

"MY SON,
deal with men
who advertise,
you will never
lose by it."
—Benjamin Franklin.

The Daily Advance

WEATHER
Rain probably tonight and Saturday. Moderate variable winds.

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NOTE INCREASE IN PRODUCTION

Already Reports From the Coal Fields Show The Difference, But Some Miners Are Still Rebellious

(By Associated Press)
Chicago, Dec. 12.—A general increase in the production of bituminous coal today is indicated by reports from nearly all the coal fields.
In a few sections, however, some of the miners are in rebellion against President Wilson's proposal.

WILL IMPROVE EXPRESS SERVICE

Removal of Waddy's Train Was Solar Blow But Case Secures Some Concessions

Secretary L. D. Case of the Chamber of Commerce has returned from Norfolk where he went in the interest of better express service for Elizabeth City.

With the removal of Waddy's train on account of the fuel shortage Elizabeth City was left with only one express train a day each way and with the only express from Norfolk during the entire day arriving at 11:15 in the morning.

Mr. Case was able to make arrangements whereby, on account of the disrupted train service, the Norfolk Southern will accept at Norfolk on train three, the night train from Norfolk—perishable foodstuffs destined for Elizabeth City when charges are prepaid by the shipper and with the stipulation that the shipment shall be put off the train at the owner's risk.

Under this arrangement grocers selling bread from Norfolk can make early morning delivery of bread received the night before. Train one, the morning train from Norfolk, did not arrive in time to enable them to make deliveries in time for dinner.

CENSUS TAKERS ARE WATNED

Dr. A. L. Pendleton, postmaster, wants census enumerators for Elizabeth City Township outside the city, and also for Providence Township. The pay for this work has been increased.

There is much interest in the 1920 census for Elizabeth City and Pasquotank County. The Picture City which in 1910 had a population of 8,212, is expected by some to practically double that number in the coming census. Those more conservative, however, give the town 12,000. The total county is estimated at from 22,000 to 25,000.

Elizabeth City has certainly done some real growing in the past ten years, and when one remembers that the increase from 1900 to 1910 was from 6,384 to 8,412 and that the city could boast only a population of 3,500 in 1890, it seems likely that the figures will mount high in the 1920 census.

RED CROSS SEALS ON SALE SATURDAY

Red Cross Seals may be obtained from Mrs. W. O. Saunders at the office of The Independent now or at any time before Christmas. On Saturday they will be on sale at the postoffice and drugstores, also each afternoon after school. This work is done by volunteer workers, who are chiefly school girls. It is hoped that the public will hasten to buy the number allotted to Elizabeth City.

OYSTERS—OYSTERS

Just received today 300 more bushels of those large, fine oysters, like those we got last week. Shucking right out of the shell all the time.
THOMAS CRANK & SON,
Keeney Crank, Mgr.

Phone 204 City Market
D.11-3tp

NEW STYLE DRESSES

Here we offer values that are not matched anywhere. Beautiful quality, well tailored, latest style Jersey Dresses at only \$24.75. These garments can not be bought elsewhere for less than \$35. You'll be convinced when you see them. M. LEIGH SHEEP CO., Woman's Wear.

McNARY BILL HAS PASSED SENATE

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 12.—The McNary Bill under which government control of sugar is to be continued another year was passed by the Senate today and sent to the House.

FLOODS FINALLY BEGIN TO RECEDE

Southern Railroads Are Still Handicapped in Flood Area. Property Loss Heavy, But Comparatively Few Lives Lost

(By Associated Press)
Atlanta, Dec. 12.—The unprecedented floods in Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia are receding today but some rivers not greatly affected at first are now out of their banks causing heavy property loss, particularly around Montgomery where the swollen Alabama river has also paralyzed the city's industries. There has been no great damage to the city itself.

Railroads are still handicapped and some lines are closed on account of the washouts and high water.

The loss of life has been comparatively small. The death list is less than a score with the deaths of some of those reported yet unconfirmed.

WORLD'S SUPPLY IS THREATENED

Cotton Will Be Seriously Scarce For the Next Ten Years Declare British Delegate At World Cotton Conference.

Blackpool, England, Nov. 26.—Professor John A. Todd, one of the British delegates to the World Cotton Conference at New Orleans in October last, told the Textile Institute the other day that the world's supply of cotton for the next ten years was seriously threatened. He saw indications that the security of cotton would increase as the world capacity to consume it returned to normal.

Professor Todd said the first step to be taken should be to assure the grower of a reasonable price to cover the cost of production and to reward him adequately for growing improved cotton. He pointed out that the present system of marketing did not encourage the production of better cotton and insisted that the British government might well do a great deal more than this to extend the cotton industry. He pleaded for rigorous economy in consumption. The American cotton crop, said the Professor, was the limiting factor in the world's supply. This crop has developed an extreme undesirable see-saw movement of acreage, crops and prices. There had been five bad crops in succession with high prices accentuated by world inflation.

Before the war, said the speaker, a large part of the American growers were on a small margin of profit and when prices did not pay they reduced their acreage. This occurred during the war and the acreage then lost has not been recovered. American acreage was reduced in 1919 and, owing to bad weather, this year's was a "disastrous failure and calamity." The result was that prices had been forced up to a very high level.

Europe and Asia are without stocks of cotton goods, said the Professor. The amount of cotton which the world mills could spin and weave is now restricted by destruction of machinery in the devastated regions of Europe and restriction of the hours of labor but these conditions would not be permanent.

One thing which alarmed him was the enormous development of the use of motor cars in America with a consequent demand for 500,000 bales of staple cotton for fabrics in tires. This demand existed at a time when the whole world supply of staple cotton, he said had been reduced to 1,500,000 bales.

CALL EDGAR
I respectfully solicit your Jitney Business again and if given an order will assure you nothing but service. Phone 58. EDGAR WILLIAMS.

NEW DRESSES
We have just received a new shipment of beautiful Jersey Dresses, which we secured at special prices, and we are offering them at remarkably low prices for these high class garments. Actual value up to \$35. Our price only \$24.75.

PROFITEERS WILL BE PROSECUTED

Fair Price Regulations Effective Monday, December 14th. North Carolina Merchants Express Satisfaction With New Law

(By Associated Press)
Raleigh, Dec. 12.—The margin of profits to be allowed retailers must not exceed fifty percent of the invoice cost on men's clothing, furnishings and hats and must not be more than sixty percent of the invoice cost of women's ready to wear, as fixed in the regulations announced Wednesday by Henry Page. These regulations will be put into effect next Monday, December 15th, after which date all merchandise must bear the selling price in plain figures.

"Any merchant who willfully exceeds the fixed profits or violates the regulations," Page stated, in his announcement, "will be subject to indictment and trial before a federal judge and grand jury."

At a meeting last night attended by both merchants and the purchasing public, Page explained the regulations.

He said that fifty and sixty percent was the deadline for profits on wearing apparel.

"This is not to be regarded as the minimum profit to be charged," he said, "and I will say that any merchant who makes it his average profit will be prosecuted."

"Profiteering is now on par with moonshining," he stated, "and under the Lever Act is punishable with a fine of \$5,000 or two years imprisonment."

A number of leading merchants of the State have expressed satisfaction with the margin of profits fixed by the Fair Price Commissioner.

Agents of the Department of Justice with the co-operation of the public will see to the enforcement of the regulations.

CHRISTMAS CLUB CHECKS MAKE SHOPPING LIVELY

The Savings Bank and Trust Company sent out \$25,000 to 1,000 happy Christmas Club members this week, and the First and Citizens National Bank distributed \$13,000 to 700 members.

This gives business a boost, for the majority of Christmas Club members are buying Christmas gifts with their savings. About one third of them, however, are putting their money back into the banks which helped them to save, and are thus preparing for a rainy day or an opportunity, as the case may be.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

A new lot of Jersey Dresses have just come in. The material is fine in quality, the tailoring is perfect and the style conforms to the fastidious requirements of Dame Fashion. Regular values to \$35. Now only \$24.75. M. LEIGH SHEEP CO., Woman's Wear Store.

RESTRICTIONS BEING OBSERVED

Some Violations Due to Misunderstanding of Fuel Order. These May Be Cleared Up With Regional Coal Committee at Atlanta

(By Associated Press)
Raleigh, Dec. 12.—Reports received here indicate that the fuel restrictions issued by the Southern Regional Coal Committee at Atlanta recently are being rigidly observed throughout North Carolina.

It is said at the offices of the Department of Justice in this city that only a few instances of alleged violation of the order have been reported to the office of the Eastern North Carolina district attorney and no prosecutions thus far have been started.

It is the belief here that violations of the order are due more to misunderstanding of the restrictions than to efforts to evade observance.

While all sections of the State are still subject to the restrictions, many cities where recent rains have made it possible to produce electricity exclusively by water have been able to use lights after four p. m. exclusively from hydro-electric plants and are exempted from the lighting restrictions.

Any misunderstanding of the order as it affects any town in the State should be cleared up with the Southern Regional Coal Committee at Atlanta.

PADEREWSKI TO ABANDON POLITICS

(By Associated Press)
Geneva, Dec. 12.—Paderewski, Polish Premier, is expected to abandon politics on account of his health and return to his home in Switzerland, according to Warsaw dispatches.

He will devote himself to his music.

MAY HAVE NEW DEPARTMENT STORE

The Culpepper Hardware Store, which had planned to build a large three-story building on the corner of Pamphlet and Matthews street recently received a proposal from a Baltimore bank which wants to secure the building for a Baltimore department store. The Culpepper Hardware Company is considering the matter and may sell if the Baltimore merchants are willing to pay their price.

NEWSPAPER BILL IS INTRODUCED

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 12.—The newspaper bill containing more than 24 pages will be charged five times the present postage rate under the bill introduced in the Senate today by Senator Jones of New Mexico as a measure to meet newspaper print paper situation.

LOCAL ADVERTISING RATE CARD

* 1 inch	.....	.25
* 3 inches	.....	.60
* 5 inches	.....	1.00
* 8 inches	.....	1.40
* 10 inches	.....	1.75
* 15 inches	.....	2.65
* 20 inches	.....	3.50
* 30 inches (1-4 page)	.....	5.00
* 60 inches (half page)	.....	9.00
* 120 inches (page)	.....	18.00
* Advertisements must be in the Advance shop on the afternoon before day of publication, or insertion will not be guaranteed. Advertisements are not received at all for insertion the same day after eight o'clock in the morning.		
* The regulations as to the time of receiving advertising are made to enable the publishers to get up more reading matter and so make a more attractive paper. Observance of them will insure to the advantage of the advertiser no less than to that of the newspaper and the general public.		

RESUME CONFERENCE ON WAR PROBLEMS

(By Associated Press)
London, Dec. 12.—Premier Lloyd George and Clemenceau resumed their conferences on war problems today.

Earl Curzon, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Sir Maurice Hankey, Secretary of the War Cabinet, and the French Ambassador was present.

APPLE CIDER PLANT DESTROYED BY FIRE

(By Associated Press)
Winchester, Va., Dec. 12.—The entire plant of the Shenandoah Valley Apple Cider and Vinegar Company here were destroyed by fire today. The loss of \$300,000 was help covered by insurance.

GARFIELD TENDERS HIS RESIGNATION

Work Will Be Continued Under Director General Hines of Railroad Administration

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 12.—The resignation of Fuel Administrator Garfield tendered last night was forwarded the President today by Secretary Tamm.

Of course, it will be accepted. It was said at the White House. The functions of the Fuel Administrator handled recently thru the Railroad Administration under Garfield's authority will be continued under the direction of Director General Hines. This does not mean, it was said, that Hines will be made Fuel Administrator in Garfield's place.

WOULD NOT ACT ON THE ASHURST BILL

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 12.—The Senate Military Committee today declined to take action upon the resolution of Senator Ashurst, Democrat, of Arizona, authorizing the Secretary of War to employ an army to protect American citizens of the United States soil from Mexican bandits.

The resolution was ordered back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be referred to the Foreign Relations Committee.

IMPORTANT MEETING U. D. C. ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet with Mrs. Edgar Stevens on West Main street at 3:30 Tuesday afternoon. This is a very important meeting and all members are urged to be present.

BOLSHEVIK ATTACKS ARE UNSUCCESSFUL

(By Associated Press)
London, Dec. 12.—Bolshevik attacks continue along the Estonian front but are unsuccessful. The Bolshevik forces again attacked the left flank of Denekine's army in South Russia and drove the troops back thirty or forty miles.

FOR SALE—BALED SCRAP PAPER
—Suitable for use in packing goods for shipment. THE ADVANCE.

THEY HAVE ARRIVED—The Big Bens you have been asking about. Your Jeweler Since 1882.

COAL SITUATION NOT PROMISING

Consumption Has Been so Much Greater Than Production That Reserve Stocks Have Been Rapidly Depleted

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 12.—The general fuel situation and restrictions on the use of coal were under review today by the Central Coal Committee to determine whether more drastic measures to conserve coal will be necessary.

The consumption of coal has been so much greater than the production that officials were alarmed at the rapid depletion of reserve stocks.

No substantial increase in the amount mined is expected before Monday and officials said that the return to maximum production is imperative if disaster is not to result.

THE PRESIDENT GETS 'EM TOLD

When Foreign Relations Committee Majority Had An Idea That They Could Run the Government.

Washington, D. C. Dec. 12.—The Republican majority of the Senate foreign relations committee of the Senate has again capitulated to President Wilson's constitutional power, after indulging in considerable bombast as to their rights to initiate diplomatic moves with other nations. This was made plain when the committee failed to press the resolutions for severance of diplomatic relations with Mexico, as introduced by Senator Fall of New Mexico, after receiving a pointed letter on the subject from the President. Plainly speaking, the Fall resolution is dead and so is the Republican attempt to upset the Constitution of the United States and all American historical precedent in this respect.

It was generally admitted that the Fall resolution was only another attempt to irritate the President, with the hope that his hand might be forced with regards the Mexican government. It was an outgrowth of the attempts made for public effect by the Republican majority of the foreign relations committee during the League of Nations controversy to assert their preponderance in treaty making power.


In his letter to Senator Fall the President minced no language in setting forth the difference between his powers and those of the Senate in relations with foreign governments, saying, in part:—

"It (the Fall resolution) would constitute a reversal of our constitutional practice which might lead to very grave confusion in regard to the guidance of our foreign affairs. I am confident that I am supported by every competent constitutional authority in the statement that the initiative in the directing the relations of our government with foreign governments is assigned by the Constitution to the executive and to the executive only."

The President elaborated upon his contention as to the Senate's privileges in a manner that caused Senator Lodge and other Constitutional "authorities" to pause, as was shown by the failure of the committee to take any action on the Fall resolutions, which practically meant war with Mexico.

"Only one of the two Houses of Congress is associated with the President by the Constitution in an advisory capacity," wrote Mr. Wilson, "and the advice of the Senate is provided for only when sought by the executive in regard to explicit agreements with foreign governments," etc. "The only safe course, I am confident, is to adhere to the prescribed methods of the Constitution. We might go very far afield if we departed from it."

Washington political observers believe this admitted defeat of the usurp the Presidential functions as Republican majority in its attempt to provided by the Constitution will cause a lull in the studied attempts to bait President Wilson, no matter whether the ostensible target is Mexico or the European situation.



Tuberculosis Kills 150,000 AMERICANS every year.

And yet, Tuberculosis is Preventable and Curable.

The National Tuberculosis Association is conducting a sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals, beginning December 1.

The proceeds of this sale will be used to combat Humanity's most deadly enemy—The White Plague—in every community in the United States.

Approximately 92 per cent of the money raised in your state will be spent there.

This Campaign to save AMERICAN lives will succeed if you do your part.

Get in touch with your state or local Tuberculosis Association.

Buy Red Cross Christmas Seals, or Health Bonds.

Don't wait for the Seals to come to you.