

THE WEATHER TODAY:
For North Carolina:
Partly cloudy.
For Raleigh:
Partly cloudy.

THE MORNING POST.

TEMPERATURE:
Temperature for the
past 24 hours:
Maximum, 38.
Minimum, 60.

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Appeal for Funds From the South

Democratic State Committee of Mississippi Will Set the Ball Rolling—Southern Congressmen Not Responding to Calls for Speakers

By THOMAS J. PENCE

Washington, Sept. 13.—Special.—The Democratic state committee of Mississippi will within a few days issue a call for an appeal to the Democrats of the South to contribute funds to the Democratic national committee. It will be the most important for years, that the organization, the social system of the South depends upon its result, and every man who can afford to do so should contribute to the Democratic campaign fund, thus doing everything in his power to aid in the defeat of Theodore Roosevelt. It is predicted that other southern states will follow the same course as the state of Mississippi, and every one will be asked to furnish what he can to the Democratic committee.

number, did practically all the stumping for the party. Mr. Williams was rewarded with the minority leadership, which he deserved, and is also this year devoting his time and money to the Democratic cause.

The Mississippi appeal will likely have a good effect throughout the South, and result in substantial good to the party. There are many men in the South able and willing to contribute to the campaign fund and effort is to be made to give these men a chance to do so.

Elizabeth City Public Building
The architect of the treasury is now working on new plans for the public building at Elizabeth City. Plans were made for a handsome public building at that place more than a year ago. Then the site for the building was changed and the old plans had to be abandoned.

The new architectural design will not be completed for a couple of months. Rural delivery routes to begin operation October 1st were authorized today as follows:

From Harrellsville, Hertford county, route No. 1, twenty miles in length. From Lockville, Chatham county, route No. 1, fifteen miles in length. From Rennett, Robeson county, route No. 1, nineteen miles in length. From Sharpsburg, Nash county, route No. 1, twenty miles in length. From Sunbury, Gates county, route No. 1, twenty-one miles in length. From Willard, Pender county, route No. 1, twenty-seven miles in length. From Woodleaf, Rowan county, route No. 1, twenty miles in length.

Lena Will Likely Be Dismantled

Report of Expert Engineers Finds Her Boilers in Such Condition That Many Weeks Will Be Required to Repair Them

San Francisco, Sept. 13.—It seems certain from today's developments in the case of the Russian cruiser Lena that she will have to be dismantled and her boilers and crew will go home via New York and England.

This decision was reached by experts here after careful examination of the Lena's boilers today by Captain John K. Bulger, United States Inspector of Boilers and Boilers. Admiral Goodrich's report on the condition of the Pacific fleet reported yesterday that six weeks would probably be ample time to get the boilers in condition, but it did not make the same careful and detailed inspection that Captain Bulger made today. Though Captain Bulger will not talk, it is understood from authoritative sources that he has reported the boilers are in such a terrible condition that it would be folly to attempt to patch them up in a few weeks. Other extensive repairs must be made, which would require months, or else new boilers must be put in. In either case such work could not be done under the neutrality laws, for it would mean converting the disabled ship into an effective cruiser.

According to Bulger's report the trustees would be taking great risks to attempt to cross the Pacific at this season with hastily patched up boilers. It is understood that the officers and men of the Lena will be glad to have their vessel dismantled, as they know that they can not hold her own even against the small Japanese boats.

It is reported here that the Japanese Consul General received a sharp reprimand today from his minister in Washington because of the dictatorial tone in which he demanded yesterday the right to inspect the Lena.

The local Japanese are still greatly excited over the presence of the Lena. In the windows of the local Japanese business goods stores bulletins are being given in Japanese the latest news of the Lena case. If Admiral Goodrich had not posted guards over the Russian cruiser there is no doubt that the patriotic Japanese would have endeavored to blow the vessel out of the water. They are greatly pleased at her for trying to secure a home in this harbor.

Russia Authorities Ignorant
St. Petersburg, Sept. 13.—The authorities here profess ignorance of the circumstances surrounding the case of the Russian transport Lena, now at San Francisco. A higher officer of the ad-

miralty says that her appearance at San Francisco was a surprise, as Vice-Admiral Skudloff had not notified them that the Lena was going to San Francisco from Vladivostok, and they have no information of the purpose of her cruise. The foreign office also states that it is without advice on the subject. Nevertheless, if the ship is in need of repairs and coal, Russia will expect the United States to ignore the reported Japanese demand that she be forced to leave within twenty-four hours and to permit the necessary repairs to be made and also to allow the Lena to take on board sufficient coal to enable her to reach the nearest Russian home port. It is not believed, however, that Russia would object to the stipulation that if the Lena is allowed to take on coal, the ship shall undertake not to interfere with neutral commerce pending her arrival at a home port.

Roosevelt Watching the Case
Oyster Bay, Sept. 13.—President Roosevelt has had under consideration today the situation created by the arrival in the harbor at San Francisco of the Russian armored transport Lena. He has been in communication with the state department and other departments in Washington concerning the matter all day, and has been kept informed of all the details in the case, including the preliminary reports that have been made relative to the condition of the Lena's boilers.

Strick Watch Over the Lena
San Francisco, Sept. 13.—Early today the destroyer Paul Jones, Lieutenant G. Davidson commanding, was sent to an anchorage off the Union Iron Works from the Marblehead, in charge of Midshipman Davis, with an armed crew and four marines with loaded rifles and belts filled with ammunition. Assisted by the launch as a picket and patrol boat, the Paul Jones will keep a close watch over the Lena as long as she remains in port to see that neutrality laws are rigidly enforced, both for and against her.

Vigilance is being exercised that no fanatic, Japanese or other, creeps up on the Lena for the purpose of doing her harm and possibly repeating the Maine incident in this port, and equal vigilance is being exerted to see that she herself receives no military help in the shape of arms, ammunition, men or equipment or any coal beyond the quantity to which she is entitled, namely, enough to carry her to the nearest home port.

sla's action in sending part of her volunteer fleet to seize British and other neutral vessels was attributed to a desire to force Great Britain and continental countries to take action which would enable the St. Petersburg ministry to claim that Russia was opposed not merely by Japan but by other powerful nations, and thus "save her face" in the conflict with her brown adversary. Another view is that she was sent out to capture Japanese merchant vessels and neutral vessels carrying cargoes to Japan from American ports, but finding her boilers in bad condition was obliged to put into San Francisco for repairs. Still another theory advanced is that the Russian steamer was afraid to turn to Vladivostok on account of the presence of Japanese warships in that vicinity and fled from across the entire breadth of the Pacific to be out of harms way.

Whatever the real reason for the extraordinary proceeding of the Lena may be, her visit to San Francisco, according to the general belief here, was ill-advised and unwarranted, and not an act of friendship towards the United States, in that it placed this government in an embarrassing position.

San Francisco, Sept. 13.—Late this evening Admiral Goodrich of the Pacific squadron received orders from Washington to take full charge of the case of the Russian cruiser. It is understood that the admiral will have a thorough inspection made of the boilers, but he as well as his chief officers are convinced that the only safe course is to have the Lena dismantled. It is a suggestive fact that the secretary of the navy wired tonight to the admiral instructing him to offer on the part of the United States government the facilities of the Mare Island navy yard for the dismantling of the cruiser.

THE TEMPS' COMMENT

Roosevelt's Letter Criticized in Paris

Paris, Sept. 13.—The Temps comments upon President Roosevelt's letter of acceptance in a leading article. It thinks that his references to the tariff were wisely discreet. It is suggested that his advocacy of protection for the mercantile marine is somewhat serious, as tending to open a new orgy of subsidies. It thinks that the halting mention of trusts is highly significant, as coming from the originator of the anti-monopoly campaign. It contrasts Roosevelt's eloquent silence as to intervention in the miners strike with his ready outburst upon his foreign policy and the navy's performances at Beirut, Tangier and Smyrna. The Temps notes that he does not refer to the lynching in the south, despite his negro sympathies. He sums up the letter as a speech about what he has done and little about what he will do.

MAINE ELECTION FAVORABLE SIGN

Taggart Says Any Falling Off in Republican Vote Must Be Regarded So.

New York, Sept. 13.—Chas. R. Hall, attorney at law of No. 45 Broadway, New York, was today appointed assistant treasurer of the National Democratic committee. His position was created that the financial end of the campaign may be constantly in hand, as it is impossible for Treasurer Peabody to give his entire time to the work.

Many informal conferences were held between Chairman Taggart and his lieutenants today pending the depart-

Bankers Will Vote Once More According to Party

National Association in New York—Address by F. H. Fries—Mr. Brown Says North Carolina Is Very Prosperous

New York, Sept. 13.—The first session of the American Banker's Association, which will be in session for four days in this city, was held this morning when at 10 o'clock the trust company section was called to order in the ball room of the Waldorf-Astoria.

George W. Young, President of the Trust Companies Association of this city, welcomed the delegates. He said that the wealth of this city was not derived alone from its own environment, but rested upon the general prosperity of the country. The functions of the national and state banks and trust companies, he said, are co-operative rather than competitive. Twenty years ago there were less than 100 trust companies in America; today there are more than 1,000, with resources amounting to over \$300,000,000.

ture of Mr. Taggart for the west tomorrow. Mr. Taggart goes to Indianapolis, French Lick Springs, and Chicago, to be gone until the first of next week.

The Maine election was declared by Mr. Taggart today to be a very favorable sign for the Democrats. He said that any falling off in the Republican vote could not be regarded in any other light.

Senator James K. Jones of Arkansas, former chairman of the national Democratic committee, had an extended conference with Mr. Taggart during the morning. Mr. Jones is taking much interest in the campaign and his experience as chairman places him in a position to offer many suggestions, which he is giving, keeping constantly in touch with the situation.

AT ESOPUS

Has Been Decided to Open Western Headquarters

Esopus, N. Y., Sept. 13.—Judge Parker was up early today and spent an hour with the newspapers before breakfast. He made no comment for publication regarding the result of the Maine elections.

As a result of recent conferences between party leaders who have visited Rosemount it has been decided not to open western headquarters. Chairman Taggart will personally survey the western situation and when he returns to New York will take measures to put more life into the work in Indiana, Wisconsin and Illinois.

Judge Parker expects to go to New York Thursday. It is his first visit to New York since his nomination. He will likely return on Friday. What object the candidate has in making the flying trip is not announced.

A delegation from the Lawrenceville-Cedarhurst Parker and Davis club came to say "How do you do?" It was headed by Peter B. Olney, a brother of the former secretary of state.

Judge Parker's letter of acceptance is almost finished and soon will be in the printer's hands. It will be made public in about a week, it is thought. It is not likely to be as long as President Roosevelt's.

PARKER TO SPEAK

Heads List of Campaign Announcements

New York, Sept. 13.—Three thousand orators are to be turned loose in the doubtful states by the Democratic campaign managers the last week in September. Announcement was made at national headquarters today by Daniel McConville, head of the speakers' bureau. The list is headed by Judge Alton B. Parker. This is the first official announcement that has been made that the candidate is to speak. It is known that Judge Parker, ex-President Cleveland and William J. Bryan will each take part in the campaign.

EXCURSION TO NORFOLK AND RICHMOND

The Seaboard announced yesterday they would run their last excursion to Norfolk and Richmond some time the latter part of this month. The exact date will be announced in a day or so. The train will be run from Raleigh and Durham and at Norfolk will be divided, part going to Richmond and part to Norfolk. The rate will be \$2.50 to Norfolk and \$2.25 to Richmond.

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Capture of 3000 Russians Confirmed

But Gen. Sasselitch Was Not Wounded—It Is Understood Kuropatkin Will Fight at Mukhen, But Main Army Will Go on to Tieling

St. Petersburg, Sept. 13.—The czar will shortly go to Odessa to bid farewell to the troops going to the far east. His majesty has received a long dispatch from General Kuropatkin fully detailing the progress of the campaign, the disposition of the army, and discussing the military and political situation. The dispatch will not be published, but so far as it deals with the immediate future it is possible to guess its tenor from official expressions of opinion that Kuropatkin will not leave Mukden without fighting. He will try, it is said, to repeat his tactics at Liao Yang, leaving 50,000 men to hold the enemy, while his main army retires to Tieling. Staff officers say that Gen. Kuropatkin probably has been reinforced since leaving Liao Yang by the equivalent of two corps. His force is believed to number now more than 200,000 men, with three hundred guns.

Kuroki Was Cut Off
Tokio, Sept. 13.—A dispatch from Kuroki, covering his operations from August 23 to September 5, has been issued. It is a long impassioned record of the movements and combats, indirectly testifying to the desperate character of the struggle of his army in face of a resolute, unflinching enemy. He confirms the report that he was cut off from the other Japanese armies for twenty hours on September 2. The report says: "Our difficulties reached the utmost. The officers and men were unable to get food or a drop of water. All had to satisfy their hunger with unboiled rice."

This was during the combat around Helyingtai, where the Russian resistance succeeded in covering the retreat. The topographical features afforded the Japanese artillery the most disadvantageous positions, and communication was cut on all sides by the enemy's shells.

According to newspaper dispatches from Peking, the Chinese government is uneasy respecting the future of Manchuria. It is rumored that China intends to send Wu Tingfang, formerly minister in Washington, to Europe and the United States on a special mission concerning Manchuria. The report can not be confirmed, but it seems to cause some irritation here. Newspapers declare that such a mission is entirely unnecessary.

The 3,000 Were Captured
St. Petersburg, Sept. 13.—No change is reported in the situation at the front and no confirmation is obtainable here of the report that General Kuroki is moving northeast of Mukden, but authorities are more reticent than usual.

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The general staff denies that General Lünevitch has marched into northeastern Corea from Vladivostok and cut General Kuroki's communications with Feng Wang Cheng, as reported.

Kuropatkin's Plans.
London, Sept. 13.—A correspondent with General Kuroki telegraphs under date of September 8 that the foreign military attaches are convinced that General Kuropatkin has planned to defeat the Japanese in detail and then send a powerful column to relieve Port Arthur.

As he has thirteen divisions at his disposal, Kuropatkin ought to have been able to do this had he had officers and men as good as those of the Japanese. The correspondent describes the sacking of Liao Yang by the Russians and Chinese, and by the Japanese later.

Russia Buys Submarines
Frankfurt, Sept. 15.—The Gazette states that Russia has ordered from an American firm twenty-five submarine boats forty-five feet long. The crew of each will consist of three men. Each boat will cost \$200,000.

Takio Notes.
Tokio, Sept. 13.—A junk, captured near Tshihingau Island, Kawantung Province, with 420 rifles and six cases of ammunition for the Kwangsi insurgents, was sold by the Germans at Hong Kong.

Mobs from the Kwangsi Province have invaded Linyuan, in Anhui Province, where the prosecution of Christians are endangered.

There was a slump in stocks yesterday, owing to the prospect of a prolonged war. The market is still unsteady. Money is dull and prices rising. The prospect is that a new domestic loan will be floated next December on the same terms as the last one.

Captain Hoffman's Trunk
Berlin, Sept. 13.—It is stated that the contents of a trunk belonging to Captain Hoffman, the German naval attaché who has been missing since he left the fortress, were secured by the Japanese and supplied Admiral Togo with important information which induced him to completely alter his strategical plans.

Tokio, Sept. 13.—Strong detachments of Russians are stationed near Mukden. The Russian main force apparently is in the neighborhood of Tsing Sui further north. The forts at Hung Hopae have had their armament increased from ten to thirty guns, in proportion to their size. Despatches from Mofei state that the Japanese right army, under Gen. Kuroki, occupied the Russian's position at Teng Wang Cheng one night.

Seven in One Family Perished in Tenement Fire

Brave Rescue Work by Policemen and Firemen—Blaze Broke Out at 2 A. M. in Crowded Section of New York

his head, entered the building from below and rolled down the stairs the body of a half suffocated man. Three times the officer came back carrying two persons in his arms. Then he fell exhausted.

Meantime ladders had been run to the top of the building and firemen, clambering up, rescued at least twenty tenement dwellers who were about to jump.

BOILER EXPLOSION INJURES A SCORE

Worcester, Mass., Sept. 13.—By the explosion of a boiler in a mill of the American Steel & Wire Works this evening four men were probably fatally burned by escaping steam and twenty others were badly scalded. Pieces of the boiler were blown completely through the side of the building.

Another Respite

Petersburg, Va., Sept. 13.—A delegation of prominent men of Prince George county, including the commonwealth's attorney of Petersburg, went to Richmond today and petitioned the governor to grant another respite to Henry Dickerson, colored, convicted of rape on a colored girl of this county, and who was to have been hanged at Prince George county court house on next Friday. The governor granted the condemned man a respite until the 22nd of October.

It is said that the belief among many in the county is that Dickerson was improperly convicted.