

Unsettled tonight and Wednesday with probably local rains. Moderate east to southeast winds.

TWO ZEPPELINS BROUGHT DOWN IN DARING RAID ON ENGLAND

Shot Down Over The Sea After Being Attacked by English Aeroplanes.

CREW SAID TO HAVE PERISHED.

Fleet Attacked The Northeast Coast Last Night, Dropping Many Bombs—Dage and Casualties Not Yet Fully Known.

SIX BOMBS DROPPED ON LONDON.

London, Nov. 28.—Flying at a great height a German airplane and dropped six bombs on the capital, according to an official statement issued this afternoon.

London, Nov. 28.—Two Zeppelins were brought down in a raid Monday night in the north of England.

Both Zeppelins were brought down in the sea after being attacked by aeroplanes. One of them was destroyed while nine miles out to sea on her return trip.

The war office announced that although damage and casualties had been inflicted by the Zeppelins, details had not been received this morning.

A number of hostile airships appeared off the northeast coast of England between 10 and 11 o'clock last night. Bombs were dropped in various places in Yorkshire and Durham.

One airship attacked by an aeroplane of the Royal Flying Corps was brought down in flames into the sea off the Durham coast.

She was unable to reach the coast before daybreak. On the coast near Norfolk she apparently succeeded in making repairs and while proceeding east at a high rate of speed and at an altitude of over 8,000 feet she was attacked, nine miles at sea, by four machines of the Royal Naval Flying Service, and an armed trawler.

UNIVERSITY PLAYERS OFF FOR RICHMOND.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Nov. 28.—The University of North Carolina football squad, composed of twenty-seven men, left here today for Richmond, Va., for the annual Virginia-North Carolina football game, to be played on Thanksgiving.

WILSON CHANGES ANOTHER CUSTOM.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 28.—President Wilson changed a long-time custom today when he decided that the cabinet hereafter should meet at 2:30 p. m. instead of at 11 o'clock every Tuesday and Friday mornings.

OBSERVE PART HOLIDAY.

Thursday being Thanksgiving Day the usual holiday car service will be provided by the Tidewater Power Company on the suburban line.

IT GAVE RALEIGH MUCH OF A THRILL

Did Judge Adams' Decision in The Britt-Weaver Case—Outcome Watched.

Raleigh, Nov. 28.—Raleigh experienced something of a thrill yesterday when the wires brought from the Tenth district the news that Judge W. J. Adams had found no hope for Congressman Britt and ruled against him in his contest with Zebulon Weaver.

The transfer of the National fight from the extreme west to the center of the universe is very delightful to news-gatherers in Raleigh. Perhaps a hundred or two of Democrats who have been viewing with alarm the tendency up there may point with pride should the Supreme Court find that no taint rests upon the Democracy of that district.

The questions to be passed upon by the highest court have not been explained but it is understood that some of them rest upon the ruling of the State board of elections. It is accepted as a fact here that the board of elections cannot go behind the returns in that district, but it may inquire into the legality of an election held without regard for its rulings.

Members of the board are expected here Tuesday. They have not individually expressed themselves and as a body the questions at issue have not come up. It is manifest from the newspaper reports that the election in the Tenth was not conducted in accordance with the rules laid down, but there is a big Democratic sentiment which wants to see Mr. Weaver elected and cleared of any stain upon his title that nevertheless regarded the law governing the unmarked ballots as foolish and the board's interpretation entirely too literal and inelastic.

NEW BERN DEALERS ARE LARGE BUYERS

Lay in Big Stock of Cotton—Craven Teachers to Attend The Convention.

New Bern, N. C., Nov. 28.—A large number of the teachers in the public schools of Craven county have made arrangements to attend the Teachers' Assembly to be held at Raleigh on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week and they are anticipating a visit of real worth and enjoyment.

Mr. S. M. Brinson, superintendent of public instruction in this county, will leave tomorrow night for Raleigh in order to be on hand at the opening session and in an interview given out today he stated that, in his opinion, this assembly would be the most successful ever held.

Although no definite figures have been given out, it is estimated that local cotton buyers have purchased between twelve and thirteen thousand bales of the fleecy staple since the opening of the present season.

All of this cotton has not been bought on the local market, but has been picked up at points in Craven, Carteret, Pamlico, Onslow, Jones, Lenoir and Pitt counties.

It is estimated that about eight thousand bales of this have been purchased on the local exchange.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Craven County Teachers' Association, which is to be held in this city on December 9th, will be one of the most interesting of the term and every teacher in the county is urged to be in attendance.

Some educator of State-wide reputation will be on hand to address the teachers on this occasion and, in addition to this, there will be timely talks made by the teachers and these will prove of real benefit to all.

GETTING READY TO FIGHT THE SUIT

Bickett Will Have Charge of The Defense in The Cuban Bond Case.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 28.—Attorney General Bickett spent yesterday here working upon the Cuban suit against North Carolina for recovery on the \$40,000,000 carpetbag bonds and announced last night that he will argue the case for the state in the Supreme Court of the United States January 8, 1917.

Mr. Bickett may have "a hand," as he said, of "Old Man Horne," but he means to appear as chief counsel for the commonwealth. It is much the biggest thing that he has tackled since he became attorney general eight years ago and he has argued with great success many important cases. The Cuban suit was announced the day before election and not a few Republicans understood it to be a political coup. It now promises to be one of the most serious things that the State has ever met.

Should Cuba get a judgment it is generally agreed here that the bill to be paid by North Carolina would be \$40,000,000. Just now that would be terrific. The State repudiated the bonds by plebiscite and they have been offered by many other states without success. A Democratic vice-presidential candidate ran for office largely upon his record, his friends said. He refused to take the bonds.

The argument of Mr. Bickett conflicts badly with his inaugural speech which had been set for January 10 and he will in all probability ask the legislature to give him until January 11 to get it up. The business incident to the getting ready of change of administration will keep him away much of his time. He will spend quite a bit of that in Louisiana.

The State today signed the contract for the new books adopted by the textbook commission in August and dating from June of 1917, a new series will come into use. All members of the council were present today and signed the contract which calls for considerable revision. Owing to various conditions of the country the old adoption does not expire until next year and the new will come into effect for five years from that date. This raised a fine point among the book agents who fought hard, but turned up nothing. They threatened a contest on account of the fear of legality of the adoption, but the troubles have been ended.

Professor Coon, of Wilson, however, has not written his final note and the moral phase of it as well as the professional is in statu quo.

TRIAL OF WATSON GROWS RED HOT

Judge Had to Warn The Defendant, Who Invited District Attorney Outside.

Augusta, Ga., Nov. 28.—That the government will ask for a mistrial if Thomas Watson continuing to act as his own counsel, introduces "extraneous matter" into the case and an exchange of remarks between Watson and United States District Attorney Donaldson, which lead the presiding judge to request no "personal remarks" between counsel and to give a warning from the bench that if the defendant "becomes excited and cannot control himself" he will not be allowed to act as his own counsel, marked the second day of the trial of Tom Watson in the Federal district court here.

Watson said he would "answer the district attorney outside this room."

CHARTER FOR ANOTHER WILMINGTON CONCERN. Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 28.—A charter for the Sampson Lime Company, of Wilmington, was issued today by the Secretary of State. The authorized capital stock is \$50,000, of which \$3,000 has been paid in.

Some One On British Ship Fired on American

New Orleans, La., Nov. 28.—The United States ship, Neptune, attached to the Federal quarantine station near the mouth of the Mississippi, arrived at the dock here today with two bullet holes through her steel smokestack, which were fired from a high explosive military rifle by some one aboard the British steamer, Sythian, while at the quarantine station last night, according to the report made by Federal officers to the quarantine officials today.

OVERTON DECLARED A GUILTY MAN

Alabama Jury Finds That He Killed Probate Judge Lawler.

Huntsville, Ala., Nov. 28.—David D. Overton, former clerk of the Madison county circuit court, on trial here the past week for the murder of Probate Judge W. T. Lawler, was today found guilty of murder in the first degree.

The court set January 12 as the day for execution. On motion of Overton's counsel for an appeal Judge Miller suspended the sentence. Before pronouncing sentence Judge Miller asked the prisoner if he had anything to say. "Not guilty," was the reply in a voice that was hardly audible.

Bites Pearl in Oyster. Madera, Cal., Nov. 28.—While John T. Bell was in the middle of an oyster supper at a local cafe the other night his teeth struck a rock-like substance. Investigating he found a large pearl. A local jeweler has appraised the gem at \$300. Cooks at the cafes are now refusing to serve oysters here without first being allowed to pry into them with a fork.

DRAWING NEARER TO THE RUMANIAN CAPITAL

Teutonic Army Now Only Thirty Seven Miles Away From The Coveted Goal.

Berlin Makes Two Vital Announcements.

Entente Attack Repulsed, With Heavy Losses, Near Monastir—New Offensive Seems Impending On The Western Front.

Two important announcements are made by Berlin today in reporting the continued progress of the Teutonic invasion of Rumania—the capture of Geurgiu, on the Danube, and the taking of Cutea-du-arges on the Argueuchi river, 80 miles northwest of the capital. The capture of Geurgiu places von Mackensen's army, advancing southwest, only 37 miles from Bucharest, with a railroad running thence.

In the occupation of Cutea-du-arges General Falkenhayn's troops appear to have driven the Rumanians from the line of Topolog river and may even have broken through near the northern line of the Argueuchi, along which the Rumanians were expected to make a decisive stand. Thus the semi-circle thrown about Bucharest and the Rumanian army is gradually but steadily being drawn closer. Substantial successes are reported by Berlin in new operations for tightening the grip.

Considerable interest attaches to the reports of artillery activity that continued to come from the northern end of the Franco-Belgian front. The Ypres sector in particular has been mentioned in the British report. Recent reports from Berlin indicated that evidence was accumulating that an attack by the entente allies at some point along the German line, on the Western front, was contemplated.

Berlin today emphasized the importance of the German-Bulgarian success in defeating an attack by the entente force along a wide front in the Monastir region. Extremely heavy losses it declares, were suffered by the French, Serbians, Italians and Russians in an assault which gained them nothing.

Another raid by German naval forces, near the English north sea coast, is announced today. The capture of one vessel is reported. The raid took place at Lowestoft, about 75 miles northeast of Ramsgate, on which the German destroyers made the raid last night.

DISPATCH CONTEST CHIEF TOPIC OF CONVERSATION

YET RUMORS THAT TREVINO HAS MADE OFF BEFORE VILLA

Reports Come of The Evacuation of Chihuahua City, But No Confirmation.

BANDITS SAID TO CONTROL THE CITY.

American Army Officers Hear It But Nothing Authentic Appears—Washington is Doubtful.

CLAIM HAVE POSITIVE INFORMATION.

El Paso, Texas, Nov. 28.—United States government officials here claim to have positive information of the reported evacuation of Chihuahua City by General Trevino, the Carranza commander, because of a shortage of ammunition. These officers sent a report to Washington regarding this report.

Washington, Nov. 28.—Army officers on the border advised the War Department today they had heard repeated rumors that General Trevino, the Carranza commander at Chihuahua City, had evacuated that city before the continued attack of Villa's bandits.

The Washington department, however, had no confirmation and was inclined to doubt it.

Other Reports Of It.

Juarez, Mexico, Nov. 28.—A persistent report is current here that General Trevino had evacuated Chihuahua City and is turning eastward, leaving Villa and his bandits in control of the city. The report is said to have been brought to Terrahes Station and telegraphed to General Gonzales, in command of the de facto government's forces here.

Carranza officials here say they have nothing definite regarding the reported retirement of General Trevino, but admit the possibility that Villa holds Chihuahua City.

An unofficial report current here is that Trevino was able to take only his cavalry out of Chihuahua City, being forced to abandon his artillery to Villa and the infantry deserting to the bandit leader.

Reinforcements for General Trevino are being assembled in Sauz Station, 32 miles north of Chihuahua City, and will be led towards the city by General Gonzales, commander of the Juarez brigade, who left here early with train load of men and munitions, it was officially announced at military headquarters.

MUST PAY MONEY WIDOW OF VICTIM

Also Appear in Court to Show His Good Behavior, Judge Carter Rules.

Salisbury, N. C., Nov. 28.—Judge Carter, in Rowan County Superior Court, today passed sentence on Ollie Tolbert, convicted last week of manslaughter, as a result of his running down with an automobile and killing Traffic Officer W. M. Linker, of this city, on the night of October 26.

Tolbert must pay the widow \$1,100, pay the costs in the case, appear in court a year hence and testify as to his good behavior, appear from time to time for five years and convince the court that he is abstaining from the use of intoxicants and make satisfactory payments toward clearing the debt on his father's property, which he mortgaged to enable his son to meet the judgment of the court.

Two Deeds Filed Today.

Following are the deeds filed for record today: Robert L. Fox and wife, to Adrain Tart, lot in Harnet township, \$150 and other considerations; J. D. James to Eva Jones, lot on Wooster street, between Eighth and Ninth, 40x230 feet, \$100 and other considerations.

Friends of Candidates are Beginning to Work For Their Favorites—"Get Acquainted Day" is Saturday—25,000 Extra Votes on First Subscription.

- THE PRIZES. \$685 Overland Automobile. Ford Automobile. Building Lot. \$100 in Gold. \$75 Victrola. \$50 O. K. Mystic Range. \$40 Sellers Kitchen Cabinet. \$25 Wrist Watch. Two \$60 Diamond Rings.

Only a few days have passed since the announcement of the names of the candidates in The Dispatch Great Prize Voting Contest, and yet the enterprise is one of the chief topics of conversation all over this section of the State. In hundreds of homes the list of prizes offered by The Dispatch has been scanned and many ambitious persons have determined to be among the winners when the judges have counted the votes at the close of the campaign.

Any person who comes to that determination, and backs that decision with sufficient energy to show to friends and neighbors that her campaign has been commenced in earnest stands a splendid chance of success. Enthusiasm begets enthusiasm and all that is needed to arouse lively interest of one's friends is to show by your own activity that you have the mettle and the determination necessary to succeed.

Have you noticed that there will be ten prizes to be distributed at the close of the campaign? Well, there are, and more than that there will be no losers. All candidates who remain active until the close of the campaign, and who do not win one of the valuable prizes will receive 10 per cent commission on all NEW subscription payments turned in by them during the campaign.

The first prize to be awarded is a \$685 Five Passenger Overland Automobile, fully equipped and purchased from H. L. Fennell, North Second Street. The Second Prize will be a \$383.10 Ford Car. Then comes a Building Lot at Carolina Beach, purchased from New Hanover Transit Co.; \$100 in cash; a \$75 Victrola, purchased from the Queen City Cycle Co.; \$50 O. K. Mystic Range, purchased from Cape Fear Hardware Co.; a \$40 Sellers' Kitchen Cabinet, purchased from W. Munroe & Co.; a \$25 Wrist Watch, purchased from Charles Finkelstein. Then there will be two \$60 Diamond Rings as Special Prizes, purchased from A. O. Schuster.

Candidates are permitted to go anywhere for subscriptions and are not restricted to their own immediate neighborhoods, their own villages, or cities, counties or districts, but are permitted to get them anywhere. Those who aspire to become the proud possessor of the Overland Automobile or one of the other valuable prizes to be awarded nine weeks from last Monday night will have little difficulty if they will only enlist the help of their friends early in the campaign.

Every subscription payment for three months or longer, whether new, old or back payment will count for a certain number of votes.

Don't forget that next Saturday, Dec. 2, will be "Get Acquainted Day," in the big Prize Campaign and every candidate is cordially invited to call at The Dispatch office and get acquainted with the Campaign Manager and his assistants. As a special inducement every candidate who turns in a new subscription for three months or longer, on or before that date, will be given a special ballot good for 25,000 Extra Votes. Only one of these extra ballots will be allowed anyone candidate. That certificate may represent just the difference between success and defeat, and every one who as soon as possible. This offer is for a limited time only.

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- AMERICAN SHIP REPORTED SUNK. London, Nov. 28.—Lloyds has a report that the American steamer, Chemung, has been sunk.