

WEATHER FORECAST.
North and South Carolina—Fair
tonight. Sunday increasing cloud-
iness. Warmer. Southeast winds.

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RUSS REINFORCE LINES, BUT FAIL WITH OFFENSIVE

German Operations Southeast
of Riga Are Meeting With
Success.

FRENCH FAIL IN AN ATTACK ON VERDUN

Vigorous Artillery Attacks Occur
at Eparges and Hill 304.
Five German Planes Hit.

(By Associated Press.)
Berlin, Jan. 27. (Via Sayville.)—The
Russians in the Riga region have re-
fused their lines east of the river
Dvina, but the fresh forces brought up
by the Russian high command have
not been able to help in the Riga
region, says today's army
operations statement, which reads:
"The Russian front: Front of Prince
Lipovitskiy—East of the river Aar
additional Russian reinforcements were
able to regain ground conquered by
the Germans."
"Western front: Army of Grand
duch of Wurtemberg—
"The Germans of Dixmude a Belgian out-
post of ten men was captured without
any loss to the captors."
"Army group of Crown Prince Rupprecht
South of LaBasse canal sev-
eral advances by British detach-
ments, prepared for by artillery fire
of the British."
"Southeast of Chilly, some French
troops advancing against our
trenches were repulsed. Our own re-
connoitering parties found near Bar-
theville the French first line empty."
"Army group of the German Crown
Prince: A fruitless night attack by
the French against the positions on
Hill 304 continued by us, was follow-
ed during the morning hours by a
new attack, which likewise broke
up sanguinously."
"Near Stanheulle, in the Woivre-
ville on Combes Heights and in the
vicinity of the Meuse west of St. Mihiel
contending parties entered French
positions and took therefrom about
twenty prisoners. Raiding detach-
ments of Hanoverian reserve infan-
try regiment No. 73 distinguished
themselves on this occasion as on pre-
ceding days."
"The German operations southwest
of Riga on the northern end of the
front are meeting with success,
writes the military critic of the
Tribune News Agency today in his
review of military conditions in the
region."
"On January 24, says the Reviewer,
the powerful preparation East Prus-
sian troops heroically stormed the
Russian positions west and north-
west of Kalzheim. In this swampy
area of the front there were no en-
trenchments, the positions were
constructed of various mate-
rials, and the ground was very soft.
Fresh forces brought up by the Rus-
sians temporarily retarded the ad-
vance of the German columns which
succeeded in progression
through a hostile position on a front
of three and one-half kilometers in
the northerly zone. This compelled
the Russians to retire northward."
"As on the previous day the Rus-
sian losses were exceedingly heavy,
the German forces taken agree that of one
Russian regiment not more than
three officers and 400 men survived.
Some of the members of the regiment
were killed and buried by the hos-
tile artillery fire in the positions they
were occupying. The prisoners de-
clared that they had been without
food for two days and that many of
their comrades had mutilated."
"East of the river Aar the Rus-
sians attacked violently five times,
but were repulsed with heavy losses."
"A new attack was made by the
French on the Verdun front near Hill
304 early this morning, the war of-
ficer reports. The attack broke down
with heavy losses."
"Artillery Attacks.
Paris, Jan. 27.—Vigorous artillery
fighting occurred last night on the
Verdun front in the region of Eparges
and Hill 304. German defense works
were subjected to an intense fire, the
German office communication of today
reports.
"Five German airplanes were brought
down."
"The communication follows:
"On the left bank of the river Meuse,
the artillery has directed a destruc-
tive fire upon the German forces in
the sector of Hill 304. At Eparges
the artillery firing was fairly spirited,
but the surprise attack on the part of
the enemy in this region failed under our
fire. Another attempt upon minor
positions at Massiges in the Cham-
pagne district was easily repulsed."
"The night passed quietly on the re-
maining of the front."
"During the day of January 26,
French scouting airplanes delivered
a number of aerial attacks during
which five airplanes of the enemy
were brought down. Two of these ma-
chines fell in the region of Verdun,
one north of Gincrey and the other
near Montfaucon; two others were
brought down at Treuly-Breuil, near
Bardigne, in the Oise, and a fifth ma-
chine, attacked by Lieutenant Guy-
Berger, was compelled to land within
a few miles of Doullens, and the avia-
tor was made prisoner."
"It has been confirmed that during
the day of January 25 the enemy air-
plane attacked by Lieutenant Geyne
was destroyed by this pilot near
Bardigne. These two recent vic-
tories bring to thirty the number of
German airplanes which Glynemer has
brought down to the present time."
"Two French airplanes on January
26 bombarded the railroad station and

BIRTH CONTROLLER IS FORCIBLY FED

Too Weak to Resist, Tube Is
Put In Mouth of Woman
"Hunger Striker."

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Jan. 27.—The prison
authorities resorted to forcible feed-
ing in the case of Mrs. Ethel Byrne,
after the birth control propagandist
collapsed today while maintaining
her "hunger strike" in her cell on
Blackwell's Island, where she is serving
a thirty-day term.
The woman did not resist. Accord-
ing to physicians she was too weak.
A tube was inserted in her mouth
and nourishing liquid food was ad-
ministered. The patient was then
put to bed. It was announced that
the involuntary method would be con-
tinued unless she consented to aban-
don her intention to starve herself as
a "martyr" to her cause of publicly
circulating birth control ideas with
the support of her sister, Mrs. Marg-
aret Sanger, who is facing trial.
The decision to feed Mrs. Byrne
was announced after the prison phy-
sicians came to regard her condition
as dangerous. Eggs and milk consti-
tuted her first diet since Monday
night.

AMERICA'S ONLY WOMAN MAYOR TO MAKE HER CITY A "SPOT- LESS AND POLICELESS" TOWN.



MAYOR LAURA STARCHER

For the first time in the history
of the Nation a government com-
posed entirely of women will conduct
the affairs of an American city. Dur-
ing the recent election in Umatilla,
Ore., Mrs. Louise Starcher not only
defeated her husband, E. E. Starcher,
for the mayoralty, but all the other
city offices were filled with women.
The photograph shows Mrs. Louise
Starcher, the only American woman
mayor, as she appeared when taking
up the duties of her office.

PREPAREDNESS A NATIONAL CRISIS

Congress of Constructive Pa-
triotism of National Security
League Meets.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 27.—Various kinds
of economic preparedness for a Na-
tional crisis were discussed today be-
fore the Congress of Constructive
Patriotism of the National Security
League.
A platform was prepared on which
the league will wage a campaign for
education to arouse National spirit, as
well as for universal training and
other military and naval activity.
A dinner tonight will close the
meetings which have lasted three
days with a score of prominent men
as speakers in behalf of preparation
for war.
Representative Gardner, of Massa-
chusetts, protested against entrance
of the United States into an interna-
tional agreement to enforce peace on
the ground that it would involve the
country in European or Asiatic war
in which it had no interest.
"How should we have fared
throughout the Nation's history if,
instead of fighting our battles, we had
been asked to depend upon arbitra-
rily decided to Mexico Spain admi-
nistration?" he asked. "We should be a
colony of England today; Texas would
still belong to Mexico; slavery, unless
arbitrarily by Great Britain's order,
might have lasted down to the pres-
ent time, and Cuba would even now
be struggling under the domination of
Spain."

AMERICAN TROOPS MOVE GRADUALLY TOWARDS BORDER

They are Marching Out of Col-
onia Dublin, According to
Reports.

FULL EXPEDITIONARY FORCE IS ACTIVE.

Troops Sighted on Move This
Morning Thought to be Ad-
vance of Punitive,
Expedition.
(By Associated Press.)
El Paso, Texas, Jan. 27.—Ameri-
can troops started north from the
field headquarters at Colonia Dublin
at dawn today, according to reports
from Columbus, N. M., brought there
today by passengers arriving
overland. The troops which left were
believed to be the advance guard of
the punitive expedition.
MARCHING OUT.
Juarez, Mex., Jan. 27.—American
troops were marching out of Colonia
Dublin toward the border at 7 o'clock
this morning, according to a message
received at Casas Grandes.
The message did not give the ex-
tent of the troop-movement but it was
predicted in Casa Grandes that the
entire expeditionary force would be
on the road northward before night-
fall.
Villa followers were moving in the
wake of the American expeditionary
forces as they withdrew from El Valle,
San Joaquin and Charcos, according
to a report received here from pre-
viously reliable sources. They re-
mained at safe distances.
When the last of the fifth cavalry
entered out of El Valle Wednesday
morning, the Carranza garrison there,
consisting of 100 soldiers, left for
Casas Grandes.

AUTO WITH DEAD BODIES RAN INTO FENCE, SHE SAYS

Mrs. Patrick Murphy is First
Witness Called to Stand
Today.

"BULL" BUTLER HAS GOOD REPUTATION.

Testimony Shows Spanell
Jumped From Car As It Hit
Jence, Leaving His Wife
and Butler Dead.
(By Associated Press.)
San Angelo, Texas, Jan. 27.—Mrs.
Patrick Murphy, of Alpine, Texas,
was the first witness placed on the
stand here today in the trial of Harry
J. Spanell, charged with the killing of
Mrs. Spanell, and Colonel M. C.
Butler, in July last.
She testified to hearing shots and
going out on the porch of her house
where she saw an automobile leave
the street and run into the fence.
She said she heard more shooting and
afterward saw a man leave the car.
He staggered back about ten feet, she
said, and exclaimed: "Oh, my God!"
"I heard nothing else spoken,"
Mrs. Murphy declared. "I went to
the car and looked at two bodies in
it, but did not know whose they
were."
The neighbors soon gathered
around the car, she said. R. N. Pitt-
man being among the number.
Mrs. Murphy on cross-examination
said afterward she went into the
Pittman house, where Mrs. Pittman
was lying in bed. She said the sick
woman was not on the sleeping porch,
as Pittman had testified yesterday,
and felt, too, that Pittman was not
out in the yard while the shooting
was going on.
Pittman yesterday testified that he
saw the shooting.
The witness was asked if there
was any other reason why she knew
Pittman was not in the yard during
the shooting. She replied:
"Yes. When I asked Mrs. Pittman
why she came to be in a room in-
stead of on the porch she explained
she was afraid of bullets when the
shooting began and asked her hus-
band to carry her into the house."
Pittman corroborated his wife's
testimony.
Allen Walton, sheriff of Brewster
county, testified that Butler's reputa-
tion as regarded attentions to wom-
en was good.
He told of going to the jail and
asking Spanell:
"My God, Harry, what have you
done?"
The defense objected to this ques-
tion, saying that whatever Spanell
may have answered was not a volun-
tary statement. The answer was or-
dered withheld while counsel looked
up authorities.

HOUSE WANTS ALL ABSENTEES TO CAST BALLOTS

Passed Bill to That Effect To-
day By a Whopping Big
Majority.

REPUBLICANS WERE AGAINST THE BILL.

Senate Passes Two Bills to
Regulate Patent Medicines.
Big Disturbance Sched-
uled For Wednesday.
(Special to The Dispatch.)
Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 27.—By 62 to 19
the House today passed an absentee
voters' act, all Republicans in the
body save Brock, of Davie, voting
against the measure. McRackin, of
Columbus, raised many objections to
the bill, which provides that soldiers,
college men, drummers and various
types of necessarily absent citizens
may register in person any time dur-
ing the year and vote by mail. Mc-
Rackin feared double voting. Mc-
Rary, Republican leader, fought hard
for amendments, and called for roll-
call vote. When that came Haymore
asked to withdraw the measure and
the Democrats put him on record.
The House is now working with-
out the speaker, Major Murphy being
laid up with grippe. Doughton and
Roberts, of Buncombe, presided,
Doughton leaving the chair to lead
the debate on the absentee voters
bill.
The Senate this morning, without
a dissenting voice, passed the two
bills of Bennett, of Swain, for the
regulation of the patent medicine
traffic, one prohibiting the sale or
advertising in North Carolina of reme-
dies purporting to cure incurable
ailments, the other putting medicines
under the State Pure Food Law, to
prevent adulteration or misbranding.
Otherwise, nothing much happened
in the upper House of the General
Assembly and adjournment later was
until 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, in
order that a vacuum cleaner may be
applied to the carpet of the chamber.
None should forget, however, that a
metaphoric disturbance of parts is
billed for Wednesday.
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JURORS TODAY TO BE GIVEN OLIVER CASE.

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Jan. 27.—The much-
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decision of the jury in Federal Court
today.

TRIO OF DOG TEAMS FIGHTING TO LEAD.

(By Associated Press.)
Grand Forks, N. D., Jan. 27.—
Hundreds of people kept watchful
eyes on the roads leading into this
city from the North today, eager for
a sight of the picturesque dog teams
competing in the 522-mile derby
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PERSHING SENDS MANY LOADED TRUCKS HOME.

(By Associated Press.)
Queretaro, Mex., Jan. 27.—Foreign
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FISH AND OYSTERS SCARCE IN NEW BERN.

(Special to The Dispatch.)
New Bern, N. C., Jan. 27.—But few
fish and oysters are being taken from
local waters just at the present time,
this being due, in the main, to the
fact that very inclement weather has
prevailed in this section during the
past ten days.
Buck and roe shad are in great de-
mand now, even though the cost of
this variety of water food is rather
high, but the local dealers are unable
to supply the demand unless they de-
pend on their supply from other points.
Oysters, too, are scarce but the
quality of those few that are being
brought in is all that could be desired
and they are being readily disposed
of at good prices.
Mr. George N. Ives, yesterday ship-
ped to one of the officials in the United
States Department of Agriculture,
at Washington, seventy-five pounds
of the famous pecans which were
grown on his farm at Newport.
Mr. Ives is said to be the champion
country and the product from his farm
goes all over the country, even as far
west as California.

PROGRESS IN MOLDAVIA.

(Via London.)
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DAY IN CONGRESS.

Washington, Jan. 27.—
Senate.
Met at 11 a. m.
Resumed debate on Indian Appro-
priation bill.
House.
Met at 11 a. m.
Considered private pension bills.

MONDAY WILL BE LAST DAY TO VOTE

With End of Contest Only Few
Hours Away, Many Stories
and Rumors Are In Circula-
tion.

These are trying days, all right, and
they tax the nerves of the contestants
to almost the breaking point. The
strife will soon be over, however, as
the contest will end Monday night.
Then will come the congratulations to
the winners, and the kind words of
sympathy and consolation to the less
fortunate ones.
There has never been a contest in
this vicinity in which such vigorous
campaigns were waged, as have been
waged by the candidates in The Dis-
patch contest. There are few homes
in this section of the State which
have not been visited by the candi-
dates and their friends in the solici-
tation of subscriptions and votes.
When the contest will have ended
there will be hundreds of new homes
to which The Dispatch will be deliv-
ered, a fact which the business men
of Wilmington will do well to remem-
ber.
Those who have not, as yet, helped
a friend in the contest, should do so
before Monday at 9 p. m. After that
time it will be too late. Remember
the deserving candidates now when
you can be of some assistance to
them. Regrets afterward will be out
of place and utterly useless.
Candidates and their friends are
again reminded that they cannot af-
ford to place too much reliance on
the work already accomplished. Many
a goal has been lost by such a course.
A battle is never ended until the last
shot has been fired and the enemy
routed, and the candidate who sits
down and folds her hands, believing
that she has the automobile, or one
of the other prizes won, will find too
late that she has idled away the hours
that should have been improved and
that one other competitor, wiser than
she, had taken time by the forelock
and had gathered in the subscrip-
tions which made her success sure.
Only Monday remains in which to
work for the subscriptions and votes
which will mean so much. Candi-
dates, now is the time to be on the
job every minute. Remember, the
race is close.
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President Won't Accept Trainmen's Plan As It Stands

Washington, Jan. 27.—President
Wilson is not expected to accept with-
out some modification the proposal
by the railroad brotherhood heads
that a mixed commission of railroad
employees and employers be created
to investigate disputes as a substi-
tute for the president's recommenda-
tion that strikes or lockouts be pro-
hibited pending an investigation by
a government body.
In conference with the President to-
day Representative Adamson took the
position that the commission proposed
by the brotherhoods would be useless
unless it included a representative of
the public.

WATERFRONT BILL GOES TO SENATE

River and Harbor Measure,
\$38,000,000, Passed By
House, Is Up Again.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 27.—The Senate
today in the annual Rivers and Har-
bor Appropriations bill, passed yester-
day by the House and carrying \$38,-
000,000 for than \$10,000,000 of which
is for new projects.
President Wilson has indicated his
approval of the allowances for exist-
ing projects.
The President's plan for a commis-
sion of cabinet officers and members
of Congress, to make an extensive in-
vestigation of river and harbor im-
provement, drainage, irrigation and
flood control, was stricken out of the
bill by the House.

POLISH NEWSPAPERS APPEALING FOR GOLD.

(By Associated Press.)
London, Jan. 27.—A Rotterdam dis-
patch to the Exchange Telegraph Co.
says that the Polish papers under the
German censorship have appealed to
the Polish nation for gold. The papers
suggested that the Polish treasury can-
be replenished by gifts given by every
Pole according to his means. It is
also announced that a loan will prob-
ably be launched in which gold will
be exchanged for notes.

NEW REVENUE BILL.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 27.—The
new revenue bill framed by the
House Ways and Means Com-
mittee, Democrats, and ratified
by caucus action last night, was
introduced today by Majority
Leader Kitchin. It will be sub-
mitted to the entire Ways and
Means Committee Monday for re-
port and will then be immedi-
ately called up in the House for
consideration. The bill already
has been made public.

UTAH CAVALRY TO SUPPORT RANGERS

Soldiers on Way to Back Up
Americans Who Clashed
With Mexicans.

(By Associated Press.)
Tucson, Ariz., Jan. 27.—With rein-
forcements of Utah cavalry dispatched
today to the scene of the clash
yesterday between American cow-
boys and Mexicans near the Interna-
tional border, forty miles south of
here, fears for the safety of Ameri-
cans assembled at the Hogan ranch
house were somewhat allayed.
Reports stated that all Americans
in that vicinity took refuge in the
Arivaca Land and Cattle Company
property, after the outbreak and
that further trouble was believed to
have been averted.
The trouble started when six Ameri-
can cowboys undertook to round up
a herd of cattle on the American
side. The Mexican band of twenty
began firing and the cowboys re-
turned the fire. Outnumbered, they
gradually withdrew northward and
were reinforced by Utah cavalrymen.
Later it was reported that another de-
tachment of Utah guardsmen under
Lieutenant Arns has been sent to the
scene.
The Mexicans are said to have at-
tacked in open formation, but soon
their forces became scattered. No
reports of American casualties have
been received here. It is not known
whether the Mexicans suffered any
losses. Today it was believed that
sufficient forces were on hand to con-
trol the situation.

BATTLE ON BORDER.

Tucson, Ariz., Jan. 27.—Lying
in rocks close to the Interna-
tional line, five miles south of
Ruby, Arizona, forty members of
Troop E, First Utah cavalry, 1
commanded by Lieutenant Arns,
were keeping up an incessant
firing at Mexican soldiers across
the line today. The Mexicans
were returning the shots.
As far as known, none of the
American troops have been
wounded or killed. Reinforce-
ments from Nogales are being
rushed to the scene. Soldiers
and civilians returning from the
line report they saw several
Mexican soldiers fall during the
fighting. A telephone message
from Arivaca says the Mexican
soldiers engaging the Americans
are from the Carranza garrison
at Sasabe.