

WEATHER FORECAST

North Carolina—Fair tonight, preceded by showers on the coast; Friday partly cloudy. South Carolina—Fair tonight; Friday showers.

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STARTS WORK GETTING RUSS. GOING AGAIN

American Officials Take Up Work of Rehabilitating The Country.

REPORT OF MISSION NOT YET MADE PUBLIC

All Members Had Ample Chance to Observe in Russia—Labor Conditions The Most Vital—Workmen Dazzled By Their Sudden Freedom.

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UNDER CAPITOL DOME THEY MET

Pacifists Hold Pow-Wow and Invite Members of Congress to Attend.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 9.—Some pacifists held a meeting under the dome of the capitol today, demanded that Congress stay in session until it had repealed the draft law and voiced threats of an attempt to impeach President Wilson unless that was done.

IMPORTING SAILORS TO MAN NEW SHIPS

(By Associated Press.) New York, Aug. 9.—The demands in America for labor has made it almost impossible for the owners of a number of French ships building here and others chartered from Americans to obtain sailors to man the vessels, it became known here today when 300 sailors arrived from France to man a number of ships about to sail from various ports for that country.

GEN. JULIAN S. CARR ASSISTANT TO HOOVER

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 9.—The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, today designated General Julian S. Carr, of Durham, to represent it as an aide to Herbert Hoover and to have charge of the campaign for food conservation.

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