

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 5, 1915.

DAVID MCKILNE ACCIDENTALLY SHOT BY HENRY RUFFIN AT LOUISBURG

Louisburg, Jan. 4.—David McKilne, the sixteen-year-old son of Mr. F. B. McKilne, cashier of the First National Bank, was accidentally shot and instantly killed this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock by Henry Ruffin, the ten-year-old son of Mr. W. H. Ruffin, president of the same bank.

The accident occurred while the two boys were out hunting about one mile from Louisburg. A rabbit jumped up in front of them. The younger boy, who was behind the other, started to run forward to shoot the rabbit, but stumbled. As he did so the twenty-two caliber rifle he was carrying was discharged, the ball from it entering the forehead of the older boy at the base of the brain and causing instant death.

David was the only child of his parents and was a bright and lovable boy. His sympathy of the community goes out to Mr. and Mrs. McKilne as well as to Mr. and Mrs. Ruffin. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

BRITISH LEGATION REPORT SAYS SITUATION WAS AWFUL A WEEK AGO

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, transmitted to the State Department today a copy of a memorandum from Charles Hohler, of the British legation in Mexico City, saying conditions there a week ago were deplorable.

His commendation was given to Eduardo Huerta, former governor of the Federal district, for his efforts in saving the lives of British and American women when the Zapata forces entered the city. The British ambassador succeeded in getting out of the hands of the hands of the Mexican officials who threatened to execute him, and, according to official reports received today, he is now in the United States.

Since Charles Hohler's report was sent, conditions have improved, according to State Department advice. The Mexican convention assembled today and discussed credentials of delegates.

Neither the war nor State Department had any further advice as to the situation at Naco, but the belief prevails that an adjustment of the difficulties there would be reached on the arrival of General Juan Cabral, with 5,000 Gutherer troops.

Sen. Carranza a Hostage.

Eliseo Arredondo, head of the Carranza agency here, issued a statement tonight summarizing dispatches from Vera Cruz confirming reports of the capture of General Carranza and the flight of the first chief by General Alfonso Santibanez, in San Gerónimo, State of Oaxaca, on December 30th. Then general and his son and nephew, who held a hostage, and his entire staff had been captured by Santibanez, who has been Carranza's commander of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec.

The statement says:

"The first chief has received word from Santibanez that if he will pardon his treachery and allow him to retain his military office, he will release General Carranza and his family. Carranza's reply was: 'Such traitorous conduct can receive no pardon. If my brother's death is a necessary step toward the triumph of our principles and the establishment of peace, I am willing that he die. And I know that my brother will be willing to sacrifice his life for his country.'

"As soon as he was aware of the plight of Gen. Carranza ordered troops to the Isthmus. This morning they routed Santibanez's column near San Gerónimo and the traitor fled to the mountains of Chiuhlihan in the mountains of Oaxaca."

Customs Officer Arrested.

Eagle Pass, Tex., Jan. 4.—Ernie Breaux, collector of customs at Piedras Negras, the Mexican town across the border from here was arrested there last night. At the same time Carranza officials began an investigation of alleged smuggling of corn, wheat and livestock from Mexico through Piedras Negras to Texas.

SOME IMPROVEMENT NOW STATE DEPARTMENT ADVISES MORE HOPEFUL; TURBULENCE COMMANDED FOR PROTECTING FOREIGNERS; CARRANZA REFUSES TO PARDON CHIEFTAIN WHO THREATENS HIS BROTHER

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STANDPATE REPUBLICANS "AGIN" THE SHIPPING BILL, IN LINE WITH USUAL COURSE

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—Government purchase of ships as proposed in the administration bill to create a shipping board to finance a \$10,000,000 shipping corporation and expend not to exceed thirty million dollars for the purchase or chartering of ocean carriers, became today the foremost issue before Congress.

By a vote of 48 to 29, the Senate today passed the bill. The bill is now in the House. The bill is now in the House.

CONGRESS URGED TO SHUT OFF ARMS

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BIG NAVAL PARADE MAY BE POSTPONED

Governor Goethals Reports Slides May Debar Great Dreadnoughts

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—The possibility of a postponement of the cruise of the international fleet from Hampton Roads to San Francisco through the Panama Canal in connection with the formal opening of the canal and the exposition was suggested today during a conference between Secretary Garrison and Col. Goethals, governor of the canal zone.

Though the great earth slides at Cucuracha apparently have been conquered, the earth movements continue in the neighborhood of Gold Hill. At that point the superincumbent masses of earth on the side of the canal, by their great pressure, are continuously forcing rock and soil in great quantities in the canal prism. The movement is such that it is necessary to require the continuous employment of dredges to maintain the channel.

While this can be done to meet the needs of the present number and size of vessels that are applying for passage, Col. Goethals reports that he could not guarantee that there would be a channel broad enough to allow enough for the great dreadnoughts which will make up the naval parade by the date they are expected to arrive at Cristobal next spring.

The mastery of the earth movements at Gold Hill is considered a question of time, when the earth must find its equilibrium. Col. Goethals, however, is unable to promise that this period of stability will be attained by the time the naval fleet is scheduled to reach the canal.

As the program of the fleet from the time it gathers at Hampton Roads to its arrival at San Francisco is prescribed by law, the officials are now considering whether it will be necessary to secure special legislation in case it is decided to abandon or postpone the cruise because of conditions in the canal.

Chile to Send Finest.

Santiago, Chile, Jan. 4.—Chile has decided to send the battleship Captain Pratt, its finest vessel, to take part in the international naval parade through the Panama Canal.

NO DECISIONS ANNOUNCED.

Supreme Court Adjourns to Honor Memory of Marshall.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—The Supreme Court adjourned today in honor of the memory of Chief Justice John Marshall, who died on September 6, 1835.

The court today appointed Frank H. Johnson, newly appointed chief justice, to succeed Mr. Wright. Green began as a page.

BRITISH BOMBARD IMPORTANT PORT OF SOUTH AFRICA

German Vessels in Nairobi Harbor Disposed of Much Damage Done

Nairobi, British East Africa, via London, Jan. 4.—11:17 p. m.—The British battleship Goliath and light cruiser Fox have carried out successful operations against Dar-Es-Salaam, capital of German East Africa. The warships bombarded the town, inflicting considerable damage. All German vessels in the harbor were disabled. Fourteen Europeans and twenty natives were taken prisoner. The British loss was one killed and 12 wounded.

Dar-Es-Salaam, the best built town on the coast of German East Africa, is a military station with an excellent harbor, forty miles south of Zanzibar. It is the terminus of an important caravan route, the residence of a governor and has large commercial interests. The white population in 1905 was estimated at 1,000; the total population at more than 20,000.

Fighting Appears Halted.

London, Jan. 4.—10 p. m.—Latest news from the battle front indicates little activity, the hill recently being captured by the British. Fighting in a village in upper Alsace, is in the hands of the French, after hours of intense fighting. This loss Berlin attributed to the British.

The day was marked by artillery duels, with occasional infantry duels for slight gains, but the line from the Oise to the sea was almost calm.

Germany's official declares the situation on the Eastern front remains unchanged and nothing has reached London to contradict this statement.

Politically the American note still occupies a prominent position, dividing attention with speculations as to what Rumania and Italy will do. The British answer, it is expected, will be sent to Washington later this week. It is understood here that Great Britain has reached such a satisfactory official communication with Rumania, Austria or Turkey with food and war munitions.

French Win in Alsace.

Paris, Jan. 4.—(19:40 p. m.)—The following official communication was issued by the war office tonight:

"The only reports which have been received up to the present hour refer to a capture of a very violent nature continue in the region of Cernay (Saarheim)."

Last night our troops lost, then regained the territory around the church at Steinbach. This morning they occupied the entire village.

The German works to the west of Cernay captured by us yesterday were lost for a brief period following a very violent counter-attack, but the Germans were not able to maintain it, and this position remains in our hands."

Vienna Official Report.

Vienna, via Amsterdam to London, Jan. 4.—(19:40 p. m.)—The following official communication was issued this evening:

"In severe battles in the district south of Goelice, fought under the worst weather conditions, our troops secured themselves, through getting possession of a high line of hills, a base for further operations."

"In the Carpathians there has been no change."

"In the upper Ung Valley, there have been only small engagements."

"During the battles in the Northern theatre at Christmas time we captured thirty-seven officers and 12,683 men."

Submarine Sank Formidable.

Berlin, Jan. 4.—(Wireless to Dayville)—An official German broadcast made public through the official press bureau today says:

"A German submarine boat reports by wireless to the Admiralty in London that it has torpedoed and sunk in the English Channel off Plymouth the British battleship Formidable."

"The submarine was pursued by British destroyers, but escaped undamaged."

Russians Sweep Bukovina.

Petrograd, Jan. 4.—The official communication issued from general headquarters tonight follows:

"During January 3 no important change took place on the left bank of the Vistula. In many sections there have been the usual artillery engagements and secondary action."

"More desperate fighting took place

TWO ASPIRANTS FOR PRESIDENT OF SENATE

D. Max Gardner, of Cleveland, and F. P. Hobgood, of Guilford, rival candidates; L. H. Alfred, of Johnston; T. C. Bowie, of Ashe; A. A. Seawell, of Lee, and Emmett R. Wooten, of Lenoir, striving for the highest honor in the gift of the House; Forecast of Legislation Likely to Come Up For Consideration By The Incoming Legislature

The next speaker of the 1915 House of Representatives of North Carolina was seen in the lobby of the Yarroworth Hotel last night but what his name is left to the conjecture of the readers of this paper.

All four of the candidates for the honor, Messrs. L. H. Alfred, of Johnston; T. C. Bowie, of Ashe; A. A. Seawell, of Lee, and Emmett R. Wooten, of Lenoir were present in the flesh, all active, smiling and debonair, each one confident that the lightning would strike in his vicinity and that tonight, when the Democratic caucus meets it would set the seal of approval on his candidacy and tomorrow he would be the presiding officer of that great body of men, biennially chosen by the sovereign people of the State to help make the laws that govern the welfare and progress of this grand old commonwealth. Friends of each man claimed that their candidate would be the winner.

Extreme views were held last night of combinations that might be made whereby the strength of one candidate might be thrown to that of another but it is safe to say that all four men will go into the caucus tonight and be voted for on the first ballot. The friends of one of the candidates declared last night that his man lacked only a few votes of having enough to elect him to the post of speaker on the first ballot and that the support of the members who have not as yet committed themselves, would elect his man.

This view was combated by another candidate who said that his man, too, had pledged enough to ensure his election on the second ballot, that he would lead on the first, and after the vote of the other candidates would withdraw and secure his election on the second ballot.

Two of the candidates were seen together last night in earnest consultation and it is believed that something in the way of a combination would be sprung after the first ballot. All this, however, is mere conjecture and as there are many ups and downs in the political game it need surprise no one just what will take place in the caucus tonight.

Speakership Contest, Spirited One.

The contest, which developed into one of the fiercest kind and which three of the most excellent gentlemen in the race are bound to be disappointed at the outcome there will be no after effects. The friends of the defeated men will take their defeat gracefully and like men.

To be speaker of the House of Representatives of the great State of North Carolina is not so trivial a thing as many might be proud, and the ambition to serve in this capacity is a laudable one, hence the contest is not one of the down in the mud kind but a contest among gentlemen.

A member from one of the Piedmont counties of the State, when asked last night who he was supporting for the speakership, remarked that his mind was open and that in the way quite a number of members are situated. They have not declared themselves and may not do so, and no one will know how they are going to vote until the roll is called and the ballot is cast tonight.

Democratic Causes Tonight.

The Democratic caucus tonight in the Hall of the House of Representatives, a chairman and secretary will be selected and the business of electing the speaker and the other officers will be gone into at once. For the lesser offices there is a small army of candidates for most of the positions. The principal clerk is one exception. T. B. Cobb, of Morganton, clerk of the last House having no opposition for the place so far as known.

For reading clerk of the House Messrs. D. E. Phillips and Johnston and John D. Berry of Wake are making an active campaign.

For sergeant at arms of the House there are a number of candidates, among whom are J. H. Moring, of Wake; O. C. McLean, of Buncombe; I. J. Brittain, of Guilford and others.

On the Senate side the contest for the different offices is not so spirited as that of the House. The big of brain and big of body is here ready to call that body together. The Senate too will hold a caucus tonight to select its officers. For President pro tempore there are only two candidates, Messrs. O. Max Gardner of Shelby, and F. P. Hobgood of Greensboro.

R. O. Self of Jackson county, chief clerk of the last Senate has no opposition and will be re-elected. J. H. Burnetts of Troy, reading clerk of the last Senate is also a candidate for re-election and is being opposed by Robert E. Lee of Harnett county. There are many other candidates for this place also.

Sergeant at Arms of Senate.

The sergeant at arms of the Senate seems to be more sought after than any other position there being

BIG DONATIONS IN WILLS

Miss Dodge Gave Generously to Young Women and Pious Causes.

New York, Jan. 4.—Miss Grace Hoadley Dodge, the philanthropist, who died in this city December 27th, last, left more than \$1,200,000 to the public and religious institutions here and abroad. Her will, which was probated today, included \$500,000 each to Teachers College of Columbia University and the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association of the United States.

The value of the estate is estimated at more than \$1,200,000. Other bequests include \$50,000 to the American Society for Girls at Constantinople, Turkey; \$25,000 to the Presbyterian Board of foreign missions, and the same amount to the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions, and \$25,000 to the World's Student Christian Federation, for benefit of its women's department.

FICKETT DOCTOR DIES.

Dr. Chancellor Fickett in Southern Medical Circuit.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—Dr. Charles W. Fickett, chief of the medical force in General Fickett's brigade in the civil war, died here late last night, 33 years old. He was born in Northampton county, Virginia. After the war he became dean of the medical school at the old Washington University, and was consul at Havre for several years.

SLAYER OF FOUR KILLS HIMSELF

William Nichols Blew Out His Brains After Murdering Virginia Family

Luray, Va., Jan. 4.—A coroner's jury, investigating the murder of Mrs. Charles E. Burner and her three little children in their mountain home five miles from here sometime on Saturday night, today returned a verdict that they came to their death at the hands of William Nichols. The body of Nichols was found this morning in the home of Westley Price, where he had blown his head off with a shot gun.

It developed at the inquest that when Mr. Burner left his home on Saturday evening, Nichols remained at the Burner home to look after the stock. What happened after that and before the murders never will be known.

Nichols, it is said, had been paying unwelcome attention to Mrs. Burner, and jealousy over the return of the husband, recently released from the State convict force, is assigned as the cause.

Gruesome details were given at the inquest. Hamilton, 5 years old, the oldest child, had been struck with an ax, the blade penetrating the brain, two fingers were cut off, and the body mutilated. Walter, 4 years old, was pulled from the bed and his face split open from ear to ear, one of his hands is missing. The young boy, found in his mother's arms, had been killed by a blow on the head. Deep gashes cover the entire face of Mrs. Burner.

Nichols is a son of Christopher Nichols, of Rappahannock county, and recently served three years in the Virginia penitentiary for forgery. After the murder Nichols went to the home of Price, who was away on a visit, forced his way in with an ax, found Price's shot gun and blew his brains out.

THE SENATE WILL ACT FOR REAL NEUTRALITY

Is Claimed That The Allies Should Not Be Given Arms To Crush Germany With, When That Nation Is Isolated; Committee Hearings End Today

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HELD FOR PASSING SAW

Asheville, Jan. 4.—Notices have been sent to the students of the Asheville Farm School advising them that they will not be expected to return to the institution to resume their duties of the present term. The announcement carries the statement that it is necessary to discontinue the work on account of the fact that the main building of the school was destroyed by fire during the Christmas holidays with a loss of \$40,000 to the institution. The majority of the students will go to Hot Springs where they will continue their work at the school at that place which is supported by the home mission board of the Presbyterian church, U. S. A., which maintained the school near this city. Edward P. Childs and James Rogers, ward superintendent and superintendent respectively, are now at New York in conference with the members of the board with a view to reaching a decision regarding the rebuilding of the main structure.

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The Judiciary committee considered without action several nominations in contests between the President and the Senate.

Lands committee began preparing report on the water-power site leasing bill.

Considered nominations in executive session.

Adjourned at 5:55 p. m. to noon Tuesday.

HOUSE: Miscellaneous bills considered. Foreign affairs committee heard delegations supporting proposals to prohibit exports of war materials.

Representative Gardner urged the military committee to act on his proposal for investigation of the national defenses.

Senate bill for a new \$500,000 fire proof assay office in New York passed.

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SENATE ACTS ON PATRONAGE ROW

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SENATE: Administration ship purchase bill was made the unfinished business on a party vote.

The Judiciary committee considered without action several nominations in contests between the President and the Senate.

Lands committee began preparing report on the water-power site leasing bill.

Considered nominations in executive session.

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HOUSE: Miscellaneous bills considered. Foreign affairs committee heard delegations supporting proposals to prohibit exports of war materials.

Representative Gardner urged the military committee to act on his proposal for investigation of the national defenses.

Senate bill for a new \$500,000 fire proof assay office in New York passed.

Passed Senate bill authorizing issue of gold and silver coins commemorating the Panama-Pacific exposition.

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