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THE WEATHER. Generally fair tonight and Thursday. Not much change in temperature. Gentle variable winds.

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FARMERS SEEK INQUIRY AS TO THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY

Delegation From Virginia Appeared In Washington Today.

SERIOUS SITUATION

Claim That Unless Remedial Legislation is Obtained Tobacco Raisers of Old Dominion Will Have to Quit Business.

Washington, June 24.—Representatives of the Virginia division of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union, of America, were here today to urge the Federal Commission appointed to investigate the tobacco industry in this country to make immediate report of its findings.

D. M. Blankenship, secretary, said unless the commission completed its investigation and suggested some form of remedial legislation soon the tobacco growers of Virginia would have to quit business. He declared the cost of production was so far above the selling price that it would be impossible for the farmers to continue much longer under present conditions.

A group of one hundred Virginia tobacco growers appeared before the joint Congressional Commission, which has been investigating the tobacco industry under consideration.

President D. M. Gannaway, of the union, asked that the commission complete its investigation at once and urged creation of a Government bureau for marketing tobacco and, if necessary, maintenance of a representative in Europe to contract for the sale of tobacco with foreign buyers.

PROTEST AGAINST EXEMPTING LABOR

Washington, June 24.—Petitions for and against the labor exemption clause in the Clayton anti-trust bill and in the anti-civil bill are beginning to reach the White House. One memorandum from the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, purporting to represent two hundred and fifty thousand business men, received today, protested against exemption as "class legislation in its worst form."

MANY FISHERMEN LOSE LIVES IN STORM

Frederichshafen, Germany, June 24.—The bodies of ten fishermen were recovered today from Lake Constance and at least twenty-five more are missing, believed to have been drowned in the storm which broke over the region yesterday.

SPECIAL INVITATION. Tonight's session of the North Carolina Press Association will be one of the most interesting of all. Two big addresses are scheduled. Attorney General Bleckett will speak on the Constitutional Amendment and Editor R. F. Beasley, of course, will deliver the annual oration. The people of Wilmington are given a cordial invitation to attend the session tonight, and to enjoy these two splendid addresses.

PRES. CLARENCE POE.



Presiding over sessions of North Carolina Press Association at Oceanic Hotel, Wrightsville Beach. He delivered his annual address this morning, using as his subject, "The Editor Must be a Crusader".

JACK JOHNSON READY FOR THE FIGHT

Paris, June 24.—Jack Johnson, champion heavy weight pugilist, will weigh about two hundred and ten pounds when he enters the ring Saturday for his fight with Frank Moran, of Pittsburgh. This means he will be about ten pounds heavier than when he fought Jim Jeffries. Both fighters are going through hard training.

KING PETER TURNS THRONE OVER TO SON

Belgrade, June 24.—Reported to have abdicated King Peter left Belgrade today for Baths, at Vrnjaci, Southern Serbia, and a note issued by the official agency in announcing the King's departure did not say he had abdicated, but confined itself to the statement that the King had signed a Ukase, entrusting the government during his absence to Crown Prince Alexander.

NEW RECORD FOR AIRSHIP DURATION

Johannisthal, Germany, June 24.—The world's record for duration flight was made here today by Gustav Basser, a German airman. He remained in the air eighteen hours and ten minutes, without landing. The best previous record was fourteen hours and seven minutes.

WOULD STOP TIPS TO PORTERS AND WAITERS

Washington, June 24.—Tips to porters and waiters on trains and steamboats in Interstate Commerce would be prohibited by a bill introduced today by Senator Works. At same time it would make it unlawful for an employer to pay such low wages that tips were necessary for proper compensation of the employee.

AEROPLANES ACTED AS FUNERAL ESCORT

Vienna, June 24.—An escort of twenty aeroplanes, flying mourning flags, formed a guard of honor at the funeral today of the nine Austrian officers, killed in the tragic air catastrophe last Saturday. An enormous concourse of people was present.

Big Fire in Manchester. Manchester, N. H., June 24.—Fire early today caused the destruction of a number of business buildings, causing a loss estimated at eight hundred thousand dollars.

AWAIT COMING OF REBELS' AGENTS

Mediators Turn Attention to the International Questions of the Squabble.

DISCUSSING PLANKS IN PEACE PACT

American Delegates Feel Confident the Federals and Constitutionalists Will Get Together.

Niagara Falls, June 24.—Further discussion of those planks of the peace program which relate to international differences between the United States and the Huerta Government occupied the mediators and delegates today, while awaiting definite understanding,

or instructions issued by the Constitutionalists, who are expected to come here.

It was said that at least one of the planks would be framed as a protocol today and others agreed upon by end of the present week, if the purpose of the principals is fulfilled. The international side of the controversy will be cleared up, leaving the question of selecting of a Provisional President and other internal problems to conference of representatives of the Constitutionalists and Huerta Government.

Notwithstanding reports from New Orleans quoting the Carranza spokesman as casting doubt on the probability of such a meeting, confidence prevailed in American quarters that ultimately the two Mexican factions would be brought together. It is understood efforts of Washington Government were bent in that direction, although it was admitted here that arrangements have not yet been perfected justifying public announcement from the mediators.

HON. R. F. BEASLEY.



Mr. Beasley, who is editor of the Monroe Journal, will deliver the annual orator at the press convention tonight. His subject is "The Tyranny of the Status Quo".

SWEETEST KISS SHE EVER HAD

Washington, June 24.—President Wilson today gave a little Los Angeles girl what she described as "sweetest kiss I ever had." The child was Laura Margaret Reilly, the ten-year-old daughter of Charles Reilly, a Princeton graduate, who had called at the White House with the parents. After the father and mother had shaken hands with the President, Margaret stepped up and pleased. "Please Mr. President, I want to take a kiss from you back to California."

SIX HUNDRED LETTER CARRIERS ON STRIKE

Paris, June 24.—Six hundred letter carriers, on a strike owing to refusal of the French Senate to include in the postal budget some increased allowances, today barricaded themselves inside the Paris Central post office, of which they took possession last night. A force of eight hundred policemen surrounded the building while the authorities considered whether to storm the place and forcibly expel the strikers.

PAROLE FOR SLAYER OF MILL GIRL

Trenton, N. J., June 24.—It is understood here the board of prison inspectors Friday will formally grant a parole to William A. Death, one of the four men, convicted in 1901 for the death of Jennie Bosschler, a pretty young mill girl, found dead near Paterson, after having been in company of Death and other men convicted of her murder. The law permits the parole of prisoners who have served a third their terms. Death has served nearly half his thirty-year sentence and has been regarded as a model prisoner.

QUET TODAY AFTER NIGHT OF TERROR

Butte, June 24.—Quite prevailed today, after rioting between the Butte Miner's Union factions, in Union Hall, last night, which resulted in one man killed, one fatally injured and property valued at one hundred thousand dollars destroyed by dynamite. Dozens of shots were fired and more than twenty blasts of dynamite set off during the night. Governor Stewart, at Helena, was preparing to issue a call for troops to prevent disorders between the warring miners.

BILL TO AMEND GEORGIA PROHIBITION

Atlanta, Ga., June 24.—A bill amending the State-wide prohibition law is among the measures to be considered by the Georgia General Assembly today. Governor Slaton's message will be delivered tomorrow.

EDITORS OF STATE GATHER AT BEACH

Forty-Second Annual Convention Opened at Oceanic Hotel Today.

SEVERAL EXCELLENT ADDRESSES DELIVERED

Public Invited to Hear Attorney General Bleckett Tonight—Dutch Supper and Other Social Features.

With possibly the largest attendance in the history of the organization and with every prospect of its being the most pleasant and profitable convention yet held, the 42nd annual session of the North Carolina Press Association, composed of some 140 leading newspaper men of the North State, is now holding forth at the Oceanic Hotel, Wrightsville Beach, Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach feel honored indeed to have this gathering in their midst for a few days and the visitors are being royally entertained.

President Clarence Poe, of Raleigh, arrived early last evening, and Secretary J. B. Sherrill came in on the midnight train. Nearly all the other members arrived last night either on the early trains or at midnight. They went through to Wrightsville Beach. The editors met at the beach four years ago and many of them are pleasantly remembered by Wilmingtonians. Mr. Sherrill, the popular secretary, in which position he has served for many years, has many warm friends in Wilmington by whom he was most cordially greeted.

The association will continue in session through tomorrow night and on Friday the members will go for a trip down the Cape Fear river as guests of the Southport Commercial Association.

The convention opened at 10 o'clock, being called to order by President Clarence Poe, of Raleigh, editor of the Progressive Farmer, who asked Mr. William Laurie Hill, of the Presbyterian Standard, of Charlotte, to offer the opening prayer.

Visitors Welcomed. President Poe then introduced to the editors Wilmington's esteemed townsman, Hon. George Rountree, judge of the Eighth Judicial district, who, in behalf of the press of Wilmington and the citizens generally of the city and the beach, extended to the visitors a cordial and hearty welcome. Judge Rountree was heard with peculiar interest by the newspaper men and in course of his remarks he made several suggestions for their serious consideration.

He paid high tribute to the newspaper men of the State as a whole and in the preface to his address spoke in high praise of President Poe, declaring that he knew of no man in the State who had done more for North Carolina during the past few years than Mr. Poe. This declaration was greeted with a round of applause. In another column of today's paper will be found the principal features of Judge Rountree's address. Brief mention was made by Judge Rountree, of the rich history of the lower Cape Fear section and he also spoke of the progress that is now being made in the upbuilding of this entire section. The beach, he said, is one of the most delightful resorts anywhere and brings to this section hundreds of visitors every year. But above all these things is the well known reputation of Wilmington and section for abundant and discriminating hospitality. Many members of the Press Association, he said, are known personally to the people of this section and are held in the highest esteem. Those whom Wilmington does not know personally, he said, have on this occasion been found to be most worthy and to all a most hearty welcome was extended. Judge Rountree said that if the visitors did not enjoy themselves it would not be because the people of the community had not tried to

make their stay a happy and profitable one. Judge Rountree concluded amidst a round of applause.

The Response. The response was made by Maj. H. A. London, of Pittsboro, editor of the Chatham Record and practicing attorney of that city. Major London responded to the address of welcome when the editors met at the beach four years ago, when the welcoming address was made by Mr. James H. Cowan. For years he has been one of the leading members of the Press Association. Thirty years ago, said President Poe in presenting him, Major London was president of the association. To him President Poe paid a high tribute.

PUBLIC INVITED. The North Carolina Press Association extends a cordial invitation to the Wilmington public to attend any and all of its sessions. The session tomorrow night, when the opportunity will be offered to hear the distinguished editor, Norman Hapgood, should by all means be taken advantage of by the public. His address will deliver his address in the convention hall of the Oceanic Hotel, which will amply accommodate a large audience. He should be given a royal greeting by the Wilmington public, as well as by the members of the Press Association.

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Major London said he personally appreciated and knew that all the other editors also appreciated the hearty welcome extended by Judge Rountree. The hospitality of this section, he said, had been widely known since Colonial times. Major London said he spoke as one who was reared almost in this section. It gave him great pleasure, he said, to again visit the beach and see the wonderful improvements that have been made. If you go down the beach now, he said, you see a number of fine hotels, cottages, club houses, pavilions, etc. It will scarcely be realized that this only a few years ago was nothing more than a sand bar. He recalled that years ago he often came across to the beach from the sound in a sail boat and the only thing he saw on the island was an old tumbled down house. Now it is one of the most popular, and one of the best summer resorts on the coast.

Wilmington itself, he said, is enough to attract every North Carolinian, especially the editors. He then briefly recounted a few of the many historical incidents in which and with which Wilmington is connected. He again expressed the appreciation of the editors for the remarks of Judge Rountree, of the high praise paid to the press by him in his address of welcome. Major London said that he would say, and defy contradiction, that no class of men in the State has done more and is doing more than the poorly paid, patriotic, public-spirited editors of North Carolina for the progress and advancement of the State. This statement was greeted with applause.

He also spoke of the great power of the press, of the good purpose it serves when rightly used, and of the influence for bad if abused. He urged his fellow-editors to continue their conservative, yet progressive policy upon which they have built in the past and to strive daily for the ideal in newspaperdom.

Greetings. President Poe announced greetings in a cablegram from Ambassador Walter N. Page, London, a North Carolinian; also a telegram from Secretary of the Navy Daniels, stating that he was sending a special delivery letter to the convention. President Poe also read a letter received from Dr. T. N. Ivy, of Nashville, Tenn., formerly of this State, and at one time president of the Press Association. He sent greetings to the

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