

Generally cloudy tonight and Saturday, probably rain. Moderate winds mostly southerly.

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NEW NOTE LIKELY BE SENT TO GERMANY

United States Wants to Clear Up Difference of Interpretation of Sussex Note.

WILL INSIST ON PROMISED IMMUNITY.

Information So Far Shows Arabia Was Not in Any Sense a Transport—Collecting Affidavits on Sinking of Italian Ship.

Washington, Dec. 8.—A new note to Germany on the general submarine situation appears among the possibilities which may come out of the latest activity of the undersea boats.

It decided on such a note will be for the purpose of clearing up what appears to be a difference of interpretation in Washington and Berlin as to what Germany's pledges in the Sussex case covered, especially as to armed ships. Secretary Lansing said the final course of action had been agreed upon.

The United States asked Great Britain for information to determine the status of the Peninsular and Oriental liner, Arabia, which a German submarine took for an armed transport.

Official information coming to the State Department established that the British steamship, Arabia, torpedoed without warning and with the loss of six Americans, was in no sense a transport and was entitled to immunity of a peaceful merchant ship.

In both cases Germany expressed willingness to offer amends if her judgments were broken.

It was reiterated again today that the United States will stand squarely on the position she took in the Sussex case. Germany states that she, too, holds to the pledges she gave in that case, which leads officials to believe that there seems to be a difference in interpretation.

A new note, if decided on, will be sent, it is believed, to clear this up and make plain the question that the United States expects all merchantmen, under international law, will not be destroyed without warning or having crews and passengers removed to places of safety.

Affidavits on sinking without warning of the Italian steamer, Palermo, which State Department records showed had 23 Americans aboard, are being collected as rapidly as possible. As yet there are no indications that any American lives were lost, but from information in the case parallels closely the Arabia and Marina.

PREPARING FOR CONVENTION.

Norfolk Wants All to Attend Sessions of Commercial Congress.

It is not known whether anyone from this city will attend the eighth session of the Southern Commercial Congress which convenes in Norfolk, December 11th, for a four-day session but reports from that city are to the effect that the Congress will be the most notable in its history and Norfolk declares that those who do not attend will regret it.

"International Reconstruction" is to be the theme discussed and because it is a question of paramount interest to the American Nation, Norfolk is very anxious to have all attend who possibly can. Elaborate arrangements have been perfected for the entertainment of the delegates, and the eighth session promises to be a record-breaker.

OVER THREE-THOUSAND.

New Telephone Directory Shows Fine Increase in Wilmington.

The new November Telephone Directory, which has just been delivered to the subscribers in the city, shows there are now more than 3,000 different phones listed. This, of course, means city and rural.

Mr. Stephen D. Lucas stated this morning that when the directory went to press there were 3,002 different telephones listed, but since that time many more have been added. The new subscribers will be shown in an advertisement in this paper.

THIRD DAY OF THE CONFERENCE A SPLENDID ONE

Methodists of State Will Meet Next Year With Jarvis Church, Greenville.

DECLARES FOR STRICTER LAWS.

Conference Endorsed Anti-Saloon League's Bill and Also Called For National Prohibition From Congress.

Durham, N. C., Dec. 8.—The resolution introduced Thursday to assess the boards of education, Sunday schools, Church Extension, Missions and Committee on Orphanage \$400 each for the next year, to tide over the Raleigh Christian Advocate, in the exigency of the present high cost of production, set as the special order of the day for 10 o'clock Friday morning, called forth animated discussion in the conference.

Objection was made to the use of funds collected for the boards for other purposes by some of the brethren and various plans were submitted—increased cost of subscription, sale of stock, special assessment on the Conference and various methods.

Dr. Few moved as a substitute that the committee of seven, composed of preachers and laymen, be appointed by the bishop, to consider the matter and report to the Conference Saturday.

The following were elected to deacons' orders: H. B. Hill, E. R. Hill, A. S. Parker, R. F. Munn, Wm. Lowe, J. A. Russell, L. B. Pattisall, W. J. Covington, M. E. Cox.

H. I. Glass and F. A. Lupton, already deacons, remain on trial, and were advanced with the others to the class of the second year. R. N. Pitts, who was absent, remains in the class of the second year.

ANOTHER BIG STEAMER SUNK

Loss of the Caledonia Is Announced in London By Lloyds.

London, Dec. 8.—The Anchor Line steamship, Caledonia, of 9,223 tons gross, is believed to have been sunk, says an announcement today by Lloyds.

The steamer, Caledonia, has for some time been in the service of the British government. She is 500 feet long, 58-foot beam and 23 feet deep. She was built in Glasgow in 1904.

GEORGIA CONGRESSMAN HAS PASSED AWAY.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Representative Samuel J. Tribble, Democrat, of Athens, Ga., died here today as a result of an attack of apoplexy suffered three days ago. He was serving his third term in Congress.

The following deacons of one year were advanced to the class of the fourth year: H. B. Porter, E. C. Durham, W. A. Cade, W. F. Trawick, D. L. Lane, Jr., James H. Miller and J. A. Morris, Jacob Emanuel, Bureau Houser of Washington district, were admitted on trial.

C. O. Armstrong was received as an elder from the Free Will Baptist church.

The Conference endorsed the report of its committee on temperance, recommending that the Conference memorialize Congress for passage of legislation for national prohibition, for stricter State prohibition, endorsing a bill drawn up by the league to be submitted to the next general assembly, and endorsing efforts of the league to overthrow the beverage liquor traffic.

The next conference meets at Jarvis Memorial church, Greenville. (Continued on Page Eight.)

BAPTISTS ENDED THE CONVENTION AT NOON TODAY

Records Itself Strongly Against Shipment of Liquor To The State.

ALSO AGAINST ALL LIQUOR ADS.

Interesting Reports Made Today Just Before Great Religious Host Adjourned. Work of the Orphanage.

Elizabeth City, Dec. 8.—The Baptist State Convention closed its 86th session when the body adjourned promptly at noon today.

During the proceedings preliminary to taking up the morning's topic, the convention directed its chairman to appoint a press committee to use such means as might be necessary to insure full reports of its proceedings in the daily and weekly newspapers of the State.

The first subject under the topic of "Social Service" was ministerial relief.

That this work should be put on such basis that recipients have no feeling that they are objects of charity was the main feature of the discussion of the report on this work, submitted by J. M. Arnette, and spoken to by C. C. Smith, of Durham.

That the delivery of liquor by public carriers and the advertising thereof in the public prints be prohibited and that the Baptists of the State press for National prohibition were provisions embodied in the adopted recommendations of the report on this subject.

This report was read by Livingstone Johnson.

Following the report on the Orphanage, Superintendent Kesler was directed to provide for two swimming pools, one for the boys and one for the girls at that institution.

This institution, said Livingstone Johnson, is training children in the best sense for body, mind and spirit. The association closed with memorials to ministers and prominent laymen of the State who have died during the year.

PLAN FOR CONFERENCE.

Traffic Committee Talks of Additional Seaboard Service

It was announced at a meeting of the traffic committee of the Chamber of Commerce, held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, that the Charlotte Shippers & Manufacturers' Association is making extensive plans for the conference to be held here Friday of next week relative to additional train service between Wilmington and Charlotte and the re-arrangement of the present schedule.

Mr. J. G. McCormick, a member of the traffic committee of the Chamber of Commerce, stated that the service that would be asked for by the various delegations from points on Wilmington-Charlotte line, who will attend the conference, will be for the extension of the present trains operated between Rutherfordton and Raleigh, to Wilmington and provide a daylight service between these points and also the re-arrangement of the present train schedules between Wilmington and Charlotte.

It was also stated at the meeting that representatives of the local United Commercial Travelers and the Wilmington Rotary Club would go to the conference.

PRESIDENT TO ADDRESS THE MEETING

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—President Wilson will be the principal speaker tonight at the conference of the Association of Social Insurance, in session here. Secretary of Agriculture Redfield will preside and the other speakers will be Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and George Pope, president of the National Association of Manufacturers. The conference today discussed "Old Age and Mothers' Pensions."

BLOCKADE OF GREECE.

Athens, Dec. 7. (via London, Dec. 8.)—The blockade of Greece begins officially at 8 o'clock tomorrow (Friday) morning.

In response to the demand of the entente yesterday for an explanation of the movement of Greek troops, the government has announced that the movement has ceased.

ROUND-UP OF THE TROOPS CONTINUES

TWO MORE MILLS ARE CHARTERED

North Carolina's Industrial Progress Keeps Advancing By Leaps.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 8.—The Amos Hosiery Mills, of High Point, capitalized at \$125,000, of which \$35,000 has been subscribed, was chartered today by the secretary of state. The company is to engage in the manufacture of hosiery, underwear and other knit goods of all kinds. The Pinkney Mills, Inc., of Gastonia, also were chartered. The corporation is capitalized at \$250,000, of which \$60,000 has been paid in, and will engage in the manufacture of cloth and other textiles from cotton and other fibres.

OVER TEN MILLION BALES NOW GINNED

Census Bureau Makes Announcement of Amount Up To December 1st.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Cotton ginned up to December 1 amounted to 10,359,346 running bales, the Census Bureau office announced today.

Last year there were 9,703,676 bales ginned to December 1. The amount ginned by States was: North Carolina, 567,136 bales; South Carolina, 832,141 bales.

NAT. WOMAN'S PARTY OPEN 3-DAY SESSION.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—The National Woman's Party opened a three-day conference here today. The subjects discussed were:

"Military Training," "Neutral Action to Shorten the War," "Unions to Enforce Peace," "War Investments," and "The Conditions of the Dependent Nations in the War."

PRESIDENT HAS TO DECLINE INVITATION.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—President Wilson today declined an invitation extended him by a delegation of Virginians to attend the convention of the Southern Commercial Congress next Monday. He told the delegation it would be absolutely impossible for him to accept.

BELIEVES FAYETTEVILLE MAY LAND THE PLANT.

(By George H. Manning.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—Congressman Godwin today telegraphed the Fayetteville interests, making an effort to have the Federal armory plant located there, to come to Washington at once, and establish headquarters and contest every foot of ground until the Navy General Board decides on location for the plant.

Mr. Godwin believes Fayetteville has a good chance to bring the plant to

PRESENT TABLETS.

Exercise at Meeting of High School Societies This Afternoon.

Bas-relief tablets of former Governors Aycock and Jarvis were presented to the students of Wilmington High School today at 4 o'clock by Messrs. H. E. Bonitz and J. H. Niggel. The presentation of the tablets was a part of an exercise held when the Bradley Literary Society and the Tileston Literary Society, organized yesterday, met for the first time.

The Bradley Society was organized from the Junior and Freshman classes. Officers of the latter society are: Morgan Fenley, president; Howard Penton, vice president; Miss Liddie Penton, secretary and treasurer; Miss Gulley, faculty adviser. The officers of the Bradley Society are: Miss Martha Rogers, president; Armstead Mercer, vice president; Lennox Cooper, secretary and treasurer; Miss Kate Styron, faculty adviser.

Teutons Still Pursue The Rumanians—Eight Thousand More Have Been Captured.

OFFER TENDERED TO HELP GREECE.

Germany and Austria-Hungary Would Aid Her In War Against Entente—French Battleship Has Probably Been Lost.

The round-up of the Rumanian troops is being continued by the Teutonic forces. The German war office announces the capture of 8,000 additional prisoners, together with 26 guns. Apparently, the body of men, with its artillery, was trapped in Western Wallachia by the speedy advance of the Teutons, as the statement records the capture as taking place on the Alt river, a stream long since passed by the invading armies on their way to Bucharest.

The situation north and east of Bucharest, following the surrender of the capital has not yet been clarified. Seemingly the Rumanians are still on the retreat northeast, rapidly leaving the remainder of Southeastern Wallachia in the hands of von Mackensen, and military commentators do not expect a stand to be made by the Rumanians before the line of the Buzue river is reached. It is regarded as a strong defense line.

On the Franco-Belgian front the only recent operations of note have been in the Verdun region, where the Germans yesterday claimed the capture of hill No. 304 west of the Meuse. Today's Paris statement announces that the Germans have been driven out of a section of the trenches on the eastern slope of hill 304, which they had occupied.

The German statement today says the attack yesterday to recapture the position was repulsed.

In Macedonia the Bulgarians are violently contesting the efforts of the Serbians to make further advance east of Monastir. Paris reports heavy counter-attacks on the Serbian positions in the Stavina region, east of the Cerna, on Wednesday night, which are declared to have been sharply repulsed.

The French navy has lost a battleship. The 12,750-ton Suffren, which left port November 24, has not been heard from. She is considered by the French Admiralty as having been lost, with all on board. Her usual complement was 730 men.

Offers Greece Help. London, Dec. 8.—A dispatch from Switzerland, as forwarded from Rome to the Wireless Press, says that Germany and Austria-Hungary offers assistance to Greece in opening land communication, if Greece declares war on the entente.

Admits Loss of Warship. Paris, Dec. 8.—The battleship Suffren, which left port November 24, has not been heard from since, and the Ministry of Marine considers the vessel lost, with all on board.

GIVES YACHT TO AID WAR SUFFERERS.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 8.—The \$10,000 pearl necklace given by a Back Bay society woman will not be the only valuable donation offered for sale at the great National Allied Bazaar which is to open in Mechanics' building here tomorrow. Another valuable donation is a famous racing yacht on condition that his name and the name of the yacht is not made public. He also requires that at least \$5,000 be realized by the sale of the craft on a subscription plan. The value of the yacht is more than twice that amount. This sum will be donated entirely to the relief of the distress in the war-ravaged countries of Europe.

EPSTEIN CASE WILL SOON BE WITH JURY.

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 8.—Argument in the trial of Hyman Epstein, charged with having shot and killed Leonard Edwards in this city last spring, is in progress today in the Wayne superior court. It is expected that the case will go to the jury late today or tomorrow.

Grass Burning.—The fire department was called to Sixteenth and Dock streets at 11:20 o'clock this morning to extinguish grass burning that was fired by small boys.

\$60 DIAMOND RING TO BE GIVEN AS SPECIAL PRIZE

This Ring Will be Awarded the Candidate Who Turns in Most Money on New Subscriptions During Two Weeks, Beginning Dec. 9 and Closing Dec. 22, Who Does Not Win One of More Valuable Prizes.

- 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.

In addition to the candidates who will win the Overland Automobile, the Ford Automobile, the Building Lot, \$100 in Cash, and the \$75 Victrola, there will be one who will receive a \$60 Diamond Ring with a great deal of pleasure.

The other ladies, or girls, will have had a distinction conferred upon them by their success in the contest, but the proud possessor of this beautiful Diamond Ring will have the distinction of winning a special prize.

This special prize will be awarded the candidate who does not win one of the five more valuable prizes, who turns into the Contest Department of The Dispatch the greatest amount of subscription money on NEW business during the two weeks beginning Saturday morning, December 9th, and closing Friday night, December 22nd, at 9 p. m.

The ring is pure white in color and without a flaw of any kind. It was purchased from the well-known jeweler, A. O. Schuster, 104 N. Front street. The ring is guaranteed by Mr. Schuster, whose reputation for square dealing will satisfy all on this point.

During the two weeks of the Diamond Ring offer, the contestants are given an opportunity to secure thousands of extra votes toward the Automobiles and the other prizes. All

subscriptions turned in toward the \$60 Diamond Ring will also count on the \$15 club offer, which gives 150,000 EXTRA VOTES this period. The Special Prize Competition is in reality a contest in itself. All contestants will start with a clean slate in the race for the \$60 Diamond Ring tomorrow (Saturday) morning and all are on an equal footing. Subscriptions reported previously to Saturday morning, December 9th, do not count toward the winning of this Special Prize. It is only money on NEW subscriptions turned in from Saturday morning, December 9th, until Friday night, December 22nd, at 9 p. m., which will count in determining the winner of this beautiful \$60 Diamond Ring.

The thing to do is to get very busy to see all your friends, relatives and acquaintances and ask them to take a subscription.

Organization is an important factor in a contest of any kind. Any contestant can multiply her chances many times by organizing her friends and getting them to solicit subscriptions from friends and acquaintances and helping in every way to roll up a large and winning vote. If your name is in the list and you so far have done nothing toward winning make the start today. Success will be infinitely more certain if you benefit by an early start while the field is still fresh and while the greatest number of votes are given for subscription payments. Moreover, an early start and a good position in the list will encourage your friends and helpers and arouse them to enthusiastic work in your behalf before their help is pledged to the campaign of a rival.

If you would win, start to work without delay. A delay, no matter how brief, may be fatal. Call, telephone or write the Contest Manager for further information. Fill out the nomination blank and start today.

Tomorrow will be known as "Twin-Subscription Day" in The Dispatch Great Prize Contest. All candidates who turn in either two subscriptions for a year each or one subscription for two years will receive 50,000 extra votes. This money will count toward the \$15 club vote offer, and if NEW will also count toward the Diamond Ring. No candidate will be allowed more than one of these 50,000 extra vote ballots.

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