

Rain tonight and probably Thursday, slightly warmer tonight except in extreme west portion, moderate winds mostly east.

THOUSANDS LOST IN EARTHQUAKE

Damage so Widespread That Number of Casualties Will Never Be Exactly Known

(By Associated Press) Mexico City, Jan. 7.—Hundreds and possibly thousands of lives were lost as the result of an earthquake which shook Vera Cruz state on Saturday night. The damage was so widespread and so wild are some sections affected that probably the number of casualties will never be known. Vera Cruz and Jalapa dispatches declare that one thousand persons were killed at Courtland alone. Thirty lives were lost at Teocelo.

WASHINGTON VS BESS CITY FRIDAY

An interesting basketball contest is staged for Friday night at eight o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium between the Washington and Elizabeth City High school teams. The locals have been going through some stiff practice and they are expected to make a good showing for the home town High. Everybody is urged to show his loyalty to the home town by being on hand to cheer on the home town team.

LENINE MAKES NEW PEACE OFFER

(By Associated Press) Stockholm, Jan. 7.—Lenine, the Russian Bolshevik premier, has made a new peace offer to the Allies, which is being carried to London by Col. Tallien, British representative in the Balkan states. Among other conditions included in the offer is the promise to abolish terrorism and the activity of revolutionary tribunals, according to an Estonian newspaper.

CARPENTIER TO MEET DEMPSEY

(By Associated Press) Los Angeles, Jan. 7.—Jack Dempsey awoke this morning to learn from the newspapers that he will meet Georges Carpentier of France in the ring soon at Tia-Juana, Lower California. A cablegram last night brought word that Carpentier's manager had agreed to the match. The only stipulation was that the fight should not be more than fifteen rounds. The purse will be \$400,000.

PRESENT DEMANDS ON JANUARY 15TH

(By Associated Press) Amersfoort, Jan. 7.—Allied demands for the extradition of former emperor Wilhelm are expected at The Hague about January 15th. It is reported that the Hohenzollern will rely on the protection of Holland and her refusal to honor the Allied demand.

WESLEY BIBLE CLASS ENTERAINED

Miss Mary Casey entertained the Wesley Bible Class of the First Methodist Church Tuesday night at her home on Martin street. Those present were: Mrs. Leigh Sheep, Miss Lydia Williams, Miss Helen Moore, Miss Ellen Bell, Miss Eulis Pappendick, Miss Maude Dewey, Miss Euna Bradley, Miss Mary Webb, Miss Alma Midgett, Miss Annie White, Miss Janie O'Neal, Miss Claudine Koonz, Miss Beattie Koonz, Miss Mary Casey and Miss Arnold. Refreshments were served after the business meeting.

THE FIRST AND CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK

NOTICE The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank for the election of directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly be presented, will be held at its banking house in Elizabeth City, N. C., on Tuesday, January 13th, 1920, between the hours of two and three p. m. W. G. GAITHER, Cashier. D. 15, 19, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33

Roosevelt's Plan To Settle Strike of 1902

New York, Jan. 5.—Hitherto unpublished details of the "drastic" plan President Roosevelt had decided to adopt to settle the anthracite strike of 1902, said to have been known only to two members of his Cabinet and a few persons who were to take part in its execution appear in the fifth installment of the Colonel's own letters edited by Joseph Bucklin Bishop in the January issue of Scribner's Magazine. The article also gives some intimate sidelights on Roosevelt's attitude toward union labor.

After 20 persons had been killed and about 40 injured during the rioting in the coal fields and the approach of winter brought with it the prospect of a nation-wide fuel famine, the mayors of large cities and governors of several states appealed to the President, Mr. Bishop says, to interfere in the interest of the public welfare and safety. According to his biographer, Mr. Roosevelt had decided, in case the operators persisted in their refusal to accept a commission, "to assume powers which the Constitution did not specifically give him" and to use the United States army to suppress all violence and disorder.

Writing to Robert Bacon on October 5, 1902, shortly after a conference in Washington of the mine operators and the strike leader, the late John Mitchell, in a futile effort to settle the trouble by the appointment of a commission of investigation or arbitration, he said: "The situation is bad, especially because it is possible it may grow infinitely worse. If when the severe weather comes on there is a coal famine, I dread to think of the suffering in parts of our great cities especially, and I fear there will be fuel riots of as bad a type as any bread riots we have ever seen. Of course once the rioting has begun, once there is a resort to mob violence, the only thing to do is to maintain order. It is a dreadful thing to be brought face to face with a necessity of taking measures, however unavoidable, which will mean the death of men who have been maddened by want and suffering."

In a letter to Senator Lodge he wrote that he was "feeling" his way to solve the difficulty and was determined not to be drawn into any "violent step which would bring reaction and disaster afterward." At another time, he said: "I stand emphatically I shall not compromise with lawlessness. I have been told on excellent authority, that the disorder has been very great and of an evil kind. On equally good authority, I am told the exact contrary. I shall speedily find out for myself. I stand against socialism; against anarchic disorder."

Colonel Roosevelt's "drastic" plan of action which Mr. Bishop says he makes public with the late President's permission and authority, included his appointment of an investigating or arbitrary commission without regard to whether or not the operators asked for it or agreed to abide by its decisions. He asked President Cleveland in case he were to appoint such a commission, if he would accept a place on it, and, according to Mr. Bishop, Mr. Cleveland replied favorably.

"This commission was only part of the President's plan," says Mr. Bishop. "The investigation which it was to conduct would take time. In order that mining operations might be resumed as speedily as possible, the President consulted with Senator Quay, who was all-powerful in Pennsylvania politics, and was assured by him that whenever the President desired him to do so he would have the governor of the State notify the President that he could not keep order in the coal region and needed federal interference."

"The President then informed Major General John M. Schofield that in case of federal interference he wished to send him to the coal regions with the regular army troops with instructions to act as receiver of the mines, take full charge, put down all violence, and disregard any orders from the operators. He asked the General, if, in case the operators went to court and had a writ served on him, would he do as was done under Lincoln, simply send the writ on to the President? After a little thought the General replied that he would. Roosevelt said: 'All right, I will send you.'"

President Roosevelt, it was said, had all preparations made for starting the troops within half an hour after the request for federal aid was received. The plan was not executed, Mr. Bishop says, "because at the last moment the operators changed front and consented to the appointment of a commission. Whether or not they got wind of the President's purpose has never been revealed, but some powerful influence was responsible for their sudden reversal."

HILL-ZOELLER

Rector of Christ Church Weds One of City's Most Popular Young Women

The marriage of Miss Lou Shelton Zoeller to Rev. George Franklin Hill was impressively solemnized Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock at Christ Church, Bishop Darst of Wilmington performing the ceremony.

The decorations of white and green, carried out with evergreens and candles, were simple and fittingly impressive for the occasion. The wedding music was rendered by Mrs. J. R. Barrett, the wedding march from Tannhauser being used.

The acolyte, Erskine Duff, preceded the bridal party, and was followed by Miss Dorothy Zoeller, maid of honor and sister of the bride, who was joined at the chancel by Mr. W. H. Weatherly, Jr., honor man.

Miss Hattie Harney was bridesmaid, and Mr. Sam N. Hill, brother of the groom was best man.

The maid of honor was gowned in pink satin and georgette and wore a hat of pink georgette. She carried a shower bouquet of white and pink sweet peas.

The bridesmaid wore a gown of dark blue georgette combined with stante georgette and carried pink Killarney roses.

The bride wore a dark blue traveling suit of tricotine, with hat, shoes and gloves to harmonize and carried a bouquet of bride's roses showered with sweet peas.

Immediately after the ceremony Rev. and Mrs. Hill left for a tour of northern cities. They will be at home after February first at Christ Church Rectory.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Zoeller, of this city. She has been a teacher in the primary school here and has won a reputation not only here but thruout North Carolina and Virginia in her work, teaching during her vacations in the summer schools of these states. In the social life and the church life of the city she has also been an important factor, and while there is much regret on account of the loss to the school, it is realized that as the mistress of the rectory she will continue to shed abroad the sunshine and sweetness that have characterized her work with little children and won the hearts of pupils and parents. Wedding gifts from old and young were showered upon her when it was announced that the wedding would take place.

Mr. Hill is the son of Mrs. Margaret Hill of Washington, N. C., and has been in this city as Rector of Christ Church for more than a year, making staunch friends not only in his own congregation but thruout the entire community.

ISSUES CALL TO NATIONAL BANKS

(By Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 7.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for the condition of all national banks at the close of business Wednesday, December 31st.

WEEK OF PRAYER

On Friday afternoon the Week of Prayer services at Blackwell Memorial church will come to a close. The offering for Foreign Missions will be made at this meeting and all members of the Woman's Missionary Society are asked to be present or to send their offering. The service will be conducted by Mrs. Mary L. Britton.

The service Thursday afternoon will be conducted by Mrs. S. C. Newbold, the subject being "Brazil."

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE

At the First Methodist Church this evening there will be an illustrated lecture on the birth, life and death of Christ, delivered by Mr. L. D. Case, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Case assures us this time that the machine will be ready and that there will be no doubt of having the pictures.

The lecture will begin promptly at seven-thirty and will close at eight o'clock, when the S. S. Council will meet for some important business. Other bodies of the church activities will also meet at that time. Everybody is invited.

NOTICE

We have plenty of nice, large select oysters. Fresh Spanish Mackerel. Fresh Mullet. Twenty-five barrels of large corn mullets at wholesale or retail.

THOMAS CRANK & SON, Phone 344 KEENEY CRANK, Mgr. City Market.

BOARD PASSES RESOLUTIONS

Aldermen Ask Chamber of Commerce to Keep Secretary Case if it Can Be Done

The following resolutions were passed by the Board of Aldermen at their regular meeting this week:

Whereas the resignation of Lorenzo D. Case, as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, is learned with keen regret, and, whereas, his work as secretary of this organization has been most efficient and of a high order, contributing to the moral, commercial and civic uplift of this city and vicinity, therefore

Be it resolved by the Board of Aldermen of the city of Elizabeth City that Mr. Case's departure from our midst would be a great loss to the community, and that this Board cordially petitions the Chamber of Commerce to cause, if possible, Mr. Case to reconsider the resignation which he has tendered.

MARTEN'S ARREST EXPECTED SOON

Department of Justice Orders Warrant Executed For Self-styled Ambassador of Russian Soviet

(By Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 7.—A warrant for the arrest and deportation of Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, self-styled Ambassador of the Russian Soviet government, has been ordered executed by the Department of Justice.

Martens is regarded by officials as the real leader of the Communist party in the United States. He is said to be in Washington and his arrest is expected soon.

KAISER'S SONS SEEK DIVORCES

(By Associated Press) Paris, Jan. 7.—Prince August and Prince Joachim, sons of former Emperor Wilhelm, have brought suit for divorce, according to Berlin advices to the Matin.

REAL ESTATE DEALS BREAKING ALL RECORDS

"Never in my ten years experience as Register of Deeds," says J. W. Munden, "have I seen real estate so active as it is at this time."

"There are now piled up in the office," says Mr. Munden, "forty unrecorded deeds and deeds of trust—a thing that has never occurred before even when the office stenographer had gone on her vacation."

Homes are in great demand and those who are parting with residences are doing so at a handsome profit.

DRAFT DODGER IS ARRESTED

(By Associated Press) Philadelphia, Jan. 7.—Grover Bergdoll, one of two wealthy brothers sought thruout the country for the past two years accused of draft-dodging, was arrested at his mother's home near here today.

The Bergdolls have been traced at various times to Cuba and Mexico.

SAY CLEMENCEAU WILL BE ELECTED

(By Associated Press) Paris, Jan. 7.—Today's newspapers agree that Premier Clemenceau will be elected President of France on January 17th, altho there has been no official acknowledgement of his acceptance of the candidacy.

TO DISCUSS FIUME

(By Associated Press) Paris, Jan. 7.—Fiume is the only question to be discussed at the conference of premiers and foreign ministers here Monday, according to information from semi-official headquarters.

RAID SINN FEINERS

(By Associated Press) Dublin, Jan. 7.—Sinn Fein headquarters here were raided today by police and soldiers.

MARGARET THURSTON DIES OF MEMBRANEOUS CROUP

Little Margaret Thurston, the five year old adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thurston, died at the home of her parents on Pearl street, Tuesday night at about ten o'clock, after a short illness. The little girl took a cold on Friday which developed unexpectedly into membranous croup on Tuesday.

The funeral will be conducted from the home Thursday afternoon at three-thirty by Rev. J. M. Ormond.

OLYMPIC GAMES HELD THIS YEAR

Will be Staged at Antwerp and English Athletes Showing Great Interest

New York, Jan. 7.—Reports from England indicate that the English athletic authorities are actively engaged in preparing for active participation in the Olympic Games to be held at Antwerp, Belgium next summer. Despite the fact that Great Britain lost hundreds of her best athletes during the war the United Kingdom in making selections for the games next year, will have more material to draw from than ever before, according to experts. This somewhat anomalous situation is due to the creation of a great new body of athletes as the result of military training and outdoor life at the front.

Very few of the Olympic team of 1912 will be available for the coming games. Some of these men are dead, and others are too old to compete. It is also true that the majority of the new athletes are "green" men. They are good material but they need polishing and experience. However, English sportsmen believe that they will be well represented on the cinder track, although admittedly weak in field events. It is understood that Australia and New Zealand, which have strong teams, will unite to enter the games as separate from the mother country.

England is not, and never has been, particularly enthusiastic over the Olympic Games although she proposes to go in to win if possible. The Englishman makes sports a hobby to which he turns his attention after his regular day's work is done. He objects strenuously to the specialization and long training necessary for Olympic athletes, claiming that this virtually amounts to professionalism, even though the competitor receives no money. The man who devotes his whole attention to sports is, to all intents and purposes a professional, it is maintained.

It is too early to forecast what Cambridge and Oxford Universities will produce in the way of athletes, as they have just resumed work interrupted by the war. Cambridge, however, has at least one star runner in G. M. Butler, quarter-mile champion for England. Butler won his title by covering this distance in 49 4-5 seconds and experts believe he can lower this by a second.

Among the promising new sprinters is W. A. Hill, a youngster who recently captured the English championship for the 100 and 220 yards. Hill is already a ten second man in the hundred yards dash, and it is believed that he is capable of doing better with training. Sergeant Major Mawby also has done the hundred in 9 9-10. Mawby is not a beginner, but lately has developed greatly.

Great expectations are placed in A. G. Hill, an old timer, who holds the English championship for the half mile and the mile. He has done the half in 1:55 and the mile in 4:15 4-5. He also won the four mile championship of England in 1910. Hill is about 34 or 35 years of age but it is claimed in sporting circles that he is capable of doing sensational work. It is rumored that he has done the mile in 4:15 in practice.

NIXONTON-SALEM TO VOTE ON BOND ISSUE

The Board of County Commissioners in their regular meeting Monday ordered a special election for Saturday, February 7th, to decide the question of a bond issue of twenty thousand dollars for the erection of a school building for the special tax district created last year and comprising part of Salem and Nixonton townships.

The election was ordered on petition of the County Board of Education.

ANOTHER AMERICAN KILLED IN MEXICO

Washington, Jan. 7.—Gabriel Porter, American, was killed by a Mexican federal army officer at Tux-

PRESS CANVASS FOR THE COLLEGE

Five Teams at Work Today and Subscriptions Continue To Come in For Old Chowan

Five teams are at work today on the Chowan College fund canvass and encouraging results are being reported.

Complete reports of today's work have not yet been turned in to headquarters but among the subscriptions since yesterday are the following: T. T. Turner & Co. \$ 500.00 Mrs. Mary L. Britton 100.00 G. G. Markham 100.00 Oseur Davis 50.00

WOULD PROVIDE FOR BAD BOYS

County Welfare Agent Vann Recommends That County Build Cottage For Incurriables at Jackson Training School

Superintendent of Welfare Preston S. Vann wants the County to build a cottage for its wayward boys at the Stonewall Jackson Training School.

Professor Vann is convinced that the Jackson Training School is the place for the incurriable boys in the county. Boys sent there from here are becoming amenable to authority and are making good.

But there are more boys in the city and county, who, Professor Vann thinks, ought to be at the Jackson Training School. And there is no room for them.

To meet this situation Professor Vann recommended to the Board of County Commissioners in his report submitted to them at their regular meeting Monday that the County build a cottage for Pasquotank boys at Jackson Training School.

The cottage could be built, Professor Vann says, at a cost of about fifteen thousand dollars, and it would provide room for thirty boys from this County who would then be taken care of at the institution without further charge to the County.

The school has all the equipment needed in the way of workshops and arable lands; but lacks room for housing all the boys who ought to be sent there.

FINAL CHAPTER OF WORLD WAR

January Ten Will Mark Final Ratification of Peace With Germany But Uncle Sam has no Part in Ceremonies

Paris, Jan. 7.—It has been decided that the American representatives will not attend the exchange of ratifications of the Peace Treaty on January 10th.

The signing of the peace protocol will precede the exchange of ratifications by a few minutes.

TREATY WILL BE CAMPAIGN ISSUE

Resolutions Endorsing President's Position Will Be Placed Before National Committee Tomorrow

Washington, Jan. 7.—Resolutions endorsing the President's stand on the Peace Treaty and commending his efforts to establish a League of Peace will be laid before the Democratic National Committee at its meeting here tomorrow with the backing of the officials of the committee.

The announcement that formal action by the committee would be sought is taken as enhancing the prospect that the treaty will become an active campaign issue.

SERIALISTS TRY TO FORM CABINET

Copenhagen, Jan. 7.—The Bulgarian government has resigned and the Serialists are trying to form a cabinet, according to Sofia advices.

pan on December 21, the State Department was advised today by the American consul at Tampico.