

WEATHER FORECAST

North Carolina—Fair tonight and Tuesday; slightly warmer Tuesday.
South Carolina—Fair tonight and Tuesday.

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

ALEXIEFF PLACED IN SUPREME COMMAND OF RUSSIAN ARMIES

All Old Generals Will Be Supplanted by New Ones soon
SITUATION IS NOW CLEARING RAPIDLY

Troops Are Doing Their Part in Keeping As Many Germans As Possible on the Russian Front

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 17.—General Alexieff's appointment to supreme command of the Russian armies will be followed by a general reorganization in which old generals will give place to new ones.

First definite news of the reorganization was received at the Russian embassy today, in dispatches from Petrograd. Confidence of the troops is being restored by the removal of the former generals, the dispatches said, and the situation is rapidly clearing.

The Korniloff uprising seems to have been quelled without bloodshed, and Russian officials here say that the government now is stronger than ever. Strong discipline has been established in the army by General Alexieff and the spirit of the troops is said to be excellent. The advances to the Russian embassy here say that if the rebels had known of the true conditions in Petrograd, they would not have made any move in the nature of an armed rebellion.

The military situation is said to be progressing satisfactorily and the army is fulfilling their task of keeping as many Germans as possible on the Russian front. This is indicated by the report that the Germans have now more troops than ever before on the Russian lines. During the last five days, the Russian troops have regained seven miles.

Russia a Republic.
Petrograd, Sept. 17.—The provisional government last night proclaimed Russia a republic. The proclamation dated Sept. 14, follows:

"General Korniloff's rebellion has been quelled. But great is the confusion caused thereby and again great is the danger threatening the fate of the Fatherland and its freedom.
"Holding it necessary to put an end to the external definiteness of the state's organization, remembering the unanimous and rapturous approval of the republican idea expressed at the Moscow state conference, the provisional government declares that the constitutional organization according to which the Russian state is ruled, is a republican organization and it hereby proclaims the Russian republic."
(Signed) "Minister and President."
"Minister of Justice."

The title "Minister and President" affixed to the proclamation, probably refers to his position as president of the ministry, rather than of the republic.

MONROE WOMAN HANGS HERSELF

Mrs. Mary Covington Commits Suicide in Richmond Sanatorium

(Special to The Dispatch.)
Richmond, Va., Sept. 17.—Belated news of suicide of Mrs. Mary Covington, 55 years old, of Monroe, N. C., was given out today by officials of Henric county. Mrs. Covington, who had been patient at Westbrook Sanatorium for several weeks, hanged herself in her room Saturday afternoon by making a noose with the cord of her bath robe, throwing the other end through the transom, and then holding it firm she drew herself upwards several inches from the floor and hanged herself. She was found by one of the hospital helpers, half an hour later. It was said today that the body was turned over to an undertaker for shipment to North Carolina. Mrs. Covington was a victim of melancholia.

Dr. Gatz Retires.
Budapest, Sept. 17, via Amsterdam.—Dr. Gatz, minister of finance in the Hungarian cabinet, formed by Premier Wokle, last month, has retired from the ministry. Dr. Wokle has temporarily taken over the portfolio of finance.

FOLKE CRONHOLM SWEDISH DIPLOMAT HAS DISAPPEARED

Whereabouts of Foreign Charge at Mexico City is Unknown

WAS RECALLED FROM MEXICO LAST YEAR

Reason for His Recall Has Never Been Made Public—Newspapers Say This Oblivates the Government

(By Associated Press.)
Stockholm, Sept. 17.—The present whereabouts of Folke Cronholm, the former Swedish charge at Mexico City, mentioned in the correspondence recently given out in Washington as having been employed by the German minister to Mexico to convey information to the Berlin foreign office is unknown to the Swedish foreign office. He was placed on unpaid leave last December, and was given no other post. The reasons for the recall are not specific, but the tone of the newspaper statements concerning it intimates that his retirement was not without cause, although the government, it is stated, has no knowledge of the suggestion that a German decoration should be given him for his services or that this should be conferred secretly.

The Conservative newspapers maintain that the date of the recall and the circumstances of it are sufficient to absolve the present government from any responsibility for his acts or attitude. The press otherwise, devotes little comment to his case.

The latest Swedish communique relating to the differences between the Swedish and American versions of the circumstances attending the forwarding by the Swedish legation at Constantinople of letters and telegrams for the United States is printed generally without comment in the Stockholm press. The Svenska Dagbladet places over it headlines reading:

"Foreign office controverts with many facts American semi-official version," and adds an editorial note to the effect that the statement seems to dispose of all the American objection to first statement, and to prove that in the later stages of events telegrams were forwarded from Constantinople in the American code without particular comment being placed upon American good faith.

"As this opened the possibility of abuse," says the newspaper, "it will be seen that complete impartiality was displayed on the Swedish side." The chief concern now displayed by the conservative organs is as to the effect of the disclosures upon the elections.

PLAN TO MOBILIZE EXPERT ACCOUNTANTS

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 17.—Plans for the concentration of a large number of the country's leading accountants for important war service in government auditing and supervision were announced here today at the opening of the annual meeting of the American Institute of Accountants.

An effort is being made to put an accountancy service during the war on as high a plane as has been achieved by British accountants. Several hundred professional accountants have offered their services to the government and a committee has been absorbed by the War Industries Board. The committee already has obtained 14 members as divisional auditors in charge of accounting at army cantonments.

The committee is composed entirely of volunteers and two members are constantly on duty in Washington, devoting a great deal of their time to the consideration of emergency contracts for munitions and other war supplies.

ASKS INVESTIGATION OF ARIZONA MINES

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 17.—Appointment of a commission to investigate conditions in Arizona copper mines, as advocated by the American Federation of Labor, was proposed today to President Wilson. President Gompers of the labor federation, has laid before the President charges of federal investigators that the Industrial Workers of the World agitators were encouraged by copper interests for the sake of discrediting the labor movement. Most of the miners recently deported from Bisbee were union members and not the I. W. W. men, and this was known to company officials who promoted the deportations, the Federation of Labor charges.

HOLLAND-GERMAN CLOCKS TURNED BACK

(By Associated Press.)
Amsterdam, Sept. 17.—All clocks in Holland and Germany were put back an hour at 3 o'clock this morning. The daylight saving schedule began on April 15.

"Summer time" also ended officially in England at 3 a. m. today.

TODAY'S WAR SUMMARY.

* Desperate resistance is being continued by the Austrians to the Italian advance on the Isonzo front. They made four attempts to recapture the ground won late last week by General Cadorna on the Bainsizza plateau but each time were repulsed.

* The Franco-Belgian front operations continue to develop only local actions. The Germans last night showed enterprise in a sector that has witnessed little activity lately, attacking French positions in Apremont forest, in the Ardennes. A heavy engagement ensued which ended in a German defeat.

* Along the British front, there were only raiding operations. London reports. These were carried out in the Arras and Somme regions, the British taking prisoners and inflicting much damage.

NO TIE UP BY THE STRIKE AT HAMLET

Railroad Officials Say They Will Be Able to Manage the Situation
(By Associated Press.)
Norfolk, Va., Sept. 17.—Seaboard Air Line Railway officials here say there has been no request from the clerks for a conference, and that they have received no intimation that there will be any such request. The clerks of all the railroad and transportation companies, entering Norfolk and Portsmouth have formed an association, but it is said have made no demands upon the companies and are working today.

At Hamlet, N. C., 18 transfer yard and mechanical office clerks failed to report for duty this morning. Seaboard officials say this will not tie up traffic, as the package traffic usually shipped for distribution at that point will be shipped direct to the points of destination, and thus eliminate any necessity for transfer.

AMERICAN CONSULAR AGENCY DESTROYED

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 17.—Destruction of the American consular agency at Dunkirk, France, by a German bomb on September 7, was reported today to the State Department. The consular agent, Benjamin Morel, was injured, and the archives of the consulate were saved.

SATURDAY WAS BUSY DAY AT CONTEST DEPARTMENT

Saturday Will be "Twin-Subscription Day"—Two Subscriptions for One Year Each to the Daily and Sunday Dispatch Will Give 50,000 Extra Votes—1st period will Close Saturday, Oct. 6.

of free votes may be secured in this way alone. Ten people are going to win prizes and your opportunity is as good as any one's. It is not a case of popularity this time. Just a little well directed attention and energy will win.

There is still lots of room on the list for a great many more candidates. Do not be scared out by the large number of entries, for not one-fourth of the people nominated will enter in to the contest in earnest; anyway, it isn't likely. And even if they should, you will have better chances of winning, for the votes will not run near as high as a whole lot of people work.

You certainly have just as many friends as any of the others. It will be the matter of only a few subscriptions, then.

The list of candidates is being cut down each day, and only those who are really workers will be left. You will soon be able to tell just who is, and who is not, doing the work. Of course there are still some on the list who have not as yet done anything for themselves and think that they are going to win by the work their friends are able to do for them.

Well, maybe you will, and maybe you won't—most likely you won't. While in order to win you have got to have the help of friends, on the other hand your friends cannot carry you to victory without some help from you. Did you ever know a politician who was running for some office to just stay at home and make no effort and win out by just letting his friends do the work? No, you never did and neither will the winners in this campaign be winners unless they at least make a little effort themselves. No matter how anxious your friends are to have you win they cannot do it all. If you belong to this class, then be up and doing something and not let it be said of you that you lost just because you would not help your friends.

Some of the contestants do not have a clear idea as to what we mean by a new subscriber. A new subscriber is one who subscribes for the first time. (Continued on Page Three)

SAN FRANCISCO IS NOW EXPERIENCING HER WORST STRIKE

Approximately 25,000 Men Engaged in War Work Walk out

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ONLY CAN SETTLE IT

More Than \$150,000,000 in Government Contracts are Affected—Men Demand 50 per Cent Increase

(By Associated Press.)
San Francisco, Sept. 17.—Approximately 25,000 iron workers and metal trades mechanics, engaged in war emergency construction in San Francisco and Bay cities, were on strike at 9 o'clock today following rejection of their demands for a 50 per cent increase in wages. The walkout in more than 100 plants was carried out without a hitch, it was reported.

Fervent eleventh-hour efforts to avert the strike by employers and representatives of the United States Shipping Board failed. Proposals to Shipping Board failed. Proposals to increase offered had been rejected by the conference committee of the iron trades council, composed of 25 unions, on whose authority the strike was declared.

The walk-out affected more than \$150,000,000 in government shipbuilding and engine construction contracts and automatically tied up other construction work. The Union Iron Works, the Moore-Scott Iron Works, both ship-building plants, and the Pacific Foundry, were to close immediately.

Settlement of the strike, declared to be San Francisco's largest industrial trouble, is entirely in the hands of the Federal government, employers announced.

Employees announced that if the strike is of long duration, probably 150,000 persons, including organized workmen of relative trades and their families, will be involved.

R. S. Scott, of the Moore-Scott Co., said that under the contracts with the government, the employers were prohibited from granting any wage increases without Federal sanction. No attempt will be made to operate any of the factories or works with substitutes, according to announcement by employers.

ONE LIFE LOST AND GREAT DAMAGE TO WALLACE PROPERTY

TAKING STOCK OF DAMAGE DONE BY LAST WEEK'S RAIN

Goldsboro and Wayne County Recovering From Worst Flood Known

KNOWN DEATH LIST NOW STANDS AT TWO

Greatest Property Damage Was to Crops—Many County Roads Impassable—Waters Rapidly Falling

(By Associated Press.)
Goldsboro, N. C., Sept. 17.—Goldsboro and Wayne county are today recovering from one of the worst floods in their history caused by the unprecedented rainfall of the past few days. It is believed the greatest damage wrought by the high water has been done to the crops. According to telephone reports from different sections of the county, the water which had been standing from one to two feet in the fields, is rapidly falling. Two lives are known to have been lost in this vicinity, as a result of the flood, an aged negro and his wife having been drowned near here on Saturday. A number of bridges have been washed away causing several of the highways out of Goldsboro to be impassable, but county authorities say these will be replaced in two days.

The water caused heavy loss to people occupying houses on the outskirts of this city, whose household effects were more or less damaged when their homes were moved Saturday morning. With the exception of the destruction of two bridges over the "Big Ditch," a stream which flows through the lowest end of Goldsboro, no other property damage was caused here.

BRITISH TROOPS IN A SUCCESSFUL RAID

(By Associated Press.)
London, Sept. 17.—Troops of English and Scottish regiments made successful raids last night on the German trenches in the Arras and Somme regions of the battle front in France.

Many Germans were killed in their dugouts and prisoners were taken. The statement, issued today by the British war office says:

"During the night successful raids were carried out by English and Scottish regiments against the German positions southeast of Gavrelle, east of Eppey, and in the neighborhood of the Arras-Douai railway. Several prisoners were taken and two machine guns were captured.

"Many of the enemy were killed in their dugouts. Dumps and trench mortar emplacements were destroyed with explosives.

"The hostile artillery showed some activity during the night east of Ypres."

ATLANTIC COAST STORM PASSES ON

(By Associated Press.)
Newport, News, Va., Sept. 17.—The storm which swept the Virginia coast Friday, Saturday and Sunday, was passing away this morning, the 40-mile gale, which was blowing yesterday, having diminished to 30 miles per hour today. Although a heavy sea is running and the wind is yet high, shipping tied up at this port two days because of the storm was released today and a few ships sailed this morning. No damage to shipping has been reported at this port.

MEDICAL COLLEGE OPENED TO WOMEN

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Sept. 17.—After 106 years as an institution for men only, the College of Physicians and Surgeons, the Medical Department of Columbia University, has decided to admit women on an equal standing with men. It was announced today. This departure is made possible by a gift of \$50,000 from George W. Breckinridge, of San Antonio, Texas. Dean Samuel A. Lambert, of the Medical Department, said that the change had been made after long consideration and had been hastened by the altered position of women in Europe since the outbreak of the war.

HARVARD TO ADMIT WOMEN STUDENTS

(By Associated Press.)
Cambridge, Mass., Sept. 17.—Official announcement was made today that duly qualified women registered at Radcliffe college would be admitted to the Harvard Medical School this year. The requirements for admission will be the same as for men. The council of Radcliffe college will confer the degree of Doctor of Medicine on women candidates who perform the required work after they have been recommended by the faculty of medicine of Harvard University.

One Life and Thousands of Dollars in Property Lost Saturday

CAMP MANUFACTURING COMPANY HARD HIT

Negro Engaged in Rescue Work Was Drowned—Dam Bursting Loosened Flood On People Below—Many Acts of Heroism

(Special to The Dispatch.)
Wallace, Sept. 17.—The heavy rains of Friday and Friday night caused the loss of one life, and thousands of dollars worth of property, including damage of \$150,000 to the plant of the Camp Manufacturing Company, at this place. All the farms along Rockfish creek and other streams are swept away, and the bridges are gone.

The workmen at the Camp Manufacturing Company noticed the rapidly rising waters as they went to work Saturday morning. Almost suddenly there was a rush of waters caused by the breaking of a dam, and many homes were flooded, the occupants having to wade out through waist-deep water in their flight to safety. Rescue work was instituted with the first rush of the waters, and soon men in boats and hastily improvised rafts were feverishly engaged in taking women and children from their flood-invaded homes.

The occasion brought out many instances of heroism, but none more notable than that displayed by Mrs. John Camp, wife of the superintendent of the manufacturing company. Quickly taking in the situation, she donned a bathing suit, and first got her two-year-old daughter and her sister, Miss Olive Webb, of Fort Smith, Ark., to safety, then turned her attention toward trying to save her household goods. With some small assistance, her husband being North on a business trip at the time, Mrs. Camp piled her most valuable furniture high in her home, but this proved futile, the waters soon flooding the house.

One life was lost during the rescue work Saturday afternoon when a boat overturned. Mr. Frank James and a negro were in a boat engaged in helping people from the flooded district when the boat capsized, the negro disappearing. Despite the efforts of Mr. James, who himself had a narrow escape by becoming entangled with his coat, the negro could not be rescued, and it was not until today that the body was recovered in a tangle of brushwood near where it had disappeared.

Many employees of the mill owned hogs, and their next work after seeing the endangered people to safety was to rescue this meat supply, boats being used to transport the squealers from their watery quarters to higher ground, which in many cases, meant to the second floor of the home vacated by the family.

There were several very narrow escapes from death among the rescuers, particularly was this true when a boat containing Mr. Leslie Boney and two negroes overturned. Mr. Boney, escaping to a nearby post from which place of vantage he showed a plank to the unfortunate negroes, enabling them to finally reach safety.

The water reached a depth of 16 feet in the mill, from which the cashier had barely managed to escape, saving the money for the payroll and two of the most important books.

The negroes rendered temporarily homeless by the flood are being cared for in the tobacco warehouses, and Wallace is feeding something like 300 destitute people today.

The loss to the bridges and crops has not been estimated, but the loss of the plant of the Camp Manufacturing Company alone is estimated at \$150,000.

SUBPOENAS ISSUED IN THE KING CASE

Solicitor Clement Will Establish His Headquarters in Concord

(By Associated Press.)
Salisbury, N. C., Sept. 17.—Solicitor Hayden Clement is preparing to take up actively the investigation into the mysterious death near Concord on August 28, of Mrs. Maude A. King, of Chicago, and tomorrow will establish headquarters in Concord.

Subpoenas summoning them to appear at a re-hearing by the coroner, at Concord, September 24, have been served upon Gaston B. Means, Mrs. King's so-called business manager who was with her at the time of her death; Afton Means, brother of Gaston; W. S. Bingham and Ernest Bury, negro chauffeur, who with Mrs. King had gone to the country in an automobile for target practice, when the death of the woman occurred. Mrs. Mazie C. Melvin, sister of Mrs. King, and Charles S. Dyer, a farmer, and his wife, who reside near Blackwell Spring, the scene of the tragedy, who heard the shot which is said to have caused the woman's death, also have been summoned.