

WEATHER: Rain tonight and Wednesday. Much colder Wednesday. Fresh south winds.

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WHAT CAUSED 4,000 VOTERS TO REFRAIN IN NINTH DISTRICT?

Apathy In Primary Has Chirped Republicans To Believe This District Can Be Gathered In

HAMMER MAY RUN IN SEVENTH

Maxwell Gorman.
Dec. 9.—One of the most remarkable instances of North Carolina politics for many years consists of the fight for Congress in the ninth district under the conditions which obtain here.

The staging of so many "big names" to speak there in the brief period that remains between now and December 16 is sufficient proof of the interest and anxiety of the politicians—especially those who revert to the thought that the election of Hoey or Hays will not cut any figure in the national legislature, with the House already being a large Republican majority.

There is more than appears on the surface in the result of this election, and as some men of long experience and much political wisdom, all of whom reside in that congressional district, were in Raleigh yesterday, they developed a little addition to the story on the subject, and what the result here is the result of my best opinion.

They say: "You see the district is really Democratic by about 500 majority, or has been so since 1890. Well, at the present time, there is more than 4,000 voters' failure to vote for Hoey or Hays. There was a big deficit in North Carolina through apathy. It is made to poll a 4,000 deficit in the primary election, and the primary is not held until January 1. It is only starting to get the lines in complete shape."

These examples it has taken to get the sound good faith of the voters was represented by a people responsible for the result in North Carolina.

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"WE FOUGHT FOR YOU NOW FIGHT FOR US" SOLDIERS WIRE MINERS

Overseas Veterans In Hospital Appeal To Miners

WOUNDED, BUT COLD

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Overseas veterans in the hospital at Fort Sheridan, suffering from wounds received in battle in France, sent the following appeal to coal miners:

"The coal supply at this hospital will last only a few days. Three thousand men are at your mercy. No coal means more than lack of comfort. It may mean death to many of us.

"We fought for you in France. Are you going to fight for us now or let us freeze?"

HAVANA PUBLIC WORKS DAMAGED BY BOMB

Havana, Dec. 9.—The building occupied by the Department of Public Works was damaged last night by a bomb. None were injured.

DIVIDE HUN SHIPS WITH SMALL POWERS

Paris, Dec. 9.—The Supreme Council decided today the principles on which the light German cruisers shall be divided among the smaller powers for coast defense purposes.

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U. S. AIR SERVICE UNFIT FOR EMERGENCY

Would Have To Borrow From England Or France

ACUTE SITUATION

Washington, Dec. 9.—Brigadier-General William Mitchell, director of military aeronautics of the United States army, told the House Military Affairs Committee that in the event of war with Mexico the United States would have to look to England and France for additional aircraft because of the lack of production in this country and the discharge from service of experienced military aviators.

These conditions were attributed by General Mitchell to the failure of Congress to make appropriations for the service and he said that only 965 trained military pilots were now in the service out of a total of 15,000 during the war with Germany.

CLEMENCEAU CONFERS WITH LLOYD GEORGE

Paris, Dec. 9.—Premier Clemenceau will go to London tomorrow to confer with Premier Lloyd George on a serious question of the present hour, according to the newspapers.

GREEK TROOPS CLASH WITH TURKISH FORCES

Saloniki, Dec. 9.—Greek troops advancing to the line of demarcation in Asia Minor, fixed by the Peace Conference, have clashed with Turkish forces, the resistance of the latter being broken according to an official statement. There were severe casualties on both sides.

COUNCIL WAS UNABLE TO FINISH BUSINESS

Paris, Dec. 9.—The Supreme Council at today's session, the last before the departure of its American members under Secretary Polk, failed to settle the question of continuation of the Supreme War Council, the consent of the United States not having been given to the original plan.

The question is now referred direct to the various governments.

AMERICAN AWAITING REPLY FROM MEXICO

Washington, Dec. 9.—Further action in the Mexican situation as far as the government is concerned is in abeyance today pending further developments from various sources.

The State department is awaiting the arrival of the Mexican reply to the latest American note on the Jenkins case.

RAISE NINE BILLIONS IN NEXT 18 MONTHS

Shows a Deficit Of Three And a Half Billions

MUST CUT ESTIMATES

Washington, Dec. 9.—The Government will require \$9,000,000,000 during the next eighteen months, it was ascertained by Chairman Goode, of the House Appropriations Committee. This sum is made up of three and one-half billions for the balance of this year, which is a deficit, and over five billions for the next fiscal year.

Speaker Gillette and Representatives Fordney, Goode, Mondell and other Republican members decided to notify all department heads that they must cut their estimates as submitted to Congress on December 1. The Secretary of the Treasury will be called before the committee immediately, it was announced.

ITALIAN AGREEMENT WITH D'ANNUNZIO

London, Dec. 9.—Reports that the Italian government has reached an agreement with D'Annunzio, regarding the Fiume question were received today from Rome.

RUMANIANS JOINED IN SIGNING TREATY

Paris, Dec. 9.—Rumanian delegates, as expected, became a party to the Peace Treaty with Austria and Bulgaria by signing the treaty in conjunction with the Austrian pact providing for the restoration of equal priorities and signing the Bulgarian pact.

TAFT'S BROTHER SUED CAUSE UNREVEALED

New York, Dec. 9.—Summons only, in the suits brought against Henry W. Taft, brother of the ex-President, and himself a prominent member of the New York bar, by Paula Stankevich and Victor Stankevich, have been filed in the county clerk's office.

The summonses give no details. It was learned that an "accident" was the basis of the two suits.

PRINCE ADALBERT TO LIVE AT AMERONGEN

Amerongen, Dec. 9.—Reports are current that a house will be built near Amerongen for one of former Emperor William's sons.

It is declared that the son this house is intended for will be Adalbert who is now visiting his parents.

MAY SETTLE COAL STRIKE WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS

Meeting Of Miners' Executive Board This Afternoon Urged To Accept Wilson's Proposal

NO LEAK OF TERMS ESCAPED

SHOE PRICES RAISE HUBBUB IN CLUB IN PHILADELPHIA

Women Claim Men Responsible In Making Styles

SHOEMAN SILENCED

Philadelphia, Dec. 9.—A fine hubbub was started at the City Club when an effort was made to blame the high cost of shoes on the women because of changes in styles. Laird Simons, of William Amer & Co., glazed kid manufacturer of Boston, spoke in open forum. He had just made the charge when a woman arose and asked who make the styles.

Mr. Simons hesitated, and a chorus arose, "the men, the men make the styles."

The part of Mr. Simons's speech that particularly irritated the women was a criticism of their patriotism in 1916. He said that when the world was at rock-bottom of raw material and shoes were needed by soldiers, the women insisted on having their shoes follow their skirts and on footgear of all colors.

"We don't want extreme styles in shoes," quickly retorted a woman. "We will be better pleased if you manufacturers don't make them. They are put in shop windows and cultivate extreme taste in the young girls who see them there."

"If the change in styles makes the high cost of shoes why have lady shoes doubled in cost?" asked another.

Mr. Simons admitted he did not know and blushed.

"Will the backs of the American manufacturers show greater profit when they are belaguered in January than they did during the previous times?" a man asked.

Mr. Simons admitted they would.

PROLONGED COLD PREDICTED TOMORROW

Washington, Dec. 9.—Indications today that a cold wave is rushing eastward and cause a prolonged period of cold weather, was announced by the Weather Bureau.

Temperature below zero is registered in Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle and twenty degrees or more below zero in the middle west.

The cold wave is expected to reach the Atlantic states by tomorrow.

Indianapolis, Dec. 9.—A settlement of the coal strike within twenty-four hours is predicted today.

Executive Board of the Miners' Union is scheduled to meet this afternoon to consider the proposal made by President Wilson.

The proposal is approved by the miners' officials who agreed to urge the executive board to accept it as a basis for settlement.

The terms of the proposal are still carefully guarded and the miners and government representatives refused to discuss the matter before the meeting.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 9.—Hearing on the charges of contempt of court, filed against 84 general and district officials of the United Mine Workers, has been postponed until next Tuesday by Federal Judge Anderson on motion of C. B. Ames, for the government, when the cases were called today.

United States Attorney Black moved the postponement empowering of the federal grand jury to investigate alleged violations of the labor and anti-trust laws by operators, miners, and coal dealers and the court fixed December 17 as the date for some time.

BISHOP THOS. GAILOR HEADS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

New York, Dec. 9.—The new method of administration of the Episcopal Church, adopted at the recent convention in Detroit, will make New York City the headquarters in many respects, when Rome is in the Catholic Church, says the New York Herald.

According to the Herald, the Episcopal Church in the future will be directed by the presiding bishop and a body of twenty-one known as the Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

The presiding bishop, it is stated, will be Bishop Thomas F. Gailor of Memphis, and bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee, who will come here soon to take up the new work.

Bishop Gailor's function is said to correspond in many respects with those of the Pope of Rome and those of the Council with the functions of the Roman Catholic College of Cardinals.

Bishop Gailor will hold office for six years when the election of a successor will be held.

COTTON MARKET.

December	38.70
January	36.78
March	34.28
May	32.25
July	30.70

COTTON SEED MARKET.

Cotton Seed, per bu., \$1.15 1-2.