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ENGLAND MAY WIPE OUT FRANCE'S WAR DEBT

American Red Cross Simmons Announces.

TENTED CITY HAS WINDS AND RAIN

Report on Disaster on Return From North.

VASHINGTON BUREAU
THE AREVILLE CITIES

(BY H. H. C. BILVAN')
VASHINGTON, Dec. 9—Senator mons today wired Wade Meadows, of New Bern that Judge Hayne, head of the American Red ross, had approved the request or \$35,000 for rehabilitation work. The fire swept district.

EW BERN, N. C., Dec. 9.—Sufers of this city's two million dol-Pat privation due to inclement eather. In the city of tents on he west side, the chill winds and rains added to the discomfort nore than 2,000 homeless per-

News of State Fire Commissioner Stacey Wade's defense of New Bern's fire forces was received here with gratification following the report of Deputy Commissioner W. A. Scott, who charged negli-gence of firemen as he main cause

juring the fire there last week, toer Stacy M. Wade.

The commissioner returned from New York, where he had been for everal days and immediately held

e, and rendering whatever assist-nce they could fo the unfortunate

jured in Wreck Near

HARLESTON, S. C., Decr. 9.— iroad and state officials were tonight attempting to fix re-

sibility for the rear end col-t at Hanahan Station, near early today that resulted in death of one man, critical in-

ner Frank W. Shealy came e tonight from Columbia, to duct the inquiry for the state.

se of the accident, in which the

train, No. 80, a fast passen-rain, bound from Charleston

Washington, ran into the rear of local train No. 52, bound for

mbla and Greenville, but state its by trainmen were to the efthat a heavy fog obscured als set by the crew of the I which had stopped to repair of box. Block signals also were

n by the fog, it was said. ngineer W. A. Williams, of

nce, who was at the throttle te fast train, escaped by leap-

he steel Pullman attached to

just before his engine crashed

local and forced that car ugh the day coach. Most of injured were riding in the day th the dead man. Isaac A. Ed-da, of Sumter, being seated in smoking room of this car.

th W. Scruggs, of Greenville

C., a mall clerk, was injured rnally, and F. P. Putnam, of enville, sustained a fractured ill. Putnam, it was said, tonight,

a grave condition.

Charleston, S. C.

\$35,000 Provided for by Haynes, Nutt and J. J. Britt at Capital After Tour of South.

ESTABLISHED 1868.

ILLICIT DISTILLING IS NOW SUCCUMBING

Stacy Wade Repudiates Trio Skipped Tar Heel State for Want of Time -Not Coming Back.

WASHINGTON BUREAU
THE ABHEVILLE CITHEN
(BY H. E. C. BRYAT)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Prohibition Commissioner Roy A.
Haynes, Col. L. G. Nutt, acting
Chief General Prohibition Agents,
and James J. Britt, chief Course, and James J. Britt, chief counsel for the dry unit, returned here to-day from a tour of the South. They did not stop in North Carolina. When asked today why he jumped the Tar Heel State, said to be a model for others, Mr. Haynes declared his allowance of time save out. He has no inter-

Haynes declared his allowance of time gave out. He has no inten-tion of going back that way, Mr. Haynes found conditions in Dixie favorable. He and the party conferred with State Direc-tors, Divisional Chiefs and their agents, prominent officials and citizens in furtherance of a program for closer co-operation of all dry agencies.

Delighted with the success of

W. A. Scott, who charged negligence of firemen as he main cause
of the disaster.

STACY WADE REPUDIATES
REPORT MADE BY SCOTT

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 9.—The
report of Deputy Commissioner W.
A Scott, criticising the New Bern
Fre Department and asserting exlosives were found in negro houses
in ring the fire there last week, tolay was repudiated by Commisthe closer co-operation of all enthe closer co-operation of all en-forcement agencies, proved inspir-ational and productive of practi-

cal help.
"I found in South Carolina conference with officials of the Georgia, Alabama Louisiana and lepartment. The statement giving Florida a militant public sentime contents of Scott's report was ment in favor of prohibition law

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tions Assemble to Go to

Scene of Clash.

group of raiders in an advance on a cave where indications pointed to the existence of a still, when a volley was fired and Duff fell.

deputies were guarding the county jail tonight in consequence of re-ports that an effort would be made to lynch the younger Blan-

wo More Critically In- Agents of Various Sec-

A HAPPY THOUGHT

BY BILLY BORNE



It was brought out at the meeting Saturday afternoon that the marketing department will aim first and foremost to supply the Asheville market with high grade farm products and then to ship the! surplus. Officials point out that it will thus act as a stimulus to-ward more and better production, standardization, packing and better grading of the products of the farm. It will aim not to replace but to supply the

packing and better grading of the products of the farm. It will aim not to replace but to supply the retail merchants.

When the question of co-operation with the county agent in farm extension work in this region was brought forward, it was moved by B. A. Patton, former chairman of the County Board of Commission-era, that the stockholders authorize their president to meet together with the district and county agents, the chairman of the county board and the head of the Board of Education to formulate plans for extension work in Buncombe County in which the department would have the assistance of the Farmers' Federation as co-operating organization. This action was taken.

ARE OFF ON HONEYMOON

BATH. Maine: Dec. 3—United States Senator Walter E. Edge, of New Jeersey, and his bride, formerly being the newly elected representatives and senators for their restance. It was brought out in the gathering that the Forney's Creek moon. Their plans, so far as was brought out in the gathering from New York next Saturday for England. Their stay in Europe, it was said, would be over would connect with the Tennessee State line. It is felt that this dhould be taken oved by the county line which the department would have the assistance of the Farmers' Federation as co-operating organization. This action was taken. MOUNT STERLING, Ky., Dec. 3.—Robert E. Duff, phohibition agent, was shot from ambush in a battle with alleged moonshiners in the hills of Menifee County. of early today that resulted in death of one man, critical into two others and more or serious injury to a score of er persons. State Railroad Comgo to the scene of the battle.

A telegram was sent by United States Commissioner C. H. Wood to the Secretary of War, asking that the commanding officer at Fort Thomas be instructed to hold troops in readiness to entrain for the scene of the battle. Details of the battle, brought out here by Duff's companions, were to the effect that the agent was leading the group of raiders in an advance on

BOMB ALLEGATIONS ARE NOW ALL DISMISSED

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C., Dec. 9.— Cases against C. E. Pyle, Jr., Cur-tis Bradshaw and P. J. Credlin, who were arrested several weeks SHOOTS MAN FREED WHO
HAD KILLED PATHER
GRAYSON, Ky., Dec. 9.—Harrison Blanton, 24 years old, shot and killed Paul Herron on the courthouse steps late today, a few minutes after Herron had been acquitted of killing the former's father, william Blanton. Sheriff's deputies were guarding the county

At the hearing the prosecution that warrants for the arrests of the three men had been issued upon evidence given by two white youths which had been taken into custody on larceny charges and the youths later repudiated their reterments designed that the eviton.

The slaying of Herron was witnessed by a crowd of men and women, most of whom had attended the trial.

According to the pounder Blanstatements, declaring that the evidence given by them was false. In the face of this development the State took a nol prosse with larger to dron the state took as not prosse with larger to dron the state took as not prosse with larger to dron the state took as not prosse with larger to dron the state took as not prosse with larger to dron the state took as not prosse with larger to dron the state took as not prosses and statements. State took a nol prosse with leave to drop the charges against the three men, who had been under bond since their arrest.

the trial.

According to speciators Bianton fired three shots. Two pierced Herron's body and he died almost instantly. One of the bullets wounded Isaac Houch, a farmer, 40 years old.

Blanton ran a few yards and surrendered to the town marshal. He was rushed to the jail. A few minutes later, the grand jury minutes later was also a strike sympathize.

Operation Will Begin at New Jackson Building Representatives of Three

Undeveloped property, 38 by 83 feet, located at the rear of the building site, with frontage on Market Street, has been purchas-ed from Mrs. Cameron Waddell at a figure named as approximate-ly, \$15,000 and will be held by Mr. Jackson for future development.

better SENATOR AND MRS. FDGE of the ARE OFF ON HONEYMOON

Harding.

LYNCH NEGRO FATALLY WOUNDING A DEPUTY

MORRILLTON, Ark., Dec. 9 .-Less Smith, a negro, who shot and probably fatally wounded Deputy Sheriff Gran Farish, when he attempted to arrest the negro this afternoon, was taken from jail and

DAYS TO SHOP

DOIT



Working with Mr. Hall at the exclusive use of attorneys, will be Lexington Avenue wholesale store 12 stories instead of 10, as preafter the first of the year will be W. E. Clark in charge of the office with Joe Davis, of Waynes-ville, as assistant.

as the Jackson Building, for the was introduced and an able discussion upon a State wide system of game laws made by Horace Kephart, author of "Our Southern be started as soon as the plans fers" and well known are completed by Ronald Greene, the Architect.

Resolutions were unanimously the great highway program now of Southside Avenue. WRY.

Speaking in favor of this move were G. B. Walker, of Andrews; Dr. James DeHart, of Bryson City; T. M. Jenkins, Robbinsville, and J. M. Zachary, of Calvert, these being the newly elected represen-tatives and sensions for their re-

link should be taken oved by the commission and the seven-mile link constructed. Tennessee, it is pointed out, would then connect with the North Carolina line, via Merryellia,

That the Tennessee legislature will likely pass a \$75,000,000 bond is-ue for highway construction in senie for highway construction in the near future, was predicted by Senator F. E. Patton, of Knox-wille, who took an enthusiastic part in the gathering. Georgia has already constructed its part of the new highway, W. G. Grif-fith, of Athens, Ga., reported.

fith, of Athens. Ga., reported.

J. H. Harwood. of this town, delivered the address of welcome and stated the object of the meeting. D. H. Tillett, of Andrews, spoke impressively upon "The Missing Link," He was followed by Mr. Griffith. Wythe M. Peyton. Division Highway Engineer, of Asheville, expressed the regrets of J. G. Stikelenther that he could of the present. He made known car are continually increasing in the fact that the district officials the heartily in accord with the horoset. H. O. Webber served as toastmaster at the banquet during the evening.

WAY CALL SPECTAT

Abandonment of Russians in Dardanelles Question Is Annoyance.

ORIENTALS WARNED AGAINST ALLIES

Charge France Quit Turkey in Favor of England Over Reparations.

LAUSANNE, Dec. 9.—(By The Associated Press.)—Proof that bolshevik Russia is highly dissatisfied with Turkey because limit Panha has abandoned the Russians on the question of the Dardaneiles was found today when M. Tehitheria the saylet foreign M. Tchitcherin, the soviet foreign minister, issued an urgent invita-tion to the Turkish journalists, and, in the course of a long speech, warned them of the dan-ger of placing their trust in the Allied nations.

Allied nations.

M. Tchitcherin did not went to say anything in the way of criticism of the Turkish plenipotentiaries but thought the Turkish people at home should know of the trend of things at Lausanne. He had a distinct impression, he said, that war between Turkey and the powers was still going on.

Tchitcherin charged that France had abandoned Turkey in favor of England and the consideration, probably, was some concessions on the reparations problem from England.

"But it remains to be seen." he

"But it remains to be seen." he continued. "how far France and England will agree when the Brus-sels conference is held."

He rejoiced that Turkey and Russis had finally come together because they were vitally impor-tant to each other.

The bolahevik leader declared The bolshevik leader declared that to allow foreign warships to pass through the strails, would mean the hadding over of Constantinople to the nation with the strongest navy. Naval units would selze Constantinople, then attack Russia. Therefore, if Constantinople was in darger, Russia also was in terror.

BRYSON CITY, Dec. 9.—In an enthusiastic meeting here today measures looking to the eventual completion of a new highway from Detroit to Miami which shall be 200 miles shorter than the present route, were discussed the trouble Causaus. The way to northern Persia was present route, were discussed the Causaus. The way to northern Persia was through Causaus. The way to northern Persia was present route, were discussed the Causaus. The way to northern Persia was through the Daniancies. He asserted that the Daniancies. He asserted that the Massan Program at Lausanne was based on community of interests between the Russian and Turkish decorgia. of the conference would find the two countries rearer together.

Logan Motor Co., Distrib. utors of Studebaker, to Have New Quarters.

On account of the steadily in-creasing volume of business and the imperative demand for larg-er quarters, the Logan Motor Company, distributors of the Stude-baker automobiles in Western North Carolina, is erecting a modadopted endorsing the passage of North Carolina, is erecting a mod-a \$15.000,000 bond issue in North ern garage building on Biltmore Carolina with which to carry out Avenue, South of the intersection

> The local concern was up until recently an agency under the dis-tributors at Greenville, S. C., but on account of the sales record and facilities for giving service, has been made distributor for the Counties of this State, West of McDowell.

> Owners of the local company are Thomas Stringfield and C. G Logan and N. W. Dendy is gen eral manager.

> This expansion program represents an investment of \$70,000. The lot at No. 251-258 Biltmore Avenue, and the new building totals around \$50,000 and the stock which will be carried inventories approximately \$20,000. tories approximately \$20,000.

having been made in the architec-tural design of the building. The building now going up cov-ers only one half of the lot which is 270 by 70 and later it is plan-

is 270 by 70 and later it is planned to enlarge the building so it
will cover the entire lot.

A driveway for entering and
one for leaving the garage are
being provided and an entrance
from Southside Avenue to the rear
of the building will be a convenlence which will help in populartying this garage.

KERNERSVIIJE WOMAN

DIES IN 97TH YEAR

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 9.—
Solicitor Woodus Kellum is considering requesting a special sess.

Mrs. Salile Korner, widow of Phillips Korner, died today at her home in Kernersville, aged 97 years. Mrs. Korner was a member of one of the best known families in this part of North Carolina. She was the mother of H. C. Korner, of Winston-Salem, and J. Glimer Korner, of Kernersville.

NEW CONGRESS FOR PEACE IS WOMEN'S GOAL

Women's International League is Pledged to New Movement.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 9. -The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom today adopted resolutions recommending a new peace based upon new international agreements and charging its members to work for the convening of a World Congress for this purpose, either through the instrumentality of the League of Nations, a single nation,

or any group of nations. The resolutions were moved by the British and French delegations and were adopted unanimous-

Feels America Convinced France Not Militaristic, Will Pay Debt.

GAINS SYMPATHY FOR FRENCH VIEW

Points Again to Hopeful Passage in Harding's Official Message.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9.—(By The Associated Press)—Georges Clemenceau, the French war pre-mier, today ended his "formal" Clemenceau, the French war premier, today ended his "formal"
speaking mission to America before the Philadelphia Forum in
the Academy of Music with the
broad intimation that he believed
he had accomplished all of the
three purposes for which he focusook his cottage by the sea in
France.

Of two of them he evived an

Of two of them he evinced no doubt. He was confident he had convinced America that France

sage" that Clemenceau delivered to the representative audience that faced him in the gaily decorated Academy of Music.

But it was a plea for a peace based on France's ideals and these ideals he declared, France would defend to the last drop of her plead even if she had to defend to the last drop of her plead even if she had to defend to the last drop of her plead even if she had to defend to the last drop of her plead even if she had to defend to the last drop of her plead even if she had to defend to the last drop of her plead even if she had to defend to the last drop of her plead even if she had to defend to the last drop of her plead even if she had to defend to the last drop of her plead even if she had to defend to the last drop of her plead even if she had to defend to the last drop of her plead even if she had to defend to the last drop of her plead even if she had to defend to the last drop of her plead even if she had to defend to the last drop of her plead even if she had to defend to the last drop of her plead even if she had to defend to the last drop of her plead even if she had to defend to the last drop of her plead even in the last drop of her plead even in the she had to defend to the last drop of her plead even in the last drop of her p

blood even if she had to defend

them alone.
All Five Addresses
Blended In This Last
All the five "formal" addresses
he had made before were blended
he had made before were blended in this last of the series. Now he was the flerce Tigar, flashing de-flance against France's enemies: now, the advocate, carefully stat ing his case; now, an old man pleading for his native land that she be not misunderstood. Several times he was interrupted by applause

"I have have no mission," he reiterated at the outset. "I only came to tell you what I think." He said he had found, shortly after he landed in New York, that the charges of militarism and im-perialism had not been believed. perialism had not been believed.
"If Germany had ever suspected that England and then America would have entered the war" he declared, "there would have been no war. That's a strong argument for your letting the world know how you stand."

When the American troops came home, he continued, they repoiced that "we're through."

poiced that "we're through."
"Alas, that's not true," he de-clared. "What is the use of shutting the eyes and saying "all goes well?"

Clemenceau said he had been told by a high official at Wash-ington that America ever would be found on the side of right and

Poincare Says Scheme Permissible Under Certain Guarantees.

ITALIAN PROPOSALS ARE NOT REVEALED

Discuss Reducing German Indemnity to 40 Billion Gold Marks

LONDON, Dec, 9.—(By The associated Press.)—The clouds that sociated Press.)—The clouds that overhung the reparations conference last night have been partially dispelled by today's proceedings. The four premiers. Bonar Law, Poincare, Theuins and Mussolini, held two meetings lasting five hours. There was nothing approaching an agreement, nor had any agreement been expected from one day's deliberations. The chief result was something more nearly approaching an understanding in the positions of the two nations, Great Britain and France, than had existed at any time during the past few weeks.

M. Poincare offered, in behalf

time during the past few weeks.

M. Poincare offered, in behalf
of France, acceptance of a twoyears' moratorium for Germany
provided salisfactory guarantees
were forthcoming: these guarantees embraced measures for economic control of the Rhineland
industries and partial occupation
of the Ruhr district with a division of soldiers to collect customs
on the coal output. M. Poincare
did not consider that this program would be regarded as military action against Germany.

Premier Bonar Law's reply.

tary action against Germany.

Premier Bonar Law's reply, which came in the afternoon, after M. Poincare's exposition of France's attitude in the morning, surprised the French because it indicated that Great Britain might, under satisfactory conditions abandon the attitude laid down in the Balfour note and cancel the French debt to England. Mr. Bonar Law also opposed military measures to compel Germany to pay.

The reduction of the German indemnity to approximately 40,-000,000,000 gold marks was dis-

Premiers Poincare and Musso-lini were the chief speakers at the morning sealor. The Italian premier is reported to have ad-vanced some proposals the nature of which has not yet been reveal.

Of two of them he evinced no doubt. He was confident he had convinced America that France was not militaristic nor an imperialistic nation. He was equally such he had spread conviction that France intended to pay her debt to America—not immediately, perhaps, but ultimately.

He requoted a paragraph from President Harding's annual measures to Congress yesterday as an indication that the third point—bring America back to the side of France and England—also was being accomplished.

Karl Bergmann, German financial experiments.

Karl Bergmann, German financial expert, arrived today and presented that proposal to Premier Bonar Law. The plan is said to embrace allied participation in German financial expert, arrived today and presented Chancellor Cuno's proposal to Premier Bonar Law. The plan is said to embrace allied participation in German financial expert, arrived today and presented Chancellor Cuno's proposal to Premier Bonar Law. The plan is said to embrace allied participation in German financial expert, arrived today and presented Chancellor Cuno's proposal to Premier Bonar Law. The plan is said to embrace allied participation in German financial expert, arrived today and presented Chancellor Cuno's proposal to Premier Bonar Law. The plan is said to embrace allied participation in German financial expert, arrived today and presented Chancellor Cuno's proposal to Premier Bonar Law. The plan is said to embrace allied participation in German industries instead of an external loan. America and carbollation of European debts to that country was one of the topics touched upon in the morning.

ADMISSION TO SESSIONS

France and England—also was being accomplished.

The paragraph was the President's comment on the four-power pact, which the Executive said had had brought 'a new confidence in maintained peace" and which, he suggested, "might be made a model for like assurances, wherever in the world any common interests are concerned."

"I told your chief," Clemenceau continued, "that when he pondered on what I had said to him, I believed his feeling would find its way toward us. And I believed it has. But I don't know what the diplomats will make of it."

It was again his "peace message" that Clemenceau delivered to the representative audience that issues at stake."

The correspondent suggests that the four participating delegations may devote their first exchange of views to settling this question, the inference from his statement apparently being that if admission is

OREGON RADICALS

Probe Shows \$12,000,000 Conflagration Began at Two Places.

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 9.—(By)
The Associated Press.)—Rain fell
today on the ruins of Astoria's
business district, helping the firemen quesch the smouldering remnants of the blaze which Friday wiped out the heart of this cer tury-old city.

An executive commettee, posed of officials and bu posed of officials and business men, with power to handle relief work, reconstruction problems and to administer municipal affair until such time as orderly conditions are re-established was form

and there is no prospect of physical suffering. To provide measurements are could not be accommodated in the homes of the city. National Guard forces today became serving master today became serving master today. The relief work is well in h "That may or, in the war together and you did not sign the peace treaty."

L. SPECIAL TERM FOR DALLAS TERM FOR DALLAS would have difficulty in paying would have difficulty in paying woodus Kellum is consequesting a special sea.

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Much From Germany, Nonsense.

collision occurred on the thound track. The southbound k was not blocked and the e seriously injured were to hespitals here on train 85. which passed soon after surrende ollision. Less seriously injured He was brought here on a relief train minutes