# IMPORTANT NEWS THE WORLD OVER

IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS OF THIS AND OTHER NATIONS FOR SEVEN DAYS GIVEN

# NEWS OF THE SOUTH

What Is Taking Place In The Southland Will Be Found In Brief Paragraphs

sive of officers, for the fiscal year beginning next July.

by the war department.

the morning recently. Navy officers at Pensacola, Fla. expressed complete satisfaction with

iments at the naval air station there in firing a torpedo from a dirigible. Charged with excessive cruelty to horrible. children under her care, Mrs. Naomi V. Campbell, who conducts a private orphans' home eight miles from Atlanta on the Marietta road, in Cobb county, Georgia, was held for the grand jury under bond of \$750 following a lengthy hearing at Marietta be-

fore Justice of the Peace B. V. Greer. strike situation in Seattle, Washinging force of the city is on strike.

Plans of a most comprehensive nament in the express service through- land will be released. out the country, have been announced will be undertaken by the 135,000 men business for the purpose of raising the ordination. standards of packing, wrapping and marking express shipments.

after a conference with Secretary Ba- mander in European Turkey. ber and Major General Crowder that reviews of all sentences passed under findings of general court-martial are being reviewed by lawyers in the Ma-

jor General Crowder. states will be urged to set in motion a campaign for reduction of the 1919 individual grower, as the result of a conference held in New Orleans. An-

tee and proposed that the government a sense of the realities. pay the guaranteed price of \$2.26 a ket price, which they estimated would be about \$2.25.

angued by the temporary chairman, Wilson sails for home. who said that Germany was not at all pleased with the developments up the Rhine, using Rotterdam as a shades of opinion are devoting serithat Germany could yet fight, though | nating from Paris. she starved. The allies may present a new armistice condition to be signed by Germany.

chief of Berlin, is in Sweden according to report form Stockholm.

ed over to France by Germany, play- intoxicating peyote bean by Indians be | mobilize. ed a most important part in a puzzling | inhibited. The bean is used by many accident on the Paris-Metz railway line tribes in their religious observances than 18 divisions under Von Hindenand sixteen were injured. Train No. use failed. strong, obnoxious gases began to fill riod the allied forces dropped only Germany has sought more material

Friedrich Ebert, the German chancellor, opened the first session of the rolled for Uncle Sam's armies under a condition to our demobilization. bly, probably Herr Pfannkuch.

sent many members for the first sit- swing when the ending of the war ting of the new German assembly. The name of Herr Eichhorn, the for-

mer chief of the Berlin police, who started an inquiry into the operations hours. Herr Ullstein decided to supwas ousted during the troubles with of a "wire tapping" gang, operating in ply the national assembly at Weimar the Anarchists, was stricken from the Florida and other parts of the South with a regular service of newspapers is willing to pay for them. Money is roll of membership of the new German to which wealthy tourists are attract and chartered a number of airplanes, more plentiful than ever before. This known.

The new German assembly has invited Austria to become a part of the new German republic.

'No answer has been returned by the numbered 4,927. American delegates to the peace conference as to what is said to be an of the allied and enemy forces of the almost unanimous desire of the other enemy forces of the western front durpowers that the United States under- ing the last eight months of the war take to act as mandatory for Armenia have been received by the war deand the other severed provinces of partment. They show that up to July ference secret Chino-Japanese agree however, will govern not only as to Turkey. Such of the American dele- 1 the allies were outnumbered from ments, according to a Reuter dispatch the return of the bodies, but also as gates as will discuss this plan say two hundred to three hundred thou- from Peking dated February 3. they are disposed to resist this development, holding that it is the business of Trade has also endorsed the matter than they reached their measure and sent its secretary.

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There is still no prospect of any betterment in the labor situation in the United Kingdom. If anything the situation, both in Glasgow and Belfast, has become more serious, particularly demands. in Belfast. The strike movement is very similar to those which are taking place in Germany, and the governmental authorities are calling on organized labor to help adjust the mat- to Holland as rapidly as they reach ter, as it is realized that a strike of the United States ports at the conclusion disorganized very largely borders on of their present voyages. The ananarchism, and the only hope for a nouncement is made by the war trade quick solution is by organized labor board, which has reached an agreehelping citizens and the government ment on the subject with the shipping to pacify the malcontents

Alliances between the various naions will not be affected by the existence of the Society of Nations now in process of formation. The English foreign secretary, asked the direct quesion whether the formation of the world society would involve the abrogation of alliances, said: "The constitution of the league of nations will involve no modification of the treaties of A "BETTER SERVICE CAMPAIGN" alliance previously concluded."

Government troops have entered Bremen after heavy fighting and have occupied the town hall and the stock exchange. The Anarchits have retreated to Groepsingen.

The virus of thench fever and that of influenza and of some forms of nephritis have been isolated and identified, according to the report submit. Rules Now Existing, Relating to Boxted to the director general of the Brit-The temporary personnel of the ish army by a number of army medinavy has been fixed at two hundred cal officers in France, who have been and twenty-five thousand men, exclu- investigating the causes of these dis-

Heavy losses have been inflicted on Departure from France of five the Anarchists in the Archangel, Rus. conditions which will make possible transports with more than 650 officers sia, sector, by the American forces, a marked improvement in the express and 15,000 men has been announced and the enemy has been driven back service throughout the country, have in disorder from the village of Vis- been announced by Mr. W. S. Hall, Twenty buildings in the heart of tavka, on the Vaga. The American Charlotte representative of the Amer-Fairbanks, Alaska, have been destroy- casualties were five killed and several ican Railway Express Company. A ed by a fire which started early in wounded. Many prisoners were taken by the Americans

It is stated that Chinese and Manchu troops have joined the Russian the success marking the first exper- Anarchists, and are fighting in their armies. The treatment accorded prisoners by the Manchus is described as

A satisfactory settlement of the London railway dispute has been at last reached, it is officially stated. It is understood that the settlement included the tubes and all the London railway systems.

The federal government has been Feln leader, and Milroy and McGarry, hereafter to insist, firmly but courtasked to take charge of the general also Sinn Fein members of parliament, eously, that the rules already in force esecaped from the prison at Lincoln, be strictly adhered to. ton, where practically the entire work. according to a dispatch from Lincoln to the London Evening News.

A dispatch from Dublin, Ireland, ture to bring about conditions which says it is definitely stated there that money that result from lost or damwill make possible a marked improve all the Sinn Feiners interned in Eng- aged shipments. It is a source of dis-

by R. H. May, Atlanta representative tect the front of the Siberian army impair the express service. It is exof the American Railway Express com- against the Bolsheviki in the region of pected that all who ship by express, pany. A "better service campaign" Kungur, southeast of Perm, 250 sol- and 300,000,000 shipments are annualiers and ten officers have been tried and women employed in the express by courtmartial and shot for insub-

The Turkish authorities have requi-George T. Page of Peoria, Ill., pres- Enver Pasha, the former Turkish minident of the American Bar Association, lister of war, as a residence for Gen. announces that he has been informed Franchet d'Esperey, the allied com-

#### Washington

before the supreme war council.

other resolution urges the farmers not feeling in the peace conference is that exposed during the journey, or if, may to sell the balance of the present cot- the Germans are more and more for- be, entire shipments are lost because The grain dealers appeared before pected that the supreme war council packing, the customer may not wait everywhere." the national house agriculture commit- will take measures to bring them to

Substantially one-half of the draft bushel for the 1919 wheat crop and sell of the constitution for the society of it to the consumer at the world mar- nations has been covered by the chief conference commission dealing with this question. The acceptance of all additional articles will be provisional.

It is possible, it is stated, to secure 18 DIVISIONS OF GERMANS The new German assembly was har- action on the articles before President American steamers will soon steam

There is a feeling hinted in the dis- the armistice conditions.

in which five persons lost their lives and efforts last year to prohibit its burg on the western front," the cor- CASH FOR GOOD ROADS IN 47, bound for Metz, had just entered During the hard fighting from Sep- saying. "We also have the best reathe tunnel at Nanteuil, when the pastember 1, the German losses were aptoons to believe that Germany is keepsengers occupying the two coaches palling, the figures showing a drop in | ing her troops under arms on the pre handed over by Germany began to ex- their strength from 1,339,000 to 856,- text of economic necessity. Some of perience trouble in breathing and 000 November 1. During the same pe- the military authorities think that

from 1.688,000 to 1,485,000. A total of 24,234,021 men were enrecently elected German national as the selective service act. When the sembly at Weimar. It is probable armistice was signed Uncle Sam had that the chairmanship will be taken produced a selective army of 2,810,296 by the oldest member of the assem- men and the work of handling, classifying and utilizing Uncle Sam's man It is reported that Alsace-Lorraine power was just getting into perfect

brought it to a close.

from Chicago. The total casualties for the forces in the Archangel, Russian, region are given as 409. The force originally

Figures showing the rifle strength

339,000. The health of the American soldiers in France is excellent and the morale | SPARTACAN RIOTS IN is of the highest. They show willingness to re-enter the fray if occasion

Dutch ships requisitioned by the American government during the war and now operated by the shipping the headquarters building of the govboard will be unconditionally returned | rnment. Troops and all arms were | the final rush of Congress to clear up

# TO BE REFORMED

INAUGURATED BY 135,000 EM-PLOYEES OF COMPANY.

## STUPENDOUS DRIVE NOW ON TROTZKY WORKS FOR DRDER

ing and Packing of Shipments to Be Rigidly Enforced.

Charlotte, N. C .- Plans of a most comprehensive nature to bring about "Better Service Campaign" will be undertaken by the 135,000 men and women employed in the express business, for the purpose of raising the standards of packing, wrapping and marking shipments.

The drive started on February 10, in every city and town in the counof education and appeal among express employes simultaneously with a widespread effort to secure the cooperation of the shipping public along marking rules have been adopted for the campaign, but express drivers and Prof. Edward de Valera, the Sinn receiving clerks will be instructed

The chief purpose of the "Better Service Campaign" is to check, once for all, the waste of time, effort and satisfaction and annovance to both For refusing to obey an order to pro- shippers and the carrier and tends to ly traveling that way, will be keenly interested in the forthcoming drive. because it so intimately concerns the transportation end of many different sitioned the Constantinople palace of trades and industries, some of which depend almost exclusively upon the express service.

Regarding the conditions which led to a decision for a national drive of this character, an express official A Paris dispatch announces that American businss man regards a sat-Marshal Foch will go to Treves Febru- isfied customer as a direct asset to stillness of the house chamber: ary 17 to fix the conditions for a third his business. He would do nothing renewal of the armistice and the dis- that might jeopardize his good relacussion of the conditions to be im- tions with that customer. But if the posed will take up considerable time goods he sends to the customer arrive in bad order, if the contents are dam-Foreign dispatches state that the aged or pilfered because they were long for explanations, but place his

> business elsewhere." "Start Express Shipments Right" is a slogan which will be carried throughout the campaign and which if adhered to will mean a great saving to business and their customers.

## ARE ON THE WESTERN FRONT

London.-British newspapers of all by the German government toward

patches from abroad that the war end- The Daily News Paris corresponded too soon for the more adventurous ent sends a dispatch from "authorita-Herr Eichhorn, the former police spirits on all sides of the contention. | tive sources" on the subject in which The Prohibitions appeared before he says his informant told him that the house Indian appropriation com- he had the best reason to believe that Two railway coaches, recently hand- mittee and urged that the use of the Germany is not continuing to de-

"She has now concentrated more respondent quotes his informant as to give necessary armament to 3.000,-000 men. German demobilization is

#### GERMAN NEWSPAPER USES AIRPLANES FOR DELIVERY

Berlin .- Am Mittag is the first pa per to employ air service in newspaper distribution. It will send its issues to Leipsig and Weimar, thus enabling the paper to be distributed to is well on the way. He sees no rea-Government agents are said to have its subscribed houses in the early son for hesitation on the part of busiassembly, as his whereabouts is not ed. The investigation is proceeding which left with Vossiche Zeitung's is shown in the office of the compmorning edition.

#### JAPAN COERCES CHINESE DELEGATES IS CHARGED.

London.-Japan has notified China must work in harmony with Japan at the peace conference and must unlertake not to reveal to the con-1,688,000 opposed to the Germans' 1, and Reuters says it should be regard in the Arlington or some other Naed with some reserve.

## HUN CITIES CONTINUE

Copenhagen. - Fresh spartacan riots began in Hamburg on Thursday on the woman suffrage resolution and .afternoon when workmen rushed to by the house on the naval expansion seized. The town hall and banks the legislative slate before the seswere occupied at night and the move- sion ends. ment has spread to Altona.

In Kiel armed sailors and workmen house resolution, for submission of a overpowered the guard at an airplane | woman suffrage constitutional amendstation, took possession of all arms ment, are ready for a decision Chamand occupied the police buildings.

# ment of Casualties Overseas

IMPERIALISM OR NIHILISM IS IMPRESSION GIVEN OUT BY War Department: MANY REFUGEES.

Chief Characteristic Tired Feeling, Tired of Killing, Tired of Fighting and Tired of Wandering.

Warsaw.-That bolshevism is in its critical stage, either turning to imperialism, with perhaps Leon Trotzky, minister of war and marine, as the new emperor, or slipping back to the idea of nihilism, with a sort of orderdisorder, is the impression given by many refugees of all nationalities who have arrived here from Russia. The correspondent has talked to a number of these people as to what Claude C. Fox. Marshall, previously might happen in Russia if there is no outside interference. One of them was a bolshevist soldier who deserted and W. O. DeArmond, Charlotte, last while his contingent was engaged in | two previously reported missing. Otho

raiding the country west of Minsk. "Our chief characteristic," he said, "is, that we are tired-tired of fooling, tired of killing, tired of fighting and tired of wandering from pillar to leigh; A. L. Green, Durham; Corps. post. There is no doubt that Leon Trotzky is attempting to obtain order and to whip the troops into shape. He is known to be terribly ambitious. and possibly he is dreaming of becoming czar, knowing that bolshevism | Sam L. Jones. Reedy Branch; D. T. has failed."

#### MEMORIAL SERVICES HELD FOR THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Washington.-In solemn services governments paid tribute to the memnembers of the cabinet, army and sachusetts praise Roosevelt as a statesman and as a man.

men and women who could not gain admission testified to the personal feeling for the man whose death shocked the world. It was this to made this statement: "It is an ac- which Senator Lodge, a close friend knowledged fact that the average of the man be eulogized referred when he spoke these words in the

"A tower is fallen, a star is set! Alas! Alas! for Celin. "The words of lamentation from the old Moorish ballad, which in boyhood we used to recite, must, I think world was told that Theodore Roosevelt was dead. But whatever the getting their position, and it is ex. of inadequate marking or insecure phrase the thought was instant and

#### TO PURCHASE PROPERTY FOR NATIONAL CEMETERY

Boston.-Acting upon instructions from the war department General Pershing has been in communication the past month with Marshal ePtain for the purpose of purchasing property for a national cemetery for the American dead in France, according to Secretary Baker. The orders stipulate that a chateau or castle shall be since the armistice was signed, and base, according to information ema- ous attention to the attitude adopted located on the property decided upon,

adequate for a museum to house a collection commemorating America's participation in the world war. Secretary Baker made clear the plan would not interfere in any way with the desires of parents who wish their dead brought back to this coun-

"The war department will scrupu-

# NOW FAIRLY A CERTAINTY

Bankhead amendment to the postof- Jackson, New Bern; J. B. Merritt, Mt. \$200,000,000 for the construction of wood Atwaters, Methol; W. S. Hall. good roads. Of this amount \$50,000,- Gatesville; Clarence Locklear, Fair-000 is for use this year and \$75,000,-000,000 each in 1920 and 1912.

#### PROPHECIES OF PROSPERITY ARE SANE AND RATIONAL

Washington. - Secretary Carter Glass, of the treasury department, anticipates and expects prosperous days ness. The country needs the products of the factory and the farm and troller of the currency.

#### PLANNING TO BRING HOME OFFICER AND SAILOR DEAD

Washington.-Plans for bringing home the bodies of all officers, sailors and marines now buried on foreign soil are being worked out in the next few months. The wishes of relatives. to their final disposition. Those tional cemetery.

#### FINAL RUSH BEGINS TO CLEAR LEGISLATIVE SLATE

Washington .- A vote by the senate program will mark the beginning of

Advocates and opponents of the pions express confidence.

### BELGIUMS CLAIMS NORTH CAROLINA CASUALTIES ARE MOST URGEN Late Report From the War Depart-

The following is a list of casualties among North Carolina troops, over-

seas, as recently made public by the Killed in Action-Sergt. W. A. Shuler, Bryson City; Lieut. F. S. Paris, Canton.

Among N. C. Troops.

Died of Wounds-Corp. A. L. Turner, LaGrange; Privates Crowell Woodward, Selma; Buford Gross, Marler; Jos. G. Benson, Carthage. Died of Disease-Private M. T. Alston, Greensboro; Frank Davis, Louisburg; Thos. H. Mathews, Dunn; John H. Ruffin, Lewiston; N. Brodie, Franklinton; W. G. Hackney, Morrisville; Alexander Harris, Blanches. Missing-Private Forest Fisher,

Bryson City. Sick in Hospital-Private John B. Carlysle, Tarboro; previously report-

ed missing. Returned to Duty-Privates Russell Collins, Lenoir, and Welzy Dodd, Just, both previously reported missing; Privates Arthur Cabe. Waynesville, and reported missing: A. L. Bradley, Smithfield; R. V. Blalock, McCullers, Eason, Rocky Mount, previously re-

ported killed. Severely Wounded-Private Harold Jackson, Charlotte; W. A. Faison, Ra-Harvey J. McNair, Wilson; G. L. Kernigan, Powellsville; Clarence Pinefer, Charlotte: H. E. Tarkenton, Woodard: E. T. Davis, Raleigh; Hallie J. Ellis, Durham; Dallas Wiggins, Vanceboro; Dearman, Hayes; Alma H. Hudson, Duke; C. A. Walker, Bently; M. P. Webster, Henrietta; A. E. Fullam, Biltmore; J. E. Gregory, Mt. Airy; Luke Ridgill, Summerton; Horseshoer E. E. Dedman, Hendersonville Corps. G. W. Midkiff, Mt. Airy: Wiley within the house chamber the nation's M. Price, Crumpler; Sergt. B. A. leaders and representatives of foreign | Hodges, Adams, previously reported missing: Privates Donnie L. Bennett. ory of Theodore Roosevelt. Members | Chapel Hill; Frank Carroll. Rougeof Congress, supreme court justices, mont; B. C. Munden, Elizabeth City; Norman E. Park, Biscoe: John B. Sui navy officers, and diplomats of many phin, Mount Airy; Sergts. Clyde Helnations heard Senator Lodge of Mas- dreth, Charlotte; David L. Jones, Alexie; Privates Larson M. Moore, Henderson: Ernest L. Woods, Burnsville: Crowded galleries and the throng of Garland Shuford, Lawndale; J. P. Shepherd, Gibsonville; Solon M. Fowl- the theater, for everyone walked, save er, Tabor; Thomas E. Houck, Fleetwood; Orin E. Shepherd, Edison; Jno. party. Following a brief review of A. Lynn, China Grove; Sergt. E. L. | an infantry honor company, everyone Whitsell, Burlington; Privates Robert Bell, Enfield; Harry L. Davis, Kinston: Charlie C. Hendron, Cooleemee: Ernest Hobbs, New Bern: James P. Morgan, Stagville: C. T. Troutman, South Mills: G. B. Teague, Winston-Salem: Harmon Kivett, E. B. Mullian, Clemmons; S. A. Phillips, Wilmington; Jesse R. Rice, New Bern; C. Haithcock, Chapel Hill; Sergt, Eugene Gaffney Asheville: Bugler Eugene Glenn, Durham; Privates Thos. L. Wood, Dallas; C. L. Howard, Gastonia: Will Jones. Wilkesboro, previously reported missing: Lieut, J. W.

Jones, Asheville; Sergt. B. R. Knox, Huntersville; Mechanic C. B. Ledbetter, Polkton; Corp. Waverly V. Jones. McCullers: Privates R. H. Veach. Thomasville: John Hobbs, W. Durham; Percy Cardwell, Madison; J. W. Robb, Eufala: W. E. Ferrill, Rosemary; W. D. Kamman, Glendale; El lery S. Fields, Boardman: A. L. Bennett, Fayetteville, Carl Hudspeth, years. Lowell: Lieut. R. G. Cox. N. Wilkes boro: Privates L. S. Autry, Autryville; Wm. B. O'Neal, Avon; E. A. Jordan, Clarendon; Oddie McCullen, Newton Grove: M. L. Price. Faison. Slightly Wounded-Sergts. D. S. Brown, Mt. Ullah; Will Heath, Winston-Salem: Corp. W. H. Haves, Wallace: Privates F. S. Koonce, Trenton; W. Mitchell, Weldon; F. Bright, Goldsboro; Walter McKnight, Salisbury, and Robt. C. Wright, Hickory, both lously respect such requests," he said. | previously reported missing; Lieut. G. A. Wagener, Gibsonville; Sergts, Duncan Davis, Raeford: J. L. Meets, Richlands; M. G. Williams, High Point; Cook R. E. Bridges, Cliffside; Wagoner Wm. E. Hetner, Lincolnton; Pri-Washington.-The senate by a vote vates Willie C. Fouts, Thomasville; of 51 to 17 tentatively adopted the J. G. Greenwood, Mt. Airy; G. E. fice appropriation bill appropriating Gead; J. D. Ruffin, Durham; Haymont; J. E. Mitchell, Hester; Daniel C. Credle, Fairfield; Raleigh A. Mizell, Windsor: Nath. Ollis, Frank: H. C. Faircloth, Roseboro; J. M. Fowler, Mineral Springs: Ernest B. Green, Concord: H. F. Green, Northside; Capt. J. N. Jacobs, Wilmington; Corps. Bug. R. G. Jeffreys, Youngville: Mechanic I. M. Wagner, Yuma; Private Alfred P. Dyson, Chadbourn; Corp. Amos F. Williams, Charlotte; Privates Willie W. Jones, Hamptonville: Hardy Davis, Morehead City; William S. King, Trotville; Roger C. Wood, Apex; Zeke Byrd, Burnsville; Iley Gallop, Elizabeth; Corps. H. F.

> Asheville. Rev. Baumgarner Killed. Charlotte -Rev. G. Z. Baumgarner of Taylorsville, was instantly killed when hit by an automobile driven by C. C. Culp, on the Dowd road, east of the Elizabeth mills. Rev. Mr. Baum garner preached at a church in the Elizabeth Mill community last night and, with a friend whose name could the Dowd road.

Brock, Mount Olive; Aven O. Hall,

Demented Soldier Under Guard.

Salisbury .- John J. Flutter, the demented soldier who made an escape while in charge of Red Cross ladies was retaken at Barber's Junction Saturday night where he had entered a discussion will continue. home and locked himself in a room. He had given no trouble and was easily handled. He was brought to will be givento governments and or-Salisbury and held for authorities to ganizations of employers and working come and take him to a camp in people in the proposed permanent in when he made his first get-away.

A PERCENTAGE OF INDEMNITY SHOULD BE PAID AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

## NEED FOODS AND MACHINER

Government, Cities, Towns, Villages and Indviduals Have Suffered Heavy Losses.

Paris.-The financial claims of Belgium against Germany are most urgent, Baron Van Den Heuvel, a member of the Belgian peace delegation tee on reparations, said.

Belgium, he declared, does not have the indemnity which is due her be- to die rather than break the faith. fore obtaining at least partial reparathe indemnity should be paid imme- from their homes, but they have kept

diately. Belgium, he added, needs foods and machinery at once. Her workingmen are idle, her industries are at a standstill or working at a loss, and her foreign trade will go to other markets and then by the cruel Turk, who has

unless something is done. Baron Van Den Heuvel said it would take time to reckon the exact figure of Belgium's losses through military operations, occupation and enemy requisitions. The government, cities, towns, villages and private citizens have suffered heavy losses.

### GERMAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

HAS BEEN OPENED AT WEIMAR Weimar.-The opening of the na tional assembly this afternoon was mpressive for its solemnity, earnestness and simplicity. Chancellor Ebert's opening speech, the delivery of which occupied a half hour, was equently interrupted. The Court theater was thronged long before the appointed time.

It was a democratic looking crowd, well, though plainly dressed, that the world; and they fought a gallant shuffled its way through the snow to battle for the right. Their women one carriage and one automobile sought the interior of the theater.

Herr Ebert received only a brief tain that the response will be a ready ovation on his entry. He found himself so heckled by independent socialists that he was forced in the middle of his speech to turn upon them with the declaration that their disorder showed how little evil times had taught them. He aroused approval when he began by declaring:

"We have done forever with princes and nobles, by the grace of God." He said the German people was

now ruling itself. There was disapproval mixed with approval when he declared the revolution would decline responsibility for the shortage of food and the defects

in food in Germany. Need, the chancellor continued, delivered Germany to her enemies, but he protested against being a slave to Germany's enemies for 30, 40 or 60

TOTAL RECENT CASUALTIES BY AMERICANS IN RUSSIA Washington.-Total casualties the American forces in the Archangel region of Russia up to and including January 31, were 180 killed, died of wounds, sickness or from other causes, or missing in action, and 229 for some time yet. wounded or injured, making a total casualty list of 409 out of a force that

numbered 4,925. The information was contained in a cablegram from Archangel dated

February 4. The casualties were listed as follows: Killed in action, three officers and 58 men; died of disease, two officers and 64 men; died of wounds, one officer and 12 men; accidentally killed. three men; drowned, one officer and two men; missing in action, 34 men; wounded in action, all ranks, 198; accidentally wounded. 25; wounded, other causes, six.

#### EARLY ACTION EXPECTED ON MUCH DEBATED TAX BILL

Washington. - Senate and house members studied the final re-draft of the six billion dollar war revenue bill, preparing for early action on the con-

ference report. The bill will yield \$6,077,200,000 for the present fiscal year and \$4,184.-510,000 next year, according to estimates given out as compiled by ex- tain of the home guards will be chosperts of the treasury and senate fi- en as soon as the adjutant general ornance and house ways and means ders an election. committees.

#### U. S. HOSPITALS IN NORTH CAROLINA TO BE CLOSED

Washington.-The government hospitals at Waynesville and Hot Springs without a single dissenting vote. It will be abandoned. The Kenilworth is the intention of the convention that Inn hospital has not been passed up. a delegate from each county be sent on yet. The war department has not be learned, was walking back to reached a final decision on the two chine. Tire trouble was said to have for \$75,000 for a site and public build-Mr. N. Buckner, to Raleigh to boost made it necessary to stop the car on ing at Morganton. This is one of many the bill. public buildings going in now,

#### WOMEN ARE EQUAL TO MEN AS DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE

Paris.-The supreme council discussed the terms of the extension of the armistice with Germany. The

The labor legislation commission discussed the representation which gible as men as delegates.

# CALL FOR ARMENIAN RELIEF

Only Sufficient Aid Asked to Keep the People Alive Until the Next Harvest Can Be Gathered.

Raleigh.-State Chairman James Y Joyner, of the Armenian-Syrian Relief Campaign, is rapidly getting his state organization perfected, and in the week beginning Feb. 21 he expects that the people of North Carolina will enthusiastically raise the \$200,000 which the American Committee asks this state to give as its portion of the \$30,000,000 necessary to save the lives of the little children and the women of that oppressed country.

The churches of North Carolina have been striving for many years to aid the Armenians, who are the oldest Christians in the world. They have been called upon to fight constantly to preserve the religion of Christ in the world. There have been all kinds of pressure brought to bear upon them and of the peace conference commit- and promises of freedom and aid of all sorts from Turkey, from Germany and from other powers if they would time to wait for an agreement to be only give up their belief in the Christ; reached as for the exact figures of but they have preferred to suffer and They have been massacred, their proption. The baron said a percentage of erty stolen, and they have been driven the faith. Their church was established in the year 301, and in each year since that time they have been subjected to brutal treatment, first by the Persians, then by the Arabs, spared none in the effort to intimidate them. They have remained followers of Christ. Truly, the churches of America owe them a debt of gratitude which they now have opportunity

> to repay in part. The Armenians ask only sufficient aid to keep them until they can gather the next harvest, when they will again

be self-supporting. They had 200,000 soldiers in the Russian army, 10,000 in the American army and 12,000 in the British army, fighting on the side of the allies. Germany promised them a free republic if they would join the Teutonic forces, but the Armenians said they were certain their destinies were linked up with the allies, and that what ever the ultimate outcome, they would cast their lot with America and the other nations fighting for freedom of and children are now starving, and

we alone can save their lives. Dr. Joyner asks the people of North Carolina to give \$200,000 to aid in saving these dying people, and he is cer-

Fatal Auto Accident. Greensboro.-Nathaniel Norman, the child of Dr. George W. Norman, was struck by an automobile driven by Mr. Mayes, of Burlington, on Spring Garden street, and died from the injuries at St. Leo's hospital. The child is survived by his parents and eight brothers and sisters. Mr. Mayes was greatly disturbed over the accident

and remained with the child until its

death. Doctor Norman, father of the

#### child, is one of the city's best-known physicians.

Influenza in Salisbury. Lumberton.—The second epidemic of influenza in Lumberton has just | ment is not a "scrap of paper." acabout subsided. Only a very few new The board is not antagonistic to the cases have been reported this week and practically all who were sick are | bridges but regards the ferry as the now able to get out. However, the main thing right now. lid is still on so far as holding public meetings of any sort is concerned: The barber shops and shows are also still closed and no services will be held at the local churches Sunday. The town commissioners met and decided to keep the quarantine in effect

Chief Cause of Fires. Charlotte.-Two-thirds of the fires in Charlotte are caused directly by shingled roofs said Fire Chief M. M. Wallace. Two blazes Saturday night were said to have been caused by so liable to catch fire as old shingles said Chief Wallace. There are hundreds of houses in Charlotte which The shingles are rotten and would stores dealing in sheet copper, are be an easy mark for a spark, he said. | kept by government officers.

Winston-Salem. - Having reached the age limit, 64 years, and after being in military service for 40 years, Col. J. C. Bessent, captain of the home guard and a member of the national guard, holding the title of lieutenant colonel, has forwarded his resignation to Adjt. Gen. B. S. Royster in Raleigh, and its acceptance is expected to be announced within the next few days. His successor as cap-

Road Bill Endorsed. Asheville.-One hundred and twenty-five delegates from twenty western counties in convention here endorsed the Stevens-Scales state-wide road bill to Raleigh to urge the passage of the bill on the representatives in the Gen- ride of mercury tablets, swallowed. eral Assembly. The Asheville Board

## Warehouses Under Way.

Elkin.-Ground was broken and the

foundation begun for a new tobacco warehouse on East Main street. Work will be started shortly on another warehouse on South Main street, near the Elkin Roller Mill. Both of these buildings will be of brick and will contain all modern conveniences for the handling of leaf tobacco. The matter of building a knitting mill is being | and thirst to get a chance to vote on strongly agitated among parties here western North Carolina to which place ternational conference. It was decided and it is believed that the project will be was being conveyed last week ed that women should be equally elimber put into effect.

# LUTHERAN EFFORT MAKING PROGRESS

CAMPAIGN FOR RELIEF WILL BEGIN FEBRUARY 16, AND CONTINUE TEN DAYS.

## \$120,000 IS AMOUNT DESIRED

Large Oversubscription of Allotment is Expected by Those in

Charge of Drive. Raleigh.-The campaign of the Lutheran Church of America for \$1,000,-000 for relief of refugees and orphans in France. Finland and near eastern countries, which begins February 16 and continues 10 days, is meeting with "a hearty response in North Carolina," according to Rev. W. A. Lutz, pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran church, campaign director for this State, who returned from a tour of a large part of the State in the interest of the effort. Among the towns he visited were Statesville, Hickory and Salisbury and those in numerous adjacent counties. The quota assigned the members of this church in North Carolina is \$120,000, said Mr. Lutz, who is rapidly developing the State campaign organization.

Soldier's Wife Wins Out. Asheville.-After hearing three witnesses in superior court a jury returned a verdict awarding Mrs. Agnes de Lotinbiers, wife of a Canadian army officer, a verdict of \$75,000 against the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., executors of her father's estate. Captain de Lotinbiers, in testifying, stated that he made an agreement with W. J. Slavden, his wife's father, to take out \$100,000 insurance in favor of his wife, and the father, in turn, agreed to leave her a like amount in his will. Mr. Slayden died before the amount and Mrs. de Lotinbiers received only \$25 000. The suit was brought as a friendly measure to justify the bank in carrying out the wishes of the de-

#### ceased.

Plans to Welcome Soldiers. Rutherfordton.-A mass meeting was held in the courthouse for the purpose of planning a suitable reception for the county soldiers upon their return from the army. A standing committee composed of the county officers, the county chairmen of the Liberty loan and war savings stamps drives, was agreed upon, said committees to meet with them and perfect the plans, fix the date and place for

reception. Stand by Ferry Agreement. county commissioners are standing by their agreement to take over the Cape Fear ferry with Brunswick county. Heavy pressure has been brought to bear on the board to tear up this agreement and support the two-bridge plan north of the city, but the agreecording to Chairman W. A. McGirt.

Number of Stills Destroyed. Statesville.-According to the official report of Revenue Agent Thos. R. Vanderford for the month of December, 1918, which has just been received at the office of Collector Watts, giving an account in detail of seizures for violation of the governmen liquor laws, the above month was the most productive of results of any month throughout the past year. A total of 58 stills with caps and worms, most of them set up and an operation, were destroyed by the ofsparks flying from flues, lighting on ficers, 33 of them being of pure copshingled roofs. New shingles are not per construction and which are very highly prized by the blockaders, as it which have been on houses for years, has become a hard matter of recent years for them to get hold of copper outfits, on account of the close obhave not been reshingled for years. servation under which hardware

> Killed by Live Wire. Asheville.-Placing his foot on a wire carrying 6,600 volts. Thad Kukendall, lineman for the North Carolina Electrical Power Company, was instantly killed at Craggy, near here. while at work at the top of a pole. His safety belt, strapped around the pole, held him swaying limply in air until fellow workmen ascended the pole and brought him down. The strong current had burned off the toes of the foot which was on the wire. A hurried examination showed that life had left the body.

> Arrested for Neglect. Wilmington.-E. S. Woodard, who is charged by his dying wife with illtreatment, neglect and non-support, has been arrested on charges of that character and released under \$500 cash bond. The woman is lying in a local hospital, awaiting the slow-moving death which comes with bichloshe says, because her husband had cannot recover. She later withdrew her charges.

Cooper Lends an Ear. Wilmington .- Senator Cooper on are riving here was met by a Southport delegation asking that he permit no election on the question of moving the county seat from that town, and he advised that the folks of Brunswick possibly knew better how to settle the question than he did. He was told that many people wanted no election. but by others that many do hunger it, and it may fall out that Brunswick will settle this ancient quarrel in a

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