

WEATHER FORECAST.
Unsettled tonight and Thursday with probably rain. Warmer. Moderate southeast and south winds.

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FATE OF RUMANIAN ARMY IN JEOPARDY

Fears Expressed in Entente Quarters For Its Safety in Wallachia.
NEW BATTLE OPENS ON MACEDONIAN FRONT
Germans and Bulgarians Making Stubborn Resistance to French and Serbs—No New Development on the Somme Front, London Reports Today.

The fate of the Rumanian armies in West Wallachia appears to be yet hanging in the balance. Fears are expressed in entente quarters for the safety of the Rumanian forces that have been operating in the Orsova region, on the Western Rumanian front, now that the main line of railway has been cut at Craiova. Also it seems virtually certain that all of West Wallachia has been won by the armies of the central powers.

A new battle has opened on the Macedonian front where the Bulgarians and Germans, who evacuated Monastir, are making a stand against the pursuing Serbs and French. Paris reports these Teutonic allies are making a stubborn resistance.

The battle line is at its nearest point to Monastir immediately north of the city, at Snegovo, and runs thence almost directly eastward across the country in the bend of the Cerna river.

Comparative quiet continues to prevail on the Franco-Belgian front, London announces nothing more important than artillery and patrol activity.

HIGH PRICES BRING THE COTTON OUT
Market Records Big Sales of The Fleecy Staple—Sudan Temple Patrol a "Beaut"

New Bern, Nov. 22.—A price of twenty cents per pound for middling cotton has caused large quantities of the fleecy staple which were being held in this section to be brought out and placed on sale.

MAY MAKE ONE SUIT TEST OF ACT

Railway Counsel Conferring Today With That Idea in View—Early Decision
Washington, Nov. 22.—An agreement between the railroads and the department of justice, to ask the supreme court to pass on the constitutionality of the Adamson act before January 1, when it takes effect, appeared to be near at hand today.

The text of Judge Hook's decision follows: "This is an independent suit to enforce enforcement of a recent act commonly called the Adamson law upon the ground that it is contrary to the constitution. The sole question raised by it is that of the constitutionality of the law. The court is informed that other cases stand on application for a temporary injunction."

HE LAUGHS BEST, AGAIN PROVEN
New Bern Man Has to Pay Bet Because Hughes Lost.

New Bern, Nov. 22.—Two months ago Mr. J. Curtis Bagg, who is connected with the local plant of the John L. Roper Lumber Company, felt so sure that Hughes would be elected as the next President of the United States, that he wagered Mr. C. A. Messer that if this did not turn out to be the case, he would buy him the best cigar that Mr. Edward Clark had in his place, roll him around a block in a wheelbarrow and set him up to a cool drink at Duffy's Drug store.

Mr. Messer took him up on this and when the first news came that Hughes was in the lead, Mr. Bagg turned about six hand springs, yelled several times and made ready to collect but—there's often a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip and it turned out that Mr. Messer was the one to do the collecting.

NOTED EPISCOPAL BISHOP IS DEAD
Head of the Diocese of Kansas Passed Away This Morning at Home in Topeka.

agitation which keeps the cream from early today of the Rt. Rev. Frank R. Millsbaugh, bishop of the Diocese of Kansas of the Protestant Episcopal church, at his home here, removed one of the prominent figures of the church. He had served for more than forty years.

ADAMSON ACT IS STARTED ON WAY TO HIGHER COURT

Judge Hook, in Test Case, Declared The Law Unconstitutional Today.
DECISION RENDERED TO HURRY UP END
Provides Railways Shall Keep Accounts to Pay Employees Should Decision Be Reversed After Jan. 1st.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 22.—The Adamson eight-hour day act was held unconstitutional here today by Judge W. C. Hook, in the United States District Court.

Attorneys for the board contend that the case hinges on whether the board officially and judicially proclaimed the congressional vote on November 9. They argue that the evidence shows no such proclamation was made.

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ALL ACTIVE CANDIDATES WILL RECEIVE REWARDS
Announcement of Names to Be Made Soon—Every Section of City and Territory is Represented in List of Nominations Received—Be Sure That Your Favorite's Name is Among Them.

These lots have been selling for \$500 and the Contest Manager has been advised that several who bought lots at the beach at that price have been offered considerable more. There are a number of choice unsold lots, and the winner of this prize is to have her choice.

ALL FIGHTING THE MANDAMUS IN THE COURTS

Argument on The Britt-Weaver Controversy Today Before Judge Adams.
HIS HONOR GOING DEEP INTO MATTER.
Important Question Raised as to Right of Precinct Canvassing Board to Make Additional Returns.

Asheville, N. C., Nov. 22.—Argument on the mandamus writ served on the Buncombe canvassing board by Congressman J. J. Britt occupied all this morning and will close this afternoon.

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FARMERS TAKING A DAY OFF FROM MEETING
Pataoka, Fla., Nov. 22.—Delegates to the annual convention of the National Farmers' Union today went for a fifty-mile trip up the St. John's river, to attend a barbecue arranged in their honor. No business session will be held today.

Do not delay—don't put it off another minute! Clip the nomination ballot appearing in this issue and send, mail or bring it to the Contest Department. Full particulars will be mailed to each nominee. Watch for the first publication of names—and BE SURE YOUR FAVORITE NAME IS AMONG THEM.

DEATH OF EMPEROR WILL NOT BEAR ON EUROPE'S WAR

Entente Had Long Regarded Him as a Mere Figurehead in The Conflict.
END CAME WITH GREAT SUDDENNESS.
Populace of Austria Unaware of His Serious Illness—No Emotion in Vienna—Kaiser Informed.

Paris, Nov. 22.—A Havas dispatch from Madrid, Spain, says the Austrian embassy has announced the death of Emperor Francis Joseph.

This is the first official announcement of the Emperor's death to be received.

Paris, Nov. 22.—Although no official confirmation of the death of Emperor Francis Joseph had been received in Paris early this morning the press generally accepted the news as authentic. Special editions, announcing the Emperor's death, were bought up rapidly and the passing of the monarch was discussed with great interest.

It is not believed in Paris that the death of the Emperor will affect the war in any way. The general impression here is that he for a long time had been more or less of a figurehead signing without reading documents to which his signature was necessary, and taking no part in the affairs of state.

CAUSED NO EMOTION AT HOME.
London, Nov. 22.—The death of Emperor Francis Joseph has caused no emotion in Vienna, says the Exchange Telegraph Company's Amsterdam correspondent. The general public was not aware of the Emperor's serious illness, according to these dispatches, because of the non-alarming character of the bulletins issued.

The Emperor, the dispatch adds, was feverish yesterday afternoon, being unable to eat the evening meal, and retired at 7 o'clock. He found himself unable to sleep and asked that his physician be summoned, complaining of pains in his throat. At 9 o'clock the Emperor appeared to be in a more restful state. A few moments later, according to the dispatches received, the doctor saw him and he made a gesture, pointing to his throat. A second later he was dead.

Members of the Imperial family were immediately summoned, as were the officials of state, who prepared an announcement of the death.

Emperor William was immediately informed of the passing of his ally, the message being sent over the telephone line to the headquarters of the German army.

FIGHT TO COME ON A FOOD EMBARGO

NORFOLK YARDS BECOME CENTER

Great Naval Activity is Planned For Virginia Point, It is Announced.
Norfolk, Va., Nov. 22.—The Norfolk navy yards are to become a great construction center for the navy, according to the present tentative plans of the department, Rear Admiral Harris, chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, told the House Naval Affairs Committee today.

The plans call for an ultimate expenditure of approximately \$15,000,000 on the yards.

SHRINERS HOLD FORTH IN NEW BERN

About Thousand of The Jolly Clan Gather For Notable Event In That City.
New Bern, N. C., Nov. 22.—Nobles of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine to the number of approximately 1,000 were here today for the formal institution of Sudan Temple. Dispensation for the establishment of the temple was granted at the annual convention of the Shriner held in Buffalo, N. Y., last summer, and it is claimed that New Bern is the smallest city in the country with such an institution.

Members of the order began arriving last night and early today two special trains from Raleigh and Charlotte and numerous special cars on regular trains brought scores of visitors.

From 9 o'clock this morning until 1:30 p. m. was devoted to the Recorder's reception and registration. A fantastic parade of the candidates to be initiated at the ceremonial session tonight was to begin at 3:30 p. m.

Formal institution of the temple was to take place at 2:30 p. m. and from 3:30 until 5 o'clock the Nobles were to hold the second parade of the day. In this procession were to be the Patrol and Drum Corps of Khedive Temple, Norfolk, Va., the Patrol and Patrol Bank of Oasis Temple, Charlotte, and the Sudan Patrol and Drum Corps.

A banquet from 6 o'clock until 7:30 tonight was to be followed by the ceremonial session at which numerous candidates were to be initiated.

Representative Fitzgerald Announces He Will Lead It at Coming Session.

EXPECTED TO BE A HOT CONTENTION.
New York Congressman Wants to Hit Great Britain and Also Solve Domestic Problem—President and Cabinet Said to Be Against It.

Washington, Nov. 22.—Representative Fitzgerald, Democrat, chairman of the House appropriations committee announced today he favors an embargo on foodstuffs and that it was his purpose to prepare a bill early during the coming session of congress.

"Two reasons chiefly impel me to favor embargo legislation on foodstuffs," said Mr. Fitzgerald. "It is the most effective weapon in our controversy with Great Britain over the unwarranted, outrageous and indefensible blacklist of American merchants. As our foodstuffs are necessary abroad, an embargo would be more effective than weary months of diplomatic negotiations, which end in a continuance of the indefensible practice against our rights."

"The embargo also should be imposed for purely domestic reasons. The price of foodstuffs has reached a level that is bringing widespread distress to the country. Many hundreds of thousands of our people are suffering for lack of the necessities of life. The wholesale price of many commodities are less abroad today than they were a year ago; here the retail price has advanced alarmingly."

"The argument that nothing should be done to interfere with the expansion of our foreign trade does not impress me. Of what profit is it if our foreign trade grows with leaps and bounds while our own people are brought to the verge of starvation, as a result of it."

"The time is ripe for an embargo and I hope to see legislation speedily enacted to impose it. Let America be for America first."

It seems to be generally agreed here that the coming session of congress will see a fight over the embargo proposition, which is backed by monster petitions, signed by thousands of persons and organizations. President Wilson and his cabinet are understood to oppose it.

DRY VIRGINIA FAR REACHING
Its Effect Shown On Consumption of Booze in New Bern. Railway Traffic Better.

New Bern, Nov. 22.—Carefully computed figures show that since prohibition went into effect in Virginia, law breaking in New Bern has increased seventy-five per cent, and instead of there being two or three cases for the Mayor to dispose of each morning, there are now hardly that number during the entire week.

In months gone by when every negro and many of the white men who came back from Norfolk carried along a suit case or trunk filled with booze, law breaking here was carried on assiduously and the police were eternally busy but, those days have passed.

It is true that there are hundreds of quarts of whiskey coming in to New Bern each day from Baltimore and Washington, D. C., but where the supply is cut down to a quart per man every fifteen days, there is but little chance for a man to get loaded and stay in that condition for any length of time and, hence, but little law breaking is done.

Local railway men report that the amount of traffic in this section is daily increasing and this condition will continue until the Christmas rush begins, a season that is the bane of every railway man in the country.

Not only is the passenger traffic picking up but the freight traffic is also increasing, in fact it is increasing at such a rapid rate that the railway officials fear that they will not be able to quickly handle it if it grows much larger, the car shortage making it impossible to do this.

However, the railway heads are pleased. Heavy freight and passenger traffic is to be their liking and they are not complaining on this score.

BRITISH HOSPITAL SHIP GOES DOWN

Torpedoed and About Fifty Lives Said to Have Been Lost.
London, Nov. 22.—The British hospital ship, Britanic, has been sunk with a loss of about fifty lives, says a British official announcement today.

HOTEL MEN GATHER FOR THE EXPOSITION.
New York, Nov. 22.—More than 10,000 hotel men from nearly every state in the country are here today in connection with the National Hotel Men's Exposition at the Grand Central Palace.