

### DRAZIL GUARDS NEUTRALITY

**Strict Instructions to Capture Raiders Violating It.**

**Issued by Minister of Marine. Interned Germans Said to Have Made Their Escape.**

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 21.—The Minister of Marine has received a telegram from the captain of the port of Pernambuco confirming the previously reported declaration of the commander of the Brazilian steamer Maranhao that he had encountered two cargo vessels, accompanied by two auxiliary ships, believed to be Germans, all flying the American flag. The Brazilian Government, in addition to sending out the coast defense ship Deodoro to guard the northern coast of Brazil, has decided to dispatch the scout cruiser Rio Grande do Sul, which will cruise between Port Natal and Fernando da Noronha Island and keep close watch on the coast in these waters. The two vessels will leave for the north Tuesday.

The Rio Janeiro newspaper, A Noticia, says that about 100 sailors from the German gunboat Eber, interned at Bahia, are reported to have embarked on the Swedish steamer, St. Croix, which left Rio Janeiro four days ago and is said to have met the German raider on the high seas for the purpose of putting these men aboard. These sailors had been interned on Cobras Island, in the Bay of Rio Janeiro, for more than a year. A representative of this newspaper inspected the German steamer, Hohenstaufen, in Rio Janeiro Harbor, and declares that the vessel was taking on provisions and water and had steam up. The Hohenstaufen and another German steamer, the Capricorn, according to A Noticia, have made preparations to put to sea.

Reports have been received here that manifestations in favor of the Germans took place on board the Spanish steamer Leo XIII, when the work of the raider became known.

A number of the passengers aboard the steamer were reported to have protested. The Minister of the Marine declared today that the Brazilian warships watching the coasts have been given the strictest instructions to capture any raiders operating in any manner that might injure Brazil's neutrality. Without attaching any credence to the reports that German steamers were planning to escape from the ports where they are laid up, the minister said emphatically that orders had been issued to the captains of the ports to prevent any secret departures.

The Minister of Marine has thus far received no exact information as to the nationality of steamers reported on the north coast. This referred to a dispatch from Macao to the newspaper, A Noticia, reporting the presence of vessels near Touro, north-northwest of Port Natal.

The British auxiliary cruiser Edinburgh Castle entered Rio Janeiro Harbor today. The German steamer, Abrieh, which has been interned here, is filled with war material.

### TROLLEY LINE NEEDED TO LINK MONROE-CHARLOTTE

Special to The Observer.

Monroe, Jan. 21.—Of interest to Charlotte is the fact that there are more than 50 men living in Monroe and working in Charlotte. They come to Monroe on Saturday and return to Charlotte on Monday, having a convenient schedule to do so. It is said that in one plant the major portion of the workmen are natives of Union County.

In the event Monroe had an electric line to Charlotte this city would automatically become a suburb of the Queen City. There would be one continual city from Monroe to Charlotte and virtually it would be one big city. Already the residences and large farms along the automobile highway from Monroe to Charlotte present a city appearance and only need incorporation and transportation facilities to make it into one. Were it not for the competition of the Seaboard Air Line, an electric road would have been erected between these two cities now serving a temporary need for many of these twin dwellers of the two cities.

### "FATHER OF AUTOS" IS DEAD.

Paris, Jan. 21.—Amedee Bollee, Sr., the inventor, known in France as the father of automobiles, is dead. M. Bollee was the builder of a steam car which he first operated in 1873.

### EVANGELIST THACKER PREACHES TO THOUSANDS UPON THEM, IS THERE A HELL?

**Second Presbyterian Church Filled to Capacity Last Evening—Declares Hell is a Necessity of Law and Immortality.**

Large congregations were present at the Second Presbyterian Church yesterday to hear the Rev. J. Ernest Thacker, evangelist of the Southern Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, preach. Services will be continued throughout this week, both afternoon and evening. Three hundred of the cards which have been distributed among the congregations have already been signed, denoting the desire of the signers to accept Christ as their Savior. The choir has increased considerably in numbers, under the direction of Mr. Jelks, Mr. Thacker's soloist and director.

To a congregation which filled the auditorium and Sunday school room, Mr. Thacker preached last evening on the subject, "Is There a Hell, or Magnifying the Love of God." The text was taken from Matthew, the 25th chapter and 46th verse. These shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life everlasting." The speaker said in part: "I hate and despise hell and in the name of Jesus defy it. All explanations and question marks do not obliterate it. We must therefore study it. If there is such a thing as hell, wouldn't it be a mercy on God's part to point out the dangerous places that lead to it? If he points out the way to avoid it, wouldn't that magnify the love of God? There are four reasons why hell is a necessity and this leads us to the latter part of our subject. A conclusion to be drawn is: Hell is a necessity of immortality.

"First: Hell is a necessity of immortality. If we believe in the latter, we must believe in a hell. God, in making man, put into him the image of God, a spirit, infinite and unchangeable in love and power and wisdom. Therefore our souls must be immortal, if created after the image of God.

"If Jesus, in the parable of Lazarus and Dives, teaches us anything, he teaches us immortality—the immortality of a soul that believes in Jesus as well as one that does not. Our inner consciousness teaches us the same thing. Huffman said, 'In that last honest hour, we must think of God.' It is because of the inner consciousness of the soul's immortality. Nature teaches us the same thing. The deep, true longings of our souls—are they never to be satisfied? The wings of the bird being born, shut up in the shell, are prophetic. Our longings are prophecies of the human heart that we will be born into Jesus. It follows that we must believe in a hell, because that soul will go nowhere, some day. 'There is nothing but death that changes it. Death is a physical change—there is nothing in death to create a moral transformation. Loving Jesus here and striving to follow Him here, we will continue to grow into his likeness in the great hereafter, and be like Him if we see Him. If you reject Him, the difference will be the difference between heaven and hell.

"In the second place, hell is a necessity of law. The law giver reigns supreme everywhere. The world did not make itself. God knew what he was talking about when he gave the law. The fool hath said in his heart there is no God. There is no law without a penalty for its violation. A dead letter law is no law at all. Hell is the penalty for the violation of the spiritual and moral law. I am not teaching you that hell is a lake of fiery brimstone. There is something worse than burning fire. A conscience burning for neglecting the law, and worse than a burning of bones or flesh.

"In the third place, hell is a necessity of love. God is love. Neither our consciences nor nature teaches us that is love. Nature knows no mercy, no pity. Nor can we find it from God's dealing with sinners. We cannot find it except in the old Bible. 'For God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him shall not perish, but shall have eternal life.' If you do not let Jesus pay for you, you pay yourself in hell in this world, when nobody loves Jesus, and worse in the world to come. It's hell if you reject Him.

"In the fourth place, hell is a necessity of the atonement of Jesus. One question has been asked through the ages, 'Shall not the judge of all the earth do right?' and from our own hearts we answer yes. Would it be right for God to send His Son to this sin-cursed world, to live as He lived and to die as He died, if not to save us from something. I know something of a mother's love, but the love that put this Gospel into my heart for you tonight is deeper than hell, is deeper than the love of Jesus. God the Father, so loving me, sends His own Son from the pearly gates to this sin-cursed world. I have heard the cry of Charles My God, why hast Thou forsaken me. I have heard Him cry, 'It is finished,' and He gave us a plan of salvation. That is God's love for us. If it doesn't touch your hearts, I pity you.'

### HONORS PAID AMERICANS WHO HAVE GIVEN LIVES FOR THE FLAG OF FRANCE

Member of Cabinet, Delegated by Government, Delivered Address at Exercises at National Theater—Ambassador Sharp Present.

Paris, Jan. 21.—The National Theater, the Comedie Francais, today honored the memory of American volunteers who have died for France. A delegation from the Lafayette squadron, composed of American aviators, headed by Lieut. William Thaw, Adjut. Raoul Lufbery, and four American volunteers, who have been mustered out, one of them wearing the war cross, and who went to his seat on crutches, workers at the American ambulance, including Prof. A. Platt Andrew, director of the American field ambulance service; Ambassador Sharp and his family; the attachés of the Embassy and many members of the American colony were present. President Poincare was represented.

René Bessard, Under-Secretary of War, who was delegated by the Government to deliver an address, paid tribute to Americans who have lost their lives, including Corporal Victor Chapman, Sergeant Norman Prince, Alan Seeger, Kenneth Parry and others. He said the sacrifices made by the American volunteers was evidence of the fraternity which throughout history had never failed to unite the two Republics for liberty. It would be against the nature of things if the United States did not bring to the sacred cause of humanity its tribute of effort and courage. He added that it would be to the eternal glory of France to see that those who have not forgotten that the French revolution gave to the world the declaration of the rights of man, have aided in procuring a declaration of the right of peoples.

Mr. Silvain, dean of the Comedie Francais and Madame Segond-Weber, the tragedienne, who had an American flag draped about her, read poems by Alan Seeger, the Harvard student, who was killed last Summer during the Somme offensive.

### STATE URGED BY WOMAN TO ASSIST SOCIAL SERVICE

Miss Kate Bernard, of Oklahoma, Addresses Annual N. C. Social Service Conference.

Special to The Observer.

Raleigh, Jan. 21.—The North Carolina Social Service Conference, Dr. F. B. Whitely, president, in his annual session in this city Sunday afternoon with a stirring address by Miss Kate Bernard, of Oklahoma, who started such reforms in that progressive Western State and granted them hard and fast in the Constitution of the State for the perpetual protection of the defenseless poor and needy. Her theme this afternoon in addressing the conference for Social Service was "Behind Locked Doors," representing the condition of the poor and dependent without the relief and protection that can be afforded by the attention and effort of such agencies as the Social Service Conference.

Miss Bernard appealed for this State to follow the lead of Oklahoma and establish the rights of the poor classes and provide for their uplift along lines for which the Social Service Conference is working—health, justice and a chance, health of body and mind, justice in social and economic and a chance for every man, woman and child, who has not had a chance to develop naturally, socially and morally.

Many members of the General Assembly heard Miss Bernard and all were delighted with her enthusiasm and forceful manner of presenting the pressing needs there are for the protection and uplift of the dependent classes for whom she has accomplished so much.

There will be sessions of the conference for Social Service Monday afternoon and night and through Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. The officers are Doctor Graham, president; Mrs. T. W. Lingie, first vice president; Bishop Thomas C. Darst, second vice president; and Rev. C. Alvin Upchurch, secretary and treasurer.

### ROCK HILL AUTO CLUB TO GIVE GOOD ROADS PRIZES

Special to The Observer.

Rock Hill, S. C., Jan. 21.—Prizes will be offered by the members of the Rock Hill Automobile Association to the boys in various townships in the county for the best kept roads during the coming Spring and Summer. At a recent meeting this plan, as proposed by the organization of automobile owners was endorsed by the township supervisors.

It is planned to stimulate the boys' interest in the county in road building by furnishing them the tools with which to do the work and then using the funds of the club to give them cash prizes. An effort will be made to enlist all of the boys in the county to spend part of their time in this important work.

### INFANTILE PARALYSIS.

Fairmont, W. Va., Jan. 21.—Three additional cases of infantile paralysis were discovered in this vicinity today, according to an announcement by local health officials. Two were found in Fairmont, while the third was in Barrackville, near here.

### INACTIVITY CAUSES CONSTIPATION

Lack of exercise in the winter is a frequent cause of constipation. You feel heavy, dull and sluggish. Your complexion is sallow and pimply, and energy at low ebb. Clean up your condition at once with Dr. King's New Life-Pink, a mild purgative that gives the constipated intestines without griping. A dose before retiring will assure you a full and easy movement in the morning. 25c at your Druggist.

### MONROE HARDWARE CO. LARGEST IN CAROLINAS

Company Completes Addition Increasing Their Capacity and Making It Largest Business in Union's County Seat.

Special to The Observer.

Monroe, Jan. 21.—The Monroe Hardware Company is the largest concern of this character in the two Carolinas. The floor space covered by this concern in the retail and wholesale departments is more than 60,000 square feet and these departments are stocked all the time. In addition to this thousands of dollars worth of goods are handled in car load lots that are transported from here without being unloaded.

The retail department is on Franklin street, opposite the court house, and the remodeling of this building that has been under way for some time entirely new and up-to-date front with tiling front and maple interior flooring with a tarred concrete foundation covering the entire block to Morgan avenue.

The warehouse, buggy and implement houses are located on Hayne street, and the warehouses for cement and building material and the wholesale department in particular is located on North Main street. This last named is a four-story, brick building with basement, containing 20,000 square feet floor space. There are more than 30 employees in addition to the officers and four traveling salesmen cover the South. It can be truthfully said that the Monroe Hardware Company is the leading business of the city. The present officers, men of good business judgment and experience, are: J. A. Stewart, president; C. C. Carpenter, secretary-treasurer; and J. C. Sikers, attorney.

Only Reservation Is Retention of Sufficient Ships to Provide Foodstuffs to Supply Needs of the Country.

Athens, via London, Jan. 21.—The Cabinet today discussed at length a British proposal to lease the Greek merchant marine. It was decided to take measures to assure the retention of the number of ships necessary to provide the foodstuffs which Greece requires.

According to a high official, two considerations already have put Greek ship owners in the hands of the Entente, namely, coal and insurance. The latter was pointed out, might be secured in the United States, but the former, according to this authority, was sufficient to induce owners to accede to the proposals of Great Britain.

### MACKINSEN CAPTURES BRIDGEHEAD POSITION

Berlin, via Sayville, Jan. 21.—The entire bridgehead position at Nanest, on the Sereth Line in northern Rumania, fell into Field Marshal von Mackensen's hands with town, capture of which was reported yesterday. The War Office announced today that the Russians suffered severe losses in retreating across the Sereth bridges, and 556 prisoners were taken.

An attempted attack by the Russian army on the Sereth front, in the northern Moldavia front, was broken up and minor attacks elsewhere along this line were repulsed.

Only minor operations in the other areas are reported. The War Office statement, while tonight's supplementary statement announces that there have been no important events on either the eastern or western fronts.

### TURKS DRIVEN FROM SECTOR ON TIGRIS

London, Jan. 21.—A War Office statement tonight says that in Mesopotamia, the Turks have been expelled from a 12,100 yard sector in the west of the Tigris in the bend of the river northeast of Kut-el-Amara. The statement adds that the whole trench system on a front of 2,500 yards to the north of the 12,100 yards now in our possession and the right bank of the river from Kut-el-Amara downstream has been cleared of the Turks and further progress has been made against the trenches on the right bank southwest of Kut-el-Amara.

### MINOR ENGAGEMENTS ALONG WEST FRONT

Paris, Jan. 21.—With the exception of an attempted attack by the Germans on a French trench in the Oise region, which was easily suppressed, and artillery and patrol activities of a minor nature in the Verdun region, last night passed in quiet along the French front, the War Office announced today.

Tonight's statement says that north of Bonn do Sept after a spirited bombardment. The French carried out a surprise attack on the German line in the direction of Senones.

### REMOVAL CONTINUES.

Athens, via London, Jan. 21.—The removal of Greek troops and war material to the Peloponesus continues. It is believed the transportation of artillery will be completed next week when the blocks can be lifted by the entire transfer will be finished in a fortnight, according to present indications.

### MEDICINE BILL BATTLE TO BE FOUGHT THIS WEEK

Legislature Faces Busy Sessions in Considering State-Wide Measures of Importance.

Special to The Observer.

Raleigh, Jan. 21.—Two and a half weeks of the Legislature are now before the lawmakers and there is every promise that the coming week will be quite strenuous compared with the leisurely pace observed the past week after the arduous grind of the first week heading off the constitutional amendments with local bills.

There are a number of bills of State-wide importance now in the hands of committees and hearings will be announced before committees from day to day. One that will be especially lively begins before the joint committee on health Tuesday afternoon. It is the bill, 649 in the Senate and 624 in the House for regulating the sale and use of proprietary medicines. It is the measure to require that the contents of the medicine be printed on the label. It is specified in the bill that it shall not apply to preparations patented under the United States or other Governments having treaty relations to prevent the sale of the United States Pharmacopeia or National Formulary.

It is expected that the committee hearing will require two and possibly three afternoons. The proprietary medicines to be effected with special counsel and a strong lobby.

Wednesday night there is to be the joint Democratic caucus to settle the policy of the dominant party in the Legislature as to the naming of the county boards of education, whether they shall be appointed by the Legislature, named by a special State commission, or elected by the people as is now done by numbers of the counties and for which there is demand by numbers of other counties, threatening to completely disrupt the "State school system" policy that State Superintendent Joyner and other educational leaders are fighting so strenuously to retain and perfect. The caucus will doubtless end fighting of much consequence on this issue on the floor of the Senate and the House. The lines are sharply drawn and the outcome very much in doubt.

The Senate numbers of bills introduced have climbed now to 615 and the last number stamped on a bill in the House Saturday was 703. The more experienced legislators expect the business of the session will move steadily forward now and that the assembly will be able to adjourn on Saturday night, March 3, when the 60-days term expires, and pay automatically stops. It may be necessary for a "corporal's guard" of the members to stay over as an "unquestioned quorum" to round out the ratification of the last bills to be put through.

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EXPLOSION'S TOLL MAY BE THREE HUNDRED

One-Third That Many Bodies Taken From Under Mass of Ruins.

London, Jan. 22.—Throughout Sunday thousands of persons flocked to East London, hoping to satisfy their curiosity as to the effect of Friday's explosion in the munition factory there. None of them, however, was able to obtain a near view of the scene owing to rigid police regulations and could only wander through the outlying streets where most of the windows were shattered by the concussion.

The newspaper reporters who were allowed to approach nearer the scene describe what was formerly the site of the explosive store as a hole 100 yards across and 30 feet deep with masses of earth, iron and all sort of wreckage covering an area of about six acres around the hole. Within that area the destruction was absolute.

"For two days," says The Daily Mail's reporter, "soldiers have been digging in and turning over the wreckage in search of bodies. About a hundred have been recovered but there are still more. It seems almost impossible to remove the thousands of tons of earth, stone, iron and wood under which they are buried. On the whole, however, one is struck far more by the number of people who escaped than by the number killed." Judging from the fact that most of the factories were nearly empty and from a known proportion of casualties in certain houses, it does not appear that the death toll will exceed 300.

### ENGINE HITS TRAIN LOAD OF SOLDIERS

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 21.—Lieut. Col. William Campbell MacDonal was instantly killed and a score of others were injured tonight when a light engine backed into a troop train carrying 500 soldiers as it was leaving the union station here.

### CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS.

Wilmington, Jan. 21.—The annual meeting of the Cape Fear Club, Wilmington's principal social organization, was held last night. Thomas W. Davis, a well known lawyer, was elected president. T. C. White and Walter Buckner were re-elected members of the governing board. The newly elected president is a son of the late Hon. Julius Davis, who was president of the club for several terms.

### N. C. BANKERS URGED TO ATTEND GASTONIA MEET

President W. S. Blakeney of State Bankers' Association Issues Call to Members.

Special to The Observer.

Monroe, Jan. 21.—W. S. Blakeney, president of the North Carolina Bankers' Association, and president of the Bank of Union, of this city, has issued a call to the State bankers to attend the meeting of bankers to be held in Gastonia February 6, for which C. W. Roberts, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, of that city, has issued an invitation.

In making the call, Mr. Blakeney said: "I desire to call the attention of all of our bankers to this meeting, because it is stated that Mr. Harding, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, will speak on that date and also the chairman of the Farm-Loan Board. It is further announced that the organization of a State chamber of commerce will be considered on that day, and that the bankers will be entertained at two banquets.

"I am informed that the bankers of South Carolina will attend in great numbers, and it is highly encumbent that as many bankers of North Carolina as possible be present, not only to hear the foregoing gentlemen and gain instruction, but also to pay tribute to the enterprising spirit now being manifested by the City of Gastonia."

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