

Unsettled tonight and Tuesday with probably rain. Moderate east winds probably increasing Tuesday

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BRITISH OPEN NEW ATTACK IN FRANCE

May Be the Beginning of an Important New Offensive, It Is Indicated

CONTINUE TO HAMMER VON MACKENSEN BACK

Petrograd Claims Is Retreating With Disastrous Effect—Serbian Victory a Brilliant One—Teutons Advance In Transylvania.

Today's announcement by London that the British have opened attack on both sides of the Ancre, in Northern France, indicates the possibility that an important new offensive is beginning.

Reports from Petrograd, so far unconfirmed by official advices, declare that Field Marshal von Mackensen is continuing his retreat in Dobrudja under disastrous conditions.

The recent Serbian victory in Macedonia appears, from entente accounts, to have been a brilliant one. Paris reports that the Germans and Bulgarians were pushed back nearly two miles in the Cerna river region, south of Monastir.

Official Berlin reports the entente artillery is shelling Tchernavoda, in Dobrudja, across the Danube. The Teutons' progress continues on the Transylvanian border of Rumania.

The French, according to Berlin, opened an offensive yesterday in Upper Alsace, but were defeated in their attempt to advance.

London, Nov. 13.—The British troops in the new offensive north of Ancre have advanced to within one mile of the German lines, capturing from the Germans the towns of Beaumont-Hamel and St. Pierre-Division.

SOUTHERN MEDICAL CONVENTION IS ON

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 12.—With clinics arranged for every department of medicine and surgery and with daily sessions planned for a dozen different departments or sections, the tenth annual convention of the Southern Medical Association was opened here today with nearly 2,000 physicians and surgeons in attendance from sixteen Southern states and many from other sections of the country.

HOLDING NEGRO FOR KILLING HIS WIFE

Columbus Ohio, Nov. 13.—The police today are holding Luther Kincaide, a 31-year-old negro, for the alleged murder of his white wife, Emma Kincaide, who was found here in her home beaten to death.

WANTS THEM TO WORK BUT EIGHT DAILY

New York, Nov. 13.—In a letter to President Wilson, made public today, Thomas F. Flaferty, secretary and treasurer of the National Federation of Postoffice Clerks, enters a protest against working postoffice employees more than eight hours a day.

ACTION ON CUBA'S SUIT AGAINST THIS STATE DEFERRED

Supreme Court Postponed Hearing In the Case Until January 8th.

AFTER BONDS OF FIFTY YEARS AGO

First of Its Kind on Record—Tribunal's Jurisdiction Is Questioned

Washington, Nov. 13.—Action upon the application of the Republic of Cuba for leave to file a suit against the state of North Carolina upon \$3,188,000 in railway construction bonds, issued by that state about fifty years ago, was postponed today by the Supreme Court.

Questions of the Supreme Court's jurisdiction are to be argued involving the right of a foreign country to sue a state of the United States.

SUBMARINE MAKING READY TO LEAVE

Deutschland Taking Aboard Provisions—No Clearance Asked as Yet

New London, Conn., Nov. 13.—Preparation for the departure of the submarine Deutschland for Germany was believed to be indicated by the taking on board of large quantities of provisions.

As several local dealers have orders for delivery tomorrow it is believed that it will be Wednesday before the freighter turns its nose toward Germany.

WEALTHY WOMAN TO GIVE DANCES IN JAIL



New York, Nov. 13.—Mrs. J. Sergeant Cram, wife of the former Public Service Commissioner, has obtained the permission of the Commissioner of Correction to give weekly dances for the woman prisoners in the Queens County Jail.

SISTER OF SUFFRAGET WHO GAVE BLOOD TO SAVE HER HUSBAND



MISS VIDA MILHOLLAND.

Los Angeles, Nov. 13.—Mrs. Inez Milholland Boissevain, the suffrage leader, and Hughes speaker, is critically ill here in the Good Samaritan Hospital, despite the fact that two operations for the transfusion of blood have been made.

WITH SOLDIERS ON GUARD THE MILL STARTS

Quiet Today in South Carolina Town, Which Swarms With Militiamen

TO EJECT FOUR FAMILIES TODAY

Writes That Caused Disturbance to Be Served—Operators Return to Work Amid Jeers

Anderson, S. C., Nov. 13.—Two departments of the Equinox Cotton Mill, which had been shut down since August 31, when a strike was declared, were put in operation with a reduced force today.

Five companies of State Guardsmen, sent here Saturday, after Sheriff Ashley had declined to serve writs of ejectment on families living on mill property, stood guard near the mill today.

Constable V. B. Marten today prepared to serve four eviction writs. It was reported that he had instructions from Major W. F. Robertson, commanding the troops, to move out the families, and if assistance was needed soldiers would be sent.

Major Robertson took no action on arriving Saturday, saying he desired to study local conditions before making any move.

TROPICAL TROUBLE REPORTED TODAY

Washington, Nov. 13.—A tropical disturbance, reported in the vicinity of Swan Island, off the west coast of the Caribbean sea, was moving northward and increasing in intensity today.

Storm warnings have been issued for the Florida coast from Tampa to Jupiter's Inlet.

COLD WAVE HAS HIT WEST AND IS MOVING EAST

Thought, However, It Will Lose Some of Its Frigidity During Its Journey

EXPECTED ON THE ATLANTIC TUESDAY

Due to Reach The Seaboard Sometime Tomorrow—Cold Wave Warning Has Been Issued

Washington, Nov. 13.—A cold wave with temperature at various places lower than ever before is reaching over the region west of the Mississippi river and will move eastward to the Atlantic coast.

Weather Bureau officials today said that the cold wave would diminish in intensity as it neared the east. Its movements and intensity depend in part upon the West Indian disturbance.

The cold wave will strike the Ohio valley, Tennessee, and the Gulf states tonight and the Atlantic seaboard states with the exception of southern Florida, Tuesday.

Cold wave warnings have been issued for Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee.

GETTING JURY TO TRY EX-OFFICIAL

Alleged Slayer of Circuit Court Judge to Be Tried In Huntsville, Ala

Huntsville, Ala., Nov. 13.—A venire will be called in Madison circuit court here today from which a jury will be selected to try Davis I. Overton, the former clerk of the Madison court, charged with the murder last June of Judge W. T. Lawler.

THE PRESIDENT NOW BACK AT HIS BIG PROBLEMS

He Returns to Hard Work After An Absence of Two Months

FOREIGN QUESTIONS BEING CONSIDERED

President Wilson Has Not Considered As Yet Any Changes In His Cabinet

Washington, Nov. 13.—President Wilson was back at his desk in the White House today, after an absence of about two months, preparing to take up foreign problems, which have been held in abeyance pending the election, as well as domestic questions.

The President has not even considered the question of changes in the cabinet, according to administration officials, who characterized them as premature reports.

Although Mr. Wilson was tired out when he returned to the White House last night he was up early today and had breakfast before 10 o'clock.

The President asked first for the latest information on the political makeup of the House of Representatives in the Sixty-fifth Congress.

As far as legislation is concerned it was said today that Mr. Wilson is confident that most measures to be put forward would gain support of enough Republicans to carry them.

Mr. Wilson continued to refuse to make any comments on the election pending the receipt of word from Mr. Hughes that the Republican National Committee conceded his re-election.

While officials admit that the submarine situation is filled with grave possibilities no action will be taken until further particulars are learned.

Changes are to be made in Mr. Wilson's cabinet it is said that among those who will be considered are Harry A. Garfield, president of Williams College, and a son of former President James A. Garfield.

New York, Nov. 13.—A large number of missionaries from many lands and from the United States is attending the annual meeting of the board of foreign missions of the Methodist Episcopal church, which began a three-day session here today.

MISSIONARIES ARE ATTENDING MEETING

ADVISORY STORM WARNING.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 13.—Advisory message: Northeast storm warning ordered 10 a. m. for Southern Florida coast, Tampa to Jupiter Inlet.

Disturbance central in vicinity of Swan Island, increasing in intensity. Will move northward attended by strong shifting winds, probably of gale force, over east portion of Gulf of Mexico, Southern Florida and Cuban waters.

STRIKE MAY YET BE PUT INTO EFFECT

CAMPAIGN FOR "Y" MEMBERS

Big Movement to Start Tomorrow for Members for the Railway Branch

New York, Nov. 13.—Beginning tomorrow the railroad branch of the Y. M. C. A. will start a ten-day campaign for 30,000 new members from the railroads.

In order that the men in every switching yard may know of the campaign, posters have been tacked to thousands of freight cars all over the country.

COTTON QUOTATION TO BE CHANGED

Committee From Chamber of Commerce Puts New Scheme in Operation

Wilmington spot cotton will hereafter be quoted as Charleston, Savannah or Norfolk, whichever of these cities gives the lowest quotation.

This decision was arrived at today noon when a committee composed of Messrs. M. J. Corbett, W. B. Cooper, P. Fearrell, D. L. Goss, E. T. Taylor, and W. H. Sprunt, who were appointed by the President of the Chamber of Commerce to investigate the reason why Wilmington cotton was quoted lower than that of any other city on the Atlantic seaboard, met in the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

The reason found by the board for the low quotation was that in other cities the cotton passed through the hands of a middleman who assessed charges for grading, weighing and the like, while in Wilmington the exporters buy direct and make no charge for the weighing.

All three named cities are generally quoted higher than Wilmington from 1-8 to 1-2 cent and as was shown at this meeting that it showed up this city on the cotton exchanges as being unprogressive.

The morning session of the last day's work of the United Synod of the Lutheran Church of the South was mainly taken up with the hearing of the reports from the different committees.

SOUTHERN SYNOD CLOSES TODAY

Last Day of Convention Taken up With Various and Sunday Reports

The report on Home Missions was submitted and approved. It was decided to continue the work and to increase it in as many fields as possible.

The Board of Publications submitted its report. The creation of this board was for the purpose of getting a Lutheran paper into every home in the south and so far the board has made wonderful strides along this line.

The afternoon session will be taken up with reports of a number of other different committees and if the work of hearing these reports is finished this afternoon the Synod will adjourn for the year but if otherwise a night session will be called to finish the business.

Nothing to Prevent Such if Roads Fail to Live Up To the Law

CONFERENCE OF MEN IN NEW YORK TODAY

Nothing to Hinder Brotherhoods Proceeding, Declares W. G. Lee—Three-Hour Conference Held But Nothing So Far Agreed On—Worked Out Interpretation

New York, Nov. 13.—Failure of the railroad companies to live up to the spirit of the Adamson 8-hour law will result in a strike vote of at least four big railway brotherhoods being put into effect, it was announced here today by William G. Lee, head of the brotherhood of railway trainmen, after a three hours' conference between the brotherhood and railroad representatives.

The convention was called to discuss the working out of the provision of the law which goes into effect January 1st. The strike vote referred to is that taken prior to the convention between the railroads, the brotherhood heads and President Wilson, which was followed by the passage of the Adamson 8-hour law, after putting the vote into effect at that time.

When the convention adjourned for lunch it had accomplished nothing. The brotherhood representatives said they had worked out an interpretation of the law but refused to divulge it for reasons that several roads had announced their intention to fight the measure.

"A strike vote is in effect," said Mr. Lee, and if the railroads do not live up to spirit and intent of the law in accordance with their agreement there is no reason why the brotherhoods should not take advantage of the strike vote. This time there is nothing to stop them."

Mr. Lee added that any subterfuge by the railroads effecting the 8-hour law will be met instantly with action by the brotherhoods.

It was announced that the convention would resume discussions this afternoon.

AMERICAN MINING CONGRESS IN SESSION

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 12.—The nineteenth annual convention of the American Mining Congress began its sessions at the Hotel LaSalle today. The subjects which are to be considered, including important industrial problems arising from the European war, and the many men of national prominence who will participate in the meeting combine to give promise of the most notable session in the history of the congress.

Dr. W. R. Whitney will tell the congress of the research work in the laboratory of the General Electric Company at Schenectady, N. Y., where many German scientific methods have recently been made commercially possible.

Other prominent speakers during the four days' sessions will include J. F. Welborn, president of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Works; Senator James D. Phelan, of California, who will speak on the now famous "Phelan Bill," and Col. George Pope, president of the National Manufacturers' Association, who will be heard on the subject of "Organized Labor and Organized Capital and Their Relations to Efficiency, Conservation, Better Wages, Better Living Conditions, Lawless and Strike Disorders and Industrial Freedom."

SMALL BLAZE TODAY.

Fire Department Called to Wilmington Tax Cab Garage.

A short-circuited wire and a quantity of sawdust thoroughly saturated with gasoline and oil, came near destroying automobiles in the Wilmington Taxicab Company's garage, Second street, adjoining The Dispatch building, today at noon.

The fact that the floor is constructed of cement and the timely arrival of the fire department prevented any damage.

The sawdust burned fiercely in the "pit" in the rear of the building until a generous quantity of chemicals had been "squirted" on the flames. Two machines, a Ford and a Cadillac, were standing over the "pit" when the sawdust blazed up, but they were quickly pushed out of the danger zone.