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THE WEATHER.  
Fair and continued cool tonight. Thursday fair and slightly warmer. Light to moderate northeast winds.

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## LARGEST IN STATE'S HISTORY

### Were Yields of Cotton, Corn and Wheat

Commissioner of Agriculture Makes an Interesting and Important Report—Northern Capitalists at Raleigh—Locke Craig's Friends Say He Will Land on the First Ballot.

Dispatch News Bureau, Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 6, 1911. Maj. W. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture, declares in his annual report, which was read today before the State Board of Agriculture, that notwithstanding that the longest drought in the history of the state prevailed in many sections, the yield of cotton, corn and wheat was the largest in the state's history. From the Blue Ridge mountains to Tennessee, he says, the corn crop has never been excelled; but from Raleigh to Morganton the cotton crop will not average over sixty per cent. Wheat has been fine, generally weighing more than 60 pounds to the bushel.

Farmers have purchased little or no corn, but have bought more hay than formerly. Farmers generally have raised their own supplies, however, and many of them have been able to hold cotton for better prices. Speaking of the department's work, Major Graham says it is recognized as the most efficient in the Southern States. In his financial report the commissioner shows that \$102,035.76 has been expended since June 1st last. The receipts of the department from Dec. 1, 1910, to Dec. 1, 1911, were \$209,697.60 and the disbursements for the same period were \$211,651.74. Major Graham says an annual rather than a semi-annual settlement, of the finances would promote the work of the department.

Speaking of the work by the A. and M. College and the department, the commissioner thinks both departments should preserve their identity, the college teaching the young men and boys and the department showing the mature farmer how to get the most out of his efforts. In this connection he shows how cotton and corn, under the instruction of state and federal demonstrators, have increased in production per acre. Major Graham quotes a resolution adopted by the college and department boards recommending co-operation in experimental work. This action will be approved by the trustees and the board of agriculture.

The commissioner devotes considerable space to fairs, which he finds have been an improvement over their predecessors. The commissioner devotes space to the various exhibits at the state and county fairs, especially the apple, exhibits, which attracted so much attention last week. The department is attempting to find the "no frost zone" in North Carolina. Corn clubs and other organizations are discussed thoroughly and all show great progress.

The State Board of Agriculture began its regular annual meeting today. The most important business was the reading of the report of the commissioner, Major W. A. Graham. This afternoon at 2:30 Mr. Bradford Knapp, of the National Department of Agriculture, was to appear before the board for a conference on co-operation between the Agricultural College, the State Department of Agriculture and the national department with reference to co-operation.

It developed today that there has been some friction in the department. Commissioner Graham thanked those members of the board who had assisted him in his work, and informed the other members that he was sorry he did not have their co-operation, but that he was complying with the law. He thought it was a mistake to remove the commissioner from the finance committee, as has been done. This committee met yesterday in the office of the state treasurer. Major Graham said the department should have somebody on the committee to see to the checking and auditing of items.

Forty Northern capitalists, headed by E. Z. Mitchell, president of the Electric Bond and Share Company, of New York, are spending a couple of days in this section. The party arrived early yesterday morning and went on a special train to Buckhorn Falls, returning in the afternoon and going to the Country Club. They took supper at the Yarrowburgh and left today for Blawie Falls. From there they will go to their homes. Colonel Chas. E. Johnson, president of the Carolina Power and Light Company, joined the party here. Many of the men in the party are interested in the development of the South's resources, especially the electric plants.

Fifty-four young men are awaiting with considerable interest the result of the examination given by the State Board of Pharmacy to applicants for license to practice pharmacy in North Carolina. Robert W. Winston, Jr., son of Judge R. W. Winston, was reported today as (Continued on Page Two)

## STATE'S RIGHT TO PENALIZE

### North Carolina Railroad Case Up Today

Live Question Argued Before the United States Supreme Court as to Right of a State to Penalize a Railroad for Refusing to Accept Goods for Transportation—Particularly Concerns North Carolina.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The right of the States to penalize railroads for refusing to receive goods for shipment in interstate commerce was argued today before the Supreme Court of the United States. The question presented to the court concerned particularly the State of North Carolina. A direct attack was being made on the constitutionality of the statute, enacted in 1905 in that State, imposing a penalty of \$50 a day on a railroad for every day it refused to accept goods for transportation.

The principle involved was before the court in two different cases. One arose out of the shipment of a car load of shingles by Reid & Beam from Rutherfordton, N. C., to Scottsville, Tenn. When they loaded the shingles onto a car and asked the station agent at Rutherfordton to ship it to Scottsville, it was declared that he replied he knew of no such place. It proved to be a flag station on the Knoxville and Augusta Railroad, to which no published rate existed. After several days delay, the goods were shipped. No damages were proven to have resulted to the shippers, but they recovered \$350 as penalty imposed by the statute for refusal to receive the goods.

The second case arose out of Mrs. D. L. Reid's attempt to ship household goods from Charlotte, N. C., to Davis, W. Va. No published rate, as authorized by the inter-State Commerce Laws, existed between Charlotte and Davis, and the shipment was delayed five days before a rate was obtained. A jury awarded Mrs. Reid \$25 damages and \$350 as penalty.

In both cases the defendant was the Southern Railway Company. The law is attacked largely on the ground that it was an interference by the State with interstate commerce. The Supreme Court of North Carolina sustained the law as constitutional. The court took the position that Congress had not legislated in reference to railroads receiving goods for shipment and therefore that the subject was open to regulation by the States, until Congress exercises such a right. A dissenting opinion, however, was heard in the other.

In the case arising out of the shipment from Charlotte to Davis, the Supreme Court said that it was not expected that the railroad should have on file published rates from Charlotte to every place in the union, and while the railroad might be prohibited by the inter-State Commerce Laws from shipping without such a rate being published, yet the laws did not prohibit the railroad from receiving the goods.

## AMERICAN MASS MEETING TO PROTEST

New York, Dec. 6.—A great mass meeting here tonight will be the first of a series in the principal cities during the next thirty days to protest against Russia's discrimination regarding passports held by American citizens on account of their religious belief. The movement was started by New York's leading Jews.

## GIVES THEM A CHANCE

John D. and Gates Invited to Appear Before Steel Probe Committee. Washington, Dec. 6.—John D. Rockefeller and Rev. Fred D. Gates, manager of Rockefeller's charities, were today invited by Chairman Stanley, of the House Steel Trust Investigating Committee, to appear before the committee next Monday, if they care to do so, to reply to charges by the Merritt Brothers, of Minnesota, concerning the \$20,000,000 ore properties in Minnesota.

## SOCIALIST CANDIDATE SWEEPED TO DEFEAT

Los Angeles, Dec. 6.—Socialism, as announced by Job Harriman and Alexander Irvine, was defeated here yesterday by an overwhelming majority. Mayor George Alexander, leading the Good Government forces, was re-elected by forty thousand majority over Harriman.

"The Spur of Necessity" "Great Melies Film at the Grand today. Subsc. to The Evening Dispatch.



## THE WRONG MEN

Have Been Held Imprisoned For Murder Committed in Mecklenburg County—Governor Kitchin Pardons Them at Solicitor's Plea.

Special to The Dispatch. Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 6.—Because the Solicitor and other prosecuting attorneys believe that another party did the killing, Governor Kitchin today granted pardons to Charley Houston and Will Boyd, of Mecklenburg county men, sentenced in November 1910 to four months on roads for manslaughter. The attorneys aiding the Solicitor; Governor Kitchin says, greatly fear Houston and Boyd were erroneously convicted.

## ST. LOUIS AFTER THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Washington, Dec. 6.—St. Louis wants the Republican National convention, and an organized effort was started today to induce the National Committee, when it meets here next Tuesday, to choose that city. Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel, Missouri's member of the committee, heads the movement and will be reinforced today with the arrival of Governor Hadley, of Missouri, and Postmaster Akin, of St. Louis.

## A-FOOT FROM CHICAGO

One Legged Youth Makes a Record Walk. New York, Dec. 6.—Ralph Tompkins, a one legged bootblack, of Poughkeepsie, completed a round trip between New York and Chicago a-foot late last night, when he hobbled into this city on his crutches. Tompkins, who is nineteen years old, left here July 30th on a \$500 wager, and beat his time limit by twenty-four hours.

## DEMOCRATS OF THE COMMITTEE MEET

Washington, Dec. 6.—The first meeting of the Democratic members of the House Ways and Means Committee, since adjournment of Congress last August, was held today. Chairman Underwood and his colleagues discussed the general tariff situation and considered a plan of action for the session.

Following the meeting no announcement was made. Probably none will be made until after the President sends Congress the tariff board's report on wool and cotton. The committee will begin immediately the preliminary work of revision of schedules. Included in the program for tariff revision will be wool, cotton, iron, steel, sugar, agricultural implements and foodstuffs.

## LOST OUT THIS TIME

Commission Form of Government Defeated in Two Cities in the State of Washington—Women Among the Socialist Candidates Defeated.

Vancouver, Washington, Dec. 6.—The commission form of government was defeated yesterday by a vote of more than two to one. Olympia, Washington, Dec. 6.—Olympia rejected the commission form of government by sixty eight votes majority. The Republican ticket was elected. Two women were among the defeated Socialist candidates.

## BURNED AT STAKE BY TENNESSEE MOB

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 6.—Two negroes and one negro were burned to death by a mob of white land tenants, who objected to their occupancy of land by negroes near Savannah, Tennessee, yesterday, according to meagre reports reaching here. A lynching, it is said occurred ten miles from Clifton, Tenn.

## REPORT NOT BELIEVED

Clifton, Tenn., Dec. 6.—The reported mob violence, by which three negroes it is said were lynched near here yesterday, is believed to have originated by the killing of a negro, Ben Pettigrew, and his two children, in this county last Friday. Pettigrew was killed by highwaymen; there was no suggestion of mob violence. It is said several persons suspected of the triple murder are under surveillance.

## FOG CAUSES A WRECK

Pennsylvania Passenger Train Go Together Today and Ten Injured. Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 6.—In a heavy fog two Pennsylvania Railroad passenger trains today collided outside of the Union Station, injuring ten persons. The engine and three coaches were wrecked.

## OPERATION NECESSARY ON MILLIONAIRE STOKES

New York, Dec. 6.—It became known today that there had been a decided change for the worse in the condition of W. E. D. Stokes, the millionaire clubman, who is the chief witness against Ethel Conrad and Lillian Graham, the show girls who shot him. An operation may be necessary and his condition is considered grave. Stokes was stricken with kidney trouble during the trial of the show girls.

## BIG CONVENTION

Is That of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress Which Convened Today in Washington—Will Urge the Establishment of a Definite Waterway Policy by the Congress of the United States.

Washington, Dec. 6.—With five thousand delegates attending from all sections of the country, the National Rivers and Harbors Congress today began its eighth annual convention. Secretary of War Stimson delivered the address of welcome. Representative Sparkman, of Florida, chairman of the House Rivers and Harbors Committee, is among the prominent speakers. Congress will be urged to establish a definite waterway policy, instead of considering each project separately. This afternoon addresses of Association presidents will be heard.

## FOUR KILLED IN CRASH OF FREIGHT TRAINS

Pittsburg, Dec. 6.—Four men were killed and a score injured, several seriously, at 8 o'clock this morning in a wreck of two freight trains and an express train on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Devil's Bend, half mile east of Manor, Pa.

## HAVE YOU GOT YOURS?

Washington, Dec. 6.—The per capita circulation of money in the United States is \$34.50, according to a statement issued by the Treasury Department. The total amount of money in circulation December 1st was \$9,270,582,753.

## CHICAGO PACKERS MAY PLEAD GUILTY

Chicago, Dec. 6.—The selection of a jury in the United States District Court to try the indicted Chicago meat packers, for alleged criminal violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust law, began before Judge Carpenter today. After the jury is obtained it was rumored the packers, at midnight, would appear and plead guilty. A fine, it is believed, would be the extreme penalty imposed by the Judge.

## DOUBLE AVIATION TRAGEDY RECORDED

London, Dec. 6.—A double aviation fatality has occurred at Filey, near Scarborough, Yorkshire. Hubert Oxley was killed instantly and his passenger, Robert Weiss, sustained injuries from which he died afterwards.

## FEDERAL GRAND JURY PROBING

### Going Into Case Out in Los Angeles

Many Things Presented For Consideration of Such an Inquiry—Detective Burns in Philadelphia and Talks of the Case—Labor Leaders Have Gathered in Washington For a Special Conference in the Matter.

Los Angeles, Dec. 6.—A Federal Grand Jury investigation has begun in the alleged nationwide dynamiting conspiracy. Among the reasons necessitating an investigation here, the Federal authorities believe are the following: The presence of Ortie McNamara, who by his own assertion, was a participant in many dynamite plots. The presence of the McNamara brothers pending their departure for San Quentin penitentiary, to serve life and fifteen years imprisonment, respectively.

The amazing quantity and completeness of the evidence gathered against the McNamara, which led their counsel to seek eagerly for terms upon which their clients might plead guilty. McNamara's reminiscences, already given out by him, include both transportation of dynamite from State to State and conspiracy to blow up various buildings in the country. He said he did many jobs of this sort, and enumerated them. All sorts of data has been gathered by District Attorney Fredericks through his aides.

Other labor leaders attending are F. M. Bryan, president of the Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, John B. Lennon, president, and Thomas F. Tracy, secretary and treasurer, of the Label Trades Department of the Federation; William J. Spencer, secretary and treasurer of the Building Trades Department; A. J. Berres, secretary and treasurer of the Metal Trades Department; Frank A. Morrison, secretary of the Federation.

All phases of the McNamara case, it was said, would be considered. As to the defense fund Morrison said he did not think there was much remaining of the \$190,000, which had been raised, although he had not seen a statement as to the expenses and did not know how much was left. Clarence S. Darrow had been given a retainer of \$50,000 and was paid his regular charges per day. So after this was paid, in addition to other expenses, Morrison did not think much would be left.

Burns Talks Again. Philadelphia, Dec. 6.—The McNamara brothers were responsible for explosions here damaging the Structural Iron Works on several building operations, according to William J. Burns, the detective, who has arrived from Cleveland. Burns is positive both brothers were responsible for all the explosions here on the Structural Iron Works during the last few years and that others are implicated. Burns says further arrests would be made in what it is alleged was a big conspiracy case. Burns says the National Board of Structural Iron Workers union appropriated certain sums of money to John J. McNamara. Burns believes the board knew their money was to be used for dynamiting purposes.

## CAN'T MOVE HIM

President Will Not Reinstate Dismissed Cadets. Washington, Dec. 6.—Despite the efforts of five United States Senators, President Taft has declined to reconsider the cases of the five cadets dismissed from West Point for drinking. The President said when in the Executive dismissed it was not in the Executive's power to reopen the case. He declared he would veto any legislation aimed to place them back in the Academy. Senators Swanson and Martin, of Virginia, Bacon, of Georgia, and Fletcher and Bryan, of Florida, made the plea for the cadets.

## AWNING ON FIRE

A blazing awning on the Front street side of the Southern building about 11:30 o'clock today attracted the attention of passersby. A few well directed bucketsful of water from a window above served to extinguish the flames. It is presumed that the fire was caused from a cigarette or cigar.

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## BAPTISTS IN STATE SESSION

### Having Profitable Convention This Week

Opening in Winston-Salem Last Night With Large Attendance. Session this Morning a Splendid One, Marked by Beautiful Addresses and Fine Reports—Plea Made For Home Mission Board.

Special to The Dispatch. Winston-Salem, Dec. 6.—The eighty-first session of the Baptist State convention met last night in Brown Memorial Church. Dr. W. R. L. Smith, of Chapel Hill, preached the introductory sermon, his text being "Say Unto the Children of Israel, Go Forward." It was a very appropriate and able discourse. Organization of the convention followed and elected Rev. C. H. Durham, of Lumberton, president to succeed W. C. Dowd, of Charlotte; vice presidents, A. L. Justice, of Hendersonville; Gilbert T. Stephenson, of Winston, and C. W. Scarborough, of Woodland.

This morning's session began with devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. James Long, of Morganton. President Durham announced that the time had arrived for report of missions and Sunday schools, made by Dr. Livingston Johnson, of Raleigh. A very comprehensive report of the work done the past year was given. Then a very thoughtful address by Dr. A. E. Bryson, on "Mission in Mountains" followed.

Dr. B. W. Spillman delivered the diplomas to those completing the teachers' training course, about 40 in number. A beautiful address was delivered by Dr. J. M. Frost, of Nashville, Tenn., closing with a strong plea for the B. Y. P. U. The report of the Board of Missions, by Dr. W. R. Cullon, of the chair of Bible, at Wake Forest College, was followed by Dr. W. R. L. Smith, on Home Missions. The morning session closed with an able appeal for the Home Mission Board, by Dr. Victor I. Masters, of Atlanta, Ga.

## NOTED KNIGHT CASE CALLED IN COURT

Huntsville, Ala., Dec. 6.—The case of John W. Knight, charged with using the mails in a scheme to defraud was called in the United States District Court. Knight is head of the defunct cotton firm of Knight, Yancey & Co., of Decatur, Ala., and was arrested after the firm's failure, for several million dollars. He was subsequently indicted and held under twenty thousand dollars bond.



Scranton, Pa., Dec. 6.—The condition of Manager Hugh Jennings of the Detroit American League baseball team, who, with Father Lynett, was injured in an automobile accident late Friday night, is slightly improved. The following bulletin was issued by Dr. Webb at the state hospital: "Hugh Jennings' condition is better than it was twenty-four hours ago. Barring unexpected developments, we confidently expect his recovery. His injuries consist of a badly crushed left foot, contused left thigh, fracture of both bones of the lower third of the left forearm, cuts and bruises about the face and head and concussion of the brain. He is comparatively free from pain." The Philadelphia Class of Grace Methodist Church will hold its annual sale of Christmas articles tomorrow afternoon at the home of Miss Maude Bullock, No. 309 North Third street. Dainty articles, suitable in every way for Christmas presents will be on display, and the public is cordially invited to call and inspect them.