

WEATHER FORECAST. North Carolina—Fair and colder tonight, with cold wave near coast. Tuesday fair. South Carolina—Fair and colder tonight; freezing temperature. Tuesday fair.

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CHEERING MASSES GREET PRESIDENT

NO TURNING BACK NOW FOR COUNTRY, DECLARES WILSON

Armed Neutrality Essential for Nation to Prove Its Lofty Purpose... UNITED STATES NOT BOUND ON CONQUEST... Country Has Been Sorely Tried Because of People Akin to All Nations in the Great War — Immediate Future of Great Concern, President Says

SOUNDS WARNING. (By Associated Press.) Washington, March 5.—President Wilson took the oath of office in public at 12:45 o'clock this afternoon and delivered his inaugural address before a great crowd which packed the plaza at the East front of the Capitol.

Washington Early Astir On Inauguration Day and Greeted By Clouds... DAY COLD AND RAW NEARLY ALL TIME... Great Crowd and a Great Procession Marked the Day—President Appeared at 11 O'clock and Given an Ovation—Splendid Display of Military.

Washington, March 5.—With a spacious mile of bedecked and banneted boulevard stretching before it from the Capitol to the White House, the grand inaugural parade started slowly from the Capitol west front shortly after noon today. Long before, all traffic on Pennsylvania avenue had been suspended. Straining against a mile of steel cable, separating the street from the sidewalk, turbulent seas of people there since early morning to hold a place of vantage, awaited the procession.

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Once More Nation's Heads



PRESIDENT WILSON VICE-PRES. MARSHALL

ELEVEN BRAVE LADS GO DOWN TRYING TO SAVE SAILORS

Members of Crew of the Coast Guard Cutter During Heroic Work... MAKING EFFORT TO HELP THE LOUISIANA... Baats Launched in Angry Sea and Quickly Capsized—Number of the Drowned From North Carolina

PLOT TO KILL THE PRESIDENT. (By Associated Press.) Hoboken, N. J., March 5.—An alleged plot against the life of President Wilson has been uncovered here, according to detectives who today arrested Fritz Kolb, a German reserivist from Mexico. In a hotel where Kolb had engaged a room were found two bombs which, the detectives said were to have been sent to-night to the President.

GEORGIA ARTILLERY ON WAY BACK HOME

(By Associated Press.) San Antonio, Texas, March 5.—The first battalion of Georgia field artillery at El Paso left for home today. Batteries of the Georgia Artillery, with exception of Battery B, will go to Savannah. Batteries B and A, detachment of sanitary troops, will be mustered out at Atlanta.

Taft to Again Speak Soon in Greensboro

(By Associated Press.) New York, March 5.—Arguments for adequate preparedness for national defense and for a league of nations to enforce peace after the war will be presented in address by former President Taft in a number of Southern cities between March 21 and 23. His itinerary given out today by the league to enforce peace, of which Mr. Taft is president, follows: Richmond, March 21; Greensboro, N. C., March 22; Atlanta, March 23; Birmingham, March 24; Nashville, March 25; Memphis, March 26 (morning); Little Rock (evening); Dallas, Texas, March 27; Oklahoma City, March 28 and 29.

RIVERS IN SOUTH GO ON RAMPAGE; RAIN HAS CEASED

Train Service Stopped in Sections of Western North Carolina... JAMES RIVER HAS GONE TO FLOOD STAGE... Other Streams Swelling, Including the Cumberland River—Storm Signals Up Freezing Tonight

CAPE FEAR RISING. (Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, N. C., March 5.—Additional heavy rainfall over upper Cape Fear watershed. The river will continue to rise, reaching about 43 feet at Fayetteville Tuesday or Wednesday.

Cumberland Rising. Nashville, Tenn., March 5.—The Cumberland river gauge at Nashville stood at 40.5 feet at 9 a. m. or about a half foot above the flood stage. The river was rising steadily and expected to reach 42 feet tonight. At that stage a few families would be forced from their homes. The basement of wholesale stores near the wharf would be flooded. Only a moderate flood is expected. The river is five feet above the flood stage at Carthage, just above here, but the crest has probably been reached.

Trains Stopped. Asheville, N. C., March 5.—The Asheville division of the Southern Railway, running out from this city 123 miles and connecting at Murphy with the Louisville and Nashville, suffered more disastrously from the rains of the past two days than in the flood of last July and no trains can go through, say the officials, before the end of the week. Traffic is uninterrupted between Asheville and Balsam, about half way to Murphy; but from that point on 20 or more slides and washouts are reported. The Tuckasegee river was reported out of bounds last night and running through some of the streets in Bryson City, about 75 miles west of Asheville, and many small bridges have been carried away by the mountain streams.

Bone Dry Not in Effect Until July. (By George H. Manning.) Washington, D. C., March 5.—Following the action of the House late Saturday night in passing a resolution postponing until July 1 the operation of the anti-liquor advertising bill and "bone dry" law, Senator Bankhead, chairman of the postoffice committee, called up a resolution in the Senate in the early hours of Sunday morning and secured its passage. Senator Bankhead interrupted the filibuster being conducted by Senator LaFollette and his eleven colleagues long enough to present the resolution about 2 o'clock Sunday morning, but Vardaman objected to its adoption. A few hours later, after consulting Vardaman, Bankhead called the resolution up again and had it passed. This will permit North Carolinians obtaining importation of liquor, to which they are entitled under State laws, until July 1, when all importations will be stopped.

Democratic Caucus Called. (By Associated Press.) Washington, March 5.—A Democratic caucus has been called for 10:30 tomorrow morning at which one of the subjects discussed will be a fight for a cloture rate to prevent filibuster by a few Senators, such as killed the armed neutrality bill.

CLIMAX OF SESSION TO COME AT SOME HOUR TUESDAY

The 3 Million Dollar Bond Issue Now the Overshadowing Feature... GENERAL ASSEMBLY WORKING HARD... Both Houses Settle On Tomorrow For Adjournment—Governor's Appointees Are Approved

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These are the new board of charities and public welfare. Board of Charities, for two years, C. W. Horne, Clayton; J. A. McAulay, Mt. Gilead; Mrs. I. F. Hill, Durham; two years, Carey J. Hunter, Raleigh, Mrs. Walter Woodard, Wilson; six years, A. W. McAllister, Greensboro; Gilbert T. Stephenson, Winston-Salem.

LATEST REPORTS MORE RE-ASSURING

Noonday Advances Showed Damage By Flood in South Won't Be Great. (By Associated Press.) Atlanta, Ga., March 5.—Reports from flooded areas in the South today were more reassuring and indications at noon were that the damage would not be great.

The general rains of the last few days which have caused high water in at least fifteen rivers in Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama and Virginia, had ceased and a sharp drop in the temperature appeared to have relieved the situation considerably. At Chattanooga, where the Tennessee river has overflowed its banks and forced many people living in low lying sections from their homes, the greatest suffering is expected to be caused by the cold. The flood's crest is expected to reach Chattanooga Wednesday.

CAN PRESIDENT ARM MERCHANT SHIPS? (By Associated Press.) Washington, March 5.—President Wilson has referred to his legal advisers his doubts of his power to arm American ships in the absence of direct authority from Congress. Some decision is expected from the Attorney General within the next 24 hours.