WEATHER FORECAST.

North and South Carolina—Fair tonight; Thursday local thunder showers.

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CONDITIONS IN NEW YORK PUT UNDER THE MAGNIFYING GLASS

Inquiry Second Only to the Rosenthal Sensation Will Now Be Made.

OVER EIGHT HUNDRED GIRLS ARE MISSING

Since First of Year This Giant Number Has Disappeared—Investigation to Be Made of Police Department.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, June 20.—More than 800 girls between the ages of 10 and 20 years have disappeared from their homes here since January 1, it transpired today, co-incident with an announcement by Police Commissioner Arthur Woods that he had ordered begun the most searching inquiry into police conditions since that conducted after the Rosenthal murder.

The investigation is a direct outgrowth of the findings of the body of Ruth Cruger, a high school graduate, buried in the cellar of a motorcycle shop, conducted by Alfredo Cocchi, for whom the Italian government authorities are searching at the request of the State Department.

Commissioner Woods today ordered Joseph A. Faurot, head of the detective bureau, to inquire thoroughly into the methods and operations of the detectives and police officers who tried to solve the Cruger mystery. The girl's body was not found through their efforts, but was unearthed by private detectives employed by Mrs. Grace Humiston, a woman lawyer, who is counsel for the Cruger family. Several policemen have been interrogated at Commissioner Woods' instigation during the past few days regarding their suspected friendliness with Cocchi.

"Spare no one," was the commissioner's orders today in directing the investigation. All the officers who worked on the Cruger case were instructed to report to headquarters at once. Other detectives will co-operate with Mrs. Humiston in an inquiry into the city's white slave traffic.

The reports regarding the missing girls are on file at police headquarters, it was learned. It was conceded that the police were without accurate figures as to the number of these who had returned home. More detectives have been attached to the department's bureau of missing persons. Mrs. Humiston has been quoted as saying she knew of a number of incidents, involving missing girls, which parallel the Cruger case.

Commissioner Woods later ordered an excavation to be made of the cellar of every place where Cocchi has lived or had a motorcycle shop since his arrival in this country from Italy several years ago. Experts from the police bureau of repairs and supplies will test every floor and wall of every building and a search will be conducted from roof to cellar.

The police received information today that Cocchi had lured other girls to his shop, previous to Miss Cruger's disappearance. Madame Mureal, a resident of the neighborhood, said that last September her daughter, Philippa, 15 years old, has visited the shop at Cocchi's invitation to be shown how a motor might be attached to the girl's bicycle. The mother, becoming suspicious, followed, and she told the police that she saw her daughter struggling with Cocchi, endeavoring to escape from his embrace. Desiring to avoid notoriety, no complaint was made by Madame Mureal at the time.

SNARES FOR THE MEN FOR THE NAVY

Secretary Daniels Makes Sensational Charges Against Newport.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, June 20.—Sensational charges that naval recruits at the Newport, R. I., training station are exposed to open gambling houses, immoral resorts and illegal sales of liquor, were made by Secretary Daniels today in announcing that he had appealed to Governor Beekman.

In response to a preliminary complaint, the Mayor of Newport made a general denial and declared there was an unusual degree of immortality in the fashionable city. The War Department, with the assistance of agents of the Department of Justice, thereupon made a separate investigation and as a result Secretary Daniels has renewed his complaint to the Governor.

BRITISH STEAMER GOES DOWN.

(By Associated Press.)

Boston, Mass., June 20.—The sinking of the British steamer El Ele, presumably by a German submarine, was reported in a cable message received today by the Leyland Line from Captain Pierce, her commander. The vessel left Boston on June 8 for Manchester, England, with a general cargo. The message made no reference to the crew.

EXPRESS ROBBERS MAKE BIG HAUL

They Secure Nearly Thirty Thousand Dollars and Escape.

(By Associated Press.)

Chicago, June 20.—Official announcement that gold and silver coin stolen from an express car safe here late last night amounted to nearly $30,000 was made today by G. M. Curtis, general manager of the Western Department of the Adams Express Company. A package of diamonds thought to have been taken was found in checking up the contents of the safe.

Jack Roberts Andrews, of Burlington, Iowa, messenger in charge of the car, which was attached to a Chicago, Burlington & Quincy train, and Ward R. Smiley, of Monmouth, Ill., messenger on another car, who was with Andrews at the time two masked men bound them and robbed the safe, still were in custody today.

Both had been questioned at length by the police and by express company officials and repeated the story of the occurrence without change, the police said. Both declared that after they were bound, one of the robbers filed a duplicate knob in the safe dial and opened the strong box without apparent difficulty.

Because of the seeming ease with which the robbers obtained their plunder it was asserted by police that they must have had advance information of the shipment of the coin, of the character of the safe and perhaps of the combination.

After the robbery the masked men dropped from the train in the yards and disappeared and no trace of them had been found. They left the two messengers bound, back to back, with one end of the rope passed between their teeth as a gag. Andrews, in whose car the robbery occurred, managed to release his bonds and freed Smiley. The money stolen was consigned to banks in Omaha, Neb.

STRANGE LIGHT STIRS GOLDSBORO

Mysterious Glow and Explosions on High Causes Sensation.

(Special to The Dispatch.)

Goldsboro, N. C., June 20.—A brilliant light moving in the northeastern horizon of the city made its second appearance within the past week here last night at 11 o'clock, and it is a mystery beyond the solution of those who saw it. It had the appearance of a powerful searchlight and many people are of the opinion that it was an aeroplane of a large type.

Last Friday night this light, with its strange appearance, was little noticed by Goldsboro people, but when it made its second appearance here last night it caused quite a sensation among those who observed it.

B. W. Dail, who resides just outside the city, stated today that he was on his front porch and watched the moving light for several minutes until he heard a loud noise, sounding like an explosion. An obstacle of fire bursted into many parts and fell to the earth. Several other people corroborated Dail's statement. Nobody seems able to define the meaning of the object, but anyway such has never before appeared here and it is the outstanding topic of conversation throughout the city today.

WELL KNOWN BANKER HERE.

W. A. HUNT, OF HENDERSON,

Secretary and treasurer of the North Carolina Bankers' Association, who is at his post at the convention being held at Wrightsville Beach. He is a brother of Mr. H. Lacy Hunt, of this city.

Reasoned Patriotism

There appears to be a misconception on the part of some as to the necessity for providing war relief funds through private means. The question has been asked why does not the Government provide all these agencies? and the objection has been raised that to respond to these demands would be too great a tax on "charity." These imply a total misconception of the subject and attention is invited to the following exposition:

The Government supplies the necessaries; necessaries embrace military munitions and equipments, including hospitals, but the Government cannot supply Red Cross service, because the value of this service is its volunteer character. What the Government controls it systematizes into rigid rules of discipline, and women subjected to such regime would lose the very efferminate quality which makes their nursing at once so merciful and so effective.

Nor can the Government take any part in establishing religious work, such as is supplied by the Y. M. C. A. field forces, which is undertaken largely by volunteers from college life. These young men understand from personal touch the temptations of youth and the surest means of bringing into play the moral influences necessary to maintain home standards and avoid the pitfalls of disease and degradation.

Red Cross service is the touch of a sympathetic hand, the evangel of mercy, the message from home. In this atmosphere the despondency of the wounded is banished, hope revived, courage inspired and health restored. Its psychology is more potent to effect restoration than the skill of the surgeon or the tonic of medicine.

It is not possible for Government to enter here, nor can the claims of charity avail to satisfy the demand for patriotic service. It is not "charity" to minister to the wants of our own boys whose lives will soon be offered for the safety of the homes of those who remain behind. This is gratitude.

Government cannot supply the personal equation, the ministry of mercy and sympathy—the Red Cross can. Nor can charity compensate for the life given in the country's defense—gratitude can.

These are no ordinary times, and the demands are no ordinary demands. The time for sacrifice has come, and no sacrifice by those who remain at home can be mentioned in the same breath with that of the boys who go to the front.

Our patriotism is now being put to the acid test. Patriotism which involves no sacrifice is worse than a sham—it is a snare and a delusion. We need the discipline of sacrifice, and unless we are willing to deny ourselves that our soldier boys may be ministered to in their hour of need, we are unworthy of the blood that will be spilled in our defense.

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Executive Committee.

HALF-WAY MARK NEARLY REACHED

War Relief Campaigners Reported a Total of $16,802 At Today's Gathering.

Reports of the Red, White and Blue Divisions of War Relief campaigners, made at the luncheon served at the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon at 1:15 o'clock, showed that a total of $16,802 of the $40,000 wanted, has been subscribed. At the gathering today, Rev. Dr. W. H. Milton, rector of St. James' church, made an most interesting and instructive address. The delightful dinner was served by the Jewish ladies of the city.

The divisional flag was awarded to the Red Division, headed by Mr. C. C. Chadbourn, and the team flag was presented to Mr. George Honnet's team The Red Division again won the bonus of $600 offered by the executive commitee. The totals of the three divisions now are as follows: Red, C. C. Chadbourn, $4,771; White, H. Lacy Hunt, $6,301; Blue, Dr. C. P. Bolles, $5,703.

New plans were made by the campaign workers today and they are confident of securing more subscriptions in the future and making better reports.

WILL ELIMINATE ALL THE DELAYS

Express Company Promises to Remedy Trouble Between Wilmington and Wilson.

(By George H. Manning.)

Washington, D. C., June 20.—The Southern Express Company, in a letter to Congressman George Hood today, promises to eliminate delays complained of in shipment of fruits and vegetables from points on the Atlantic Coast Line between Wilson and Wilmington to the northern markets. Mr Hood had referred to the Superintendent of the Southern Express Company complaints made to him that delays in shipments of fruits and vegetables, from eastern North Carolina was causing considerable loss and annoyance to the shippers. The superintendent of the company, in his letter to Mr. Hood, states that he is surprised to hear of the complaints, as a special representative had been detailed to go with each train and see that no delays were encountered. He will further investigate the matter, he said, and make every effort to insure prompt shipments.

WANTS THE GOVT. TO HANDLE THE COAL PRODUCTS

Report Suggests Pool of Outputs and Also Transportation Agencies.

COMMISSION MAKES REPORT TO CONGRESS

Only Means of Avoiding a Disastrous Coal Shortage Next Winter, Says The Federal Trade Body.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, June 20.—Government pools of coal production and distribution and of rail and water transportation were recommended to Congress today by the Federal Trade Commission as the only means of avoiding a disastrous coal shortage next winter.

"The commission believes," says the report, submitted after many months of investigation ordered by Congress, "that the coal industry is paralyzing the industries of the country, and that the coal industry itself is paralyzed by the failure of transportation. There are enough coal cars in the country, but not enough are delivered to the mines and these cars not moved to the point of consumption with the greatest of expedition nor are they promptly discharged."

In view of these conditions, the commission recommends:

"First, That the production and distribution of coal and coke be conducted through a pool in the hands of a government agency; that the producers of various grades of fuel be paid their full cost of production plus a uniform profit per ton (with due allowance for quality of product and efficiency of service), and,

"Second, That the transportation agencies of the United States, both rail and water, be similarly pooled and operated on government account, under the direction of the President and that all such means of transportation be operated as a unit, the owning corporations being paid a just and fair compensation which would cover normal net profits and upkeep and betterments."

These recommendations are approved by Commissioners Davies, Colver and Fort. Chairman Harris dissents on the plan for transportation pool, except as a last resort and suggests instead "that during the war the President be authorized to order rail and water transportation agencies to give preference to shipment of coal, coke adn other commodities in the order of their importance to the public welfare."

AMERICAN LINER SUNK BY U-BOAT

(By Associated Press.)

Boston, June 20.—The Warren liner Bay State, from Boston, May 31, for Liverpool, has been sunk by a German submarine. Advices to the company today gave nothing regarding the fate of the crew of the steamer.

NO BALLOT ON CLOSE OF COTTON EXCHANGE

(By Associated Press.)

New York, June 20.—The managers of the New York Cotton Exchange decided today, in response to a recent petition, that it would be inadvisable to grant a request for a ballot on the proposition to close the Exchange on Saturdays, beginning June 23.

VERDICT FAVORS BANK.

Southport Institution Wins In Action Brought Against It.

(Special to The Dispatch.)

Southport, N. C., June 19.—After deliberating only a short time yesterday afternoon the jury which had in hearing the case of L. Miller against the Bank of Southport, returned a verdict in favor of the defendant, holding that the plaintiff was not entitled to recover in an action brought for usury. The plaintiff alleged that he was charged usurous interest on a loan of a little over $500. He sued to recover the principle and penalty of $500.

The cashier of the bank admitted that he charged 2 per cent. over and above the legal rate of 6 per cent., this being for brokerage, he said. This view of the matter was accepted by the jury and a verdict in favor of the defendant was returned.

The action was brought about two years ago and attracted right much attention at the time.

Woodus Kellum, Esq., of Wilmington, represented the plaintiff, while Cranmer & Davis, of Southport, appeared for the defendant.

PRESIDENT PROCLAIMS RECRUIT WEEK.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, June 20.—President Wilson issued a proclamation today designating the week of June 23-30 as recruiting week for the regular army and called upon unmarried men without dependents to enroll for war service in order that the ranks of the regulars might be filled promptly.

DUTCH STEAMER SUNK.

(By Associated Press.)

Boston, Mass., June 20.—The Dutch steamer Eemdikj, which left Boston, May 13, for Rotterdam, with grain for the Holland government, has been sunk, according to advices reecived by agents here today. First reports gave no details as to the safety of the crew.

TORRENTIAL RAINS IN EAST CAROLINA RUIN MANY CROPS

Collapse of Drainage Canals Floods Mattamusket and Causes Immense Loss

FOR REDUCTION OF TRAIN SERVICE

Coast Line Asks Permission to Discontinue Several Passenger Trains—Travis' Successor.

(Special to The Dispatch.)

Raleigh, N. C., June 20.—Rains that have filled old Mattamusket Lake and caused the collapse of the canals that drained the vast acreage have been reported here in State circles, and damage in the hundreds of thousands has been done growing crops.

As to the extent of the water in the lake nobody has first-hand knowledge, but it comes very straight that a succession of great rains, called waterspouts by the victims, ran rivers into the old lake site and made so mushy the earth through which the drains ran as to wipe them out. If this is true the work of drainage and pumping must start up again.

The rains covered a wide area, whether they did all that the pessimists fear or not. In Washington, Beaufort, Pitt, Hyde, and other counties these waters have well nigh destroyed the potato crop which was being harvested. In Commissioner Graham's office are reports of shipments that have gone north and returned because the crops marketed have gone bad on the shippers. In Pitt and Beaufort counties this destruction was tremendous. Bryan Bonner, a big farmer, is said to have lost irremediably his 75 acres in potatoes and J. C. Cherry his 160. These losses combined would run near $20,000. The Thompson Brothers in Hyde are reported losers in the sum of $7,000 or $8,000 on their 100 acres of vegetables.

Many farmers might have saved much of this crop, but they waited a week to give the vegetables a chance to mature. Then the rains came washing the potatoes out and rotting them when left in the ground. The tobacco fields suffered greatly, too, but less than the vegetable crops ready to take the market. The heaviest rains in the recollection of any people in the east fell during those several days last week.

The Atlantic Coast Line has filed with the Corporation Commission a petition for the curtailment of its passenger service and the commission appointed June 26, Tuesday of next week, for the hearing.

The substantial certainty of Chairman E. L. Travis' appointment to a place on the Interstate Commerce Commission, provided there are three places to be filled, has made equally as sure the appointment of A. J. Maxwell as a member of the State Commission.

RED CROSS FUNDS REPORTED TO DATE

The South Stands Fifth Among the Sections of The Country.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, June 20.—In the Red Cross subscriptions up to today, the North Central division still was leading with the Middle Atlantic division second, New England third; the West fourth and the South fifth. However, in the West, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Seattle, have not as yet been heard from. Richmond, Va., has, however, exceeded its allotment of $200,000 by $115,000.

To Richmond belongs the credit for being the first city of the South to be placed on the honor roll of cities that have already reached their allotments.

Reports by States this morning included Alabama, $28,000; Florida, $30,000; Georgia, $88,000; Kentucky, $117,000; Louisiana, $168,000; Mississippi, $2,000; North Carolina, $41,000; South Carolina, $13,000; Tennessee, $112,000; Texas, $71,000; Virginia, $375,000.

BANKERS AGREE TO BUY AND MAINTAIN MOTOR AMBULANCE

Two Thousand Dollars Voted For This Purpose This Morning.

WILSON FINANCIER ASKS ASSOCIATION DO THIS

Joint Session of Bankers And Hardware Men Heard Splendid Address By Mr. Clement U. Ucker on Agriculture and Live Stock Raising.

Unanimous decision to contribute $2,000 for the purchase and maintenance of an ambulance in France for a period of one year featured this morning's session of the 21st annual convention of the North Carolina Bankers' Association, in session at the auditorium on Harbor Island. The motion to this effect was made by Col. John F. Bruton, of Wilson, president of the First National Bank of that city, and was carried without a dissenting vote, every man in the assembly hall rising to his feet when President W. S. Blakeney, of Monroe, put the question. The ambulance is to be given through the Red Cross Society of the State.

The motion was made by Colonel Burton immediately following the address of Mr. Clement S. Ucker, of Baltimore, vice president of the Southern Settlement and Development Company, who spoke before a joint session of the State Hardware and Bankers' Association on "Live Stock as the Basis for Permanent Agricultural Prosperity."

In asking the bankers of the State to take this action Colonel Bruton dwelt at length upon the hardships that the young men of the nation will be called upon to bear in the early future, adding that the ambulance which he proposed might be the means of saving the life on one dear to some delegate present. His remarks were well received and the second to his motion came quickly.

Colonel Bruton stated that he did not think any one bank should be allowed to contribute a sum in excess of $10 and that no contribution smaller than $5 be accepted from any institution in the State. While he excused the hardware men present from participation he stated that he was of the opinion that the visiting bankers should not be denied the privilege and that contributions would be gladly received from any banker present, whether a member of the State organization or not.

Preaching a doctrine of more and better live stock founded on improved agricultural methods as the salvation of the South, Mr. Ucker delivered a masterly address before a joint session of the bankers and hardware men assembled in the handsome auditorium on Harbor Island. He was given the very closest of attention by

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BICKETT NAMES THE DIRECTORS

Puts End to Speculation About State Road Officers—Young Man Shot.

(Special to The Dispatch.)

Raleigh, N. C., June 20.—Governor Bickett today ended speculation as to the directors of the North Carolina railroad, by reappointing as president, Word Wood, of Charlotte, N. C., and six of the old men.

The Governor's campaign manager, Bruce White of Wake Forest, gets the choice $2,000 plum of State Administration in the secretary-treasurer-ship, now held by James P. Cook, of Concord. Colonel P. M. Pearsall is reappointed attorney. Robert Hairston, of Reidsville, is made State proxy and J. G. Steed, of Mount Gilead, State expert.

J. M. Allen, of Louisburg; John P. Young, of Newton, J. Q. Gilkey, of Marion; W. T. Brown, of Winston-Salem; C. S. Tomlin, of Statesville; C. M. Vanstory, of Statesville; and T. L. Gwyn, of Canton, are the board.

James W. McGee, Jr., who was waylaid and shot while riding in an automobile last night, seven miles in the country, was regarded as out of danger today.

The young man, son of a prominent physician, was shot by a man using a twenty-two calibre rifle. John Sikes, a farmer filling description given by the young man, is under arrest.

EX-KING CONSTANTINE REACHES SWITZERLAND

(By Associated Press.)

Lugano, Switzerland (Via Paris), June 20.—Former King Constantine, of Greece, arrived here today. Officers and delegates of the Swiss government met him at the frontier and welcomed him in the name of Switzerland. A large number of German persons waited for the King at the depot. Constantine and his suite drove directly to the hotel, where rooms had been reserved for them. A number of German diplomats arrived here in anticipation of the coming of the former King, who was delayed by the illness of his wife.