

LITTLE'S ACQUITTAL IS DISAPPROVED BY NAVAL SECRETARY

Unable to Concur With Findings of General Courtmartial

NO NEW TRIAL IS ORDERED, HOWEVER

Rear Admiral Charged With Neglect as Inspector During Construction of Submarine K-2; "Not Easily Approachable" Junior Officers Testified

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 22.—Secretary Daniels today disapproved the findings of the general court martial which acquitted Rear Admiral William N. Little, retired, of charges of negligence in connection with his duty as inspector during the construction of the submarine K-2. No new trial, however, will be ordered.

A statement issued by the department said that in view of the expense of further proceedings and the admitted personal and official unpopularity of Admiral Little the findings more fully had been disapproved without reconvening the court.

"Not Easily Approachable." "An important finding upon the attitude of Admiral Little in the performance of his duties as inspector," said the statement, "is shown by the testimony of Lieutenant Moses, wherein he states that Rear Admiral Little was not easily approachable and that he, Moses, was made to feel that his opinions and recommendations would preferably be made to Rear Admiral Little's assistants; this attitude is further corroborated by the testimony of Rear Admiral Little's own testimony wherein he refers to Moses' representations concerning the batteries as 'kicks' and wherein he states that they were 'kicking all the time about anything or nothing of giving the statement said the department deplores this attitude on the part of an officer and continued:

"The court after mature deliberation most fully and honorably acquiesced in the acquittal of Admiral Little of the charges. The department is unable to concur with the court, or, after careful review of the evidence, to ascertain the reasons governing it in its acquittal."

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TWO MEN ATTEMPT TO ROB DOVER BANK

Kinston, Nov. 22.—Two unknown white men, both about 45 years old, chartered an automobile here today, drove nine miles to Dover and, armed, held up the cashier in the bank there.

He was about to deliver up the money in his charge when patrons entered the bank and the man who was covering him with a revolver fled to the auto outside, in which his confederate was waiting having the muzzle of a revolver against the negro chauffeur's head.

SON GETS MOST OF WIDENER ESTATE

(By the Associated Press.) Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 22.—The will of the late Peter A. B. Widener, admitted to probate today, leaves the greater part of his estate estimated at between \$50,000,000 and \$70,000,000 to his son, Jos. E. Widener.

The son is given complete authority over his father's collection of art treasures, considered one of the most valuable in America. Among the masterpieces in the collection are Rembrandt's "The Mill," for which Mr. Widener some years ago paid \$599,900.

After making numerous bequests to members of the family, the will directs that the residuary estate be held in trust until 21 years after the death of the last descendant alive at the time of P. A. B. Widener's death. The net income is to be divided monthly into as many shares as there are sons living and dead.

Wife of Vice-President Under Knife. Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 22.—Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall, wife of the Vice-President, successfully underwent an abdominal operation here today. It was announced that Mrs. Marshall was resting comfortably.

WHEN THE KING OF ENGLAND WAS VISITING THE ARMY IN FRANCE



PRINCE OF WALES KING GEORGE GREETING GENERAL JOFFRE IN FRANCE.

During his stay in France the King journeyed into the actual zone of the armies. In company with an army commander, His Majesty went on a little cross road only a few miles away. Here he met President Poincare and Mr. Millerand, the French Minister of War, and with them he spent the day visiting various points of interest.

CONFERENCE GOES TO GASTONIA NEXT

Western Body Adjourns After Reading of Appointments of Ministers

(Special to the News and Observer.) Gastonia, Nov. 22.—The Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, adjourned at 5 o'clock this afternoon after selecting Gastonia as the meeting place for next year and after the reading of appointments as follows:

- Asheville District. C. A. Wood, presiding elder. Asheville—Bethel, C. J. Harmon; Central, J. H. Barnhardt; Chestnut Street, D. Atkins; Haywood Street, L. T. Cordell; West Asheville, W. L. Blies; Asheville Circuit, J. W. Carver, supply. Biltmore and Mount Pleasant, Dr. Proffitt. Black Mountain, R. L. Ferguson; Brevard Station, W. E. Peavy; Brevard Circuit, C. A. Johnson; Fairview, W. A. Thomas, supply; Flat-rock and Fletcher, A. Burgess; Hendersonville, W. F. Womble; Hendersonville circuit, John H. Greene; Hot Springs—Marshall, W. L. Rexford; Leicester, L. P. Bogie; Marshall, J. L. Smith, supply; Mills River, R. F. Honeycutt; Spring Creek, K. R. Warren, supply; Sulphur Springs, T. A. Grace; Swannanoa, J. F. Starves; Tryon—Saluda, Marvin Auld; Walnut, J. O. Banks, supply; Weaver-ville Station, E. W. Fox; Weaver-ville circuit, T. J. Higgins, supply. President, Weaver College, W. A. Collier, vice president; Weaver-ville College, J. B. Walker; missionary to Korea, M. B. Stokes. Missionary to Cuba, R. J. Parker. Student in Trinity College, W. R. Shelton.

- Charlotte District. L. T. Mann, presiding elder. Asa-ville, L. Smith. Charlotte—Belmont Park, J. H. Bradley; Brevard Street and Duncan Memorial, L. A. Falls; Calvary, A. R. Surratt; Chadwick, G. A. Baldwin; Dilworth, J. O. Ervin, W. L. Sherrill, junior preacher; Hawthorne Lane, R. D. Sherrill; Sevierville, W. F. Elliott; Spencer Memorial and Derita, W. B. West; Trinity, J. W. Moore; Tryon Street, E. Hickory Grove, M. T. Steele; Lileville, B. N. Jackson; Marshville; Seymour Taylor; Matthews, M. H. Vestal.

- Monroe—Central, J. E. Abernethy; North Monroe, R. H. Konington, supply; Morven, F. L. Townsend; Pineville, B. F. Hargett; Polkton, W. B. Davis; Prospect, M. A. Osborne; Rocky River, C. A. Williams; Dilworth, J. O. Ervin, W. L. Sherrill, junior preacher; Wadesboro, A. W. Plyler; Waxhaw, W. F. Sandford; Weddington, N. R. Richardson; missionary to Japan, C. A. Stewart; Dean School of Theology, in Atlanta, P. T. Durham. Greensboro District. J. H. Weaver, presiding elder. Asheville, R. E. Thompson; Coleridge, R. L. Melton; Denton, J. M. Varner, supply; Deep River, W. B. Thompson, supply. Greensboro—Centenary, J. H. Bennett; Spring Garden, Z. E. Barnhardt; West Market Street, C. W. Byrd; M. Robbins; Greensboro circuit, J. E. Woolley; West Greensboro circuit, S. T. Barber; Gibsonville, A. C. Gibbs. High Point—Main Street, H. H. Robbins; Wesley Memorial, G. T. Rowe; East and West, W. A. Barber, supply; Pleasant Garden, C. F. Sherrill. Ramezer—Franklinville, H. C. Byrum. Randleman—Naomi, A. R. Bell; Randolph, E. N. Crowder; Reidsville, W. A. Lambeth; Rubin, J. E. Edwards; Uwharrrie, C. E. Steadman; Wentworth, T. C. Jordan; president Greensboro College for Women, S. E. Turrittelle; treasurer Greensboro College for Women, W. (Continued on Page Two.)

BURIED ALIVE IN CELLAR OF HOME

Body of Luigi Matroni Found Under Nine Feet of Earth

(By The Associated Press.) Batavia, N. Y., Nov. 22.—Luigi Matroni was buried alive in the cellar of his home near Corfu, in May, 1914, his body being trampled into newly made grave while he begged for mercy, according to a story told by his widow to District Attorney Booth here today.

The known dead and injured except for trainmen, were persons traveling with the carnival company. It was said none except trainmen was hurt on the passenger train, which suffered little damage to its heavy coaches.

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S. S. CONVENTION OPENS WITH PARADE

(Special to the News and Observer.) Salisbury, Nov. 22.—Already there are a number of delegates here for the annual State Sunday School Convention which opened this afternoon with a monster parade in which marched several thousand Sunday School children.

Asheville Man Shot in Birmingham. Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 22.—A man giving his name as G. L. Henderson of Asheville, N. C., was fatally wounded and his companion, Phil Lips, left seriously hurt during a pistol battle with detectives here early today when, according to the police, the two men were surprised while attempting to rob a safe in a grocery store.

6 DEAD, 18 MISSING IN GEORGIA WRECK

More Than Thirty Injured As Result of Head-On Collision

(By The Associated Press.) Columbus, Ga., Nov. 22.—The bodies of six persons had been recovered tonight, eighteen others were missing and more than thirty injured as a result of a head-on collision six miles west of here late today between Central of Georgia passenger train No. 2 and a special train of 24 cars, carrying the Con T. Kennedy Carnival Company.

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NEW HIGH RECORDS IN FOREIGN TRADE

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 22.—New high records in the foreign trade of the United States continue to pile up in the greatest favorable trade balance the country has ever known.

Coming to U. S. For Loan. (By the Associated Press.) The Hague, Nov. 22.—(Via London)—The Belgique Dagblad announces that the Belgian minister of finance and the minister of justice are about to sail for the United States to arrange a loan.

NEARLY ALL TAKING SIDES IN NEW YORK

So Few War Neutrals, Difficult to Get Jury In Buens Case

(By The Associated Press.) New York, Nov. 22.—Widespread sympathy among residents of New York for one side or the other of the nations at war in Europe, rendered extremely difficult today the selection of a jury to try Dr. Karl Buens, managing director, and his three subordinate officials of the Hamburg-American line, on charges of conspiracy to deceive and defraud the United States by sending supply ships to German cruisers in the Atlantic early in the war.

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BORROWS MONEY FOR MYTHRICAL EMPLOYERS

Kinston, Nov. 22.—Jessie May Jones, a Pitt county negro, is today beginning a 12-month sentence on the Lenoir county roads for securing money and clothing from Kinston housewives and individuals by false pretense.

High Officers of Army and Navy in Conference. Newport, R. I., Nov. 22.—A conference of high officers of the army and navy was held at the Naval War College today. The army was represented by Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood and Brig. Gen. Montgomery M. Macomb. President of the Army War College, and the navy by a number of rear admirals including some from the Atlantic fleet. The conference was held behind closed doors.

DECLARES BRITAIN READY TO SEE WAR THROUGH TO END

People Determined, Says Earl of Derby, in Charge of Recruiting

GIVE RESULTS OF CANVASS DEC. 11

Intimates Nation Can Carry Conflict To Successful End Without Compulsion. Attaches Little Importance To Few Persons Trying To Stop Enlistments

(By the Associated Press.) London, Nov. 22.—"The country is sound and it is determined to see this war through to the end," said the Earl of Derby in talking to the American correspondents today regarding the British recruiting campaign of which he is in charge. The people are as determined to carry the war through as they were in August of last year and we will win it.

The fact that Great Britain primarily was a naval power and that the navy was doing all that had been expected of it, also he thought, had its effect on recruiting. He attached very little importance to the few persons trying to discourage enlistments.

SEEKS REMOVAL OF TOBACCO EMBARGO

(By the Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., Nov. 22.—George W. Kober, State Commissioner of Agriculture, has issued a request to the tobacco boards of trade of Richmond, Lynchburg, Petersburg and Farmville to call upon President Wilson, Secretary Lansing and the Senators and Congressmen of the several tobacco districts to take such steps as may be necessary to bring about a modification of the British Order in Council, so that tobacco may be shipped to neutral countries in Europe without restriction on the part of Great Britain.

Charges Women Sold Their Votes. St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 22.—Congressman Jacob E. Meeker, of St. Louis, addressing a suffrage meeting here today, created an uproar when he said that in Denver, so he had been told, women sold their votes for \$20 each, and that the votes of society women there could be bought with theatre tickets.

Obregon Confers with U. S. Officers. Douglas, Ariz., Nov. 22.—Gen. Alvarado Obregon, commander of the Carranza forces in Sonora, not far from the border with Mexico, received a delegation of mining men from northwestern Sonora. He gave them assurances of protection should they re-open their properties.

French Describes German Losses. London, Nov. 22.—Field Marshal Sir John French, in his report from the front, issued tonight, describes briefly an organized bombardment by the British artillery of the German lines, and refers again to the fighting in October around Loos. Of the German counter attack on October 8, Field Marshal French had previously reported that the German losses were very heavy, "some 8,000 or 9,000 dead being lost in front of the British and French trenches."

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GREECE IS DISPOSED TO YIELD TO TERMS OF ENTENTE ALLIES

War Participation, According To Report

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(By the Associated Press.) London, Nov. 22.—A Daily Mail dispatch from Rotterdam says: "The news of Germany's newest dreadnaughts struck a mine Friday in the Baltic Sea and went to the bottom. All the members of the crew were saved except 33, who were drowned."

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