

North and South Carolina: Fair and continued cold tonight with frost on the coast; Thursday fair.

A FLOOD OF DOLLARS IS TODAY POURING IN UPON THE TREASURY

Patriotic Demonstrations and Bond Buying the Order From Coast to Coast

Believed the Three Billion Minimum Will Be Passed and a Long Reach Made Toward the Maximum

Washington, Oct. 24.—Not a community in the United States so far as the Liberty loan managers can learn, has failed to respond to the call for today's drive.

Chicago Optimistic. Chicago, Oct. 24.—Campaign manager for the Liberty loan expressed a feeling of optimism at the opening of Liberty bond buying at the Seventh Federal Reserve Bank.

President Buys Bonds. Washington, Oct. 24.—When leaders of the District of Columbia Liberty loan campaign went to call on President Wilson today, presumably to get his subscription to the loan, they learned he had subscribed for \$1,000,000 worth of bonds through a local bank, paying 60 per cent, or \$13,000,000.

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INTERNED GERMANS MAKE GET-AWAY

Ten Sailors Tunneled to Liberty From Fort McPherson

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 24.—Ten German sailors interned with several hundred others at Fort McPherson escaped last night through a tunnel which they had started under one of the barracks and which led them to liberty a hundred feet away.

BIG SNOW STORM IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA

Winchester, Va., Oct. 24.—Wire communication in Northern Virginia is interrupted and heavy damage to the apple and corn crop is anticipated because of a heavy snow storm which began at daybreak.

NO IMMEDIATE PEACE PROSPECT

Though There is a Weakening of Morale Among Germans

Washington, Oct. 24.—No immediate prospect of peace, despite Germany's gradual weakening of morale in the civilian population and the army, is seen by Pleasant A. Stovall, minister to Switzerland, who called on President Wilson today, on his first return from his post in four years.

GENERAL PERSHING IN THE TRENCHES

American General Calmly Walked Around During Heavy Shell Fire

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MORE A. C. L. CLERKS GO ON A STRIKE

Rocky Mount, N. C., Oct. 24.—Clerks of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad walked out today at Port Norfolk, Va., Pinner Point, Va., Dartmouth, S. C., Highland Springs, S. C., Washington, N. C., Greenville, N. C., and Kingston, N. C., according to information received here today at the local headquarters of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks.

NEW YORK DRENCHED BY VIOLENT STORM

New York, Oct. 24.—New York was drenched today under the season's most violent rain and wind storm. More than two inches of rain fell up to noon.

WASHINGTON "DRY" LAW IS UPHELD

Washington, Oct. 24.—The law which makes the capital dry November 1 was upheld today by the Supreme Court today which dismissed the attacks of liquor dealers.

FREIGHT DERAILMENT NEAR ALLEN'S CREEK

Southport, N. C., Oct. 24.—Monday noon, as the mixed train on the W. B. was passing Allen's creek, about eight miles above Southport, the trucks on one of the freight cars jumped the track, and by the time the train was stopped had torn up about 100 feet of the track.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE PURCHASES WAR BONDS HERE

Orders for Half Million Dollars' Worth Divided Among the Local Banks

FIRES OF LIBERTY TO BURN TONIGHT

Principal Exercises of the Evening to be Staged at William Hooper School—All Optimistic

Orders for a half million dollars worth of the second issue Liberty loan war bonds have been placed with the local banks by the Liberty loan committee of the Wilmington Clearing House Association for the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company, it was announced today by Chairman Fred W. Dick.

The lighting of bonfires at the various schools in the city, both white and colored, tonight at 8 o'clock is expected to bring to a close a day that will go down as a momentous one in the history of the city.

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SETS NEW RECORD FOR TOBACCO SALES

Winston-Salem, N. C., Oct. 24.—The Winston leaf tobacco market today smashed all previous known records for this or any other market, when it sold 579,880 pounds for \$203,991.33, an average price per hundred pounds of \$35.17.

FOUR NEW NAMES ARE ON TODAY'S HONOR ROLL

Mrs. Sol Jones, Misses Ella M. Carley, Mattie Powell, Mildred Scott, are New Leaders in Rivalry is Strong Among Different Towns — Three More Days of Second Period and Competition for Second Diamond Ring.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Mrs. Sol Jones 73,950; Ella M. Carley 73,570; Mattie Powell 73,315; Mrs. A. C. Sossoms 73,130; Pauline Underwood 72,470; Elizabeth Bullard 72,150; Mildred Scott 72,140; Sallie Garrell 72,075.

strong among the different towns where there are contestants, and each place is determined that its representative is going to win one of the big prizes. Wallace says that one of the big prizes is going to go there, while Lambert, Chadbourne, Conway, Hampstead, Nichols, Rose Hill, Allsbrook, Loris and a dozen other towns are equally as emphatic in their assertions. Oh, well—two weeks from next Monday night, the momentous question will be settled definitely and for all time to come.

AMERICAN VESSELS PREPARED FOR THE WINTER CAMPAIGN

Submarine Hunters Have Been Fixed to Best Endure the Cold

ASK HOME FOLKS NOT TO FORGET THEM

Men on Destroyers Face the Coming Hardships With a Cheerful Spirit—Harder Life for the Submarines

Base American Flotilla in British Waters, Oct. 24.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—All American destroyers and men are now prepared for the winter. Both have been equipped for the cold days ahead.

The men face the coming hardships cheerfully. All they ask is that the folks at home do not forget them while they are facing the perils of fighting the submarine under the vast new conditions of winter.

As to whether the winter aids or hinders the U-boats is a matter of divided opinion among those in the British service who have had the experience of three winters. It is said that a comparison of the figures shows there is not a great deal of difference in shipping losses between the summer and winter seasons.

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IMPORTANT GAINS BY FRENCH FORCES ON VERDUN FRONT

NEW YORK IS PUT ON A WAR RATION

Sale of Sugar is Restricted to From Two to Five Pounds

New York, Oct. 24.—The first war ration since the United States went into the war, went into effect here today when retail stores throughout the city restricted the sale of sugar to from two to five pounds to each customer at 10 and 11 cents a pound, the lower price prevailing.

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SMASHING BLOW TO THE CROWN PRINCES ARMY ALONG SIX-MILE FRONT

Smashing against the German lines, along a six mile front northeast of Soissons, the French have made important gains from the German Crown Prince. The sudden blow also brought the French more than 7,500 prisoners and 25 heavy and field guns.

EFFECTIVE STEP IN CAPTURE OF LAON

French Succeed After Desperate Fighting — Commanding Position Gained — Can Enfilade German Line — Political Crisis in Germany