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THOUSANDS HOMELESS, RESULT OF FIRE WHICK DESTROYED HOPEWELL

Scarcely a Building Remains in Main Part of Munitions Town of 25,000 People, Started Year Ago.

LOSS CONSERVATIVELY ESTIMATED AT MILLION

Little Insurance on Buildings of Flimsy Construction-Du Pont Plant, Though Menaced, Was Saved.

Hopewell, Va., Dec. 10 .- The town of Hopewell swept by fire yesterday ed with feverish haste to take care of the influx of people who had been plant, brought there by the activity of the Du Pont Powder company's plant,

were licked up by the flames.

In the main part of the town of The loss is put at \$1,000,-

Thousands of refugees, who through- prevented smoke, were housed during the night over their effects with reeating rifles all night.

Many Injured. from Richmond and spe clai guards from inside the Du Pont pany's office were among free at the edge of the town.

The fire started in a restaurant, ashes on all sides, when an oil stove fell off of the top As the buildings in the town was one of the first build- merchandise.

Boy Is Hero. An 11-year old boy was the hero of the fire. Twice he rushed into burning buildings and each time reappeared with a baby.

The explosive plant which during day and night at top speed is turning out war munitions for the allies, ceased operations long enough to make sure that none of the buildings of the plant would burn. Once when the flames came close to the plant buildings all hands were turned out to pour water on the fire, but a shift in the wind turned the flames in another di. rection and the factory employes Marted to work again.

on the buildings, which were jammed together—of wood and brick—in a space covering about 60 acres.

order of Governor Stuart.

through the flimsy frame structures struction of the vessels. days of the town last summer, like to much tinder.

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party, numbering by this time about into the man down the railway track for a distance of a quarter of a mile to a grove. The party was halted, the rope was thrown over a limb of a tree and the negrowas awang into the other world.

The two banks were burned. In each there was considerable trouble with foreigners who, as they saw the baildings in which their money was deposited about to burn and to be descrived, made frantic efforts to take it out. In app bank the casher had to differ the fremied man from the hilliding at the point of a revolver.

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Taking Relief Measures For People Of Hopewell

Stuart this morning was awaiting if it is required to care for the sud-word from L. B. Driver, a special denly destitute thousands. representative sent to Hopewell to of state relief measures for the peo-

corporated as a village, town or city tersburg and Norfolk and the governor feels that Prince similar measures.

accomplice of a German arrested in the Du Pont plant yesterday, with bottle of nitro-glycerine in his posses

The officials of the company refus to discuss the arrest. It is learned however, that the man was followed here some days ago from Wilmington Del. He secured work in the plant afternoon and last night, was almost but had been under surveillance for hare today as the corn field in several days. When arrested yesterwhich the first building of the town day he was in the act of placing the was erected a year ago. Four hundred explosive in one of the beater houses houses, mostly of wood and construct-

He is locked up in the jail at the

Water Supply Short, About 4 o'clock in the afternoo one-half of the town's water supply was cut off when poles which sup-25,000 people hardly a building re- ported a portion of the high tension mains, though the great explosive cable of the Du Pont company colplant and the company villages at lapsed, snapping the wires which feed ither end of the town escaped un- the current to the Appomattox river electric pumping station. It was fear-800, which is said to be a conservative ed the remainder of the wires would go, but prompt efforts by workmen

out the afternoon stood help'ess as they satched their homes going up in special force of the power company. held the situation well in hand until at Petersburg and Richmond. Many the troops arrived. There was the who saved their household goods stood greatest confusion and bewilderment but few attempts at looting.

Every street in the place was swept The Norfolk & Western railway staplant helped the Hopewell police in buildings to go. Among the well-keeping order. Although many people known places of the community which were injured during the fire, only one are now marked only by ashes, are the death occurred. A negro caught loot- International restaurant, the Dudley ing is said to have been strung to a hotel, the Aristocratic hotel and the Blue Mouse hotel. Only remain

As the buildings were of cheap con bex in the restaurant kitchen. A struction, their loss will not be of hotel caught next and soon the flames great value. But the various shops a stiff wind were eating carried enormous stocks, some parthrough banks, stores, hodwellings. The only church driven by a stiff wind were enting carried enormous stocks, some partels, and dwellings. The only church that the practical loss will be that of

Washington, Dec. 10 .- Secretary Washington, Dec. 10.—Secretary gineers of the commission, Mr. Kosh-Daniels has announced that contracts kin said, would be to inspect 4,090,000 for the construction of battleships rifles being manufactured for the Rus Nos. 43 and 44, authorized by the sian army by the Remington and the last congress, had been awarded to Savage arms companies. These rifles There was little insurance, it is said the New York and Mare Island navy of 4,000,000 soldiers which will be yards, respectively, their bids being: ready to drive into Austria in the One of the Suits She Recently New York, \$7,690,925; Mare Island, spring. Behind them will remain an-

a conference between President Wil- overcoming the terrible handicap of Available fire fighting apparatus was son and Secretary Daniels. All bids espionage which threatened her ruin utterly inadequate to cope with the submitted by private firms exceeded at the beginning of the war. through the flames eating their way the cost fixed by congress for con-

would ask congress to authorize the Several times spaks set fire to mule equipment of the navy yard at Phila-sheds of the explosive factory, but the delphia for battleship construction at flames which followed were quickly a cost of approximately \$1,000,000 in tinguished.

There was little disorder, although a increased building program contemgreat deal of confusion and excitement plated in the administration defense

Keels of battleships Nos. 43 and 44 men sided by the guards from the Du Mr. Daniels said, could be laid in accede to the American protest against Pont plant, numbering over 200 men. August or September of next year, requisitioning ships of the American

Richmond, Va., Dec. 10.-Governor George county should have state aid

Acting Mayor Adams of Richmond nvestigate in regard to the necessity called a joint session of the city council to meet at noon to consider ple made destitute by the fire which relief measures. The Richmond chamber of commerce also is taking steps Hopewell was such a mushroom in this direction. A newspaper fund settlement that it could not be in- has been started. It is said that Pe-

chasing and inspection commission, which seeks to place in this country orders for vast amounts of general supplies and war munitions, has arrived from Russia on board the Kristianiafjord, of the Norwegian-American line. The commission, numbering sixty-one persons, includes metallurgical and mechanical engineers and army officers and they come prepared to stay in the United States for two

The duties of this commission, which will report at once to General agents. A. W. Sapojnikoff, head of the various Russian bodies now in this country with offices in the Equitable building will be similar to that of the French commission which arrived here recently. Besides inspecting war munitions, railroad supplies and general mechanical equipment the members will endeavor to establish closer commercial relations between this try and Russia, and they will seek here rather than in Germany the enormous quantities of supplies of all sorts which will be needed to build up Russia at the close of the war.

Within a month or so, it was said another commission of manufacturers merchants, engineers and army off cers will arrive in this country, swelling the number of purchasing and inspection agents to be stationed here to more than two hundred. Many of

the Sormovo Steel and Iron Works, might be taken here. are employing 40,000 men, working the Greek government, wenty-four hours a day, turning out forty-eight per cent more artillery

guns than ever before in their history. other force of 4,000,000, which will Martial Law.

Martial law was proclaimed last
The decision to build the ships in high with the arrival of six companies the government yards was reached at win the war and that she rapidly is overcoming the terrible handicap of

The secretary announced that he NO OTHER SHIPS TO BE SEIZED, ENGLISH SAY

A negro was found carrying of the battleship California, now building from a pile in front of a burning store. He was seized at once by a party of citizens and hurried into a mide street. After a moment's consultation, a rope was procured and

IN RINTELEN CASE

New Witnesses to Appear in Investigation of Alleged German Agent's Activities.

New York, Dec. 10 .- Important and unexpected developments have occured in the government's investigation into the alleged activities of Franz STATE MISSIONS AND Von Rintelen and his associates to incite strikes in munition factories, it was learned from federal officials to day.

After United States Attorney Mar-shall was suddenly summoned to nounced today that the grand jury which is investigating the case of Von Rintelen will probably not reconvene before next week and that a large number of new witnesses will

It was stated at the federal building that "things are sizzling," but officials refused to give information as to the new turn the inquiry had

Officials admitted that certain grand jury. It was also stated that one of the subjects which would be was the strike at the General jury Electric company's plant at Schenectady last summer. Twelve thousand were involved in a strike which lasted several weeks.

The General Electric company had large contracts to furnish munitions to the allies.

ers who had volunteered to tell what they knew of the work of German

Says His Deposition in Investigation Might be Taken at at Florida Home.

Miami, Fla., Dec. 10.-William J. Bryan stated yesterday he will not foodshness I ever heard of." appear in New York for the investisome cases their household goods,
In charge of the party was Colonel
Theodore Kolontaieff and Simeon K.

ed for him to give what information

against the introduction of an acrimo-

Ltd., at Nijny Novogorod and at Kal-omno, Russia. The latter point is tain whether naval secrets, such as Mr. Johnson sixty miles south of Moscow. These gun control or other operating methplants are the greatest munition centers in Russia, they said, and they when the warships were delivered to

one of the first duties of the en-SUIT AND PAYS COSTS

Filed Against Many South-

ern Newspapers.

Greenville, Miss. Dec. 10-Mrs. Upfor sinclair's suit for \$10,000 against the Greenville Democrat for alleged libel has been dismissed in the County Circuit court at the plaintalk. If the Baptist work is to continue to flourish there are three tiff's cost the case not being prose-

Washington, Dec. 10.—Ambassador husband and several women for mak-ling a demonstration in front of the department that Great Britain will Rockefeller offices in New York.

LABOR ORGANIZATION.

London Dec. 9.—The largest & labor organization in the history &

ACM DEVELOPMENT STATE BAPTIST AMBASSADOR OF BULGARS AGAIN MEETING ENDS MEXICO NAMED

Convention Will Go to Eliza- Eliseo Arredondo Appointed beth City Next Year-Religious Education Discussed at Last Night.

COLLEGES MADE REPORT

Washington Wednesday. It was an- Retiring Secretary Made Soulful Address-Gave All of Salary, Excepting Living Expenses to Church.

> Charlotte, Dec. 10 .- The Baptist meet in Elizabeth City in 1916.

summing up of the day's events was to Chile-will be announced soon, Assistant United States Attorney made by a member who was speaking Wood, chief of the criminal departmade by a member wno was speaking ment in the district attorney's of-fice said that the government had been given valuable aid by labor lead-state missions but the brain resumed matic councils of the world. For near-

> antagonizing the state's educational in many public affairs.
>
> System. On the contrary, he favors the state's schools provided that they be for the delicate task of representing forces to repel the increasing momenteaching religion, and fighting the

denominational schools, Rev. I. N. Loftin, offered a resoluother tion calling for elimination of than Baptist teachers in Baptist

schools within a term of years.
"I hope every member of the convertion will vote against that resolution," said Archibald Johnson springing to his feet. "It's the biggest

"Will Brother Johnson element into the debate, and when it appeared that the remark gai.

withdrew his remark. tendency in the state to lose hold of the higher post. the basic tenets of Baptist belief. He Practically all of the principal pow- small portion of an advance trench did not know that it comes from the ers of the world with the exception of they captured east of Butte de Souain. colleges, but not that it does not Japan have now followed the lead of hence the resolution.

At 11 o'clock the president recognized "Dr. Johnson-our own beloved er to defeat, and who is about to make his farewell address to his soldiers."

Everyone realized that somether

Everyone realized that something was going to be said as soon as the secretary began to speak. He reviewed briefly the 15 years during which he has held the office, paid a tribute to the new secretary, to other denominational leaders and to the denominational organ; and then he began his speech.

since some of the messengers had dent of the Columbus chamber information had been furnished the press he deemed it due to himself "and the one who had supported and president. The entire route between sustained me, contributing really the station and the hotel where the sustained me, contributing really the station and the hotel where the sustained me, contributing really the station and the hotel where the station and the hotel where the station and the hotel where the station and the st more to the work than I," to say that of the salary paid by the Haptists all but necessary living expenses has alry rode beside the president's automobile.

"I shall not take away one doller of At the hotel the president asked to the salary paid me during the past 15 years, brethren," he said. "I shall not carry away any material thing, but I will have a treasure all the geld of Ophir cannot buy in the wealth of Ophir cannot buy in the wealth of Mr. Wilson then decided to remain opinion was endorsed in turn by his ophir cannot buy in the wealth of Mr. Wilson then decided to remain opinion was endorsed in turn by his affection you have lavished upon me."

Fut the emotional climax of the day was yet to come it would deliver later during the day lerview came in its red.

By Carranza to Represent His Government in the

MEANS RENEWAL OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

United States.

Henry P. Fletcher, Now Ambassador to Chile, Will Probably Be Sent by United States to Mexico City.

Washington, Dec. 10.-The first step state convention at 10 o'clock last toward the resumption of full diplo-German and Austrian consuls might night suddenly discovered that it had matic relations between the United be mentioned in the report of the transacted all its business except the States and Mexico has been taken in transacted all its business except the States and Mexico has been taken in memorial service. So, instead of hold- the appointment of Eliseo Arredondo given chief attention by the grand ing over until today for that it held General Carranza's confidential repreit last night and then adjourned to sentative in Washington, as Mexican with artillery have renewed violently ambassador to the United States. The their attacks on the French and Brit-"We have seen the brain of the appointment of an American ambassaconvention for the past two days; we dor to Mexico-in all probability Hensaw its heart this morning." That ry P. Fletcher, at present ambassador

tions means that Mexico will soon take its ascendency tonight when the col-leges absorbed the attention of the ero, no government in Mexico has

cation, made his first annual address | Eliseo Arredondo is General Car- of the entente movement in the Baiin that capacity. Dr. Vann represents ranza's cousin and enjoys the general's fourteen high schools and three col- closest confidence. In addition to beleges in the Baptist educational sys- ing one of the leading jurists of the Bulgarians was demonstrated in the tem. He disclaimed any intention of country, he has taken a leading part initial engagements with the British

run economically, democratically and the United States during the recon-not politically; that they abstain from struction period of Mexico, particularly because of his familiarity with Latin-American affairs and the marked success which has attended - the conduct of his mission in Chile. Mr.

republican. Mr. Fletcher's home is at Cham- threatened on both sides. bersburg, Pa. He is 43 years of age; the Rough Riders as a private and in China and Portu

Mr. Fletcher went to Chile as min-Mr. Johnson withdrew his remark.

Mr. Fletcher went to Chile as min-the main Balkan situation, which since ister in 1909 and when Chile and the

the Pan-American nations and recog- velopments on the other fronts, nized the Carranza government.

VISITS COLUMBUS

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 10,-President Wilson arrived here today to delive: For the first time in 15 years he two addresses and to attend a public

At the hotel the president asked to

his brethren of the state mission board. The presentation speech was multy.

made by Rev. Dr. R. T. Vann, perhaps the greatest master of such an occasion in the state.

Dr. Johnson stood speechless for perhaps 30 seconds after Dr. Vann finished, and when he did find his voice it was husky and unsteady. And when he concluded his two minutes and an address at the country life when he concluded his two minutes appears with Tiny Tim's benediction, "God bless us, every one," the "amen" that was to leave important to the analysis of the presentation of the Churches of Christ of America.

President Wilson was to leave important to the point near St. Rouplet, a special control of the Churches of the C

Heavily Reinforced and Well Supported With Artillery Have Renewed Violent Assault on Macedonia.

ATTACK APPROACHING CLIMAX OF INTENSITY

Outcome of Battle May Determine Future Course of Anglo-French Operations In the Balkans.

London, Dec. 10 .- The Bulgarians heavily reinforced and well supplied ish forces in Macedonia. The assault now is approaching the climax of its

intensity. Although the pursuit of the Servians still continues, it is apparent from the proportions which the Macedonian conflict is assuming that the major part of the Bulgarian army is directing its attention to the allies. outcome of the battle is awaited have with great anxiety, as it will determine that the British or French troops have Dr. R. T. Vann, secretary of edu- been recognized by the world powers. in great measure the immediate future

The numerical superiority of the

There are no indications, however, ther from the positions mentioned in

recent official communications. With the Bulgarians in possession of Demir-kapu and alvancing west of Fletcher worked up to his present the Vardar river in th eneighborhood rank from the lower grades. He is a of Petrova, south of Strumitsa, the strong French wedge in Macedonia is

The allied retreat toward the Greek is unmarried and a lawyer. In the border thus far has been accomplish-Spanish-American war he belonged to ed in good order without serious loss, The resistance of the Montenegrins later was lieutenant in the volunteer has lost none of its stubbornness and infantry in the Philippine service, the flight of the Serblans in Albania His first diplomatic service was with is said to be growing less serious; but the American legation to Cuba; later the military affairs in that section have become of comparative importance and have little effect on

> been compelled to relinquish all but a There have been no important de-

RECENTLY AT BEHLIN

Was Responsible for Publication in London of Famous "Kaiser Interview."

Berlin, Dec. 10.—Reinhold Klehmet who retired from the German diplothings the denomination must look to streets were lined with crowds which mati service in 1911 with the title of This was one of the suits filed by Mrs. Sinclair against newspapers throughout the country in 1914, which printed an article stating that Mrs. Sinclair was arrested with her husband and several women for making a demonstration in front of the Rockefeller offices in New York.

In this was one of the suits filed by Mrs. Sinclair against newspapers throughout the country in 1914, which printed an article stating that really startled the convention. He preceded it with an apology for introducing so personal a matter, but since some of the messengers had made mis-statements, and erroneous must look to deplicate the convent Wilson passed. The president Wilson passed. The president wilson consent to have a parade escort him and the country for several years as consult general at Athens, died here November 12. Minister Klehmet's title to remembrance will rest chiefly on the part he took in the famous "kaiser interview" in the Daily Telegraph of of interview" in the Dally Telegraph of flut the emotional climax of the day was yet to come—it arrived with the presentation to the retiring secretary of a magnificent chest of silver, as a testimonial of the affection of discussed campaign prospects for the board. The presentation makes the mission board. The presentation makes the mission of the state mission coming campaign with Secretary Tu-