

WEATHER FORECAST
Rain Monday; Tuesday, rain; gentle to moderate northeast and east winds.
Yesterday's temperature: Highest, 62 degrees; lowest, 36 degrees.

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"NO PEACE" SAY CHURCHMEN

America Should Take Sides. Premature Peace is Curse.
ALLIES CONFIDENT IN AMERICA
Many Important Changes in War Theatres During Year.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Washington, Dec. 31.—In a signed document addressed to the nation, more than fifty prelates and laymen of various denominations, representing many sections of the United States, have united in a warning against what they term may be a premature peace in Europe which "may bring a curse instead of a blessing."
The document declares the Christians of America should consider the right or wrong of the occupation of Belgium, Poland, Serbia, The Armenia massacres, the destruction of merchantmen, hardships of Jews, Syrians and the "attempt to array the Moslem against the Christian in a holy war."
And to be reminded that "peace is a triumph of righteousness and not a mere sheathing of a sword."
It also warns against "deliberate organized efforts" to create a public sentiment blindly favorable to ending hostilities.

EBB AND FLOW OF A YEAR OF WAR

The dawn of 1917 finds the belligerent armies temporarily, at least, virtually deadlocked everywhere, except in Roumania; it also finds in the air a Teutonic suggestion for a discussion of peace but no basis is offered by them for ending hostilities and the entente have signified their intention to continue fighting till their oft-repeated desires are attained.

There are numerous changes from a year ago in the main theatres of war. In the Somme region of France, the Germans are driven back by the French over fronts of considerable size, while the Germans made notable gains toward Verdun, but later lost a part by French counter attacks.

The Italians advanced closer to Trieste, the allies operating from Saloniki have placed the Serbians back on their native soil and advanced to numerous points in Macedonia.

Russia's great drive last June cleared the Volhynian fortress triangle of Austro-Germans and gained much ground in Galicia and Bukovina.

The Teutons have taken half of Roumania. The Russians made big gains in the Caucasus and Armenia, while the British are being held by the Turks near Kutel Amara. Aside from Roumania at present there has been a little activity except from artillery.

The Teutons reinforced on the Moldavia Transylvania front are still progressing in their drive, by which they are apparently trying to join the Teutonic troops moving northward into Moldavia.

GREECE PAYS A HIGH TRIBUTE TO U. S.

Athens, Dec. 31.—Via London.—King Constantine summoned Garret Droppers, American minister, to his palace this morning and communicated to him the text of the Greek reply to President Wilson's peace note. The Greek note recites the sufferings of Greece at the hands of the belligerents on both sides while Greece has been endeavoring to maintain neutrality. It says Greece endured greater hardships from the war than any other neutral country and desires peace. The note pays a high tribute to President Wilson's efforts and to the American republic. Then follows a recital of Greece's sufferings, which on account of the censorship it is useless to attempt to cable. The Greek government later made a formal reply which will associate Greece with the proposals of President Wilson.

ENTENTE TELLS "CONFIDENCE" IN AMERICA

Paris, Dec. 31.—The entente powers' answer to President Wilson's

PLANS READY FOR INAUGURAL OF GOVERNOR

Tallahassee, in Gala Attire, Awaits Imposing Ceremony.

PENSACOLA IS REPRESENTED

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL.
Tallahassee, Dec. 31.—The Leon hotel lobby tonight swarms as in legislative times. The mansion, capitol, city hall, court house, and in fact nearly every public building and business house is flying flags and is bedecked with bunting.
Mayor Hinrichs, Comptroller Bayless and Officer Bobe of Pensacola; also J. H. Smithwick, Judge Sheppard and many other public men. All plans are complete for inauguration.

SHIP LOADED IN 13 1-2 HRS.

Viator, With Ammonia for Cuba, Makes Fine Record.

With a full cargo of ammonia products, the Norwegian steamship Viator cast off lines Sunday afternoon at 6 o'clock and steamed down the bay, bound for Matanzas, Cuba, where the cargo is consigned to the order of the Armour Company.
This cargo was loaded here so quickly, and with such a minimum of overhead charge that the exporters are said to have been impressed with the facilities obtaining at this point. All of which guarantees the handling of additional cargoes in the future.

A Record Loading.
In connection with the dispatch of this cargo, some little record was made at local L. & N. terminals. The actual working time in placing this entire cargo on the Viator was exactly 13 1-2 hours, a fact pleasing to the captain of the vessel and also highly pleasing to shippers, whose headquarters are in New York.

The Viator, steaming into the port Saturday morning, began working at a berth on the west side of the L. & N.'s Commandancia wharf, at 10:30 o'clock. No work was done Saturday night, chiefly because of the difficulty of securing desirable laborers on that night. Beginning at the usual time Sunday, the steamer began blowing signals for pilot and harbor master at 4 o'clock, and thirty minutes later was ready to go to sea.

HAMILTON WRIGHT MABIE EDITOR OF OUTLOOK, DIES

Summit, N. J., Dec. 31.—Dr. Hamilton Wright Mabie, associate editor of The Outlook, died at his home here today. He was seventy years old and was born at Cold Spring, New York. He is survived by a widow and one daughter.

Hamilton Wright Mabie, associate editor of The Outlook since 1879, was born in Cold-Spring-on-Hudson, N. Y., in 1846; he received his M. A. degree at Union college, and his LL. D. at Western Reserve. After practicing law for six or seven years, he gave it up and devoted himself to editorial and literary work. Some of his chief works are: Norse Stories; Essays on Books and Culture; William Shakespeare, Poet, Dramatist and Man; In Arcady; Christmas Today; American Ideals, Character and Life.

CONGRESS IS UNDERMINED WITH WORK

Extra Session is Already Being Discussed by Members.

RAILROAD BILL MOST PRESSING

Deficit, Tariff, Appropriation and Other Measures.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Washington, Dec. 31.—Congress reconvenes today to face a mass of business, including railroad legislation urged by President Wilson to supplement the Adamson act, and the problem of how to meet the big treasury deficit for the fiscal year of 1918. These salient issues must be considered together with the annual appropriation bills, only one of which has passed both houses.

There are also many general legislative measures and as less than two months remain in the life of the present session, administration leaders are inclined to view the legislative accumulation with despair and to fear that an extra session of the new and politically uncertain congress will be demanded.

The interstate commission committee will begin hearings on the railroad legislation Tuesday. Senator Newlands, chairman of this committee, has already said he believed the matter sufficiently important to warrant an extra session if necessary.

The revenue question will be taken up immediately by the ways and means committee of the senate. Many suggestions will be offered. Among them are a proposed increase in the income tax, restoration of the tariff on wool, rubber and coffee, and increased taxes on liquor and other internal revenue.

The house still has nine big appropriation bills among which are supply measures for the reconstructed army and navy, and the senate has thirteen appropriation bills to dispose of.

"SHIP A DAY" MOTTO NOW

Seven Steamers Known to Be Due Here This Week.

Many ships are due here this week. The Quito and a Spanish steamship carrying the name of Guadalquivir are both looked for today. The Petra, from Gulfport, should be here tomorrow. A Spanish steamer of the Perez line, and the Dutch steamer Wieldrecht are due probably Wednesday, while the Oswald, a steamship of about 4,000 tons, is due Wednesday or Thursday from Galveston, for a very heavy bunker supply. On January 8, a steamer, reported as the "Dinnie" is due. There is no such steamer listed in available maritime records, but consignees have been advised the ship will arrive on that date, and that is the name they have been forwarded.

All these steamers of course are coming for coal and they are all assured of most rapid dispatch.

DONATE LAFAYETTE CHATEAU TO FRANCE

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
New York, Dec. 31.—Through the efforts of Mrs. William Astor Chandler, John Moffat and other prominent Americans, the historic chateau in France which was the birthplace of the Marquis de La Fayette, has been purchased and will be donated to the French Heroes Fund as a memorial museum and home for orphans and disabled soldiers.

UNCLE SAM HELPS WORKING WOMEN TO GET WORK



Miss Sophie Lamb, at right, in charge of one of Uncle Sam's bureaus, and an applicant for work.

CARRANZAMEN JOINING VILLA

Fugitives From Torreon Tell of His Growing Strength.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Laredo, Tex., Dec. 31.—About a thousand residents of Torreon, of various nationalities, fled when the Villa army recently appeared before Torreon and are enroute to the border, according to nine refugees who arrived today. They said half the refugees are Chinese. They also said Villa is meeting little resistance in the Torreon district where several small Carranza garrisons are reported to have joined him.

LARGE HOTEL BURNS IN AUGUSTA, GA.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Augusta, Ga., Dec. 31.—Hampton Terrace, a tourist hotel in North Augusta, was destroyed by fire early Sunday, with a loss estimated at \$600,000. The fire started apparently from crossed wires and got beyond control of the fire department, which was hampered by a lack of water pressure, and the frame structure of 300 rooms burned rapidly. The hotel, recently renovated, was to open Thursday for the season. A hundred attacks were in the building, but they managed to escape. The insurance is said to be \$200,000.

ANOTHER FIRE IN HIGH SCHOOL—NO DAMAGE

Another fire of mysterious origin was discovered last night in the High school building on North Palafox street but was extinguished before it had done any serious damage. It was in the corridor, among some workmen's tools. The alarm was given by a small boy who noticed smoke issuing from the building at about half past seven last night. This is the second fire in the High school building within the past few weeks. The police are investigating. The school will open on Tuesday, as per schedule it is stated.

Somewhere in Florida a Bride is Waiting for Him to Come Back

A sad story is told in a letter from a Florida woman to the Pensacola police department, which is on file at the station. Her name is withheld for a number of reasons. It is about her husband, "who left for Pensacola to work on a job he was told to come and take"—and that's all. Newly-married, she relates how her husband had "ten thousand, ten hundred dollars in the bank, but can't draw it out for fear he will be recognized and arrested, 'count of killing a man," but, despite that record, she "wanted him back with her."
Police officers do not believe the man is here.

Tries to Keep Them From Cabarets—Helps Others, Too.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Uncle Sam has reached out his hand to the girl music student who must do cabaretting to pay for music lessons, and the ambitious young singer who must sing in cabarets and dance halls until something else turns up!
They have been taken under the wing of the United States employment service and many are securing good positions through the federal employment bureau.

"We want to keep the young music student and young singer, unwise in the ways of the world, away from cabarets," says Mrs. Sophie Lamb, head of the woman's division of the federal employment service.
"So the federal service which helps many unskilled work women and professional women has extended its aid to the girls in the art world."
"We are aided by the largest organization of women in the country, the co-operative league of the United States employment service. There are 8,000 prominent women in this organization. Many of these women engage entertainers for home programs or club or lodge affairs."
The singer is not the only girl Uncle Sam is taking care of in the biggest employment bureau in the world—the United States employment service. Many positions are filled every day. The occupations of the applicants run from scrubbing to school teaching.

The service has branches in many cities. Neither the worker seeking a position, nor the employer seeking a worker pays any fee to Uncle Sam.

WAS A LEAK SAYS LAWSON

Offers Revelations That Prove Consistent Manipulations.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Boston, Dec. 31.—Thomas W. Lawson, Boston, in a letter to Congressman Henry, replying to the latter's request for information regarding the recent rumored leak from Washington to Wall street offers in an hour's interview to convince President Wilson of this necessity of immediate congressional investigation of stock market manipulation of the last two years.

The letter made public tonight asserts an investigation would disclose operations of a great "false news maker" aiming at "complete befuddling of the American people on the real vitals of the hour." It declares Wilson's associates are not responsible but that a leak is one of a series through which Americans are "robbed of hundreds of millions" and a few people got sixty odd millions, a part of which was divided with "important people." Lawson says the investigation might reduce the prices of necessities, expose the "man who said to a German give me fifty millions of margins and I'll end the war by making it impossible for allies to finance themselves," expose his trip to Germany and sending by submarine of forty million dollars of American securities, with a consequent smash of the market and a dividing of profits.

NEW OFFICERS TAKE CHARGE TOMORROW

New Sheriff, New County Board, and New Tax Assessor.

MANY SUCCEED THEMSELVES

Others Assume Office in June by Executive Confirmation.

Recently-elected officials will assume their respective offices tomorrow, among them being a new sheriff, new board of county commissioners, new tax assessor, and others. A number who were chosen by the people will be appointed through the governor's office in due time. These will include prosecutors for state and county, harbor master, timber custodian, etc., but the commissions of the present court officers will not expire for six months.

There will be no change in the offices of the county or circuit clerk, county tax collector, clerk court of record and county judge. Incumbents of those offices were either re-elected or had no opposition, in which latter class were Jos. S. Roberts, tax collector, and A. M. McMillan, clerk of the court of record.

James Macgibbon will again serve as circuit clerk; Henry Bellinger will serve as county judge. Sheriff Ellis will be succeeded by Jas. C. Van Pelt, and Cade E. Shackelford will be relieved of the county tax assessor's office by Wiley J. McDavid. The circuit clerk will also have to perform duties of county treasurer, for under legislative enactment, the office of county treasurer is abolished, beginning today.

J. George White is again serving as county commissioner, having been elected to that office without opposition. The new members of the board, who assume office today are: L. W. Hardy, Gus Soderford, J. E. McCurdy and H. E. Gandy. Retiring commissioners are George Davis, M. O. Baggett, W. T. Tracy and W. C. Barrineau.

W. B. Wright relieves J. H. Sherrill on the board of public instruction, the other members having been re-elected. Superintendent of Public Instruction A. S. Edwards also succeeds himself.

Supervisor of Registration N. B. Cook, holding the position under appointment, who was also elected, holds a commission from retiring Governor Trammell, and is already in charge of his office. Mr. Cook also holds the position as city supervisor of registration and of course has charge of both sets of books.

Senator John B. Jones will return to the state senate under the usual hold-over, while representatives from Escambia county will be James M. Johnson, who is city building inspector, and M. O. Baggett, former county commissioner.

DECEMBER RAIN IS DOUBLE THE NORMAL

Normal rainfall, according to the local weather bureau, for this city and section for the month of December, is 4.17 inches. The gauge at the Pensacola station has been registering unprecedented seasonal rains during the last month of the year, and with yesterday's measurement, a total of 9.95 inches has been recorded in Pensacola vicinity.

This is a total of 5.81 inches in excess of normal, or more than twice as much rain as naturally expected, from past records.

Under this condition of things, there is not much wonder at the fearful and almost impassable condition of some of the county roads. It is all blamed, however, on old Jupiter Pluvius.

46 WOMEN BURNED TO DEATH IN ASYLUM

Montreal, Canada, Dec. 31.—Forty-six women were burned to death in a fire which destroyed St. Ferdinand de Halifax asylum in Megantic county, Quebec, Province, late Saturday night according to a report here tonight.