

THE WEATHER
 Unsettled tonight and Saturday. Little change in temperature. Gentle to moderate winds.

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FARMER CHARGED WITH ASSAULT

Warrant Served by Sheriff Reid on Alex Jones of Newland at Midnight Thursday.

A warrant charging assault was served by Sheriff Reid on Alex Jones of Newland township, Pasquotank County, at midnight Thursday, following the report received here that Mr. Jones had hit Alfred Ferbee, colored, over the head with a club and that the negro was in precarious condition.

Mr. Jones is a prominent farmer of the Newland section and besides is partner of D. E. Williams in the contract for building the State highway from the Newland road to South Mills. According to reports of the difficulty received here, the negro was impudent Thursday evening; about dusk and Mr. Jones ordered him out of the yard. When Alfred refused to get out, it is said, Mr. Jones struck him.

Reports Thursday were to the effect that the negro's condition was still critical. He is now semi-conscious at the Community Hospital, to which he was brought by Dr. William A. Peters Thursday night, and shows symptoms of concussion of the brain and may also have a fractured skull. The X-Ray will be used to determine as to the latter question.

Alex S. Jones, a brother-in-law of W. L. Cohoon of this city, lives on the Newland brick road at the point where it joins the State highway from Newland to South Mills. The place is about nine miles from town.

The case against Mr. Jones will probably come up for a hearing before Trial Justice Spence early next week.

PEACE REPORTS GAIN GROUND

Mexican Rebels Leaders and Obregonists are Said to be in Conference to Bring End to War.

Vera Cruz, December 21.—The impression prevalent for several days that Huerta and Sanchez rebels would compose their differences with the Obregonists gained ground today by newspaper advices that General Guadalupe Sanchez, Senator Rafael Zubanán Capmany have gone to Esperanza to confer with rebel leaders in the states of Puebla and Oaxaca relative to the termination of warfare. Capmany is said to represent Huerta.

Vera Cruz, December 21.—Reports reaching here state that steps are under way to bring about a peace agreement between the federal and rebel factions in Mexico.

TO INVESTIGATE FOOD SITUATION IN GERMANY

Paris, Dec. 21.—Germany's application for authorization to pledge her resources as a guarantee for a food loan from the United States has been referred by the reparations commission to the home government's various delegations. It was decided also that the committee on guarantees should investigate the food situation in Germany.

Dawes Offered Presidency German Finance Committee

Paris, Dec. 21.—The reparations commission decided this morning to offer Charles G. Dawes, United States, the presidency of the committee to examine German finances.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—"I thank you very much, but have nothing to say," said Dawes, refusing comment.

TOWNS DESTROYED BY EARTHQUAKE

Douglas, Arizona, Dec. 21.—Granados, Huasabas and Opto, three towns in the Sierramadre Mountains, Sonora, Mexico, with aggregate population of 5,000, were destroyed by earthquake Wednesday night, according to a story by courier, who arrived exhausted from Naxozari late yesterday. He had been riding since Wednesday night. "Many are dead," he said.

BESTCITY NO LONGER IS TO BE OMITTED

R. C. Job has received a letter from E. D. Kyle, vice president of the Norfolk-Southern Railroad Company, advising that the matter of placing the name of Elizabeth City on the bulletin board of the Norfolk Southern railroad at Norfolk station would be given immediate attention, and that Elizabeth City's name would be placed on this bulletin board at once.

This letter was in answer to one from Mr. Job, calling attention to the fact that while Wilson, Charlotte and many other North Carolina cities were on the bulletin board, Elizabeth City was omitted.

YOUTH AND AGE TIE KNOT AGAIN

Raleigh, December 21.—To make more certain their union, Burton S. Tucker, Jersey City youth, and the wealthy widow of Joseph Simpson, yesterday were remarried before Squire Jesse Fry at Carthage, according to a story sent to the Raleigh News and Observer by its Carthage correspondent.

Jersey City, N. J., Dec. 21.—Burton S. Tucker, aged 17, and his wife, who gave her age as 46, who remarried yesterday at Carthage, N. C. will return and face the indictments of perjury in connection with the first marriage at Union Hill, New Jersey, on October 2.

Their counsel, J. Raymond Tiffany, said today that no date had been set, however, and the couple are still at Southern Pines.

Vesper Service On Sunday Afternoon

Beautiful Program Will Be Given Under Direction Of Mrs. I. M. Meekins

The program for the cantata "Christ Child" to be sung at the First Baptist Church Sunday afternoon is as follows:

Part I.
 Prelude—organ, Mrs. I. M. Meekins; violinists, Misses Nash and Jones, Messrs. Peering and Kramer.
 Trio, "He Shall Feed This Flock Like a Shepherd"—Misses Annie Miller, Soely, Emerald Sykes and Mrs. W. C. Twiddy.
 Alto solo, quasi recit. "The Angel Gabriel Was Sent from God"—Mrs. W. P. Duff.
 Soprano solo, "Hail Thou That Art Highly Favored"—Mrs. J. P. Greenleaf.
 Quartet and chorus, "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains."
 Soprano solo, "Hail Thou That Art Holy the Lord"—Mrs. J. P. Greenleaf.
 Chorus—"Sing! O Heavens."
 Nativity, "Adeste Fideles"—Choir and congregation.
Part II.
 Pastoral—Organ and violins.
 Soprano solo, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"—Mrs. J. B. Alderman, accompanied by Mrs. James Keelin at the harp.
 Alto solo, "And Lo, the Angel of the Lord Came Upon Them"—Mrs. W. C. Twiddy.
 Soprano recitation, "And Suddenly There Was With Angels"—Mrs. J. P. Greenleaf.
 Chorus—"Glory to God in the Highest."
 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"—Mrs. J. P. Greenleaf and chorus.
 Alto solo, "And It Came to Pass"—Mrs. W. C. Twiddy.
 Male quartet, "Let Us Go Now Even Unto Bethlehem"—Messrs. L. E. Skinner, S. S. Burgess, J. S. Soely and S. G. Scott.
 Alto solo, "And They Came With Haste"—Mrs. W. C. Twiddy.
 Chorus, "Holy Night, Peaceful Night."
 Solo, "And the Shepherds"—Mrs. J. P. Pritchard.
 Chorus—"O, Praise the Lord All Ye Nations."
 The voices will be accompanied by the organ and by stringed instruments.
 Violinists: Misses Minnie Nash, Ethel Jones, Messrs. Bobby Peering and Joseph Kramer.
 Harpist: Mrs. James Keelin.
 Chorus—Sopranos: Mrs. J. L. Pritchard, Mrs. J. B. Alderman, Mrs. J. P. Greenleaf, Mrs. Edwin Ferbee, Mrs. S. E. Leigh, Mrs. J. S. Soely, Mrs. S. G. Etheridge, Misses Margaret Cooper, Annie Miller Soely, Grace Sanderlin, Dorothy Scott, Ruth Cook, Evelyn Sykes, and Bernice Twiddy; altos: Mrs. W. C. Twiddy, Mrs. W. P. Duff, Mrs. J. D. Sykes, and Miss Emerald Sykes; tenors: L. E. Skinner and S. S. Burgess; basses: S. G. Scott, J. S. Soely and J. B. Alderman.

WOMAN ELOPES WITH A TAXICAB DRIVER

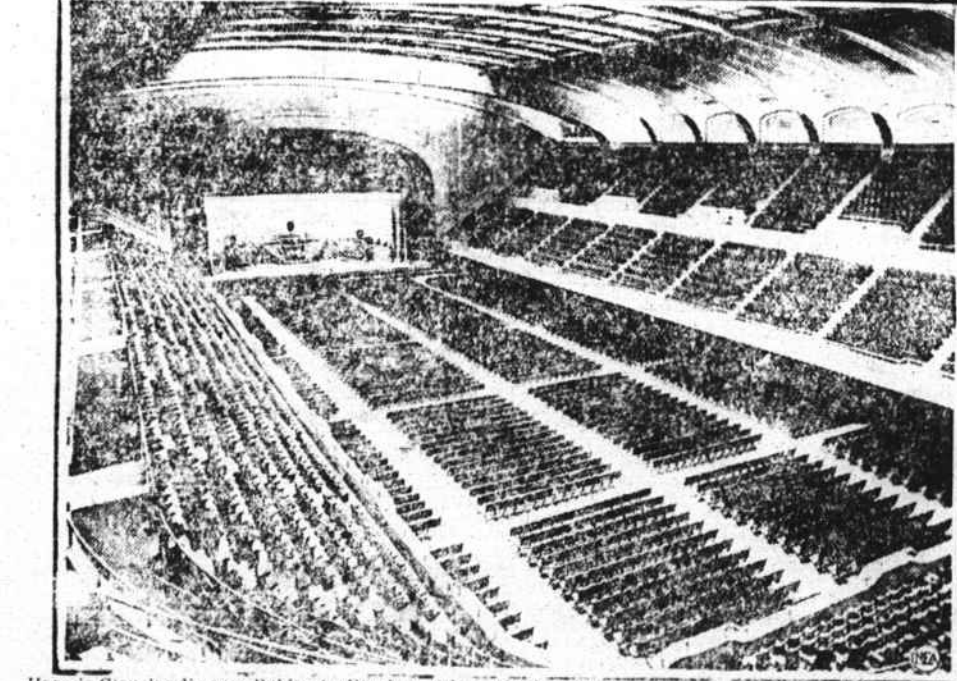
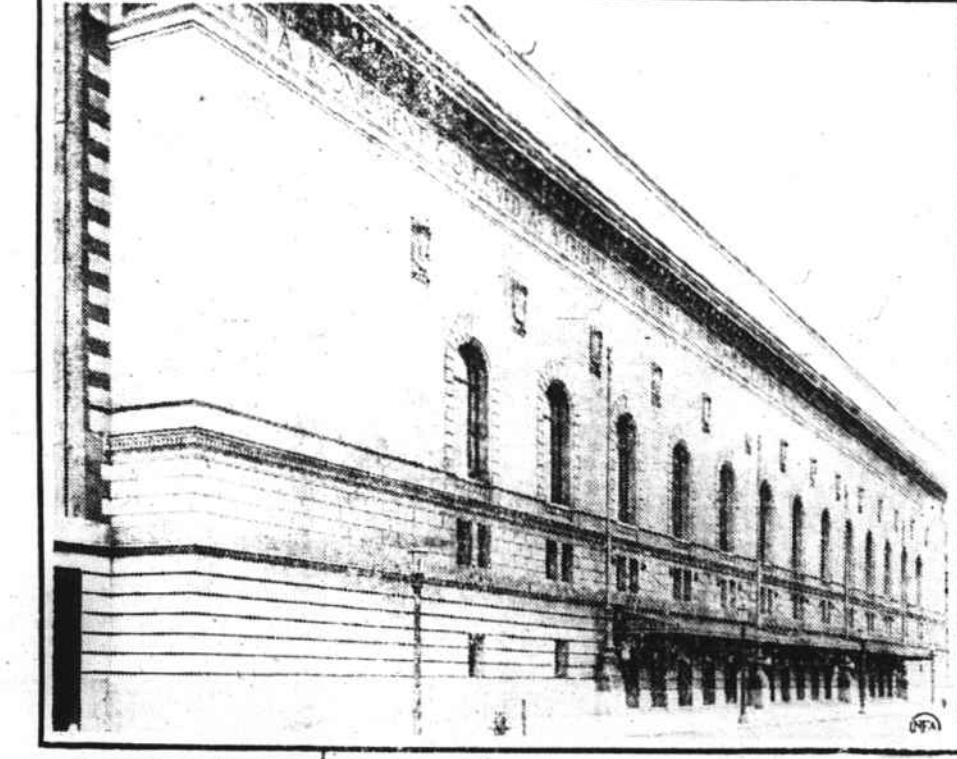
Greenwich, Conn., Dec. 21.—Mary Smith Woodcock Wilnot, who inherited \$750,000 from her father, eloped today with James Hager, a taxicab driver. The bride is 35 and the bridegroom 25. She has been divorced twice.

COTTON MARKET

New York, December 21.—Cotton futures opened this morning at the following levels: December 36.30; January 34.85; March 35.25; May 35.29; July 34.50; October 28.58.

New York, Dec. 20.—Spot cotton, closed quiet, Middling 35.85, an advance of 15 points, Futures, closing bid, Dec. 35.57, Jan. 34.55, March 35.05, July 34.27, Oct. 28.35.

WHERE CONVENTION WILL BE HELD



Here is Cleveland's new Public Auditorium, where the Republican party will meet next June to pick its candidate for the presidency. It is the largest building of its kind in the world, can seat 12,500 persons and has facilities for seating several thousand more in a pinch. In addition to its large hall, the auditorium has 70 smaller rooms where private caucuses and committee meetings may be held. The building was erected at a cost of approximately \$6,500,000.

MODERNISTS SCORE TECHNICAL VICTORY

New York, December 21.—The modernists last night scored a technical victory over their conservative opponents when Rev. Charles Francis Potter, pastor of the West Side Unitarian church, was awarded the judge's decision over Dr. John Roach Straton, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, in the first debate in the series of five, the question being, "Resolved, that the Bible is the infallible Word of God." Rev. Mr. Potter upheld the negative.

DIVERS GIVES BOND

Henry Divers, young white man, jailed on a burglary charge following the arrest of LeRoy White, colored, on last Monday, December 19, and held for Superior Court at the preliminary hearing in the recorder's court this week, has arranged bail and is now out under \$500 bond for his appearance at the next term of Superior court.

PHILIP FOX CASE GOES TO THE JURY

Atlanta, Dec. 21.—At noon today no verdict had been reached in the case of Philip E. Fox, charged with murder of William S. Coburn, fellow Klansman. The jury was given the case at 10:24 last night.

RAILWAY ASKING FOR IMPROVEMENT BONDS

Washington, December 21.—The Virginian Railway Company today asked the Interstate Commerce Commission for authority to issue and sell \$5,000,000 in five per cent mortgage bonds to reimburse the roads treasury for expenditures for additions and betterments.

The Virginian Terminal Railway Company, a subsidiary, also sought permission to issue and deliver to the parent corporation \$1,500,000 in five per cent bonds for advances made by the system in connection with terminal construction in Norfolk.

Primary Grades All Have Programs

In each room in the primary school at eleven o'clock Friday morning a delightful Christmas program was given by the children, parents and friends forming the happy audience.

Reporters for The Advance were able to visit only two rooms, though they would have liked to have been able to see them all.

However, Miss Beasley, the principal, assured them that all were excellent and that much credit is due the initiative, patience and perseverance of the teachers in the training for these entertainments as well as in every day work.

In Mrs. Cooke's room, the flag recently won by the room for the best attendance of parents at the Parent-Teachers meeting, was formally presented by Dr. J. H. Thayer, this being an extra on the program of that room. Mrs. Cooke's pupils, as always, were well trained, and went through their program with enthusiasm that characterizes all her work.

In Miss Emma Willis' room, which is Special A Second grade, a delightful little play was part of the program. Little John Lewis, playing the part of Santa, and little Miss Sarah Williams, Mrs. Sagar, and the others joining in the play and songs, in a very delightful way.

The school reporters have promised further details for School News Saturday.

FUN FOR SCOUTS ON SATURDAY MORNING

Saturday morning at 8 o'clock all Boy Scouts who will enter the paper chase will report on the Court House green. The route for the chase has been mapped out. Teams will be formed and the chase begin promptly at 8:15.

Light running equipment will be used.

Scoutmaster Scattergood will umpire.

Four sacks of paper torn into one-inch squares will be needed. This is the first of winter sports. Others will follow, says the scoutmaster.

MRS. BELMONT WILL WED AGAIN SOON

New York, December 21.—The engagement of Mrs. Augustus Belmont, Jr., to John D. King, II, of New York was announced today. Belmont died three years ago.

TWO NEGRO YOUTHS ELECTROCUTED TODAY

Columbus, S. C., Dec. 21.—Frank Gaines and Julius Garvin, negro youths, were electrocuted at the penitentiary today for the murder on July 3 of Mrs. W. D. Brown of Beaufort County. Both negroes confessed.

PUTS FRIEND IN BAD LIGHT

Alphonso Kinsey on Trial for Trespass Tells About Going After Liquor With Employer.

W. E. Ball, reputable and prominent Pasquotank County farmer, was put in bad light in the recorder's court Friday morning when Alphonso Kinsey, defendant on a charge of forcible trespass as a result of which he got off with a fine of \$25 and costs, was put on the stand under the Discovery Act.

Alphonso swore that when he committed the trespass he was under the influence of liquor, and Prosecuting Attorney Sawyer at once wanted to know where the liquor came from. Instead of telling the usual story about getting the liquor from a slim, tall man whom he met at night along the road and whom he would not recognize if he saw him again, Alphonso, who is a negro of good reputation, told a straightforward story about going Wednesday night with his employer, W. E. Ball, in Mr. Ball's automobile, to the home of Jack Colson in Perquimans County where, according to the negro, purchase was made of a half gallon of liquor, one quart for himself and another for Mr. Ball. Mr. Ball, who was not sworn, admitted going with the negro in quest of the liquor but denied getting any. The negro may have got a drink, he said, but none was brought to the automobile in any container.

The trespass was committed Thursday, and Alphonso was more or less intoxicated at that time.

Mr. Ball was prosecuting witness against Alphonso in the trespass case; but gave the negro a good character and asked the court to let as light as possible on him. This was before Alphonso had told his liquor story, however.

An amazing story was told by Jarvis Cooper, young white man who lives in town but claims to work on his mother's farm in the country, when he was put on the stand Friday under the Discovery Act. Mr. Cooper swore that he gave a "cash" check for \$10 to a man whose name he did not know and whom he could not describe. This man, Cooper swore, took the check to the bank, cashed it and brought him the money for it. The witness refused to say what he wanted with the money but declared positively that the check was not given in payment for liquor.

Wiley Griffin, 19 year old negro, was given a sentence of nine months on the roads on a charge of assault with deadly weapon and an additional sentence of three months for carrying a concealed weapon. In recorder's court Friday morning. The assault occurred on Harney street Thursday of last week following an argument in a wagon as a number of cotton pickers were coming to town from W. A. Brock's farm in Camden County. Van Tillett, colored driver of the wagon, was the man whom the defendant was charged with hitting upon.

According to the evidence, the defendant jumped from the wagon when it reached Harney street, went home and got a gun, and fired at Tillett before the latter could get out of the way. Griffin then left town and was arrested in Norfolk, where he was held by the authorities until a police officer from Elizabeth City could be sent for him.

Most of the court's time Friday morning, however, was taken up with the trial of Prince Webster, negro, for larceny of an automobile tire; but the negro was found not guilty.

Trial Justice Spence is ill at his home on West Main street and Assistant Trial Justice Markham presided at Friday's session of police court.

LEVIATHAN GROUNDED IN NEW YORK HARBOR

(By The Associated Press.)
 New York, December 21.—The Leviathan, inbound from Cherbourg, today grounded on Robin's Reef, New York harbor. A call was sent out to all available tugs. The ship was then ebbing and it will be eight tonight before the high water mark will be reached again.

CHINA IS URGING BOYCOTT AMERICA

(By The Associated Press.)
 Hong Kong, December 21.—Advices from Canton say that placards are appearing on the streets of the south capital urging an anti-American and anti-British boycott as the result of the attitude of foreign powers in the present customs surplus imbroglio.

Some of the placards appeal to the people to unite and obtain the Kwang Tung customs surplus in order to "save the Chinese nation."

VETTER AND WIFE GUILTY OF MURDER

New York, December 21.—Ernest Vetter and wife, Marie, were today found guilty of first degree manslaughter for killing Alonzo Storey, former suitor of Mrs. Vetter's. The maximum penalty that may be imposed is 20 years imprisonment.