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## AMERICANS RETURN MEXICANS' FIRE

Members of the Kentucky Guards Reply to Shots of Mexicans With a Terrific Fire.

### RESIDENTS THOUGHT MACHINE GUNS USED

Affair Occurred West of El Paso and Took Place in the Early Morning.

(By Associated Press.)

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 28.—Several hundred shots were fired across the Rio Grande into Mexico, west of here early today by members of the Kentucky guards whose officers declare that the fusillade was a reply to shots fired from the American side of the boundary.

So spirited was the American fire that residents of the district thought machine guns were being used, but this was denied by Kentucky officers. There are no known casualties.

### VILLA FORCE PLANNING ATTACK ON TWO CITIES.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 27.—Francisco Villa's forces are preparing to attack Chihuahua City and Juarez simultaneously in an effort to establish railroad traffic between the border and Torreon, it was said late today by a man known to be close to Villa.

A Mexican refugee who arrived here today from Torreon said Villa was preparing to move north with 5,000 men to attack Chihuahua City. He reported another force of 500 Villa followers to have been yesterday at the Calderon ranch, 65 miles southwest of Juarez.

Skirmishing between the rebels at Calderon and the de facto troops which left yesterday for Chihuahua City was reported here late today, but could not be confirmed in Juarez. The Villa forces southeast of Juarez are commanded by Col. Manuel Ochoa and Col. Mariano Tamez, according to a deserter who arrived at the border yesterday from the Calderon ranch. The Villa followers were said to have been sent north to take Juarez as soon as Villa starts his attack on Chihuahua City.

It is not believed here that Villa has any direct tactical connection with the operations reported from the eastern military zone near San Luis Potosi, Tampico and Monterey, but Gen. Carrera Torres and the Cedilla brothers are said to be operating in that section under the Villa banner.

The occupation of San Luis Potosi by the Villa forces Monday was reaffirmed today by men known to be close to Villa but was denied by Carranza Consul Soriano Bravo, who said a message had been received today at Laredo, Tex., from San Luis Potosi.

### TORNADO IN MISSISSIPPI.

Buildings Demolished, Standing Timber Damaged, Railroad Traffic Interrupted With.

(By Associated Press.)  
Hattiesburg, Miss., Dec. 28.—A tornado swept over portions of Forest and Lamar counties of Mississippi early today, demolishing a number of buildings, breaking telegraph and telephone poles, and causing great damage to standing timber, according to reports received here. No casualties are reported. Interruption of wire service badly delayed trains.

### Greensboro Hotel Co.

Raleigh, Dec. 28.—The Hotel Building Co., of Greensboro, was chartered today by the Secretary of State. The capital stock provided is \$125,000 of which \$500 has been paid in. The company plans to build and manage hotels, apartment houses and dwellings.

## JOINT MEET METHODISTS HELD IN BALTIMORE

Joint Commission on Unification of Methodist Episcopal Church and Methodist Episcopal Church South—Bishop E. E. Hoss Makes Commencement.

(By Associated Press.)  
Baltimore, Md., Dec. 28.—With plans mapped out for its procedure the joint commission on the unification of the Methodist Episcopal church and Methodist Episcopal church South convened at the First Methodist church here today.

Before the conference was called to order Bishop E. E. Hoss, of the Southern denomination, said there had been discussion of the subject from every angle by his Southern colleagues and that great good would result from the meeting.

It is understood the Southern branch has practically decided upon a basis of agreement for presentation to the joint body.

## EFFECTIVENESS OF ADAMSON EIGHT-HOUR LAW SUSPENDED PENDING OUTCOME TEST CASE

Agreement Reached Between Attorney General Gregory and Attorneys for the Railroads—Employees Will Therefore Continue Work After January 1st Without Any Immediate Benefit—Railroad Managers and Representatives of the Four Brotherhoods Holding Conference in New York—Joint Board May Be Appointed.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 28.—The National Conference Commission of Railroad Managers and representatives of the Four Brotherhoods of railway employees resumed here today their conference relative to the application of the Adamson law in the event it is held constitutional by the United States Supreme court.

Through agreement between Attorney General Gregory and the railroad attorneys the effectiveness of the Adamson law has been suspended pending the outcome of the test suit.

Therefore on January 1st the railroads employes will continue work without any immediate benefit from the law, which was to have gone in operation on that day.

A possible outcome of today's conference was the appointment of a joint board to determine the operation of the law if its constitutionality is established.

### CONFERENCE ENDS ABRUPTLY.

It is Said Railroad Managers Sought to Apply the Switchman's Arbitration Award to Present Controversy Over Adamson Act.

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, Dec. 28.—The resumed conference here today between representatives of the railroads and the employed brotherhoods was quickly terminated. The reason for this is understood to be that the conference committee of railroad managers sought to apply the recent switchman's arbitration award to the present controversy over the Adamson act.

The conference had been in session less than two hours when an adjournment was taken. The Brotherhood conferees were obviously disturbed when the session ended.

It was learned the roads suggested the dispute between them over the Adamson act, if upheld by the Supreme court, be settled on the basis of the switchman's award, which the railroad managers' held gave the switchmen on the roads involved 9 hours pay for 8 hours work. Representatives of the Brotherhood, it was asserted, declined point blank to accept settlement on such basis. They pointed insistently to the Adamson act and demanded that an agreement be reached under the act. Such settlement they held granted them 10 hours pay for 8 hours work.

The Brotherhoods suggested the creation of a Federal Commission representing both sides which would consider and settle arbitrarily all future disputes regardless of whether the Adamson act was declared constitutional. The proposition was not given consideration.

### MEANING MAY BE OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE

Local Concern Furnishing Feedstuffs Gets the News and Cancels Large Shipments.

The English government is cancelling the orders for horses in this country and this looks significant. Thousands of horses and mules have been handled over the Southern Railway for the allies since the war began and thousands of these animals have been cared for at the Spencer stock pens, watered and fed and given medical attention, and at present there is being erected at Spencer a great horse hospital for the English government. There is hardly a day but that some shipments go over the Southern and through Salisbury and Spencer of stock or war material, food or feedstuffs for the allies to assist them in their war operations.

The stock is all handled and cared for by Mr. J. A. Siceoff, who is in charge of the stock pens at Spencer. The feedstuffs for this stock is supplied by a big Salisbury wholesale concern, Overman & Co., and car loads of such feedstuffs is constantly being received. There was due to pass through here the latter part of this week a train load of horses consigned to the English government but Mr. Siceoff yesterday received word that the stock order had been cancelled and that he need not prepare to handle it. In turn he cancelled his order for feedstuff from the Salisbury house, and this house immediately wired the source from which it secured the supply to cancel orders.

This is the first instance of the kind but it is believed to be general. At least that is the impression, and nothing like the number of horses and mules heretofore handled is expected to pass this way for war purposes soon. This looks significant. The peace talk may have all to do with it. England and her allies may know something not given out. At least it appears from this that the great war preparations which have been going on for months are to take a let up; temporarily at least. Of course, it would only take a day to start the movement of horses and mules again, but it is understood that British agents in this country, at least those who have been purchasing the stock that comes through this point are to cease such operations. Just what it means may become known in the near future.

### STATE SUPREME COURT MAKES NOVEL DECISION

High Point, Dec. 27.—One of the most novel and interesting opinions handed down by the state supreme court at this session was Lydia Garrett vs. Fulman company and Southern Railway company, which was decided last week just before the court took a recess until after the holidays. This case was won by a former High Point boy, Julius T. Horne, who represented the plaintiff, Mrs. Garrett.

The plaintiff, Mrs. Garrett, was in the act of boarding a Pullman car at Lexington, Ky., when she was assaulted and robbed by a negro in the presence of the Pullman conductor, who refused to render her any assistance in response to her repeated cries for help. A jury of Rowan county gave the plaintiff \$3,500 damages, which the Supreme court sustained.

### BRITISH STOPS HORSE BUYING

Train Loads of Stock Scheduled to be Handled at Spencer Pens Are Annulled.

Major General Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, told the Senate Military Committee the United States should have 1,500,000 men ready to take the field in case of attack, and that within ninety days, 1,500,000 more would be needed. In view of this lesson of the great war, he favored universal military training.

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## ANOTHER BIG WORK BEGINNING

Soon the Work of Building the Second Big Dam on the Yadkin River Will Commence—Railroad to be Extended Also to the Falls.

(Special to the Post.)  
Albemarle, Dec. 27.—That work on the second big dam to be built by the American Aluminum Co., at the Falls of the Yadkin about three miles below Badin is to commence upon a big scale is evidenced by the fact that a double track of railway is to be continued down the river from Badin to the Falls. It is reported upon good authority that the final survey for this road is now being made and that stakes are being driven preparatory to active construction work of the road. The fact that the road is to be double tracked from Badin to the Falls is conclusive proof that the work is considered to be exceedingly heavy. It is reported that work on the construction of this next extension of railway will be commenced immediately and that trains will be running three miles farther down the Yadkin just as quick as labor and material can place the track in order. This will mean no doubt the addition of several hundred additional workers on the big development which is literally tearing up the woods for several miles up and down the Yadkin river just east of this city.

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### NEED 3,000,000 TRAINED MEN FOR DEFENSE, HE SAYS



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### AUSTRIAN PAPERS ON THE PROPOSALS.

London, Dec. 27.—A Reuter dispatch from Vienna by way of Amsterdam quotes some of the Austrian papers regarding the peace proposals. Commenting on Austria's reply to President Wilson, the Fremdenblatt says:

"The Central Powers contemplate the possibility of the continuance of the war with full confidence, but feel they owe a duty to their people to do everything compatible with their justified interests and terminate the bloodshed if at all possible."

The Neue Freie Presse says:

"By our reply, President Wilson's policy is at once allied with our own. The Entente can refuse nothing to the Central Powers which they would not also refuse to President Wilson. The Entente no longer faces us alone, but also America, with whom we are in full harmony."

The Reichs Post says:

"Our proposal gives the Entente a favorable opportunity even at the last moment honorably to turn from the crime of war to the reconstruction of civilization. Moreover the fact that President Wilson made his demarche almost simultaneously with ours shows that he also considers any fundamental change in the war situation impossible."

### OVER 30,000 AUTOS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Raleigh, Dec. 28.—Automobile licenses in North Carolina yesterday passed the thirty-five thousand mark for the first time in the history of autos in North Carolina. On June 30, the end of the last fiscal year, the total number of automobiles recorded in the office of the Secretary of State was 24,000. This shows an increase of 11,000 machines in six months. If the percentage of increase continues, the end of the present fiscal year will see the number of autos doubled in this State.

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## GERMANY WILL NOT PERMIT ROAD TO THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR PEACE TO BE BLOCKED

Refusal of Beligerents to Enter Into a Conference Will be Met by a Willingness to Permit Confidential Exchange of Tentative Terms Through President Wilson—View Expressed in German Circles at Washington That Teutonic Terms Would be Such as to Admit of Their Acceptance by the Beligerents.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 28.—Germany, it was made known here today, will not permit the road to peace negotiations to be blocked by the refusal of the entente belligerents to enter into a conference without prior knowledge of the terms.

The Central powers are represented as willing to permit a confidential exchange of tentative terms through President Wilson should it become necessary to do so to bridge the gap which threatens to prevent a gathering of peace delegates.

There were broad intimations today that a statement of this position by Germany either had been communicated to the United States government or soon would be.

The official text of Germany's reply to President Wilson's note arrived today and it is declared no confidential communication from Ambassador Gerard accompanied it. There are indications, however, that a confidential statement of Germany's position, if made, would come through the embassy. It has been announced in advance that it would not be made public.

Germany, it was said, is looking to the United States to make every effort to bring about a peace conference and to that end is ready to consider any suggestion from President Wilson.

As the case now stands the German government considers it has done all suggested in the President's note and a statement to that effect has been made by Count Bernstorff, the German ambassador, who stated authoritatively that Germany never has believed that acting alone she would be able to bring about a conference and now that the influence of neutral governments is being brought to bear German officials have taken their view a step further and believe they cannot be successful without the assistance of the United States and believe the United States in view of the international interest in the settlement of the war would not be averse to participating because it has been representing as desiring most of all to see peace terms make provision for the future security of the world.

Without participating by the United States in that phase it is felt the result would be without effect.

It is said today that Germany had no intention of asking the ententes to make public their terms and at the same time would not divulge Germany's under any consideration.

The view is expressed in German circles that the teutonic terms, when laid before the entente delegates, would be such as to admit of their acceptance.

### CARRANZA REPLIES TO THE PROTOCOL

Chairman of the Mexican Commission Reaches Washington With the Reply.

### GERMANY'S REPLY IS ALSO RECEIVED AT WASHINGTON

Hearings to be Had Before the Senate Inter-State Commerce Committee.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 28.—The official text of Germany's reply to President Wilson's peace note was received today. So far as known it was unaccompanied by any other comment and is said to be the same as the unofficial text received on Tuesday.

Carranza's Reply at Washington.  
Lous Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican commission, arrived here today from New York and had with him the reply from Carranza to the American request that he either reject or ratify the protocol drawn at Atlantic City. The Mexican chairman made telegraphic arrangements with Mr. Lane to submit the answer today.

It is not known what the character of the reply is, but it is surmised that it is in the nature of a modification of the conditions and an insistence that American troops be immediately withdrawn from Mexican territory.

### ITEMIZED ACCOUNT FOR CHASE AFTER MR. VILLA.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The little bagatelle that it has cost Uncle Samuel to "get Villa," and yet not get him, amounts to some \$67,000,000, the items of which may be briefly tabulated as follows:

- Transportation of regulars and militia men to border, \$6,000,000.
- Transportation of food to border, \$300,000.
- Transportation of baggage, tentage and impediment to border, \$3,000,000.
- Subsistence of regulars and militia men, \$15,000,000.
- Pay of officers and enlisted men in regular army and militia, \$25,000,000.
- Special motor transportation equipment purchased especially for use on border and in Mexico, \$3,000,000.
- Clothing equipment issued to militia, \$5,000,000.
- Ordnance equipment to regulars and militia, \$2,500,000.
- Medical supplies, \$2,000,000.
- Purchase of horses for militia, \$3,000,000.
- Payment by federal government to dependent relatives of militia men, \$2,000,000.
- Transportation of militia men discharged at border stations to places of enlistment, \$1,000,000.
- Total, \$67,000,000.

### GOVERNOR'S TRUST IS BROKEN BY DURHAM BOY.

Durham, Dec. 27.—Wesley Perry son of a well known transfer man of this city, failed to return to the Durham county convict camp today, thereby breaking trust of Governor Craig, who granted convict trustees a Christmas furlough. Perry ate Christmas dinner at home, and has not been seen since. Superintendent of Roads J. M. Pollard announced.

### PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY.

Washington, Dec. 28.—President Wilson is 66 years old today. He was the recipient of many congratulatory messages from all over the United States and abroad. No special celebration of the President's sixtieth birthday is planned.

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## FLOOD TELEGRAMS FOR MR. WILSON

Swiss Organization of Every Character Send Messages Wishing Success.

### GERMANY ANSWERS THE SWISS GOVERNMENT NOTE

Reply is Along the Same Lines as the Answer Made to the Note of President Wilson.

(By Associated Press.)

Berlin, via London, Dec. 28.—The German reply to the Swiss note was handed the Swiss minister today. It is on the same line as the reply of President Wilson.

Flood of Telegrams for Wilson.  
The Hague, Dec. 27, via London, Dec. 28.—A flood of telegrams is being sent to President Wilson by trade unionists, social welfare societies, religious bodies of all denominations and other organizations, wishing him success in what they regard as his effort to bring about peace.

### TO BRING 25,000 CHINESE INTO HAWAIIAN TERRITORY.

Honolulu, Dec. 27.—Permission for the entry into Hawaiian territory of 25,000 Chinese immigrants will be asked of Congress by Farm Corn, a wealthy Chinaman of this city, and J. H. Hindle, a business man, who leaves here shortly for Washington. It was announced today. They will ask for the passage of a bill permitting the immigration. The plan is backed by Chinese societies and Chinese business men here, who said that encouraging letters had been received from Representative John L. Burnett of the House committee on immigration and naturalization, and Representative James L. Stayden of Texas.

### Rev. C. A. Brown the Recipient of a Handsome Sum of Money as a Christmas Gift.

China, Grove, Dec. 28.—The Lutheran Chapel congregation made their pastor, Rev. C. A. Brown, a Christmas gift of a handsome sum of money for which he is very grateful. Pastor Brown is closing his ninth year in the Lutheran Chapel pastorate. His people are very kind and thoughtful of him and his family. Besides the purse, just received, not a week has passed since the season for fresh meat, but that some one or more of his members has visited the parsonage bringing with them a liberal supply of fresh meat, sausage, etc., for all these tokens of appreciation pastor Brown and family are very thankful.

With the year 1917, he enters upon his tenth year in his present work and too, under the most encouraging conditions. The work is in better shape, and the congregation is raising more money both for local expenses and benevolence, the latter being nearly double the amount nine years ago, when pastor Brown took charge of the work. This is the result of co-operation and united efforts.

### GREENSBORO WILL HAVE A NEW \$350,000 HOTEL.

Greensboro, Dec. 27.—The necessary amount of stock subscription to assure a \$350,000 hotel for Greensboro was secured this evening at a meeting of citizens. Work will be commenced at an early date. The building will be on the Wright property, north of the city hall.

### FREIGHT CAR SHORTAGE RECEIVING ATTENTION

Representatives of Railroads Throughout the Country Appear Before the Inter-State Commerce Commission Relative to Proposed Order by Commission.

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 28.—Representatives of railroads throughout the country today appeared before the Inter-State Commerce Commission to show cause why the commission should not take into its own hands the car shortage situation and issue drastic orders to relieve congestion.

The order which the commission apparently is preparing to issue unless the roads show cause why it should not would require roads to return to connecting lines all foreign cars on its tracks after unloading.

Heretofore the railroads have endeavored to cope with the situation by requiring roads in the east where the congestion was the greatest to return to connecting lines monthly a larger number of foreign cars than were received. This requirement, it is said, has been largely disregarded by certain Eastern roads.

### CUTTERS THAT WERE SEARCHING FOR THE MARYLAND SHIP RETURN WITHOUT FINDING ANY TRACE OF THE SHIP.

(By Associated Press.)  
Nantucket, Dec. 28.—The steamship Maryland, which signalled for help on Christmas night, and whose wireless calls suddenly stopped, is given up as lost today. The safety of the ship and her crew is abandoned, the only hope lying in the possibility of the crew being picked up by some passing ship.

The cutters that went to the aid of the Maryland circled for more than 30 hours in the vicinity of the position given by the Maryland, but found nothing. Upon giving up the search and returning the cutters took up search for another vessel, the Osama, missing after leaving Portland, Me., on the 21st. The Osama was a ship of the Clyde line and was sailing for New York without cargo.

The Osama Put In.  
New York, Dec. 28.—The Clyde Line steamship Osama, four days overdue from Portland, Maine, put into Black Island today, according to a message from the master of the ship to officials of the line here.

R. L. Smith, Esq., of Albemarle, was a Salisbury visitor today.