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WEATHER  
Mostly cloudy tonight and Sunday. Local rains tonight. Not much change in temperature.

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## NEW BERN SWEEP BY TERRIBLE FIRE

### Flames Cut Through Town for Mile or More, Sweeping Everything in Path—Loss Estimated at Two Million Dollars, with Over Two Thousand Persons Made Homeless.

By the Associated Press.  
New Bern, N. C., Dec. 2.—Although an accurate estimate of yesterday's fire loss is absolutely impossible, Mayor Edward Clark stated at 2 o'clock this afternoon that in his opinion between 700 and 1,000 separate buildings and residences were destroyed.

The mayor also said the number of homeless would approach 3,000 and might run even higher.

Mr. Clark said further that the financial loss would run close to \$2,500,000.

By the Associated Press.

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 2.—A total property loss estimated at \$2,000,000, the destruction of from 500 to 600 residences, small business houses, warehouses two churches and a factory in addition to throwing 600 men out of employment was the toll of the fire which swept this city yesterday afternoon and last night.

One life, that of an aged negro, was the only fatality, although a score or more of persons suffered from burns. It is estimated that 2,500 persons were rendered homeless by the fire.

The blaze swept a wide path almost through the business section of the city.

It started on Killarnee street and swept eastward almost on a straight line until it hit George street, being bounded on one side by Queen street and on the other by Court and Dunn streets. On both sides of the Cedar Grove cemetery it swept along on New Street.

On the other side it swept along, razing the houses as they were reached. Leaping over the Union station and the block houses on Griffith street, the flames destroyed considerable property on the water front, including three large warehouses and one residence. The fire was brought under control about 9 o'clock when the wind lay.

The approach of dawn today saw pitiful groups of shivering individuals rendered homeless by the fire prodding among the still smoldering embers, finding here and there little objects which had escaped destruction. Throughout the night many walked the streets, refusing aid from other citizens, although the greater number had been provided sleeping quarters.

Three details of Battery D, 117th field artillery, led patrol duty during the night watching the hundreds of piles of household goods about the city. There was no report of disorder and not a theft during the night.

**Aged Negro Burns**

One person, a negro woman, lost her life in the fire. This woman, neighbor says, was 105 years old and resided on Cedar street, near George and when the on-sweeping flames reached that section of the city she was evidently forgotten by those about her and was left to her fate. After the flames had passed over that part of town her charred body was found. Fire departments from Washington and Kinston, which undoubtedly prevented considerable more damage being done, returned to their homes late last night.

**Relief From Bragg**

United States Senator Simmons was in town last night with General Bowley, commander at Fort Bragg, and announced this morning that the commanding officer at the camp had informed him that a large supply of tents, cots, mattresses and other equipment would leave today and reach here tonight.

It was also understood that similar supplies will be brought to the city today from Camp Glenn, Morehead City.

The negro population of New Bern suffered to a greater extent than did the whites and it is estimated that 1,400 of them lost their homes. Near the zone where the fire started most of the homes were owned by the negroes, with little or no insurance.

**Hold Mass Meeting**

Mayor Edward Clark has issued a call for the leaders of the negroes to meet at the city hall today when matters pertaining to relieving their distress will be taken up. All the church

## HUNDRED ATTEND TWO OUTBREAKS COAL IN RIVERS GOVERNOR OFFERS AID TO NEW BERN

### LAFOLLETTE PARTY REPORTED IN GREECE IS FREE FOR NATIVES

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Dec. 2.—The purposes of the "progressive movement" inaugurated yesterday by the organization of "the progressive bloc" in congress were declared formally to be legislative and not political in resolutions adopted today at the general public conference.

Senator LaFollette, Republican of Wisconsin, who with Representative Huddleston, Democrat of Alabama, called the conference under the auspices of the "people's legislative service," presided over the general public gathering today which was attended by more than 100 members of congress, governors and other leaders. Representative Woodruff, Republican of Michigan, was elected secretary of the conference, which will close with a dinner tonight.

The first resolution adopted by the convention declared that the movement was "nonpartisan" and will devote itself to "consideration and devising methods and means for cooperation and support" of the general legislative program adopted yesterday by the new congressional "progressive bloc."

At the suggestion of President Gompers of the American federation of labor, the resolution had been amended to declare the movement "nonpartisan," instead of "non-political."

In opening the conference Senator LaFollette said the time "appeared opportune for a progressive movement" and said there "seemed to be a mandate to advance the interest of the people." He declared the organization yesterday of the new bloc was the "greatest and most far-reaching event in his experience."

## TO HEAR CHARGES ON GREEK PRINCE

By the Associated Press.  
Athens, Dec. 2.—An announcement published today by order of the revolutionary leaders states that the hearing of the charges against Prince Andrew will be begun today instead of Monday, the day originally fixed.

Prince Andrew, brother of former King Constantine, who commanded a division in Asia Minor, has been held in prison here since shortly after the disaster on a charge of having disobeyed orders of the Greek army staff.

**EQUIPMENT DAY IN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES**

Southern Presbyterians are energetically putting their hands and hearts to the task of providing adequate material equipment for its home and foreign mission forces, the lack of which for a number of years has been a matter of concern to the respective committees directing the missionary programs and to the church at large. The church has a splendid corps of gifted and consecrated men and women representing it in its numerous mission fields. In fact, its unchanging policy has been to accept and appoint to this work only those of the very highest qualifications in character and training. This being true, consistency, wisdom and economy demand equipment commensurate with the dignity and growth of the work.

Sunday, December 3 has been officially designated by the church as "equipment day" and the churches are preparing to observe it, in the presentation from the pulpit of the distressing equipment needs and a cash offering. The goal for the current year ending March 31, 1923, is \$500,000 to meet the immediate and pressing needs for comfortable and sanitary homes for missionaries, school, hospital and church buildings to accommodate in increasing attendance. The General Assembly's stewardship committee, Times building, Chattanooga, Tenn., directing the raising of this fund, is suggesting that each church take shares of stock at \$100 each for every fifty members or major fraction thereof.

In addition to the special offering on December 3, a number of individuals of means throughout the bounds of the church, will be asked to make larger gifts to meet some definite need, such as building a home for a missionary, a chapel, a school building or a hospital.

Clemenceau is said to have retained his vigor not by deep breathing, but by deep thinking—Chicago News.

The Solid South sometimes melts a little, but solidifies again on short notice—Washington Star.

## KELLAR SUBMITS IMPEACHMENT CHARGES

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Dec. 2.—A statement of formal charges by Representative Kellar, Republican of Minnesota, setting 14 specific grounds on which he seeks the impeachment of Attorney General Daugherty has been submitted to the judiciary committee which will meet Monday.

Submitted to the committee late yesterday, Mr. Kellar's statement was accompanied by a letter to Chairman Volstead in which he declared that he was prepared to prove that the "said Daugherty is guilty of misdemeanors in office and high crimes" on 14 points.

**DECLARES WORKING CLASSES STILL HAVE FAR TO TRAVEL**

Stockholm, Nov. 14.—"The working classes cannot immediately take over the management of the state," said Sweden's premier, Hjalmar Branting, quoting the words of Karl Marx after the Paris Commune in a recent address before the Association of Sweden's Young Social-Democrats in Stockholm.

"We must not forget," continued the premier, "that we have to go forward and upward and that it is a long way to go. The socialist community which we shall develop will not be exactly the one sketched out years ago, but it will conform to our basic ideals. The difficulties on our road have been infinitely greater than we could imagine."

Mr. Branting pointed to examples in Central Europe and Russia, to show that the working classes were not yet quite ready to perform the tasks which events had thrown before them. "During the last ten years," he said, "we have left the stage of being a proletariat without rights, and are now on a higher plane. Thanks to increasing education, it is clear that the working class is now overtaking, and in certain cases has outdistanced, the bourgeoisie as regards social and economic knowledge. We shall never allow ourselves to be fettered by private capitalism, and we shall see the fundamental principle of socialism win out. A thorough change will take place, but not through the power of decrees and orders. First of all we must shape the human material out of which the new social edifice can be constructed."

**GERMAN NEWSPAPER REAPPEARS IN CHINA**

Shanghai, Nov. 15.—The Deutsche China Nachrichten (German China News), which recently made its appearance in Shanghai, is said to be war. The publication is in magazine form, printed in German, Chinese and English.

Initial issues of the paper announce that an outstanding aim of the publication will be to promote general increased German trade and the upbuilding of German industries while fostering good will toward Germans and Germany. Wolfgang Richter is owner and editor and Sze-Gang is Chinese editor.

**JAPANESE PLAN FOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

Tokio, Nov. 15.—A Japanese Symphony Orchestra is planned under the conductorship of a Russian musician, Y. Gershkovich, who for several years was conductor of the Irkutsk orchestra. He is an honor graduate of Petrograd Conservatory of Music and is expected in December. Western music is very much appreciated in Japan and the classes of the Tokio Music Academy are well attended.

**IMPERIAL AUSTRIAN WINES FOR SALE**

Vienna, Nov. 12.—Rare wines to the value of 25,000,000 crowns, or about \$350,000 at the present rate of exchange, still lie in the cellars of the Imperial Palace. One vintage of red wine known as "Achauser of Empress Elizabeth" from grapes grown from vines brought by her from Greece, is being sold at 900,000 crowns the bottle, or approximately \$12.

There is said to be the largest stock of original Chartreuse, both green and white, in the world stored in these cellars, and it is to be sold abroad for standard money only.

There is a feeling in France, we read in the cable reports, that Clemenceau "will not shake the policy of America."—But perhaps he will find out what it is.—New York Tribune.

Never before have Democrats rejoiced unalloyedly over a great Democratic landslide that elected a Republican Congress.—Copper's Weekly.

## RAIN STOPS WORK ON CENTRAL HIGHWAY

Rain halted the road contractors today, but since they have had nothing but good weather for the past few months they have little reason for complaint. John N. Bohannon has completed all of the hard surface between Hickory and Newton except a half mile stretch between the railroad track at Conover and Jerome Bolick & Son's buggy factory. He has another week's work before his part of the job will be finished.

The bitulithic being laid on the western section of the Central highway by the Union Paving Company should be completed in another week also. No material was being placed today, but the trucks have been hauling for a week from the plant in Highland.

The bitulithic has been laid as far east as Oyama, two miles below the Shuford Mills in Highland. With favorable weather the entire job from Hickory to Newton should be done by the middle of January.

## MEN SERVE DINNER TO CHURCH WOMEN

The male members of the Church of the Ascension turned the tables on their women folk Wednesday night when they served dinner in the parish house, the men preparing the food and waiting on table. It was a unique affair and absolutely new. The ladies liked it so well, however, that they voted for another spread next Thanksgiving and gave those responsible for the dinner a rising vote of thanks.

The menu included oyster cocktail, turkey with dressing, rice and gravy, petite pois, ham, asparagus, cranberry sauce, celery, mince pie, light bread, cheese and coffee. Everything was served in abundance, four large turkeys being prepared for the occasion and other articles in proportion. Favors were red carnations.

Maj. T. A. Mott was chairman of the committee on arrangements and the details of the feast were kept secret so well that most of the honor guests, while strongly curious, were not aware of the nature of the affair. The turkeys were roasted by Hugh D'Anna, Bob Martin, John Stephens and R. E. Simpson. John C. Martin was head waiter with T. M. Johnson, Mayor M. H. Yount, John Stephens and Hugh D'Anna as assistants.

The dinner finished, the company adjourned to the church, where plans were discussed for the coming year. Rev. S. B. Stroup presided and made the closing remarks. W. A. Self, Mayor and Major Mott were the principal speakers. Major Mott in explaining the church budget, asked for the cooperation of all members.

There are hundreds this morning who had not tasted food for 15 hours, but their needs were supplied by women's organizations.

Telegrams and telephone messages have been received from dozens of towns in this section offering aid.

Mayor Edward Clark expressed the deepest appreciation of the citizens as a whole and said other towns would be called upon if New Bern could not cope with the situation.

**COTS FROM RALEIGH**

By the Associated Press.  
Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 2. In response to an appeal from the secretary of the New Bern chamber of commerce, Adjutant General Metts this afternoon is sending a large number of cots and other equipment for the use of persons made homeless by the fire at New Bern. Adjutant General Metts said he was informed by the secretary that the number of homeless was growing hourly.

Dr. Royal S. Copeland's first act, on seating himself in the senate, should be to relieve the minds of a great number of Democrats by taking the pulse of the League of Nations.—Kansas City Star.

## MR. LEONARD COMES HERE MONDAY NIGHT

J. Paul Leonard, who was booked to address the local merchants next Tuesday night, wired today that he would be here Monday night instead and the change in date is being made. All merchants and other business men who care to hear a live wire will be on hand in the municipal court room Monday night to hear Mr. Leonard, secretary of the state association.

**COTTON**

By the Associated Press.  
New York, Dec. 2.—The cotton market was very quiet again today. There appeared to be southern selling and a little liquidation and the market ruled steadier.

	Open	Close
December	24.96	24.99
January	25.00	25.00
March	25.01	25.05
May	24.90	24.93
July	24.56	24.65

Hickory cotton 25 cents.

## THREE ARE HURT WHEN CARS COLLIDE

Three young persons were injured, one of them seriously, when a Packard automobile belonging to H. G. Tucker, manager of Hotel Haffey, struck their Ford coupe as it turned into Seventeenth street about 6 o'clock last evening, practically demolishing the rear wheels of the smaller car. Claud Hefner, who was driving the Ford, is at the Richard Baker hospital today suffering from shock and is reported to be getting along well. He is a son of Chas. E. Hefner, county welfare officer. Miss Pearl Campbell is suffering from a broken collar bone and Miss Gladys Hefner, daughter of James J. Hefner, is suffering from bruises about the head, though her condition was not regarded as serious today. Elmore Brazzell, colonial chauffeur for Mr. Tucker, and William Tallant, who was also in the Packard, were not injured.

Both cars were running out Ninth avenue, the larger car being tested after repairs. The Ford is said to have turned south and the larger machine bore down on it.

Chief Lentz said he had not been able to gather all the particulars and was unable to place the blame, if any.

## CHRISTIANITY MAKES PROGRESS IN BURMA

Rangoon, Nov. 2.—That Christianity has been making steady progress in Burma was indicated at a conference of about 150 American missionaries recently held in this city. From the last government census, it is apparent that the Christian religion has reached one in fifty of the whole population of the country.

It is in educational work that the most definite progress was made during the year. Judson College has more than regained the enrollment which was lost through the student strike of 1920. This institution is now co-educational, and 69 percent of its present student body is made up of Christians. The completion of the science department in the offering of a bachelor's degree in science. The Anglo-vernacular high schools of the mission are rapidly becoming standardized.

A mission agricultural school is being established at Pyinmana for the purpose of training poor boys to earn their living in farm work. Every student is to be required to do a certain amount of practical work while in school.

The Buddhists of Burma are recognizing that the Christians are outstripping them in the matter of schools. U. Ottama, a Buddhist monk who is one of the leaders in the nationalist movement, recently urged the Council of Burmese Associations to give more attention to educational endeavor, pointing out that the Christians of the country are proportionately much better educated than the Buddhists.

## KINKEAD'S SLAYER TRIES TO END LIFE

By the Associated Press.  
New York, Dec. 2.—Miss Olivia M. P. Stone, acquitted slayer of Ellis Guy Kinkead, former corporation counsel of Cincinnati, who tried to end her life last night by swallowing poison, was somewhat improved today, although her condition was still critical.

She told physicians her act was prompted by her failure to recover her license as a trained nurse and because she brooded over the only person I had to live for.

She insisted she was not sorry she had killed Kinkead, and said she would do it again if necessary.

"I killed him because I loved him," she said.

Miss Stone practically was without funds. Societies of the city, including every denomination both white and black, are doing everything possible.

