

North Carolina and South Carolina—Fair and somewhat lower temperature tonight. Wednesday, overcast.

GERMAN ATTACK IS REPULSED BY FRENCH, VERDUN

Advance in Region of Hill 304 is Stopped With Considerable Loss to Teuton.

3 GERMAN PLANES ARE BROUGHT DOWN.

Prisoners Are Taken From Kaiser in Hand Grenade Attack Against The French Trenches Near Verdun.

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Jan. 30.—The Germans last night made another offensive movement in the region of Hill 304, north-west of Verdun, attacking a French trench. The attack, says today's war office announcement, was stopped by gunfire with considerable losses to the Germans.

A German raid on French trenches north of Badonvillers was attempted but failed, adds the statement, which also reports an intermittent cannonade on the remainder of the front.

Three German airplanes were brought down. The announcement follows:

"On the left bank of the Meuse an attack with hand grenades against one of our trenches in the region of Hill 304 was repulsed by our fire without any result other than losses for the enemy. North of Badonvillers a German attack was repulsed.

"In Upper Alsace our batteries were active in the region of Seppois. There was intermittent cannonading along the remainder of the front.

"Three enemy airplanes were brought down in aerial combats yesterday, one by Sergeant Hauss, who, up to the present time, has destroyed five German airplanes. It is estimated that Adjutant Jailler has brought down six enemy machines thus far, five airplanes and one balloon.

Quiet Prevails.

Berlin, Jan. 30 (Via Salville).—Quiet has prevailed during the last 24 hours all along the Russian and Rumanian fronts from the Baltic to the Black Sea, the war office announced today. Only in Macedonia, in the Cerna, and in the Struma regions has there been any activity in the Balkans, and this only in the nature of scouting operations. The statement reads:

"Eastern front: Between the Baltic and the Black sea there have been no important events. "Macedonia front: In the bend of the Cerna and on the lowlands of the Struma clashes occurred between reconnoitering detachments."

"French troops last night delivered fresh attacks on German lines at Hill 304, northwest of Verdun, army headquarters announced today. The attacks failed of success.

"Western front: Army group of Crown Prince Rupprecht—On the Aisne front there were several reconnoitering engagements. "Between the Aisne and the Somme an artillery duel, which at times was strong, took place.

"Army group of the German Crown Prince: Attacks made in the evening by the French against Hill 304 were without success."

ATTACKING "SUB" IS CHASED AWAY

British Steamer Amazon is Fired on By German Under-sea Boat.

(By Associated Press.) Pernambuco, Jan. 30.—Passengers on the British steamer Amazon which has arrived here from Europe report that the ship was attacked by a submarine in the neighborhood of Vigo, Spain. The submarine fired a torpedo which passed close under the ship's bow.

According to the passengers, several shots were fired at the submarine by both the Amazon and a French steamer which was in the neighborhood. The submarine disappeared and it was not learned whether she had been hit or not.

30 TONS OF CHEESE AND GEN GO OVERBOARD.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 30.—Thirty tons of merchandise consisting of Holland and Dutch cheese, part of a 300-Vulcanus, were thrown into the sea by crew members of a German submarine when the ship was held up by a U. S. boat, December 27, off the English coast, according to officers of the Vulcanus, on arrival here today.

The vessel was on her way from Rotterdam to Lisbon, Portugal, the report said, when the submarine appeared. An officer came aboard and made a careful examination of the ship's manifest. He passed everything, to his mind, would be of no use to the enemy, but drew a sharp line on the gin and cheese, declaring them "contraband foodstuffs."

TO BRIDGE POTOMAC.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 30.—Construction of a railroad bridge across the Potomac river near Metomkin Point, Va., 30 miles south of Washington, proposed in behalf of the Washington-Newport News Short Line Railroad, is authority in a bill favorably reported today by the House Interstate Commerce Committee. The bill was introduced by Representative Jones, of Virginia, and the project has the approval of Secretary Baker.

AUTOMOBILE TURNS TURTLE; ALL SAFE

Machine Rounding Curve Spills Occupants; Trip Continued to Magnolia.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Magnolia, N. C., Jan. 30.—While rounding a curve in the road seven miles from here yesterday, Floyd Rouse, of Rose Hill, who was driving an automobile that contained four other persons, lost control of the machine, causing it to turn turtle and pin two of the occupants beneath it. No one was seriously injured. Mr. Rouse and Miss Beatrice Williams, although pinned beneath the machine for some time, were pulled from under the car with only minor injuries. Dr. E. Best and Miss Viola Brown were thrown to the ground. The automobile was turned to its four wheels and the trip continued.

Wilson's Mexican Policy Boasted By English Newspaper

London, Jan. 30.—In an editorial praising the Mexican policy of the United States the Manchester Guardian says: "To say that the whole country has been reduced to order would be exaggerating, but the area of disorder has been greatly diminished and is less now than at any time since the revolution against Diaz. President Wilson's Mexican policy has been guided by two principles—determination to avoid the jingoist, which is the cover of capitalist hunger, and determination to allow Mexico to work out her salvation with as much help and as little interference as possible from the United States. The policy has difficulties and trials which are not yet over, but it is beginning to be vindicated by its fruits."

3 BANKS MERGE WITH A \$132,000,000 CAPITAL.

(By Associated Press.) Cleveland, Jan. 30.—Formal announcement was made today of the merger of three local banks representing total resources of \$132,000,000 linking the Union National Bank, the Bank of Commerce National Association and the Citizens Savings and Trust Company. The two national banks which will operate as a separate unit have combined deposits of about \$50,000,000, while the Citizens, which will operate separately, has about \$60,000,000.

WILSON BELIEVES HIS PROGRAM IS FINISHED.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 30.—Administration leaders in Congress today got some encouragement over legislation prospects from President Wilson's statement after his regular visit to the capitol that he believed every important measure in which he is interested will be acted upon in this session.

The President explained he does not insist on any particular form of railroad strike restriction bill, but believes some legislation to that end is absolutely necessary. He also endorsed Senator Poindexter's proposal to place all postmasters under civil service.

THREE MORE TROOPS LEAVE

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 30.—The War Department today ordered General Bell, commanding the Western Department, to return to home stations for muster-out of the Federal service, Troop A, Cavalry, and Battery A, Field Artillery of Oregon, and Troop B, Cavalry, and Company A, Signal Corps, of Washington.

WILSON'S PLAN MEANS BIG WAR, SAYS CUMMINS

Declares If President's Proposal is Accepted U. S. Would Be Drawn in Quickly.

DOCTRINE WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED—LEWIS.

Cummins Says If "Not War, We Shall Be Engaged In Almost Constant Rebellion When Plan Carried."

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 30.—Opening debate in the Senate today on President Wilson's peace proposals, Senator Cummins, Republican, declared that to do what the President suggested would involve the United States either in almost constant world war or constant rebellion against the authority of world sovereignty the President proposes.

Asserting that he stood with the President in every moral effort possible for him to exert to bring an end to the present war, Senator Cummins said he refused to follow him "when he leaves the way toward the world sovereignty which he has proposed."

Before Senator Cummins began speaking Senator Lewis, Democratic whip, most prominent defender of the President's peace moves, introduced a resolution which he temporarily had laid on the table, declaring that the address which the Iowa Senator criticized did not suggest abolition of limitation of the Monroe Doctrine, or military aggression by the United States in foreign countries.

Senator Cummins spoke directly to his resolution which would set aside time for exclusive debate of the President's recent peace address, but he departed from that phase to discuss its merits.

Declaring that the message "overflows with just and beautiful sentiments so eternally right that they instantly command the approval of all lovers of humanity," Senator Cummins said it was easy to raise a banner of humanitarianism but that "it is a sad spectacle, however, to see a flag raised in devotion to the cause of peace leading a march straight to the hell of war."

"I affirm as my belief," said Senator Cummins, "that if this country shall do what the President proposes, we will be involved, either in almost continuous war waged all over the world, or we will be engaged in almost constant rebellion against the authority which he proposes to set up over us. No man shall accuse me of questioning the sincerity of the President in his attachment to the doctrine he advocates, nor must it be insisted that I doubt the honesty of his conviction that the new world power will fairly re-divide the earth among the nations and will be able to preserve peace among them."

"If he stood alone as a proponent of a new theory in human affairs it might not be necessary to make it the subject of grave consideration. But the truth is that the proposal has been before the world for centuries, and in our country was being urged by men of the highest prominence long before it attracted the attention of the chief executive. These facts made the action about to be taken by the President serious and formidable, and the suggestion calls upon those of us who believe that the plan can end in nothing but disaster to utter a note of warning."

"The movement to organize a world court and to broaden to its extreme limit the field of arbitration has always had my cordial approval and I have never ceased to hope that in the progress of time war would become infrequent if not impossible, and it is only when it is attempted to confer upon such a tribunal or league of sovereignty, it matters not how it is described, the power to use armies and navies to enforce its decrees or to make contracts to fight in a quarrel not our own that my opposition begins."

MEXICAN AMENDMENT WILL BE CONSIDERED

(By Associated Press.) Queretaro, Mexico, Jan. 30.—On the recommendation of Foreign Minister Aguilar the constitutional assembly yesterday withdrew for reconsideration and amendment Article 33 of the new constitution which was under consideration.

The provision in this article regarding which the foreign minister addressed the assembly and the revision of which he recommended was that requiring foreigners to renounce nationality and treaty rights in so far as they affected property they wished to acquire, before they could acquire it. The discussion was suspended for an hour while the committee withdrew for amendment of the article.

The assembly planned a continuous session from 3 o'clock this afternoon until midnight of January 31 for the completion of its work. The only measures remaining for consideration are the articles reading with the expulsion of foreigners and the acquisition of land by foreigners and that providing for army reorganization, together with some minor matters still requiring attention. The article dealing with the army, especially the provision for the exclusion of ex-Federals, was vehemently discussed at today's session.

LEAK SITUATION CLARIFIED TODAY BY MANY DENIALS

Bernard Baruch, Who "Won" \$476,168, Denies Peace Information Caused Profit.

ALMOST ALL LAWSON'S CHARGES ARE DENIED.

Hearing Will Probably End With a Formal Denial by McAdoo in New York—Baruch "Doped" Out Peace.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 30.—Bernard Baruch, Wall Street speculator, \$50,000 contributor to the last Democratic campaign fund, and heavy short seller, preceding the issuance of President Wilson's recent peace note, testified at the leak inquiry today that his profits on the market between December 10 and December 23 were \$476,168.

Every cent of this profit, he declared, was due to his foresight in interpreting speeches by Von Bethmann-Hollweg and David Lloyd-George as meaning peace was coming.

Not a single transaction he made, he said, was influenced by advance information that the President was about to dispatch a peace note. He received no such information, he asserted.

As proof of his assertion that he was unaware that a note was forthcoming from the President, he was on the buying side of the market when news of it became public, he said. Neither he nor any other man would have been caught in such a position, he declared, if he had foreseen the note.

Baruch also pointed out several other errors he made on the market during the thirteen days period of his profit-taking. On several occasions he was forced to sell stocks at a loss, he testified, and finally, on the day before the President's note was made public, he overlooked the Dow-Jones ticker "tip" which he had in his own office that a note was expected. "I covered that day," he said, "and I am sorry I did."

Denials by Pliny Fisk and Archibald S. White, widely known New York financiers, that there was any truth in Thomas W. Lawson's allegations coupling the name of Secretary McAdoo with Wall street, have greatly clarified the work of the "leak" investigators.

The purpose of the Congressional committee's counsel, Sherman L. Whipple, in questioning Mr. White about the relations between himself and Lawson and Ambassador von Bernstorff, was not clear, however, when White left the stand at the conclusion of yesterday's session. It was expected that Mr. White would resume his testimony along this line today.

With most of Mr. Lawson's sensational "leak" charges denied by witnesses under oath, the investigators today foresaw the close of their inquiry in New York. No other New York persons were said by Lawson to have knowledge of the secretary's relation in the financial world.

Unless Lawson furnished new names to the committee, investigation of his story probably will close with formal denial of it by Secretary McAdoo before the committee in Washington and the calling of Mrs. Ruth Thomson Visconti, who, according to Lawson, implicated Secretary Tumulty "and others" in "leak" charges.

Archibald White denied today that he had received any advance information from Ambassador von Bernstorff, his friend, or any other German official, regarding any of the recent peace movements. White continued his testimony before the House (Continued on Page Eight.)

QUINTET SLAYERS DOOMED TO HANG

Two Negroes Will Swing, While Two More Found Guilty Without Death.

(By Associated Press.) Minden, La., Jan. 30.—Chester Tyson, Mark Peters, Larkin Stewart and Anderson Heard, negroes, charged with killing five members of the family of John Nelson Reeves near here December 24 last, were found guilty by a jury today. The verdict against Tyson and Peters was unqualified and carried with it the death penalty. Stewart and Heard were found guilty without capital punishment.

The four negroes were specifically tried for the killing of Mrs. Reeves. After they were sentenced they were placed in automobiles and started for the State penitentiary at Baton Rouge. Heard and Stewart were sentenced to life imprisonment. All the negroes confessed participation in the Reeves killing, but Heard and Stewart repudiated their confessions on the witness stand. The Webster parish grand jury has not yet completed its investigation of the Reeves tragedy. Henry Waller and John Long, two white men implicated and the negroes, are held in jail without bail. They are not under indictment.

COLUMBUS COUNTY SEVERE TREMORS ARE REGISTERED FOR THREE HOURS

Denounced Raleigh Paper and Says It Will Have to Answer in Court.

EDUCATION BILLS NOT TILL NEXT WEEK.

Senator Changed Special Order—Grant Lost Hard Fought Fight—Trouble Over Health Officer.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 30.—Representative McRackin, of Columbus, was essentially the big noise of both Houses today, when he denounced the Raleigh Times for alleged fabrication and defamation in a news story of Saturday. The Columbus man, who has not fared in uniformly good luck with the newspapers, declared that the paper would have to answer in Columbus county for this treatment of him. He read the report in detail, and declared, after an inquest about the House, that none of the things affecting to be detailed was the truth.

The failure of New Hanover Representative Grant's amendment to the Hoyle bill, regulating capital punishment, was generally regretted today, but it is believed that the eloquent advocate could have put it through had he been allowed fair time for debate. The House was being pressed from all sides and this measure had been deferred from last week. It provides that when juries convict in capital cases, and recommend mercy judges may impose life sentences. Representative Grant would have made it mandatory.

An effort to table his amendment resulted in defeat, but the House was slow even to make the start, and seeing it the Wilmington man accepted the situation.

The House passed a Statewide automobile act, making it a misdemeanor to alter machine and manipulate the parts. Many counties excepted themselves, but the bill will prevail generally.

Three hundred copies of the prohibition act, introduced Monday by Gardner, of Yancey, will be printed. It was offered by the steering committee, which met here Monday. The bill limits the quantity to a half gallon of whiskey a year.

The Senate this morning postponed the educational bill, Wednesday's special order, until Tuesday of next week, at the request of Matt Allen, of Goldsboro, who is much interested therein, but is forced to be out of the city for the rest of the week.

The Scales bill for the protection of very young children was passed, but the local option crowd pulled its centralized teeth for it by providing that the clerk of a court and commissioners of a county should pass upon the advisability of the separation of an infant less than six months of age from its mother, for the purpose of placing it in a foster home or institution.

Mr. Scales did not protest against the visit to the dentist, however.

Judge Thomas Jones, of Asheville, during this discussion and a short one that arose concerning a bill of McCoin, of Vance, for the certification of whole time health officers was heard (Continued on Page Eight)

Prizes Will Be Awarded Tonight

The Dispatch prize contest came to a close at nine o'clock last night. Promptly on the stroke of the hour the doors of The Dispatch office were locked and no candidates or their friends were allowed to enter.

From early morning until the closing hour the candidates and their friends were calling at the office to turn in subscriptions and deposit votes. Each mail brought the subscriptions and votes from those living outside Wilmington, who could not come to the office. At 9 o'clock, when the contest was officially declared over, there were several candidates in the office who had not had an opportunity to turn in their subscriptions and votes. These contestants had arrived before 9 o'clock but had to wait their turn to square accounts with the Contest Manager, and it was close to ten o'clock before the last vote was deposited in the ballot box.

As soon as the last vote was in the box, it was turned over to the judges—Messrs. J. F. Roache, J. Holmes Davis, Maurice Lipinsky, J. A. Orrell and J. C. Williams. With due ceremony they attended to the sealing of the box. The box with its millions of votes was then carried to the Peoples' Savings Bank, where it will be kept in one of the vaults until eight o'clock tonight.

The climax to the great contest will come tonight, when the judges will meet at The Dispatch office at 8 o'clock to compile the official result. All are invited to be present at this time, and as soon as the decisions will have been reached, the winners will be announced. The names of the winners, and the final official vote of each candidate will be published in tomorrow's paper.

Quake Centers About 5,000 Miles From Washington—Very Severe Shocks.

SEISMOGRAPH NEEDLES THROWN FROM SCALES.

First Shocks Recorded On Instruments at 9:57 Eastern Time This Morning.

Washington, Jan. 30.—A very severe earthquake, the tremors of which continued more than three hours, occurred during last night, centered about 5,000 miles from Washington.

So severe were the shocks when they reached their maximum intensity that the recording needles of two of the four seismographs at Georgetown University observatory were thrown off the scales. These maximum shocks were recorded on the vertical seismographs at 10:25 and 10:26 o'clock this morning. The first shocks were recorded on the instruments at 9:57 p. m., Eastern time.

PANCAKES COST LIVES OF FIVE

Arsenical Preparation is Mixed With Flour by Mistake, By Mother.

(By Associated Press.) Kankakee, Ill., Jan. 30.—A breakfast of pancakes yesterday caused the deaths of five members of the Meints family on a farm between Ashkum and Danforth, 15 miles south of here. The pancakes were made by Mrs. O. K. Meints, mother of four of the victims, and grandmother of the fifth. Mrs. Meints is believed to have mixed the contents of a sack containing an arsenical preparation used by her husband in taxidermy with a prepared pancake flour, thinking the powder was flour. The dead are: Fred, 28 years old; Theodore, 26; Irvin, 21; Mino, 24, and Clarence Meints, the grandson, 7 years.

O. K. Meints, the father, was somewhat ill and did not eat any of the pancakes. Mrs. Meints tasted the pancakes after her sons had finished their breakfast, and noticing a peculiar flavor, ate none.

VICE PROBE LAUNCHED TODAY IN NEW ORLEANS.

(By Associated Press.) New Orleans, Jan. 30.—The Orleans parish grand jury today began an investigation into alleged vice conditions in the city, violations of the Sunday closing and other liquor laws, and charges of gambling at the race track at the meeting conducted by the Business Men's Racing Association. The investigation was undertaken following published charges of the Citizens' League of Louisiana and individual citizens.