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TWELVE PAGES TODAY.

OF MASSES IN DETROIT

Detroit, Jan. 4.—Two hundred and eighty alleged radicals were taken

into custody this afternoon by De-partment of Justice agents and local

police officers in a second raid on the "House of Masses," known as

headquarters of radicals here. To-

of direct action rounded up here in

Attorney General Asks Trade

Commission To Re-open Its

**GREAT MANY COMPLAINTS** 

ment In Settlement Of Anti-

Trust Suits Against Manu-

facturers' Association Has

Not Been Complied With;

Washington, Jan. 4.-The Federal

Trade Commission has been asked by Attorney General Palmer to reopen its

investigation of the Newsprint Manu-

facturers' Association members of which

produ e a large proportion of the paper

used by American newspapers.
The Attorney General's formal re

quest, filed yesterday and made public

today, was said to have been actuated

by scores of complaints from newspaper

publishers asserting that the agreement

in settlement of the anti-trust suits

ngainst the manufacturers' association had not been complied with. This agree-

ment primarily provided that the man-

vestigations and submit a report are:

newsprint paper which they subjected

to the terms of the agreement. "Whether the manufacturers have of-

fered the amount of tonnage for sale

"How much of the tonnage the manu-

facturers have sold to dealers and oth

sursuant to the settlement agreemen

middle men and at what prices, and whether the so-called middle men have

Newspaper publishers throughout the

ountry recently have felt keenly the

high prices of print paper. Many of the complaints made to the Attorney General, it was said, declared that the

manufacturers had not lived up to their

agreement either in the matter of sup-

plies or prices. The United States district court for

the southern district of New York, which entered the decree finding with

members of the newsprint manufactur-

ers two years ago, still retains jurisdiction in the case. Mr. Palmer will trans-

fer any evidence which the trade com-

NOT YET "NEAR THROUGH"

New York, Jan. 4.-Announcement

that the great nation-wide round-up of

Five hundred and fifty aliens arrested

deportation proceedings. The few American citizens taken into custody

and found implicated in seditious prop-agands will be turned over to the State

authorities for prosecution under the criminal anarchy statute.

The number of prisoners on the island probably will be increased Mon-

day and Tuesday when 300 warrants held by department agents in New York

and smaller numbers in other surround-ing places are served. One hundred-radicals will be brought to the Island

day cheeking and registering the pris-

oners. Deportation hearings before special boards of inquiry will not begin until Tuesda, according to Byron H. Uhl, acting Immigration Commissioner.

WANTED FOR MURDER OF HIS

"Reds" is not "anywhere near through was made tonight here by William

to the trade.

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Publishers Assert That Agree-

Investigation Now

HIGH PRICES SOURCE OF

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### COMMUNISTS WANTED TO GET CONTROL OF LABOR UNIONS HERE

Planned To Use Organizations As Means Of Fomenting Revolution, Department Reports Show

DOCUMENTS TELLING OF **EFFORTS OF RADICALS** SEIZED IN THE RAIDS

Attorney General Palmer Appeals To Congress To Strengthen Hands Of Department Of Justice So As To Deal With So-called Parlor Bolsheviks; Statement Regarded With Unusual Interest By Members of Both Houses; One Of Men Seized In Raids American City Official; Agents Continue Work

Washington, Jan. 4 .- Plans of the Communist and Communist Labor parties, against whom the great raids by government agents inaugurated Friday night, are directed, to gain control of all labor organizations as the means of fomenting revolution were revealed tonight in documents made public by the Department of Justice. Assistant Attorney General Garvan made public the documents which were seized in several cities, with the desire, he said, that the American people learn "the real purposes of these menacing groups and the nature of the poison they were spread-

Department agents in many cities continued today the work of running down and interrogating members of the two organizations. Officials said it was distinctly surprising that each party numbered so many American citizens in its mem- treatment. bership. The party rolls are said to carry the names of many persons well-known in their respective communities as American citizens. Although there is no Federal laws under which the American Communists can be dealt with, department agents were not overlooking these. Their cases will be turned over to State govern-Two hundred and eighty

persons arrested today in Detroit were added to the list of those taken into custody, which is fast approaching 4,500. Ninety-four additional arrests of aliens were reported to Mr. Garvan's office today, sending the total against whom the department believes it has "perfect cases," to 2,729. Included in the arrests reported today were: Jacksonville, 9; Grand Rapids, 16; Omaha, 11; Courtland, N. Y., 16; Woodlawn, Pa., 2; Des Moines, 15; Spokane, 10; Portland, Oregon, 9: and Toledo and Pittsburgh, 2 each, and Denver, 1.

Among those arrested in Portland was Victor Saulit, who attracted attention by his activities as a delegate to the August convention of the Communist Labor party in Chicago.

Spekane Federal agents Flynn, "for we are not anywhere near that In Spokane Federal agents took into custody Peter Fedorchuk, who, officials said, had been one of the most dangerous agitators with whom they had to deal in the Northwest.

ATTORNEY GENERAL APPEALS

TO CONGRESS FOR A LAW Washington, Jan. 4.—Unable to prosecute the so-called parlor Bolshevists, long haired men and short-haired women, who encourage agitators and promote sedition as a pastime, Attorney General Palmer today issued an appeal ngress for prompt action on the abinitted by him several months ago which would strengthen the hands with American citizens considered dan-

radicals will be brought to in-toworrow from Trenton, N. J. A corps of clerks and stenographers was kept busy at the Island all day to-was kept busy at the prisming on the heels of the w reasful nation-wide raid ever made in ressure nation was raid ever made in this country on centers of radical prop-aganda, Mr. Palmer's statement was re-garded with unusual interest by Repro-sentatives and Senstors here for the re-

convening of Congress tomorrow.

At least one of the men taken in the raids is a city official and numerous others are natives of this country or have sken out citizenship papers after long esidence. It is these that Mr. Palmer exires to handle through the Federal ourts, rather than to leave their punish-cent to State tribunals, and in the ab-

Urges an Adequate Law.

# **CONGRESS MEETS** TODAY FOR LONG

Innumerable Domestic And International Problems Await Its Attention

SENATE AGAIN TAKES UP **GERMAN PEACE TREATY** 

Sedition Bill Comes Up In Senate Today And House Leaders Plan To Reject Re-election Certificate Of Victor Berger: Unusual Committee Activity Expected

night's holiday with months of hard work in sight and adjournment expected by few leaders before the Presidential campaign next full. The only recess when the National party conventions

Innumerable domestic and international problems await the attention of Congress, with partisan politics of the coming Presidential election prominently to the fore. Policial speeches of Presidential candidates and members of longress up for re-election are expected to flood the congressional record.

Berger election case is the prin-

The Senate returns tomorrow in the shape of disposing of German peace treaty this month, but without substantial results from compromise negotiations during the holiday recess. immediate move, however, is expected, possibly launched in debate tomorrow. The motion of Senator Underwood, Democrat, Alabama, for appointment of a conciliation committee is awaiting consideration and on the calendar as is the resolution of Senator Knox, Republican, Pennayivahia, proposing rati-fication of all peace terms except the League of Nations.

Other treaties to be considered at the present session of Congress are the French, Austrian, Polish and Panama Canal settlement with Colombia and possibly the Turkish peace treaty. Congress also must consider many affecting American comme cial, financial and other relations abroad,

scheduled for final action this month.

Senate committee will take mittee, anticipating an early report to

12 by the Senate Commerce Committee, with wooden ship contract Committee, with wooden saip contract adjustments slated for January 10.

Many investigations will be prosecuted by both Senate and House. Besides the House war expenditures inquiry.

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OFFERS DEMPSEY CHANCE TO MAKE CLEAR \$700.000

CHIEF FLYNN ANNOUNCES English Eheatrical Man Pro-To Secure Championship Bout For Londen

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 4 .- Charles Cochran, an English theatrical magnate who proposes to promote in London a world's championship fight between through. We are just resting up so that we can renew our work with increased Jack Dempsey and Georges Cappentier, is pushing his plans. He was here on other business today and said he had during the raids in this and neighboring cities on Friday night and Saturday were held on Ellis Island tonight for sent a personal representative to Los Angeles to confer with Dempsey's

000 a week. He also said that he not only has the French champion's signature to a contract calling for \$105,000 but has advanced \$25,000 to Carpentier.

"London is the logical place for the battle," said Mr. Cochran, "It is neutral ground. We have there all the facilities secessary for staging a world's champlouship and can be assured that our investment will be secure."

WANTED FOR MURDER OF HIS WIFE, SURRENDERS TO SHERIPP Dublin, Ga., Jan. 4.—After hiding in the awamp, ten miles south of here since Tuesday night, Matt Edwards, 56, came out today and surrendered to Sheriff W. N. Watson. Edwards was being hunted on a charge of murder, it being alleged that he shot and killed his wife as she ran from her home. Several others who were fired upon event others who were fired upon event of the shift of the first supplied. Edwards was in bad shape from frost-bitten. Cold weather of last night and today drove him out of his hiding place, he admitted. Canference on Beseball.
Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 4.—Colonel T.
L. Huston, part owner of the New York L. Huston, part owner of the New York American. League club and Charles Comiskey of the Chicago team of the amie League, held a conference here to-day on matters concerning the conduct of the league's affairs, the exact nature of which was no divulged. Mr. Conis-key is in Florida for a brief rest while Colonel Huston, with a party of friends, is spending a short time at Dover Hall, the Sportsmen's Chib of Brimawick, On SCORES OF PEOPLE **KILLED IN MEXICO** IN AN EARTHQUAKE

Place Center Of Disturbances Believed To Have Been Near Volcano Of Orizaba

> STATE OF VERA CRUZ SUFFERED MOST OF ALL

Leaders Of Various Magnitudes Seismic Disturbances Felt Already Arriving In Wash-Throughout Entire Southern Republic, Causing Great OFFICERS ON SHORE NOT ington Although Meeting Of Alarm In Larger Cities; Lack National Committee Doesn't of Communication Makes Es-Take Place Until Thursday; timate of Casualties Impos-Five Cities Want Convention Washington, Jan. 4. The National

Mexico City, Jan. 4 .- (By the Assodated Press ).- Scores of persons have been killed in a viplent earthquake which occurred in many parts of Mexico last night. The center of the disturbances is believed to have been near the releane of Orinabe.

which many of them believe will make Incomplete press reports indicate that Although only one day, Thursday, is than any other section, although seismic et aside for the formal business of the disturbances were felt throughout the week, leaders of various magnitudes al-ready were arriving tonight prepared for a week of conferences and gossiping over the outlook for the presidential entire republic. Advices from Cordobs say that 30 dead have already been accunted for in the vill ge of San Juan Coscomatepec, where many houses were destroyed. There are unconfirmed re-Choice of the convention city and ports of a similar catastrophe in the village of Huntusco. time is to be the only business directly taken up by the national committee at

At Jalaya, further north, 5fty victims of the earthquake have been counted, including numerous dead.

small towns and villages in the theatre of the disturbances makes even approx-imate estimates of the cumulties imposthe large cities, marino disturbances have occurred off Vera Cruz City, and

leaders believe he may state his position toward a third term.

Five cities are in the race for the convention and talk among those members of the committee who had arrived tonight indicated that there would be no walk-away. The two are Chicago, already selected as the convention ity of the Republicans, Kanmas City, San Francisco, Indianapolis, Cimeinant and Cleveland. Discussion generally centers on late June or early July as the time of meeting.

movement has been actively promoted in many quarters. Should the committee make such a recommendation it gen-erally is conceded that the convention would adopt it. Only a majority is re-

shring of the Virgin of Guedalupe.

From Toluca, Cuernavaca and Puebla comes similar voices of panic. Slight should be awarded to officers whose damage was done to the poorly constructed homes of the poor people. Panic reigned is various cities and villages in the state of Vera Crus where the people left their homes and spont the might in the streets.

LITTLE DAMAGE IN MERCO CITY. centions, and these advocating the change believe that much unnecessary convention work and worry could be eliminated if the Democrate made a The names of speakers for the Thursday night banquet had not been made public tonight but it was understood that several of those mentioned for the

The damage is Mexico City was lighted to cracks in the larger buildings. There were no deaths and none of the

While the government observatory has not decided what caused the shocks, reports received from Cordobs, state of

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DANVILLE FIRE DESTROYS HALF DOZEN BUILDINGS

Damage Of Approximately \$800,000 Caused By Conflagration In Va. City

Danville, Va., Jon. 4 .- Fire which destroved half a dozen buildings in the heart of the business section of this city and caused approximately \$800,000 damage, largely covered by insurance in the four hours it raged was subdued after a stubbern fight at I o'clock this

only walls of the five story grey stone only walks of the five story grey stone Masonic building standing and surrounding buildings scorched and windows shattered. The Dubley building recently completed had a narrow escape with small damage. Workmen under the city engineer dynamited the tottering walks of the Masonic building te-

After the fire was brought under con-trol a brisk north wind accompanied by snow act in and firemen were busy for some time with fiying embers. The cause of the fire is a mystery. It was discovered shortly after 2 p. m. Satur-day when suddenly a tougue of flame shot from the department store of the Z. V. Johnson Ce. Before the firemen had responded to the slarm the fire had spread with amazing rapidity to the had responded to the slare the fire had spread with annucley rapidity to the Broadway Theatre, the Main Street Cate, Goode and Company's Shoe Store, Jacob's Drug Store and Parker Book Store along Main street. The building of the Danville Register and Danville Boe became endangered and employes working on the Sunday morning issue of the Register had to leave. The building, however, was only slightly damaged. So threataning were the fiames that assistance of fire companies from nearby cities was asked.

In the buildings destroyed a number of preference had been and devoted officers ashore, who will worthily wear the distinguished service medal, the splendid courage of the men who met the shock of the submarine stilettoes unafraid and demonstrated initiative, valor and wisdom under such circumstances as landamen are the recompanies from fitting the professional men were housed and they were my today looking for effices of which there is shortage in the city.

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## URGES RECOGNITION FOR TORPEDOED SHIP CREWS

## EXPLAINS THEORY OF DISAGREEMENT

Secretary Of Navy Differentiated Between Officers On Sea and Those On Land

SO DESERVING, HE SAYS

Followed Act Of Congress Authorizing Three Classes Of Medals For Men In Military Service; Reiterates Position As To Service Worthy Of Highest Rewards

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 4.-Secretary Daniels replied today to attacks on his awards of navy decorations, in a letter to Chairman Page, of the Senate Naval committee, which with the House Naval committee probably will investigate the whole row precipitated by the refusal of Bear Admiral Sims and other officers to accept the decorations awarded to

The complaint of the officers was that n some instances Secretary Daniels had changed the recommendations of the official board which sat on the cases, bestowing higher decorations than the

officers thought morited in some cases, and lower ones in others.

Besides reviewing the details of each case, and quoting from the findings of original boards of inquiry in the cases, Secretary Daniels explains at length the theory on which he disagreed with some of the awards of the first transfer of the second or the se with some of the awards as finally mended to him. The secretary explains also how he differentiated h ween awards for officers who served at

tween awards for officers who served at sea and those who served on land.

Frinciple of Awards.

Mr. Daniels refers to his first communication to Chairzan Page is which he set forth the principle that the highest distinction should be conferred upon officers and men who had come like contact with the enemy and had by courage and judgment under attack exemplified the highest traditions of the service Medal should also be awarded only to those officers on shore duty who, in the language of the act of Congress,

ery ship struck by the mines or torpe-does of the enemy, if his conduct was meritorious in the hour that tests cour-age and leadership. I do not think the American people can be pursuaded to ac-cept the idea that the distinguished sercaptain of a ship who bears himself courageously in the supreme hour for courageously in the supreme hour for which all other hours in his naval career were but preparatory, if his ship is lost by submarine or mine atack.

Ten commanding officers of shipe torpedoed and sunk or put out of action were selected as worthy of receiving the distinguished service modal. These awards as I stated in my previous letter awards as I stated in my previous letter, were made, without exception, to every commanding officer whohe ship feit the blow of the enemy except one who was courtmartialled and who though fully acquitted had no recommendation from any superior officer for recognition of any character."

To Make Full Investigation. "Instructions have been given for the fullest investigation with the view of further awards to other officers and men on these and any other ships who rendered meritorious service by reason of attack by enemy ships.
"I am appending a brief statement

of the cases where the distinguished service modal was awarded where ships were torpedeed or came in contact with mines and were either sunk or put out of action. A mere reading of the plain recital in each of these ten as-tesks and the demeanor of the com-manding officer will leave no room to doubt that if awards are to be given for coolness and judgment in danger, dis-regard of personal safety and splendid courage to any men who gave glory to out of action. A mere reading of the

men under attack.

Admiral Gleaves, recommended Commander Foote for a Distinguished Service Medal, the letter said, and the rec-

Secretary Daniels Writes Letter On Naval Awards To Chairman Of Senate Naval Affairs Committee

SERVICE IN PRESENCE OF ENEMY WORTHY OF HIGHEST DISTINCTION

Reviews Evidence By Which Meritorious Conduct Of Ten Commanding Officers of Ships Torpedoed Was Established; Two North Carolinians Included In List Of Awards; Splendid Courage Will Remain As Living Glory To Future Naval Heroes, Navy Secretary Declares

> News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Mdg. By R. E. POWELL.

Washington, Jan. 4. Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels yesterday mailed to Senator Carroll S. Page, chairman of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee. the following letter in further reply to the Senator's inquiry regarding the award of medals to men in the naval service during the war:

"In my letter of December 19, referring to distinguished service and other medals, stating the principles which should govern their award, I stated that the highest distinction should be conferred upon officers and men who had come in contact with the enemy and had by courage and judgment under attack exemplified the highest traditions of the service, and that the Distinguished Serv-ice Medal should also be awarded to officers on shore duty only to those who, in the language of the act of Congress, had distinguished themselves "by ceptionally meritorious service to the government in a duty of great responsi-bility." In thus following the act of Congress, authorizing three classes of medals, honors less than the Distinguished Service Medal should be awarded to officers whose shore duty

Fine Distinct Sheeks.

Information secured from the government observatory at Tambaya show that the strength of which decentralized the isstruments. The first sheek, which controlled the instruments. The first sheek, which controlled the instruments of the minutes. The second, at 10.25 was very brief, but of verrific intensity and was accompanied by terrific subtraranean noises. The third should also be awarded only to those officers on shore duty who, in the language of the act of Congress, had distinguished the night traditions of the spring and that the Distinguished Service Medal should be controlled to the gararanean in a daty of great responsible except by the selemograph.

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> "Ten commanding officers of torpedoed and sunk or put out of s tere selected as worthy of reco the Distinguished Service Medal. Th awards, as I stated in my previous letter were made, without exception, to every commanding officer whose shape felt the blow of the enemy except one who was court-martialed, and who though fully acquitted, had no recommendation from any superior officer for recognition of any character. Admiral Wilson stated officially that the falling of Captain Hasbrouck to return to he ship at daylight with felt the blow of the enemy except of Captain Hasbrouck to return to his ship at daylight with a salvage past, was an offense more serious than an error of judgment, and Admiral Gleaves stated officially that though the court fully acquitted him, my own opinion is such that I cannot recommend him for the award, either for a medal or a cross. However, because of his previous service in the transportation of troops, and without reference to his doubt that if awards are to be given for coolness and judgment in danger, discrepant of personal safety and splendid courage to any men who gave glory to the many in the world war, they should go to these commanding officers and of other, transports. Captain Hasbrouck was celected by my direction for a naval cross, the man as was awarded to commanding officers and of other, transports. Captain Hasbrouck writes he does not desire to writes he does not desire to accept

> medal.
> "The ten commanding officers & serving the Distinguished Serving Medal who suffered loss of their shir were Control of the control of ommendation was approved by Admiral Mayo, Commander in Chief of the U. S. Floet and by the Knight board.
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> In concluding his letter to Senator Page, Secretary Daniels said;
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> Or serious damage to them, were Commander W. N. Vernon, of the Cassin: Commander D. T. Ghont, of the Alcelo; Contain S. V. Graham, of the Finland; Commander D. W. Bag-ley of the U. S. S. Jacob Jones: Commander P. W. Foote, of the President Lincoln: Captain H. H. Christy, of the U. S. S. San Diego; Captain D. E. Dismukes, of the Mount Vernon; Captain H. A. Satterlee, U. S. G., of the U. S. Tamps; and Capitain J. V. Chare, of the U. S. S. Minnesota. Instructions have been given for the fullest lavas

#### RALLYING PROUND SESSION OF WORK FOR PART at Har Democrat ation For Y Ap TED TO PRESID. TO DINNER SEND MES

Capital is to be the rallying ground dur-

ing the coming week for national lead-

ers of the Democratic party, who will

choose the time and place for the 1990

national convention, talk over candi-

dates and policies and renew acquain-

tances at a Jackson Day love feast,

party history of one kind or another.

its meeting Thursday, but an effort probably will be made to have it rec-

ommend that the convention neminate a President and Vice-President by majority vote in place of the two-thirds required in past years.

Five Cities Want Convention.

At the banquet that night several appraints for the presidential nomina-tion are to outline their policies. Two former nominees, William Jennings

former nominees, William Jennings Bryan and Alton B. Parker, also are to

be present and President Wilson is ex-

f meeting. Talk of changing the time-ho

provision. Speakers Not Yet Announ

Tank of changing the time-monored Democratic custom of requiring a two-thirds vote to nominate started some weeks ago at a meeting of the antional committee in Atlantic City and the

eted to send a message in which many

Washington, Jan. 4, Congress reconcenes at noon tomorrow after a fortfor is a brief one in summer

are in session.

The Senate will recommon tomorrow consideration of the sedue bill of Senator Sterling, Republican, North Dakota, and later begin work on the House water power development measure. The Prices Fixed By Commission cipal feature of tomorrow's program in the House, when leaders plan to reject immediately the re-election certificate of the Milwaukee socialist, ousted in the

last session and promptly re-elected.

Treaty Move Expected.

ufacturers observe prices fixed by the trade commission wat'll three months after the war and that small publishers not be made victims of preferential Questions on which Mr. Palmer asked the trade commission to base its insigned the settlement agreement have actually produced the daily tounage of

arising as war aftermath. The railroad reorganization bills and the oil, coal, gas an phosphate land leasing bill, both in conference, are

Unusual Committee Activity. Unusual committee activity is on the program. Any reorganization plans of the two military committees are com-pleted and differ only in details except that the House bill is to be silent on universal military training projects. The Friday the bill drafted by a sub-com-

Shipping legislation will be taken up

the Senate commettee will continue the Mexican investigation here and on-

Cochran has offered Dempsey a guarantee of \$200,000/ to sign a contract, and says he will guarantee the champion ten weeks of theatrical engagements in England and France at \$5,-

Cochran will return to New York

(Continued on Page Two.) SOUTHERN STATES ENJOY MUCH RAILROAD ACTIVITY

Bryan, returning to the party councils for the first time in many months, is

expected to be on the speakers' list, which will include about a dozen names.

So great has been the demand for sents at the dinner that officials of the

Washington, Jan. 4.—Southern states business conditions as reflected in the report of the Director General of Railroads shows marked activity with the railroads unable to meet all requirements for boxcars and open-top cars, but with the sit-

cation improving.

Tidewater coal dumping showed a substantial decrease due to car shortage and the let-up of shipping incident to the holidays. On account

incident to the holidays. On account of the export coal restrictions, consignment of coal West was very heavy, but arrangements have been made to issue permits for a limited tonnage of export coal.

Holiday travel, especially that of schools, was large, but military movement his now been reduced to normal. Principal lines report travel very good in the Southern region.

Conditions summarized show:
Continued improvement from the Birmingham district in the pig iron situation, both production and demand being heavy. Twenty-six furnaces were in blast and fifteen out.

Production and movement of

Production and movement of phosphate rock from Florida is reported very good.

Movement of cotton factory products is active and milis generally are operating on full time. Construction of a number of additional cotton milis in the Carolinas is active and the construction of a number of additional cotton milis in the Carolinas is active. cotton mills in the Carolinas is re-

ported.

The New Orleans rice market continues serive, but movement is confined largely to exports with receipts of rough and cleaned rice continuing heavy.

The Southern Pine Association reported orders for 22,502 cars on hand December 19, shipments of 2,573 cars for the week and orders for 2,952.

Tor 2,952.
Constwise steamship lines report no change except that the accumulation at Norfolk and Newport Newhorz been slightly reduced. Improvement in expected in traffic on the Hass between New York-Barrangh and Boston-Savannah.