

WEATHER FORECAST.

Local rains this afternoon, probably fair tonight and Thursday. Moderate temperatures. West winds.

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RUSS LINE WILL CRUMPLE IF TEUTON INS'N'T STOPPED

Von Mackensen's Troops Have Reached Folk Shani, On Frontier Line.

CZAR PLANS TO BRING TEUTONS TO A HALT.

If The Move Fails The Line Will Be Turned Northward to Invasion North of The Danube.

Reports from both sides in Rumania indicate that the Russians have reached the line of the Sereth to which they have been falling back.

Berlin today announces that troops under von Mackensen now before Folk Shani, which is on the frontier line, are about to be attacked by the Russians.

Falling to do this they would expose their whole front from Galicia southward to a crumpling process in a turning move and an invasion north of the Danube.

Apparently the Teuton effort to break the line will be a strong one as Berlin records attacks on the Russian line in which prisoners were taken and some ground gained.

On the Danube line the security of Braila is imperiled, by the new advance of the Teutons where Russia has been driven back further into the province.

Elsewhere in the field of operation there is no official moves of importance. Patrol and artillery are active in bulk.

ASKS FEDERATION TO GRANT REGULAR PAY

Washington, Jan. 3.—A committee from a local union of office clerks conferred with Secretary Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor, here today in an effort to have the federation pay its clerks employed at national headquarters here the same rates as advocated for government clerks, which is \$3 a day minimum.

An officer of the union explained that about sixty of the clerks are federation members and that the union in time will be affiliated. A strike cannot be ordered now without the approval of the Federation.

ENGLAND IS BIG U.S. CUSTOMER

United Kingdom Spent \$2,000,000,000 With America During 1916—France Comes Next.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Purchases of \$2,000,000 made in the United States by the United Kingdom show that England has been the best customer in America in 1916.

France, during the year, more than doubled her purchases in the United States, but fell a bit short of one billion. Canada ranks third, with six hundred million.

IRRIGATIONISTS PLAN OREGON LEGISLATION

Portland, Ore., Jan. 3.—What may the irrigation farmer expect in the way of aid from the National and State irrigation laws? What should be done in Oregon in reformation of the irrigation district laws to increase the market credit of irrigation district securities?

Discussion of these questions will be the chief feature of the annual meeting of the Oregon Irrigation Congress, which will convene in this city tomorrow and continue in session through the remainder of the week.

PLEA FOR LONG SKIRTS AND SHORTER SHOES

London, Jan. 3.—Lengthen the skirts and shorten the shoes as another war-time economy, was the plea made in parliament the other day.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE IS BEING PLANNED

Baseball Magnates Will Back Financially a League of Professional Elevens.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—That certain baseball magnates are planning to utilize professional baseball parks for football and back financially a league of football players, is reported from Detroit.

It is planned to enlist the services of baseball players who are also football stars and recruit the remainder of the teams from college graduates.

The season would begin at the close of the baseball season and continue as long as the weather would permit.

NEW BERN SHERIFF FINDS "DEN" STILL

Sixty Gallon Copper Vessel is Raided Near Jones County Line—Is Seized.

New Bern, Jan. 3.—A sixty-gallon copper still which appears to have recently been in operation was located and confiscated near the Jones county line late last night by Sheriff R. B. Lane and several deputies.

The sheriff had been informed that a still was being operated in that section. The operators were missing. The plant was located on an automobile and brought to New Bern and will be destroyed.

Invitations have been issued for the banquet to be held tomorrow night by the "Button" fire company and this event gives promise of being one of the most important social events of the week.

Several days have elapsed since Federal officers in this section have made a raid, but they are now planning to swoop down on a certain plant said to be in operation in a nearby section.

MORE ENGLISH SHIPS THAN FRENCH ARE SUNK

Berlin (Via Sayville, Jan. 3).—Including the French battleship Gaulois, sunk by a German submarine, says the Overseas News Agency, "196 hostile warships have been sunk by torpedoing, of a total tonnage of 759,430, since the beginning of the war."

"Of these 135 British ships of a tonnage of 565,200 have been sent to the bottom. The total losses of the entente exceeds the total tonnage of France in the war."

250 LABOR AGITATORS NABBED AT CAMP

Virginia, Minn., Jan. 3.—Two hundred and fifty Woodsmen and Industrial Workers of the World, agitators, were arrested at Cusson early yesterday and rushed on a special train to this town, in connection with the trouble which has grown out of the strike in lumber mills.

4,000 MILL HANDS ARE GIVEN WAGE INCREASE

Chester, S. C., Jan. 3.—Four thousand employees of the six cotton mills owned by Colonel Springs, of Lancaster, S. C., have been given a ten per cent increase in wages.

LANSING URGES EARLY ACTION ON WEST INDIES BILL

Asks Senator Stone to Hurry Consideration of \$25,000,000 Appropriations Bill.

BOND ISSUES FAVORED BY ADMINISTRATION.

Officer of Government Could Be Governor of Newly Acquired Island, Thinks Stone.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Secretary Lansing conferred with Senator Stone at the capitol today and urged the consideration at an early date of the appropriations bill for \$25,000,000 to pay for damage done to the West Indies, and to determine the new form of government for the newly acquired island.

The administration favors a bond issue to pay for improvements on the island as a permanent investment, said Senator Stone.

San Francisco, Jan. 3.—Thomas J. Mooney, indicted on the charge of murder in connection with bombing during the preparedness parade, held here July 22, in which ten persons were killed and 490 injured, was placed on trial today.

NABED FOR PLANNING SHIP ARMS TO MEXICO.

New York, Jan. 3.—Juan T. Burns, Carranza Consul General to the United States was arrested here today charged with conspiracy to ship arms and ammunition to Vera Cruz in violation of President Wilson's embargo.

HONOR ROLL PUBLISHED FOR FIRST TIME TODAY

Miss Pauline Newsome, of Clinton Leads Entire Field, Closely Followed by Gussie Skipper, Lillian Bartley, Virginia Cockrell, Minnie Hardy, Mrs. Fred Dock, Miss Maude Ivey, and Mrs. B. L. Daniel.

TODAY'S LEADERS.

- Pauline Newsome ..... 60,070
Gussie Skipper ..... 60,000
Lillian Bartley ..... 59,980
Virginia Cockrell ..... 59,830
Minnie Hardy ..... 59,700
Mrs. Fred W. Dock ..... 59,505
Mrs. Maude Ivey ..... 59,320
Mrs. B. L. Daniel ..... 59,285

THE PRIZES.

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

With the constant changes that are occurring in the published standing of the contestants day after day, the interest of the public is gradually increasing. The total votes cast have been larger almost every day, and more and more friends of the candidates are taking part in the voting.

In order to further stimulate the interest of the public, we begin today to publish the leaders in the contest. Miss Pauline Newsome has the distinct honor of being the leader in the entire field on this, the first day that the Honor Roll is published.

BOTH HOUSES OF STATE ORGANIZE

Much of Afternoon Session Taken Up by Swearing in of Members—Officers.

Raleigh, Jan. 3.—Both Houses organized at noon today. Swearing in of members took much of the time of the afternoon session.

Following a caucus this afternoon an election of officers will be held. Walter Murphy is Speaker of the House.

Senator McNiger, of Hertford county, will serve as chairman of the Senate caucus, and Representative Grier, of Iredell, as chairman of the House caucus.

ALLEGED BOMB MAN IS PUT ON TRIAL

Thomas Mooney, Charged With Murder, Said to Have Thrown Explosives.

San Francisco, Jan. 3.—Thomas J. Mooney, indicted on the charge of murder in connection with bombing during the preparedness parade, held here July 22, in which ten persons were killed and 490 injured, was placed on trial today.

Warren K. Billings, charged with having been the planner of the bombs, has already been tried and is under sentence for life.

WILMINGTON CONCERN IS GIVEN A CHARTER.

Raleigh, Jan. 3.—The Cumberland Mutual Life and Health Insurance Company at Fayetteville was chartered today by the Secretary of State.

Dunn Bros. Co., of Wilmington, capitalized at \$100,000, with \$40,000 already paid in, was also given a charter.

HOW THEY STAND.

- Abbottsburg, N. C. 9,885
Edna Cashwell ..... 8,985
Acme, N. C. 8,040
Mattie Powell ..... 7,865
Ruby Scull ..... 30,600
Alma, N. C. 33,350
Mrs. Robert Belch ..... 59,285
Annie McLean ..... 40,500
Armour, N. C. 16,200
Mrs. B. L. Daniel ..... 40,500
Atkinson, N. C. 16,200
Sallie J. Kelly ..... 16,200
Mamie Woodcock (Continued on Page Seven)

MURPHY SELECTED SPEAKER BY CAUCUS

Henry Page and Gallatin Roberts Step From Rowan Man's Path.

Raleigh, Jan. 3.—The 1915 speaker-ship was re-written when Henry Page and Gallatin Roberts stepped from the path of Walter Murphy and allowed the Rowan man to be selected as the Democratic caucus nominee for speaker without foe.

The sudden collapse of an uncommonly sharp fight was keenly felt. The westerners stuck to it that Roberts would have as many as his opponents and the southerners of the Piedmont section said Pete Murphy would have mighty little on Henry Page.

Page never expected to be elected. He never wanted it and made no fight, but the support that came trooping to him was enough to cheer his workers mightily.

In the 1915 assembly history was much the same. Governor Rufe Doughton came down to do his best, for Tom Bowie Page tore his shirt from narrative to neckband for Seawell and Emmett Wooten had Gallatin Roberts and Matt Allen raking in all between Asheville and Goldsboro.

Following their meeting the caucus was held. Page took down Seawell, Doughton gave up Bowie and everybody centered upon Wooten. Now it was Page's grace to take himself down and Roberts retired with equal good feeling.

What is commonly termed the "machine politicians" were here yesterday. Those who ran unsuccessful candidates said the "machine" was at work.

When they saw Tom Warren in the lobby it was declared he was backing Pete Murphy. But Warren was on record also as backing nobody.

The new speaker is a Salisbury man who first came into prominence about 41 years ago when he was 3 years old.

Major Murphy first came into prominent statesmanship as a member of the 1897 legislature. He was saved in the wreck, Rowan being safer that year than the one just closed.

He fought Governor Russell every day of the term and fearing the aliens watched what it would do to the University. No predecessor has been better to the institution, but nobody knew what it would do.

The first time that the body went to the college was in the spring of that year when Alderman became president. "Toney," as they called him in those days, spread himself and the legislature went back with philanthropic feeling for the college.

Major Murphy did not stay with the members in all of the meanderings. His college and constitutional aversion to going to prayers in the chapel made him take a gratuity that morning.

His legislative experience is a part of the recent chronicles of the State. He was elected speaker for the short term in 1913 and had run prominent in races prior to that.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE ISSUES ARE UP IN BOTH HOUSES NOW

Interest Centered on Universal Military Bill Proposal Before Committee.

EXPECT TO COMPLETE BIG BUDGET MARCH 4.

ARMY OFFICERS WILL GIVE VIEWS ON MILITARY TRAINING FOR NATION—BILLS.

Washington, Jan. 3.—National defence measures were up for consideration today before several committees in both Houses, with interest centered on the universal military training proposal which is before the military committee.

The House military committee began work today on its part of the \$800,000,000 military budget which Congress expects to put through the House before the end of the term, March 4.

Several army officers appointed by Senator Chamberlain's committee were on hand today to present their views on the necessity of universal military training for the nation.

OYSTER PICKERS VIOLATED LAW

Eleven Pled Nolo Contendere For Picking Without States License.

Eleven oyster pickers were arraigned in the Recorder's court before Judge George Harris this morning, charged with having violated a State law by picking oysters from the beds in the sounds without having first secured license to do so, as they are required by law.

The warrants were sworn out by Mr. W. C. Montgomery, local fish inspector. Those indicted were: Messrs. Jack Batson, D. W. Bender, Ed. Taylor, C. H. Hubbard, J. Boseman, Isaac Boseman, Noah Puteh, E. F. Boseman and Sol. Dinkers, white, and W. L. Mitchell and Mary Bennett, colored.

Joe Wilson, alias "Big Sinky Joe," colored, was sent to the county roads for thirty days on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Fritz Boisikowski, white, paid the costs for being drunk and disorderly and thus avoided going to the roads for thirty days. A case against John Day, white, charged with disorderly conduct, was dismissed.

The State took no process in the case of Lewis Yates and Joe Yates, colored, charged with disorderly conduct. David Woodbury and "Spicer," alias John McCormick, colored, were declared not guilty of gambling.

PLANT COMMITTEE IS CONSIDERING SITE.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Rear Admiral Fletcher and other naval officers who will make the final recommendation to the government for the location of the \$11,000,000 armor plant, met today to consider claims of over 100 cities for the location of the plant.

A tour of inspection will be made by the committee after several cities are selected.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Chairman Henry of the House Rules Committee today met with President Wilson to discuss the plan to extend for one year the life of the joint committee on transportation. The committee's time expires January 14.

TRAFFIC BODY'S LIFE MAY BE LENGTHENED.

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LODGE ATTACKS BERNSTORFF FOR PEACE STATEMENT

Mass. Senator Declares Hardly to Be Wondered at That Wrong Idea is Gained.

LEAK PROBE IS HELD PRIVILEGED IN HOUSE.

Note Investigation Suggestion Is Referred to The Rules Committee—Criticizes Lansing's First Note.

Washington, Jan. 3.—During the debate in the Senate to endorse the President's peace note, Senator Lodge attacked the German Ambassador Count von Bernstorff, for giving out the first statement on the approaching peace note.

"It is hardly to be wondered at," said Senator Lodge, "that there should be a general misinterpretation of the note. A general belief is that the note was designated and timed to help Germany on the terms that she proposed to the entente."

Senator Lodge referring to statements of the press to the address to the belligerents as prompted or associated with the peace note. He declared he accepted the President's statement but unfortunately it did not impress everyone alike and created a wrong impression both at home and abroad.

Referring to Secretary Lansing's first statement explaining the peace note, Senator Lodge said: "If it was the purpose of his note to refer to the direct interest of the President's note that it is bringing us to war, then it is justifiable from beginning to end, except that portion which relates to after the war."

Representative Wood's resolution for a special investigation of the "leak" on President Wilson's note was held privileged by the House and it was referred to the Rules Committee.

1916 BUSINESS OF BANKS IS GOOD

Volume is Greatest in History of Institutions—Prosperity in Evidence.

New Bern, N. C., Jan. 3.—According to statements made by bankers, the amount of business done by the local banking institutions during 1916 exceeded all expectations and the volume was greater than has been the case in the history of these institutions.

Prosperity was in evidence early in the year and it continued, growing more marked as the days passed by until today the banks are doing a greater business than ever before in their history, it is stated. Prosperity for this year are said to be even brighter.

That the cash system is the very best way to conduct any sort of business is the opinion of Mr. J. K. Hollowell, manager of Bradham's Broad street drug store, who stated today that the amount of business they had done at that store during the past year was in excess of all past records and that, best of all, ninety-nine per cent of this had been for cash.

There will be no more credit business at the Bradham stores. This will enable them to sell drugs at the lowest prices. The individual who holds the opinion that he can put one over on the local express men and get through them a larger quantity of whiskey than the law allows and at more frequent intervals, is mistaken.

A quart every fifteen days is the limit and this is all that will be delivered. Yesterday four boxes containing twelve quarts each, of whiskey, arrived in New Bern. Mr. J. T. White, local agent for the express company, saw the whiskey at the union passenger station and promptly transferred it from one car to another and sent it back to the shipper.

New Bern public schools were opened today for the Spring term and the attendance is the largest in the history of that institution.

Prof. H. B. Smith and his assistants are firm in their belief that the term is going to be the most successful in the history of the school. Yesterday Prof. Smith was engaged in classifying the new pupils who were to be admitted for the term.

There are a number of cases of measles and mumps in New Bern. School authorities fear that these cases may break out among the school pupils and are requesting the assistance of parents in preventing this if possible.

There has been no epidemic among the school children of New Bern in several years and the superintendent hopes to be able to prevent such this year.