WEATHER: Cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Probably rain. Warmer tonight central portion. Somewhat colder Wednesday west portion. Moderate south and southeast winds.

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GERMANY READY TO SURRENDER BEFORE WAR SAID LANDSBERG

German Cabinet Had Agreed On Nov. 5th, 1918 to Offer Complete Capitulation of Germany To Entente

REVOLUTION HAD NO EFFECT

Paris, Jan. 20.—The German cabinet had decided before the revolutionary overthrow in November, 1918, that it would make an offer of surrender to the entente, according to Otto Landsberg, majority socialist leader, as quoted in a Cologne dispatch.

Landsberg said that he had been unable to disclose this before the peace treaty had been formally concluded.

He further declared that on November 5th, 1918, four days before the revolution the cabinet had proposed to offer the entente a complete capitulation of Germany.

BOLSHEVIK FORCES NOW ENTER SIBERIA

Paris, Jan. 20.—Bolshevik forces occupied all the territory in Siberia west of Krasnoyarlik on 5th, they were driven by Kolchak forces, according to the latest dispatches received here.

Kolchak units are reported to be retreating eastward.

METHODIST CHURCHES FAVOR UNIFICATION

Louisville, Jan. 20.—Agreement on plans for the unification of the two branches of the Methodist Episcopal Churches is expected shortly by a joint commission of 42 bishops, pastors and laymen who are considering the proposed merger.

SOUTH CAROLINA WON'S RATIFY SUFFRAGE

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 20.—Resolutions to reject the ratification of the Woman's Suffrage amendment will be introduced in both houses of the South Carolina General Assembly tonight, it was announced today that a majority of the Assembly favored the action.

KAISER'S SURRENDER DEPENDS UPON DUTCH MAY REFUSE DEMAND

Official Believes Holland Will Reject Allied Note

NOTE SENT JAN 17.

Paris, Jan. 20.—The belief that the efforts of the allies to get William Hohenzollern out of Holland would be successful was absolutely denied by a representative who stated that he was absolutely sure the Dutch government would never surrender the former Kaiser.

The Hague, Jan. 20.—The demand of the allies upon Holland for the surrender of the former Emperor William of Germany reached the Hague on Saturday night.

While the matter has been given some unofficial consideration nothing has transpired of an official character indicating what the Dutch government will do in the premises.

U. D. C. ENTERTAIN CONFEDERATE VETERANS

The ladies of the Daughters of Confederacy delightfully entertained the members of Buck Kitchin Camp, Confederate Veterans, in the Mayor's office at noon today when an oyster dinner was served.

This is one of the annual treats of the "Gold Vets" and also a real pleasure for the ladies, who have always taken a particular delight in serving these old warriors who had so faithfully served the southland.

On May 10 the ladies will again be hostesses to the Veterans, which, of course, is a national day and one of greater ceremony.

37 FISHERMAN DROWNED IN GALE

Christiana, Jan. 20.—Thirty-seven fishermen were drowned in a gale which struk a fishing fleet near Trondsjem yesterday.

1100 NEW "FLU" CASES REPORTED IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 20.—Influenza in Chicago continued to spread today at the rate of 1,100 new cases every 24 hours.

All available trained nurses are being mobilized. The total number of cases exceed 4,000 and hospitals are filled.

During the last eight hours 2,200 cases have been reported, with 26 deaths and nearly 400 new cases of pneumonia with 60 deaths.

JNO UMSTEAD PRESENTS CHECK TO UNIVERSITY

Chapel Hill, Jan. 20.—Mr. John W. Umstead, Jr., of Tarboro, treasurer of the class of 1909, walked into the office of President Chase last week and laid down a check for $1,000.

"The gift of the class of 1909 to the Alumni Loyalty Fund," was all that Mr. Umstead said in making the presentation.

At its close reunion several years ago the class of 1909 pledged itself to raise the above amount and the action of Mr. Umstead, as treasurer of the class, marked the final step and the fulfillment of the pledge.

KRUPP EMPLOYEES ASK TO BE OFFERED PREMIUMS

Berlin, Jan. 20.—Employees of the Siemens Electrical Works in Berlin have asked the company to offer premiums of small shares of story as reward for good work. It is understood that the plan will be adopted as it already has been in the Krupp Works at Essen.

The workers told the Siemens Company that with the present antagonism between employer and employee, a healthy status of labor could not be expected unless the company did something to give their employees an interest in the business.

The workers proposed also to form associations to contribute funds for the purchase of small shares of stock.

U. S. NEWSPAPERS BARRED IN IRELAND

Dublin, Jan. 20.—American newspapers arriving here in the last few days have been seized by the postal authorities, supposedly on account of articles referring to Irish affairs.

DEPORTED RADICALS ENTER SOVIET RUSSIA

Terijoki, Finland, Jan. 20.—Russians deported from the United States have been given what might be termed an official reception just outside this village today.

In the crowd that greeted Alexander Berkman, Emma Goldman and their "comrades" was M. Zorien, member of the All-Soviets Executive Committee who, after a brigf conference with Berkman, agreed to permit the whole party to enter Bolshevik Russia.

MILLERAND ATTENDS THE SUPREME COUNCIL

Paris, Jan. 20.—Alexander Millerand, the new French premier, attende dthe Supreme Council meeting this morning but took no part in the proceedings.

Clemenceau presided at the morning session and will preside again this afternoon.

RELIEF WORK LEFT TO AM. RED CROSS

Tokio, Jan. 20.—The main work of relief in Siberia is in the hands of the American Red Cross, according to Colonel R. E. Tuesler, Red Cross Commissioner in Siberia. The British Red Cross, he said, had been obliged to leave Siberia to answer urgent calls in Europe.

There were, when it left, 355 American relief workers in Siberia and of these 180 were American Red Cross nurses. They had 1,500 Russian assistants.

ROTTERDAM TO BUILD FLYING GROUND

Rotterdam, Jan. 20.—Enforcing their national and international aviation, the municipal council of Rotterdam has resolved to construct flying grounds, at a cost of approximately $600,000.

RALEIGH ENTERTAINS THE MASONS WILL ESTABLISH MOUNTAIN HOME

Report Of Grand Secretary Shows The Past Year As The Most Prosperous In History Of State

PRITCHARD OUT OF NOMINATION

by Maxwell Gorman

Raleigh, Jan. 20.—The N. C. Grand Lodge of Masons is in session here this week, its annual communication. Among the important matters considered is the establishment of a Masnic resort in the mountains of western North Carolina. The grand lodge already sponsors a state Masonic Home, located near Greensboro, but the proposed resort is something separate and distinct from the Home, which is primarily for the care of indigent and aged members of the order.

The annual report of the grand secretary shows the past year to have been the most prosperous one in the history of the state grand lodge, in point of both increased membership and finances. The income increased from $32,000 in 1918 to $50,000 last year. Increase in membership of subordinate lodges was 1758, a total membership to date of 30,973 in North Carolina.

Seeks No Empty Honor.

Circuit U. S. Judge and former U. S. Senator Jeter C. Pritchard, whom some of his political admirers have been grooming for the Republican nomination for president, it develops today, is not likly to permit the use of his name for that purpose, according to the statements of several of his choicest friends here.

One of the main reasons is that he does not wish to handicap any Republican aspirant in efforts to secure votes from North Carolina, one of them, Hi Johnson of California, having already applied to Secretary of State Grimes for information how to proceed under the primary law. Judge Pritchard, fine man as we all know him to be, realizes of course that he stands no more chance than Josephus Daniels or any other Southern man, getting a presidential nomination this year.

WILL TOW POWHATAN INTO HALIFAX, N. S. SAYS STEAMER BARDIC

Cedric Radio's Weather Conditions Are Moderating

PASSENGERS SAFE

New York, Jan. 20.—Army transport headquarters were without word early today from the transport Powhatan which has been disabled at sea.

A wireless received at Boston this morning from the White Star liner Cedric said that she had left the Powhatan last night under moderating weather conditions. The Cedric did not take aboard any of the Powhatan's passengers.

Washington, Jan. 20.—A radio from the transport Powhatan received by the Navy Department late tonight said that the British steamer Bardic was standing by and would take the transport in tow for Halifax.

PRESIDENT CHASE'S INAUGURATION APL 28.

Chapel Hill, Jan. 0.—The formal inauguration of Dr. Harry Woodburn Chase as eighth president of the University of North Carolina, will take place on April 28th. This announcement was made by the joint committee of trustees and faculty which is making arrangements. It consists of Judge Francis D. Winston; A. H. Eller, C. L. Smith, W. P. Bynum and General Julian S. Carr, of the trustees, and Professors Archibald Henderson, A. H. Patterson, George Howe, A. S. Wheeler, Parker Ragsdell, D. Rodman, Hamilton, L. R. Wilson and W. D. Toy, of the faculty.

COTTON MARKET.

January	35.55
March	36.31
May	31.38
July	32.58
October	30.08

Cotton seed, $138

New Jersy Governor Against Prohibition

[illegible] Jan. 20.—Gov. [illegible] Edwards, Demo[illegible] address here [illegible] five under conditions satisfactory to them."

Presentation by the state attorney-general to the United States Supreme Court of a petition of the State of New Jersey for a decision as to the legality of the ratification of the Eighteenth Amendment to the federal Constitution and as to whether prohibition is a proper subject for legislating by amendment to the Constitution, "because of the grave doubt existing."

Passage by the state legislature of a resolution refusing to ratify or accept the federal prohibition amendment.

"My policy on this subject, to be sure will provoke from some the opposite of what I am advocating. The Constitution of the United States," he said, "I yield to none in any respect and regard for that declaration of our rights and the rules. But I am strong in my belief that the rights of New Jersey as a sovereign state under the Constitution have been invaded and I feel it is my sworn duty to have it definitely established in a legal manner by the [illegible] whether this is so or not. What ever criticism may come, I will not abandon my position that our rights have been infringed until otherwise determined by [illegible]

He declared the power of the states to regulate their own domestic affairs by such laws as to the local authorities of Jersey seem wise, has never been surrendered to the national government.

"I might point out that the [illegible] of the so-called Eighteenth Amendment is unknown to this [illegible] speak," he said. "Inasmuch as the [illegible] is reserved to the several states concurrent power to legislate upon the enforcement thereof. For the first time in our history such legislation is proposed to be prohibited by the Federal Constitution. It is proposed [illegible] the sovereignty of the several states [illegible] the sale of alcoholic beverages. In that view I am supported by counsel."

Other recommendations included ratification of the federal woman suffrage amendment, [illegible] of a bond issue [illegible] the improvement of highways, the proposed tunnel between New York and New Jersey [illegible]