

WEATHER FORECAST
North Carolina: Rain tonight;
Sunday fair, except rain northeast
portion.
South Carolina: Rain and cool-
er tonight. Sunday probably fair.

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VEIL THROWN OVER ACTIVITIES ALONG THE FIGHTING LINE

Cutting Off of News From Flanders Creates Air of Tenseness.

NOTHING TO REPORT, SAYS GENERAL HAIG

Heavy Artillery Fire Along the French Front is Reported.

Germans Fare Badly in Air Raid.

(By Associated Press.)
Field Marshal Haig is extremely laconic in his dispatch today from the British front, in France, and Belgium, "nothing to report except the usual artillery activity on both sides." In the essence of it.
The warnings yesterday from the newspaper correspondents at the front that nothing need be expected from them for the time being, read in this connection, tend to create an air of tenseness with the possibility seen of big events impending. Military observers, not on the spot, however, seem at sea over the probabilities. The interval since Wednesday's big attack appears to be too short for the launching of another extended offensive movement in Flanders and there have been no patently visible signs of preparation for a drive in any other sector. The possibility exists, too, that the veil which has been drawn over the activities along the fighting line, is only intended to cover up some new disposition of the British forces until the change is completed.
The comparative quiet that has prevailed for the last few days on the French front is continuing. Only the artillery has been at all active, chiefly in the Verdun region. East of the Meuse, in this sector, however, the gunfire reached a violent pitch last night, Paris reports today.
The latest German raid on England turned out badly for the raiders. Their airplane formations failed to reach London, although repeated attacks were made and two of the 20 machines engaged were brought down by the British. Only insignificant damage was caused by the bombs that were dropped over Kent, Essex, and Suffolk, and there were no casualties. British aircraft, on the other hand, are reported by the admiralty to have worked extensive damage by raids in Belgium, particularly at the submarine base, at Zeebrugge, and airdromes in the interior.

HEAVY BONDS FOR FIVE PAMLICO MEN

Charged With Dynamiting Postoffice at Lowlands and Resisting Draft Law

(By Associated Press.)
New Bern, N. C., Sept. 29.—Reverend officers late yesterday arrested Sam Williams, Kelly Watson, Mitchell Watson, Christopher Carroway, and J. B. Watson, of Pamlico, brought them to New Bern, and arraigned the five men before Commissioner Hill, the first named on a warrant charging resisting the draft law, and the others with dynamiting the postoffice at Lowlands, N. C., on the night of September 17. Their preliminary examination was continued until October 8, and they were committed to jail in default of \$3,000 bond.
The dynamiting of the postoffice, according to Federal agents, was the outcome of the refusal of postal authorities to deliver to certain subscribers a weekly newspaper printed in Georgia, which recently was denied mailing privilege because of anti-draft articles therein.

ASKS LAFOLLETTE'S EXPULSION

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 29.—A communication from the Governor of Minnesota and the State public safety commission requesting the expulsion from the Senate of Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin, was presented in the Senate today by Senator Kellogg, of Minnesota, and referred by Vice President Marshall to the Senate committee on elections and qualifications.

ONLY SIX DAYS LEFT OF DIAMOND RING PERIOD

Contestants Who Expect to win an Automobile or One of The Other Prizes Should Do Their Best This Period— Aggressive Contestants Cannot Complain of Lack of Support.

THE PRIZES.

- \$775 Ericson Automobile.
- Ford Touring Car \$200 in gold.
- \$100 in gold.
- \$83 furniture suite.
- \$75 Columbia Grafonola.
- \$50 merchandise order at J. W. H. Puchs' Department Store.
- \$25 wrist watch.
- Two \$20 diamond rings.

Ten per cent commission to all non-winners, who remain active, on money for new subscriptions.

Next Saturday night at 9 o'clock the competition for the \$60 Diamond Ring will come to a close. The Ring is to be awarded the contestant who turns in the largest amount of money for NEW subscriptions during the two weeks ending next Saturday, who does not win one of the more valuable prizes.

The first, or preliminary, period of the contest will come to a close next Saturday night, at the same time as the competition for the special prize. During this period each \$15 worth of subscription gives any candidate 150,000 extra votes. During the second period the number of extra votes will be reduced to 10,000 and during the third and last period there will be another reduction of 10,000 votes.

The contestants have only six more days to work for the special prize and the high first period extra votes, and the ones who expect to win should do their very best during the short time that remains. All of the active contestants have done well this week, taking advantage of the nice weather, but they all say that they are going to do even more next week.

As the contest does not close until six weeks from Monday night there is ample time for any hustling and ambitious young woman to enter the race and come under the wire a winner. This is especially true if the candidate happens to live in one of the towns in the territory where there has been practically nothing done, and where thousands of votes can be secured by the first one who asks for them.

Some of those who were a little late in being nominated, and others who have been unable to start their campaigns, seem to be of the opinion that they are too late to begin now, but in this they are very much in error. Now is the very best time to commence. The work done thus far has been mostly of a preliminary character, and as the campaign was a new and unknown proposition, it was necessary to spend a great deal of time explaining the rules and conditions. Now, nearly everyone in this section has read all about the contest and is watching its progress with interest. This condition will make subscription getting much easier than it was at the start.

No aggressive candidate can complain of any lack of support and if they do, it is only because they have failed to let their friends know that their support is desired. The support is usually forthcoming, when the desire for it is made known. Many people when unsolicited by the favorite they would like most to see win, will give a subscription to a second choice if that candidate happens to ask for it. In this fact lies both a hint and a warning to the intending contestants to get into the race and let everyone know by their energetic solicitation of subscriptions and votes, and by the position they occupy on the list, that they are in the race to win.

MAJ. C. S. RIDLEY, WHO SUCCEEDS COL. HARTS, AS SUPT. OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS AND AIDE TO THE PRESIDENT.



A FOUR CORNERED FIGHT FOR MAYOR

New York is on Eve of Most Spectacular Campaign.

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Sept. 29.—A four-cornered contest for mayor was assured today when it became virtually certain that Mayor John P. Mitchell would make a fight for re-election, despite his defeat by William H. Bennett, a former Senator, for the Republican nomination. Leaders in the fusion movement which was responsible for the mayor's election four years ago, began today to make arrangements for the campaign for his re-election. Already petitions containing the names of several thousand voters have been certified to, and others are in circulation, to place Mayor Mitchell's name on the official ballot.

Fusion leaders frankly admit that the defeat of Mayor Mitchell in the Republican primary was due to bungling, and that the nomination of Bennett created a situation in local politics much to the liking of Tammany Hall. That the city is, on the eve of one of the most spectacular mayoral campaigns in many years is admitted by the leaders of all political factions. Republican leaders, many of whom are affiliated with the fusion committee, following a meeting last night, announced that they would support the nominee of the primaries. This means that they must withdraw from the fusion organization and assist in the organization of a campaign against the man they supported in the primaries.

CABINET FORMING A JOB IN RUSSIA

No Proposition Seems to Suit the Many Political Factions.

(By Associated Press.)
Petrograd, Sept. 29.—The Minamals and the Social Democrats at yesterday's session of the Democratic Congress voted 81 to 77, in favor of a coalition cabinet, to include representatives of the bourgeoisie, but 86 to 51 against the inclusion of the Constitutional Democrats. The revolution Socialists voted in favor of a coalition, excluding the Constitutional Democrats, 91 to 87.

Premier Kerensky conferred with representatives of the Moscow industrial group, regarding their possible entry into the cabinet. They replied they would participate, if the cabinet was wholly independent of any party or political association.

The government, in replying to the demands of the Maximalists for the invariability of Nikolai Lenine at the Congress, said he would not be arrested in the hall of the Congress, but would be apprehended if found outside the hall. The Maximalists, therefore, decided not to bring Lenine from his hiding place.

TWO GERMAN AIR SHIPS SHOT DOWN

Another Air Raid On England Last Night, But No Casualties.

(By Associated Press.)
London, Sept. 29.—Two German airplanes which took part in last night's raid over the Southeast coast of England, were brought down. It is announced officially. No casualties were caused by the raid.

The following official announcement was made:
"Lord French, commander of the home defenses, reports that the latest information indicates that about 20 enemy machines participated in last night's raid. Bombs were dropped in a number of places in Kent, Essex and Suffolk, but no casualties and only insignificant damage has been reported up to the present. Repeated attacks were made on London but in no case did the raiders penetrate the outer defenses."

HEAVY CASUALTY LIST.
(By Associated Press.)
London, Sept. 29.—British casualties reported during the month of September total 104, 598, divided as follows:
* Officers killed or died of wounds, 636; men 18,302.
* Officers wounded or missing, 2,151; men 83,509.

THOUSANDS OF GERMAN CAPTURED IN NEW GRE AT DRIVE AT VERDUN



An immense herd of German prisoners, captured by the French in their latest drive at Verdun. The men are kept in an inclosure until they are sent farther back behind the lines in the concentration camps.

PENSACOLA IS CUT OFF FROM OUTSIDE WORLD BY STORM

KERENSKY GOLDLY FACES SUPREME TEST OF POWER

Enters Into Fight to Save Government Established Under Him.

DRAMATIC INCIDENTS PUNCTUATE ADDRESS

Government's Policy is to Continue the War—Premier in Close Place—Crisis Expected Before Day Ends

(By Associated Press.)
Petrograd, Sept. 28.—(Delayed.)—Premier Kerensky took the initiative today and faced coldly what may be the supreme test of the power of his government. At the very beginning of the Democratic Congress, called by the Maximalists and the Council of Workmen and Soldiers' Delegates, to question his power and perhaps to demand a new government, the Premier accepted the challenge.

He told the Congress that his regime had saved Russia in its darkest hours.

The government also indicated its policy of a firm continuation of the war, when General Verkhovsky, minister of war, pledged the convention to a final victory over Germany. It discipline in the army was restored. The general's reference to the return of discipline and his announcement that the officers would be named by their superiors, instead of elected by the soldiers, was applauded only mildly, but his address, as a whole, evoked more cheers than did the Premier's.

M. Kerensky in a speech referred to the revolt of General Korniloff and declared:
"I prevented it. I destroyed it. I was informed from the beginning of its existence."

When the Premier declared that the good of Russia necessitated the observance of order and discipline, one of the most dramatic heckling incidents which punctuated his address occurred. He had reached a pause in his address, when a loud voice in the gallery shouted, "You are the great mischief worker of the country."

From a bedlam of hisses and applause, voices from the floor challenged the heckler to arise. A common soldier in the back gallery arose and with arms folded across his brown blouse, stood calmly facing a torrent of hisses from the supporters of Premier Kerensky.

There was an air of tense excitement as a result of rumors that the agitator, Lenine, was in Petrograd and would attend the convention. This died down, however, when he failed to appear.

The applause which greeted Premier Kerensky indicated that he had a small minority with him.

The Socialists supporting him contended that he has a majority of the convention. The government ministers had a meeting late tonight to discuss the effect of his appearance, but none of the ministers would talk. A crisis probably will come Saturday, when the work of preliminary organization has been completed and the radical Left presents its extremist program.

The section of General Verkhovsky's speech concerning the efforts of Germany to obtain peace at the expense of Russia provoked great applause. "Our gallant armies," the war minister said, "have replied to the dastardly offer by unconditionally rejecting it, believing, as I believe, that the Russian army still will bare its breast to free the fatherland."

The general said he would handle the army without gloves, although it had plenty of good intentions. He pointed out defects, \$27-3.

The Twelfth army, before Riga, did not refuse to fight and die, but we need men to fight and win victories. The army does not refuse to fight, but at the same time, it murders its officers. We hear many worthy words about the army and fleet, but they have a great many deserters. The glorious victories on the southwest front in July terminated in a disgraceful retreat.

In the rear we have reinforcements, but the men at the front do not accept them, because they bring disorder and regiments with historic records cannot accept such men."

General Verkhovsky repeated his announced program of changing the army commanders, educating the troops along free revolutionary lines, based on mutual trust between officers and men and the disbanding of the useless hordes in the rear. The speech contained little comfort for pacifists in the audience.

No Communication With Florida City Since Friday Afternoon.

MUCH DAMAGE DONE IN THE GULF STATES

Owing to Ample Warnings, Shipping Reached Safe Harbors—Eight Lives Reported Lost—Storm is Moving North.

(By Associated Press.)
New Orleans, Sept. 29.—Word was anxiously awaited here early today from Pensacola, Fla., which was struck by the tropical hurricane yesterday. All wire communication with Pensacola had been cut off since about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when messages from that city stated the wind was blowing about 100 miles an hour and indicated considerable damage was being done to property.

Efforts to get in touch with Pensacola by wireless were made by the naval radio station here throughout the night and early today. Telegraph and telephone companies officials doubted if their wires to Pensacola would be restored before tomorrow, or later.

The Louisville & Nashville railroad, owing to a serious washout near Lake Catherine, about 20 miles from here, was detouring its trains into this city on the tracks of another line.

Some storm damage to standing timber and to crops was reported from Mississippi and Louisiana, but no estimate was available as to the extent of the losses.

Nine Drowned.

Houma, La., Sept. 29.—A shrimp schooner was capsized in Sister Lake, about 25 miles south of here, late yesterday, during the terrific wind storm, and eight other fishermen were drowned, according to reports received here today from a point on the lake. A number of fishermen left for the scene today to try and locate the bodies. This was the only damage or casualty reported from the storm in this section.

Heavy Damage Reported.

Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 29.—The center of the tropical hurricane from the Gulf of Mexico, struck Pensacola, Fla., early last night, passing inland in a northeasterly direction, doing immense damage to crops and buildings in West Florida, and South and Central Alabama, according to meagre reports received here. Most wires went down early last night, and communication is possible with only a few points south of here today.

Brewton, Evergreen, Andalusia, Florida, Dothan, Troy and Ozark, Ala., all report heavy damage by wind and rain. Hundreds of small buildings, gin houses, tinseased oil mills and other establishments of wooden material, and many cabins and barns were demolished.

The wind attained a high velocity in Montgomery shortly after midnight, at which time more than five inches of rain had fallen. Gusts of rain accompanied the wind, which raged all night, the maximum here being between 55 and 60 miles an hour. Trees and small buildings were blown down in all sections of the city. So far no casualties have been reported.

Street car traffic to some suburbs today is interrupted. No trains have moved over the Louisville & Nashville railroad since Friday morning, more than 500 passengers for points south being marooned here.

Pensacola Cut Off.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 29.—Pensacola, Fla., was cut off from all wire communication today as the result of the hurricane that struck the Gulf coast yesterday. Wires to the Western Florida city were "lost" yesterday afternoon and telephone and telegraph company officials today said chances of restoring them before tonight were not bright. Practically all wires into Pensacola converge to Flomaton, on the Alabama-Florida line. It was beyond Flomaton that the breaks occurred.

Mobile Heeded Warnings.

Mobile, Ala., Sept. 29.—Because warnings had been spread broadcast over Mobile and surrounding territory, this section passed through the hurricane late yesterday and last night with a minimum of damage, although the velocity of the wind reached 96 miles an hour. The business and residential sections of the city today were littered with sections of roofs, galleries, signs, trees and other debris, but no loss of life had been reported.

The damage along the water front was slight. Taking advantage of the first warnings of the approaching hurricane, shipping sought a safe harbor behind Twelve Mile Island. The river was clear of all manner of craft long before the gale struck Mobile, and at the river front this morning it was said no boat had been lost.

Intensity is Decreasing.

Washington, Sept. 29.—The tropical disturbance this morning is central over the interior of Southern Alabama, with decreased intensity. Storm warnings are displayed on the Atlantic coast from Fort Monroe to Jacksonville and on the Gulf coast from Rockwell to Carrabelle, Fla.