

WEATHER FORECAST

North Carolina: Fair tonight, slightly warmer in extreme west portion. Wednesday, fair. South Carolina: Fair tonight and Wednesday.

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

READY TO REOPEN INVESTIGATION OF MRS. KING'S DEATH

Solicitor Clement in Concord to Take Charge of The Case.

TWO COURT ORDERS DIRECTED TO MEANS

Federal and State Courts Both Appealed to by Relatives of Mrs. King—Means Visits His Charlotte Lawyer.

Means Visits Attorney. Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 18.—Gaston B. Means, with his father, W. G. Means, came here this morning, from Concord, to consult with Gaston Means' attorney, in regard to the restraining order issued by Federal Judge James E. Boyd, of Greensboro, last night, on a petition of Mrs. Anna L. Robinson, mother of Mrs. Maude A. King, Chicago woman, who was killed near Concord, August 29, by joining Gaston Means from disposing of the property of Mrs. King, which is being alleged to possess.

Means when asked for a statement refused to talk or state if he would accept service of the order. He referred the matter to his attorney who stated that he had the order and at that time had not finished reading it but would make no further statement.

Means and his father are traveling in the automobile that was supposed to have been purchased here for Mrs. King, that Means paid for upon delivery with gold certificates of thousand dollar denominations. This is the same car that was being used by the party the night that Mrs. King died.

PREMIER KERENSKY GOES TO THE FRONT

Petrograd, Sept. 18.—Premier Kerensky, accompanied by General Kerkovskiy, minister of war, and Admiral Petrovskiy, minister of marine, left Petrograd last night for the Russian general army headquarters in the front.

CONFEREES AGREE ON POSTAGE TAX

A Modified Zone Plan For Increased Rates on Publications.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 18.—Second class postage taxes in the war tax bill were agreed upon today by the conferees. A modified zone plan for increasing rates on newspapers and periodicals was decided upon, according to reliable information which filtered through the strict order of secrecy. None of the conferees would disclose any intimation of their action.

Representative Kitchin and the other House conferees, it was said, threatened to take the fight back to the House if the Senate conferees did not yield on the second class mail question.

COAL PRODUCTION GREATLY CURTAILED

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 18.—Reports to the Geological Survey on production of bituminous coal show a decrease during August at the rate of more than 3,000,000 tons a month, and indicate that a shortage of coal this winter, feared by many government officials, may be a reality unless production shows a decided increase.

Indications are that while there will be sufficient anthracite for domestic consumption in the East, there may be an insufficiency of bituminous to keep industrial plants going at their capacity.

ORGANIZED LABOR IN VALUATION CASES

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 18.—Protests against the valuation fixed tentatively by the Interstate Commerce Commission on several small railroads, were joined today by the four chief railroad brotherhoods. In a brief filed in the Texas Midland railroad valuation proceedings, the brotherhoods assert that without a report showing the original cost to date, "all the labors of the commission will have been in vain," and the great expense of the undertaking will have been idly wasted.

ARGENTINA LOATH TO GRANT COURTESY

(By Associated Press.) Buenos Aires, Sept. 18.—In private sources, it was learned by the Associated Press today that the Argentine government has asked Spain to take the responsibility of obtaining from the American and British governments a safe conduct for Count von Luxburg, the German minister here, who recently was given his passports, arguing that the Count is to leave Argentina for Spain on a Spanish vessel. According to it was said, the Spanish minister has asked the Madrid government to initiate negotiations to this end.

AN "OPPORTUNITY" AND NOT "DUTY," DECLARES LANE

Answer to Business Men as to Their Duty in War.

FULL STEAM AHEAD BY UNITED STATES

Secretary of Interior Addresses War Convention of Chamber of Commerce of the U. S.—Praises Congress

(By Associated Press.) Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 18.—Business men asking their duty to the nation in war, were told by Secretary Lane, addressing the war convention of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States here, to change the word from "duty" to "opportunity," and seek the answer from the khaki clad American boys who are crossing the ocean.

The Secretary declared that the United States, having determined to fight Germany's effort to master the world "with high explosives and low intrigue," was making full steam ahead.

"If any one doubts that," he added, "let him look at the record of Congress, which has come in for so much of derision and reproach. I presume to say that no other parliamentary body in so short a time ever passed so great a volume of well-considered and prophetic legislation as has our present Congress in the past five months."

"We have supplied money for our friends, raised an army of a million and a quarter, inaugurated a new industry—that of making aeroplanes, revived a dead industry—that of building ships, placed powers over exports and prices over industries and resources in the hands of the President that will give him the weapons he needs, made laws to punish domestic enemies, and courageously placed the burden of taxation upon those who can bear up under it."

"We of America, it is conceded, know how to make money, and we will prove that we know how to make war, whole-hearted, resolute war; war that means organization, machinery, science; war that means men by the million and money by the billion, war that means heart-breaking, ruined hopes, a little glory, perhaps, a certain self respect, a world that men can grow in."

"We shall make war in earnest, for we know that if Germany wins the world will turn aside from the system of law and liberty which we know, and exalt that military caste and system which is the historic enemy of personal liberty. We make war in France that we may not be compelled to do battle here. Let Germany have Canada or Mexico, or even Cuba, and we would go our daily work like the Pilgrim fathers with our guns in our hands."

"This is in truth most distinctively our war, for we claim proudly that we gave the impulse to Europe which turned its face toward democracy, and for that reason, in fighting with England, France, Italy and Russia, we fight for those who follow in the way we led, true children of the American conception of government, as a servant, not a master."

GREAT CROWDS IN BOSTON WELCOME JAPANESE MISSION

Viscount Ishii and Governor McCall Were the Principal Speakers

MANY COURTESIES SHOWN THE VISITORS

Massachusetts Constitutional Convention Addressed—Perry's History-Making Trip Referred to.

(By Associated Press.) Boston, Mass., Sept. 18.—The Japanese mission headed by Viscount Ishii, was welcomed to Boston today by a great crowd, notwithstanding a disagreeable northeast rainstorm. Troops lined up in the South Station train shed, stood at present arms, while a band hailed the guests with the Japanese national anthem, as they stepped from the train.

There was an informal parade in automobiles to the State House, where the party was greeted by Governor McCall. After a brief reception, the visitors went into the convention, which is sitting to revise the State constitution, and there Viscount Ishii expressed his delight at being in New England.

Governor McCall, in welcoming the mission, on behalf of the State, alluded to the rest of the world. But it was not all gain when Japan exchanged their "serene isolation" for a restless and an almost haggard civilization," he said.

The Viscount paid a cordial tribute to the late Henry Willard Denison, whom he described as "for over 30 years, his guide, inspirer and friend."

"It was Charles Sumner who said: 'The true grandeur of humanity is in moral elevation sustained and lightened and decorated by the intellect of man. The truest tokens of this grandeur in a State are the diffusion of the great happiness among the greatest number, and the passionless justice which controls the relations of the State to other States, and to all the people committed to its charge.' Applying this great utterance as an engagement to confer with President Wilson later today, I can say to you, that it fills the ideal and true spirit of Japan in her dealings with you, and with the world."

Who will win the \$775 Briscoe automobile, purchased from H. F. Pierce, Warsaw, which The Dispatch is going to give away, is the all-absorbing question of the hour. The way the race is starting off, there is going to be a battle royal over the winning of this beautiful car.

STRIKE ON PACIFIC COAST IS CAUSING MUCH UNEASINESS

An Extension of Strike to Lumber Mills is Feared by Officials.

SECRETARY WILSON OFFERS SERVICES

Secretary of Labor Tenders His Good Offices as a Mediator—Government Marking Time.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 18.—Chairman Hurley of the shipping board, today appealed to President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor to stop the strikes which are holding up government ship building on the Pacific coast. A conference will be held today between Mr. Hurley and Mr. Gompers.

Chairman Hurley also conferred today with Secretary Daniels on the navy's settlement of wage demands in government ship yards.

Navy contracts involved in the strike virtually all are of the cost plus a percentage of profit type adopted to meet precisely the situation that has arisen.

When bids for destroyers, cruisers and battleships were opened, private builders said they could not make flat contract except at an extraordinary advance in price, since they had no assurance as to what labor might cost them before the work was completed.

Under the cost plus contract, the government would absorb at least some increased wage scales. So far, however, no suggestion that the Navy Department authorize increases at the San Francisco plan has been received.

Presumably the builders are not willing to grant the increase demanded by the men on commercial work they have in hand, and are hopeful that an adjustment can be reached without setting the precedent of an advance scale on the navy work.

RUMANIANS TAKE FORTIFIED SECTION FROM THE TEUTONS

SEABOARD FREIGHT STRIKE IS ENDED

An Agreement Reached Whereby the Clerks Returned to Work Today

(By Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., Sept. 18.—The Seaboard Air Line Railway freight clerks strike is ended. Following an all-day conference yesterday in Norfolk, between W. L. Sedden, vice-president of the railway; J. J. Forrester, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Freight Clerks, and G. M. McWade, representing the United States Department of Labor, an agreement was reached whereby the men were to return to work this morning, with the understanding that Mr. McWade would draw up a contract which would be accepted by the railroad and the clerks.

The twenty-eight striking clerks at Richmond returned to work this morning, also those at Jacksonville, Tampa, Raleigh, Hamlet, Savannah, Americus and Cordale. Under the pending agreement, the railroad will grant concessions on several points, principally the wage question, also as to men working late at night and Sundays without extra pay.

The strike reached Richmond a week ago yesterday, after it had been in force for about 10 days at Raleigh and other points further South. About seven weeks ago, there was a strike here which lasted one day, but the matter was temporarily patched up.

LIFTING BIG SPAN FOR QUEBEC BRIDGE

(By Associated Press.) Quebec, Sept. 18.—Lifting operations to put into place the 640 foot central span of the Quebec bridge, were removed here early today. Yesterday the span was carried upward 28 feet from the pontoons and the engineers in charge this morning said they expected to add 68 feet today, which would bring it within 54 feet of its final resting place.

HAVANA AUTOISTS WITHOUT GASOLINE

(By Associated Press.) Havana, Sept. 18.—More than a thousand automobiles in Havana have been forced into retirement by the action of retail gasoline dealers, in jumping the price from 47 cents a gallon to \$1 and in some instances to \$1.20.

CHATTANOOGA STRIKE STILL UNSETTLED

(By Associated Press.) Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 18.—Progress toward a settlement of the street railway employees strike here appeared today to be at a standstill. F. W. Hoover, vice president of the traction company, promised yesterday to prepare a statement in which he would present a basis of settlement, but has not done so. Chris Cline, international organizer of the union, and John B. Colpoys, Federal mediator, said today they were waiting on Mr. Hoover.

European War Fields Furnish News of Many Local Activities.

GERMANS LAUNCH AN ASSAULT ON FRENCH

Russians Occupy Another Town on the Dvina—Heavy Artillery Fire is General Along All Fronts.

Still lacking in large offensive operations, the European war fields continue to furnish news of multiple local activities. The Germans broke into activity northwest of Rheims, on the French front, last night, and in an attack toward the Neufchateau road, south of the Miette, reached the French lines. They were ejected after a sharp fight, Paris announces.

London's official statement is particularly colorless today, but recent communications have mentioned very active raiding work and airplane observation in which many photographs were taken. Berlin has dwelt heavily upon the intensity of the artillery fire in Flanders.

The Italian official statement merely reports the repulse of further Austrian counter attacks on the Bainsizza plateau, and heavy artillery fire on the Carso.

A DESIGNER OF THE DEUTSCHLAND DEAD

(By Associated Press.) Baltimore, Sept. 18.—Gothold Prusse, one of the designers of the German merchant submarine Deutschland land, who came to Baltimore, on the first voyage of that craft, committed suicide, in the city jail today, by hanging.

HUNDRED THOUSAND SALVAGE AWARD

(By Associated Press.) Norfolk, Va., Sept. 18.—Judge Edmund Waddell handed down a decision in the United States Court today awarding \$100,000 to the Merritt and Chapman Derrick and Wrecking Company, as salvage money for its rescue of the British steamship Kio Ora which was stranded on Castle Island in the Bahamas, on February 29. This is the largest award for salvage ever made in the local United States Court, and is declared by attorneys in the case, to be the second largest ever given in the United States. The only other larger award was in the case of the liner St. Paul, which went ashore on the Atlantic coast on her maiden voyage.

Shipping Men Confer

(By Associated Press.) Boston, Mass., Sept. 18.—New England shipping men held a conference with representatives of the Shipping Board here today. They discussed the proposed plan of bringing under a central authority the operation of all North Atlantic tugs and barges with the view of relieving congestion and expediting the movement of cargoes.

ROPER SUCCEEDS OSBORN

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 18.—Daniel C. Roper, of South Carolina, was nominated today by President Wilson, commissioner of internal revenues.

WHO IS GOING TO WIN BRISCOE AUTOMOBILE?

Large List of Representative Women and Girls are Determined to Win One of the Prizes Offered by The Dispatch—People of Eastern N. Carolina to Decide The Winners.

- THE PRIZES. \$775 Briscoe Automobile. Ford Touring Car. \$200 in gold. \$100 in gold. \$93 furniture suite. \$75 Columbia Grafonia. \$50 merchandise order at J. W. H. Fuchs' Department Store. \$25 wrist watch. Two \$60 diamond rings. Ten per cent commission to all non-winners, who remain active, on money for new subscriptions.

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