

WEATHER FORECAST.
Fair tonight and Thursday. Much colder Thursday. Strong west winds.

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MACKENSEN IS RAPIDLY DEVELOPING AN ATTACK

Has Succeeded in Forcing a Passage Over the Putna, It Is Stated.

TOWN OF PANTZIN IS APPARENT OBJECTIVE.

German Forces Are Now Only Five Miles From Town, According to Last Advices—Would Cripple Russians.

Field Marshal von Mackensen is rapidly developing an attack north of the Putna river, across which the Russians retreated after losing the town of Pantzin.

von Mackensen's thrust here apparently has the important railroad town of Pantzin for its objective. At last accounts the Teutonic forces were only some five miles away from Pantzin, whose capture would seriously endanger the whole length of the Russian line.

While German dispatches only claimed a footing on the opposite side of the banks of the river, the Russians have cleared the river entirely and have been forced to the Sereth river, their last defensive position.

Nearing the Danube, Berlin reports indicate stubborn counter attacks are being made by the Russians, but the Austro-German positions have been maintained against these thrusts.

There is considerable activity, and dispatches, to the activity of the Russians in the Riga district. Berlin, while conceding that the Russian attacks developed notable strength, declares they were without success.

There were no important developments on the Franco-Belgian border.

COTTON'S HIGH PRICE CAUSES BIG CLEAN-UP.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Continual rise in the price of cotton, according to dispatches from the department of commerce, made the average profit more than 10 per cent and paid more than two billion.

THREE DAYS TO WORK FOR HIGH VOTES AND DIAMOND

Second Period of Contest and Competition For Special Prize Will Close at Nine O'clock Next Saturday Night.

TODAY'S LEADERS.

Mrs. Fred W. Dock	80,580
Missie Baldwin	80,465
Gussie Skipper	80,154
Almeria Wolff	79,910
Artemae Cribbs	79,435
Minnie Hardy	79,220
Mrs. B. L. Daniel	79,070
Annabelle Nurnberger	78,976

THE PRIZES.

\$85 Overland Automobile.
Ford Automobile.
Carolina Beach Lot.
\$100 in Gold.
\$75 Victoria.
\$50 O. K. Mystic Range.
\$75 Sellers Kitchen Cabinet.
\$25 Wrist Watch.
Two \$60 Diamond Rings.

Everybody is getting ready for the big rush next Saturday, when the competition for the diamond ring will come to a close. Saturday will be a big day at contest headquarters, if the humor can be relied upon. All the candidates are hustling to secure as many of the big ballots for 10,000 votes as possible by 9 o'clock Saturday night.

We wish to say once more that the special ballots issued on subscriptions and the extra votes for each \$15 worth of subscriptions do not have to be voted this week. They can be held until the last day of the contest, and their value will remain the same. It is only the subscription orders and the money that have to be turned in by next Saturday night, in order to count toward the diamond ring and receive the high second period extra votes.

"DRY" MEASURE IS NOW UP IN HOUSE

Senate Passes Prohibition Measure—Advocates Confident of Passage.

Washington, Jan. 10.—The fight for a "dry" National Capitol was transferred to the House from the Senate today, where the prohibition measure for the District of Columbia was passed late yesterday. Advocates of the measure are confident of it receiving favorable action in the House.

As it goes to the House the bill would abolish saloons and would prevent the manufacture and sale of liquors, but would not prohibit the import of liquor for private consumption, to take effect after November 1, next.

R. R. TEST CASE TO GO TO COURT

Adamson Law Suit is Completed With Final Testimony By Government.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Final argument of the Adamson test case was heard today by the Supreme Court. With the closing address in behalf of the government the case was to be submitted to the court shortly after 1 o'clock.

The case, which has taken three days, is being hurried through and was given preference over other cases. A decision is expected within a week after the test case goes to the court. It has been expedited since suit was first instituted in the Kansas City Federal Court by the railroads.

GOVERNOR'S PAY RAISED AFTER A FIERCE FIGHT

Legislature Finally Agrees to Make His Salary \$6,500 Per Year.

MANY OPPOSED ON GROUNDS OF ECONOMY.

Other Held it Would be Unconstitutional in Present Case—Fight Ahead on Refund.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 10.—Governor Bickett will draw a salary of \$6,500, the House having passed the Senate's salary bill by reducing it from \$7,500 to one thousand less. Immediately the Senate received the bill, and adopted it.

The fight against the increase was fierce. Many opposed it because they held the Constitutional interpretation of the Governor's term from January the first. Many more opposed it in the interest of economy. Doughton, of Alleghany, and Page, of Moore, led the fight. Page wanted to make it \$10,000, and offered no apologies for it.

The House killed the original bill giving \$7,500. The vote was about three to one. Substantially the same ratio was sustained in the \$6,000 proposition. Finally, the bill passed, 61 to 48, the four most prominent Republicans voting with the majority.

The Senate received resolution from Jones, of Asheville, authorizing the refund of \$4,075 paid to the State convicts Christmas by the Prison Board. Everything points to a lovely fight against this payment, which Governor Craig has personally agreed to make if the legislature refuses.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK NEAR COAST

Alexandrian is Torpedoed, Announces Leyland Line Officials at N. Y.

New York, Jan. 10.—The British steamer Alexandrian, owned and operated by the Leyland Line, has been torpedoed and sunk, presumably near the English coast, according to a telegram received here today by local officials of the line from the New York office.

The Alexandrian sailed from New Orleans for Liverpool carrying a cargo of 7,000 bales of cotton and a miscellaneous cargo.

HANSOM CABS ARE AGAIN IN LONDON.

London, Dec. 10.—Under the stress of war, hansom cabs have again become a frequent sight in London streets. The "growler" has always been a fixture at the station cab for timid country folks, but the taxicab was deemed to have so completely banished the "gondola of London" that it was enshrined in the London museum. The cab derived its name from the inventor, John Aloysius Hansom, who sold the patent away back in the fifties for \$50,000 to a company which got into difficulties and was never able to pay a penny of the money.

The original Hansom, patented on December 23, 1834, had no back seat for the driver. The inventor was an architect who became widely known in church building all over England.

GERMAN RAIDER PASSES THROUGH ALLIES "NET."

New York, Jan. 10.—Cable advices from London December 9 told of a report that a German raider had succeeded in getting through the British network of ships. The raider is described as being 4,000 tons, 325 feet long, well armed and fitted with a torpedo shot.

It is stated that the Allies ships were warned by wireless as follows: "Take all precautions when approaching another vessel on the high seas."

TWO BIG N. CAROLINA CONCERNS CHARTERED.

Raleigh, Jan. 10.—The General Paper Co., of Roanoke Rapids, was chartered today by the Secretary of State. The concern, capitalized at \$5,000, of which \$2,000 is paid in, proposes to manufacture, buy and sell paper and paper products.

The Hickory Spinning Co., of Hickory, capitalized at \$300,000 of which \$75,000 is paid in, was also given a charter by the Secretary of State. The Spinning Co. will manufacture yarn and other textiles.

"BUFFALO BILL" HAS PASSED AWAY



Denver, Colo., Jan. 10.—Col. W. F. Cody ("Buffalo Bill"), soldier, hunter and scout, died here today at 12:05 o'clock at the home of his sister.

RIVERS-HARBORS BILL ABOUT READY

Will Carry Appropriations for Continuing Work in the Cape Fear.

(By George H. Manning.)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 10.—The rivers and harbors bill, consideration of which has almost been completed by the committee, carries appropriations of \$35,000 to complete the present project of improving Cape Fear river at and below Wilmington, and \$80,100 for maintenance during the next fiscal year, it was learned today on unquestionable authority.

Five thousand dollars is provided for maintenance for North East and Black Rivers. The committee has decided to adopt a new project for the North East Cape Fear river and will appropriate \$25,375 for improving and deepening the channels leading to a number of fertilizer plants above Wilmington.

The liberal provisions for the waterways about Wilmington is undoubtedly due to the untiring efforts of Congressman Small, of North Carolina, who has been unstinting in his work for the State waterways. Incidentally, Mr. Small will be the chairman of the committee in the next Congress, a position for which he is admirably fitted.

ORDERED TO QUIT SMOKE AND BOOZE

Kemp McLawhorne to Pay Cost of Case By Giving Up Stimulents.

New Bern, Jan. 10.—Quit smoking cigarettes and drinking whiskey to pay the costs of the case was the sentence yesterday imposed upon Kemp McLawhorne, a young white man of Vanceboro, who pleaded guilty to a charge of carrying concealed weapons before Judge W. P. Stacy.

McLawhorne is said to have gone "gunning" during the holidays and put a bullet through one of Clyde Warren's lower limbs. It was at first feared that this would result seriously, but the victim is getting along all right.

The charge of shooting was withdrawn. He must appear in court for twelve months and show that he has complied with the sentence of the judge.

That Judge W. P. Stacy, of Wilmington, who is presiding in the Craven County Superior Court, now in session in this city, means to pop it to the "pistol toters" who are brought before him, as he declared yesterday afternoon when he sent George Phifer to the roads for a term of four years for shooting a colored woman and carrying a concealed weapon. He was given two years on the roads for the assault and two years for carrying a concealed weapon, one sentence to follow the other.

Judge Stacy declared in his charge to the Grand Jury that the man who went around with a pistol in his hip pocket, was one of society's deadliest menaces and that he intended giving each and every one brought before him the limit of the law.

He stated that he was anxious to break up this practice and that he was going to do his part toward this end.

ENTENTE ANSWER TO PRESIDENT'S NOTE IS READY

All Governments of Allied Nations Have Approved The Epistle.

TO BE MADE PUBLIC TONIGHT IN PARIS.

Reply of Reply Caused by One of Powers Requesting a Change in Phraseology. Specific Peace Terms.

London, Jan. 10.—The reply of the Entente to President Wilson's peace note to the belligerents asking them to state their aim in the war, has received the approval of all of the Entente governments and is about to be made public in Paris. Publication will be deferred for forty-eight hours.

The delays in sending the reply is due to several changes suggested by one of the entente powers. The change, however, was largely in phraseology. The answer contains approximately 1,200 to 1,500 words. The statement containing the peace terms are said to be more specific than contained in any other official utterance.

BRITT IS MAKING READY TO FIGHT

Prepares Papers For Contest Before House of Seat Given Weaver.

(By George H. Manning.)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 10.—Congressman James Britt is busily engaged in preparing papers which he will file with the House of Representatives in a few days formally contesting the election of Zeb Weaver, his Democratic opponent for Congress.

The papers will review all the circumstances connected with the canvassing of the vote and the attempt made to have the courts direct the withholding of the issuance of a certificate of election to Weaver.

The case will be referred to the committee on elections and in all probability a hearing will be given by the committee next summer.

TICK PROBLEM IS PROBED IN ATLANTA

Officials Are Studying Method of Propaganda to Arouse Interest of Farmers.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 10.—How Federal and State officers fighting to destroy cattle tick not only in a physical manner, but also by studying propaganda can arouse the interest of the farmers who own cattle, was the subject of the morning session here today of the "tickmen," being held under the auspices of the Federal Bureau of Animal Industry.

The afternoon session will be given over to a discussion of the advantages of the two methods of ridding cattle of the pest—"dipping vats" and of "sprinkling."

TROOPERS LEAVE PETS IN THE LONDON ZOO.

London, Jan. 10.—The London Zoo has been augmented by many warships and regimental mascots. The pets were left here by troops from the Dominions and will remain until the latter return from the fighting zones.

They range from a monkey, which survived the battle of Helligoland and the Dogger Bank, to bears from Canada, which await the return of their battalions from the front. Other mascots which will adorn the peace procession, if they live long enough, are deer, unsuited to trench life. The bears, which hail from the Rocky Mountains, are housed on the Mappin Terrace, and are very much at home.

ALABAMA GOVERNOR IS ANXIOUS FOR MILITIA.

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 10.—Aroused by reports from the Alabama National Guard Camp at Nogales, Ariz., and the official report that 22 of the soldiers had died there during the past twenty days, Governor Charles Henderson is seriously considering going there on a personal inspection visit.

LEAK CHARGE PROBE MAY NOT BE ORDERED

SEARCH FOR THAW GROWING ACTIVE

He Is Charged With Kidnapping and Assaulting 19-Year-Old Youngster.

New York, Jan. 10.—Search for Harry K. Thaw, indicted in New York on charges of kidnapping and assaulting Frederick Gump, Jr., of Kansas City, was particularly active today in New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Washington.

Thaw is known to have been in Philadelphia Monday, but it is said he left there that night for Washington, and intended then to go to his home in Pittsburgh. He is charged with inciting young Gump, who is but 19 years old, to a hotel here on Christmas day and beating him with a whip.

"Not at Home."

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 10.—Harry K. Thaw, indicted in New York on a charge of kidnapping and assaulting Frederick Gump, Jr., yesterday was believed to be at the Thaw home in this city. Members of the Thaw family, however, would not say whether he arrived late last night or today and refused to answer any questions in regard to the charges.

JUDGE STACY IS STRICT ON JURORS

Two Absent Talesmen Fined \$10 For Failure to Report.

New Bern, Jan. 10.—When a man is summoned for jury duty before Judge W. P. Stacy, of Wilmington, who is presiding in the Craven County Superior Court now in session here the judge means for him to be on hand, unless he has been excused. If he has not, it is a pretty safe bet that something will happen to him.

Yesterday W. H. Rowe and A. E. Selloff failed to answer to their names when called for jury duty and Judge Stacy at once placed a fine of ten dollars on each one of these gentlemen.

Miss Mary Moore, daughter of Mrs. C. E. Moore, became the bride of Mr. F. B. Brumyate, of Petersburg, Va., this morning at 6:30 o'clock at Beaufort. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's mother, by the Rev. Cartwright. The young couple left shortly afterwards for a bridal tour through the North.

The steam tug Curtin, here in port for two days, left today en route to Washington, N. C. Captain J. E. Emery, in command of the boat, stated that members of his crew had been accused of disorderly conduct in that town a few nights ago and that he was going back to convince the officials there that they are not guilty. The crew was tied up at Washington at the time of the trouble.

EDUCATIONAL BILL TABLED.

A telegram received by The Dispatch from Representative L. Clayton Grant states that his educational bill, introduced last week and providing for an increase to five in the membership of the New Hanover County Board of Education, was tabled in the House yesterday at his own request. Representative Grant took this action in compliance with his agreement with the mass meeting last Saturday night.

MOVEMENT ON FOOT TO MAKE ALASKA "DRY"

Washington, Jan. 10.—At a hearing on a drastic prohibition measure for Alaska before the House territories committee today it developed that there are 325 retail liquor saloons and six breweries in the territory.

Chairman Houston indicated that the committee would report favorably on the bill, which when put in effect would make the territory "bone dry."

After Brief Session Today Public Hearing Is Suspended.

NO FORMAL ACTION MADE BY COMMITTEE

Rules Committee of House, However, is Considering Whether to Probe Cotton Exchange or Officials Said to be Responsible.

Washington, Jan. 10.—After another brief session the House rules committee suspended public hearings on Representative Wood's resolution to investigate the stock market "leak." Many Congressmen declared that they believed the committee will report against making an investigation.

No formal action was taken by the committee at the executive session. Members stated that Representative Wood's resolution will be quoted to the House.

Whether the committee will recommend a specific investigation of Mr. Lawson's charges against government officials or a broad inquiry into the New York stock exchange, is now being considered. The course of the committee is not yet announced. However, it is intimated that the information does not warrant an investigation.

Some of the members contend that if there is to be a general investigation of the cotton exchange and officials that it should not be ordered on Representative Wood's resolution, as his resolution only directs attention to the operation charges made by Mr. Lawson.

Mr. Lawson has told the committee that he will name the officials who participated in the alleged stock gamble and give their names if they will order an investigation of the exchange.

"SUFFS" PICKETING THE WHITE HOUSE

Banners Galore Remind President of "Cause"—Regular Shifts Inaugured.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Woman suffragists began "silent picketing" of the White House today. Twelve women from the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage appeared at the main gates of the White House carrying banners reading: "Mr. President, what will you do for woman suffrage?"

White House policemen stood silently by as the women took up their posts just on the outside of the gates. Leaders announced that the "picketing" will last from 10 o'clock each morning until 6 o'clock every afternoon. The "silent sentinels" will be relieved every three hours.

It is announced this action is taken in order to make it impossible for President Wilson to either enter or leave the White House without being confronted with a reminder of woman suffrage.

When President Wilson returned to the White House late today he smiled as his automobile passed through the gate flanked by the "silent sentinels."

COM. MERCHANTS SAY ARE "NOT GUILTY."

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 10.—A denial that they are responsible for the present high prices of food products and a discussion of plans to combat the nation-wide movement to eliminate the middlemen, promise to feature the twenty-fifth annual convention of the National League of Commission Merchants, which assembled in this city today for a three-day session.

The convention is attended by prominent representatives of the commission trade from nearly all the large cities of the country.

COLD WAVE WILL HIT ALL MIDDLE STATES

Washington, Jan. 10.—A pronounced cold wave of several days duration, according to weather bureau warnings, will prevail in Middle Atlantic States, the Ohio Valley and New England States, Thursday and Friday.

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