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Fair Tonight and Friday. Not Much Change in Temperature.

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STRONG TERMS ARE NOW DIRECTED TO ENGLAND

American Government's Note Said to Be of Plain and Vigorously Tenor.

ALMOST THE EQUAL OF NOTE TO GERMANY

United States Demands That Interference Stop—Resolution in Congress to Send Mail on Warships, Under Orders to Resist.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, May 25.—Vigorous language equal almost to that employed in the last communication to Germany is understood to characterize the note delivered to the British and French embassies here yesterday protesting against the interference with neutral mail on the high seas.

The United States does not concede the right to even inspect, first-class mail in transit on the high seas, assuming that these do not include anything more than correspondence, and are not made the vehicle for supplies of contraband to the belligerents.

The fact that a neutral vessel carrying mail between neutral countries is compelled to come into a belligerent port to comply with the belligerent's naval rules, it is held, does not remove the mail matter on board from the privileged character of mail on the high seas.

A resolution authorizing the transportation of mail to and from neutral ports on naval vessels and declaring that "any interference with our mail shall be resented by such ship with all power of the navy and of that ship" was introduced today by Representative Tague, of Massachusetts. It declares that Great Britain has shown no disposition to discontinue the practice which is a violation of our rights at sea and our rights to do business with neutral countries.

THEY WANT EVEN A BIGGER NAVY

Minority of House Naval Committee Assails Democrats in Report Today.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, May 25.—The Republican members of the House naval affairs committee in a minority report submitted to the House today denounced the \$241,000,000 naval appropriation bill, as reported by the majority, as wholly, as inadequate and urge more liberal allowance to make the United States navy the second greatest in the world.

The minority charges that the majority report ignored the opinion of naval experts and the recommendation of Secretary Daniels and was based on a compromise between interests which wanted no naval increase and those who wanted only a slight increase.

REFUSES TO ALLOW THE MUCH LIBERTIES

(By Associated Press.)

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., May 25.—The Methodist general conference refused today by a vote of 435 to 360 to remove from the discipline of the church the clause which provides the penalty of expulsion for church members who play cards, dance and attend the theatre.

FURIOUS DRIVE OF THE GERMANS IS CONTINUING

Now Attacking With Great Fury The Line West of Fort

DOUAUMONT AGAIN IN TEUTONS' HANDS

Infantry Attacks Cease But Artillery Is Violently Active. Austrians Drive Wedge Deeply.

(By Associated Press.)

Continuing their furious assault in the Verdun region, the Germans having succeeded in again wresting the battered ruins of Douaumont from the French, are driving hard against the line west of the fort. In this new attack the Crown Prince's forces have succeeded in gaining a foothold in the French trench at Haudremont Quarry, which has been the scene recently of much hard fighting. At Fort Douaumont itself infantry engagements waged so desperately during the early part of the week have ceased for the time being, according to the afternoon bulletin of the French war office.

The artillery is still notably active. Its fire has been particularly severe on the west bank of the Meuse, near Hill 305 and from Dead Man's Hill to Cumieres, the village close to the river just captured by the Germans and from which they have so far been prevented from spreading out by the energetic work of the French guns.

East of Cumieres the French report having made some progress in hand grenade operations. Latest reports from the fighting on the Austro-Italian front indicate that the Austrians have driven a wedge rather deeply into Italian territory between Asolo and Udine, southeast of Trent. The Italians admittedly have been falling back in this sector, but now report a concentration of their forces in Arserio Basin.

The sinking by a submarine of the British steamer, Washington, a vessel of 5,080 tons, is announced in London. Rome reports destruction of an Austrian gunboat and an Austrian aeroplane in an engagement with an Italian gunboat in the upper Adriatic.

WAS INSANE THEN BUT IS NOT NOW

That Will Be Defense in Waite Case—Alienists To The Bat.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, May 25.—The fight to save Dr. Arthur Warren Waite from the electric chair began today. The prosecution closed its case yesterday and this morning counsel for the defense marshalled alienists and relatives of the accused man to prove that he was insane when he killed his wealthy father-in-law, John E. Peck, by giving him repeated doses of arsenic.

It is understood that the defense will make no claim that Waite is insane now. An effort will be made to show that he was in a highly nervous state for several months preceding the death of Mr. Peck, and was subject to "obsessions," and the victim of mental suggestions coming from another self, which the defendant called "The Man from Egypt."

NEW TRAINS WILL GO ON SUNDAY

Corporation Commission Announces This For Coast Line Schedule.

(By Associated Press.)

Raleigh, N. C., May 25.—The State Corporation Commission announced today that the new schedule affecting Atlantic Coast Line trains Nos. 90 and 91, and Southern Railway trains Nos. 108 and 181, will become effective next Sunday.

The Atlantic Coast Line train now operated between Norfolk and Goldsboro hereafter will be operated through to Wilmington and the Southern train now operated between Greensboro and Raleigh will run through to Goldsboro.

TO BE TRIED JUNE 26TH.

(By Associated Press.) London, May 25.—The grand jury today returned true bills against Sir Roger Casement and Daniel J. Bailey, charged with complicity in the recent Irish revolt. Their trial has been set for June 26th.

SECOND PRIMARY SEEMS CERTAIN

Races For Attorney General and Secretary of State Will Make Such.

(Special to The Dispatch.)

Raleigh, N. C., May 25.—Candidates have sent in their expense accounts in compliance with the law that requires the preliminary statement by May 24 and the supplementary itemization twenty days after the close. The statements have not been made public but will come in due time. They will be among the most interesting phases of the campaign. The difficulties attending the candidates who would remain within the limit have been great. Those who must enter the second fight will find it harder still. They are not allowed any margin for that race because the second attempt does not have any proviso of that sort.

The prospect for a second primary are very bright. Leaders of the party do not see how the attorney-generalship will be settled without another try at a conclusion and the chances for a second race in the secretary of state contest are good. Hartness has called upon Col. Bryan Grimes, incumbent, and Capt. Haywood Clark, aspirant, to agree with him that the winner of a plurality will take the cake. Colonel Grimes was away and read the Hartness proposal in the papers before he found it in his office. The Hartness management has secured perfect politics so far as any blundering has been done. In all the letters sent out from Salisbury it has been impossible to find any criticism. Dave Norwood has actually forgotten to mention in one of them the name of an opponent unless it became necessary for illustration.

Both leaders in the Secretary of State race believe they will get a majority, but the Westerner is trying to agree with his adversary quickly and settle things beforehand. It is rumored that Colonel Grimes is disposed to wait. Norwood and Hartness are half brothers to Time and Tide. When they moved for consideration of a second primary they immediately confided in the newspapers with whom neither the banker nor the court clerk has been able to find any fault.

Judge James S. Manning, one of the candidates for attorney-general, has been a half month in Sampson, trying a case, and says he has done nothing to promote his candidacy. He expects to win, but so do four others. Whether any effort will be made to get an agreement of this character has not been intimated. It is estimated that another primary would cost the State \$25,000. And many Democratic leaders are "estimating" that while these two fortunes are to be spent, \$50,000 on the first, \$25,000 on the second, and that while two primaries take place this year, it will be the last two, or one.

NEW HEAD OF THE COLLEGE INAUGURATED

(By Associated Press.)

Tuskegee, Ala., May 25.—Ten thousand persons from all sections of the United States were present today at the inauguration of R. R. Moton as principal of Tuskegee Institute, succeeding the late Booker T. Washington.

The president-elect was greeted with enthusiastic applause when he arose to speak. He pledged himself to carry out the policy inaugurated by Dr. Washington.

WOMAN'S PROBLEM IS PROVING LIVE ONE

(By Associated Press.)

Orlando, Fla., May 25.—Woman's position in the Southern Presbyterian church which after several days of lengthy argument has remained virtually unchanged, is up for discussion again today, as a result of the announcement that fifty of the list of three hundred of the committee attending the assembly objected to the action made on the matter.

While up to the opening of today's first session the assembly had set no date of adjournment, it was said by many commissioners that unless delayed by argument over the protest on women's work or other matters the assembly might adjourn sometime today.

A PEACE MOVE SHOULD BE IN BEHALF OF ALL

President Defines His Idea of What Would Be Necessary.

DID NOT DIVULGE ANY PLAN HOWEVER

Interest of All and of Neutrals Must Be Conserved Rather Than That of One or a Group.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, May 25.—President Wilson told callers today that the interference of a neutral in behalf of peace in Europe could result only by mutual understanding by the belligerents that the terms to be arranged are to conserve the interests of all and of the world at large, rather than those of any particular nation or group of nations among the warring powers.

President Wilson did not disclose any definite plan of action he may have formed in regard to peace, nor did he authorize a formal statement of his attitude. His callers gained an impression, however, that the President would entertain a suggestion that he extend his good offices to the belligerents to bring about peace only when the conditions outlined are likely of fulfillment.

AMERICA DOING ALL IN HER POWER

To Protect Interest of its Citizens, President Tells Callers.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, May 25.—President Wilson told Senator Sheppard and R. D. Bowen, of Paris, Texas, representing the farmers' union of that state, that the American government is doing everything possible to protect American growers of cotton and others whose products are wanted in Europe, and would continue to seek freedom of American trade from interference by Great Britain and other belligerents.

Mr. Brown complained that the farmers of the United States had lost \$500,000,000 in 1914 alone. The president referred to the peace treaty with Great Britain as necessary for a thorough discussion of the question.

NO CHANGE IN THE FISH LAWS

Commission Listens to Cry of Fishermen and Prohibits Purse Seine Crime.

(Special to The Dispatch.)

New Bern, N. C., May 25.—After deliberating over the matter the members of the State Fish Commission have decided to allow the law relative to purse seine fishing for food fish and which prohibits the use of the seine within the three-mile limit, to remain as it is.

The commission met at Morehead City and heard talks made pro and con on this question, after which they decided not to change the law.

Those who were in favor of changing the law declared that it was working a great hardship upon the fishermen. However, there were a large number of fishermen, among whom was Captain J. J. Adkins, of Southport, and who is a member of the Cape Fear Bar Pilot's Association, who told the commission that to change the law would mean ruin to the fishing industry.

The members of the commission feel that they have acted right in this matter and that the majority of the fishermen will uphold them.

The cabbage shipping season has begun and each day hundreds of crates of this variety of farm produce are going to the Northern markets and the shipments are growing larger as the days pass by. Pamlico county doubtless leads this section in the large acreage planted in cabbage and, consequently, is able to make the largest shipments. Craven county farmers are also heavy growers of cabbage and they, too, are making large shipments to the Northern markets.

GERMANY SEEMS READY FOR AMERICA TO ACT

READY FOR MEET OF THE LEAGUE

New Bern Has Things in Shape For Yearly Conference of State Body.

(Special to The Dispatch.)

New Bern, N. C., May 25.—All is now in readiness for the annual conference of the North Carolina Conference of the Epworth Leagues which is to be held in this city on June 7 to 11 and local Methodists are with much anticipation awaiting the coming of the hundreds of delegates who will be in attendance at this event.

The sessions of the conference will be held at Centenary Methodist church and during the time the conference is in progress many interesting talks and addresses will be made by men and women who are prominent in Epworth League circles.

All plans for the entertainment of the visitors have been made and they will be shown every consideration "Boss," the big bull dog that acts as the official mascot of the New Bern Fire Department and which is owned by "Boss" Hackburn, is not answering alarms of fire now as he is in the habit of doing, this being on account of the fact that he collided with the "Button" truck as it was on its way to a fire Saturday night during which collision he received various and sundry injuries.

"Boss" has the fire alarm business down pat. Just as soon as the alarm taps he has been accustomed to race to the headquarters from which the truck will go out and he leads the way to the fire, skimming along the ground right ahead of the big machine.

While temporarily out of the running, so to speak, he is able to answer to roll call at headquarters and the firemen are doing their level best to get him in trim again.

GOLDSBORO WANTS FEDERAL COURT

Making Bid For Federal Building But Task Hard One.

(By George H. Manning.)

Washington, D. C., May 25.—The people of Wayne County and the surrounding counties want a federal court house building erected at Goldsboro, N. C. Congressman George Hood who represents that district, himself a member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, has looked into the matter and found the task of fulfilling their wishes will be an arduous proposition. Judge Oliver Allen of Kinston has written to Mr. Hood advising him of the wishes of the people of Wayne and the adjoining counties.

A bill was recently passed establishing a term of court at Wilson and since then a bill was passed appropriating \$60,000 to add to the \$120,000 already appropriated for the postoffice at Wilson so that the building could be made on a larger plan and rooms for the court house included.

Wilson is just a few miles north of Goldsboro; Wilmington where there is a court is 84 miles south; Raleigh about 50 miles west and New Bern about 60 miles east.

With Goldsboro pretty well surrounded with federal courts and court buildings it will be a difficult matter to obtain this legislation from Congress.

Sentiment in Favor of United States Being Mediator in Peace Negotiation.

CHARLOTTE SPEECH PUBLISHED IN BERLIN

Creates Great Interest in German Capital—Feeling Against United States is Fast Being Changed by War's Exigencies.

(By Associated Press.)

Berlin, May 25 (via London, May 25).—A wireless dispatch from the United States giving the status of President Wilson's speech at Charlotte, in which he referred to a possibility of American mediation in the war, is given the place of honor in the morning papers. This afternoon's editions will return to the subject and will be viewed with interest by the German public. Though definitely stated no where there is little doubt that Germany will be willing to consider President Wilson's tender of his good offices for peace negotiations. As President Wilson holds out a tangible possibility that peace may result through his mediation, Germany will no doubt, be willing to consider the subject suggested.

There is little doubt that the great masses of people aside from the professional "hot-spurs" in newspaper offices would willingly see America in the role of peace intermediary despite the personal feeling of the munition question. On the Berlin stock market "war babies" which have been generally weak, dropped lower on the report that America and other neutral countries were contemplating a tender of good offices. At the same time "peace shares" such as shipping, were in strong demand.

FISH LADDER FOR CAPE FEAR SHAD

Government Will Provide Way For Them to Swim Over Dams in Upper River.

When Mr. and Mrs. Shad and family return from their winter home to spend the summer in the Cape Fear river next spring, they will find a decided improvement over the conditions which obtained this spring when they rammed their noses with more or less violence against a perfectly solid concrete dam which Uncle Sam had placed in the river at King's Bluff.

Uncle Sam, who is a resourceful old scout, in order to fix things so that the shad would not be pestered again, has arranged to place a fish ladder over the King's Bluff dam, also at the Brown's Landing dam, so that when the fish return to their summer home up the Cape Fear all they'll have to do is to swim up the ladder and get on the other side of the dam. The ladder is nothing more than a slope, but, as it happens, that is all that is needed.

It is stated that a shad can swim up a slope, even though the current is very rapid. The shad industry was threatened by the dams, but the danger now seems to have been obviated.

CROW STOPS TROLLEY TRAFFIC.

Reading, Pa., May 25.—A crow alighting on an iron crossarm carrying high-tension wires created a short circuit that delayed trolley traffic of the suburban lines fifteen minutes. A few feathers were all that was left of the bird.

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