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# TRAGIC TRIAL IN THAT GERMAN VICTORY HAS NOT BEEN LOCATED

Even Berlin Papers Are Disappointed That Something Definite Is Not Told Them; Pretrograd Declares Ignorance, But Berlin Still Rejoices-Allies Slowly Creep Forward.

## (By The Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 18.--(10:45 p. m.)-Although there seems no doubt the Russians are retreating, and that for the present any expectations the allies may have held of an early invasion of Germany must be dismissed, consider-able mystery surrounds the reported decisive German victory which Berlin mystery surro

celebrated last night. Vienna gives a few details of fighting in the east. The claim is made that the Russians have been driven from their positions north of the Car-pathian mountains from Krosno to Zakliczyn, which would indicate that part of the southern line of railway in Galicia again is in the hands of the Aus-trains and that Piotrkow and another Central Poland town have been storm-ed, but silence is maintained as to North Poland, where the German victory is said to have been achieved.

The German official report dis-misses this battle with the statement that "in Poland we are still pursuing the enemy, who continues to give

way. No Beal Information. Amsterdam dispatches serve to heighten the confusion by quoting Berlin papers received there today as to expressing disappointment as to the fact that no battlefields are men-theast that no taxtlifields remine of the tioned that no tangible results of the tighting are disclosed and that no lists are given of the number of cap-Som tured guns and prisoners. disappointment is expressed have at the silence of the Russians, and ad-vices from Petrograd are awaited eagerly.

The allies' offensive in the west con tinues to progress slowly, according to the Paris communication, although the aggregate gains claimed during the week indicate a considerable advance in Flanders and in the vicinity vance in Flanders and in the vicinity of Arras, where the allies seemingly are making their greatest efforts in the belief that penetration of the German lines would compel a general German retirement. It is still, how-over, a matter of siege warfare in Belgium and France. Berlin says Belgium and France. Berlin says inany attacks of the allies are being repulsed with heavy consulties, which are increased when the Germans mine trenches, which the allies are compelled to evacuate.

### No British Damaged.

The admiralty denies the German report that German ships which raided the east coast of England Wednesday sank two British destroyers.

saying no British ships were lost. In reply to a request from the cor-porations of Hartlepool and West Hartlepool to investigate the raid, the admiralty has replied that this will not be necessary as the government is in possession of all the facts.

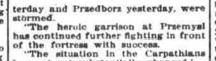
The coroner's of the three bom-barded towns still are holding in-quests over the bodies of victims, the numbers of which continue to grow as injured persons succumb to their

As a result of the bombardment the Kingdom has been flooded with post-ers reading: "Avenge Scarborough! L'p and at 'em now."

### Berlin Still Rejoices

Berlin, Dec. 18 .- By Wireles:-The official press bureau today gave out the following items:

"The coincidence of the expedition the English coast and the victory in the east continues to cause general rejoicing. Although the headquart-ers report lacks details there is gen-



has not yet substantially changed. No British Ships Lost.

London, Dec. 19 .- (12:16 a. m.)-The admiralty has issued a statement denying that any British warships were lost during the recent raid by a German squadron on the east coast of England.

### French Gains In Detail.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18 .-- Addiin Flanders and Northern France, an-nounced foday by the Paris war of-fice, were given in official dispatches to the embassy here. The message "We have the road from Tombaer-

try Les Bains to the east of Streens-traate. We have captured the enemy's trenches, gained 250 yards, made 100 risoners, and taken three mitrailleuses. In the region of Bixschoot, we have gained 500 yards, made 80 prisoners, and taken three mitrail leuses. To the north of Notre Dame de Consolation, our progress has been about 500 yards.

MR. HAL T. MACON.

# Death Removes Prominent and Es-teemed Warrenton Citizen. (Special to The News and Observer.)

Warrenton, Dec. 18.-The death of Mr. Hal T. Macon occurred here yesterday

Mr. Macon had been seriously ill for several weeks; in fact, for months his condition had been threatening. Funeral services over his remains were held from his home this evening at three o'clock, and interment was in Fairvlew cemetery. The Masons had charge of the services. Mr. Macon was an outspoken man; he was a charitable man. He was an active Mason, being a member of the Orphan Asylum Committee. He loved all children and especially the help-less. His home life with his children

was perfect. Mr. Macon was manager of the Home Telegraph and Telephone Com-pany, of the Warrenton Electric Light pany, of the Warrenton Electric Light Company, of the Warrenton Ice Plant, and a director of the Peck Manufacturing Company, and owner of the Macon Oil Company, besides this he was always interested in every

Father Killed Young Man He Did Not Know Was His Son-in-law YOUNG WIDOW WITNESS

Cleary Knew She Was To Become Mother, But, Ignorant of Marriage, Killed Newman When He Came To Break News of The Secret Marriage Few Days Before

**NEW YORK STATE** 

(By the Associated Press.)

New City, N. Y., Dec. 15 .- The jury in the trial of William V. Cleary jury in the trial of William V. Cleary for the murder of his son-in-law, Eu-gene M. Newman, witnessed a dramatic scene late today when the young widow. Anna Cleary Newman, was brought in to the court room to testify for her father, former town clerk of Haverstraw and prominent in politics. The sirl of twenty was as-isted toward the witness chair by her

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his arms his arms. The girl shrank back, but her father would not be denied. He selzed her in a firm embrace and kissed her re-peatedly. When the girl was led trembling to the stand Cleary col-lapsed. He recovered quickly, how-ever.

ever. Few questions were asked, the young witness widow. The defense whose witness she was, contented it-self with getting her to say that Newman was the father of her child and that she had not told her father or mother of her marriage. It had been testified previously that Cleary had learned on July 22 that Anna was had learned on July 22 that Anna was to become a mother and that on July 22 and 23 he had drunk to excess and acted irrationally. Through his wife it was brought but that up to tha, time he shot Newman he did not know the boy was his son-in-law. Cross-examination of the young woman was brief. She said she and Newman had been sweethearts from

Newman had been sweethearts from Newman had been sweethearts from childhood, that they saw each other frequently, despite the fact that her parents had forbidden, them to meet and that they had exchanged many letters. They were married on the night-of July 18, she testified. Mrs. Cleary testified that her hus-band had moved his family-from

hand had moved his family-from harverstraw to New Yorw in 1911 to escape Newman's attentions to their daughter, but they had kept up a clandestine qourtship. Mrs. Cleary said she had been told of the marriage by a physician who had attended her daughter a few days previous to the shooting.

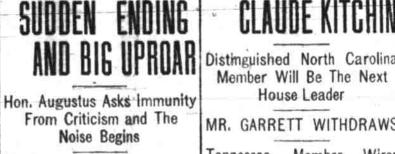
# No Diplomatic Breakfast.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18 .- Secre tary Bryan amounced today that the diplomatic breakfast usually given by the Secretary of State at his residence on New Year's Day, would be omitted this winter because of President Wil-son's recent bereavement.

**25 CHRISTMAS** 

For Twenty-five Cases

CHARGED WITH LARCENY



WITHERSPOON CALLS **REQUEST AN OUTRAGE** 

When Chairman Does Not Put His Motion Mississippian Leaves Room in Indignation. Messrs, Gardner and Gray Then Have a Tilt Over Who Is Backing Investigation and The Session "Blows Up" South Didn't Take Kindly To The Gardner Letters

aisted toward the witness chair by her uncle and ahe clung to her relative as though dreading the ordeat: Her father had not seen her since July 22, the day before Newman was shot as he was waiting to tell Cleary that he and Anna were married. As his daughter neared him Cleary gave evidence of deep emotion. As the girl reached his side he jumped to his feet and reached out to take her in his arms.

ted to prove the nation's ministry dri-prepared neus. Mr. Gardney's insistence so an-gered Representative Witherspoon, of Mississippi, that he guit the commit-tee room. A series of questions put immediately afterwards by Represen-tative Gray, of Indiana, aroused Mr. Gardney's resentment, and the meet-ing broke un abcuntty.

Ing broke up abruptly. Representative Gardner vigorously resented what he said was an impu-tation that his campaign for inves-tigation of the military situation was in the inter-st of was unconverse of in the interest of ma ufactureres of war materials. He called upon Mr Gray, who was questioning him, to "get up and prove his facta," but the latter had nothing further to say, and the chairman declared the hearing ended.

The committee will meet Menday to complete the naval appropriation bill, the plan being to report it, if pos-sible, before the holidays.

Mr. Gardner's statements today were based largely on the testimony of the admirals and others before the committee, and reports of the navy general board. The war of words came after the witness had finished the statement and submitted

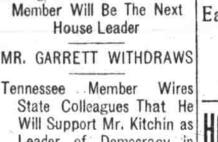
to a long cross examination. Ms. Gardner said he did not want his statements challenged later in Congress and sought an immediate exression from the committee

### ers. Witherspoon Hurls Bomb.

Representative Witherspoon de

Representative Witnerspoon de-clared sharply that the request was "outrageous." "I move that the hearings be closed," said the Mississippi Repre-sentative. "I am tired of this out-

rage. Chairman Padgett asked him to withdraw the motion but he persisted and, when Mr. Gardner renewed his request for an expression of opinion, left the room. write



**CLAUDE KITCHIN** 

Will Support Mr. Kitchin as Leader of Democracy in Lower House; Several Postmasters Appointed

# (W. E. YELVERTON.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18 .- Rep. One Appropriation Bill Is Passresentative Finis J. Garrett wired members of the Tennessee delegation today withdrawing from his fight for the majority leadership of the House In his measage was the assurance that he would support Representative Kitchin for that honor and congratulations to him upon the hearty sup port which Mr. Garrett had found ex priation bill and began consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill. The legislative, executive, and ju-dicial bill, carrying \$36,000,000 was passed after less than three days acisting for Mr. Kitchin in the House. Mr. Garrett said in his telegram that he had not known before he en-tered the race that the candidacy of Mr. Kitchin he down on the form Mr. Kitchin had sone so far.

Members of the House are Members of the House are some-what divided in their opinions of Mr. Garrett's reasons for entering the race for leadership, or what he was aiming at in the event that he lost-out. While he may be shooting at the chairmanship at the Rules Com-mittee, his opposition to Representa-tive Kitchin has not strengthened him with the Ways and Means Committee, and that committee deals out comand that committee deals out com mittee assignments to the other mem bers. At any rate, friends of Mr Kitchin have never been worried at this opposition and will leave Mr. Garrett to figure out his own future.

dent today: John H. Wilson, Slyva, Mary H. Osborn, Oxford; Robert V Brawley, Statesville; David T. Clark Weldon.

"railway influence his been hard at work to defeat provisions of this bill revising the railway pay system." He declared the defeat of the rule was a 'betrayal of Democratic prin-ciples and a betrayel of the Demo-Three or four protests against the appointment of Wilson at Sylva have been received. They will be consid-ered by the Senate committee on post-offices and post roads. ratic administration by the majority

Representative Henry interrupted to arsert that the only opposition to the rule in the rules committee, was ex-erted by "railroad interests." "Name them." should Republican Leader Mann. Visitors to Washington include Dr. Francis P. Venable, of the University faculty, and Hugh McRas and two daughters, Wilmington.

# ENGINE HITS NEGRO BOY.

Lad Is Knocked Down and Leg Badly Mangled.

# (Special to The News and Observer

to defeat this bill in the rules com-mittee." Durham, Dec. 18 .- Joe Johnaon a small negro boy, was struck by a shifting engine on the Southern yards this morning, and his left leg was so THE DAY IN CONGRESS badly mangled that amputation was

Hearings resumed on the Philip-pine bill.

badly mangled that amputation was necessary. Two shifter was backing off the main track in order to allow a freight to pass, and when it backed across the Pine street crossing, the little negro was struck. He made an effort to get out of the way, but the shifter knocked him down and one leg was causht under the wheels of the engine. Medical attention was given, and the youngster was carried to the colored hospital. Band and-mouth disease among cattle. Rejected the nomination of W. Colling as postmaster at Kansas Ch Agriculture committee began in quiry into recent epidemic of foot and-mouth disease among cattle. Senator Sheppard spoke on his con 'ollins as postmaster at Kansas City

> Saturday. MOUSE:

of sea, defenses,

Eastern Railroads Given Victory Denied Them In August-Five Per Cent. Flat Raise Given As Asked Originally, Except On Products of The Mines Whose Roads Already Prosper.

**GRANTS FREIGHT INCREASE** 



tual consideration.

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mile, were stricken out.

Another

(By the Associated Press.)

Chairman Moon, of the postoffice

The House was in turmoil for a few

moments, and when the tumult sub-sided, Representative Henry shoulds: "I can name them. I say here and now that the railroad interests tried

Hearing continued on bill to limit

Hearing continued on bill to limit cold storage of food. Passed legislative, executive, and judicial appropriation bill, carrying about \$35,000,000.

Regan consideration of postoffice appropriation bill.

Indian appropriation bill, carrying

HOUSTON PLAYS GOLF.

LOAN FUND IN DEMAND.

Creation of Interest in South May Take Entire Amount,

One official in close touch with

STEAMER BADLY LEAKING.

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ROAD IS CLEAR FOR **COMMERCE COMMISSION** 

#### (By the Associated Pros.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Fur-ther increases in freight rates were granted to the eastern railroads today by the interstate Commerce Commission in a decision from which Chairs

tion in a decision from which Chair-man Harlan and Commissioner Clem-ents dissented vigorously. Except in lake and rail traffic, coal, coke, iron ore and certain other traf-fic, upon which the Commission here-tofore has fixed rates adjudicated "reasonable," all railroads operating in the territory between the Atlantic seaboard and the Mississippi north of the Fotomac and Ohlo rivers were aled and Work Begun On the Potomac and Ohio rivers were allowed the flat five per cent increase for which they have been asking for

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.-With Its machinery at high speed, the House today turned out the legisla-tive, executive, and judicial approour years. The railroads hoped to get increases which would add to the annual reve-nues some \$50,000,000. The Commission's decision is expected to give

The roads east of a north and south line drawn through Buffalo, Pittsburg and Charleston, W. Va., won by toagricultural census to cest \$2,286.000, and a proposal to reduce members mileage from twenty to five cents a day's decision the increases other than upon the traffic excepted, which were denied them in the Commission's deof this line, which got partial ad-vances in the August The roads west of this line, which got partial ad-vances in the August decision, receiv-ed further advances; so that now all the roads in what is described as of-ficial chassification territory will enjoy uniform advances in both clean and Postmaster-General Burleson's plans for departmental changes were blocked when the House voted down a special rule to make in order new uniform advances in both class and

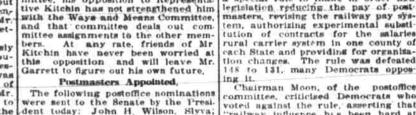
uniform advances in both class and commodity rates. Need Additional Revenue. The majority of the Commission held that the roads had established in the latest hearings a greater need of additional net income than ever he-fore. This was due, the decision held, to extraorder without out of the mark to exigencies arising out of the war and to an already existing necessity for additional revenues to maintain

railroad properties. Chairman Harian in his dissenting opinion, held that sufficient aid had been given the roads by the August decision and that the findings of the majority were "morally wrong." Commissioner Clements based his dissent upon what he regarded as the inability, in law of the Commission wrong." to take cognizance of anything in the making of rates other than their justice and reasonableness.

# President Highly Pleased

In administration circles the out-come of the case was welcomed as of cast importance. 1= esident Wilson issued no formal statement but the White House officials said he wan greatly pleased over the decision and expected it to have an immediate efect upon the country's economic situation. The President had made no tion. secret of his belief that improvement of conditions generally was depend-ent, to an extent at least, upon additional revenue being provided in ome way for the railroads. Traffic on which no increase was al-

owed represents about 55 per cent of the entire volume of freight handled by the roads. Coal, coke and iron ore, however, are bulky commodities, taking lower rates, consequently the revenue derived from them is relative-



expectation that the Russian defeat will prove to have been com-plete. From details already available it seems safe to say that the victory has freed Germany for a long-period has free ormany for a long-period from possible menace of invasion from the east. The Austrians appear to have done their work quite as thoroughly. The political effect of the victory is likely to be advantageous. Vienna's report indicated that the

Russians still are maintaining the ag-gressive in the Carpathians but declares that they are retreating else-

"A dispatch from Geneva reports representatives of that different groups of the Egyptian national party groups of the Egyptian hational party have pointed out to representatives of the Italian government that the Egyptians would be loyal to Italian Tripolitania and would be better neighbors for Italy than the British. "Gen. Welltchko, the Russian officer the back of the b of Port Arthur fame, has been killed near Lodz.

Naples reports that Turkish troops "A special committee of the Rumanian Conservative party has ap-proved the continuation of neutral-ity." are fifteen miles from the Suez Canal. the

Petrograd Statement.

#### (By the Associated Press.)

Petrograd, Dec. 18 .- The following statement from the general staff of the Russian army was made public

'On the left bank of the Vistula an almost complete lull on nearly all of the front has replaced the attacks made by the energy in the course of the past few days. All of these at-tacks we repulsed." "In connection with the advance of

part of our troops toward the Bzura River (Russian Poland) and in view of the fact that the Austrians are continually receiving reinforcements the Carpathians, we have thought fit to re-arrange the positions of some of our armi

We checked the offensive of the enemy yesterday in Western Galacia. On the front between Sanck and Lisko, we have succeeded in our offensive and have captured three thou sand prisoners, several guns and mitrailleuses."

#### Russians Are Pursued.

Vienna, via London, Dec. 18.--(10:05 p. m.)--The following Aus-trian official statement was made pub-lic today: "The beaten Russian main forces are being pursued on the entire haitle front 400 kilomires wide (about 250 miles) from Krosno (Galacia) to the mouth of Baura River (in Poland) where it empties into the Vistuia. "The enemy yesterday was driven from his positions north of the Car-pathians between Krosno and Zahli-eyn. On the lower Donajes River, we and our allies are doing battle with the enemy's rear guard.

pathians between Kromo and Zahi-caym. On the lower Donaises River, we and our allies are doing battle with the enemy's rear guard. "In South Poland our advance so far has been made without important fighting. Piotrkow day before yes-

this he was always interested in every public question, lending his aid to good roads and schools. This town and community will miss him. He was a member of the old and highly respected families of Jenkins-Macon, being a descendant of Nat

Macon. He leaves a widow and seven children

GUESTS AT DINNER.

The News and Observer Will School Officials Given Feast By Colored Domestic Class Ask For Volunteers To Care

Chapter Characteristic Characteristi olored schools of the county.

Colored schools of the county. During the week Miss Royster spent much time visiting various schools in House Creek. Cedar Fork and Cary townships and found that much pro-gress had been made along all lines.

ALABAMA NEGRO LYNCHED.

Jones Alleged to Have Confessed At-

Fort Deposit, Ala., Dec. 18 .- Will lones, a negro, was lynched near here early today by a mob which took him from the hands of county authorities who were conveying him to Haynes-ville, Ala., for safekeeping. It is said

the negro confessed to an attempted criminal assault on a girl high school A coroner's jury late today return-ed a verdict that Jones came to his



# George W. Jones Expires Alone at Lumberton.

(Special to The News and Observer,

of this world's good come to the res-cue it will be a cheerless and miser-able Christmas to these unfortunate Lumberton, Dec. 18 .- Mr. George Lumberton, Dec. 18.—Mr. George W. Jones, about fifty years old, was feund dead in his room at the Dixie Cafe here about eight-thirty tonight. When discovered the body was lying on the floor with clothes on, shoes removed. Physicians expressed the common that Mr. Jones had been dead Raleigh people are as charitable as any on the globe and there are hun-dreds who are ready to respond it they can see the worthiness of the CQ.HE. Joy in the home where comfort reigns would be doubly sweet in this yuletide season in the knowledge that their gifts had made comfortable and gladdened the hearts in a home where want had laid its heavy hand.

opinion that Mr. Jones had been dead 36 to 40 hours. / He is survived by relatives in Fay-etteville, Charlotte, and Cheraw, S. C.

#### Child Burned Fatally,

(Seedal to The News and Observer.)

(Special in The News and Observer.) Greenville, Dec. 18.—Left alone at home with fire in the fireplace open for them to keep warm by, two little negro children, in their home just south of this city, got to playing with the fire, with the result that one was so hadly burned before help reached it, that denth resulted in a short time thereafter.

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letter to mercantile organization over the country?" asked Mr. Gray when quiet country ?" asked Mr. Gray when quiet had been restored. Sent Out Many Letters. "I bired a man to send out a printed letter to every chamber of commerce in the land, telling them to bring it before the monther send

**OPPORTUNITIES** to bring it before the meeting, and enclosing a copy of my speech. In the South, particularly North Caro-lina, several of them did not approve

of R "How many of these letters did you write?" "I do not know. I gave it to one of those publicity fellows."

"What organizations did you em-ploy for what purpose?", persisted Mr. Gray.

ploy for white purpose Mr. Gray. "Do you mean to say 'am I in al-liance with the manufacturers of ma-terial?" I am paying every cent my The News and Observer tomorrow morning will present to its readers 25

"Didn't you write feiters to those opportunities to give choer and com-fort for the Christmas holidays to 25 fort for the Christmas holidays to 25 worthy cases. These opportunities will be numbered from 1 to 25 and will briefly summarize the condition of each without giving the name. The idea will be for those who wish to respond to this appeal to read the cases and select the one that appeals to them and then to write or call upon the city editor and any that he or she will take case number so and so. rganizations asking them, to write to the Senators and Congressmen?" "Do you assert that I did?" shout-ed Mr. Gardner, "I don't assert anything," replied

Mr. Gray. Gardner Gives Lecture. Mr. Gardner read a newspaper ar-ticle which said it was intimated at the White House that the movement

the White House that the movement came from people allied with produc-ers of war materials. "Now." he said. "I am tired of this kind of talk. If any admiral or gen-eral tells the country what you need and ought to get, you may, 'you d-rascal.' you are trying to raise your standing by advocating this thing." The card containing the name of the family will be turned over to the the family will be turned over to the person who takes the case and after his or her own personal investigation minister to the requirements. From day to day the News and Observer will inform the public of the disposi-

rancal, you are trying to raise your standing by advocating this thing.' Then if any private citizen gris up they say, you are bought by the man who has material for safe. If, any congressman gets up you say. 'Itat is politics.' I'm tired of it. Get up, Mr. Gray, and prove your facts.' "I have nothing further to say," replied Mr. Gray. "Then." said Mr. Gardner, "I am through, unless there is somebody who has something to say." will inform the public of the disposi-tion of the cases. There are many more people in Raleigh who lack the necessities of life, lack the proper clothing, lack sufficient bed clothing even to keep them warm at night than many might suppose. Sickness, temporarily out of employment, failure to get an ade-

quate amount, of employment are some of the causes which have brought about these conditions and unless those who have enough and to spare has something to say. MORE

# SOUTHERN WRISCK FATAL.

One Man Killed in Derailment South of Richmond, (By its Ameriated From.) Richmond, Va., Dec. 18.—Southern Rallway passenger train No. 13, southbound, which left Richmond this morping, was detailed this after-noon about 3 o'clock at Jetersville. in Amelia county, while backing into a

Ameria County, while backing into a siding. One passenger was killed and about a dozen others wounded, non-fatally, however. The dead man is C. J. Agee, of Richmond, a car oiler on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad,

# EPWORTH AT JUNALUSKA.

Negro Arrested For House Breaking and Stealing Platol. Jim Holloway, a negro, is in police station awaiting trial in police court upon the charge of inreeny and housebreaking. He is alleged to have broken into the house of Wil-liam Peace near the old rock quarry and stolen a pistol. After Holleway's arrest the Listol was recovered from Cabinet Methodist Church League

**UNCLESAM WON** BUTT IN ON Suggestion for Protest By

Press of Great Britain Will Have No Affect

(Hr the Associated Press)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15 - Deterommitteemen marking closing ses nined that the United States shall slons. continue uninvolved in controversies Adjourned at 5:25 p. m. to noor that have arisen between European Saturday belligerents over alleged violations of

The Hague conventions, President Wilson and Secretary Bryan will make

no representations to Germany concerning the German naval raid on the

English coast. Suggestions from the British press that the United States should protest Agriculture Houston completed three days visit this evening, the af three days visit this evening, the af-ternoon being devoted to a friendly game of golf with T. B. Boyd, a for-mer St Louis acquaintance. The secretary, who had not played since November, was in excellent form, rallying two down at the turn squaring the match on the fourieenth and loung the match on the seven

to Germany against the alleged in-fraction of an article of The Hague conventions which prohibits naval bombardment of "undefended towns" has mer with no response from Washington. No formal communication has come from Great Britain but sug-gestions in the press developed an in-formal discussion among his officials and losing the match on the seven teenth, two down and one to play. The round was played on number three course, with which the distin-guished visitor expressed himself bere as to the American government's course, after which the Preddent and Secretary Bryan renewed their dator-mination not to interfore. much pleased.

already taken issue with the British contention that the English coast towns bombarded were undefended has emphasized to officials here the

By the Associated Franti By the Associated Franti Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Al-though no complete list of applica-tions for loans from the \$185,000.000 cotton loan fund are available in Washington, it was said here today that demands were available in syncoto. controversial nature of the case. While the attitude of the Washing-ton government is chiefly due to a desire to keep from entanglement in the war's controversics, its course also has been influenced largely by the that demands were exceeding expecta-tions and that predictions that the fund would not be used except by a few borrowers would not be borne feeling that during the conflict pro-tests from even neutral powers are of little avail, though they will be taken into full account when a final reck-oning is made at the conference of powers to discuss peace terms. óut the situation declared today he be-lieved a trip through the South in the interest of the fund would develop enough requests to take up the entire

# CAT BITES CHILDREN.

Cabinet Methodist Church League Appoints Place Summer Meeting. Salisbury, Dec. 13.—The Epworth icague Cabinet of the W. N. C. Meth-odist church, in session in this city, decided that the annual Epworth icague conference is to be held at Lake Junaluska, and the president is to fix the date. Rev. E. L. Bain and Rev. C. M. Pickens were directed to arrange the program. Gordon, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gordon of this city, was at-tacked by a cat and bitten severely about the log. The cat was driven off and in a few moments bit two other persons, a small boy and a man. The cat was finally killed, and his head sent to the Pasteur Institute cat will likely go to Raleigh to take the Pasteur treatment. Witministon, Dec. 15.—Ldaking bady and with her pumps out of order, the schooner. Allce May Daven-order, the schooner. Allce May Daven-off and in a few moments bit two persons a small boy and a man. The cat was finally killed, and cat will likely go to Raleigh to take the Pasteur treatment. Her condition is not serious.

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ly small. In the eastern district ten per cent, Adjourned at 4:32 p. m. to noon

of the entire volume of freight is an-thracite, 31 per cent. bituminous coal, five per cent. coke; five per cent, ores. The coal roads, in the opinion of the Commission already are profit-Representative Gardner testified before Naval committee urging increases

able. After further consideration the Commission permits advances to be made on cement, starch, brick, tile, clay and plaster. On these commo-dities no advances were permitted by the decision of August 1. Joint rates

between official classification territory and territory south of the Potomac and Ohio and east of the Mississippi

may be increased not to exceed five per cent. Interstate rates to and from New England also may be increased not

to exceed five per cent. Statement of Commission.

While present existing differentials among various Atlantic ports are pre-served the rates between any two of them also may be increased five per cent. The decision says: "While we differ as to the relative

Secretary of Agriculture Has Game With Old Friend, (Speta in The certs and Garrer) Pinehurst, Dec. 18 - Secretary of importance to be attached to the agree in the conclusion that it is ne-cessary that the carriers' revenues be hi

supplemented by increases throughout official classification territory. War Effect Recognized.

"Whatever the consequences of the war may prove to be, we must recog-nize the fact that it exists, the fact that it is a calamity without precedent and the fact that by it the commerce of the world has been disarranged and thrown into confusion. The means of transportation are fundamental and indispensible as an agency in our in-dustrial life and. for the common weal, should be kept alreast of public

"Carriers will be required to keep an account of the additions to their revenues from increases in rates sub-sequent to July 19, 1914, and from new charges, and to report separately thereon to the Commission at the end of twelve-and twenty-four months, respectively."

Formerly Disallowed.

After stating the exceptions, the ecision proceeds:

"In our original report we declined to allow increased rates in central, freight association territory on cement, starch, brick, tile, clay and plaster On further consideration in the light of existing situation, these rates may be increased throughout official classification territory under the limita-tions herein set forth. "Joint rates between official classi-

fication territory on the one hand, and Southeastern terrifory, the Southwest and points on or east of the Missouri river on the öther, may be increased not to exceed five per cent of the di-vision of the rate accuring to the car-riers in official classification territory.

If these increases involve a change in the relationship under the long and short haul rule between intermediate Continued on Page Three.)

With Rabbies. (Special to The News and Obs

Examination Proves Feline Afflicted

(apastat is The News and Oherrer.) Rocky Mount, Dec. 18.—While at his chores about his home. Carter Gordon, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gordon of this city, was at-tacked by a cat and bitten severely about the log. The cat was driven off and in a few moments bit two other persons, a small boy and a man. The cat was finally killed, and bit head agent to the Pasteur Institute