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THE WEATHER. Fair tonight and Friday. Not much change in temperature. Fresh westerly winds.

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DECLINES BURDEN OF MORE CONQUEST

Hellenic Government Will Soon Have to Make a Definite Decision.

ALLIES CONTINUE SEND FRESH TROOPS

Germany Pleased With King Contantine's Position—Four Towns Captured by The Bulgars—Enlistment in England Takes Big Spurt.

Berlin, Dec. 9 (By wireless to Sayville). "If our enemy makes peace proposals compatible with Germany's dignity and safety then we shall be ready to listen to them," said Imperial Chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, in addressing the Reichstag today. The chancellor made it clear that in his opinion it would be folly for Germany to propose peace as long as in the countries of our enemies the guilt and ignorance of statesmen is entangled with confusion of public opinion.

Conscious of her military success, the chancellor said, Germany declines the responsibility for fighting on to make further conquest.

"The war can be terminated only by a peace which will give a certainty that war will not return," the chancellor declared. "We all agree about that."

He asserted that Germany's food supplies were sufficient and that her immense stores of copper are adequate for many years.

After Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg had made his reply to the Socialist interpolation regarding peace today other parties made a joint declaration approving the Chancellor's utterances and endorsing the view that in the conditions of peace made after the war there must be a guarantee of Germany's safety.

VILLA'S LOSSES WERE HEAVY, SAYS OFFICER

El Paso, Texas, December 9.—A detailed account of the campaign in Sonora of General Villa, in which he suffered severe reverses, was given today by an officer whose name is withheld.

The officer declares that Villa lost 2,000 killed on the first day of the battle at Agua Prieta and at the battle of Campana Mountain, near Hermosillo, his losses in killed were three battalions.

An Italian scientist has developed a method of identifying individuals by means of the veins in their hands.

EMPTY STOCKING HONOR ROLL.

- The march has started. Both grown-ups and children have commenced to rally to the call of the empty stocking fund—the movement to give every child in Wilmington Christmas. Whereas yesterday at noon there was but \$5.10 to report 24 hours later—at noon today—the boys have commenced to come in. Little Allie Mae Gerken, one of the first to respond last year, has sent a basket of fine toys, little Dot Griffin has donated a couple of dollies, Messrs. J. H. Rehder & Co. have presented to the movement three handsome dollies, that will delight some little girls and chase the shadows away on Christmas morn, and Mrs. E. H. Dewey has donated toys. The list of cash money contributions up to noon today was as follows: Reported yesterday \$5.10 In Memoriam 5.00 Bear & Co. 5.00 E. G. W. 1.00 A Friend 2.00 Cash 1.00 Margaret Garrett .50 Robert Walton Garrett .50 Dot Griffin .10 Total to noon today \$20.20 It will be noted that from the above the children are rallying to the cause. If your contribution is not acknowledged in The Dispatch please notify this office. It is by such that the treasurer of the fund checks up the receipts.

INQUIRY MAY BRING SOME BIG SURPRISES

Unexpected Development in Case Being Probed in New York.

WILL GO DEEP

Grand Jury Adjourns Until Next Week, When Important Developments May Come—Labor Leaders Furnishing Valuable Information.

New York, December 9.—Important and unexpected developments have occurred in the government's investigation into the alleged action of Franz von Rintelen, suspected of inciting strikes in munition factories, it was learned today from Federal officials. After United States District Attorney Marshall's sudden summons to Washington yesterday it was announced today that the grand jury, which is investigating von Rintelen, would probably not be reconvened before next week. A large number of new witnesses will appear then. It was stated at the Federal building today that things are "sizzling," but the officials refused to give any intimation about the new turn the inquiry has taken. It was officially admitted that certain German and Austrian consuls may be mentioned in the report of the grand jury. Also it was stated that one of the subjects given close attention by the grand jury was the strike at the General Electric Company's works in Schenectady last summer, when 12,000 were involved. The strike lasted for several weeks. The General Electric Company had large contracts with the allies for munitions. Assistant District Attorney Wood, who is in charge of the criminal department of the district attorney's office, said the government had received valuable aid from labor leaders, who had voluntarily come forward to tell what they knew of the work of German agents.

FIGHTING AT GREEK BORDER

Germany Ready For Peace Proposals But Must Be In Keeping With German Dignity and Safety

SO DECLARES THE IMPERIAL CHANCELLOR

Wants Guarantee That War Will Not Return—Germany's Food and Copper Supplies Are Sufficient for Many Years, He Asserts.

London, Dec. 9.—German troops are reported at the Greek border, with the Anglo-French line reforming almost within Greek territory. It is believed here Greece cannot postpone much longer a more definite revelation of the stand she expects to take should the arena of hostilities be transferred to her soil. General Phallis, of the Greek army, is now in conference with the entente commanders. The press of Paris expresses the fear that he is not authorized to take the full steps necessary to safeguard the interest of the Anglo-French troops. The interview given by King Constantine to the Associated Press is attracting a great deal of attention in Germany, where the opinion is general that he has given good reasons in justification of the attitude of his country. The plans of the French and British troops in the Balkans is still a mystery. Continued landing of reinforcements lend color to the theory that an aggressive campaign is contemplated. The opening of the Hungarian parliament provided opportunity for discussion of peace, which was entirely negative. Premier Tisza spoke of Rumania's attitude with considerable regret, while expressing sympathy for the position in which Greece has been placed. With only three days left for

NO WINE AND LIQUOR ADV.

BIG LABOR COMBINE HAS BEEN FORMED

Largest in History of England Has Been Formed for Offensive and Defensive

London, December 9.—The largest labor organization in the history of England, representing about two million men, was formed today for the purpose of offensive and defensive action in matters relating to wages and condition of workers. The organization comprising an alliance of the Miners' Federation, the National Union of Railway Men and the National Transport Workers' Union. The constitution adopted today prescribes that joint action will only be taken after the consent of the three is obtained.

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SUITS AGAINST PAPER DISMISSED

Mrs. Upton Sinclair Loses Out In Court Action in Mississippi.

Greenville, Miss., December 9.—Mrs. Upton Sinclair's suit for \$10,000 against the Greenville Democrat for alleged libel, was dismissed in the County Circuit Court here yesterday and the plaintiff taxed with the costs, the case not being prosecuted. It was one of the suits filed last spring by Mrs. Sinclair against newspapers throughout the country which, in 1914, printed an article stating that she had been arrested with her husband and several women for making a demonstration in front of John D. Rockefeller's offices in New York. Prof. Harvey Worrall, the statistician, says 3 percent of our laughter is due to amusement. The other 97 percent is the result of attempts to be polite. Subscribe to the Evening Dispatch

the Derby plan for recruiting the enlistment officers have been overwhelmed with men wishing to volunteer under the group system. Last night many recruiting officers worked until after midnight. Nothing of exceptional interest has occurred on the main front except in the east, where it is reported unofficially that the Russians in Besarabia are showing great activity. Four Towns Captured by Bulgars. Berlin, December 9.—Four towns, near the Southwestern Serbian frontier, have been captured by the Bulgarians, the war office announced today. They are Ochrida, eight miles north of the Greek border; Struga, northwest of Ochrida; Dibra, 35 miles above Ochrida, and Djkova, over the border in Southwest Montenegro.

Baptist Convention Goes On Record For More Drastic Prohibition Laws

FINE REPORTS MADE TO-STATE BODY

Orphanage and Educational Work Reported Upon Today—Dr. Clark Not Decided as to Whether He Will Accept the Corresponding Secretaryship.

(By T. W. Chambliss.) Special to The Dispatch.

Charlotte, N. C., December 9.—This morning the Baptist State Convention adopted resolutions demanding the passage of a law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of wines or hard cider, as a beverage. Also a law which would prohibit the circulation or sale of any newspaper carrying liquor advertising. The Anti-Saloon League was endorsed. When asked whether he would accept the position of corresponding secretary, Rev. W. N. Johnson, elected yesterday, said this morning: "I cannot accept formally until I return to Wake Forest, and consult my church. I recognize, however, that I am up against the inevitable."

One of the leading members of the Wake Forest church stated this morning that Dr. Johnson would have to accept; he could not decline the call of the denomination. Rev. R. A. McFarland, of Scotland Neck, delivered the principal address this morning on State Missions. Dr. Livingston Johnson made his last address as corresponding secretary.

President Oates appointed the following committees: To nominate Minister's Relief Board: I. N. Loftin, J. W. Snyder, F. B. Ashcraft, S. A. Howard, D. L. Probert, P. S. Vann, D. P. Dellinger. To nominate State Mission Board: G. M. Stephenson, K. W. Cauthorn, T. M. Arrington, L. W. Swope, J. A. Sullivan, M. L. Shipman, A. W. Cooke.

On Time and Place—A. E. Tate, J. H. Vernon, W. O. Riddick, W. N. Johnson, James Long, S. McIntyre, A. A. Butler. Committee on Laymen's Work—To report in 1916. E. W. Sikes, F. P. Hobgood, C. A. Smith, E. McK. Goodwin, J. M. Stoner, C. W. Wilson, M. L. Hooper, C. A. Jenkins, G. E. Leftwich.

Social Service Committee—W. L. Poteet, A. Johnson, R. A. McFarland, R. E. White, C. A. Upchurch, W. C. Dowd, G. T. Lumpkin. Biblical Recorder—T. W. Chambliss, J. S. Snyder, W. A. Goodson, R. T. Allen, T. B. Padgett, J. W. Downing, L. M. White.

This afternoon Dr. R. T. Vann, corresponding secretary of the board of education presented the first annual report of the board. The report was exceptionally interesting and optimistic. The total enrollment of the High Schools which are under the supervision of the board is 2,619. They have property valued at \$324,700. The three colleges, Meredith, Wake Forest and Chowan, report total enrollment of 951 and property valued at \$1,174,280. All of the high schools except three report increased enrollment. In the colleges, Chowan gained fifteen, Meredith twenty one and Wake Forest twenty three over last year. The report shows 33 ministerial students at Wake Forest College this year and 71 of these are receiving financial aid from the Board. The board also aids thirty five young men who are attending the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. A telegram of greeting came to the convention from the North Carolina "boys" who are at the Seminary Wednesday and Dr. W. R. Cullom was requested to reply to it.

The financial section of the report shows that the books were closed with a balance of \$1,036 on hand but the larger part of this will later be remitted. The board, however, closes its first year in good condition. The Orphanage Work. Rev. M. L. Kesler, General Manager of the Thomasville Orphanage, read the annual report this morning. The report recites the work of the year. The institution is caring for 500 children—450 at Thomasville and fifty at the Kennedy Home. Since beginning

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a. m. yesterday, 2.9 feet.

GOES BACK TO OLD HOME TO SPEND HIS LAST DAYS

Pardon Given in the Old Case of Buck Register, of Columbus County.

A NOTED HOMICIDE

Son Met Death on the Gallows For the Crime—Supreme Court Concludes The Docket of the 19th District.

Dispatch News Bureau, Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 9th, 1915.

H. B. Register, the Columbus county man who received Tuesday a pardon from a life sentence, left yesterday morning with his daughter, Mrs. Martin, who came to take him to Whiteville to spend the short life left him.

Register was the patriarch among prisoners. He is 78 years old, according to the penitentiary record and has spent nearly twelve years there for his part in the slaying of Jim Staley. For that crime, which was complicity in the murder.

Old man Register was one of the best behaved of the prisoners and everybody who met him made friends of the old fellow. Many determined to ask for the pardon. Judge Fred Moore, who was one of the youngest and best men on the bench, tried the case. Since then he has died, but Judge C. C. Lyon, who was the prosecutor, recommends mercy as does every lawyer who was represented in the prosecution.

Register's crime was docketed as "accessory before the fact," and in this instance was regarded but slightly less aggravated than that of his son whose youth could not save him because he was well near middle age. The offense was one of the worst during the Aycock administration and made all the more pathetic by the old man's part in it.

Cathey Case Argued. The Supreme Court concluded the 19th district docket yesterday with the argument of the George Cathey case by Robert R. Williams for the defendant, and Attorney General T. W. Bickett for the State.

The defendant was convicted in the Buncombe county courts of having sold liquor to Grover C. Glenn, of that county. In the course of the trial the State developed the fact that Cathey had been caught with a great quantity of liquor and beer, Sheriff E. M. Mitchell giving that testimony. Sheriff Mitchell testified that he went to the place of George Cathey at Skyland, and on the morning of March 25th raided the house. The sheriff testified that he found three-fourths of a barrel of beer and 24 or 25 quart bottles of whiskey. This was in Cathey's dwelling house. In another house near the dwelling three-fourths of a barrel of whiskey was discovered. A case of corn whiskey and three gallon-jugs were found also. In yet another place which was not locked up but was on Cathey's premises, he found 120 barrels which he supposed to be beer. It was not opened. The net find after locking up everything was a three-gallon case of corn whiskey, three-fourths of a barrel of rye, 24 or 26 bottles of champagne and 120 barrels of beer. In Cathey's house three-fourths of a barrel of whiskey was found.

The defendant admitted receiving more liquor than the law allows but in appealing objected to the admission of testimony to the effect that Cathey had a reputation for selling whiskey. The defense was holding the State to specific sale and when Judge Webb admitted the matter relating to the general reputation for selling, the defense took an exception. The entire charge of Judge Webb is printed in the brief and several portions of it objected to.

Cathey has been sentenced to a year on the roads. Many Asheville people are interested in the case and if Cathey loses before the Supreme Court friends will bring the application for pardon to Governor Craig. Col. John B. Kerr, private secretary to Governor Craig, has received a telegram that Engineer W. C. Clark, who is in charge of the Mattamuskeet Lake, died in Hyde county Tuesday.

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THE MOVEMENT BEGINS TO HUM

Warm Hearts Rallying to the Support of the Empty Stocking Fund

CHRISTMAS FOR EVERY CHILD

That is the Object of the Movement and Your Help Is Needed to Crown It With Success—Will You Help and Help Now?

Yes, at last The Dispatch's empty stocking campaign can be said to be under way. Not started, because the inauguration was Tuesday—but under way in the interest aroused and in the activity of the children. That in itself is glorious. The Dispatch is counting on the help of the children. If it thought they would not be interested it would feel like laying down the cudgel right now, but it remembers only too well what the children did last year. It remembers how they trooped daily to the office, with bright faces and happy hearts, and contributed pennies, nickels, dimes and even dollars to the cause, and gave freely of their discarded toys. This in itself was an inspiration to the grown-ups. All the discarded toys were made to work. Instead of being smashed to pieces they were sent to the homes of the poorer children, who were so happy on Christmas Day. A plea is made again this year for toys and for children's clothing. All this is needed, and will make the packages that go forth so much better for the children.

School had hardly finished yesterday before little Dot Griffin was down to The Dispatch office with a donation of two dollies and 10 cents. And she was such a happy little miss when she knew that these dollies and that dime will go to gladden the hearts of other little girls. Two dollies. Think what that means? It means that two little girls, somewhere in this city—two that faced a Christmasless Christmas—will feel that Santa Claus is a reality. And so he is. He is a reality in the love of the little girl who gave the dollies. Others came too, with toys, and so the procession, The Dispatch, believes has started. Add your gift to it. You are in sympathy with the cause, of course. Then why not lend it NOW. The start of a movement is always the most difficult stage and so if you will contribute NOW you will help the cause get a big start.

The fund, first of all, needs money, because candy, nuts and fruit must be purchased. And there must also be toys, as every child must have a toy. Every little girl must have a doll and every boy a substantial toy. That will be Christmas to them. Other organizations of Wilmington—big hearted organizations they are—will look out for the larders at the homes of the poor, as they have always done, but how about the children? What will it amount to, if the larder is filled, if the child faces the cold, cruel, agonizing fact that Santa Claus is not for the poor; that the old fellow, that merry stories and jolly songs have immortalized as one of love, has missed their home? The biggest turkey in existence could not dispel the sorrow from the little heart that, on Christmas morning, realized Santa Claus had forgotten the cheerless home.

This is a movement for the children alone. If there is money to spare clothing will be added, as was the case last year, when each child was given a couple of suits of underwear and a couple of pairs of stockings—and the girls cloth for a dress. This reminds, too, that the fund wants children's clothes. A lot of useful garments were used to great advantage last year. They can be this year—if you will only do your part.

Last year fraternal organizations, labor unions, clerks (young men and young women) in stores and offices, the commercial travellers, heads of business houses and others all helped out and made the affair a big success. And we believe that each was happier when on Christmas he or she realized that the poor children had not been forgotten; that the poor child had been provided with a toy.

A word more about how this movement is conducted: The money is turned over to the treasurer, who checks it up according to the list published daily in the paper, and the money is expended by committees, who approve the bills, and they, in turn, are presented to the treasurer who pays them. The packages are then made-up and sent forth, bearing a big red tag, "Please Do Not Open Until Christmas," being distributed by the members of the Boys' Department of the Young Men's Christian Association.

How the names are collected? They are given by individuals to The Dispatch office, and are sent in by societies and by ministers. They are carefully indexed, to prevent repetition, and if it is found that a society is looking after any children—with toys, mind you—these names are stricken off. The sex (Continued on Page Three.)