

WEATHER FORECAST

Fair tonight and Friday. Somewhat warmer tonight. Moderate west and southwest winds.

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GREENVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1920

EIGHT MEN A WAITING ELECTRIC CHAIR AT STATE PENITENTIARY

FIVE WHITE AND THREE NEGROES INCLUDE LIST

Unless Governor Extends Executive Clemency they Will Die Within the Next Sixty Days. There Have Been Fifty Executions at State Prison Since the Hangman's Noose was Discarded in 1909. 118 Have Been Convicted of Rape or First Degree Murder since that Time but Clemency was Extended. Cotton Ginned in the State Prior to December 20, 1920, Totals 681,966 bales.

Raleigh, Dec. 30.—Eight men are now awaiting electrocution in the death cell at the State's prison and unless Governor-elect Morrison extends executive clemency they will die in the electric chair within the next sixty days.

Four of the men have already had their appeals dismissed by the supreme court for new trials while the other four are now awaiting action upon their appeals. Five of the condemned men are white and three are negroes.

The first men scheduled to die are Harry Caldwell and Jesse Foster, Wayne county negroes, who were convicted at Goldsboro of slaying Herman Jones, merchant of Wayne county. Both men will be electrocuted on January 7, 1921 unless their appeals for a new trial is allowed by the supreme court. No dates have been fixed by the governor for the six other men.

The other condemned men are: Doll Little, Anson county negro, convicted of first degree murder and originally sentenced to die June 27, 1919, but who was granted a new trial, was again convicted and is for the second time taking his case to the supreme court; Robah Baitly, former soldier, convicted of killing the sheriff of Yadkin county; Kohler Holtselaw, of Catawba county, whose appeal for a new trial has been dismissed; Frank Henderson, of Madison county, whose appeal is now pending; J. T. Harris, of Asheville, slayer of E. W. Monniss, wealthy tourist of Tuscaloosa, Ala., whose appeal will be argued at the spring term of supreme court; and D. J. Ward, Columbus county man, who lost his appeal for another trial.

There have been fifty electrocutions at the State's prison since the hangman's noose was discarded for the electric chair early in 1909. A total of 118 men have been convicted either of rape or first degree murder and sentenced to die in the electric chair but interference by the governors since that time has saved 60 men. Commu-

tation to life imprisonment instead of the death sentence was generally followed in the sixty cases in which the governors interfered.

The State Corporation Commission has been notified by citizens of Lenoir that the Carolina and Northwestern Railroad company, operating from Chester, S. C., to Edgemont, just beyond the town of Lenoir, has failed to comply with the commission's edict ordering that mixed trains Nos 54 and 55 between Hickory and the Caldwell capital be operated as heretofore.

From information furnished the commission it seems that the road has discontinued the two trains and as a makeshift is now operating passenger cars on the regular freight trains. If this is true some action will be taken by the commission within the next ten days and it is likely that the railway will be penalized for failure to comply with the commission's order.

Cotton ginned in North Carolina to December 20, 1920 totals 681,966 bales. In 1919 for the same period there were 775,525 bales ginned.

The largest reports come from Robeson county while Durham county foots the list. Robeson's number is 61,467; Johnston, 48,330; Scotland, 33,991; Anson, 25,809; Cleveland, 24,662; Mecklenburg, 19,278; Wake, 7,378; Durham, 105.

The sale of six separate electric power plants has been ordered by the share and bondholders of the defunct Cumberland Power and Light Company following a creditor's hearing before Receiver J. R. Baggett in Raleigh.

Plans at Fayetteville, Lillington, Fuquay Springs, Wendell, Bailey and Middlesex will be held under the received's order and municipal bonds will be accepted. Mr. Baggett produces figures to show that the assets of the company are \$240,000 and liabilities range near the \$600,000 mark.

Farmers of Wake, Johnston, Harnett and Cumberland counties constitute the majority of creditors and they will, it seems, be the principal losers.

HISTORIC GAVEL GIVEN ROTARIANS

Presented to the New Bern Rotary Club by Congressman Brinson. Has History

New Bern, Dec. 30.—The New Bern Rotary club is the recipient of a very handsomely made gavel, the gift of Hon. S. M. Brinson, and a souvenir from the famous U. S. battleship "Hartford." The gift was presented to Mr. Harry M. Jacobs, president of the club, by Mr. Brinson on his arrival in New Bern for the holidays.

The story of the gavel is interesting. Its receipt by the New Bern club was the result of the combined courtesy of Mr. Brinson, Secretary Joseph Daniels, and Admiral David Taylor. Mr. Brinson went to the Secretary several weeks ago, he said, and told Mr. Daniels he wanted a fragment of some old historic ship.

Mr. Daniels called into his office Admiral Taylor who commanded the "Indiana" in the Spanish American war. The Admiral was asked by the Secretary to find what Mr. Brinson wanted. The matter rested there.

The next time Con. Brinson heard of the matter came when he was presented with the finished gavel. He had intended having it made up. Admiral Taylor saw to it, however. And so the New Bern club boasts of a unique article. A gavel, made by the navy department, and secured through Mr. Brinson.

TRYING TO FORM A COMBINATION

Argentina Provinces are Endeavoring to Take This Step Against Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires, Dec. 30.—The Argentina provinces are trying to form a combination against Buenos Aires, the capital city. Overtures are being conducted between political leaders of some of the provinces for the formation of a "League of Governors" for the purpose of uniting the northern agricultural districts of the country against Buenos Aires and other coastal districts. Some political observers see in this movement an attempt to return to the former division of the country politically into opposing sections while others maintain that it merely is an economic measure having as its purpose the protection of the productive areas.

To Argentina the city of Buenos Aires has the relation of the spot to the tea-kettle and practically all of the wealth of the country pours through it. It is at once the financial, distributing and political capital of the country. It is claimed by the leaders of the League idea, the city has disproportionate power and the northern states need union to offset this.

REDUCTION DUTCH ARMY IS OPPOSED

Has Been Reviewed in Amsterdam Because of Fears that Belgian Invasion may Come.

Amsterdam, Dec. 30.—Opposition to the reduction of the Dutch army has revived here because of fears that a Belgian invasion may result from failure of the two governments to reach an agreement in the long standing boundary dispute under the treaty of 1839.

At a recent meeting of the society "Our Army," which includes most of the Dutch officers, men high in command of the Holland forces spoke strongly against a reduction of the army. One of them, Staff Captain Van Gensau, declared that a diminished army could not resist a Belgian invasion three months.

PROSECUTOR WHO IS TRYING TO SOLVE MYSTERY OF JAKE HAMMON'S DEATH



Russell B. Brown, county attorney of Ardmore, Okla., who is pressing the investigation into the shooting and death of Jake L. Hammon, millionaire politician and oil prospector of Ardmore. He says his work has been hampered by powerful influences and that he may bring the names of prominent people before the grand jury. Mr. Brown has issued orders for the arrest of Clara Smith Hammon, who is being sought through out the country in connection with the shooting.

M. E. CHURCH WATCH NIGHT SERVICES

Will be Held on Friday Night, December 31. Everybody Cordially Invited to Attend

9:00 p. m.—Special music arranged by Mrs. Marvin K. Blount

9:30 p. m.—Plans for the coming year.

1. Presented for the Sunday Schools by the Superintendents: A. B. Ellington, K. T. Fentrell, J. H. Rose.

2. Presented for the Epworth League by President Miss Dora Kendall.

3. Presented for the Woman's Missionary Society by President Mrs. T. A. Person.

4. Presented for the Bright Jewels by Superintendents Misses Henrietta Zahnisser and Priscilla Austin.

5. Presented for Committee on Music by Chairman J. B. James.

6. Presented for Centenary Campaign by Miss Eloise Ellington, Treasurer.

7. Presented for Board of Stewards by Chairman J. L. Little.

8. Presented for Sunday School Building Committee by Chairman G. E. Harris.

9. Presented for Lay Activities by Lay Leader A. B. Ellington.

11. Presented for Educational Movement by Pastor.

10:45 p. m.—Lunch and Social Time. This should be a happy hour.

11:45 p. m.—Lessons from the departing year. Three minute talks.

11:45 p. m.—Consecration service; waiting for the new year.

SATURDAY IS GOING TO BE A GALA DAY

Pay Up and Trade Weeks Campaign Closes at 3 p. m. Drawing Comes off at 4 O'clock

Only one more day and the mechanics to get your coupons deposited in boxes ready for the big drawing which is scheduled to be pulled at Five Points Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. You can deposit your coupons in the Pay Up and Trade Weeks campaign up until Saturday afternoon at three o'clock. At four Major Barnett will start the ball to rolling for the Ford automobile and the \$170 in gold to be given away absolutely free to those holding the luck coupons rather than those whose names are drawn out first from the big hoghead which is to be rolled down Evans street by Bobbie Crow, J. H. Blount, Claude Tunstall, J. K. Young and Ernest Wilard. The time is short for trading and paying up accounts. Do both, and you may be one of the lucky ones. A Ford is not to be laughed at neither is a little gold on the side. Remember, Saturday afternoon at three o'clock the big campaign closes and Saturday afternoon strictly at four o'clock the drawing takes place. Thousands are expected to see the stunt. Every body invited.

CHINESE MINISTER DENIES CHARGES IN RE HIS COUNTRY

Circulation in Foreign Countries That China has Become Militaristic Country

LOW STANDARD OF LIVING IS MENACE

China Needs Foreign Help Says Councillor but it Must be Help That is Justly

Peking, Dec. 30.—Charges which have been circulated in some foreign countries that China has become a militaristic nation are denied by Dr. Tzu, Councillor of the Foreign Office, in a statement he has just issued. "What China today is suffering from is not militarism properly so-called but an over-weight of provincial military organizations in relation to the general administration," said the Councillor.

"China, according to independent investigation made by several departments during the last few months has almost precisely the same population as Europe—400,000,000—at least seven times the population of Germany. If to the field forces of the army and navy, the police and civil guard, and the total is multiplied by seven, it will be found that the ratio in China is ten to one in favor of an admittedly disarmed Germany. In field troops and provincial patrols, China has 1,500,000.

"That their present organization and their dependence on military governors must be changed is granted. But until a decision can be properly registered regarding the separation of civil and military proper and unfit the degree of provincial autonomy compatible with the sovereignty of the republic has been settled by parliament and the government, it would be inviting disturbances to attempt change.

"The greatest enemy today is not militarism or provincial militancy but the low standard of living among the mass of the population and the luxury which modern essentials such as railways and roads represent because of their immense first cost in comparative terms. The narrow margin between existence and starvation is so easily wiped out in China's dense population that when to this problem is added the problem of taxation the work of the government presents incredible difficulties. In western countries well-articulated credit systems serve to disguise post-war problems perhaps greater than China's but in this country they present themselves in all nakedness which renders evasion or postponement impossible.

"China needs foreign help but it must be help justly given. She pins her faith to the League of Nations and to a dispassionate, non-partisan settlement of her issues abroad, because too often in the past it has been shown that what is desired of her at home is not negotiation but surrender. International generosity will find a swifter reward here than elsewhere."

LONG VOYAGE TO THE SOUTH SEAS

To Avoid Extravagancies of Civilization Likely to Meet with Disillusionment

Papeete, Tahiti, Dec. 30.—Those who have the long voyage to the South Seas in the hope of escaping the extravagancies of civilization are likely to meet with bitter disillusionment before they have been in the islands many hours.

The hectic atmosphere of the metropolitan dance hall has been wafted across the long miles of blue sea to these isolated shores and Broadway flauts brazenly through the shadows of the coconut groves. The gramophone has come to Tahiti and has been acquired by every native who could find the wherewithal. And now the peaceful silences, broken heretofore only by the sound of the distant booming of the surf on the barrier reef and the soft cadences of native singing, are shattered by the sonorous blare of the latest jazz or the screech of the reigning favorite on the vaudeville circuit.

IRISH LEADERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR RELEASE

John Dillon and John Redmond Saved Sir Edward Carson for His Preaching Rebellion

SAYS F. G. MASTERMAN FINANCIAL SECRETARY

May Have Been Right or Wrong but the War Broke out Before the Final Test

Dublin, Dec. 30.—The Irish Nationalist leaders, John D. Dillon and John Redmond, saved Sir Edward Carson, Unionist advocate from persecution for preaching rebellion in Ulster in 1914, says Charles F. G. Masterman, who was then Financial Secretary to the Treasury.

Mr. Masterman in addressing an audience here blamed Sir Edward for being the resistance to the crown which led up to the present situation in Ireland. One of the hearers asked the Ulster leader was not then executed and Mr. Masterman replied: "The cabinet was ready to do so, but John Redmond and John Dillon, sitting through Mr. Lloyd George, persuaded the cabinet not to take the step. They argued that in three months time the Home Rule Bill would become a law, and they would then be responsible for the government of Ireland. They asked that they should be allowed to undertake the government of Ireland without being hampered by any feeling excited beforehand by the prosecution of Sir Edward Carson. They thought they could overcome what they regarded as the blame (humbug) of the Ulster movement."

"They may have been right or wrong," continued the speaker, "but the war broke out before the test came."

OLDEST WOMAN IN HONOLULU DIES

Kingdom Almost Forgotten was in the Making at Time of Birth of Mrs. Kaili Waiki

Honolulu, Dec. 30.—A kingdom now almost forgotten was in the making at the time of birth of Mrs. Kaili Waiki, reputed to be the oldest woman in Hawaii, who died here yesterday. It has been established that Mrs. Waiki was more than seven years old at the time of the landing of the first missionaries on Hawaiian shores. The centennial celebration of the advent of Christian teachers was held here last April. Mrs. Waiki age was given by relatives as 107 years, 9 months.

Kamehameha, known as the Conqueror, the greatest of the Hawaiian kings, was completing his conquest and consolidation of the Hawaiian Island when Mrs. Waiki was born. This kingdom remained under the sway of Kamehameha and his successors until the establishment of the provisional government in 1893. Mrs. Waiki was two years old when the Battle of Waterloo was fought in Belgium shattering Napoleon's dream of world dominion. A century later when William of Germany attempted a like achievement with similar results, Mrs. Waiki already was a centenarian. Mrs. Waiki had lived in Honolulu for 70 years, and retained her faculties until death. She was born at Kona, Island of Hawaii.

NEW YEAR'S SERVICE AT THE LOCAL POSTOFFICE

Saturday, New Year's Day, being a legal holiday, will be observed by the local postoffice. The money order department will be closed all day and the rural carriers will not serve their routes. The city carriers will make only the morning delivery and collection, not going out in the afternoon. The general delivery window will be open from 11:30 a. m. to 1:00 p. m. Holder of lock boxes should pay the rent before Friday night.

ACQUIRED BY PURCHASE. Rio De Janeiro, Dec. 30.—Buildings for Brazilian embassies and legations abroad will be acquired by purchase under a legislative resolution sanctioned by President Pessoa. The government is authorized to open necessary credits to the extent of approximately \$750,000, in each financial period.

JOHN H. SMALL MAY BE CONGRESSMAN AT LARGE FROM N. C.

Friends of Representative from the First District Launch Boom at Capital

IN EVENT STATE HAS MORE REPRESENTATIVES

Movement While Initiated in the District is Gaining Momentum in Washington City

If North Carolina gets two more Congressmen as a result of the last census the probability is that Congressman John H. Small, of the first district, who was defeated by Hallett B. Ward, will become the congressman at large. The Washington City correspondent of the News and Observer in discussing the matter has the following to say:

There is a distinct sentiment among the committee members to let the negro parliament "show over" as quietly as possible in view of the threatened rupture in the proceedings yesterday. The sentiment of the leading Republicans is unquestionably in favor of rejecting the Tammian resolution and supporting the Slegel bill.

The prospect that this bill is going to be adopted has caused friends of Representative John Small to launch a movement to put him back in Congress in the event North Carolina receives the 2 congressmen at large as planned now, it became known today.

The movement, while initiated in the district, has gained momentum among his colleagues in the House who were disappointed in his defeat in the primaries last June would like to see him out here two years from now as one of the new Congressmen.

If this program fails to take shape, the Democrats are planning to find a comfortable berth both for Mr. Small and for former Speaker Champ Clark, although it is said that the minority leader plans to return to the lecture platform.

The former Speaker and Mr. Small came to Congress in 1897 and 1899 respectively. Mr. Clark has served one term before beginning his continuous service in the 50th Congress. Mr. Small is two years senior in service to Mr. Kitchin, who came to Congress in 1901.

PAN AMERICAN POSTAL COVENANT

Twenty Three Countries at Meeting of Universal Union Agree to Sign the Agreement

Madrid, Dec. 30.—Representatives of 23 countries, comprising most of the republics of North, South and Central America, agreed at a meeting of the Universal Postal Union here to sign domestic postage rates. Under this agreement, if the countries actually sign domestic rates of exchange will prevail on letters, postal cards and printed matter of less than the following countries:

United States, Spain, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Columbia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Chile, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, San Salvador, the Philippines, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.

As agreed upon here, packages carried between these countries containing books, newspapers, printed matter and commercial papers shall not exceed four kilograms (of 2.20 pounds each) nor 45 centimeters (about 18 inches) in length. Single books however, may be carried up to five kilos in weight.

KU KLUX ORGANIZED IN WILSON TO FORM KLAN

Wilson, Dec. 30.—A field organizer of the Ku Klux Klan has been in Wilson for the past few days holding open meetings in order to explain the workings of the order, and many influential citizens have expressed their intention of joining the order at the proper time.

The strike of storekeepers in this city has held up in part 111 ocean-going steamers, instead of the normal 50 usually here. The accumulation of cargoes amounts to thousands of tons, and the glut is accentuated by the importers' financial difficulties, due to fall in the exchange.

SABOTAGE TACTICS BEING ADOPTED

Indian Labor Being Done in Order to Gain its End Various Parts of Country

Calcutta, Dec. 30.—Indian labor for the last two months has been adopting sabotage tactics to gain its ends in various parts of the country. A notable example is one in Madras, where the provincial government has just issued a communique in reference to the railway last month, where 14 people were killed and 21 injured. The disaster, in the opinion of the government, is the seventh out of eight cases of sabotage committed between August 14 and October 21.

Will of the wisp, when of sufficient volume, can ignite other material with which it comes in contact.

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