

VIRGINIA WILL DECIDE LIQUOR FIGHT TODAY

WEATHER CONDITIONS IDEAL
AND HEAVY VOTE IS
BEING POLLED.

BOTH CLAIM THE VICTORY

Wets Estimate 20,000 and Drys Say
Their Majority Will Be 10,000—
City Newspapers On Side of
the Liquorites.

(By the United Press.)
Richmond, Sept. 22.—The special
election called by petition, to vote up-
on a state-wide prohibition was held
today. Indications pointed strongly
to a "dry" victory.

The campaign, began a month ago,
has had all the bitterness of liquor
fights. Stump speakers have canvassed
every hamlet and city of the State.
The city newspapers, with the excep-
tion of practically one important
exception, have been advocating the
"wets" cause.

Temperance workers, national and
state, have been holding daily and
nightly meetings for the past fort-
night, working the Old Dominion in-
to a frenzy of excitement.

A heavy vote was certain.

Richmond, Sept. 22.—Weather con-
ditions are good for a full vote
throughout Virginia in the prohibi-
tion election. Voting is reported
heavy at all points heard from. At
headquarters of the "wet" forces the
State is claimed to be certain to go
against prohibition by twenty thou-
sand. At "dry" headquarters the
claim is that prohibition will win by
ten thousand.

REVENUE CUTTER FAST ON ALASKAN REEF.

Sitka, Alaska, Sept. 21.—The U.
S. cruiser Buffalo picked up an "S.
O. S." call today from the United
States cutter Tahoma, which is fast
to a reef and in serious danger, ninety
miles west of Kiska island, of the
Aleutian chain. The Tahoma has
nine officers, and thirty-six men on
board.

BOAT TO CARRY TRAINS TO CUBA IS LAUNCHED

Dream of Henry M. Flagler Will Be
Realized When Big Boat Bearing
His Name Is Put Into
Regular Service.

(By the United Press.)
Philadelphia, Sept. 22.—What is
said to be the largest ferry steamer
in the world was launched here today
for the Florida East Coast Railway.
It was christened the "Henry M. Flag-
ler" in honor of the late promoter of
the famous "over-the-sea" line to Key
West, Fla.

Prominent State and railway officials
of Florida were present today.
The boat will ply between Key West,
Florida, and Havana, Cuba.

ENGINEERS DISCUSS LIGHTING OF HOMES.

Cleveland, O., Sept. 22.—Methods
of lighting in the homes, office and
factory are under discussion at the
eighth annual convention of the Il-
luminating Society, now being held
here. More than six hundred of the
better known engineers of the coun-
try are in attendance at the meeting.

Papers are read daily on subjects
concerning lighting. Elaborate plans
for entertaining the visitors are be-
ing carried out. The convention will
continue for several days.

WILMINGTON HEBREWS DEDICATE SYNAGOGUE

Wilmington, Sept. 21.—Commem-
orating in impressive manner New
Year's eve, according to the Jewish
calendar, the congregation of Bnei
Israel formally dedicated their syn-
agogue in this city yesterday af-
ternoon. The structure was erected
at a cost of about \$5,000 and is a
monument of fidelity and devotion to
their religion of the congregation
which only numbers about thirty peo-
ple.

GERMAN DEFENSE IS STAGGERING BEFORE ALLIES

IT SEEMS EVIDENT THAT THE
KAISER'S TROOPS ARE VERY
HARD PRESSED.

EXCELLENT TACTICS USED

Aid Being Rushed to General Von
Kluck, Whose Forces Seem to
Be Giving Way—Weather
Somewhat Improved.

(By the United Press.)
London, Sept. 22.—That the Ger-
man lines in the great battle in the
north of France are staggering be-
fore the persistent attacks of the Al-
lied forces and slowly crumbling at
important points, is the opinion of Al-
lied military experts. It is admitted
that the present battle, now well in
its second week, is a contest of en-
durance. It is insisted that the rea-
son the Germans are suffering so
much greater loss than the Allies is
because their massed formation tac-
tics make them splendid targets.

GERMAN RIGHT WING GIVING WAY.

Paris, Sept. 22.—Reports here indi-
cate that the Germans' right wing has
been forced to take new retired posi-
tions north and south of Noyon and
the Soisson region. All available re-
serve forces, a hundred thousand men,
have been sent to the aid of Gen. Von
Kluck in holding the German right,
which seems about to give way. The
Weather conditions at the front are
slightly improved, but the battle
grounds are still a quagmire. Gener-
al Gallini insists, however, that the
French are able to get their heaviest
artillery well into action, at all places
where it is most needed. The general
staff expresses more confidence than
at any time during the war. The situ-
ation is being gotten well in hand,
and is better now than at any time
since the battle of Marne, when the
Allies forced the Germans to retreat.

RHEIMS AFIRE, SAY GERMANS.

Berlin, Sept. 22.—It is officially
reported that a series of uninterrupted
successes against the French have
been accomplished. The Germans
have captured Cote, in Loraine. A
sortie by the French north of Verdun
was repulsed. Craonne and Bertram
have been taken and Rheims is afire.

LEAGUE ISLAND TO BE MADE GREAT NAVAL CONSTRUCTION CENTER.

Philadelphia, Sept. 21.—After de-
claring that an archaic system of
bookkeeping in the Navy Depart-
ment blocked the building of battle-
ships in government-owned yards,
Secretary Daniels, in his address at
the dedication today of the new ship-
way at the navy yard here, said:

"The government now means to
build its own ships. The United
States has been paying eight cents a
pound for smokeless powder, terrific
overcharge. Now the government
powder plants have been enlarged and
we shall be independent. We will
make our own armor plate and we
then can stand alone. Part of our
task is to develop League Island to
an industrial center second to none in
the world."

MRS. VANDERBILT SUES TWO ASHEVILLE MEN.

Asheville, Sept. 21.—Mrs. George
W. Vanderbilt today filed suit in Su-
perior Court against S. Frank Chap-
man and Dr. Carl V. Reynolds of this
city, in which she seeks to recover
lands on county lines of Buncombe
and Henderson which she alleges that
the defendants have wrongfully and
unlawfully taken possession of.

The amount of land involved is
about 169 acres and it is alleged that
the defendants have built fences and
houses on the land against forbidden
orders of the plaintiff. This land is
a part of the immense tract the Van-
derbilt estate has sold to the United
States government, but the deal can-
not be consummated until all titles
are cleared.

GERMANY IS BELIEVED TO HAVE SENT ALL HER AVAILABLE MILITARY STRENGTH TO THE FRONT AND TO BE NEAR DEFENSIVE

FIERCE FIGHTING STILL CONTINUES AND ALLIES ARE CONFI-
DENT OF ULTIMATE VICTORY, WHILE GERMANY MAKES
THE SAME CLAIM FOR HER OWN TROOPS.

MORE CANADIAN TROOPS ARE ENLISTED FOR SERVICE

Contingent Now Being Raised Will Give Canada Fifty Thousand Fighters
In Field—Russians Thought to Be Attacking Breslau, and German
Troops Are Rushed to Aid of Garrison—Russian Advance in
Galicia Has Been Retarded, Awaiting Reinforcements.

(By the United Press.)
Paris, Sept. 22.—Convinced that
Germany now has her entire avail-
able military strength at the front,
high military officials declare that
within a fortnight or three weeks at
the utmost, Germany will be forced
to a defensive contest outside of
French territory. At the front the
fierce fighting in a turning movement
on the left wing of the allies against
the Germans continues, with the Ger-
mans giving ground slowly.

GERMANS EXPECT TO CAPTURE RHEIMS.

Berlin, Via The Hague, Sept. 22.—
An official statement from the war of-
fice says there are no important
changes at the front. It is stated
that the bombardment about Rheims
continues, with indications of ulti-
mate success in the capture of the
city. German heavy siege artillery
is bombarding Verdun from two sides.
It is declared the Germans' center has
made a strong advance.

Telegraphic communication with
Breslau has ceased suddenly. It is
feared the Russian center thereabouts
has made an advance and is attacking
the city. It is reported that a large
German force has been sent to Bres-
lau and the eastern frontier.

MORE CANADIAN TROOPS BEING MOBILIZED.

Montreal, Sept. 22.—It has been
decided to raise immediately a second
contingent of Canadian forces for the
European war, nineteen thousand men
are to be enlisted, making fifty thou-
sand altogether. There are now thirty-
one thousand in service, already
being moved to European battlefields.
The second contingent will be ready
to sail November 1.

RUSSIANS AWAIT LARGE REINFORCEMENTS.

Petrograd, Sept. 22.—It is official-
ly stated that the reason for the slow-
ness of the Russian advance in Gal-
icia is to await the arrival of nine
hundred thousand reinforcements
from Russian Poland.

AUSTRIANS PREPARE FOR SIEGE.

Cracow, Sept. 22.—This city is
ready for the impending battle with
the advancing Russian force. Many
non-combatants already have left the
city, and the rest have been ordered
to leave immediately. The governor
of the city has confiscated the neces-
sary food supplies for the mainte-
nance of the troops during the siege.
The Russian lines are extended from
Jaroslaw to Trezemyel, to Teenziw
and Dynow Cracow, ready for the ad-
vance.

RUSSIANS GRANT ARMISTICE.

Petrograd, Sept. 22.—The war of-
fice announces that an armistice of
five hours will be granted in the fight-
ing about Trezemyel, after which the
bombardment will be resumed. Re-

connoitering expeditions report suc-
cess in cutting the line of communi-
cation between Trezemyel and Cra-
cow.

PRESIDENT GOES TO JERSEY TO CAST BALLOT.

(By the United Press.)
Washington, D. C., Sept. 21.—Pres-
ident Wilson went to Princeton, N. J.,
today to vote in the primaries there.
He left Washington at 8 a. m. and
will be back at noon Saturday.

ENGLAND ORDERS HORSE HARNESS.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 22.—The Brit-
ish government yesterday ordered
from this place 1,000 sets of artillery
harness and 500 cavalry saddles, to
be ready for delivery in six weeks.

MCADOO WARNS BANK TO TREAT FARMERS RIGHT.

Washington, Sept. 21.—A warning
to national banks which have received
government funds to aid in crop
moving or which have received emer-
gency currency not to charge exces-
sive rates or to refuse legitimate
credits, was given tonight by Sec-
retary McAdoo in a formal statement
dealing with the present situation in
the cotton growing States. The sec-
retary declared he would not hesi-
tate to withdraw government depos-
its from offending banks or to refuse
to issue emergency currency to them.
Aside from this warning, Mr. Mc-
Adoo announced there is no reason for
the cotton producer and manufactur-
er to feel pessimistic. He expressed
the belief that there must soon be an
increased demand for cotton.

BOOK ON "GOOD ROADS DAYS" IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Raleigh, Sept. 22.—There has just
been issued from the presses of the
State printers a volume of 102 pages,
"Good Roads Days," by Dr. Joseph
Hyde Pratt of the State Geological
and Economic Survey, giving the of-
ficial record of achievements of the
good roads effort through the first
special "good roads" days November
5th and 6th last. It shows that 36
counties observed the days in com-
pliance with the proclamation by Gov-
ernor Craig, and that Buncombe led
with 10,000 volunteer workers, head-
ed by Governor Craig and that Guil-
ford was second with 2,000 and fol-
lowed with 1,500 each by Currituck,
Davidson and Cabarrus counties. The
volume tells of interesting details in
actual road work accomplished show-
ing that the movement panned out
splendidly. There are numerous pho-
tographic illustrations, including Gov-
ernor Craig, leading the work at
three different points in Buncombe
county, where he spent the two days
working personally on the roads of
his home county.

FREE PRESS APPRECIATED IN FAR OFF MISSISSIPPI

The Free Press is in receipt of the following letter:

"Gulfport, Miss., Sept. 17, 1914.

"Dear Sirs:

"Enclosed find money order for \$2.00. Please send me the twice-

a-week Free Press for two years.

"Yours truly

"R. F. D. No. 2. "J. L. JONES"

Mr. Jones was formerly a resident of this county, and is well

known here.

In this connection, the management of the Free Press believes it

not immodest to call attention to the Semi-Weekly Edition of this

paper, which we believe is as good value as can be had in America.

KINSTON WILL BE HOST TO A STATE- CHURCH MEETING

UNIVERSALISTS OF NORTH CAR-
OLINA WILL COME THURS-
DAY—ANNUAL SESSION.

DR. VAN SCHAICK COMING

Famous Minister of the Brotherhood
From the Nation's Capital to Be
the Principal Speaker—Hand-
some Building to Be Used.

The Universalist congregation in
Kinston is making elaborate prepara-
tions for the entertainment of the
delegates to the annual convention of
the church in North Carolina, to be
held here beginning Thursday even-
ing and lasting through Sunday. Al-
though the convention will not be for-
mally opened until Friday morning,
the opening sermon will be preached
the evening before.

Delegates will come to the conven-
tion, which is to be held in the hand-
some new church at Lenoir and Inde-
pendent streets, the finest building of
the denomination in the State, from
all parts of North Carolina.

The most important figure to be
present at the meeting will be Dr.
Van Schaick, pastor of the Church of
Our Father, Washington, D. C., who
is nationally known. Rev. W. O. Bod-
ell, the local pastor, heads the en-
tertainment committee.

Members of the Universalist church
are delighted with the news that
Mrs. Minnie J. Ayers of Woonsocket,
R. I., president of the Woman's
National Missionary Association of
the church, will attend the conven-
tion of the Universalists here this
week. Mrs. Ayers has never visited
North Carolina before.

BRUTAL MURDER AT THE GOLD HILL MINE.

Salisbury, Sept. 21.—News of what
is said to have been a cold-blooded
murder comes from Gold Hill. Will
Richardson, a black negro, is alleged
to have slipped up on Sherman Mc-
Clinton while the latter was at work
at the gold mine and shot him a cou-
ple of times while McClinton was beg-
ging for his life and trying to get
away. McClinton's leg was broken
and he received a fatal shot in the
head.

WASHINGTON WOMEN FOR COTTON DRESSES AS POPULAR APPAREL.

Washington, Sept. 21.—A national
cotton fashions show is to be held
here October 7 and 8 under the pa-
tronage of Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall,
wife of the vice-president; Mrs.
Champ Clark, wife of the speaker of
the House, and other leaders of the
capital's official society. The show is
planned as a part of the movement
to have American women wear cloth-
ing made of the South's product.

ADVOCATE GOVERNMENT LOAN TO COTTON PLANTERS.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 21.—A
government loan of \$500,000,000 to
cotton farmers at the rate of \$25 on
the bale, was advocated before the
House banking and currency commit-
tee today by Southern congressmen
and representatives of the National
Farmers Union.

Representative Henry of Texas,
who favored the loan, urged the com-
mittee to stop the issuance of emer-
gency, which he said would not re-
lieve the situation.

Mr. Henry said banks in the South
were withholding currency from the
cotton farmers, who needed immedi-
ate help. He wanted it apportioned
among Southern States according to
cotton production in 1913, and sug-
gested the loans be made through
banks or by postmasters.

BALTIMORE STOCK EXCHANGE RESUMES

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 21.—The
stock exchange here opened today for
limited trading. Approval was lim-
ited to transactions at quotations cur-
rent at the close, July 30th. There
were no large offerings and orders to
buy and sell were about equal.

KINSTON'S SALES RECORD EQUALLED IF NOT EXCELLED

FROM A HALF TO THREE-QUAR-
TERS OF MILLION POUNDS
SOLD TODAY.

TOBACCO PEOPLE PLEASSED

Prevailing Prices Encouraging and
Quality of Weed Improving—All
Available Warehouse Space In
the City Is In Use

The largest breaks of the season
were handled on the local tobacco
market today. Conservative esti-
mates of the total range from 400-
000 to 500,000 pounds. Others are
ventured as high as 750,000 pounds.

The product marketed showed im-
provement, and prices were relative-
ly good. Optimism was manifest on
every side during the sales, which
were conducted with such vim as to
keep the warehouse forces and buy-
ers extremely busy.

Several hundred planters attended
the sales. As a rule, all were satis-
fied with the prices.

If the official figures, not yet ob-
tainable, should confirm the belief
of some of those who were on the mar-
ket that a half million or more pounds
or more pounds were sold, it will mean
that last season's biggest breaks were
exceeded. Half a million pounds is
an enormous sale for one day on any
market, and is considered especially
good for this early in the season.

MRS. FLAGLER RECOVERS VALUABLE BLACK PEARL.

Asheville, Sept. 21.—Detectives to-
day recovered a black pearl and dia-
mond pendant valued at between \$40-
000 and \$50,000, which had been lost
or stolen from Mrs. Henry M. Flag-
ler, widow of the late Florida railroad
builder. The pendant had been miss-
ing since Saturday night, and is sup-
posed to have disappeared while Mrs.
Flagler was, at dinner at a local hot-
el. No arrests have been made.

The detectives have given out no
information as to the recovery of the
ornament.

PRIMARY ELECTION IS HELD IN NEW JERSEY

Trenton, N. J., Sept. 22.—Congres-
sional fights and many contests for
county nominations characterized to-
day's State-wide primary election in
New Jersey. There being no govern-
or or United States Senator to be
chosen this year, the primary battle
is mostly of a local nature.

In three districts Democrats are
contesting at the polls today for con-
gressional nominations, and in six
there are fights for the Republican
nominations. The Progressive candi-
dates have no opposition within
their own party in the districts in
which they are running. The Bull
Moose party has nominated men in
about half of the twelve congressional
districts of the State.

An interesting sidelight in connec-
tion with the primaries today was the
fact that the Jewish New Year, which
fell today served to make the early
voting very light in Hebrew commu-
nities throughout the State. The polls
opened at 1 o'clock this afternoon,
but owing to the Jewish feast, the
citizens of that faith did not cast
their ballots in large numbers until
after sundown. The voting ceases at
9 o'clock tonight.

KANSAS IRRIGATION CONGRESS CONVENES

Scott City, Kan., Sept. 22.—Prob-
lems relating to the construction of
wells, pumps, engines, central power
plants, preparation of land, care of
crops and irrigation legislation will
be discussed at the third annual meet-
ing session of the Kansas State Irriga-
tion Congress, which opened here
today.

Kansas has between two and three
million acres of shallow water land.
Delegates will visit some of the num-
erous pumping plants in the vicinity
and demonstrations will be given in
the proper method of handling water.