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Rbert McNeely of Monroe, N. C., United States Consul at Aden, Was Drowned When British Liner Per. sia Went Down in Mediterranean -Ship Torpedoed Without Warn-ing is Report

The British liner Persia, with 160 passengers and crew of 250, was sunk by an unidentified submarine Thomas Walters of the Raeford sec-Thursday afternoon off the island of (lete, in the eastern Med cerrane-an A consular dispatch brogunt the several days of this week here visan A consular dispatch brogunt the information to Washington last aught that the ship had been torped. Mr. Garron of Columbia, doed without warning and that at was a Shannon visitor during the least one American citizen, Robert holidays

Ney McNeely of Monroe, N. C., new We are glad to report Mr. Francis consul at Aden, Arabia, was missing. Currie, who has been sick with grippe consul at Aden, Arabia, was missing. Dispatches indicate that McNeely was lost but that Charles H. Grant of Boston, another American aboard the Persia, was saved. McNeely practiced law in Monroe 6 years af-ter leaving the University and had served in both the House and the saved.

ified last night at the indication, home of his grandmother, Mrs. R. emanating from Baron Erick Zwied- J. Smith. inek, Charge of the Austro-Hungarian the Vienna government would quick to "satisfactorily adjust" the matter should it develop that an Austrian submarine commander had day to Washington, D. C., where he disobeyed instructions in regard to is taking a course in veterinary surtopedoing passenger.carrying ships gery. Mrs. Graham accompanied him. without warning.

Have Changed

New York Dispatch, 2d.

Henry Ford, who led the peace expendition which left here December Parkton were Shannon visitors Sun-4 on the steamr Oscar II for Copenhagen in the hope of bringing a that day. a conference of neutral Nations that day. Miss Bertha Currie is hagen in the hope of bringing about Hughes of the same place on Monon the steamer Bergensjford. He friends at Laurinburg. confirmed cable reports that his return had been hastened by illness, the teachers, Prof. Thompson and but said that it made a difference of Miss McKinnon, spending the holi. only a fedw days, as he intended when days at their respective homes. he left to come back this month.

that bankers, manufacturers of am-munitions and armament were re-Mr Janris E. MacLaren left last during the past 16 months. that bankers, manufacturers of am-munitions and armament were re-sponsible, but he returns with the belief that it is the people them-selves, those now being slaughtered, who are responsible. The men doing the fighting have been too content to the table them do their who men do their to the table to be table t

School Begins Spring Term-Preaching First Sunday Afternoons-Be-lated Christmas News-Personal Correspondence of The Robesonian. Shannon, Jan. 1-Mrs. D. D. Hin-

son and children, who spent Christmas

Mr. Garron of Columbia, S. C.

served in both the House and the Columbia, S. C., spent Christmas Senate of the Legislature. He was here at the home of Mrs. Reed's fath. born in 1883. It is not yet known er and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John how many people on the ship were F. Walters.

Mr. John B. McLeod of Lumber-Officials at Washington were grat- ton is spending the holidays at the

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Walters and Embassy at Washington, that little Miss Catherine Gaitley of Albe lendale, S. C., are visiting relatives here.

Mr. Percy Graham is to return to-Miss Mabel Wafters returned to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Wal-

ters. Mr. and Mrs. Simon Gaitley of day. Also Messrs. John and L. E.

School opens again Monday after

Rev. Mr. Dixon is to preach for us Mr. Ford declared his views re-yarding the cause of the war have Dixon has made some changes in his 000 (par value) of American securiundergone a marked change. When work and can only give us one af- ties which were foreign-owned when heleft he said he was of the opinion ternoon in each month, that being the the European war broke out, have

let those who rule them do their who were sorry to see him go and business is urgent and considered im- ing in the wastes of Poland. Denot taken, who wish for him a pleasant and suc- portant by the government. Christmas passed off very quietly here. There was a Christmas tree "Republics are no better than mon-achies in this respect," he said, gotten up by the Sunday school for ceived by employers in like trades of "even in the United States we allow the benefit f the children of the comthose whom we have elected to office munity. "Old Santy" was there in to be swerved from their duty. We the person of Mr. Hector McLean of do not assert ourselves. Personally, Lumber Bridge and seemed to find I have voted only six times and then presents for all. Some of the gifts for the children semed to please "The movement is now organized them very much and some for the ad under way," he said. "People older folks provoked much mer-

STRICKEN PEOPLE OF TAX IN THE UNION

North Carolina at Foot of List as Compared With Other States of

Union Raleigh Cor., Dec. 31, Charlotte Ob-

server. The Corporation Commission has prepared and will issue to the news-papers in a few days a remarkable day. January 1, 1916, as a special statement of tax conditions in North Carolina, particularly as they apply to State-wide equalization of tax as- United States may make such consessments and the per capita tax in tributions as they feel disposed for this State compared with other States in the Union. The statement will show that the per capital tax in North ton received by him from the Sen-tion the States are disposed for the aid of the stricken people of Po-land. The President cites the resolu-tion received by him from the Sen-tiver, the dividing line between Geor-Carolina is less than any other State Carolina is less than any other State ate of the United States which sets in the country, the exact relative ate of the United States which sets prounts of tax per capital for each forth briefly the needs of the Polish amounts of tax, per capital, for each

LEAST PER CAPITA

State to be shown. Those in touch with the facts contained in the statement assert that it will leave no justification whatever for the declared purpose of Republican leaders in this State to make taxation conditions a campaign issue in 1916. At the same time it gives a comprehensive statement of the conditions sought to be remedied by State-wide equalization and the net result of the commission's equaliza. tion effort this year, this being about

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

10.5 per cent increase.

Brief Items of Current Events Gathered From All Over the Country. The Navy Department has sold the gunboal Vicksburg to the Cuban gov.

ernment. Henry Ford's Ideas About the War spending the holidays here with her begin serious consideration of mominister to Belgium, who has been week for Belgium to resume his du-

ties there At Milford, Conn., Mrs. Edward visiting Krause threw her two small sons into the Milford reservoir and then Poland." jumped in after them. The woman was rescued but the boys were drowned. Mrs. Krause will be ex-amined as to her mental condition. New York financial experts esti-

been absorbd in the United States

sons are refused American passports of mankind. Widows and children-to belligerent countries unless their hundreds of thousands-are wander-

No Greater Need by an Entire Na-tion Has Ever Existed Than Now

Buildings Prevails in Poland-President Wil. Blakely, Ga., Dispatch, Dec. 31.

son Issues Proclamation New York Dispatch, Dec. 31.

President Wilson issued a proclamaday, January 1, 1916, as a special day upon which the people of the tion received by him from the Senpopulation. The resolution is as follows:

"Whereas, the attention of the people of the United States has been from time to time directed to the ap. palling situation in Poland, where practically the entire population today is homeless, and where men, women and children are perishing by the thousands for lack of shelter, clothing and food.

"And, whereas, the neople of the United States have demonstrated their sympathy for the suffering people on all sides in the great European war by their splendid and successful charitable work in Belgium, Servia, and other places; and feeling that the American people would quickly respond to an appeal for help in Poland, once the tragedy of the situation there is brought home to them. I

mentous legislation confronting it. people, it is suggested that the Presi-Brand Whitlock, United States dent of the United States set aside a day in the forthcoming holiday seahome for a few weeks, sailed last son upn which day a direct appeal to the sympathy of all American citizens shall be made, and an opportunity

shall be given all to contribute to a much needed hliday fund for relief in No greater need by an entire nation

has ever existed than now prevails in Poland. Sixteen million totally destitute

people, the greater part of them women and children, are facing starvation and the grim possibility of death by freezing. The winters of Poland are always

looked forward to with dread, even by those inured to their hardships, but the present winter, it is feared. Denmark, was refused an American will cause suffering the like of which has never been known in the history

NEGROES KILLED BY MOB

Result in Killing of Several Ne-groes and Burning of Negro Lodge

Two more neroes were killed and four negro lodge buildings burned uday in the western section of this (Early) county in a renewal of clashes batewen whites and negroes, according to reports reaching here tonight. Reports that negroes were threatening the lives of white farmers caus-

giu and Alabama, saio many white men had crossed the river from Alabama.

Seven negroes were reported killed yesterday by white posses which Mrs. Mamie Warwick since sought tirandison Goolsby and his riage a few months ago. sons, Mike and Ulysses, charged with killing menry J. Villipigue, a white overseer. Today mobs scoured the river country on hearing a report that Goolsby's sons had not been burned to death in a negro cabin as reported, but had escaped.

Reports that members of these mobs found on the person of a negro killed vesterday a lodge book showing that a negro organization had delegated Goolsby and hi ssons to kill Villipigue because he thrashed one of the younger Goolsbys was said to have caused the burning of the negro lodges. The elder Goolsby was known as one of the leading spirits in negro Mason and negro Odd Fel- for Boston, Mass., where they are fows lodges in this section of the students at the Powers School of "Be it resolved, That, appreciat-ing the suffering of these stricken other negro lodges."In this section of the other negro lodges.

Tonight a negro lodge building near theAlabama line was reported destroyed by fire. Early today a negro Masonic lodge building and a negro for New York, where he will spend Odd Fellows lodge building had been burned and later in the day a lodge building known as the Negro Supreme tor of the garage, who is in New York Circle Lodge building was burned.

Edward, a negro accused of aiding the younger Goolsbys to escape, was said to have been killed late today with his son, known as "Precicus" Law. The Goolsbys, it was claimed, were aided by these negroes to reach a train to Montgomery, Ala. In retaliation negroes were said to

have surrounded the home of H. H. Grimsley, a white farmer, threaten-ing to kill him and his wife and children. The negro mob dispersed. however, before Sheriff Howell of Early county, and a number of deputies, reached there.

Celebrate Emancipation

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

NUMBER 92

-Mr. Claud Roberts has accepted a position as salesman in the store of the McAllister Hardware Company.

-Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chaffin celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary Thursday of last week. Their many friends wish for them many more yeras of life together.

-Harry Stewarts Musical Comedy Company, 17 people, mostly girls, has been booked for two nights here next week. The show is playing at popular prices and is said to be a good one

-Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Smith are moving into the Kinlaw house, Chipewa street, and will begin housekeeping. They have been boarding with Mrs. Mamie Warwick since their mar-

-Mr. J. G. Nye of route 2 from Fairmont was among the visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Nye says the farmers down his way are busy pre-paring tobacco plant beds. They will plant quite a bit of the "weed" this year.

-Messrs. Golden & Wallace, local representatives of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, have moved their office from the Lumberton, Dres_ den and Jennings cotton mills office building to the second floor of the Weinstein building.

-Misses Lillian Proctor and Annie Ruth Caldwell left last evening Expression, after spending the holidays with homefolks. Miss Caldwell will graduate this year.

-Mr. E. A. Faulk, manager of the People's Garage, left last night attending the automobile show.

-A small blaze in a waste house at the National cotton mill Saturday afternoon about 2 o'clock burned a small amount of waste. There was but little damage done to the build-The loss is covered by insuring. ance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

-Miss Katie Stone, of the faculty of the public school at East Lumberton ,returned yesterday from Mt. Eliam, where she spent the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Stone. School opened at East Lumberton for the spring term this morning.

-Mr. J. F. Raybon left Saturday

POLAND NEED AD

Clashes Between Whites and Negroes

thinking, and they have advantage of their divine right to say cessful school year. for themselves what they shall do and think, the pacifist asserted.

because my wife made me."

and under way," he said. criticise when people talk they think and when they think, they think right."

New Year Ushered In

The New Year was usagred in in ing holidays and it is rather hard to this good town at midnight Friday keep track. night with ringing of bells and the

firing of a few babywakers. To all Among the Sick outward appearances, that was all that took place in recognition of the board ticket sellers at this place, are fact that the old year hal died and that the New Year had arrived. The Pastime theatre celebrated the night ed at his home while Mr. Free is in by keeping open till 12 o'clock and quite a number of people kept watch by enjoying good pictures at the from Fairmont passed through town same time. The banks, of course, Saturday en route home from Charhad holiday New Year's, and Sunday lotte, where he went to consult a houre were observed at the postof- specialist. Mr. Hardin's health has fice, the rural carriers having a day not been good for some time.

ers' Union Meets Wednesday

off.

The executive committee of the ber 23 and brought to hospital, as Robeson division of Farmers' Un- reported in the last issue of The ion will hold a meeting in the court Robesonian, are getting along as house here Wednesday. mittee is composed of Messrs. W. K. Laura Barnes of Barnesville, moth-Jones. There is some important bus- pital two weeks and is improving the labor leaders. iness for the attention of the commember is requested to be present.

Graded School Re-opens Tomorrow After Holiday Recess.

The graded school will re-open tomorrow mrning for the spring term. Prof. J. F. Love, principal, returned arm shot off Christmas Day, requir-Saturday night from Statesville, where he spent the holidays visiting able to return to his home Sunday. relatives, and the other out-of-town teachers are expected to return to- Ga., who has charge of the music denight. It had been rumored that school would not open, but Superintendent Sentelle says this is a mismorning without fail.

Medical Society Meets Wednesday-Public Address by Dr. L. B. Mc-Brayer

The Robeson County Medical Society will hold a meeting Wednesday at the court house. The principal ian composing room force, has been event of the meeting will be an address by Dr. L. B. McBrayer of the yesterday morning. State Sanatorium at Montrose on. some phase of the work of fighting tuberculosis. This adddress will be open to the public.

COTTON AND COTTON SEED Middling cotton is selling on the of good things to eat. Mr. Seabolt local market today for 11 5-8 cents says it was an act highly appreciat-the pound; seed, 60 cents the bushel. ed by himself and family.

pleasant occasion and we hpe was enjoyed by all present. We fear we may have omitted some items of interest in thi sletter as there has been more or less stir dur-

Messrs. Edwards and Free, Sea. both on the sick list, victims of grippe, Mr. Edwards being confinthe hospital.

Mr. W. W. Hardin of route

At Thompson hospital: Messrs. O. Executive Committee of County Farm- L. Smith, Dock and Luther Camp-bell, all of whom were injured in an auto wreck at Elizabethtown Decem-

The com- well as could be expected. Mrs. rapidly. Little Lessie Rozier, son puss case of appendicitis, is rapidly home in about a week. Little Way-mon Smith of Tar Heel, son of O. L. Smith, one of the victims of the auto wreck, who accidentally had his ing amputation above elbow, was Miss Elsie Flowers of Waycross, partment at 'the Fairmont graded

> at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McKennart of the State and was taken sick-She is unable to go on to her work. Grippe is thought to be the trouble. Mr. Oliver Nance, of The Robesonconfined to his room with grin since

at Abbottsburg gave Rev. N. L. Seabolt of Lumberton, pastor of the church, a sumptuous pounding on the 23rd ult. They sent many pounds

A majority of the 25,000 employes of

and stations received increases in pay, commercial concerns in the vicinity. regulate pay at the government struggle. plants.

Wong Yuen Yung, former editor of The Asiatic News, a paper nublished New York City, propose to forward at Shanghai, China, as the official or-mney, food and clothing to these sufgan of Chinese favoring a return to the monarchical form of government, are talking about it and while some riment. On the whole it was a very was shot in the back and killed while attending a Chinese Christmas ban-| given below: Dr. John Greer Hibben. quet in San Francisco. The assassin

escaped and was unrecognized. Alonzo Trimble, a deputy sheriff of barricade himself in a house to es- and others.

cane lynching at the hands of indignant citizens and remained in the sent to the commissioner's headquarfort until rescued by friends.

To guard against introduction by butions should be made payable to mail of the pink boll worm and other cotton pests into the United States the Postoffice Department has prohib- AMERICAN POLISH RELIEF COMited use of the mails for samples of, foreign cotton lint, except form six States in northern Mexico, and has instructed postmasters to return to Charlotte Observer. their origin foreign samples originting elsewhere.

bor Legislation in annual convention have produced some gratifying inin Washington, devoted a session to formation in regard to the developpraise and defense of the new sea- ment of the cotton mill industry in Culbreth, N. A. Townsend, Okey er of Mr. T. C. Barnes of Lumber- ter no American merchant marine present year. The cotton mills give Stephens, D. H. Britt and Spurgeon ton, has been a patient at the hos- than ships without Americans, say employment to over 51,000 people,

mittee, among the things being the of R. A. Rozier of Barker's, who of \$750,000, under the Sherman anti- diminution of nearly a thousand in ed States District Court in New That is one of the most gratifying of the Southern Express Co. improving and will be able to return York by the Imperial Film Exchange items in the report. There appears Croswell, who was 64 years of age, that the defendants conspired to ruin opportunities for. Diversification, once worked for Mr. Croswell. purpose.

Mrs. Laura S. Rockefeller, wife of cellent results in that direction. John D. Rockefeller, who died last March. left an estate valued at \$1,- Case of Smallpox in Lumbertonschool, is sick at the home of Mr. 490,371, according to the appraisal and Mrs. M. G. MvKenzie, Elm The bulk of the estate in New York. 490,371, according to the appraisal take and school will open tomorrow street. Miss Flowers stopped over itable and educational institutions. zie en route to Fairmont, having spent the holidays in the western wedding ring, valued at \$3, is left to of Mr. Abbett's family for the rate of the family.

indicted with Koenig on charges of smallpox in the county. conspiracy to secure military information for the German government. The men had previously been arrest-

scriptions have reached this country their emaciated forms, huddling in government navy yards, shops in the cannon ruts and disease laden trenches, and of starving processions of the old and the sick, of feeble and ceived by employers in like trades of infants, stopping every now and then to bury one who had given up the The American Polish Relief Com-

mission of 12 and 14 East 46th street. fering people. The commission numbers among its members men of nation-wide repute, a few of whom are president Princeton University: Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president Columbia University: Hon. Theodore

Mountain Home, Ark., went into the E. Burton of Ohio; Henry J. Patten country to arrest a man, who resist- of Chicago: Governor Arthur S. Caned, and the officer shot him, inflicting per of Kansas; E .'A. Van Valkena fatal wound. The deputy had to burg, Philadelphia North American,

Cifts of food and clothing may be ters in New York city. Cash contri.

the Guaranty Trust Co., Treasurer, New York City. MISSION.

Cotton Mill Progress

The researches of Commissioner of Labor Shipman, in conjunction with The American Association for La. the United States Census Bureau, men's law which became operative North Carolina the past year. It ap-November 4 this year and which some pears that there are now 318 textue shipowners have declared will drive mills in the State with prospects of all American ships off the seas. Bet- & number of additions during the a larger number than ever before en-

A suit demanding treble damages gaged in this occupation, with a

Only One in County

The bulk of the estate is left to char- the northern part of town, 15 con- Mr. D. A. Fox, entered a closet fined to his room with smallpox. Dr. in her bedroom at their home wedding ring, valued at \$3. is left to of Mr. Abbott's family, also the a dangerous wound. Recovery is her son, John D. Rockefeller, Jr. members of some families in that part expected. The woman for some time Indictments have been returned in of town whom Mr. Abbott visited had exhibited signs of being unbal-New York charging Paul Koenig, just before he learned that he had anced mentally. chief detective of the Hamburg- smallbox. Mr. Abbott recently re-American line, and Richard Emil turned from Durham, where he spent Leyendecker, an antique dealer, with some time. Dr. Page says he will be conspiring to dynamite the Welland glad to vaccinate others who may de- abilities, \$136,000. It is explained canal. Edmund Justice, a Hamburg- sire to be vacinated. Dr. Pags says that the proceeding is the result Members of the Methodist church American Line watchman, also was he thinks this is the only case of of a financial stringecy ad

> -The local chapter U. D. C. will meet at the home of Mrs. Lizzie G.

the negroes of Lumberton in a freed- for Tar Heel and Tobermory, Bladen men's celebration in Lumberton New county, where he will spend several Year's day. The principal speech days visiting friends, 'possum hunt-was made by Rev. Wm. Wells, colored, of Maxton, at St. John's Bap-tist church, and at the same place sweet potatoes, drink "simmon" beer other exercises were held as follows: and enjoy country life. Poem by Addie B. Beattie; Emancipation Proclamation read by Jetha Emma Higley, Seventh and Cedar Purcell; solo, "Deep Blue Sea", by streets, Friday all Mrs. Higley's of St. prevailed throughout the day and the Mr. J. M. Pope of Durham and Rev. day was enjoyed by a large number Dr. W. B. Pope of Franklin, Ind.,

Justice Lamar of Supreme Court is sumptuous dinner served. Dead

Washington Dispatch, Jan. 2. Joseph Rucker Lamar, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, died at his home here tonight after an 'illness of several months. He was 58 years old and had been on the Supreme bench five Thompson formerly lived in Lumberyears.

-The board of county commissioners and the county board of education are in regular first-Monday session today. The usual first-Monday crowd is here.

-Geo. T. Lesane and Victoria Rhodes, colored, were married in Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd's office Saturday afternoon. Justice A. P. Caldwell spoke the words and then commanded that the groom salute the bride; and it came to pass.

marriage of J. T. Prevatt and Emily Collins, Montgomery Edwards and May Barnes, all of the Barnesville section; Hugh McLauchlin and Sallie Jane Bullock: John Haywood and Clarissa Lamb.

-Messrs. K. M. Biggs and J. L. Stephens attended yesterday afternoon at Fayetteville the funeral horses for his sales barn. Mr. Bulselection of a business agent. Each was operated on December 24 for a trust law, has been filed in the Unit- the number of children employed. of Mr. J. O. Croswell, route agent lard goes to purchase for the Carlyle of New York against 10 leading man, to be some tendency toward diversi- died suddenly Friday night about 2 ufacturers and lessors of motion pic- fication, but there are not as many o'clock at his home in Fayetteville. ture films. The complainant alleges glove and hosiery mills as there are Both Mr. Biggs and Mr. Stephens but he may decide to go on to St. They Louis. its business and accomplished their however, is setting in and the next say a tremendous crowd attended the report may be expected to show ex. funeral and the floral offerings were

most numerous and beautiful.

. Leaving the room where her husband and children were sitting around Mr. Worth Abbott, who lives in a fire, Mrs. Fannie E. Fox, wife of in

ability to realize quickly on assets. The company has important contracts

with the government for shells and with the Bethlehem Steel Works. The

-At a reunion at the home of Mrs. F. Morrissey; music by choir brothers and children were present. St. John's church. Good order Those from a distance present were of the best element of colored folks. both brothers of Mrs. Higley. most pleasant day was spent and a

> -Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Thompson moved Saturday from the Wishtart place, about 3 miles from town on the Fairmont road, to the old Lumberton hotel building, corner Third and Chestnut. They will conduct a Mr. and Mrs. boardng house. ton and have many friends here who will be pleased to learn of their return.

-The fire company put out a small blaze at the home of Mrs. N. A. McLean ,Elm street, Friday night about 8 o'clock before any damage The alarm was had been done. phoned in and the fire company was quick on the scene and used chemicals in putting out the fire. The fire started from a chimney. After the fire company had reached the scene of the the fire somebody turn--License has been issued for the ed in the alarm from box No. 37.

-Messrs. C. M. Fuller, W. F. French and Ira Bullard left Saturday night for the Western markets to purchase mules and horses. Messrs. Fuller and Bullard left to go through to St. Louis, Mo., the former on his fourth trip this season to purchase this time 3 car loads of mules and Mr. stables. Mr. French who goes to for W. purchase mules and horses F. French & Co., left with the intention of stopping off in Atlanta

-The colored folks who live in the "Meadows", near town, celebrated in grand style Saturday, the 52d anniversary of Emancipation. They came down Elm street about 2 of the clock on mules, bicycles, wagons, carts, buggies and most all other ways in grand parade. The vehicles, the horses and mules and even many of the negroes taking part in the affair were decorated with flags, etc. They were blowing horns and many other noisy articles. One of the wagons had an old-time blacksmith shop fitted on it, another had a crowd of girls sewing, another had a bunch preparing "dinner".

