property should not be included in the annexation plan.

It was also decided by the board of directors of the Asheville Country Club that the city should be held up pending the settlement of the question of annexation. If the city is incorporated, the city commissioners will be asked to accept of any bid will not be made until pending questions are settled.

SHIP BRINGS SOLDIERS, THEIR WIVES, CHILDREN AND THE MOTHERS-IN-LAW.

ST. MIHEL ON WAY TO SAVANNAH, GA.

Unknown Belgian Woman Presents Flowers to Master of the Transport. (BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS) ANTWERP, Jan. 25.—Moving slowly down the River Scheldt tonight on the way home aboard the American transport St. Miheil is the Belgian steamer, the transport, who represented the United States in the World War.

The troops arrived here this morning from the Coblenz bridgehead, and embarked on the transport, which started her voyage for Savannah at 5:20 o'clock this afternoon. With soldiers lining her rail, the transport cast off her anchor and headed for the light of the early darkness, waved their adieux.

The formal ceremony of departure took place at 4:40 o'clock, when a company of the Twenty-Sixth Infantry with its band, lined up alongside the St. Miheil. The band played the Belgian and the American national anthems. Ministers of War Devesse, accompanied by General Jacques, representing King Albert, and the burgomaster of Antwerp, Dr. Franz Kaufmann, boarded the transport where they were received by the captain of the St. Miheil, W. T. Oliver, Col. Walter T. Bates, of the Eighth Infantry, and the American consul, George S. Messersmith.

Salisbury Merchants Get Lots Of \$20 Notes But the Trouble Is That the Money Is No Good

(Special Correspondent The Asheville Citizen) SALISBURY, Jan. 25.—Some one passed this way with a hand full of \$20 Federal Reserve notes and distributed them among local business men which was commendable except that the notes have proven to be counterfeit. Tonight seven of the bogus notes were exhibited to Sheriff Krieger by Salisbury and Spencer Vonders who got them from strangers during Wednesday and Wednesday night. In each instance the stranger would make a small purchase usually from a drug store or filling station and tender the \$20 bill, receiving around \$19 in change.

Resistance, Thus Far Passive, Is Expected To Become Active With French Ready To Meet Situation

Observer Boyden Instructed Not To Express Any Opinion In Respect To Reparations



Observer Boyden

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Further information with regard to the administration policy toward the reparations situation was held before the foreign relations committee of the Senate today. Mr. Hughes, in the form of letters, was not indicative of any opinion that as a result of the gathering storm on European questions had been quieted.

In his letter Mr. Hughes reiterated that the American government did not intend to participate in the reparations discussion.

Doughboys Leave Europe For Their Homeland; Belgians In Tears Bid The Last Farewell

Ship Brings Soldiers, Their Wives, Children and the Mothers-in-Law.

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GOVERNOR ORDERS TROOPS TO GUARD NEGRO DEFENDANT

RALEIGH, Jan. 25.—Following request from Solicitor J. A. Powers of Winston-Salem, Governor Morrison tonight, as a precautionary measure, ordered three squads of the Goldsboro Company of the National Guard to Kingston to guard James Miller, who is on trial for murder of John Sutton, well known white planter.

The jury is expected tomorrow and it was learned here that threats had been current in the Kingston section against the negro in the event that he should be acquitted or that a verdict less than first degree murder be returned.

FAMOUS FRENCH 75'S ARE READY TO BEGIN ACTION

Strike of Railroad Men in Ruhr Section Is Declared Successful. CROWDS IN ESSEN BECOMING 'UGLIER'

Fritz Thyssen and His Fellow Industrial Magnates Are "Welcomed." (BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS) All of the elements usually cited as contributory causes of open war exist in the Ruhr Valley. The German population wrought up by the presence of the French and Belgians, their hatred accentuated by the arrest and conviction of the industrial leaders, have carried out demonstrations of a violent nature at various centers of the Ruhr and the occupying forces have placed their machine guns, 75's and weapons of larger caliber at strategic points for the purpose, it is necessary, of overcoming resistance that appears to be no longer passive, but extremely active.

The return of Fritz Thyssen to Dusseldorf and then to Essen, military measures of a stern nature, and the presence of French soldiers were called into action. There was some firing by the militia although the French soldiers were ordered not to use their rifles, unless attacked.

The railroad strike is almost complete; the roads are tied up for the present and traffic of all kinds is at a standstill. While the French are sending in to the Ruhr railway men and soldiers of all arms, and promises to have the various public services in operation without great loss of time.

M. Lacroquer, the French minister of public works and General Weygand, Marshal Poch's chief of staff, are on the spot and military measures of a stern nature are threatened if the recalcitrant spirit of the Germans continues.

While M. Lacroquer declared at Dusseldorf that "France is here to stay until she gains complete satisfaction from Germany," Dr. Herms, the German minister of finance, in introducing the budget in the Reichstag, at Berlin announced that "Germany was firmly resolved to resort to every means at her disposal to frustrate the aims of the policy of violence which was being pursued against her."

The hostiles on the Rhine have gone on strike. River traffic is at a standstill. (BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS) ESSEN, Jan. 25.—Essen is the center of the agitation. Thousands assembled at the railroad station and also in front of the coal syndicate offices today and proclaimed Fritz Thyssen as a second Bismarck. Temporarily at least the demonstrations were confined to the shouting of patriotic songs and the shouting of "hooray" intermingled with epithets of reprobation against the French.

The populace, however, is in a bad mood. There are indications that some of this powder magazine. The French have taken all necessary measures for stern repressive measures of 75's and 155's of the 33rd Army Corps surrounding the city are posted in commanding positions. Essen has been divided into inviolable zones by the French artillery because of the presence of French officials and citizens in these particular sections. All the rest of the city should be capable of defending in case of serious organized resistance.

DILLARD DEMANDS ACTION BY POWER CONCERN IN WEST

Representative Says Two Power Concerns Should Be Run Out of State.

CITIZEN NEWS BUREAU (BY BRUCE KIRKLEY) RALEIGH, Jan. 25.—Representing the "overgrown people of the county of Cherokee," in an appeal to the General Assembly to rid them of "the octopus that is in the way" of a great power development, Representative H. H. Dillard poured out his own wrath and the evident wrath of his constituents upon the official heads of the Carolina-Tennessee Power Company at the Charlotte hearing last afternoon on the bill to repeal the company's charter.

He recited what he declared to be the power company's history from 1909 when the Legislature granted a charter that "over the sun except to bury the dead and marry and divorce the living" to this day when the good people of Cherokee were appealing to the General Assembly to rid them of the "octopus" and let some company get in that would really develop their water power.

He wanted the charter repealed and the Carolina-Tennessee Power Company run out of the State and when the committee suggested that legislation be enacted forcing it to get busy in development work, Mr. Dillard charged that such legislation was passed in 1913. "That was the stone you gave my people when they asked you for bread," he charged.

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RUSSIAN SIGNS STILL SHOWS SIGNS OF WORRY

MOSCOW, Jan. 25.—The Russian press continues to warn Poland and the public that Russia might be drawn into a European war if Poland attacks Germany. But higher government officials do not display their apprehension.

FRANCE NOT PLEASED WITH NEWSPAPER REPORTS PARIS, Jan. 25.—An official communique says the cabinet today discussed what measures it should take with reference to "false news of foreign origin concerning the Allied action in the Ruhr." Inquiries in official quarters this