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American Ambassador Delivers It But Too Late to Be · Considered Today

WILL BE TAKEN UP TOMORROW

Lack of Terms May Prevent Conference on the Proposal -Great Britain Will Consult Her Allies On Vital Question Before Making

London, Dec. 18 .- The peace note of the central powers was handed the ELECTION BOARD British government today by Walter Hines Page, the American ambassa-

The note will be considered by the cabinet tomorrow, being received too late today to enable a council to be The next step, after the meeting of the cabinet, will be to get in communication with the ail of Great Britain so joint action can be taken. This is expected to take at least a week.

It has been ascertained that the note contains no terms and the impression prevails in official quarters judicial departments will be averted. that until there are terms a conference is impossible.

## ISTIL**l trying to** SOLVE PROBLEM

Further Effort to Supply Small Newspaper Publishers With Material

Washington, Dec. 18.—Effort to find relief for the shortage and present high prices was continued here today by the Federal Trades Commission, in a conference with the committee of newspaper publishers, news paper manufacturers and paper The plan to be discussed was the proposal that the publishers of large newspapers reduce their purchases next year by 5 per cent., so the small papers may receive more. Questionaries were sent today to the large publishers to ascertain if they will subscribe to this plan, relinquishing 5 per cent. of their; 1917 needs. At the same time the manufacturers' committee is trying to find out the exact amount of paper stock on hand in the United States and the amount to be manufactured for next year's needs.

The large publishers are not well satisfied with the plans proposed, contending that it forces them to make sacrifices to supply the small publishers, when the manufacturers can solve the whole problem readily by diverting paper-making machines paper manufacture.

### POSTOFFICE DELIVERY WANTED FOR DUNN

town, as soon as arrangements can be be tendered at once. completed. Dunn is a most progressive town, having complete system sewerage IMMIGRATION BOARD and waterworks and paved streets not excelled by any town in the South.

E. F. McCulloch, Jr., was recommended for appointment as postmaster at lock was the only applicant.

### MEN THOUGHT LOST HAVE BEEN RESCUED

bark, Methtis, separated from a tug involving moral turpitude. during a storm off the New Jersey

Paris, Dec. 18.—The French \* forces have taken 11.387 German \*/

## OPINION EXPECTED THE BRITT CASE

Highest Tribunal Will Probably Remove the Stumbling Block In Time

WILL MEET THEN

Judge Bond Will Also Be In Raleigh to Decide His Question - Britt Made a Splendid Argument

Raleigh, Dec. 18 .- Raleigh gets the tip that the Supreme Court will decide the Britt vs. Buncombe County

On that date the time allowed the State Canvassing Board for making its award of certificate will expire and one or the other, the Superior Court or the Canvassing Board, must next move. Judge Bond's order, which had the effect of holding up a declaration from the State until the 19th, perseveres only through that day. If the Supreme Court does not hand down an opinion the canvassing board will award the certificate to Zebulon Weaver unless some stipulation between Congressman Britt and the Canvassing Board stops ac-

Judge Bond will be here ready to make some sort of move Tuesday. He is tied up on a will case in Wake Superior Court and could not get away, albeit he was to have returned this week to do a judge's part in the order which came down upon him from Judge Frank Carter. Of course, the judge would be pleased to have the responsibilities gravitate where they belong. His order or continuance riled many a good Democrat. | \* but it pleased a great many more. (Continued on Page Six)

National Guardsman Appointed by Governor to Succeed Judge Cooke

to the manufacture of news print Albert L. Cox was appointed Judge of much attention. All of the candidates that are now working on wrapping the superior court of the Seventh Ju-realize that \$60 is certainly good pay dicial District today by Governor for two weeks' work, and have expertary training bill were begun today Craig, to succeed Judge Charles M. ienced an intense desire to win the by a sub-committee of the Senate Cooke, who recently resigned because ring, if they fail to win one of the military committee. of ill health:

border, in command of his company ed them to fresh endeavor. Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Con- of the North Carolina National Guard, Most of the candidates know that witnesses, opposed the measure on gressman Godwin today obtained con- for seven months, but is now in Ral- the competition for the ring will come the ground that the system would imsent or postoffice department to estab- eigh on a furlough. It is expected that to a close at the same time as the pose an unnecessary burden and not lish city delivery at Dunn, his home his resignation from the Guard will first period of the contest, next Fri- furnish relief. He recommended in-

## SAYS DEPORT HIM

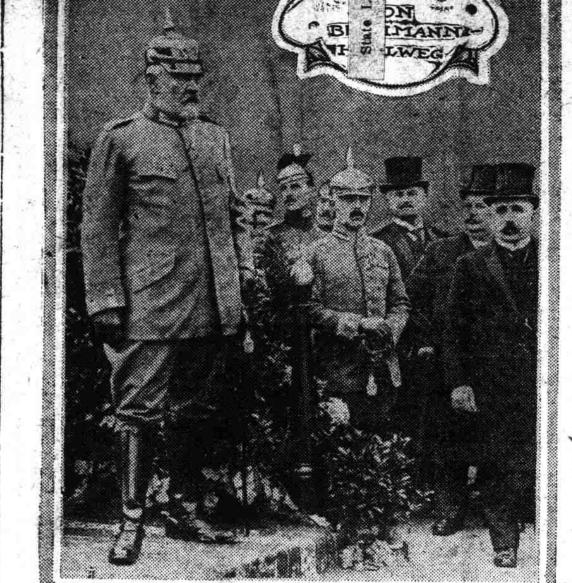
New York, Dec. 18.—Baron Rob-Elizabethtown today by Congressman ert Oppenheim, reputed to be a Godwin. Elizabethtown was advanced French and English financier, was to presidential class October 1, McCul- ordered deported from the United States after a hearing before the board of immigration here today. He appealed immediately to the Department of Labor at Washington.

nounced at the office of the Com- is good for 150,000 EXTRA VOTES. New York, Dec. 18.—The twelve missioner of Immigration, on the men thought to have been on the ground that he committed a crime

coast, on her voyage north from Bra- alleged offense were withheld, it week's business, and apply on the diazil, were rescued yesterday by an being explained that the information Italian ship and brought to this port must come from Washington. It is understood that a charge against him is pending in the courts of France.

### **QUESTIONS RIGHT** IN CONTEMPT CASES

Prisoners on the Verdun front \* power of United States Judges to in- close of the first period, but they can were few, if any, candidates who did ing no terms, saying: since the 15th of December, ac- \* flict Federal penitentiary punishment hold them in reserve and vote them not send in votes, or had votes cast cording to the French war of \* for alleged contempt is questioned in any time during the contest, including for them. The coupon in The Dis-\* of Oklahoma City.



This is the latest photograph of Theobald von Chancellor of the German Empire, showing him speaking at a meeting within a few years would render the in Berlin. Chancellor von Bethman n-Hollweg wears the uniform of his rank as lieutenant-general in which he now always appears in public, and which he wears when he addresses the Reichstag. There has been some criticism in Berlin of the fact that the Chancellor wears his uniform, many feeling that his great office was not one to which dignity Canvassing Board case Tuesday and is added by the use of a military uniform, even though it be the uniform of an officer of high rank.

Candidates Realize the Time is, Short and Are Doing Their best to Get Every Possible \* Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 18.- \* Subscription by Friday

THE PRIZES.

\$685 Overland Automobile. Ford Automobile. Carolina Beach Lot. \$100 in Gold. \$75 Victrola. \$50 O. K. Mystic Range. \$40 Sellers Kitchen Cabinet.

\$25 Wrist Watch.

Two \$60 Diamond Rings. Just four more days and the first period of The Dispatch contest will be a matter of history, and the competition for the \$60 diamond ring will end. Have you done your best during this diamond ring offer? If you have not, then get busy and make the most of the four remaining days. It is not

a great deal of time, but if used in

the right way much can be accomp-

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 18.—Captain The special prize has attracted larger prizes. This has renewed their Judge Cox has been on the Mexican determination to succeed and inspir-

day night, December 22, at 9 p. m., stead that the army be reorganized and in order to win, they must make and given greater individual benefit to every minute count from now until the soldiers. that time. They are determined to secure and turn in every possible sub- Women's Peace Party, American is new subscriptions only, that will Union, National Grange and Ameridetermine the winner of the ring, but can Federation of Labor also will be both old and new subscriptions apply heard in opposition to the measure. on the \$15 club offer. After this week, during the second period of the PRESIDENT OBSERVES contest, each \$15 worth of subscriptions will count 140,000 EXTRA The baron was excluded, it was an- VOTES, while this week each "club"

Candidates living outside of Wil-Details as to the character of the postoffices, and they will count as this mond ring and the first period votes. even though we do not receive them in order to count toward the diamond until Saturday. This is done in order ring and the first period of extra SEES LITTLE HOPE to give the out-of-town candidates an votes. opportunity to work up until the last minute, and an equal opportunity with of the ten-vote coupons that have the ones living in Wilmington.

their ballots at the time the subscrip- Hundreds of thousands of votes were Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—The tions are turned in, or before the cast Saturday, as a result, and there comments today on the note containmain the same. It is the subscription the expiration date has been advanc-Creekmore was sentenced to a year orders, and the money to pay for ed to December 30. \* and a day in prison for contempt. them, that must be in by Friday night, (Continued on Page Seven.)

\* TENNESSEE UNDER SNOW. \*

\* Middle Tennessee awoke today \* \* to face a driving snow, which \* \* seemed to reach its greatest in- \* \* tensity at Nashville. The depth \* \* at 8 o'clock was 6 inches and \* \* the snow was still falling. The \* \* temperature was 24 degrees \* \* above zero. The official predic- \* \* tion was for colder weather and \* \* a cessation of the snow during \* \* the day. Railway traffic has \* \*been greatly impeded.

Hearings Open on the Chamberlain Compulsory Military Bill

Washington, Decfl 18.-Hearings on the Chamberlain compulsory mili-

Walter L. Fisher, of Chicago, for mer secretary of the interior, who stood first on the committee's list of

It is expected that members of the

## FIRST ANNIVERSARY

night.

Saturday witnessed the expiration been appearing in each issue of The Candidates do not have to vote Dispatch for the past four weeks.

Major General Scott Advocates Compulsory Military Training

## DENOUNCES THE VOLUNTEER SYSTEM WILSON TO

Declares It Is Inefficient and Dangerous-Should Have Three Million Available Men, He Contends

Washington, Dec. 18- - Maj-General Scott, chief of the staff of the army, told the Senate military committee today that the army general staff recommended, without apology, that the volunteer system be discontinued, because time has come when this country "unless it intends to avoid war at any cost" military training and service.

He terms the volunteer system as extravagant, inefficient and dangerous. The chief of staff told the committee that military training was Democratic. Bethmann-Hollweg, reliable, efficient, and economical and United States immune from attack.

"It would be Democratic," he said, because the burden of National de-It would make impossible for any man; conditions. or group of men to trade upon the nation's necessities in time of war. The system would be reliable because it HEANY NOCKET would reduce each year the number of men necessary to be trained. It would be economical because it would be based on recognition by the people of the duty of the individual to render personal service and to be carried into effect the government would not have to compete in the labor market. It would be efficient because it would enable us to prepare adequately for war before war comes,"

General Scott pointed out that the Mexican crisis has failed to recruit many of the National Guard organizations, even to their minimum peace strength. The lessons of the European war, General Scott said, taught! that a higher standard of training and discipline is required than was popularly considered necessary before and that most of the European nations, for that reason, had found they could not develop them in less than two years with the colors.

For war, for a first-class power the general staff had previously estimated 500,000 fully equipped troops should be ready at the outset, with 500,000 more in ninety days. The general is now of the opinion that 1,500,000 fully equipped and ready troops should be available, with another 1,500,000 to follow in ninety

May Be Made Known Today

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 18.—Continuance of the effort of the Mexican-American joint commission to effect a satisfactory agreement on questions affecting International relations, depended largely on the result of its session today, called for the purpose of hearing General Carranza's decision regarding the protocol signed at Atlantic City and sent to him for rat-

It was indicated that a flat refusal of Carranza to ratify the agreement, reached after three months' discusscription before Friday at 9 p. m. It Union Against Militarism, Farmers' sion, would offer no alternative than dissolution of the commission, but if If Important Part Is Omitted the report presented by the Mexicans indicate his desire to discuss only minor alterations, the conferences would be resumed for a brief period.

> The Americans intimate, however, would not be granted.

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## FOR PEACE NOW

London, Dec. 18.—The Westminster Gazette, which has held strong opinion that Germany's peace proposal should be seriously replied to,

ingly slight."

No Let Up In Investigation of But Paris Claims All But One the High Cost of Living

Washington, Dec. 18.-At President Wilson's direction the nationwide investigation into the increased cost of living is to be continued with must resort to universal liability as to all possible vigor. It was stated at the White House that the President considers that the investigation has already accomplished much good. He has not given his approval to any of the many bills introduced in Congress to meet the situation. The President believes the difficulties cannot be solved through Federal legislation, for the reason that it is practically impossible for the fense would fall equally on all citizens. Federal government to meet local

# DUUNCI

Many Female Offenders Be- portant Danube river point. fore Judge Harriss This Morning.

Mostly feminine offenders faced Judge Harriss in the Recorder's Court this morning, which was one of the heaviest that has yet been docketed for His Honor. The morning session was in session until 1 gained a footing. o'clock and a recess was then taken until 2:30 o'clock. Juvenile court will be held at 3 o'clock, provided the remaining cases are disposed of.

The first cases to be tried this afternoon will be those against Viola and Luberta Davis, colored, charged with shoplifting, it being alleged from the store of Mr. Wm. Otersen, corner Fourth and Campbell streets. Mattie Wilson, colored, charged with vagrancy, will also be tried this

Virginia Taylor, Carrie Franks, colored, charged with being inmates of a disorderly house, were granted nol prosses. Bessie Wilson, Maggie Thomas and Hattie Smith, charged with being inmates of a disorderly house, were declared not guilty.

Ethel Kennedy, colored, charged with vagrancy, was granted a nol prosse, as was Minnie Council, colored, arraigned on the same same charge. Prayer for judgfent was con-Fate of Relations With Mexico tinued against George Thomas, colored, charged with vagrancy. Chas. Mosley, colored, charged with violating the driving ordinance, paid the costs. Upon payment of costs judgment was continued for twelve months in the case of L. V. Gey, white, charged with assaulting a fe-

# INSIST ON THE

Extra Session May Be Called

Washington, Dec. 18.-Although President Wilson has received indithat a long discussion of the sub- rect information on the effort of the Washington, Dec. 18.—President jects already covered in the agree. railroads and brotherhood heads to and Mrs. Wilson today celebrated the ment signed would not be tolerated reach an agreement, he plans to push first anniversary of their marriage, and radical changes, especially any his recommendations to congress and Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.-Winany time Friday, from their respective A family party will be entertained demand for the withdrawal of the expects action at this session. Whethat dinner at the White House to- American troops from Chihuahua, er an extra session will be called estimated acreage of 40,090.000 acres, should the program not be completed an increase of 887,000 acres over the depends on the importance of any revised estimate of the acreage sown part of the program not acted on. The President considers satisfac agriculture announced today. , tory progres is being made and points | The condition on December 1 was

## PREMIER LLOYD-GEORGE

other industries was unfounded.

"If the German note contains no London, Dec. 18 .- Premier David # Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 18 .- This details, being merely a repetition of Lloyd-George was much better this \* city and vicinity are under snow. \* fice's announcement this after \* an appeal of William J. Creekmore, the last day, and their value will re- patch is still good for ten votes, but Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's morning and his secretary said he \* today, as the result of quite a speech in the Reichstag, the prospect would certainly make the promised \* heavy fall. of any immediate result is exceed statement in the House of Commons # on Tuesday.

Russians Preparing to Make a Strong Stand Against the Invaders

### THE INDUINY GERMANS COUNTER ATTACK AT VERDUN

Onslaught Was Repulsed-French Take More Prisononers - No New Developments

Some lessening in the intensity of the fighting in Rumania is indicated by today's German statement which reports the situation on the Rumanian front unchanged. Von Mackensen's advance has been pushed on considerably beyond the Buze line and has been drawn approximately across the southern boundary of Moldavia, and unofficial advices indicate that the entente front will be established between Rimnik Sarat and the Danube marshes.

Current advices declare the Rumanian army is no longer in action, having been withdrawn for the purpose of re-grouping under the protection of the Russian forces. The Russians are expected to make their stand on the Rimnik Sarat line, where strong defenses have been prepared.

The Berlin statement reporting that the hostile forces are falling back to Ibraila may indicate that the eastern line may be established at this im-

On the Franco-Belgian front, Paris announces strong counter-attacks by the Germans on the positions won by the French in their sweeping advance north and northeast of Verdun, but they only succeeded, according to Paris, at one point, a quarter of a mile north of Fort Douaumont, where they

The French took 1,385 prisoners in the Verdun fighting the past three days, the Paris war office announces, together with 115 cannon, 700 machine guns and 44 bomb-throwers.

On the Macedonian Front. Berlin, (By Wireless to Sayville), Dec. 18.—Only artillery operation that they stole several pairs of shoes on the Macedonian front are reported in today's army headquarters' state-

# 24-HOUR STRIKE

Labor Organizations Protest On the High Cost of Food

Madrid, Dec. 18 (Via Paris) .- A 24hour general strike has been called by the labor organizations as a protest against the high price of food is take place today throughout

Factories, stores and many offices will be closed and no newspapers will be published. The authorities posted a notice appealing to the good sense of the public to maintain order and announces that any disorder will be immediately dealt with.

# FOR THIS WI**nter**

Government's Report Shows Big Increase in the Acreage Over Last Year

in the fall of 1915 the department of

out that the rumor that the National 86.7 per cent of normal, compared government might seek to regulate with 87.7 last year.

### SPEAKS TOMORROW \* SNOW IN MORTH CAROLINA.