PRICE TWO CENTS

ENTER FRENCH LINE

tween Hill 304 and Dead Man's Hill in the Verdun Region.

FIELD MARSHAL

KEEPING UP THRUST

Entente Reply to German Note is Now Ready and Will Probably Go Forward Wednesday.

(By Associated Press.)

Striking back at the French in the between Hill 304 and Dead Man's Hill, the two dominant minences northwest of the fortress. According to Paris the attacks were broken up, the Germans succeeding in gaining a footing only of one trench south of Dead Man's Hill. Berlin claims the French positions were entered at Hill 304 and south of the slope of Dead Man's Hill.

The activity around Verdun virtually is the only break in the monotonous winter trench warfare along the Franco-Belgian front.

The battle of the Somme admittedly is in a state of suspense because of the bad state of ground and unfavorably atmospheric conditions, according to British authority.

From Rumania where the real activity of war now centers Field arshal Von Mackensen is keeping this morning to raid our trenches up his thrust for the line of the Sereth in Moldovia, driving the Rus- the parties were driven back by our Report That Purchase of Stock for sians before him, the German report

Barila, important as a grain and oll depot, is itself meanwhile reported under fire from across the Danube, where Bulgarians and Germans with Turkish assistance are vigorously assaulting the Matchin bridge-head west of Lens. The apparent hope is to clear Dobrudja completely of all Russians and activity today on both sides in the effect a permanent junction with the Somme area and the Ypres sector. teutonic forces in Wallachia at a point where the lower Danube will place yesterday. Three hostile mahe closed completely to Russian uses chines were destroyed. Three others and a way opened north of the river were criven down in a damaged conjust beyond which lies Odeska.

As the result of a conference Bulgarian Pivision Wins in Most which has been in progress several days the entente reply to the German note is now completed. It could go forward today or tomorrow, cember 27, as received here says: except for the necessary formal transmittal of it to the allies before final delivery. This means its delivery will be made early or in the middle of next week, possibly Wednes-

The delivery will be made at Paris. after which the communication will be forwarded to Germany through American channels. It is very long, much longer than the German note. This point has been one of the matters under discussion during the conference, the objection having been raised that it is too long and should be short and sharp, but there are so many points for elucidation and such a complete difference of conception of the objects and purposes for which the two sides went to war it is found desirable to extend the note to consicerable length.

The presence here of the French minister of finance permitted the French ministry to be represented.

Unusual optimism is shown here as a result of the final form which the reply has taken which is believed to be such that it will meet with satisfaction at Washington.

The reply to the American note will follow within a few days after the delivery of the reply to Germany.

Teutons Capture Prisoners. Berlin via Sayville, Dec. 29 .- In Rumania yesterday the teutonic troops captured several positions, taking 1,4667 prisoners, 18 machine guns and 3 cannons.

WHAT WILL THE ANSWER BE?

Reply to General Carranza's Latest Request for Modification of Pro-tocol to be Determined Tuesday.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 29,-What answer will be returned to General Carranza's latest appeal for a morification of the protocol signed at Atlantic City will be determined here Tuesday. On that day the American members of the Mexican-American joint commission will meet to considered yesterday to Secretary Lane by mailed December 22 at Goffs, Cal.

Luis Cabrers the chairman of the The local postal authorities beg

GERMANS ENDEAVOR 400,000 TRAINMEN DECIDE NEXT STEP

Attacks Made Last Night Be- Next Move in the Controversy Over Adamson Act Will Be By Employes as a Whole.

> UNION LEADERS EXPRESS FEAR OVER MUCH DELAY

Indications Are That President Wilson's Special Committee Will Be Held Up in Work.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 29.-The 400,000 Verdun region but on the banks of trainmen and railroad employes affilthe Meuse opposite the scene of re- lated with the Trainmen's Brothercent British ad Fesh successes, the hoods will decide the next step which Germans made a strong effort last is to be taken by their authorized night to penetarate the French line committees which have been handling their side of the controversy over the operations of the Adamson act, it was announced here today by the Brotherhood chiefs.

The Brotherhood leaders, after an unannounced conference here this afternoon, gave out a statement indicating their fear that deepening litigations together with possible future legal steps on the part of the railroads would delay indefinitely the investigation by President Wilson's special committee.

GERMAN RAIDS ON BRITISH TRENCHES FAILED

London, Dec. 28 .- The official communication from British headquarters issued last night reads:

"After a heavy bombardment, three parties of the enemy attempted early northwest of Gommecourt. Two of fire before reaching our trenches; the third reached the trenches, but was immediately rejected.

"During the night the enemy fired great number of gas shells at places behind our front lines m the neighborhood of Arras and west and north-

There was considerable artillery "A number of fights m the air took

Bitter Fighting. Berlin, Dec. 28-Via Sayville.-The Bulgarian headquarters report of De-"Hostile monitors have sheller Isakishe, Tultcha and Mahmadia(all on the Danu'e in Dobrudia.) The fourth Bulgarian division, after most tenacious fighting, conquered the heights at Tailor and were able to sally from the woods to Luncavitza

(on the river north of Matchin.) "During the last combats fourth division has captured 1,20 Russians, four machine g5uns and more than 2,500 rifles."

INVESTIGATION IS PROCEEDING

Probe as to Whether Any Official Member of President's Family Profited by Stock Market Incident. (By Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 29 .- The contro versy over Congressman Wood's resolution for an investigation as to whether any member of President Wilson's official family profited in the stock market because of "inside information" on the President's peace note got into semi-official form today when Chairman Henry of the House rules committee telegraphed Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, to come to Washington and substantiate his published statement.

MRS CALVIN KLUTTZ DEAD.

Western Rowan Woman Dies After Brief Illness-Funeral and Burial at St. Luke's Church.

Mrs. Calvin Kluttz died this morning at 6:30 at her home near Cleveland. The funeral takes place Saturday at 11 o'clook and will be conducted at St. Luke's Lutheran church by Rev. B. S. Brown. Deceased was a daughter of Andrew Shuping.

Postmasters Warned to Watch for Cigar Bombs.

Los Angeles, Dec. 28 .- A warning to watch for "Tubular packages containing cigar bombs" was sent tonightt o Postmasters throughout the United States, by Local postal authorities why say they have learned er the Mexican communication deliv- that 25 of the explosive cigears were

Mexican commission. their investigation of the sending of the Mexicans will probably be here the cigar bombs through the mails on that date and in the event the after John D. Benett, of Brawley, Americans decide the Carranza reply can ge given serious consideration an he was smoking exploded in his face, it's just as well that all things come mission may be held.

Cal., was seriously injured when one he was smoking exploded in his face, it's just as well that all things come through the mails.

SNAPSHOTS OF MEMBERS OF PRESIDENT'S CABINE



HORSE SHIPMENT WILL CONTINUE TO ENGLAND

the British Government Was to Cease is Without Foundation.

Mr. J. A. Siceloff, superintendent of the immense stock pens at Spencer, assures the lost that the published report that shipments of horses and mules through here for the British government for war purposes is without fondation and that there is nothing to indicate that purchase of such animals by the allied governments is to cease. The Post printed the news story of the same Thursday on what it considered absolutely reliable in-

the case but that so far as known these purchases will go on as in the past and that shipments over the Southern will continue as heretofore.

IS MUCH INCREASED.

Washington, Dec. 29.-Commenting on the report of the United States Agricultural Department on the area of winter what sown this year in Harrison, of the Southern Railway Company said:

"The figures show a gratifying tendency in the direction of crop diversification. In every Southern state tryersed by Southern lines, except Kentucky and Tennessee, the Kentucky shows a decrease and the last year. The largest increases are shown in Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi-States into which the cotton cent.

"The increases in wheat accrage crops and with increasing the number and improving the quality of farm animal in the South and show that Southern farmers are making real progress in the way of producing as far as possible, everything consumed things besides cotton and tobacco for sale."

FRENCH RAILROADS BUYS . HUNDRED LOCOMOTIVES.

was closed today by the Baldwin Locomotive Works of this city.

The order, according to the an-nouncement, amounts to about \$4,000, 000 and is supplementary to the con-tract for 40 locomotives placed in the same railroad several weeks ago.

The local postal authorities began their investigation of the sanding of the fact that money is called filthy the cigar bombs through the mails lucre, it doesn't always represent 100 scents on the dollar.

A BOND ISSUE FOR THE UNITED STATES

President Wilson Tentatively Agrees With Administration Leaders in This Plan.

SECRETARY AND PRESIDENT WORKING ON OTHER PLANS Additional Revenue Will Be Secured Through Income, Inheri-

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 29.-President Wilson has tentatively agreed with administration leaders in Congress to meet part of the treasury deficite for the fiscal year of \$180,000,000 by a bond issue.

tance and Imports.

Secretary McAdoo and the President are working on other plans for raising revenue. The President pointed out that he believes a bond issue should be used only to meet temporary or emergency needs, many of these have been caused. The treasury has authority from Congress to issue Panama bon's and about \$240,000,000 of these are available. They bear 3 per cent interest.

Plans for raising other revenue is understood to concern* the income tax, inheritance tax and a special tax on internal revenue and imports.

DAVID CAPLAN SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS IN PRISON.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 28.—David Caplan, last of the alleged dynamiters brought to trial for the destruction of the Los Angeles Times building in 1910, when twenty men were killed, was sentenced today to ten years in San Quentin prison on a charge of manslaughter. The court granted a certificate of probable cause for appeal which will suspend execution of sentence until there is a decision upon Caplan's expected appeal.

TWO SOUTH CAROLINIANS DIE FROM ASPHYXIATION.

Elizabeth, N. J., Dec. 28,-John W. Davis, sheriff of Oconce county, South Carolina, and Wm. C. Foster, superintendent of prisons of the same county, were found dead today from the effects of inhaling illuminating gas. However, it appears from authen- The officials had come from Walhaltic sources today that such is not la, S. C., to take back John Walker, a negro, accused of murder in Madison, S. C. The police are convinced their deaths were accidental.

SIXTEEN SENATE PAGES FEAST IN WASHINGTON

comparison with last year, President David N. Julian, of Salisbury, Responds to Toast, "Why I Would Like to Be a Senator-Dinner Furnished By Vice-President Marshall. Among the pages in the United States Senate who enjoyed a holiday feast furnished by Vice-President Marshall was David N. Julian, son of acreage reported this year shows a Mrs. John M .Julian, of Salisbury. substantial increase over last year. Young Julian responded to the toast, 'Why I Would Like to Be a Senator.' acreage in Tennessee is the same as The Washington Star tells of the banquet as follows:

Senate pages sat down to a magnificent Christmas feast in the private boll wevil has spread. Georgia and dinning room of the Senate restaur-Alabama show increases of 13 per ant this afternoon. The diner was arcent. over last year, while Mississip- ranged in their honor by Vice- Presipi, which has heretofore grown little dent Marshall, who has observed this wheat, shows a increase of 157 per custom every year since he has been in the office as Vice-President.

The pages, sixteen in number, conare in line with increases in other sumed great quantities of Christmas turkey, mince pie, plum pudding and the other accessories of a feast of

this sort. Vice-President Marshall is in Arions for the holidays, but he provided for the dinner before he left. Col. on the farm and of having other Edwin A. Haley, assistant on the floor of the Senate, and in charge of the pages, acted as toastmaster. After the feed there was a series of

toasts. Page Hopewell Barnielle responded to the tosst, "What it means to be a Philadelphia, Dec. 28.-A contract page." Davin N. Julian spoke for 100 heavy freight locomotives on "Why I would like to be a Sena-from the Paris, Lyons and Mediter-tor." Page Albert Watson, "Of ranean Railroad Company of France, my impressions of the Senate." Thomas Cobb King, "Of Solons I have met."

A number of gifts from Senators vere distributed among the pages.

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TURKEY REPLIES.

Washington, Dec. 29,-Turkey's reply to the peace propo-sal sent by President Wilson has been received at the state artment. In substance it is the same as that received from Germany and Austria.

METHODIST HOSPITAL COMMITTEE HOLDS MEETING IN SALISBURY

Letter to Be Addressed to Medical Boards and Boards of Trade in Nine Cities in Western North Carolina-Salisbury Among the Cities Under Consideration-Rev. C M. Pickens, of Spencer, Chairman of Hospital Committee

The hospital committee of the Wes

tern North Carolina Conference, ap

pointed at the meeting of the confer-

ence at Gastonia on November 28th,

held its first meeting Thursday even-

ing at the Empire hotel in this city.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman of the committee, Rev.

C. M. Pickens, of the Spencer Meth-

Byrd, of Greensboro; Mr. W. H. Bur-

ton, of Spencer; Dr. J. W. Long, of

Greensboro; Mr. J. B. Ivey, of Char-

lotte, and Rev. E. L. Bain, of Greens-

man of the meeting and Rev. E. L.

Bain secretary.

Rev. C. M. Pickens was made chair-

Rev. W. A. Lambeth stated that

Mr. J. L. Nelson requested that Le-

noir be placed in nomination for the

The chairman and secretary were

securing of the proposed hospital.

bury, High Point, Greensboro,

to cost not less than \$150,000.

posed hospital is as follows:

ed committee as most suitable."

tution and that strong efforts and lib-

located, has unlimited railroad facil-

ities, its health record is among the

hest of cities of its size in the United

States and it is in every way in posi-

tion to meet any natural or geo-

Balisbury ought to have this hospi-

tal; it can get it; and the citizens

should get busy at once and go after

Rally in the Wheat Market,

wheat market today after an early

Cotton Opens Steady in Advance.

New York, Dec. 29,-The cotton

market opened steady at an advance

of 8 to 11 points today in response to

Buyers were not active while there

general list selling 20 to 24 points

New York, Dec. 29 .- The cotto

market opened steady today as fol-

Chicago, Dec. 29 .- Continued ur-

selection of a location in charge.

it with all the energy possible.

on March 15th, next.

The official action of the confer-

and that a letter embodying the ac-

GERMAN PEACE OFFER DUE TO FEAR OF FAMINE, HE SAYS



CHARLES R. FLINT

Charles R. Flint, banker and merhant, with wide international reations and experience, belives from nformation in his possession that the peace offer made by Germany was due to the fear of famine. He said that while Germany has highly tions necessary to be met before a developed agriculture it has been by city shall be considered a competitor means of fertilzers. These cannot be made without nitrate, which the Germans cannot now import from Chili. One result has been the decrease of the potato crop by 40 per cent of normal production.

FURTHER SUPPORTED

Scandanavian Governments Issue Instructions to Representatives at building and equipment to cost not Belligerent Capitals to Support the less thn \$150,000 ultimately and in a Peace Proposals of the United competitive offort among cities of this

(By Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 29 .- The Soundanavian government has sent a joint note

A Buters dispatch from Copenhagen says the Danish, Swedish and Norwegian government have instructed their delegations to address the drawn a prize well worth having and belligerents notes in which the Scandinavian government declares its adherance to the note of the American President and facilitating a lasting peace, declaring that they would fail in their duty to their own people and to humnaity if they did not express their most profound sympathy with every effort to contribute to the end of the suffering and loss, moral and materialy, which is growing as the war proceeds.

The three governments cherish the hope that the initiative taken by graphical requirement that may be President Wilson will lead to the re-President Wilson will lead to the result most worthy of desiring.

CRAIG OFFERS REWARD FOR NEGRO ASSAILANT.

Raleigh, Dec. 28.-Governor Craig offered a \$100 reward today for a negro who invaded the home of Effie Renter, in lower Green county, in gency of export demand rallied the the absence of her husband, and failing in criminal assault, knocked her decline. The opening price which tity. The boy will die. The negro is July at 1.38 to 1.38 7-8 were followed supposed to have fled the State. The by moderate further losses and then people of the locality have offered a rise all round to well above yester-\$100 reward in addition to that offer- day's finish. ed by the State.

GRAND JURY FINISHES.

Inquisatorial Boy Makes No Indict- relatively firm cables and coverings ment in the Matter of High Cost of after the sharp break of yesterday. Living.

the high cost of living concluded its up again on covering and modest description today and was disolved. No mands. March advanced to 17.55 being to locate the man. The swamp in indictment will be returned according fore the end of the first hour with the to the district attorney.

Regional Bank Declares Dividend (By Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., Dec. 28,-The Richmond Regional Reserve Bank directors today declared a 6 per cent. dividend for the period from January 1, 1916, to November 1, 1916.

Nell-"Do you think she comes honestly by her complexion?" Belle—
"Whatdo'ya mean, honestly? I guess why rich people shouldn't be good on the pays the druggist, all right."

NEGROES CONFESS TO HORRIBLE CRIME

SPEAK OUT! LET POST WANT

ADS ACT AS YOUR SPOKES-MAN WHEN YOU WANT HELP, WANT TO SELL, OR WANT TO

Killed Louisians Farmer, His and Three Children Christmas Eve.

ANOTHER FARMER AND A NEIGHBOR IMPLICATED

Robbery and An Old Fend is Said to Have Been the Cause of the Terrible Deed

(By Associated Press.)

olist church. Those present were Rev. C. M. Pickens, of Spencer; Rev. W. A. Lambeth, of Salisbury; Rev. R. G. Tuttle, of Hickory; Rev. C. W. Minden, La., Dec. 29 .- Two negroes held as suspects in connection with the killing of five memers of the family of John Nelson Reeves, nine miles north of here Christmas eve, have confessed, according to county officers, and implicated Henry Waller ,a farmer and neighbor of Reeves

John Long, a twenty year old youth, it is said, has made a confes sion, declaring that Waller instigat ed the crime and with an axe killed Reeves, his wife and three children. Robbery and an old feud between Waller and Reeves is given as the motive for the crime. The negroes claim they were forced to aid in the killing.

ordered to address a letter to the Medical Societies and Boards of Waller and Long and the negroes have been spirited away from Minden Tra 'e of the following cities: Gastonia. Charlotte, Statesville, Halisand are reported to have been taken to the penitentiary at Baton Rouge. ston-Salem, Asheville and Hickory,

HEARING IS RESUMED.

tion of the Conference, stating condi-Federal Trade Commission Again Looking Into News P-int Situation.

for the hospital, and that it is the intention of the Conference to raise a sufficient additional sum to that of the Conference to build the hospital (By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 29 .- The federal rade commission today resumed its hearings in the investigation be conducted into the news print sitza-

The meeting was brief and adjourned to meet at some designated place The commission planned to present again facts concerning the cost of print paper. Publishers say that they are being charged exorbitant prices ence in decking to establish the proand that the shortage is created by diverting machines to the making of "That the conference do proceed other grades of paper. The manufac-turers contend that they have a right to the establishment of a hospital on condition that the same shall be located in a community that will fur-

and privilege to produce the goods that produce the most profit. Under the plan of distribution of nish an adequate medical staff, a svitable site, at least \$40,000 toward the paper as proposed all publishers would get reduction but making up the bulk of their needs and distriwhich shall approve buted under the direction of the feditself to the judgment of the appointeral trade commission, the large publisher would relinquish a portion This proposed institution is to be

their contracts. vian government has sent a joint note to the beliligerent mations supporting the peace proposal of President Wilson.

a permanent thing and will grow and Commissioner Davies made it clear that the committee was determined to find some relief for the publishers. He said the committee in the immediate committee in the a permanent thing and will grow and South is one of the strongest branchiate future would decide if the distries of this church in the South and bution plan was feasible. If not and the securing the hospital will have the committee can find no other measure he said other agencies of the govwell worth any efforts that may be ernment would be given the facts. A mde to secure it. Salisbury has an report will be made to Congress on even or better chance, if proper efthe situation soon.

fort is made, with any other of the points named of securing this insti-Some publishers protested today a solution. Representative Cramton, cral inducements will be offered goes of Michigan, proposed that if it was without saying. The city is centrally not unconstitutional the committee take into its own hands the matter of prices and distribution. When a combine, he said gets control of pub lic commodities some public authority should have power to see that justice is done.

Other publishers testified that prices were widely different. J. H. Serbey, a Pottersville, Pa., publisher, declared it all depended on who the publishers was whether he could buy in the open market. C. S. Andrews also of Pennsylvania declared his competitor in the same town was able to buy paper cheaper than he.

Among others who gave similar testimony were H. B. Varner of North Carolina publisher and Frank P. senseless and brained a ten-year-old ranged from unchanged to 1 cent Glass, of Birmingham, vice-president nephew lest he should reveal his iden-lower with May at 1.72 to 1.73 and for the American Newspaper Publishers' Association.

Jobbers who followed the publish ers on the stand were question cerning their profits.

PROMIENENT JAPANESE LOST

(By Associated Press.) Norfolk, Va., Dec. 29.—Takeo Shiota, a prominent and wealthy Jap-ense artist of New York, has been lost oni cago, Dec. 29(—The federal was scottered local selling which in the Dismal Swap near Moyock, M. grand jury which has heard a large caused a reaction of 8 or 9 uoints af-

Morgan Township Couple Married.
Mr. Zeb. Basinger and Miss Sarah
Arey, young people of Morgan township, were married in the office of
Register of Deeds J. C. Dauton Thursday by D. W. Julian, Esq. They will
live in Morgan tesauship.