WILL NOT CAUSE

America Has Every Promise of Continuing at Top Financially When Peace Comes

MAY SEE TRADE INCREASE

This Country At Present Holds One-Third of World's Visible Supply of Gold-Bureau of Commerce Report.

Washington, Dec. 17 .-- America's ascendancy to financial supremacy in the world in the brief space of three years, NATION-WIDE PROHIBITION gives every promise of continuing after peace comes, according to the annual report, of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce.

European countries," the roport says, Since 1914 the flow of gold has been curities held abroad have been returned here in exchange for merchandise. Millions also have been invested in for-

itor nation received scant respect eith-"Now speculation is turning on our fu- tal Democrats-141. ture rank among creditor nations." The fiscal year 1917 was the nation's

Exports in 1917 were valued at the unprecedented sum of \$6,294,000,000 and showed an interesting feature in the growth in sales of completed manufactures, \$2,944,000,000. The tendency to increase imports of raw materials and decrease purchases of finished manufactures made a striking contrast on

the other side of the ledger. There has been a pronounced ten dency," says the report," to buy direct from the original source of supply instead of through middlemen as here-

Most of the exports went to Europe, consisting in the main of army supplies and foodstuffs, but tremendous increases were made in commerce with Latin-America, the Far East and remote parts of the world which formerly were customers of European countries. It is this new trade which the Bureau is organizing to aid American manufacturers to retain after the war; and which Burwell S. Cutler, chief of the Bureau, says can be done despite the United States becoming a belliger-

"It is confidently expected that our trade with South America, the Far East, South Africa and with Australia will not be too seriously interfered with Volstead, Wason, Wheeler, White, of Adam, the father of mankind, died in and that we may reap in the future the benefits of having cultivated those markets so assiduously and intelligently during the past few years."

Exports to North American countries increased from \$529,000,000 in 1914, to \$1,164,000,000 in 1917, a gain of 120 per cent. Shipments to South America more than doubled, rising from \$125,-000,000 to \$260,000,000. Exports to Asia increased more than three-fold, from \$113,000,000 to \$380,000,000. Sales to Oceania rose from \$84,000,000 to \$111,-000,000 and to Africa from \$28,000,000 to

An interesting fact recorded in th report is that war has not stimulated exports of raw materials, which are needed at home and which it is difficult to ship owing to the war, although exports of cotton showed a recovery to \$543,000,000 after the depression in the market during the first two years of

For the first time in the history of the United States, Europe took second place Imports of \$766,000,000 from North America during the fiscal year 1917 were greater by \$156,000,000 than the imports from Europe. The increase in purchases from North American countries was due largely to the greater value of sugar purchased from Cuba. Imports from South America and Asia showed a gain of 100 per cent over

In order to retain the advantages gained by aggressive business methods and honest dealings, the bureau is engaged in efforts to furnish reliable data on all commercial subjects and also to aid American commercial activity in every foreign field. The corps of special agents employed to investigate specialized lines in various countries has been doubled and now numbers 26. Their activities have extended into South Africa, New Zealand, Australia tion has been gathered and assorted by organized, to promote commerce with Pennsylvania, Winslow, of Massachunations there as the Latin-American di- setts. Total Republicans, 62. vision has stimulated trade with American republics.

"GO TO THE WOODS AND

CUT" IS BICKETT'S ADVICE Raleigh, Dec. 17 .- The Wilson Cham- amendment, with Gallivan of Massaber of Commerce appealed to Governor chusetts against it. Goodwin of Ar-Bickett today for help out of a serious kansas and Miller of Washington for fuel famine. The governor replied that amendment, with Tague, Massachu-having utterly failed to get help for setts, against it. Taylor, of Colorado, Louisburg Saturday he could only ad- and George W. Fairchild for amendvise that "citizens go to the woods and ment with Curry of California against

Ice in the Mississippi. of an ice gorge in the Mississippi river 61 miles north of here, a majority of steamboats in the local harbor are chill Tonic is equally valuable as a resting on the bottom of the river. General Strengthening Tonic because it land has produced this year from \$150 laria, and builds up the system. A true Traffic on the river to the north of contains the well known tonic proper- to \$450 worth of crops, giving a hand- tonic and sure Appetizer. For adults the city has been suspended,

SUBJECT TO EXCESS TAX.

Washington, Dec. 17 .- The House late today unanimously agreed to debate one hour tomorrow and then take a final vote on legislation to specifically subject all federal officers, except the President and members of the Supreme Court, to the excess profits tax. Passage is regarded as assured.

WILL CONDEMN THOSE AIDING TURKS TO RE-TAKE JERUSALEM

Rome, Dec. 17 .- According to the Messagero, the Pope has addressed a circular letter to all bishops in the belligerent countries declaring that if any Christian state aids the Turks in an attempt to re-take Jerusalem it will be condemned by the Holy Sec.

Making Red Cross Drive.

Kinston, Dec. 17 .- The Red Cross Christmas membership drive was opened at the court house here at noon The local chapter plans to enroll 1,500 new members. Dr. James M. Parrott made an address at the exercises at the court house. Daniel T. Edwards, a former newspaperman, is directing the drive.

(Continued From Page One) lin, Carter of Oklahoma, Clark of Flor-"It is probable that the demand by ida; Claypool, Collier, Conally, of Tex-"especially Russia, France and Belgium, Doolittle, Doughton, Drane, Evans, Ferand reconstruction material will be Harrison of Mississipple Hamlin, half hours. Harrison, of Mississippi; Harrison, of larger than during the war. Much of Virginia; Hastings, Hayden, Helm, Hel- Calebites (as recorded in the Book of our new business in South and Central vering, Hensley, Hilliard, Holland, America, Australia, and the Far East, Hood, Houston, Howard, Hull, of Ten- jath-Arba. It is one of the most anas well as in Africa, is expected to be nessee; Humphreys, Jacoway, Johnson, cient cities in the world, having been permanent, especially in view of our of Kentucky: Jones, of Texas; Jones, founded, according to the Book of permanent, especially in view of our local of Virginia; Keating, Kehoe, Kelly, of Numbers, "seven years before Zoan in and foodstuffs from these countries."

| Pennsylvania; Kettner, Kincheloe, Egypt." Kitchin, Larsen, Lee, of Georgia; Lever, steadily toward the United States in Littlepage, Lobeck, Lunn, McClintic, payment for this country's goods, un- McKeown, Mays, Montague, Moon; ply of gold is held here. Net imports iver, of Alabama; Olney, Overstreet, of gold have amounted in three years Padgett, Park, Polk, of Delaware; lions of dollars worth of American se- Rayburn, Robinson, Romjue, Rubey. Rucker, Russell, Sanders, of Louisiana; Sanders, of Virginia; Sears, Shackleford, Schallenberger, Shouse, Sims, eign securities and government loans Sisson, Snook, Steagall, Stedman, Steand the United States has made loans phens, of Mississippi, Sterling, of Pennto the allied governments amounting sylvania, Stevenson, Sumners. Taylor, to \$2,250,000,000 to the close of the fis- of Arkansas; Thomas, Thompson. Tillman, Venable, Vinson, Walker, Walton, Three years ago the suggestion that Watkins, Watson, of Virginia: Weaver, the United States would soon be a cred- Webb, Willing, Whaley, White, or er here or abroad," the report says. Arkansas; Wise. Young, of Texas. To-

Republicans for the amendment-An. derson, Anthony, Austin, Bland, of Ingreatest year in foreign trade, due al- diana; Bowers, Browne, Browning, Burmost entirely to higher prices and not roughs, Butler, Campbell, of Kansas, Cannon, Carter, of Massachusetts: Goodall, Gould, Graham, of Illinois; Moslems under Saladin twenty years Green of Iowa, Griest, Hadley, Hamil- later. on, of Michigan; Hamilton, of New Hollingsworth, Hutchinson, nesota; Mondell, Moores, of Indiana, of their wives are covered with crim-Morgan, Mott, Nelson, Norton, Osborne, son draperies. Paige, Parker, of New York; Peters, Platt, Powers, Pratt, Purnell, Ramsey-York; Scott, of Iowa; Scott, of Michi-Strong, Sweet, Switzer, Temple, Tim- er water bottles, and lamps. berlake, Towner, Treadway, Vestal. Maine; Williams, Wilson. of Illinois; Hebron.' Wood, of Indiana Woods, of Iowa; Wodyard Young of North Dakota; Zihiman. Total Republicans-137. Independents for the amendment-

Baer (non-partisan), Fuller of Massachusetts (independent); Randall (prohibitionist); Schall (progressive). Total

independents, 4: Total vote for amendment, 282. Against Amendment.

Democrats against the amendment: well, Campbell, of Pennsylvania; Can-Dale, of New York; Dent, Dewalt, Dies, and danger. Dominick, Dooling, Doremus, Dupre, don, Gray, of Alabama, Griffin, Hamill, Mansfield, Oliver, of New O'Shaughnessy, Overmyer, Phelan, Pou, not enough of available coal. Riordan, Rouse, of Kentucky; Sabath, Welty, Wilson, of Texas. Total Demo-

Republicans against the amendment: child, Francis, Freeman, Garland, Gillett, Glynn, Graham, of Pennsylvania; Gray, of New Jersey; Greene, of Massachusetts; Greene, of Vermont; Haskell, Heaton, Hull, of Iowa; Juul, Kahn, Kennedy, of Rhode Island; Lehlbach, Longworth, Luikin, McArthur, Mc-Laughlin, of Pennsylvania; Madden, federal soldiers fired on an American Magee, Meeker, Merritt, Moore, of Pennsylvania; Morin, Mudd, Nichols, of rossed the border on the "Island" near and Oriental countries. Much informa- sey; Porter, Ramsey, Roberts, Roden- one cavalry horse and wounding anthe Bureau for the benefit of American Siegel. Snyder, Stafford, Swift, Temple- ed the fire and one Mexican soldier handling far eastern affairs has been Waldow, Walsh. Ward, Watson, of Americans were hit.

sive). Total independents, 2.

Total vote against amendment, 128. braska and Neely of est Virginia for fined. it. Total membership of house, with cut up into small farms and sold to one seat vacant, 434.

ties of QUININE and IRON. 60c.

CAPTURE OF HEBRON OF GREAT INTEREST

'City of Abraham'' the Scene of Many Battles

David Was Anointed King and Six of His Sons Born There-Was a Town of Thriving Trade Before the War Started.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17 .- "With the exception of Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Damascus, there is not a city in the Holy Land which holds greater interest for the Bible student than the ancient town of Hebron, whose capture by British forces under General E. H. E. Allenby was announced recently," says war geography bulletin issued today by the National Geographic Society FIGHT IS WON IN HOUSE from its Washington headquarters.

"Hebron is a ribbon of a town running along the eastern slope of a narrow valley, above which are terraced as; Connelly of Kansas; Cox, Crish, Vineyards and fruit orchards of great Decker, Denton, Dickinson, Dill, Dixon, fertility. It is not more than 20 miles southwest of Jerusalem, and in peace for building material, machinery, rail- ris, Fields, Fisher, Flood, Foster, Gan- times tourists are accustomed to make way equipment and other construction dy, Garrett. of Tennessee; Garrett, of the journey by carriage in four and a

"Until captured and pillaged by the Joshua) Hebron was known as Kir-

"The name of Hebron means 'The Friend of God,' in other words the city of Abraham. A tree standing in the til one-third of the world's visible sup- Nicholls of South Carolina, Oldfield, Ol- Russian hospice garden, half a mile from the city, is known as the Oak of Abraham. It will be remembered that to \$1,115,000,000 and in addition mil- Price, Quinn, Ragsdale, Rainey, Raker, it was under the oaks of Mamre that the patriarch pitched his tents and he is supposed to have built an altar here in 1920 B. C.

"When Moses sent his spies into the land of Canaan Hebron was one of the cities visited. It was here that David was anointed king over Judah, and that six of his sons were born, including Absalam who at a later date made this place the headquarters or his rebellion against his father. It was also here Ohio; Wilson, of Louisiana; Wingo, of that Abner, captain of Saul's hosts and guardian of Saul's son Ishbosheth, was killed by Joab.

"Hebron was fortified Rehoboam and was repeopled after the return of the Children of Israel from captivity.

"Following the Biblical days Hebron Cooper, of Ohio; Cooper, of West Vir- came a place of importance under Mosto the United States, but are general ginia; Cooper, of Wisconsin; Copley, lem rule, not only on account of its throughout the world is proved by the Costello, Cramton, Currie, of Michigan; commerce but also because of its conincreases in the prices of imported ar- Dale, of Vermont, Dallinger, Darrow, nection with Abraham, who is vener-Dempsey, Dennison, Dillon, Dowell, ated by the followers of Mohammed. Dunn, Elliott, Ellsworth, Elston, Em- During the Crusades it was occupied Esch. Fairfield, Farr. Fess, by the Christians for a short time and imports were \$2,660,000,000. The exports Focht, of Pennsylvania; Fordney, Foss, became the seat of a Latin Bishop in Frear, French, Fuller, of Illinois; Good, 1167, but it was recaptured by the

"The most conspicuous building in York; Haugen, Hawley, Hersey, Hicks, Hebron is the Haram, with its ram-Ireland, parts dating from the Herodian perifames, Johnson, of South Dakota; John od. Within the enclosure are modern son, of Washington; Kearns, Kelley, of cenotaphs of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Michigan; Kennedy, of Iowa; Kiess, of Sarah, Rebecca and Leah. These are Pennsylvania: King, Kinkaid, Knutson, above the double cavern of Machpelah, Kraus, of Indiana; Kreider, LaFollette, which was purchased by Abraham from Langley, Lenroot, Little, Lundeen, of Hebron the Hittite as a family burial Minnesota; McCormick, McCulloch, Mc- place when Sarah died. The tombs of Fadden, McKenzie, McKinley, McLaugh- the patriarchs are covered with richly lin, of Michigan; Mapes, Miller, of Min- embroidered green cloths, while those

"The population of Hebron is variously estimated at from 10,000 to 22 .-Reavis, 000, and the number of Jews at from condition so far as coal is concerned. Reed, Robbins, Rose, Rowe, Rowland, 500 to 2,000. The town was a thriving City Manager Murphy, of High Point, Sanders, of Indiana; Sanders, of New trading center before the war, the wired Overman to help him get coal to- at Houston, August 23, last, killing Idaho; Smith, of Michigan; Snell, Steen- hair. The chief manufactures of the aid. erson, Sterling, of Illinois; Stiness, community were glass bracelets, leath-

"According to medieval tradition

VIRGINIA WORKERS URGED

TO FOREGO USUAL HOLIDAYS

Proclamation is Issued by Governor Henry C. Stuart. Richmond, Va., Dec. 17 .- Gov. Henry Stuart, in a proclamation to the workers of the Virginia today, calls on them to deny themselves the usual holiday except Chirtsmas day and hail Blackmon, Brucknder, Buchanan, Cald- the season as one of fresh resolve and extra duty in rescuing their fellowrill, Carew, Church, Coady, Crosser, countrymen and others from suffering

"The most Eagan, Estopinal, Fitzgerald, Flynn, he says, "is the scarcity of fuel, not Gallagher, Gard, Garner, of Texas; Gor- only for the present bodily comfort of the millions, but for the purpose Hardy, Heflin, Huddleston, Hulbert, of furnishing power to drive the loco-California; Lesher, Linthicum, Loner- laden with every necessity of life for gan; McAndrews, McLemore, Maher, distribution among our own 'people York; and for export to our allies. We have

"May I not use the exigency of this Sherley, Sherwood, Slayden, Small, hour as just ground for asking men Charles B. Smith, Thomas F. Smith, in the mines and in the shops and as Steele, Sullivan, Talbott. Vandyke, far as possible in all war industries wherever located in Virginia, to deny themselves the usual holiday except the War Department's diversion of wa-Christmas day and hail the season as Bacharach, Britten, Cary, Chandler, of one of fresh resolve and extra duty New York; Clark, of Pennsylvania; in rescuing millions of their fellow-Classon, Crago, Davidson, Davis, Druk- countrymen and millions more who ker, Dyer, Edmonds, Benjamin L. Fair- fight in common cause with us, from suffering and danger."

AMERICANS FIRED UPON.

Accidentally Cross Into Mexican Ter-

ritory-Shots Returned. El Paso, Texas, Dec. 17 .- Mexican

cavalry patrol which accidentally Michigan; Nolan, Parker, of New Jer- Fabens, Texas, late yesterday, killing burg, Sanford, Scott, of Pennsylvania; other. The American soldiers return-

The firing was reported to division and cut." Independents against the amendment: vestigation ordered. Fabens is 32 London (socialist); Martin (progres- miles southeast of El Paso and the "island" is a large tract of land formed by a bend in the river on which Pairs of absentees: Stephens of Ne- the boundary line is not clearly de-

> HIGH PRICES ARE BEING PAID FOR PITT COUNTY LAND

Greenville, Dec. 17 .- There has been much land selling in the county this month. Many large farms have been the highest bidder on easy terms. Con-Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 17.—Because
Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 17.—Because
Take Grove's

Sequence and the price has been greatly increased. It is mighty poor The Old Standard general strengthening sequently many tenants are becoming some profit.

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AMUSEMENT HOUSES MAY CLOSE FOR HOLIDAYS

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North Carolina, according to reports coming to Washington, is in a serious testimony of how negro soldiers delib-

MINES ARE URGED TO CUT

THE HOLIDAY SEASON SHORT. Washington, Dec. 17.-Prospects of a infantry widespread and serious coal famine un- charges. less coal production is maintained drew from Fuel Administrator Garfield today a request that operators and miners take only Christmas day as a holiday this season. The custom has been to stop work for at least three days at both Christmas and New Years.

Every day the country's mines are idle cuts production nearly two million tons. A prolonged holiday season, fuel administration officials said today would cause serious distress in many

Householders throughout the nation will be taken care of first in coal distribution, even ahead of industries, the fuel administration announced tonight. Garfield today gave Michigan's fuel administrator authority to shut off sup-Igoe, Key, of Ohio; Lazaro, Lea, of motives which are to pull the trains plies to industrial plants or any other users if necessary to meet the needs of domestic consumers.

State authorities elsewhere, it was announced, will be given the same powers if it appears the situation warrants such radical measurees.

Mines in the Kanawha and New River fields of West Virginia resumed operations today after a shutdown caused by ter from power plants.

BICKETT ADVISES THAT THEY

GO OUT AND CUT TREES Raleigh, Dec. 13 .- After endeavoring n vain to secure coal to meet a situation of absolute want in his home town, Louisburg, Governor T. W. Bickett is advising the citizens of those cities in the state suffering from lack of fuel to go outinto the woods and cut down

The chamber of commerce of Wilson today asked Governor Bickett to aid in a request to the fuel administration for relief. To this Governor Bick-

"I made a desperate effort Saturday to get one car of coal for Louisburg manufacturers. A separate division for ton, Tilson, Vare, Voigt, of Wisconsin; was seen to fall from his horse. No and failed. The only way I see out is for citizens to go into the woods

> CHRISTMAS SPIRIT NEEDED THIS YEAR MOST OF ALL

> Boston, Dc. 17 .- 'We must keep the spirit of Christmas this year of all years," said Mrs. Nathaniel Thayer. chairman of the woman's committee of the council of national defense, in a statement issued tonight. "It is needed more than ever," she

> stated. "I am not in sympathy with those who are cutting out all presents this year." Mrs. Thayer said it would not be

fair to the shops nor to children. The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Pitt county land, and far off, that will tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONand children. 60c.

FIRED ON AUTOMOBILE Two Privates Testify at Court-Martial Trial At Houston.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 17 .- Direct erately fired at the automobile driven! by E. M. Jones, the night of the riots Bedonins finding here an active demand day and hardly a day passes that some Jones and wounding a civilian named gan; Sells, Sinnott, Slemp, Sloan, Smith, for their bales of wool and camel's North Carolina city does not appeal for Clayton, while a girl and a soldier on commissioner of foreign affairs has but fuel officials predicted speedy in the back seat of the automobile escaped notified the foreign embassics that lief. unharmed, was given today by Frank they must vise the passports of Bol-Bebee and Joe McCarthy, medical corps sheviki couriers or that similar courprivates, at the opening of the court- tesies will be refused them. The notimartial of fifteen negroes of the 24th fication says the government consid-

The Royal Quartette. Singing and dancing. A sensation. Royal today .- Adv.

the negroes fired, but escaped. saw 12 negro soldiers, heard three quick commands: "Halt!" and as Jones turned his car to go around the negroes a volley was fired.

FOREIGN EMBASSIES MUST VISE BOLSHEVIKI PASSPORTS

who face death penalty ers the question of recognition purely formal and that it does not care Bebee and McCarthy were on the about it in the least but that foreign governments must realize that the Bolsheviki constitutes the de facto government and permit its couriers to

running board of the automobile when FUEL FAMINE IN NEW YORK

ther comparatively moderate and cles Hudson river, the fuel famine York City virtually ended today the tenement districts of the city today

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