ROYAL WELCOME

IS EXTENDED TO

Asheville Pays Warm Tri-

bute To "Locke Craig,

Private Citizen."

AMONG SPEAKERS

'Hello, Daddy," Is His Wel-

come To Returning Gov-

ernor North Carolina.

These two words, spoken in

childish treble that carried to every

corner of the Majestic theatre, wers

he first spoken words of welcome to

lovernor Locke Craig yesterday at

the Majestic, on the occasion of his

Glad to Get Hom Governor Craig was glad to get come. His voice trembled with

dens of office and become once me a private citizen of asheville.

Governor Craig was met at the sition by a committee headed by Jud J. D. Murphy and Mayor J. Rankin, and was escorted to the bejestic theatre by about twenty au mobiles filled with people who he assembled to welcome the distinguised clines to his home. A crowd to comfortably filled the Major

Thomas J. Harkins, on behalf of the people of Ashavilla, presented Governor Graig with a handsome chest of sliver and a giver water set.

Governor Craigs train was nearly an hour late. As it pulled into the station, members of the committee went through the gates and welcomed him as he left the train. From the states to the front of the station.

gates to the front of the station where he entered a waiting limousine

hand by a crowd that had gathered to extend him welcome.

where the exercises were held. Governor Craig and the members of the committee took seats on the stage, Judge Murphy acting as master of ceremonies. Just as the orchestre in ished the overture, and before Judge Murphy had a chance to arise, Locke Craig Jr who was seated in the control of th

ished the overture, and before Judge Murphy had a chance to arise, Looks Craig, Jr., who was seated in the audience with Mrs. Craig, raised his arms toward the stage and called: "Hello, daddy." The speech of the governor's youngest son received one of the greatest outbursts of applause heard during the morning.

Before introducing Dr. George T. Winston, Judge Murphy peid a warm tribute to Governor Craig. He said in part:

Four years ago Governor Craig left

(Continued 'n Page Two.)

Judge Murphy in Charge, Arrived at the Majestic theatre

"Hello, Daddy!"

LOCKE CRAIG, JR., IS

GOVERNOR CRAIG

DOUGHTON WANTS INFANTRY BATTLE ABSENTEES GIVEN THE RIGHT TO VOTE

Provide For Voting In State Elections.

BRUMMITT WOULD RAISE PENSIONS

Would Also Raise Property Teutons Continue Progress Two Distinct Explosions Limit For Confederate

A bill introduced by Representative need for this was demonstrated by the need for this was demonstrated by the loss of votes by the members of the raids north of Arras and the French tainable. North Carolina guard last election be-

North Carolina guard last election because they were serving on the Mexican border.

A pension bill by Brummitt of Granville would raise the limit of property ownership by Confederate veterans that would bar them from receiving pensions from \$500 to \$1...

900 and make a general raise in the various classes of pensions and increasing the various classes of pensions and increasing the various classes of pensions \$8 each so tho e now receiving \$72 would receive \$80; those now \$60, \$68; those \$48, 56; and those \$22, \$40.

The senate discussed and defeated a resolution to spend \$250 for expert examination of the emergency acts passed the past week to correct any are reported to be propassed the past week to correct any receiving Respondent to the past week to correct any receiving the propagation of the series and the first explosions. The first explosions of terrific force. Buildings were shaken and windows shattered far out on Long Island and up the Hudson of Leasters the Russians and Roumanians, while in the Suchitza valley they repulsed attacks by the Russians. Roumanian troops attacked the Austro-Germans in the Kassina valley and drove them back more than a mile, Petrograd states.

Mackensen Progressing.

The forces of Field Marshal von Mackensen are reported to be progressing between Braila and Galatz. The Bussians have been pushed back further toward the Sereth and the screening house, from which the fiames leaped across Wanaque river and consumed three drying houses. The first them was checked by the effect of the company's employes.

The appropriation of \$100,000 for 1917 and \$75,000 in 1918 toward a new fire-proof cottage system and heating plant for the North Carolina school for the blind is provided in a belli offered today in the legislature bill offered today in the legislature school for the blind is provided in a ber 11 with the loss of 675 men, is bill offered today in the legislature by Senator Harding, who is president pro tem of the senate. The purpose is the abandonment of the present old buildings for the school in the city.

A Turkish official report of January 11 says a British cruiser of the Juno type, measuring 5,600 tons, was sunk type, measuring 5,600 tons, was sunk

buildings for the school in the city, and to erect the new plant on the sighty-acre place that the state owns for the surpose just west of Raleigh. The bill also carries \$85,000 for annual maintenance of the school with an extra allowance of \$1,000 for dental work, treatment of eyes by specialists and the like. Senator Harding also offered a companion Harding also offered a companion bill that would change the title of the head of the institution from "princi-Home for Week End."

Great numbers of the legislators. have gone to their homes for the week end, being ared that the gen-eral assemble will incre time" for a few days. They are re overing from under during the rush of emergency (Continued n Pag. Two.)

COSTLY FIRE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN THE WORK OF PAID INCENDIARIES

Total Loss At Plant of Foun dry Company Placed At \$16,000,000.

HEAVILY GUARDED

NEW YORK, Jan. 12 .-- A statement that the fire and explorions which wrecked the plant of the Canadian Car and Foundry company at Kingsland, N. J., yesterday was "possibly inot probably of incendlary origin," was issued here today by the officials of the company. The total loss, it was said, was \$16,000,000. Of this total \$10,000,000 consists of

of the Holy See, a note defining the Austro-Hungarian government's views of the situation created by the entente's reply to the peace proposals of the central powers, according to a Vienna dispatch under Thursday's date transmitted by Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent. These who were alleged to be associated with Parkers (alleged to be or this total \$10,000,000 consists of shells and explosives owned by the Russian government. The rest was in destroyed property of he Canadian Car and Foundry company of which half was covered by insurance.

Until investigation is completed no further statement will be made as to evidences of incendiarism have emphasizing particularly the situation existing between Austria and Serbia. In this section the note is thus quoted:
"In the year's preceding the Austro-Hungarian ultimatum to Serbia the monarchy displayed sufficient proof of its forbearance towards the ever-increasing hostility, aggressive intentions and intrigues of Serbia until the moment when finally the notorious murders at Sarayevo made further been found, an officer of the company

It was explained that the danger of fire or of explosions from purely accidental causes was reduced to a minimum by the fact that no com-pleted ordnance was on hand at the plant. The officer said the propelling charges for the shells were not at-tached until they reached the battlefield and that the same was true as to the detonating caps by which the trinitrotuluol in the shell bodies is exploded. The statement said the Kingsland plant was used for the assembling, packing and preparing these shells for shipment. Large quantitles of these shells have been shipped to Russia.

The four allied powers now look on their purely defensive war aims as attained, while their enemies travel further and further from the realization of their plans. * * For the enemy to characterize our peace proposals as meaningless before peace negotiations were begun and so long as therefore our peace conditions are unknown is merely to make an arbishipped to Russia.

The buildings destroyed were valued at \$750,000. The value of the contents destroyed amounted to approximately \$15,000,000 of which \$6,000,000 belonged to the company. The company was protected to the amount of \$3,000,000 in insurance on buildings. buildings and contents the rest is a

"An examination into the circumstances attending the origin of the fire in building Number 30 has created the impression that it is possible, if not probable, that the fire was of incendiary origin."

our offer to make known our peace conditions on entering into the negotiations. "Before God and mankind we reincendiary origin."

ALONG THE ANCRE IS DESTROYED BY BERLIN ASSERTS GREAT EXPLOSION

Introduces Bill In House To The British Communication, Four Hundred Thousand However, Merely Reports Capture of Prisoners.

> BRITISH WINNERS IN SEVERAL RAIDS

In Roumania-Roumanians Make Attack.

the River Ancre in France, the British destroyed by fire and explosion at the official communication merely reports Haskell, N. J., plant of the DuPont the situation in that area by reporting Powder company at 9:30 o'clock to-

passed the past week to correct any Around Riga on the northern end of errors made in the rush legislation.

The understanding is that there will ently has died down to isolated attacks. Neither Petrograd nor Berlin in their latest communications records any great activity in this region.

At the sea the sea the entents ellies beyond.

caped.

A Turkish official report of January 11 says a British cruiser of the Juno type, measuring 5,600 tons, was sunk by Turkish gundre during an attack on the Island of Kastelorizo in the eastern Mediterranean.

WEATHER INTERFERES.

BERLIN, Jan. 12—(Via Sayville.)

The advance of the Austro-German heavy loss of life soon were circulated in nearby places.

Into Moldawla is being hampered by infavorable condition of the terminatory in Canadian Car and Foundry company.

the Russians, German and Austro-Hungarian troops are pushing ahead across into Moldavia. The fighting ground snow-covered mountain summits and impenetrable forests.

"Cannon must be lowered into the directions soon were filled with con-(Continued on Page Two.)

NOTE MUCH SIMILAR TO

sponsible For Continu-

ance of War.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

LONDON, Jan. 12,-Count Czernin

von Chudenitz, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, has addressed to the diplomatic representatives of the

"The question as to on which side the military situation is the stronger appears idle and may confidently be left to the judgment of the world. The four allied powers now look on

unknown is merely to make an arbi-trary assertion. We had made full preparations for the acceptance of our offer to make known our peace conditions on entering into the nego-tiations.

nited States and other neutrals and

RECENT BERLIN PAPER

AUSTRIA FOLLOWS WITH

BIG POWDER PLANT

Pounds of Powder Go Up In Smoke.

TWO LIVES LOST, IS OFFICIALS' BELIEF

Followed By Fire Wreak Havoc At Haskell, N.J.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12 .- Four hunengagements are in progress north of dred thousand pounds of powder was bris, but none of them was seriously hurt. No estimate of the ioss was ob-

flames leaped across Wanaque river and consumed three drying houses. The fire then was checked by the efforts of the company's employes.

Other buildings in the plant and
many in the village were shattered

by the explosion. Two Believed Dead.

No estimate was available of the number of men at work when the discasualties. It is feared that two who were employed in the "glazing barrel" lost their lives.

Rescue parties were quickly organ-ized to search for the injured and as soon as they were found they were taken to the company's private hos-pital. All the doctors available were

Haskell is situated in a remote section to rassaic county and communi-cation with it either by telephone or

Moldavia the military critic of the explosion threw all northern New Over-Seas News agency says:

Jersey into a panic. The sky was crim-"Simultaneously with the capture of soned by the conflagration and the southern bank of the Sereth from flames were plainly visible as far away southern bank of the Sereth from flames were plainly visible as far away of southern flames of the splonarious flowers. The flame persons the Carpathians in New York, Brooklyn and New Jer-e fighting ground sey cities for twenty miles from Hasthere is made up of narrow canyons, kell believed there had been an earthquake. Roads leading into Haskell in all

(Continued on Page Two.)

CHARGED WITH PLOT TO

KILL HIRAM W. JOHNSON

of "The Blast" Is In

the Toils

OTHERS CAUGHT

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12 .- Alex-

ander Berkman, editor of The Blast,

anarchist publication, and seven others

prominent in labor circles here, today



the Majestic, on the occasion of his return to Asheville and private life. Locke Craig, Jr., three-year-old son of Governor and Mrs. Craig, was the speaker, and the welcome, c. wing just at the close of the opening overture, and accompanied by a wave of his tiny hand, brought a tender smile to the countenance of the man whose fellow citzens had assembled to do h.m honor, and caused an outburst of applicate throughout the theatre. And the elections of the state, the method the result of a patrol raid. Berlin bers of the night shift at the works being the sending of the ballot duly credits the British with two attacks that only two men were missing. ATTITUDE OF PRESIDENT WILSON ON THE REPLIES OF WARRING NATIONS TO HIS PEACE SUGGESTIONS NOT DETERMINED

and nonor, and caused an outburst of appliance throughout the theatre. And the words of Looke Craig. Jr., coming as they did, straight from the heart, were symbolic of the welcome extended to Hon. Locke Craig, private citizen, on the occasion of his home coming. Preliminary Discussion of the Question Begun at Cabinet Meeting Yesterday .- Problem of How to Reconcile the Conflicting Attitude of Entente and Central Powers Confronts the Chief Executive.-Various Plans Are Outlined. Governor Craig was glad to get home. His voice trembled with semotion as he told the people of his desire to live and die in these grand old mountains, and he declared that, despite his pride in being selected as chief executive of this great state, that no convict he had ever pardened; no schoolboy released from school for the holldays, had ever been more glad than he was to lay aside the burdens of office and become once more a private citizen of asheville.

WASHINGTON Jan 12.—The attitude of President Wilson toward the replies of the warring nations to his suggestion that an opportunity be given for comparing peace terms, remained undetermined tonight. Preliminary discussion of the question was begun at today's cabinet meeting, and at conferences between the president and Secretary Lansing and between the president and Colonel E. M. House, who meen the day at the sun terms and should they agree to the evacuation does not be well in this time. It is regarded as certain that the Germanic allies will consider any proposition Mr. Wilson may proposition Mr. Wilson m mained undetermined tonight. Preliminary discussion of the question
was begun at today's cabinet meeting, and at conferences between the
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M. House, who spent the day at the
white house.

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Informally, officials expressed the opinion that the problem facing the president is how to reconcile the conflicting attitude of the central powers and the entents of the central powers having offered to discuss peace at a conference of representatives of at a conference of representatives of the beiligerents, and the entente pow-ers, though virtually declining to agree to a conference, have given ers, though virtually declining to agree to a conference, have given their broad terms publicly, it was suggested that the president might seek a new method of having terms com-

Plans Discussed.

In his original note he said he was indifferent as to the means employed to secure this desired end, and it was he now would avoid putting himself in the position of advocating particular method. istration quarter it was suggested that one or more European neutrals might urge Germany and her allies to make public their peace terms, and others thought it possible that a voluntary thought it possible that a voluntary statement might be forthcoming from Berlin after the text of the entente reply had been handed to the foreign office for its information, by Ambassador Gerard. So far, it is understood, the note has not been transmitted to American diplomats in the Teutonic countries, although it is generally account that this will be the Tentonic countries, attribuging it is generally assumed that this will be the first step actually taken by the United States. Secretary Lansing broke his silence on the subject today, only to say definitely that no action had yet been taken.

lt is generally agreed everywhere that the nature of the terms of the entente, with the intimations from German sources that such terms can AND 'BLOW UP' THE STATE not be accepted, make an early peace unlikely. The preliminary view of the administration, however, still is that the door to discussion was not Says That She Is Not Re- Berkman, Anarchist Editor entirely closed.

Rests With President. In the German view here it rests entirely with the president whether

ence with their enemies the conditions stated in the entente reply.

At the same time it is reiterated that Germany and her allies never, upon any consideration, would accept such terms and should they agree to enter a conference to discuss them it would be with the idea that the entente might recede from its position. In this connection, the Germans express the belief that the entente set forth in its note the objects it desired to achieve rather than the only terms upon which it would make peace, and that as the communication was written for publication broadcast, it probably could not be expected that objects of terms less moderate than those given could have been stated.

Extreme reticence was observed today at the white house and state de-

day at the white house and state de-partment. It was said so many deli-cate points are involved that very careful study will be given to the problem before any decision is

hat the first milestone in the negotiabeen reached and that there would have to be a general assessment of the entire situation before any furtuer move could be made. No estimate was placed on the probable time which may clapse before the decision of the president is made known, si-though the long conference between the president and Secretary Lansing today, coming so soon after the receipt of the entents note, was taken to mean that there will be no unnec-essary delay.

Peace and the questions allied with

t were discussed only generally at the cabinet meeting, but afterwards the president and Secretary Lansing went to Mr. Wilson's private study to-gother and remained there for more than an hour. When he left the white house, Mr. Lansing refused to answer questions.
Colonel House There,
Colonel House, who came here last
right to attend a dinner given in Mr.

Wilson's honor by the secretary of state, remained until late this afterstate, remained until late this arcer-noon and conferred with several offi-cials. He refused to discuss his visit. Already officials are trying to work out the possible points of agreement

GARRISON WOULD NOT PUT SIX MEN ARRESTED FOR

maritime frontiere.

On the east front the provinces of Lithuania and Poland are in disputs. Lithuania, formerly Russian, but conquered by Germany, has been promised autonomy. Both Germany and Russia have promised Polish independence, though Germany contemplates making a separate singtom of Russian Poland only, while Russia's plans contemplate Russian Poland autorian Poland

Balkan Question. It is in the reconstruction of the Balkang that the alliances apparently are most bitterly at odds. Italy, besides demanding all the territory that Austria would have given her without a war, wants also the city of Trieste, Austria's main seaport, and a large part of the Dalmatian coast. The desire of Germany and Austria to punish Serbia offers a most complicated difficulty as the allies have

demanded that country's restoration with indemnity. Bulgaria demands part of Serbia, Macedonia and Roumania as her recompense for the war and has stated through her premier that her work, consisting in conquering those sections, now is finished. The whole question of the return of various nationalities to their own countries presents a company and confusing probents a complex and confusing prob-

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Turkey then remains, have demanded her withdrawal from have demanded her withdrawal from Europe, without saying who shall fill the vacancy at Constantinople. For-mer Premier Trepoff has announced that the allies have promised that city with the straits to Russia. The Turkish capital and the proposed di-vision of the Ottoman empire in Asia Minor, furnish still another tremen-

dous difficulty to be overcome.

The question of colonies and of the far east is left untouched in the allied statement. Germany informally has indicated that she will expect her

olonies back.
It is the belief of officials here that (Continued on Page Two.)

ITALIAN BATTLESHIP REGINA MARGHERITA HITS MINE AND SINKS MURDER OF BARNET BAFF

Sent To Bottom With 675 Men On December 11, Is Declared.

PART OF CREW SAVED

ROME (Via Paris, Jan. 12.)—It is officially announced that the Italian battleship Regina Margherita struck a mine and sank December 11. Six hundred and seventy-five men on board perished. Two hundred and

BERLIN Jan. 12.—(By Sayvite.)— The loss of 600 lives by the destruc-tion of an Italian battleship is report-ed by the Anzeiger of Basel, Switzerland, according to the Over-Seas News

agency.
"The Anxelger of Basel reports from
Rome the destruction of the Itslian
battleship Regina Margherits." says
the News agency. "It is confirmed
that she was sunk off Avlons, Albanis,
by a mine or a torpedo. Six hundred
out of \$30 sailors perished."

explosion as the leaders of the alleged of conspiracy.

At the Mooney trial District Attorney of Charles M. Ficker Charged Mooney wrote an article in an industrial workers of the world publication in Cleveland, O., in October 1914, in which Mooney declared that unless Governor Johnson pardoned two men convicted as the result of a district attorney of Sutter county, California, in 1914, "he would only have the conference results have himself to blame if he sot hurt."

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BUFFALO BILL'S ESTATE.

BUFFA

MEXICAN ACTION WILL BE **OUTLINED NEXT MONDAY**

Believed That Pershing's Troops Will Be With drawn At Early Date.

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moment when finally the notorious
murders at Sarayevo made further
induigence impossible."

In a later passage of the note as
quoted in the dispatch, appears the
following:

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the preparedness parade here last
can border and the sending of Ambassador Fletcher to Mexico City, are
understood to be the first steps that
bistrict Attorney Edward A. Cunha
during the Mooney trial. He declared
that proof of his charges was contained in letters and papers seized in
a recent raid on the offices of The
Blast.

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Cunha said that at the proper time pected to be the final session of the pected to be the final session of the joint commission. The American Berkman, Miss Fitzgerald and Minor commissioners have informed the would be arrested and charged with Mexicans that in view of Carranza's murder in connection with the bomb repeated refusal to ratify the protoconspiracy.

Tells Audience That False Confession of Italian Re-Sentiment Should Not Be-

SAFETY BEFORE HONOR

fog the Issues

ed States should play in world poli-tics. He added that proposals rising

veals Conspiracy That Led To Daring Crime.

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WASHINCTON, Jan. 12.—Unless the moves to be made by the United States in dealing with the de facto government of Mexico have been decided upon by President Wilson and will be associated with Berkman include Miss moves to be made by the United States and settled soon and rightly. States and settled soon and rightly the nation "must mourn in sackcloth when the mation "must mourn in sackcloth when the first degree for instigating the moves to be made by the United States and settled soon and rightly.

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Mooney, labor organizer, and four announced after the meeting in New York Monday of the Mexican-American commenced after the meeting in New York Monday of the Mexican-American commenced after the meeting in New York Monday of the Mexican-American comments of the properties of the second of the New York States and States and settled soon and rightly, the nation "must mourn in sackcloth and ashes," for its folly and heedlessness, Lindley M. Garrison, former secretary of war, said in an address tonight before the New York State Bar association.

Mr. Garrison declared that the energies of the wisest and best leaders the nation can produce will be taxed to determine the part the Unit-

The motive for the killing of Baff, ed States should play in world politics. He added that proposals rising from men who love their country, revolving around the central idea of a world alliance to enforce peace through a world court had his whole thearted sympathy, but that the nation must not le: "emotion lead us a partner of Cardinale in the poultry business." a partner of Cardinale in the poultry business; Joseph Cohen and Jacob Co-hen, brothers-in-law of Jacobs; and

Veterans. Citizen Bureau. Raleigh, N. C. January 12. (By W. J. Martin.) Doughton in the house today would the capture of an additional small night. Officials of the company deprovide for the voting of absentees in number of prisoners, apparently as clared after checking up the memcertified, to the home polling place not in this sector, and adds that the fight- Twelve others were cut by flying delater than the election day. The state's ing continues.