

WEATHER FORECAST.

North and South Carolina—Rain tonight. Thursday fair and much colder.

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FRENCH AND RUSS MAKE INROADS ON GERMAN DEFENSES

First Two Lines of Teutonic Trenches in Lorraine are Penetrated.

PRISONERS AND BOOTY TAKEN BY CZAR'S MEN.

Austro-German Fortifications East of Jacobi captured by Russians; Two Attacks Fail.

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Jan. 31.—A French detachment penetrated the first two lines of German trenches in Lorraine, South of Leintrey, last night, says today's official report. All the occupants of the trenches were routed and prisoners taken.

Russians Victorious. Petrograd, Jan. 31. (via London)—Russian troops have captured Austro-German fortifications east of Jacobi, southwest of Kimpoling, near the northern end of the Rumanian front, the war office announced today. Prisoners and booty were taken by the Russians.

German forces attacked the Russian lines southwest of Riga, today's statement reports. The attack in general was arrested, but near the Kalneze, a high road the Russian forces were withdrawn two-thirds of a mile after the assault.

French Repulsed. Berlin, Jan. 31. (Via Sayville)—The French made an attack last night on German positions in the vicinity of Leintrey, near the Lorraine frontier, the war office announces. They were repulsed. The statement reads: "Western front—Severe frost and snow storms have limited the fighting activity. On the Lorraine frontier, near Leintrey, a violent artillery duel began at noon. In the evening the French attacked a part of our positions and were repulsed."

On the Northern Rumanian front, heavy fighting was resumed yesterday, the Russians making several attacks south of the Vale Putna Road. The war office today announced that the Russians succeeded in penetrating a German point of support. The statement reads: "Front of Archduke Joseph—After violent fighting, the Russians at times attacked positions south of the Vale Putna road. Two strong attacks failed. In the third charge one Russian detachment succeeded in entering into a point of support."

"Army Group of Field Marshal von Mackensen—Near the Danube strong hostile reconnoitering detachments advanced. They were repulsed by Turkish outposts."

"Macedonian Front—German reconnoitering troops brought in from a raid in a bend in the Cerna several German prisoners."

German troops stormed yesterday Russian positions on the East bank of the Danube near the Northern end of the Russian front and repulsed several Russian counter attacks. They took prisoners and more than 900 men and captured 15 machine guns.

The official statement reads: "Eastern Front, Front of Prince Leopold—On the east bank of the river the Russian troops stormed a Russian position in a wood and repulsed several strong counter attacks. In the position 14 officers and more than 900 men were made prisoners and 15 machine guns captured."

MEXICO WILL GET MODERN CRUISERS

Three First Class Vessels Are To Be Sold By Japs to Carranza.

(By Associated Press.) Mexico City, Jan. 31.—Arrangements have been completed to have three first-class cruisers which were ordered from Italy by Porfirio Diaz several years ago. The cruisers were partly constructed at Genoa but have never been finished or paid for. A ship subsidy bill has been prepared and presented for the approval of General Carranza. It provides for an export tonnage tax which will be levied 50 per cent. in the case of national products carried in Mexican bottoms. Another project, which is now before the first chief, calls for the establishment of two naval schools.

141 SOLDIERS DROWN. (By Associated Press.) Paris, Jan. 30.—Official announcement was made here tonight that the transport Amiral Magon, which was taking 950 soldiers to Saloniki, escorted by the destroyer Arc, was torpedoed by a submarine on January 25.

Of those on board 809 were saved. (Continued on Page Eight)

GRANT'S SPEECH CONTRIBUTED TO BILL'S DEFEAT

Measure For Popular Appeal From Corporation Commission Decision Met Disaster

NEW USURY LAW BILL ALSO KILLED.

Much Discussion Over Legislation Proposed by Nephew of Chief Justice—Heated Debate Over It.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 31.—Grant, of New Hanover, perhaps more than any other opponents of the bill given the right of popular appeal from the Corporation Commission decision of the overwhelming defeat of that Statewide measure in the House today. The Wilmington man saw in it the destruction of the people's own administrative tribunal and the congestion of litigation that could never be met. Subjecting to juries residents in cities which appeal from rate decisions, for instance, he said, would be unfair to opposing litigants and besides he had come to Raleigh to support the constitution. His was the only speech applauded. The vote was 90 to 7 against this appeal.

In the Senate the bill introduced by Representative Clark, of Pitt, a nephew of the Chief Justice, amending the usury law, was killed on second reading by 32 to 13.

Jones, of Buncombe, championed the bill. He quoted dissenting opinions of the Supreme Court showing the need thereof and saying that the purpose of the bill was to put the poor, who have to mortgage their homes for their security for debt, on the same footing as other borrowers. Harding, of Pitt, reviewed the case of Corey against Hooker, in which the dissenting opinion was filed as a brief for the bill. This case was decided on equity, not under the usury law, he said.

Person, of Franklin, said he would never vote to make a dissenting opinion of the Supreme Court the law of the land. He disliked the bill, especially on account of its paterfamilias. Mr. Harding said there were five widows lending money in North Carolina as footers as other borrowers.

Mr. Jones dryly remarked that every time the debtor class tried to protect itself it was stated that the widows and the orphans were the money-lenders.

Little, of Anson, for once, was for something. He said it put all debts on the same footing, and he didn't care what judge dissented. The bill was right.

Mr. Long, of Halifax, opposed the bill as making North Carolina mortgages less attractive.

Mr. Jones said when the vote had been counted, and the bill lost, that it might have carried had the bankers not all voted against it.

Mr. Justice heatedly explained his vote, saying it was in behalf of the poor people of his county, who were paying 15 to 20 per cent. interest because of the present State usury law.

The House—Tuesday. Speaker Murphy convened the House at 11 o'clock. Prayer was by Rev. J. M. Underwood, presiding elder of the Methodist church. Considerable confusion in the lobby at the opening due to the gatherings of large numbers of delegations here for the hearing on the county school boards election and other educational bills, brought from the Speaker the warning that continued confusion and noise would result in the clearing of the lobby. The announcement was cheered by the Representatives in their seats.

New bills were introduced in the following order: McCall—Amend the 1917 act relative to the closed season for game. Dr. Tatum—Amend the act relative to forms of probate. Dr. Tatum—Amend the 1905 act relative to compensation to sheriffs. Darden—Pay indigent and pendent soldiers \$50 per month. Brock—Amend the act of 1913 relative to protecting persons on the highways of the State. Price, of Rockingham—Exempt from taxation private libraries of \$1,000 or less in value. Widenhouse—Make it unlawful to operate slot machines. Grantham—Amend the law as to quails in Harnett county. Sanders—Prevent forest fires. Brummett—Prevent accidents at railroad crossings. Mauney—Establish the county line between Cleveland and Gaston counties. (Continued on Page Eight)

CONSPIRACY TO MURDER BRITISH PREMIER FOILED

Three Suffragettes and a Man Are Arrested and Charged With Attempt.

PLANNED TO POISON LLOYD GEORGE SOON.

They Will Be Taken Before Magistrate Tomorrow—Charges Will Be Fully Investigated Later.

(By Associated Press.) London, Jan. 31.—A conspiracy to murder Premier Lloyd-George is reported by the Daily Sketch, which says arrests have been made in this connection. The persons arrested are described as "three suffragettes and a man, a conscientious objector to military service."

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The police have unearthed what is believed to be a plot to murder the premier with the result that Mrs. Wheelton, of Derby, Miss Hettie Wheelton, her daughter; Mrs. Mason, another daughter; and Alf Mason, the latter's husband, have been arrested. They were taken to the police station and formally charged with conspiring together to murder Mr. Lloyd-George. They will be taken before a magistrate at Derby on Wednesday. It is understood only formal evidence will be given, but later in the week the charges will be thoroughly investigated.

"The details are yet unknown, but it is understood the conspirators aimed at causing the Premier's death by poison."

Planned Death for Two. Derby, Jan. 31. Mrs. Alice Wheelton, her two daughters, the husband of one of them, Alfred George Mason, were charged at the Guild Hall here today with conspiring to murder Premier Lloyd-George and Arthur Henderson, member of the House of Commons, and of the War Council.

No details were disclosed in the police court proceedings, but it is understood the charge will be made that the defendants purposed to use poison.

The inquiries by Scotland Yard began during the week end. The Wheeltons, who live in Pear Tree road, a good district, are well known in Derby in connection with the suffrage movement. Mason is a conscientious objector to military service.

FANS SHOULD BACK "DAYLIGHT" PLAN

President Tener of National League Addresses "Saving" Organization.

(By Associated Press.) Baseball fans "should get behind the proposition to turn the clocks ahead an hour for five months," said President Tener, of the National League, in his address at the National Daylight Saving Convention here today. It would have the effect, he declared, of giving more time to millions for the physical and mental enjoyment derived from every form of amusement that is permissible only during daylight.

"The American game of baseball," said Mr. Tener, "never has had an equal as an outdoor sport and it is hardly conceivable that it ever will. It seems that this game of our own invention includes and embraces every essential that stimulates the mind, recreates the exhausted faculty, amuses the jaded sense, revives the sluggish blood, makes strong the weak muscle and impels a vigor and health to the body that no other form of exercise combining the elements of sport can accomplish."

A saving of millions would result from the substitution of an hour's daylight for an hour during which artificial illumination of some kind must be resorted to, Dr. George F. Kunz, of New York, told the convention. The gas consumption by the people of Vienna during the five months of daylight saving in Austria, Dr. Kunz said, "is said to have been reduced 158,815,200 cubic feet, resulting in a saving of \$142,000."

Milton W. Harrison, secretary of the American Bankers' Association, said he considered the daylight saving plan "the longest step toward the greater thrift and conservation in the individual American that has been taken in the history of the Nation."

PRODUCED COLD WAVE WILL HIT SOUTH AND EAST

Severe Weather is Forecast to Overspread States Thursday or Friday.

ZERO TEMPERATURES IN PLAIN STATES.

Spring-like Weather Today Prevails in Southern States and Mississippi Valley in Sharp Contrast.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 31.—A cold wave, severe and prolonged in most sections, will overspread the Southern and Eastern States by Thursday night or Friday, the Weather Bureau announced in a special bulletin issued today. It is expected to reach the Middle West and Southwest tonight and Thursday.

Below zero temperatures were reported today from the plains States and the Rocky mountain and western plateau regions, as follows: Havre, Mont., 39; Helena, Mont., 26; Yellowstone Park, Wyo., 12; Sheridan, Wyo., 26; Wellington, N. D., 36; Rapid City, S. D., 20; Valentine, Neb., 38; Moorhead, Minn., 16.

Springlike weather prevails in the Southern States and the Mississippi valley in sharp contrast to the severe cold in the West.

Severe Storm. Aberdeen, S. D., Jan. 31.—The worst storm of the season was raging in Northern South Dakota today. Traffic was demoralized.

Snow Blockade Lifted. Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 31.—Trains were running on the Union Pacific lines through Wyoming again today following a brief recurrence of the snow blockade, which was cleared away early today. The atmosphere was clear and cold.

Zero Temperatures. Kansas City, Jan. 31.—A northwest wind accompanied by light snow was reported as general today throughout this district. Zero temperatures were recorded today in Northern Kansas.

MISS HEWLETT WINS FIRST PRIZE

Miss Blanche Surles, Mrs. J. W. Griffin, Mrs. J. A. Raynor, Ethel Grimsley, Pauline Renfrow, Mrs. James E. Holton, Mrs. Fred W. Dock, Mrs. E. A. Tayloe, and Mrs. B. L. Daniel are Winners.

Well, the verdict is in. Below will be found the names of the winners in The Dispatch Prize Voting Contest, as officially announced after the ballots had all been counted and rechecked by the Judges.

It was a grand finish to the big circulation campaign which has been conducted for the past ten weeks. At eight o'clock Messrs. J. F. Roache, J. A. Orrell, Maurice Lipinsky, J. A. Orrell, and J. C. Williams, arrived at the Dispatch office, bringing with them the ballot box with all its millions of votes. The judges proved to be most efficient with their task of counting and by 10:45 the count had been completed.

When the box was opened and the count started there were several of the candidates and their friends on hand, but as the time wore on, they realized that it would be late before the count would be finished, most of them went home, contented to wait until morning to hear the verdict. From eight o'clock until eleven both phones at The Dispatch office were constantly ringing, the candidates and their friends asking for the latest returns.

The winners of the two automobiles are the candidates who worked the hardest, who put in the most time securing subscriptions and votes, and who obtained the best results. Miss Hewlett, who is awarded the Overland Automobile, worked all but three days from the start of the contest to the finish, and those three days were Christmas, Thanksgiving and New Year's. Only three days exclusive of the holidays, that she failed to report at the contest headquarters with subscriptions.

What has been said of Miss Hewlett can be repeated, almost word for word, about Miss Surles, of Proctorville. On the other hand, Miss Surles had to cover more ground than Miss Hewlett, as Proctorville is a small place. During the past ten weeks, there wasn't a town in Robeson county that she did not visit, and there were many places in the adjoining counties where she went after votes.

There were never a more congenial set of candidates working in a contest, than those working for The Dispatch. They all worked hard, as can be seen by the size of the votes, and the only regret we have is that all

GEORGE ELLIS, WHO SENT FIRST WORD ON PEACE, CALLED

POLAND THANKS WILSON FOR HIS PEACE ADDRESS

Tenders Deepest Gratitude For "Understanding of Rights of Polish People."

MESSAGE IS WIRED TO THE PRESIDENT.

Country is Pleased to Hear That Independence of Polish State Is Only Solution of Question.

(By Associated Press.) Warsaw, Tuesday, Jan. 30. (Via Berlin and London, Jan. 31.)—The provisional Polish State Council has telegraphed the following message to President Wilson in regard to the President's recent speech to the Senate:

"The Provisional State Council of the Kingdom of Poland, which came into being by the proclamation of November 8, 1916, solemnly announced by the monarchs of Germany and Austria-Hungary, has the honor, Mr. President, to take cognizance of your message."

"It is the first time in this war we have heard of a powerful neutral who at the same time is chief representative of a nation, who has declared officially that, according to his conviction, the independence of the Polish state is the only just solution of the Polish question and an insurmountable condition of a lasting and just peace. For this wise and noble understanding of the rights of the Polish people, Mr. President, the Provisional State Council tenders you deepest gratitude and respect in its own name and in the name of the Polish nation."

CONGRESSIONAL ACTION WANTED TO "SAVE LIGHT"

U. S. Chamber of Commerce Asked to Consider Setting Clocks Ahead.

800 ORGANIZATIONS ARE REPRESENTED.

President Wilson Writes He Favors Changing Time During Summer Months. Epistle Read.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 31.—Congressional action to urge the setting of all clocks ahead one hour was recommended to the Chamber of Commerce of the United States today at the opening of its fifth annual meeting by a committee on "daylight saving," as an alternative, the committee suggested the plan between April 1 and December 1.

Eight hundred National and local commercial organizations were represented. The railroad situation was the topic for tonight's session and the result of a referendum of members on railroad strike prevention and other labor problems was to be announced.

National defense, foreign returns and preparations for business conditions after the war will be considered later this week and President Wilson and former President Taft are speakers on the program for a concluding dinner Friday night.

The committee report on daylight saving said: "The considerations supporting this proposal are physiological, economic and social. It will substitute a cool morning working hour in summer for a warm afternoon hour. Increased daylight in the hours of greatest fatigue will tend to lessen tuberculosis, will decidedly reduce eyestrain, will increase personal efficiency, and materially lessen industrial accidents. In cities the advantage of having the evening 'rush' hour when transportation facilities are taxed, come in daylight is apparent."

"The use of facilities for recreation would be tremendously increased. There would be a large direct saving in expenditures for fuel and artificial light. Farmers will have an opportunity to market their produce earlier, thus offering it in better condition and gaining an hour of daylight for other work."

R. Goodwyn Rhett, of Charleston, S. C., president of the National Chamber, in an address today, said the mission of the association "is to give to the business men of America a clear presentation of issues which are vital to their welfare and the welfare of the country," and "to collect the judgments of these men and present them to those who may be in position to determine these issues in accordance with such judgment."

A letter from President Wilson supporting the objects of the movement to turn the clock forward one hour during the summer months was read.

The communication came in response to a letter written to the President by Marcus M. Marks, chairman, setting forth the purpose of the movement. The President wrote: "Your letter of January 26 unhappily reached me too late for me to send a letter which would get to you by the 30th."

"It would have been glad to back up any movement which has the objects of the daylight saving movement."

ADMITS GERMAN "SUBS" CROSS SOUTH ATLANTIC

(By Associated Press.) Rio Janeiro, Jan. 31.—The Minister of Marine, in a newspaper interview, confirms the report that German submarines have crossed the South Atlantic. He says that they have kept to the high seas and denies the rumor that a German naval base was being maintained in Brazilian waters.

"CHICKEN CHANGE" STORE ON 5TH AVENUE.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 31.—Mercantile and real estate men were surprised today by the news that one of the most valuable store sites on Fifth avenue had been leased by a five and ten-cent store company. The site is opposite the public library, a short distance below Forty-second street. The term of the lease is 42 years, an aggregate of about \$4,500,000.

News "Flash" Sent Private Brokers That Note Was About to be Sent by U. S.

HUTTON, ILL., WILL REPORT TO PROBERS.

F. A. Connolly Denies Ellis Received Information From President's Brother-in-law, a Member of His Firm.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 31.—Finding further examination today at the peace leak inquiry barren of result as far as showing the origin of the information on which E. F. Hutton warned his customers by a news flash that President Wilson's peace note was to be issued, the Congressional leak investigating committee decided to summon George A. Ellis, Jr., the member of the firm who wrote the warning telegram. Ellis, according to Hutton, is ill in Georgia, but the committee decided that he must appear.

F. A. Connolly, head of the Washington firm which furnished the Hutton firm with the information took the stand late today. Connolly on his arrival from Washington denied that the information came through R. W. Bolling, the President's brother-in-law, and a member of his firm. He said that it was gathered merely from general talk around Washington.

Hutton today said that although having information as to the President's note at least two hours before the market closed on December 20 no member of his firm had taken advantage of it. His customers had an hour's leeway to see before the markets closed. They were in the aggregate about 34. He said he was not in the opinion that he had misled them.

When the committee ordered that Ellis be immediately summoned, Hutton sent a message to him, over his firm's private wire asking him to come to New York. He expected to reach here Thursday night and appear here Friday.

Hutton insisted that he and Mr. Ellis attached no great importance to the President's message regarding its effect on the market. Had they regarded it seriously, he said, they certainly would have sent out emphatic messages warning customers to liquidate.

None of the nine partners of the Hutton firm, said the witness, dealt in the market on the information received in the telegrams. Hutton said that he himself had been short 1,000 shares of Utah Copper before December 20, but that he had covered prior to that date at a profit of \$22,000. He did not himself sell on the strength of the Washington information.

On the night of December 20 after the Ellis message had gone out, he said, his books showed that the long interest of his clients aggregated 339,700 shares and the short interest about 15,000 shares. Connolly and Company, he said, were on December 20, short of no stocks whatever.

"What broke the market," said Hutton, "was not the peace note, but Secretary Lansing's 'verge of war' statement."

"But that was on December 23," remarked Whipple. "Yes, but that's what killed the market."

Whipple tried to find out just when the Connolly telegram was received to the Hutton office. He called attention to the time the confidential telegram from Clement Curtis and Company was received at 12:48 p. m. with its intimation that a peace statement was forthcoming from Washington—and produced from the brokers' files a new telegram which was sent out by the firm at 12:57 p. m., which read:

"Stock flash: All reports have it that State Department will issue statement today intended to promote peace prospects."

"H. G." explained Hutton was a telegraph operator named Toomey employed by the firm who some times sent out messages on his own initiative. Hutton said that there was good reason for discriminating against the industrials because of the heavily over-bought condition of the market in those securities; that the situation was a dangerous one that needed correction. The railroad stocks had not been speculated in, he explained. The committee then recessed.

***** SPANISH STEAMER SINKS. ***** (By Associated Press.) London, Jan. 31.—Lloyds late this afternoon announced that the Spanish steamship Puntateno has been sunk. *****