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## BULGARS MUST EXPEL ALLIES, PAPER INSISTS

Sofia Government Organ Declares Bulgaria Cannot Permit Foes to Remain at Saloniki.

### POSSIBLY FORECASTS IMPORTANT OPERATION

Heavy Artillery Play Marked on Both Eastern and Western Fronts—French Premier Visiting Italy.

Signs that a military operation of importance may be impending in the Balkans are furnished by the Bulgarian newspaper at Sofia, which has a leading article asserting the right of Bulgaria to invade Greece for the purpose of attacking the French and British troops on Greek territory.

Recent reports from the Balkans regarding the intentions of the Teutonic allies as to movements from South Serbia and Bulgaria against the entente forces at Saloniki have been contradictory.

On both the eastern and western fronts activity during the past few days has been more marked than for some time. Some important movement may develop at the north end of the Russian line where the artillery play has been reported to be heavy and continuous.

The visit of the French premier to Italy is receiving marked attention. On the eve of his departure from Paris the premier is quoted as declaring his confidence that he would obtain from Italian statesmen support of the strongest sort in carrying out the establishment of closer and more effective co-operation among the entente allies.

The total Prussian losses in the war are estimated by an Amsterdam newspaper as 2,377,375 men.

The bombardment of Smyrna on the coast of Asia Minor by a squadron of French aeroplanes is reported from Athens.

The French and the Germans have been engaged in furious combat on the sector of the western battle front between Lens and Arras, where recently there has been great activity.

Paris also reports that the French in a grenade attack drove the Germans from a small post between Solonson and Rheims and that the French batteries have badly damaged German organizations in the forest of Apremont, southeast of St. Mihiel.

Nothing new has come through concerning the situation on the Austro-Italian line in Belgium or in Asia, where Russians and British at various points are engaged with the Turks.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The senate judiciary committee continued today its inquiry into the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis for the Supreme court bench.

## WANTING BRITT TO RUN FOR GOVERNOR

Republicans Would Like For Tenth District Congressman to Uphold Party Business in State—Britt Does Not Want Honor—Gets Many Letters Urging Him to Run.

Gazette-News Bureau The Riggs Building Washington, Feb. 10. The visit to Asheville last week by Congressman James J. Britt, the only republican member of congress from the state, and the able way in which he defended his position in voting against the Keating child labor bill, has started a boom for the tenth district congressman for governor on the republican ticket.

The fact that Mr. Britt is being groomed for the place was given the Gazette-News correspondent yesterday by a North Carolina republican who is on the inside of republican politics. He said that he knew of many letters and telegrams which had been sent to Mr. Britt urging him to make the race for governor at the republican primary this year.

When seen at his offices at the capitol Mr. Britt admitted that many of his friends had asked him to run, but stated that he is a candidate for re-nomination and election to congress and that he could not run for both places.

"Yes, I have received a few letters and telegrams from the state urging me to make the gubernatorial race," said Mr. Britt. "Here are some of them. You see they come from some of the most influential men of the state. You will observe also that there are a number of these letters from prominent democrats."

"The very unfair attitude assumed by some of the democrats on my position against the Keating bill, I believe, is responsible for the democratic letters. But as I said before, I am a candidate to succeed myself in congress, and therefore cannot accept the gubernatorial nomination, even if tendered me."

Mr. Britt, it is known, is willing to have his democratic brethren criticize him for voting against the Keating bill. In fact, the position of those attacking his vote reaches the point of being ridiculous when it is recalled that every democratic representative from the state voted the same way as did Mr. Britt. Both Senators Simmons and Overman will follow the course laid down by the house members.

Mr. Britt wants it known that he is a republican and that he will always be one. But he made it plain to the Gazette-News correspondent that partisan politics cannot induce him to vote against legislative matters which in his opinion are good measures, simply because they are sponsored by democrats.

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The annual election of officers and the consideration of resolutions were among the other matters before the meeting today. President Wilson is to speak at the annual dinner of the chamber tonight.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Discussion of national defense featured the concluding session of the annual convention of the United States chamber of commerce today. Secretaries Daniels and Garrison were the principal speakers on the program.

The National defense committee of the chamber had prepared a report on its recent investigation, and general discussion of the preparedness question was to follow.

## PREPAREDNESS FEATURES HUNDREDS ATTEND LAYMEN'S MEETING

More Than 1350 Delegates Present for Opening Session of Missionary Convention and Registration Should Pass 1800 by Sunday—Many Notable Men in Attendance.

Special to The Gazette-News. Greensboro, Feb. 10.—When Executive Secretary A. C. Bridgman announced at the close of the opening session of the North Carolina convention of the Laymen's Missionary movement last night that registrations to that hour had reached 1,350, tremendous applause greeted him. Of this number, 627 are from Guilford county and 269 from Winston-Salem and 454 from the rest of the state.

Mr. Mills spoke, not as a missionary or missionary secretary, but as a private citizen who had spent the largest part of the last 20 years in travel. For the past three years he has given time to speaking to conventions and colleges on foreign missions, doing it entirely at his own expense.

"Travelers in heathen lands see just what they go to see," he said. "If it is tigers, they see tigers, for they are very plentiful in India and Korea. If it is Christians, they see Christians, for they are to be found by the hundreds of thousands in every country."

When William Jennings Bryan and ex-Vice President Fairbanks returned from their tour around the world, Mr. Roosevelt from his year in Africa and Mr. Taft from his repeated visits to the Philippines, China and Japan, these men crowd Carnegie hall, New York city, to the doors while they speak for entire evenings on the value of foreign missions.

"Missionaries are now picked men and women. It is more difficult to enter the missionary service of the church than to enter the army, the navy or the civil service of the government. Missionaries often become advisors to kings and governments on affairs of state and commerce. Many of them have been decorated by the rulers of the countries where they labor."

Ex-Chancellor MacCracken of the University of New York, pronounced Dr. W. A. P. Martin, for 65 years a missionary in China, the foremost foreigner in that country.

"The 4,000,000 Christians in India are influencing Hindus and Mohammedans to remodel their faith and practice to conform to the Christian type. Adoniram Judson made such an impression upon Burma that Theodore Parker, the great Unitarian preacher of Boston, declared that had foreign missions accomplished nothing else but the production of this man, that would justify all they have cost."

"Many of the men highest in official life in China are Christians. Yuan Shi-Kai sends his children to Christian mission schools, and pays the salary of a secretary in the Peking Young Men's Christian association."

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## RELIEF WORK IN FLOOD DISTRICTS IS EXTENDED

Rescue Expeditions Penetrate Further Into Overflowed Areas With Supplies.

Little Rock, Feb. 10.—Relief expeditions operating out of Dumas on the western edge of the flood lake in eastern Arkansas today penetrated further into the overflowed areas with emergency supplies for the refugees marooned in isolated settlements, while means were devised to provide for several thousand refugees along the Mississippi river front.

A telephone message from Lek Village said there were 4000 people in that section in need and that others were camped at Rudora in Chicot county.

The waters let in through the excesses of the Arkansas and White rivers levees continued to subside today. At Batesville the factories resumed operations and virtually normal conditions have been restored.

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Arthur Fletcher Does Not Disclose Who "Tipped" Him, to the "Real Solution" of Soldiers' Home Matters.

DEMAND MADE ON REPORTER FOR NAME Governor Declares That Only on Matters of Business Can Fletcher Receive Courtship of Office.

By W. T. Host. Raleigh, Feb. 10.—Governor Craig's demand upon Arthur Fletcher, newspaper correspondent for the name of the man who "tipped" off Fletcher as to the "real solution" of the Soldiers' home, furnished the distinctive newspaper excitement today.

The exclusion of the paper representatives from the Monday conference between the governor and various representatives of the controversy, set the chroniclers to every conceivable enterprise for getting the real news. Fletcher made his contribution. It was next to the last paragraph in the Fletcher story that made the governor angry.

The governor admits his feeling and Fletcher admits catching it. Tuesday the governor demanded that Mr. Fletcher name his man and gave him until 8 o'clock yesterday. The newspaper man had not replied six hours later in the day. Governor Craig declared that only upon matter of business could the former editor of the Lexington Dispatch receive the courtesies of the office.

The paragraph which offended the governor so greatly was the following: "Certain it is, however, that the powers that be have realized that it is time to stop the squabble. It is almost as certain as anything can be, to quote a man who knows, that word has come down from that shrewd far-seeing politician in Washington who runs things in North Carolina, in particular, and up from the boys in the trenches, generally, to stop the row and stop it quick, because the elections are not far distant and already too much political capital has been furnished the opposition."

"The 'real solution,' the article concludes, 'is more than likely to leak out in a few days anyway, as too many people know about it for it to long remain secret.'"

Governor Says "False." Both Governor Craig and Lawyer-Reporter Fletcher admit that the governor denounced the "whole thing as false." The imputation that Governor Craig had been stopped by Senator Simmons was too plain to be mis-read by anybody who reads. The newspaper man flat-footedly refuses to name his informant and his unwillingness to talk has set the other fellows to work to find out who started this thing that has caused the governor to get into his first serious row with the newspapers.

State Officials In It. That inspiration from state officials had been seen in the more exciting turn of things yesterday, cannot be denied. "It is almost as certain as anything can be," to quote Fletcher, that one state official did ask another state official to write Senator Simmons to write Governor Craig, "to quote a man who knows," "to stop the row and stop it quick." But Governor Craig vehemently repels the "slander and libel" as he denominates it, and says no such "word" ever came in such way or at all.

Said to Be Lacy's Friend. Yesterday it was learned that that beloved engineer, Dave Wright, who was killed Tuesday in a wreck, representing the various "investigations" of Treasurer Lacy's books, had declared that in the name of organized labor this attack on Lacy must stop. Mr. Wright wrote various letters for that purpose and is credited with having sent a warning, whether delivered or not is untold, to Senator Simmons that these investigations designed to beat Lacy, had already cost the state \$12,000 and that if they did not stop, the labor people would forsake the party and resent its treatment of its treasurer. Dave Wright cannot answer now, but "it is as certain as anything can be, to quote a man who knows," the governor's displeasure finds its genesis here.

State Insurance Commissioner Jas. H. Young, has returned from Raeford where he went earlier in the week to discuss the double tower stairway plan for North Carolina schools recently adopted by the state board of education and recommended for all new buildings and all extensions.

Raeford adopted the plan. This makes five town systems that have chosen Mr. Young's and the school board's scheme. "Fire protection and (Continued on Page Three)

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## Defends U.S. Business Men On Belligerents' Charges

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"The vote indicates," said Mr. Filene, "that American business men, if they feel that thereby they are doing their share in keeping the peace of the world, will be willing to help punish the violators of international agreements by putting embargo on all goods, as well as on munitions of war."

"Hereafter the charge that American business men will sacrifice principle to greed for blood money must reckon with the vote on this referendum."

## Warship Roon, Alleged Captor of Appam, Taken

New York, Feb. 10.—Advisers received here assert that the German warship Roon, alleged to be the captor of the Appam, has been captured by the British battleship Drake, after a three hour fight 200 miles east-northeast of Bermuda, according to a story printed by The New York Evening Globe.

The capture of the Roon is said by The Globe to have been followed by the seizure of two merchantmen flying the German flag, one of which was armed.

The story is contained in a message which the Globe states it received in code from a reliable source in Bermuda. The message reads: "Drake here today towing Roon. Took her 200 knots east-northeast Bermuda, three hours running fight. Lost Danforth 18 men. Her losses about one third. Struck as we came

aboard. Two merchantmen with her, one armed. Took both. Brought her, Seagrave on lightning Roon, said: 'Please God, today I will avenge Craddock.' Roon badly knocked about by 9.2. Thirty-two officers and 719 men taken in the three prizes."

## Norway Placing Orders For Many Ships In U. S.

New York, Feb. 10.—The total number of steamships to be built in this country for Norwegian interests this year was brought up to 25 today by the announcement that contracts had been awarded for the building of six vessels of 3,000 tons each at Manitowish, Wis. According to shipping men Norwegianians have been purchasing as many ships as were available for several months. When unable to further purchase steamers

already built, orders were placed with American builders. The Norwegian consul general here said in explanation of the placing of the orders that formerly Norway obtained many ships from England but that now the British ship yards are busy building British ships. He said that unheard of prices are being paid for vessels built in America.

Tim Norwegian agent here said that prices are at least 50 per cent higher than before the war.

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## Vice President Marshall Is Willing To Run Again

Portland, Ore. Feb. 10.—Vice President Marshall is willing to run for a second term, according to a letter made public today by Postmaster Frank S. Meyers of Portland from Mr. Thistlewaite's secretary to the vice president. Mr. Meyers wrote sometime ago asking if the vice president would permit the use of his name in the Oregon primary. Mr. Thistlewaite's letter says in reply: "I am saying that the vice president would gladly accept renomination if the democrats want to renominate him; that the vice president is unwilling to seek renomination and does not think that a man holding the office should be riding around or running around requesting democrats to vote for him again."

"The vice president could not bring himself to ask anyone to file petitions for him to run, but if such petitions are filed for him, he will certainly not repudiate the action."

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