

conjecture on the other, is said to have made a concerted movement canal regulations. have improved so much that his com- with a view to pushing their advance plete recovery at an early date is ex- farther west or to the coast. pected.

ed by the Russians south of Cracow, that the German operations thus fat where, however, the Germans are have been successful. said to be stubbornly resisting.

mitted the Germans to approach their sidered certain, as well as a general plies, consisting largely of articles inwith a gallant fire.

The Servians continue to claim they to the aid of the Austrians at Cracow, have administered a crushing defeat stiffening the defense of the garrison cause she refused to state her destito the Austrians and have taken large against Russian attacks. tities of war material. On their side battle line is increasing and the Aus- ed to as a similar case. the Austrians say no new material trian troops, an official statement It is stated that there has been events have occurred in Servia, and from Vienna asserts, have driven the much wireless interference in canal that the reorganization of the Austrian Russians from Dobezyce and Wieliz- waters on the part of eight colliers forces is progressing without heavy cka, taking more than 5,000 prison- which were recently in the vicinity of battles. 1 ers.

Belgium and claims of advantages are lage in West Flanders, a little more of both ends of the canal. made by both contenders. After hav- than two miles west of Nieuport, has ing admitted the loss of trenches in been bombarded by the Germans. the region of Ypres, the latest French which announcement in the latest report declares these again are occu- French official communication may pied by the allies. indicate a renewal of German efforts

With the return of the French gov- to reach the channel ports. ernment to Paris from Bordeaux a In the eastern arena the occupation squadron of aeroplanes is doing scout of Lodz by the Germans is consider- to complete its tasks March 4 so that duty over the capital to ward off pos- ed a remarkable achievement, in no extra session will be necessary sible attacks by hostile air craft.

In France 400,000 youths of the man lines only a short time ago were the campaign in the spring.

Berlin advices, which previously announced that Germany had agreed to estimates that Germany has lost 100,- bill and the government's purchase Pope Benedict's suggestion for a truce | 000 men during the past month around | bill following. during the Christmas holidays, says Lodz. Russia has declined to agree to the proposal.

December 12,-The Allies have en- although the Russians have been tered Roulers (Rousselaere) in West forced to retreat. Likewise, in west Flanders, about twelve northeast of Galicia and the Carpathians, the en- mittee will resume consideration of Ypres, according to the Sluis corres- gagements continued without result. pondent of the Handelsblad.

Reuter's Boulogne correspondent its attitude of neutrality, but has diswho has just returned to Boulogne patched eight battalions to reinforce from Armentieres, says that Tuesday troops in Libya and "to be ready for the Germans were driven out of Ar- any aggression." mentieres by the British and hurled back beyond artillery range.

ris shows that the French have been President Poincare will return to the President's outline of legislation. making slow progress at many points capital from Bordeaux to preside at for a fortnight, and a review sent by the cabinet Friday and that the Paris a French eye witness for the period bourse has re-opened. from November 27 to December 5 December 8-Lodz, the second city the senate committee on public lands claims that the ascendancy of the of Poland, and lying 75 miles to the early in January. French artillery and infantry over the west-southwest of Warsaw, has fallen Germans has been established.

The Germans continue their efforts Sunday, according to an official anto smash the Russian armies. While nouncement from Berlin. a large part of their force is endeavoring to hold the Russian center an- Sunday was comparatively quiet. The

of much anxiety on one side and France the Germans each day of late erent craft attempting to disregard the Alleged violations of

Berlin reports thta in the western the subject of complaint to Sir Claude King Albert of Belgium is thank- war zone a decisive action is likely C. Mallett, British minister to Panaing the American commission for a to start any day. This assertion is ma and also having resulted in orders name day message of good wishes based on a statement from German the fortifications prevent unneutral congratulated the commissio non "its headquarters which says "everything colliers remaining in ports on the generous and enlightened initiative." is proceeding according to our pro- zone in disregard of the orders of December 13-Successes are claim- gramme," and it is assumed in Berlin canal authorities.

In the case of the collier Mallina it is stated that she arrived without In the east conditions remain as clearance papers or a health certifi-Near Lowicz, according to the Rus- previously reported, the occupation cate and with no coal or supplies. She sian statement, the Muscovites per- of Lodz by the Germans being con- attempted to buy \$30,000 worth of sup-

trenches and then put them to flight movement of the Russians against tended for Christmas dinner for a Cracow. German troops have come large force. She was refused the supvies and was ordered to depart benation, as required by the Canal Zone numbers of prisoners and great quan- In west Galicia activity along the laws. The collier Protesilau is point-

the Canal

the canal and also by large warships Fighting continues in France and December 9.-Ost Dunkerke, a vil- fleets, reported to be within 25 miles

## CONGRESS PUSHES WORK. No Extra Session for Next Summer

Is Spur. Washington, - Congress continues work of the winter session determined

view of the manner in which the Ger- next summer. Democratic leaders of both houses class of 1915 have gone into training threatened by the Russians and an agree with President Wilson that the in the rilitary camps and barracks. important step in their proposed country should have a rest from na-It is exp sted they will be ready for movement against Warsaw, the Polish | tional legislation. Right of way will be given appropriation bills with con-The Bourse Gazette of Petrograd servation measures, the Philippine

> While no special investigation of The Austrain war office describes military preparedness seems in prosfighting in Poland as not yet decisive, pect, much attention will center about investigations before reguar house committees. The naval com-

> > the appropriation bill at once with Secretary Daniels again on the stand. The immigration bill, with its literacy test for aliens will again be under debate in the senate while that body waits for the appropriation bills

That an effort is being made to to come from the house. Its supbring about normal conditions in porters insist that it will be passed The daily communication from Pa- Paris is indicated by the fact that although it was not included in the Conservation measures-the water power site and the mineral leasing bills probably will be reported from

## Mines Were German.

to the German army. It was occupied Stockholm, via London.-The Swedish forign minister in a statement regarding the sinking of the three In Flanders and the north of France Swedish steamers by mines in the other army is advancing from East French war office has nothing to re- Gulf of Bothnia said: "The Germans Prussia to the east of Mlawa and is port and no marked successes on eith- declares the mines were Russian, as attacking the Russian right in an ef- er side were recorded in that territory no German mine-laying had been done up to the time of the disaster. Offi port, has expressed to the Powes of While the attitude of Roumania is cial investigations by Finland disclose

himself stand in any uncertain light.

"Gen, Hill, constitutionalist commander of the troops at Naco, is on shipping laws are said to have been the defensive," continued Gen. Carranza, "and, since his back was to the line, it is difficult to see how he could be responsible for the firing. The fact is that Maytorena's men have been attacking and therefore it appears reasonablely clear that they, and only they, could have been to blame.

vear. "As a matter of fact I do not know that the rights of American citizens have been violated. It seems to me year following. that it would be well for the state department to investigate the question in order to fiex the responsibility. "I remember similar instances at El Paso, when the Madero forces were attacking there. In that case those shots were for the most part the im-June 30, 1915. prudent and curious individuals who flocked to witness the fighting as if it had been a spectacular show staged for their benefit.

## SERVIAN ARMY VICTORIOUS.

French Cut German Line of Communi cations Nears St. Mihiel.

London.-Both the German and official reports contain evidence that the Allies offensive movement is beginning to gather impetus and is meeting with stobborn resistance. The French have been particularly active in the Woevre region.

At several points the Germans have made counter attacks which the French clai mhave been repulsed.

The German report shows that General Joffre's men have reached point midway between St. Mihiel and Point-a-Mousson which would indicate that they had crossed the German line of communications. In these operations the French lost heavily. The battles in Poland continue al-

most without intermission and, while both Russians and Germans announce success, apparently no decisive result has been reached. The Germans still are delivering heavy blows at the Russian center, where they assert they took 11,000 prisoners and 40 machine guns. South of Cracow the Russians claim the capture of 4,000 prisoners, four guns and seven machine guns.

Another Russian force is holding the passes of the Carpathians preventing the Austrians from sending relief to their Galician army. There is no news of the German troops advancing south of Mlawa, with the object of attempting to turn the Russian right. The rehabilitated Servian army continues victorious in the Balkan area of the war.

That the former German cruiser Goeben, now owned by Turkey, was not so seriously damaged as was reported in her brush with Russian cruisers, is shown by the fact that she took part in the recent attack on Batum, the Russian Black Sea port. According to a Russian statement the bombardment did little damage. Bulgaria, according to a Paris re

feed and several hundred bushels of corn. Fishing Creek has available for the

year ending June 30, 1915, \$1,467.54 The Cotton Fund Committee. and could use \$2,000 the next year. The North Carolina Committee for Improvements in the waterway conthe Wade Cotton Loan Fund appointnecting Swan Quarter Bay with Deep ed by the General Committee in Wash-Bay here rendered navigation safe ington met here in organization and between Swan Quarter and Pamlico made tentative appointments of local River. The freight transported in committees in about 20 sections of the that waterway last year was 1,881 state, whose duty it will be to receive tons more than that of the previous and turn in the applications for loans

Bay River has \$1,205.64 to run till tion of the \$135,000 cotton pool. June 30 next and could use \$3,400 the Washington before they are announc-

The Neuse River improvements were followed by an increase of traffic | ed. J. F. Wiley of Durham was made last year of 60,820 tons in grain, secretary of the North Carolina Comlumber, fertilizers and general mermittee, Joseph G. Brown having been chandise. The engineer has allotted designated as chairman by the Wash-\$25,000 for the fiscal year ending ington committee.

pating in the meeting were Chairman The increase in tonnage in the Brown, Raleigh; Secretary J. F. Wiley Trent River for a year after the improvements were made amounted to Durham; J. Elwood Cox, High Point; Neill Ellington, Greensboro. Absent members were George Stepehns and The inland waterway from Pam-W. C. Wilkinson, Charlotte, and J. V. lico Sound to Beaufort Inlet has been Grainger, Wilmington.

A number of new projects are plan-Asks Governor to Protect Game. ned by the chief of engineers. It is Washington. - Secretary Houston considered advisable to improve has asked Governor Craig to provide bank. northeast Cape Fear river for three miles above Hilton Bridge; Manteo a law for the protection of game in Bay at a cost of \$28,000 with \$2,000 the Appalachian forest reservation in North Carolina. The Department of annually for maintenance; Cape Channel at a cost of \$17,900; Beau- Agriculture has been informed that many Northern hunters are preparfort Harbor by providing a turning ing to hunt deer, turkeys, grouse and basin in front of the town of Beauquail in the Pisgah forest, purchased hills. fort for \$15,900 and Thoroughfare recently by the Government from Mrs. Bay, at a cost of \$5,200.

George W. Vanderbile. Mr. Houston would prevent a slaughter. Secretary Houston's secretary told

Representative Webb that the depart-Weston vs. Roper Lumber Com- ment prefers for the state to protect pany, Pasquotank, petition to rehear the game on the government land, but dismissed; Insurance Company vs. if the state does not act, the federal Mr. Houston desires to make the Company, Mecklenburg, new trial; Government forest a great game re-

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Fayssoux, Gaston, affirmed; State vs. School Libraries Grow Wonderfully. Dalton, Lincoln, reversed; State vs. In the rounding up of the compilations for the forthcoming biennial re-Southern Railway, Burke, reversed; port by the state department of edu-State vs. Bailey, Burke, no error; cation it develops that the rural Howell vs. Hurley, Montgomery, new school library movement has reached trial; Forney vs. Seaboard Air Line, such proportions that there are now Cumberland, reversed; Dunlap vs. something like 1,167,002 volumes in Raleigh, Charlotte & Southern, Ran- original libraries and 53,642 volumes dolph, no error; State vs. Heavener, in the supplemental libraries. There Catawba, no error; Mundy vs. Town of are now in the state 13,750 original Newton, Catawba, error; Glavenerand libraries and 1.490 supplemental. Of Hogsed vs. Glouster Lumber Com- this number 102 original and 98 suppany, Transylvania, affirmed in both plemental libraries have been issued appeals; Hyder vs. Southern Railway, in the completion of the two years Henderson, reversed; Land Company fiscal year of the department Novemvs. Floyd, Henderson, new trial. der 30. after the second

Western Insance Hospital Report. The North Carolina Department of The principal matter of interest be-Health has been requested to con- fore the board of directors of the tion experts of the public health sertribute its model village exhibit as a Western Hospital for the Insane was vice, spent some time in Wilmington part of the board's better health ex- Supt. John McCampbell's report for and New Hanover county inspecting, hibit at the Panama Exposition. This the two years which closed with No. the fine work that has been accommodel village in which the number of vember 30. The report showed that 'plished during the past year. births in the homes is shown by light- during the two years 359 patients In order to encourage farm boys to

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS BRIEFS.

J. A. Durham was elected president of the Greater Charlotte Club at the annual meeting recently. He succeeds Mr. C. C. Hook.

The Community Club of Hender-! sonville, recently held their first meeting in their new \$5,600 building. The Bulletin is the name of a new paper which will be issued monthly in administering North Carolina's por- from Asheville beginning in January. The publication will be edited by the These committees will have to be ap- Methodists of the Asheville district ' proved by the General Committee at of the Western North Carolina Con-: ferences of the Methodist Episcopal church, South.

The town of Whiteville will soon have a white way. We have here here High Point has just passed a curfew law forbidding children under 18 Members of the committee particial to be on the streets at night.

> Columbus county farmers are getting loans on cotton stored in warehouses.

David Bryant, an old colored man. and his wife were robbed of \$201: while they slept in their home near. Grifton an a recent night, according, to a report received by the authorities at Kinston.

Spencer is soon to have a national

One Halifax farmer shipped carloads of hogs recently. The seventh district medical soci-

ety will meet next at Rutherfordton. Many parties of deer hunters from

all over the state are in the sand

Lee county will vote for the issue of another \$100,000 good roads bonds January 16.

Capt. Jessie Wilder, aged 78, prominent naval statesman of Wilming, ton died recently.

District Attorney F. D. Winston went to Washington and got the promise of United States Treasurer John . Burke, former governor of Wyoming, to go to Raleigh to speak January 18: The invitation was extended by the Bar Association.

The Catawba county board of education has purchased 11 acres for the farm life school at Startown.. The people have given 10 acres for the school which makes 21 acres in all. It is ramored that the Norfolk Southern, railway will extend their ! track to Cape Lookout.

John L. Hendrix, aged 83, prominent Guilford county citizen, died 'a few days ago. Hickory citizens have formed it a. charity organization and will carry

on their work in a systematic manner. Hon: T. W. Bickett delivered the annual address at the Elks memorial at High Point.

Dr. C. W. Stiles of the United States public health service, and Dr. L. L.: Lumsden, one of the foremost sanita-

equip themselves for farm work some: handsome prizes in the form of A. & M. scholarships are being offered by to corn club boys is becoming popular. Jessie Stearns, aged 16, of Charlotte lotte, was accidentally shot and killed by his 15-year-old comrade, Leonpeals in the Supreme Court brought, and Honeycutt, while hunting recently. The policy of the new board of Bundombe county commissioners, as ent roads which traverse the county rather than to build new ones. Damage to the amount of \$40,000 was done by a fire a few nights ago to the plant of the Asheville Milling Company, on Haywood street, the 1058 being covered by insurance to the amount of \$25,000.

Deliver Opinions in 17 Appeals. The Supreme Court delivered opinions in 17 appeals as follows: Cherokee Lumber Company, Cumber- authorities will.

37.279 tons.

completed.

land, affirmed; Edwards vs. Chemical Lummus vs. Insurance Company Mecklenburg, affirmed; Houser vs.

Hannon, Polk, no error; Brittain vs.

To Exhibit at San Francisco.

fort to cut communications and enter for the previous day.

Warsaw through the back door. Heavy fighting is going on south- not known officially, a Swiss news- that several groups of anchored mines west of Lodz and southeast of Cra- paper asserts that Roumania has de- were German and not Russian and cow, where the Austrians and Ger- cided to enter the war on the side that they had been laid during the mans are endeavoring to get around with the allies. The time for doing war in the Gulf of Bothnia. No floatthe Russian left and force these so, however, has not been determined ing mines had been found." troops to retire from the fortress. on.

capital.

The Italian government maintains

December 11-A British squadron | Petrograd says the Turkish cruiser under Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Hamiedieh has been damaged by a Sturdee has sent to the bottom off mine and had returned to Constants that 80 per cent of those employed in the southern coast of South America nople.

the German cruisers Scharnhorst, King Nicholas of Montenegro ad- for five or more persons shall be Gneisenau and Leipsig, three of the mits that a third of his army has fal- Americans, which has led to formal German warships which defeated Rear len on the battlefield, but declares Admiral Sir Christopher Cradock's the Montenegrins will continue to de- governments, was proclaimed by Gov- ca as the representative of his counmen of war. According to the official fend their country.

advices the British ships have given That French aviators have succeed. Secretary Bryan recently asked the the United States, preparatory to chase to two other Germans, the ed in dropping bombs on the German governor to defer temporarily proc- making recommendations to the Chi-Nurnberg and Dresden, which also aviation hangers in Freiburg, Breiswere engaged in the fight. An offi- gau Baden, is acknowledged in an of- found he could not legally comply. the service. Koliang Yih, second seccial dispatch from Chile says it is ficial report received in Washington claimed. reported there the two vessels were from the German foreign office.

Pass 80 Per Cent. Law.

Phoenix, Ariz .- The law providing any business furnishing employment

the Triple Entente her desire to remain neutral. This is taken to mean that Roumania, if she so wished, could join the Allies without fear of being attacked by Bulgaria.

Prominent Chinaman Dead.

Asheville .-- C. T. Tsai of Canton. China, assistant director of the Peking-Kalgan Railway, died at a local sanitarium following an extended illness, the deceased came to this city protests from the British and Italian in search of health. He was in Ameriernor Hunt as effective January 1. try studying railroad conditions in lamation of the law, but the latter nese Government for improvements in The new prohibition law also was pro- retary of the Chinese Legation, was at

his bedside.

ed windows and the number of baby were admitted to the hospital and the deaths by the lights in the windows total number under treatment during being extinguished was brought to the that time was 1,689. During the two notice of the Children's Bureau of years 116 patients were discharged as business houses of Raleigh and elsethe Department of Labor by the re- recovered, 85 dicharged improved, where, in a number of other counties cent exhibit made at the health asso- nine not improved, two wnot insane of the state the idea of scholarships ciation meeting at Jacksonville, Fla. one transferred, and 117 died.

Lawyers Moved By Governor. Governor Locke Criag Caned. Argument of nineteenth district ap-Governor Craig was caned recently, not in a violent manner, but on the other hand in a way that was exceed- to Raleigh a notable group of western ingly pleasing to his excellency. Some Carolina lawyers who were honored months ago Mr. John W. Thompson, by Governor and Mrs. Craig with announced at the meeting held, rea Raleigh citizen, who is holding an luncheon at the mansion. The guests cently, will be to maintain the presimportant judicial position in the were: J. C. Martin, Garland A. Thom-Panama canal zone sent material to ason, Thomas S. Rollins, W. R. Whit-Treasurer Lacy with instructions son, Mark W Brown, Alf S. Bernard, that same should be finished in the Walter Haynes, Joseph S. Ford, best possible manner into a cane for Thomas J. Hawkins, Zebulon Weaver, North Carolina's governor. Mr. Lacy R. S. McCall, W. G. Fortune, ex-Judge accepted the trust and the result is a H. B. Stevens and ex-Judge Thomas very handsome piece of workmanship. A. Jones, Asheville, and J. W. Bless