

Fair tonight. Probably cloudy and warmer Wednesday.

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CLEWS' REVIEW OF 1916 PROMISES BETTER YEAR

Believes Immediate Peace Wouldn't Be Wise - Resume of Election, Markets, Finance, Railroad and Business Conditions.

New York, Jan. 1.—The year 1917 opens with the mind of the world groping for peace. A year ago it was wholly bent upon war; now it is more and more devoted to seeking ways and means of bringing the ghastly struggle to a close.

Domestic Politics. The coming year will be free of one great uncertainty, the presidential election.

Foreign Trade Markets. Astounding progress has been made in our foreign trade, which during the fiscal year ending January 30th exceeded that of any other country in the world.

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SPEAKER'S RAGE HOLDS ATTENTION

Legislators, Gathered in Raleigh, Watch Three-Cornered Contest

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 2.—On the eve of the opening tomorrow of the biennial session of the legislature, interest of members is centered on the speakership race in the house which will be decided tonight.

PRACTITIONERS WILL BE NON-EXISTENT

London, Jan. 2.—That private practitioners in the medical profession will be practically non-existent before the end of the war and all patients will have to go to infirmaries to be treated was the opinion expressed at the annual meeting of the Glasgow Victoria Infirmary.

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TEUTONS PRESSED IN STRONG FORCE ON CURVING LINE

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RUSSO-RUMANIANS' POST TO BE ATTACKED

There Is Danger of Western Moldavian Forces Being Rolled Up Soon.

In some of the most important fighting theatres there is little more than spasmodic firing. In Rumania, however, indications point to some of the heaviest blows being struck against von Mackensen's armies.

The Russian-Rumanian position at Matchin, along the Danube, was in process of being attacked slightly under pressure of the Bulgarian-Turks and German forces.

On the frontier where the offensive of the central powers is aiming there is no further important development. There is danger of the western Moldavian line being rolled up and a retraction of force result in a thrust on the Russo-Rumanian front as they turn towards the Danube.

NAVAL BILL WORK STARTS TOMORROW

Washington, Jan. 2.—Work of drafting the big naval bill will be begun tomorrow. Chairman Padgett is expected to call his committee then with a view towards completing the \$379,000,000 program by the middle of January.

Mr. Padgett said today that he hoped to keep the total down to \$4,000,000.

A FEW "DON'TS" FOR THE WIDE-AWAKE CANDIDATES

Every Subscription That Can Be Secured Will Be Needed By Those Who Expect to Win Automobile or One of the Other Grand Prizes.

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

There are nine more days of the second period of The Dispatch contest and the competition for the second diamond ring. There are twenty-four more working days of the contest for the two automobiles and the other grand prizes.

Dreaming of the prizes will not do any good. Success will depend upon the amount of work that you do between now and the close, especially of the second period, and the candidates who take advantage of every available moment, and work to the limit of their energy will come out in the lead.

"Yesterday is gone, today is here, and tomorrow will never come." Then why not work now—today—and secure the advantage over your opponents that will mean success for you and defeat for them.

Don't forget that one subscription for a year if turned in by tomorrow night will give you 15,000 extra votes; two for a year will give 30,000 extra votes; three for a year will give 45,000 extra votes.

Don't overlook the \$60 diamond ring that is to be awarded the candidate who turns in the largest amount

ROBBERS KILL AND WOUND FATHER AND HIS SON IN S. C.

Three Men Rob Trio of Stores in Ola, S. C., and Shoot Langfords.

NO CLUE IS LEFT BY ESCAPING BANDITS

Oscar and John Langford Were In Search of Burglars After Receiving Phone Call.

Greenville, S. C., Jan. 2.—Oscar Langford was shot and killed and his father, John Langford, seriously wounded near Langford station early today when they attempted to capture three men who are alleged to have robbed three stores at Ora, S. C.

The men had gone in search of the robbers after receiving a telephone call. They met the three men on a road and ordered them to halt. Instead they answered by opening fire and escaped. No clue was left by the men in regard to their identity.

According to later advices received today, Oscar Langford was shot and killed by his father when he mistook his son for one of the bandits.

VILLA CAPTURES AND LOOTS SMALL TOWN

Laredo, Texas, Jan. 2.—Villa forces today captured and looted the town of La Sabinos-Hildalgo, between Laredo and Monterey, according to advices received here today. No loss of life is reported.

ENTENTE REPLY GOES MINUS OFFICIAL TEXT

Washington, Jan. 2.—Secretary Lansing said today that the entente allies' answer to the central powers would be forwarded without awaiting the official text to be sent which is in the hands of the American Ambassador.

HOW THEY STAND.

Table listing names and amounts: Edna Cashwell 9,700; Acme, N. C.; Mattie Powell 8,040; Ruby Scull 7,710; Alma, N. C.; Mrs. Robert Belch 30,440; Annie McLean 33,200; Armour, N. C.; Mrs. B. L. Daniel 56,285; Atkinson, N. C.; Mabel Henry 5,090; Sallie J. Kelly 40,500; Mamie Woodcock 16,000.

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PAGE, NO ANXIOUS TO BE SPEAKER OF N. CAROLINA HOUSE

While He Runs Away From Office, Murphy and Gallatin Fighting Hard.

MURPHY'S HOST OF FRIENDS BACK HIM

All Candidates Making Ready For Caucus Which Will Be Held Tonight.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 2.—Page and Roberts withdrew today from the race for speaker of the House. Murphy will be elected speaker.

MURPHY, SPEAKER.

Raleigh, Jan. 2.—Henry Page, running away from the speakership in the hot finish, and Walter Murphy and Gallatin Roberts in undisputed combat, are all here making ready for the Tuesday night caucus which settles the next house president.

Mr. Page is complacence complete. If the people elect him he will be obliged to serve and if they do not he will be obliged to them for not obliging him to do so.

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"ONLY A SCOUNDREL WOULD CHARGE A LEAK"—STONE

CARRANZA CALLS ARREDONDO HOME FOR CONFERENCE

Mexican Ambassador Designate in Washington Advise on Commercial Relations

"CALLED ON BUSINESS," DECLARES LANSING

He Will Not Be Absent For More Than Three Weeks, It Is Announced.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Eliseo Arredondo, General Carranza's ambassador designate to the United States, said good-by to Secretary Lansing and will leave for Mexico City. Raymond D. Denegri, consul general at San Francisco, will be in charge. Arredondo recently denied that he would be recalled.

Secretary Lansing stated that he did not understand Arredondo's leaving, but he understood that he was called on business.

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Chairman Declares He Does Not Believe It Is Possible Officials "Played" Market.

LAWSON REFUSES TO GIVE NAMES OF MEN

Not Sufficient Evidence As Yet For Rules Committee to Call Investigation.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Charges of a "leak" of advance information on President Wilson's peace note and that somebody made profits on it in the stock market was given further attention here today.

Senator Stone spoke on the subject in regard to the charges of Tom Lawson, of Boston, who conferred with Chairman Henry about the proposed investigation.

Stone rose to a question of personal confidential information. There is no information as yet as to whether there really was a leak. If so, it is stated, it will be traced to departmental employees. "If such is true," said Senator Stone, "then he is an unspeakable scoundrel. However, it is impossible to think this and it should be dismissed."

"I do not know, but I do not think that it has occurred," he added. "I am sorry that the newspapers have taken up the charges made by Lawson. I despise these sensational fakers who are always making such charges against public bodies."

After conferring with Tom Lawson for two hours it was stated that the charges of "leakage" from the State Department were not of sufficient value to warrant an investigation at this time.

Sixty million dollars were said to have been "cleaned up" as the result of the alleged leak by Tom Lawson. Lawson did not give out the name of the officials who are alleged to have participated in the deal.

HEARING IS FIXED ON STRIKE ISSUE

Senate Prepares to Consider Wilson's Demand For Method to Stop Strikes.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Congress reconvened today after the holidays with a mass of work to be tackled. Notable railroad and revenue business will have to be disposed of before the end of the term, March 4.

The Senate arranged a hearing on President Wilson's suggestion relating to railroad control and the demand for fashioning of a heavy method of preventing strikes. Representatives of railroads, labor leaders and the public are invited to attend the hearing.

Following President Wilson's conference with Chairman Stone, of the Foreign Relations Committee, steps were taken to ascertain the sentiment of the public and make an earnest attempt to form some steps to be taken after the allies' peace note is received.

ALLIES REPLY TO U.S. THIS WEEK

Note Will Not Be Published Until Latter Part of This Week—Text Complete.

Paris, Jan. 2.—The Allies' reply to President Wilson's note will not be published until the end of this week. The text of the note has been completed and is now being considered.

MR RARY IS TO HEAD THE REPUBLICANS

Raleigh, Jan. 2.—John Ray McRary, of the Davidson county Republican delegation, will be the Republican leader of the Lower House of the General Assembly. His election could not be officially confirmed, however, as the caucus held this morning was a secret one.

He was a member of the fusion of 1897, and has been a Republican nominee for Congress and Solicitor General of his faction. Until today it was accepted that Brownlee Jackson, of Henderson county, would be the House floor leader for the minority.

STUDY ANTIGUA RUINS.

Guatemala City, Guatemala, Jan. 2.—The ruins of Antigua, the old capital of Guatemala, which are said to antedate the Egyptian era, are being studied by separate expeditions of archaeologists from Harvard University and Yale.