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WE MUST FIGHT THE GERMANS, THEY SAY

A Sensational Dispatch From Washington.

NONSENSE, SAYS WHITE

Our Military and Naval Authorities Think War Inevitable.

'T'WILL COME SOONER OR LATER,' TIS SAID

Ambassador White Says This is Bosh. Germany Hopes to Arrange with Venezuela Without Conflict. Hay Satisfied with Germany's Position.

(By the Associated Press.)
Berlin, Dec. 30.—The Tagblatt this evening prints a double-headed cable dispatch from Washington setting forth that the principal military and naval authorities there consider that war between the United States and Germany, sooner or later, is inevitable.

The United States Ambassador, Andrew D. White, informed the German newspaper men who called at the Embassy today that the reports of the possibility of war between the United States and Germany were the "thinnest kind of sensational nonsense." Not one of the authorities referred to in the Tagblatt's dispatch, he added, would, under any circumstances, disclose such an opinion, least of all when the relations between the two countries are so good as at present.

"Moreover," said Mr. White, "President Roosevelt, the commander-in-chief of both the army and the navy, it is well known, entertains not only official but personal predilections for Germany, which have been made known not only officially to the German Government, but which have long been known among his friends. He studied in Germany, reads and loves German literature, and has a most sincere personal respect for the German Emperor.

"Any utterance of the kind alleged by an officer of either service, would be sternly rebuked by President Roosevelt."

DIED FROM A MULE KICK.

Jonesboro to Have an Up-to-Date Hotel. Death of a Young Lady.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Jonesboro, N. C., Dec. 30.—Mr. Joseph E. Wicker, died early yesterday morning from the effects of a mule's kick. He returned home about ten o'clock Thursday night and unbridled his mule as usual, but instead of going to the stable as was expected it seems that the mule began kicking and struck Mr. Wicker on the temple, inflicting a bad wound, which caused his death in a few hours. The exact time and other particulars can not be learned, and will ever be a mystery, as the unfortunate man was not found until early Friday morning, but the facts as given above are generally accepted.

Miss Carrie Berryman, the 18-year-old daughter of the late John Berryman of this place, died near here Thursday. She was in excellent health until a few months ago when she was assailed by that dreaded disease consumption, which brought a bright young life to an early end. She is survived by one sister, Tula, who is only 16 years of age, her mother having died only one year ago. Her body was interred at the family burying ground near here on Friday.

Jonesboro is to have an up-to-date hotel in the early part of the year of 1902. Mr. S. H. Buchanan is making arrangements to build a hotel that will be quite a step in the way of progress for Jonesboro, as well as a convenience to the traveling public. We understand it will be conducted by Mrs. Coley, who recently got a judgment from the Southern Railway. We are always glad to give everybody the glad hand of welcome who comes to our town and we earnestly hope she will come.

Mr. W. A. Graham Clark, the efficient secretary and treasurer of the Eugenia Manufacturing Company, spent several days in Raleigh this week with his father, Judge Walter Clark. Although he has only been a citizen of our little town for a few weeks he is very popular with all; old and young alike.

Rev. W. Crump Wicker, pastor of the Christian church at Newport News, Virginia, is here the guest of his father, Rev. J. D. Wicker. He has been quite successful as has a number of North Carolina boys who have gone to adopted States.

Rev. D. C. Britt, who has been pastor of the Baptist church for some time, has resigned to accept a call to Rockingham. It is thought that Rev. C. A. G. Thomas will be called to this church.

Houston Merrimon Better.

(Asheville Citizen.)
Houston Merrimon has almost entirely recovered from his illness. He has been out of his room for some time and is practically well, with the exception of his arm which however does not give him much trouble. The ball that took effect in Mr. Merrimon's arm entered about one and one-half inches below the arm joint and ranged upwards into the joint fracturing the bones. He resigned as teller of the bank the day he was shot.

FOUR BREAK OUT OF JAIL.

All But One Are Back Again. Trespasses on Mooresville Road Washed Away.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec. 30.—George Brown, Jim Dunigan, Jim Nelson, Will Baily, the latter a boy, broke out of jail Saturday night. The two first named were captured last night at Yadkin river, Dunigan jumped into the river expecting to swim across, but turned back on account of high water. The Baily boy went home and returned today. There is no trace of Nelson, who is wanted for blackmail. The Yadkin river is thirty feet above the common water level this afternoon. Two railroad trestles on the Mooresville road were washed away. The passenger train was cancelled today.

Pres. Pidoock Critically Ill.

(By the Associated Press.)
New Brunswick, N. J., Dec. 30.—John F. Pidoock, president of the Georgia Northern Railroad, is critically ill at the home of his brother, James Nelson Pidoock, Jr., at the White House. Nearly two months ago Mr. Pidoock went there to be married and was obliged to undergo an operation. An hour before he submitted to the knife he married Miss Jeanette Davis, daughter of Justice and Mrs. John B. Davis.

The operation proved successful, but jaundice set in and before Pidoock had fully recovered from that he became afflicted with dropsy.

Torpedo Boat's Successful Trial.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 30.—The Navy Department has been advised that the torpedo boat, Biddle made a successful trial run off Port Royal on Saturday.

Dead From Overdose of Morphine.

(By the Associated Press.)
Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 30.—David C. Shafer, a well known turfman and one of the owners of Terminalus, was found dead in bed at Gallatin today. Shafer complained of feeling nervous and sent to a drug store for morphine and his death is ascribed to an accidental overdose of the drug.

COL. COWLES IS DEAD

A Gallant Confederate Officer, He Served His State Also in Congress.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Wilkes, N. C., Dec. 30.—Col. William H. Cowles, ex-Congressman, died at his home here today. Colonel Cowles was a distinguished officer of the Confederate army and served four terms in Congress. He will be buried tomorrow. He had served as Solicitor and member of the National House of Representatives, and was one of the most brilliant officers in the Confederate army.
Colonel Cowles was twice married. His first wife was a daughter of Mr. David Worth, of Ashe county, by whom he leaves two daughters, Carrie, the wife of Mr. Thomas Finley, a leading attorney of this place, and Cora, the wife of Mr. J. A. Gaither, a prominent merchant of Newton. His second wife was Miss Laura Bost, of Newton, who with five children, survive him.

JEFFRIES AND SHARKEY MATCHED.

They Will Fight in March or April for World's Championship.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 30.—Jim Jeffries and Tom Sharkey were matched today for a fight, which will involve the heavy-weight fist championship of the world. "Billy" Delaney, who is Jeffries' manager, met on Sharkey and his manager, Barney Reich, at a resort here this afternoon. Delaney said that he was anxious to induce Bob Fitzsimmons to meet the champion once more, and he had given him due notice of his whereabouts, but neither Fitzsimmons nor any representative of his put in an appearance so Delaney clinched the bargain with Sharkey. According to the articles of agreement the fight will take place on any day between March 17 and April 30 before the club offering the best inducements.

Immediately James C. Kennedy, representing J. W. Coffroth, of the Yosemite Athletic Club of San Francisco, big 62½ per cent of the gross receipts, and the men immediately agreed to fight in San Francisco under that club's auspices.

There is just a possibility that the men will not meet, and that according to the articles of agreement, is the chance that Sharkey is defeated by Peter Maher in their bout in Philadelphia in the third week of next year. The bout will be declared off should Sharkey succumb to Maher.

ROLLING IN WEALTH.

North Carolina Preacher's Son Becomes a Financier.

(Winston Journal.)
Last week North Carolina editors were notified that a young journalist from this vicinity had become a millionaire by a lucky strike in oil stock. Now comes the announcement that Mr. H. M. Holleman, son of a minister at Apex, has become president of a Boston Automobile Company with several million dollars of capital stock. The little slip upon which the announcement is made tells that Mr. Holleman is also interested in ten other corporations and that he is likely to become a "Napoleon of finance."

TORRENTIAL RAINS SWEEP THE SOUTH

Three People Drowned at West Point, Georgia.

THE STREETS ARE RIVERS

Traffic on Several Railroads in Georgia Tied Up.

TRAINS WEST OF ASHEVILLE BLOCKED

French Broad Within a Foot and a Half of High Water Mark. Heavy Loss of Property in Georgia. Washout Causes Wreck.

(By the Associated Press.)
Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 30.—The torrential rains of the past two days in Georgia, Alabama and East Tennessee and portions of North Carolina caused the death of four persons as far as known and inflicted serious damage to all kinds of property. The rains have been followed by much colder weather, accompanied by high winds.
The weather bureau announced today that the Chattahoochee River would continue to rise during the next 24 hours and it is feared much damage will result.

Three people were drowned at West Point, Ga., while attempting to cross the turbulent Chattahoochee, and Thomas Russell, an engineer on the Atlanta and West Point Railroad, was killed in a freight wreck caused by a washout near Notulassa, Ala.
Thousands of dollars worth of property have been destroyed at West Point and there is much suffering. Today the water in the streets of West Point was from one to five feet deep. Many of the people spent the night in Fort Tyler. No trains have been sent through from Atlanta to Montgomery over the Atlanta and West Point road since Saturday and the Southern Railway's New York and New Orleans limited last night was sent around by Birmingham and Meridian.

A washout is reported on the Southern between Asheville and Knoxville. At Columbus, Ga., the Chattahoochee remains 38 feet. The property damage is already heavy. Nearly five inches of rain have fallen in the vicinity of Rome, Ga. Two washouts are reported on the main line of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad south of Montgomery.

TRAIN SERVICE CRIPPLED.

Trains on Asheville-Spartanburg Division Water-Bound at Campobello.

(By the Associated Press.)
Asheville, N. C., Dec. 30.—The storm of the past two days has crippled train service. Traffic from the west on the Southern Railway has been completely blocked since yesterday morning, trains being waterbound at White Pine, N. C. Trains on the Asheville-Spartanburg division are waterbound at Campobello but passengers are coming through about six hours late. At Tunnels, on Black Mountain, the French Broad River is within a foot and a half of highwater mark.

Dam Damaged \$100,000.

(By the Associated Press.)
Anderson, S. C., Dec. 30.—One hundred and fifty feet of the Anderson Light and Power Company's dam at Portman Shoals in Seneca River has been washed away. The damage is at least \$100,000.

Several Bridges Swept Away.

Bristol, Tenn., Dec. 30.—High water has washed three spans of the Virginia and Southwestern Railway bridge at Elizabethton, two spans of the bridge at Butler, half a mile of track between Elizabethton and May Mead, and several trestles on the Tennessee Division of the road, forcing suspension of traffic. The East Tennessee and Western North Carolina Railway has also suffered serious washouts.

The Tennessee Rising.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 30.—The Tennessee River was 23.5 feet above the low water mark at 10 o'clock today with the prospects that 30 feet will be reached today when a decline is expected. Reports indicate that high water is prevailing throughout upper East Tennessee. The river has risen 14.7 feet since Saturday at 1 p. m. Two inches of snow fell here last night and is melting today.

MINISTER STILL AT HIS POST.

No Truth in Report That He Has Left After Quarrel With Castro.

(By the Associated Press.)
Berlin, Dec. 30.—The German Foreign Office authorizes the Associated Press to announce there is no truth whatever in the dispatches from Caracas saying that the German minister has left the Venezuelan capital after a heated exchange of words with President Castro. The German Charge D'Affaires, Herr Voelpel, Baltazzi, is still at his post, and is continuing negotiations with President Castro. There has not been any question of breaking off diplomatic relations with Venezuela.
The German minister to Venezuela, Dr.

O. Schmidt Leda, who has been on a vacation here, is now on his way to Caracas.

The Foreign Office again solemnly reiterates the statement that it does not contemplate territorial acquisitions in Venezuela.

Replying to Germany's assurance to the United States regarding the former's plans in connection with Venezuela, the Foreign Office here has received an answer from Secretary Hay, expressing full satisfaction with Germany's position. Germany still hopes to collect her claims peaceably.

Merchants Remove Goods.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 30.—An average of three inches of rainfall over the Tennessee River Basin since Saturday, sent the water over the 30 foot danger line here today. The water is now rising at the rate of four inches an hour. The Tennessee flood warning service announces that the river will reach 38 feet here by 10 o'clock tonight, and will go over forty feet by tomorrow afternoon. Merchants in the business section of the city are removing all goods from their basements in expectation that they will be flooded.

Into a Washout.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 30.—All outgoing trains from Montgomery were annihilated yesterday on account of the washout. Last night, however, tracks on the Central of Georgia and the Plant system were repaired sufficiently to admit of trains being run. On the Bouville and Nashville the passenger train from the South ran into a washout near Busby Creek. The engine and the postal and baggage cars went into the washout, but nobody was hurt as the train was running very slowly. The main line eight miles south of Montgomery is down. Three hundred feet of trestle was washed away near this point. One hundred feet of track was washed away at Catoma Creek.
Fifty feet of the big dam across the Tallapoosa river near Tallapoosa, is out. The dam had just been completed and cost half a million dollars.

DRANK ACID AND DIED

Sad Suicide of Miss Minnie Evans at Kinston Yesterday.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Kinston, N. C., Dec. 30.—Miss Minnie Evans, aged 27 years, governess in the home of Mayor Geo. B. Webb, committed suicide this morning by taking a large quantity of carbolic acid. Miss Evans came here from Grifton, and had been a member of the Webb family several years. By them she was held in esteem as a woman of exemplary character. There seems to have been no cause for the rash act other than that she had, while a member of the Webb household, several despondent spells in which she threatened to commit suicide.
The act was a deliberate one. She awoke about 7:10 a. m. and went out of her room where the acid was kept for sanitary purposes, deluted a quantity, drank it and returned to her room, dying in some twenty minutes thereafter.

Since the suicide a letter from an aunt on Miss Evans' has been received, extending to her an invitation to visit her at her home near La Grange, conveying the intelligence that her grand-mother was living and would be delighted to see her.

Why Miss Cropsey Must Have Been Murdered.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Kittrell, N. C., Dec. 30.—I have always heard that a drowned man floated face down; a drowned woman face up. If this is true it would show that Miss Cropsey must have been dead when thrown into the river.

Fincher's Alleged Murderer Arrested.

(By the Associated Press.)
Seale, Ala., Dec. 30.—Sheriff Hodges has arrested Uriah Porter, the alleged murderer of William Fincher. Porter defied the community and Governor Jelks ordered out a company of militia Saturday to aid in his capture. Porter is now in jail at Opelika.

THE DUKE AND THE ACTRESS.

Miss Knight Says Suit Against Manchester Will be a Fight to Finish.

(By the Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 30.—Messrs. Boxall and Boxall, counsel for the Duke of Manchester, declare there is absolutely no truth in the report, published in the United States yesterday, that the Duke, with the assistance of his father-in-law, Eugene Zimmerman, of Cincinnati, had offered Miss Portia Knight, the actress, \$20,000 in full settlement of her claim for damages resulting from alleged breach of promise of marriage.
Miss Knight said to a representative of the Associated Press this evening: "There is absolutely no talk of or thought of a compromise of my suit against the Duke of Manchester. I am promised that the hearing will come off early in January, and so far as I am concerned, it will be a fight to a finish."

NORFOLK PEANUT MARKET.
Norfolk, Va., Dec. 30.—Peanuts dull; fancy 2½; strictly prime 2½; prime 2 to 2½.
New-Fancy 3c.; strictly prime 2½ to 2¾; prime 2¼ to 2½. Spanish 7½ to 7½.

WILCOX IS REMOVED FROM ELIZABETH CITY

Taken Under Cover to Norfolk. Will be Brought to Raleigh.

GUY HALL IS TOLD TO GO

Intense Feeling Against Him. Belief in Wilcox's Guilt Grows Deeper.

FUNERAL OF MISS CROPSEY SUNDAY

A Mournful and Impressive Scene. The Church Was Packed to Suffocation. Yesterday the Body Was Sent to the North.

(By the Associated Press.)
Norfolk, Va., Dec. 30.—The body of Ella M. Cropsey passed through here today accompanied by her uncle, A. G. Cropsey, lawyer, of No. 3 Chambers street, New York.
A large crowd met it at the depot. Lawyer Cropsey will return to Elizabeth City and assist in the prosecution of Wilcox.
Wilcox has been taken from Elizabeth City under cover and is on his way to Norfolk in a wagon. He is expected by the county authorities here and will in all probability be confined in the county jail, though there is a probability of the city-jail being used. This step has been taken by the Elizabeth City authorities for the protection of the prisoner. It is thought that he will be carried away from here tonight to Raleigh, where he will be confined in the penitentiary until his trial in March, unless he is bailed prior to that time.

The funeral of Miss Cropsey.
An Immense Throng Attend the Services at the Church.
Elizabeth City, N. C., Dec. 29.—The funeral of Nellie Cropsey was held this afternoon in the presence of about 1,500 people.

"I don't hesitate to say that I believe the prisoner is innocent," declared the Rev. Dr. Lewelyn, of Christ's Episcopal church. "I want to caution you, my hearers, against forming and expressing opinions condemning a fellow-man until you have read the 119th Psalm. I will say that I condemn some things in his past life and had he been a member of my church I should probably have censured him from the pulpit, but now I believe he is innocent of the dark charge which hangs over him. Though the young lady is dead, it is very sad, her character was vindicated and I think now your sympathy should go out to the defendant's family in their great sorrow."

In referring to the closing of the saloons on the evening of the body's discovery as a precautionary move in view of the excitement and threatened violence against Wilcox the Rev. D. H. Tuttle spoke as follows from the Methodist pulpit: "The dry goods stores were not closed, the grocery stores, the jewelry shops and other places, were not shut up, but at this time, in pursuance of official request, the liquor saloons were closed and they were closed as a protection to a supposed criminal, when on other days they remain open and corrupt the innocent."

In a storm of intermittent wind and driving rain and in the presence of the largest crowd which ever assembled at a church in this city, the funeral services over the remains of Miss Ella Maud Cropsey, were held this afternoon in the Methodist church. There were 1,500 people packed in the auditorium, balcony and annex, and hundreds could not gain admittance. The deceased became a member of this church thirty-eight days before her disappearance. The handsome black walnut casket, laden with three white and green floral offerings, was borne down the central aisle by the following pall-bearers, some of them members of the Citizens' Committee: H. T. Greenleaf, Roscoe W. Turner, L. A. Winder, W. M. Baxter, A. K. Kramer and Prof. W. M. Hinton. Among those in the funeral cortege were Judge and Mrs. Cropsey, three daughters and a son, and Lawyer Andrew G. Cropsey, of New York. The remains are lying in the Methodist church annex tonight, and will be started to Brooklyn tomorrow morning.

Pastor Tuttle was assisted in the service by Rev. Messrs. Ferrebee and Dunke, both Baptists. In the opening prayer Mr. Tuttle said: "A sad and mysterious Providence has come to a home in our community. We thank God that the family has been sustained in their sorrow. We thank thee, that she accepted Christ before being taken away." He then read from the 15th chapter of Corinthians. Mr. Tuttle made a strong funeral oration from which these are extracts: "All deaths are sad, but oh how inexpressibly sad it is to be cut off in the bloom of young womanhood and like this, though mystery surrounds her death, we have this promise about this beautiful life: 'There is nothing secret that shall not be made manifest. Be sure your sins

will find you out.' If one die by the hand of an assassin, as our President died, remember it was His will. No act is without its penalty. This was God's child, and He said touch not one of them, and He will forever hold to account the agency." He then quoted, "He that sheds man's blood, etc." Mr. Tuttle read from the records the questions and answers on the occasion of Miss Cropsey's joining the church, October 12th, this year. "These are the vows she assumed a few short weeks before going," he continued: "I am so glad she did. Though absent from our midst she is present with her God." "There was quiet weeping and many moist eyes among the auditors.

The military company which has been guarding the jail since Friday evening was discharged at 5 o'clock this morning. Sheriff Granby says it is only temporary, for the Reserves are subject to his orders. Lynching is not greatly feared.

The jail in which young Wilcox, who was arrested for alleged participation in Miss Cropsey's death, lies is only a stone's throw from the church. Wilcox knew the funeral was in progress, but showed no emotion and merely inquired if a large crowd were present. He is more nervous than yesterday, but retains much of the easy manner that has characterized him all through. Public sentiment is strong against Wilcox but there is less talk of lynching.

Today the remains were shipped to New York, accompanied by the uncle. The ever present committee and a crowd of citizens followed to the depot and saw them off. This is the way Elizabeth City people do things. This is the end of Miss Nellie Cropsey in Elizabeth City, but the conviction of the murderer is still in the hands of the committee and they have not disbanded, but will hound him to his grave.

There is in town one Guy Hall today. Crowds collected on the corners and decided to ask him to leave the city. Hall is the man who was run out of Norfolk because of his connection with the Cannon affair. He has been run out of Boston for a similar offense and cannot return.

On the night of the disappearance of Miss Cropsey about eleven o'clock Captain Owens and his mate on a barge saw a skiff glide across from the opposite shore to the Cropsey side and skin under the bushes. From his actions and other things it is believed he is Wilcox's ally. But time will show.

This case promises to eclipse even the Cluverius case in interest. Almost every one now believes Wilcox guilty.

It is understood that the mayor today told Hall that if he did not leave town he feared he could not protect him. The preliminary hearing of Wilcox takes place next Wednesday morning. There is still thirty minutes for him to account for on the night the girl was missing and every one is eager to know how he will do it.

H. A. CHAPPELL.

FOUR DEAD IN WRECK

Train on the C. and O. Dashes Into a Landslide Near Reusens.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 30.—The official version of the wreck on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad yesterday was telegraphed today to the office of the company in this city by President Stevens at Richmond, Va. The dispatch from Mr. Stevens says: "Number 9, composed of engine, one baggage car and one coach struck a landslide two miles west of Reusens on the James River branch of Chesapeake and Ohio Railway about seven o'clock last afternoon, derailing the engine but doing no further damage. Conductor Whitaker, Engineer Fisher, Baggage-master Thompson and Express Messenger Shannon with others pushed the coach back out of the way of possible danger and were engaged in pushing the baggage car back when another slide came in, striking the baggage car and throwing it into the river with the four men first mentioned, all of whom were killed. No other persons were injured except slightly."

MURDER OF AN ENGINEER.

Four Men, Two Prominent, Commit a Crime That Lynchers May Avenge.

(By the Associated Press.)
Memphis, Dec. 30.—Four men today killed J. M. Rhea, a railroad engineer of Vicksburg, who was a passenger on the northbound Yazoo and Mississippi Valley train just out of Leland, Miss. They took possession of the engine, compelled the engineer to uncouple the engine and to carry them on up the road where they tried to escape.
They were all captured. Their names are Ashley Coker, A. M. Phipps, Tom Lauderdale and a man named Blackman. Coker is a wealthy planter and merchant of Cleveland, Miss.; Phipps is postmaster at Shelby, Miss.; Lauderdale is a relative of Phipps. Coker had a revolver. Blackman and Lauderdale each carried Winchester rifles. Phipps was unarmed. Indignation is intense, and it is feared there may be an attempt at lynching.

Hunters in Washington.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Washington, N. C., Dec. 30.—Dr. Howard A. Kelley, the distinguished gynecological surgeon of Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, and his nephew, Mr. Robert Lewis, of Philadelphia, are here with Dr. John C. Rodman, of this city, and have been to Ocracoke on a hunting trip. They returned yesterday morning with a large quantity of geese, brant and ducks and report the shooting fine. The distinguished surgeon will stop a few days with Dr. Rodman to shoot partridges.