

A \$17,000,000 BRIDGE COLLAPSES AT QUEBEC

LOSS OF LIFE WILL NO DOUBT BE HEAVY.

FALLS INTO ST. LAWRENCE RIVER

Central Span of Largest Cantilever Suspension Bridge in the World Collapses When Being Hoisted Into Place.—There Were 90 Men on the Structure When It Fell.—Bridge Sank 200 Feet to Bottom and May Never be Raised.—Bridge Was Being Constructed to Shorten Journey From Halifax to the Canadian Northwest.

Quebec, Sept. 11.—The new central span of the Quebec bridge, the largest cantilever suspension bridge in the world, collapsed and fell into the St. Lawrence River while being hoisted to place today, with probable loss of life. Observers on the shore saw numbers of workmen in the water.

The collapse occurred when the span was about 15 feet in the air. Early indications were that the loss of life would be heavy, for there were 90 men on the structure when it fell. Some of these have been rescued.

Boats and other craft on which the spectators had gathered, had rushed to the spot where the span disappeared. The fallen structure sank 200 feet to the bottom, and engineers who witnessed the collapse expressed doubt as to whether it would ever be brought up again.

The bridge was being constructed at a cost of \$17,000,000 in order to shorten the railroad journey from Halifax to the Canadian northwest by 200 miles.

The bridge stands on the site of the structure which collapsed on August 29, 1907, with the loss of seventy lives.

The central span, which fell today, weighs more than 5,000 tons and is 640 feet long.

It is believed that the number of dead is between 16 and 20.

Four men have been rescued. The St. Lawrence Bridge Co., which was constructing the bridge announced that it would take a roll call of its employees in an effort to determine the exact loss of life.

The St. Lawrence Bridge Co., at noon today, estimated the number of dead at 25.

Contradictory stories were told regarding the collapse. pontoons had been removed when the span, being lifted by massive hydraulic jacks, when, according to some of the spectators, the north end of the span fell with the breaking of girders. Frenzied efforts were made to place chains and rope around the tottering structure, but with reports like shells exploding the remaining supports snapped, and the span disappeared with a tremendous splash. Some of the observers said the structure also buckled at the center, as it fell.

Groups of men at work slipped off into the water and others went out into space by flying debris. Scores of boats containing spectators, went to the rescue and their endeavors prevented a larger loss of life.

JOINT CANVASS IN THE EIGHTH IS NOW LIKELY

Three Joint Appointments Have Been Arranged For Williams and Dough-ton.

Special to Greensboro News.

Concord, N. C., Sept. 9.—Notwithstanding the doubt expressed by W. T. Bont as to the joint canvass between Hon. R. L. Doughton and his opponent, H. S. Williams, of Concord, plans for the joint canvass are under way and three appointments have already been tentatively arranged for Alexander, Caldwell and Alleghany counties. They have each had single appointments at Boone and Jefferson and their failure to get together at that time to arrange an itinerary is probably the reason for the rumor that the joint campaign had been called off. As soon as dates can be definitely arranged debates will be had at Taylorsville, Lenoir and Sparta and appointments for the remainder of the district arranged after they get under way.

President's Sister Growing Weaker.

New London, Conn., Sept. 11.—Mrs. Anne E. Howe, President Wilson's sister, who is critically ill of peritonitis and complications here, passed a comfortable night, but is growing weaker, according to a statement today by attending physicians.

STRIKE SITUATION IS MORE SERIOUS

TREATHENED SYMPATHETIC STRIKE OF 750,000 MEN.

SAMUEL GOMPERS ON THE GROUND

With the Leaders of Three Quarters of a Million Laboring Men in New York Threatening a Sympathetic Strike, Traffic on the Elevated and Subway Lines is Impeded, and the Surface Systems are Virtually Tied Up.—Gompers Declines to Discuss Probability of General Strike.—50,000 More Men Could Be Called Out in Six Hours.

New York, Sept. 11.—With the leaders of 750,000 labor men of Greater New York and vicinity threatening a sympathetic strike on the elevated and subway lines in Manhattan and Bronx, impeding and the surface systems of these boroughs and Westchester county are virtually tied up, the strike situation assumed a more serious aspect. Samuel Gompers, president of the Federal Labor Union declined to discuss the probability of a general strike, but the union leaders assert that if it is necessary, 50,000 union men could be called out within 6 hours.

On the days we do not have to drill the non-commissioned officers take their horses out and make for the mountains. It is very interesting to follow some of the many passes through the mountains. Sometimes we don't come to an end, and then, at times we come to a little village of Greasers or to a U. S. A. outpost. Most of the important passes and the railroad bridges are guarded at all times.

If the North Carolina troops don't soon come here I believe we will be away from this place within six weeks.

The letter I received from "Venus" was greatly appreciated. Regards to all,

Sincerely, G. M. BUCHANAN

THE COTTON MARKET.

Opened Steady at Decline Today of 7 to 15 Points.—Later Rallied.

New York, Sept. 11.—The cotton market opened at a decline of 7 to 15 points today, with all deliveries making new low ground for movement. October sold off to 14.81, December to 14.98, and January to 15.09 on the call, or about 189 to 167 points under the recent high records. Prices rallied some 10 to 12 points from the lowest shortly after the call on active covering, and later eased off again.

Cotton futures opened steady: October, 14.83; December, 14.99; January, 15.08; March, 15.25; May, 15.48.

ALLEGED BOMB PLANTER IS NOW ON TRIAL

Warren K. Billings Was Put On Trial Today.—Four Other Implicated.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 11.—Warren K. Billings, who is alleged to have planted the bomb that exploded along the line of march of the preparedness parade here July 23, resulting in the death of 10 persons, was to be placed on trial today. Four others indicted as suspects are to be tried later.

The trial is expected to be long drawn out, as more than 100 witnesses will be called.

THE WHEAT MARKET.

Prices Develop Considerable Strength Due to Absence of Selling Pressure.

Chicago, Sept. 11.—Wheat prices developed considerable strength today owing to the absence of selling pressure. The opening prices, which ranged from a 1-2 decline to a rise of 3-4, was followed by a substantial general upturn, but most of the gains failed to hold.

Mrs. Maggie E. Holland, wife of Mr. J. T. Holland, on West Academy street, died Saturday afternoon at the age of 64 years. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at the Methodist Protestant Church, conducted by Rev. W. E. Lowdermilk, and the interment was made at Oakwood cemetery.

A new serial will start at The Strand Thursday. Don't miss it.

SCHOOLS OPEN.

Public Schools Opened Today With Total Attendance of 1,449 in All Schools.

The public schools of Concord opened this morning with a total enrollment of 1,449. The majority of these students are in the central grammar school, as there was an appreciable addition to this school, as there was in all the others. The opening is considered as especially good by the superintendent and teachers, on account of the fact that there have been several cases of contagious diseases in the city, and a great many children are yet not able to attend school. When these are enrolled it is believed that the enrollment for the year will be the best in the history of the school.

There are a few new teachers on the 1st of the year, but all of these have had experience in other schools, and according to the opinion of people, who are in a position to know, this year promises to be a banner one in the history of the schools of Concord. The following was the enrollment:

Table with 2 columns: School Name, Enrollment. High School: 177; Central: 756; Grammar School No. 2: 521; Total: 1,449.

The teaching force is as follows:

- High School: Mr. W. J. Weddington, principal, teacher of Latin and Bookkeeping; Mr. R. Haltiwanger, mathematics; Mr. F. W. Terrell, Science; Miss Will May Stratford, History; Miss Marjorie Turner, English; Miss Elizabeth Woodhouse, French and Arithmetic.

SHOOTS FIVE PERSONS AND ESCAPES WOUNDED

Marion Man Seriously Wounds Wife and Four Others, None Fatally, It Is Thought.

Marion Sept. 10.—Virgil Butt, a white man 35 years of age, shot and seriously wounded five persons at the home of Thomas Morris this afternoon. The wounded are Lawrence Morris, Roland Morris, J. L. Biddix, Mrs. J. H. L. Miller and Mrs. Virgil Butt, wife of the assailant.

Butt's wife was a cook at home of Morris, supposedly against his will, which is supposed to be his reason for the act.

About six o'clock Butt appeared at the rear door of the Morris home, armed with a rifle, and shot his wife, then entered this home and began shooting at the other occupants of the house. J. L. Biddix, a nearby neighbor, appeared on the scene, but then shot Bibbix, the bullet grazing his forehead. He returned to his home, for a shotgun and succeeded in wounding Butt, as he escaped toward the hills.

It is not known how serious are the wounds but it is thought that all will recover. Mrs. J. H. L. Miller, who was shot in the neck, is in a serious condition. The assailant escaped and is yet at large with several hundred men on his trail. Excitement is intense tonight and should the fugitive be captured he will barely avoid lynching. Butt has been a heavy drinker and was regarded as dangerous when drunk.

CAMP LEE OVERMAN OPENS TO-DAY.

Sixteen Companies Woodmen of the World to Camp at Salisbury Fair Grounds.

Salisbury, Sept. 9.—The busiest place about here just now is the People's Fair Grounds where preparations are making for the annual encampment of Woodmen of the World degree teams from North and South Carolina. Eighty-five tents have been erected for the axe men and the camp—Camp Lee Overman—will be formally opened Monday morning at 10 o'clock. Sixteen companies will be in camp and this is the last camp to be held by the order this year.

BULGARIANS NOW BETWEEN TWO FIRES

TO BE ATTACKED FROM NORTH AND SOUTH BY ENTENTE ARMIES IN BALKANS

British Take Offensive on Northeast Macedonian Front.—Present Thrust Directed Along Main Road to Seres.—Russians Encompassing Bulgarians on the North.—On the Somme Front—Germans Use Liquid Fire in Their Attack on the French South of the Somme, But Suffer Heavily in Fruitless Attacks, According to Report From Paris.

Attacks on the Bulgarians from both north and the south are apparently in preparation by the entente armies in the Balkans.

A movement from the south developed today in official news from Paris that the British had taken the offensive on the northeast Macedonian front.

At the beginning of the Macedonian operations last month the Bulgarians pushed down rapidly from the border and occupied positions in Greek territory on the right bank of the allied defensive line around Saloniki, pushing the advance to the Aegean coast. The strength of the present British thrust which may mean the beginning of an important offensive with the object of placing the Bulgarians between two fires, is directed along the main road to Seres, the natural avenue of advance for an army pushing for the Bulgarian border.

Meanwhile an effort to encompass Bulgaria is proceeding on the north with the reported arrival of Russian troops in strong force to take the offensive against the Bulgarians, who have invaded the Roumanian province of Dobruja.

In northern France the Germans are responding to the heavy blows which threw back their line along several miles of the Somme front last week.

Yesterday and last night they struck hard at the French and British, but according to entente reports, were unable to regain any lost ground.

In their attack on the French south of the Somme from Berny to below Chaulnes, the Germans used flaming liquid fire. They suffered heavily in fruitless attempts, Paris declares.

The British were attacked at Ginchy, the village captured by them last Saturday, but beat off the two advances made by the Germans, as they did also attempts against British positions at Moquet farm and Poziers.

SKIPPED HIS BOND.

Buggy of Luther Phillips Seized With Its Contents of Whiskey.—Distillery Found and Seized.

On Saturday afternoon Chief Robinson in his rounds ran across a suspicious looking buggy driven by Luther Phillips, and making further investigation discovered several quarts of sugar loaf whiskey in the buggy. Phillips was arrested, and the horse and buggy taken into custody. Whereupon Phillips told the officers that the horse and buggy were not his, but belonged to Mr. Jim Platt. Phillips was then put under a \$200 bond for his appearance at court, which bond was furnished.

The officers then went to Mr. Platt's farm, and found that Phillips was renting a place from Mr. Platt. At the home of Phillips was found a distillery, which was taken by the officers, and brought to the city. Phillips has skipped his bond.

County Treasurer Dorton has just received from the State Treasurer the part of the automobile license tax which is due Cabarrus county. This year our county received \$1,717.00 compared with \$1,100 for 1915.

BOTH SIDES EXPECT A VICTORY IN MAINE

BOYS AND GIRLS WHO GO AWAY TO SCHOOL

Concord Will Be Represented at Practically All the Leading Institutions.

Concord this year will again be represented at most of the leading colleges in this and other States. Although it is practically impossible to secure a complete list of the students who will attend the various institutions this season, this paper has learned of the following who have either gone, or will shortly leave to enter the schools named:

Ben and Farrell White, to Greenbrier Military School, Greenbrier, W. Va.

Adam Klutz and Buford Blackwelder to University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Misses Laura Gillon, Virginia Morrison and Zeta Scott to Queens College, Charlotte, N. C.

Frank Brower, Watson Smoot and Kenneth Kindly, of Mt. Pleasant, to Trinity College, Durham, N. C.

Misses Nannie Lee Patterson and Frances Ridenhour to Salem Academy, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Greenlee Caldwell, Stafford Query and James Furr, to Davidson College, Davidson, N. C.

Misses Nancy Alfred, Frances Albright, Ellen Pounds, Mary Fisher, Lena Hall Fisher, Lizzie Dalton, Mabel Lippard and Janie Klutz to the State Normal, at Greensboro, N. C.

Sibley Dorton, Harry Freeze, Buford White and Crawford Caldwell to the Veterinary School at Kansas City, Mo.

Misses Margaret Bell and Katherine Means to Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C.

NATIONAL ISSUES BROUGHT TO THE FORE.

FAIR WEATHER PREVAILS TODAY

To Elect Governor, Two Senators, Four Representatives, Legislature and Auditor.—Hundreds of Speakers Brought Into the State, Including Hughes and Fairbanks and Members of President Wilson's Cabinet.—Big Vote Expected.—Each Side Claims That It Will Receive Sufficient Support to Carry the Election.

Portland, Me., Sept. 11.—Voters of Maine to the number of 140,000 or more, went to the polls today to elect a Governor, two United States senators, four representatives in Congress, a state legislature and a state auditor.

National issue have been brought to fore, and party leaders brought hundreds of speakers into the State, including former Justice Hughes, Fairbanks and members of President Wilson's cabinet, to persuade the voters to line up with or against the national executive, and a majority in Congress.

Maine, however, is normally Republican and the Democratic leaders insisted that something more than a mere Republican victory would be required to constitute the repudiation of the administration, while a Democratic plurality, however small, would be accepted by them as endorsement.

Fair weather prevailed and this was expected to cause a big vote, equally desired by both sides.

The State officers are now Democrats, and that party has one United States senator and one of the four congressmen.

In 1914 the Progressives had 18,226 votes for Governor. How their vote would be split today was a matter of dispute.

Both sides claim they will receive sufficient support to carry the election.

JOINT COMMISSION AGAIN IN SESSION.

No Mention Yet of Request for Withdrawal of Pershing's Men.

New London, Sept. 11.—The American-Mexican joint commission resumed today its efforts to find a solution for the problem along the international boundary. This was the third joint discussion. Luis Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican delegation, presided.

So far there has been nothing more than general mention of the Mexican request that General Pershing's forces be withdrawn from Mexico. The basis of the plan for solving the problem has been talked over in the return of the American troops to their own territory, insuring that movement as the first step toward establishing a permanent system of protection against border bandits.

SEWED UP HIS HOGS' EYES.

Farmer Says He Did It to Prevent Their Catching Chickens.

Trenton, N. J., Sept. 11.—Because he sewed up his hogs' eyes to keep them from catching chickens, Joseph K. Leigh, a Pleasant Valley farmer, has been arrested and fined \$20 and costs.

2,123 DEATHS SINCE BEGINNING OF PLAGUE

Today's Health Bulletin Gives Total Death From Infantile Paralysis Since Plague Started.

New York, Sept. 11.—Twenty-three more deaths from infantile paralysis occurred during the 48 hours ending at 10 a. m. today, according to a Department of Health bulletin. This brings the total number of fatalities up to 2,123 since the beginning of the epidemic.

Today's bulletin recorded 66 new cases. The average of new cases for two days covered in the report is smaller than the number mentioned in Saturday's bulletin covering Friday.

Mrs. A. A. Taylor, of No. 2 township, died suddenly at her home yesterday morning about 6 o'clock, and the body buried at Rocky Ridge, Mrs. Taylor was 22 years of age.

Mr. Goodman, landscape gardener, of the J. Van Lindley Co., will arrive here tomorrow to spend several days. Several suggested ideas of town improvement will be carried out with Mr. Goodman's assistance.

STRAND THEATRE

Tonight JEWEL'S JUNILE GIRLS in "MEXICO" Pictures—Francis Carrimore "THE DEVIL'S DARLING" A three-act feature

A new serial beginning Thursday. "THE SECRET OF THE SUBMARINE"