

WEATHER FORECAST.
Probably local rains tonight and Tuesday. Strong northeast winds.

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NORTH CAROLINA IS STILL SECOND ON LIST

Government Figures Show This State Manufactures Much Cotton

CONSUMPTION AHEAD OF THAT LAST YEAR
Over Seven Million Bales Used During Last Cotton Year in United States — North Carolina Consumed Over One Million.

(By GEORGE H. MANNING.)
Washington, D. C., Oct. 23.—The consumption of cotton in American mills during the cotton year ended July 31, 1916, was 7,278,529 bales of cotton and 880,916 bales of lint, it is announced today by Director Samuel L. Rogers, of the Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.

This was an increase of 14.3 per cent in consumption over the year 1915, when 5,977,362 bales of cotton and 411,845 bales of lint were consumed, and an increase of 14.7 per cent over the cotton year 1914, when 5,777,408 bales of cotton and 297,325 bales of lint were used.

The enormous increase in consumption of lint in 1916 which represents an increase of 113.9 per cent over 1915, and 186.6 per cent over consumption in 1914, due to the very large increase in the use of this product in the manufacture of explosives.

The number of cotton spindles active during the cotton year 1916 throughout the United States was 32,895,883, representing increases of 2.6 per cent and 2.2 per cent, respectively, as compared with the corresponding figures for the cotton years 1915 and 1914.

North Carolina retained her position as second largest consumer of cotton of any of the States, her consumption being exceeded only by Massachusetts.

North Carolina also showed increases in the number of active spindles, and in consumption of cotton and lint.

There were 3,988,098 active spindles in North Carolina in 1916, compared with 3,823,298 in 1915. The bales of cotton consumed in the State in 1916 were 1,967,288, compared with 910,154 in 1915. Linters consumed in 1916 were 6,272 compared with 3,758 in 1915.

Massachusetts was again the greatest consumer of cotton, with North Carolina second and South Carolina third.

Massachusetts employed 10,896,774 spindles and consumed 1,462,888 bales of cotton and 58,960 bales of lint.

WOMAN ACCUSED OF SLAYING HUSBAND

Newark, N. J., Oct. 23.—The case of Mrs. Margaret C. Beuttinger, the Caldwell society woman under indictment for the murder of her husband, came up for trial today in the Court of Oyer and Terminer in this city. The tragedy which led to the indictment of Mrs. Beuttinger on a first degree murder charge occurred in the Beuttinger home on July 11, last. According to evidence at the preliminary hearing of the case Mrs. Beuttinger had had several quarrels with her husband before the shooting and she claimed that he tried to choke her and nearly gouged out one of her eyes. After that she bought a revolver and kept it under her pillow. When her husband entered the room early on the morning of July 11 she said she feared he was going to kill her and she shot him five times, killing him instantly. Ever since the day the tragedy Mrs. Beuttinger has been confined in jail. Self-defense will be the plea at the trial.

COAL REACHES ITS HIGHEST PRICES TODAY

Pittsburgh, Oct. 23.—Bituminous coal reached \$4.25 a ton at the mines here today, \$2.65 a ton higher than the customary price and probably the highest price it ever demanded.

NEW YORK, OCT. 23.—STRIKE ACTIVITIES

in the city transit service was resumed today, when a Third Avenue elevated was bombarded with stones thrown from roof tops in the Harlem district. Two passengers were injured.

COTTON STILL JUMPING.

It begins to look as if the sky is the limit for cotton. Today the fleecy staple took another upward bound and at the close today spot was quoted on the Wilmington market at 18-14, which, of course, again breaks the altitude record.

BIG AUTO. CONCERN FOR THE QUEEN CITY

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 23.—The Central Motor Company, of Charlotte, with capital stock of \$100,000, filed application for a charter with the Secretary of State today. The concern proposes to build, repair and sell automobiles.

DISPATCH AD. GETS THE BLUE RIBBON

Awarded First Honors in Contest that Covered Almost Entire U. S.

Demonstrating conclusively the high artistic character of Dispatch advertisements, as well as their value otherwise to the advertisers, it is not amiss to mention that in a contest participated in by many papers, that brought to bear all the ingenuity and dexterity of their advertising experts, as well as their latest and most expensive novelties in the way of mechanical adornments, a Dispatch advertisement came under the wire first. The real brilliancy of this achievement, one which all Wilmington should feel proud of, as The Dispatch is a Wilmington institution, a Wilmington industry, is found in the fact that the contest covered almost the entire United States and there were almost one thousand contestants. Yet The Dispatch has been awarded first honors.

It was an advertising contest presented by the noted Craddock-Terry Company, and the radius was from Maine to Texas and from the Atlantic seaboard to Colorado. The Dispatch entered simply because it had the chance and the pleasure of publishing the advertisement for the Wilmington Shoe Company. Much care was spent upon the designing and the make-up of the advertisement, but that was only according to custom, as each advertisement that comes into this office is carefully considered and plenty of time taken by expert ad. men in its construction and presentation. The Wilmington Shoe Company submitted the work to the advertising contest judges, and the following letters tell the happy tale:

Wilmington, Feb. 21, 1916. The Wilmington Dispatch, City, Advertising Manager.
Dear Sir: It is with pleasure that we can inform you that the Red Riding Hood ad. that appeared in your paper recently won the prize offered by the Craddock-Terry Co., Lynchburg, Va.

In addition to the enclosed letter they write as follows:
"This contest was very widely indulged in and we really think you ought to feel right much set up that you won the prize in this contest."
"The contest extended into our territory, which is from Maine to Texas and from the Atlantic coast to Colorado."

We wish to compliment you on setting this up as you did and also state that our sales on the Red Riding Hood Pla-Shu has been very satisfactory indeed.
Assuring you of our appreciation of the assistance you gave us in winning this prize, we beg to remain,
Yours very truly,
WILMINGTON SHOE CO.
L. W. Wessell, manager.

Lynchburg, Va., Oct. 17. Mr. L. W. Wessell, Care Wilmington Shoe Co., Wilmington, N. C.
Dear Sir: The judges in the Red Riding Hood Ad Writing Contest have awarded you first prize in Class B and we take great pleasure in handing you herewith our check for \$20 and have to advise also that the prize in this class for the best window went to Mr. J. R. North of the Graham-Fagg Co., Greenville, Texas.

Thanking you for the interest manifested in this contest, and with cordial good wishes,
Yours very truly,
CRADDOCK-TERRY CO.
R. Winston Harvey, Advertising Manager.

The moral to this story is plain, and should be appreciated by the advertising public. It is: Dispatch advertisements are bound to command attention, because they are the acme of artistic design, representing the careful work of a skilled advertisement department, headed by one of the best-known experts, Mr. C. A. Wootton. So presented in most attractive form, that catches and delights the eye, and offers to thousands and thousands of daily readers, a Dispatch advertisement is bound to hold out a golden harvest to the wise advertising reaper.

NOT A SLEEPING BEAUTY NOR A BEAUTY SLEEP



TOMMY ASLEEP ON COUCH
It isn't often that one of the boys in the trenches has opportunity to emulate the "Sleeping Beauty" or to enjoy a "beauty sleep," but this English Tommy is doing both with the utmost unconcern amid scenes of rack and ruin. Sometimes, contrary to general belief, the fortunes of war turn up the comforts of home and in this instance "Tommy" has taken advantage of this rather extraordinary turn of events. A feather bed among shell wreckage isn't exactly a discomfort after several months spent in the trenches, as may be easily imagined.

CALLING FOR THE TAR HEEL ORATORS TO HELP THEM

National Republican Committee Has Drafted Many Speakers of This State

THEY ARE ASSIGNED TRAIL DEMOCRATS
Only a Few Republican Spellbinders Left to Do Duty in the Old North State

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 23.—Political observers of North Carolina find as the campaign enters its last two weeks perceptible loss of confidence among the Republicans who hoped for two congressional districts, six new senatorial districts and 15 new Republican counties.

The Republicans are responsible for the hope. While they are fighting in spots just as apparently hard as ever, the steady exodus of North Carolina campaigners to other states has been remarked upon so often that it looks significant to Democrats. Gilliam Grissom and Frank Linney are still here and Grissom has been left with the bag to hold.

For the last several days the papers have been carrying news of Settle, Meekins, Butler and lesser ones in other states and it looks good to Democracy from any attitude. If Hughes needs these three from North Carolina it makes Wilson Democrats feel good and if they have concluded that the job of showing North Carolina's government to be extravagant and incompetent, is too big for them, Democracy wonders what must be the contract that those remaining have essayed to carry out.

But such it is. Settle has been in Virginia, the newspapers have carried the story of Senator Butler in Baltimore and Ike Meekins is doing the bloodhound to Josephus Daniels. If Ike finds nothing in the trail worth following then some other North Carolinian will be assigned to the task of throwing sand in the secretary's eyes. But Settle, Butler and Meekins have been outside the state leaving the inside to Grissom and his indifferent help.

Various explanations are offered. Most anybody can guess Ike Meekins' reasons for leaving the state. Senator Butler's convention here in March pleased nobody less than Ike and Dr. Cy Thompson and Carl Duncan were right here. Ike Meekins has tried to persuade North Carolina when Senator Butler wasn't the issue. The Elizabeth City song bird cannot sing when such men as Dr. Cy and Mr. Duncan agree that the former senator is the issue and find concurrence among a thousand Democrats who sat in the auditorium and saw them fighting as plainly as the wart upon a man's nose obtrudes itself upon his vision. So Ike Meekins had no business here.

WILL NOT CHANGE GOVT. POLICIES

Killing of Prime Minister Not of a Political Nature—Private Character

Vienna, Oct. 22 (Via London), Oct. 23.—Government circles regard the killing of Prime Minister Stuergh as an act of politics, which can in no wise interfere with the policies or the course of the war. This statement was made to a correspondent of the Associated Press by a person high in official quarters.

MAN WHO KILLED LECTURER ON TRIAL

Galveston, Oct. 23.—The Tenth Judicial Court was crowded today for the opening of the trial of John Copeland, of Marshall, in connection with the killing of William Black, an anti-Catholic lecturer in a hotel of that city February 3, 1915.

STATE FAIR A BIG SUCCESS

Number of Records Broken On Different Days—Colored Fair This Week

Raleigh, Oct. 23.—The State Fair has not finished casting up accounts and does not know how much money it did take in, but it was a great go and laid all others in the shade.

The good Friday which closed it showed more than twice as much money as was taken in the same day last year. The Thursday preceding banked \$94 more than Thursday of last year and the day was half bad. The fair made money this year. It is hefty. It did so well that it now has resolved to ask the legislature for an appropriation of \$10,000 next year.

Some Republicans don't like that. They heartily disapproved of the management's consent to the Wake county Democracy to rig up a float and flaunt politics in the faces of those who watched the parade on Wake County Day. Visiting Republicans and exhibitors concurred, but they understood that the State paid for this "Democratic bad taste." It is a mistake, of course, the Wake county candidates did that. But the \$10,000 is the thing.

Guilford county sprang herself. Last year she and Haywood contended mightily for the mastery. This year Guilford was an easy winner. She took all that her capacious hands could pick up in red and blue ribbons and both the first prizes among the counties and among the girls' canning clubs went to that county. Mt. Airy apples ranked highest, but were run a close race by others.

The colored people have their fair this week. They have hitherto claimed "the first rainy week after the white folks fair" as their time. They begin Tuesday and run through Friday. Governor Locke Craig will speak to them as usual. He made his first address to a negro audience three years ago at this fair and made such a hit as to fix him perpetually as the midweek orator. The Governor missed about twenty-five years of his life in beginning so late to speak to the colored audience.

EIGHTEEN MEN LOST LIVES IN ACCIDENT

Sixteen Bodies Have Been Brought from Mine in Alabama

Marvel, Ala., Oct. 23.—Eighteen men lost their lives as the result of an explosion in the Roden coal mines here yesterday, and early today rescuers had brought 16 bodies to the surface. Six were negroes. Two men are still in the mine and all hope of their being saved alive has been abandoned.

FIFTY KILLED IN TRAIN COLLISION

News of Fatal Crash in Mexico Just Reached The Border Today

Laredo, Texas, Oct. 23.—Fifty persons were killed and a great number injured in a rear-end collision of a freight and passenger train at Ramos Arispe, Mexico, on last Friday, according to a report that reached the border today. The scene of the accident was between Saltho and Torreon.

MANY LOST THEIR LIVES WHEN SHIPS HIT BY STORM

Owners of the Steamer Merida Admit That Ship Has Gone Down

ENTIRE CREW WAS LIKELY DROWNED
Those On the Steamer L. Edward Hines Drowned When Hurricane Hit Craft

Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 23.—Local managers of the steamer Merida conceded today that the ship was lost in Friday's gale on Lake Erie. The admission came after seven bodies of the crew had been picked up in mid-lake by two other steamers. So far as is known, not a man of the crew of 23 survived the tragedy.

The loss of the Merida makes the fourth lake steamer which went down in the gale. The total loss of life is supposed to be about fifty.

Steamer Lost in Hurricane.
New Orleans, La., Oct. 23.—Sixteen members of the crew of the steamer L. Edward Hines, including her captain, were drowned when the steamer sank in the Caribbean sea, 45 miles east of Belize, British Honduras, in the tropical hurricane of October 15, according to a wireless message received here today. Only three members of the crew were saved, the message stated.

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WHEAT TAKES YET ANOTHER JUMP

Chicago, Oct. 23.—Wheat made a phenomenal jump of 5 cents per bushel here today. The December option reached 1.75 7-8, and May 1.75 3-4, against, respectively, 1.70 1-2 to 1.70 3-4 and 1.70 1-2 to 1.70 7-8 at the finish on Saturday.

STEEL MADE A NEW HIGH RECORD

New York, Oct. 23.—United States Steel made a new high record in this morning's strong and active market, a block of 3,100 shares changing hands at 120 3-4.

TAKE IMPORTANT RUMANIAN FORT.

Berlin (Via London), Oct. 23.—The Rumanian fort of Constanza has been captured by the Germans, the war office announced today.

RUMANIANS HAVE THEIR BACKS AGAINST WALL

BOTH TEAMS OUT OF THE RUNNING

Neither Carolina Nor Virginia Can Secure Southern Football Championship

Raleigh, Oct. 23.—Georgia Tech's 10 to 6 victory over North Carolina, in Atlanta, and Georgia's 13 to 7 defeat of Virginia, at Charlottesville, Saturday, were the two events around which North Carolina football enthusiasts centered great interest. The defeat of both North Carolina and Virginia, that were considered two of the strongest elevens in the South, eliminates them in the race for the championship. Washington and Lee is now the only representative of the Virginia-Carolina section.

The Georgia Tech's victory over North Carolina was not an easy one, the game being won by hard work. The Tar Heels played a brilliant game, but a little ragged work hurt their chances.

The Citadel's holding Davidson to a 7 to 7 tie at Davidson, after Davidson had defeated A. & M. 16 to 0, was the surprise of the games played. Davidson had anticipated a victory, not by overwhelming odds, but the game played by the Citadel eleven was unlooked for. Skill in handling forward passes and heavy weight in the line were responsible for the good game.

ALSO MAKES DENIAL OF THE CHARGE

But Admitted That Hughes Had a Conference With the O'Leary Crowd

New York, Oct. 23.—A telegram from Frank Seiberlich, of Boston, was given out today by the Republican National Committee in support of the denunciation of Charles Evans Hughes last night of the Democratic National Committee's charge that the Republican nominee entered into a secret agreement with the American Independent's conference, of which Seiberlich and Jeremiah O'Leary are members. The telegram said:

"The statement made by Mr. Hughes relative to a conference with a committee of the American Independent's conference is absolutely true. Mr. Hughes saw the committee, of which I was a member, made no promises, did not criticize Theodore Roosevelt and made the statement that he stood for all American rights."

SOCIAL SERVICE COM. IS NAMED

Board From House of Bishops to Co-operate With House Deputies

St. Louis, Oct. 23.—Announcement of the appointment of a standing social service committee was made today by the House of Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal general convention in session here.

The committee will cooperate with a similar committee from the House of Deputies, the lower body of the convention.

Today marked the beginning of the final week of the convention's discussion on the advisability of changing the method of representatives in the House of Deputies. The House of Bishops will debate today on the proposition to open the sessions to the public.

Washington, Oct. 23.—The weather bureau's report indicated the presence of another storm 200 miles off the North Florida coast and moving northward. Storm warnings have been ordered displayed from Fortress Monroe to Charleston.

Teutonic Forces Push the Russo-Rumanian Armies to Their Last Line

CONFLICTING REPORTS FROM CERNA REGION

French Make Successful Advance Along the Somme—Petrograd Reports Slackening of Battle in Part of the Galician Theatre of Strife

The Teutonic drive at the Rumanian front has pushed the Russo-Rumanian armies approximately to their last possible line of resistance south of the railway leading to internal Rumania. The entente resistance in Dobruja is declared by Sofia to have been broken. Petrograd admits the continuance of the Russo-Rumanian retreat in Dobruja, declaring, however, that the Russian and Rumanian forces are offering stubborn resistance as they fall back.

On the north, where the Teutonic pressure is being applied, the success of the operations seem less pronounced. The Rumanians are making successful stands in the various passes leading from Transylvania to Rumanian territory. In some of the hilly regions, Rumanian forces are reported by Petrograd to have driven the Teutonic troops slightly backward.

Conflicting reports of the resumption of fighting in the Cerna river region, southeast of Monastir, on the Macedonian front, come from the opposing camps. Sofia announces a successful development of the Bulgarians' counter attack, while the Bulgarians failed to regain lost ground in the battle for Monastir, is the entente war office statement.

On the western front along the Somme the French have made a successful push in the vicinity of the Perronne-Bapaume road, capturing the spot known as 128, according to today's Paris bulletin.

Petrograd reports the slackening of the battle in the Narayuvka river region, in Galicia, where Berlin and Vienna yesterday announced that important Teutonic victories had been gained. The repulse of the Teutonic attempt to cross the Voldurka, north of Brody, in the district northeast of Lemberg, is claimed.

HEARING BEING HELD IN VIRGINIA

But Richmond Is Supporting Raleigh for the Farm Loan Bank Location

Richmond, Va., Oct. 23.—The Federal Farmers' Loan Board opened its hearings here today with agriculture, banking and commerce in strength represented. All members but Secretary McAduo were present.

Although Petersburg, Va., is a vigorous applicant, Richmond is supporting Raleigh, N. C., which supported Richmond in its fight for the Regional Reserve Bank.