

Cold Wave Of Marked Severity Has The Whole Country In Its Grip Today

Heavy Rains With Danger from Floods Are Checked by Freezing Weather—Coldest Weather of the Season is Reported Throughout North Carolina While in Many Other Parts of the Country Temperatures Far Below Zero Are Reported—The Coldest Point is Barre, Vermont, Where 52 Degrees Below Was Recorded.

By Associated Press. Raleigh, Dec. 26.—Raleigh today was in the grip of the coldest December weather since 1909. The weather bureau thermometer at 7 o'clock this morning registered 18 degrees above zero and two hours later was practically stationary. A thin coating of snow on streets and sidewalks made travel difficult for man and beast. Floods Checked. The sudden cold spell after more than twenty-four hours of continuous rain over the eastern and central portions of North Carolina, it is believed, has effectively checked floods that were feared. Over two inches of rain fell in this section yesterday causing the rivers to rise rapidly. In New England. Boston, Dec. 26.—Zero or lower temperatures prevailed today all over New England. With the exception of the extreme southeastern section, Greenfield, Me., recorded 16 below. Thermometers recorded six below at Portland and two below at Boston. Philadelphia Freezing. Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 26.—With the temperature at 9 degrees above zero at 7 o'clock this morning, this was the coldest December 26th in Philadelphia since the weather bureau began keeping records forty years ago. In Northern New York. Watertown, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Northern New York shivered today with the coldest weather of the winter. The official thermometer registered 24 below during the night in Watertown. Temperatures from 30 to 40 below have been reported from several points in the Adirondacks. In New York City. New York, Dec. 26.—New York shiv-

AMERICANS ADVISED NOT TO RETURN TO MEXICO

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 26.—The provisional government in Mexico City has issued a decree extending to March 31, the time for re-validation of mining titles, according to a Mexico City dispatch today to the state department. A message dated noon, December 24, from Eagle Pass says the "situation remains unchanged at Piedras Negras."

A mail report from the American vice consul at Ensenada, Lower California, states that "while there have been some political disturbances of late, conditions in general are improving and the district is quiet." He adds that the bitter feeling against Americans noticeable last spring apparently has disappeared, and that 175 or 200 Americans now are in the district. In that connection, however, the state department announced that it "does not advise Americans to return to Mexico and those who do so go there on their own responsibility." The Carranza agency here announced receipt of the following message from General Carranza's secretary at Vera Cruz: "General Villareal at Monterey informs us that he recently had a conference at Saltillo with General Alvarez, the Gutierrez governor of the state of San Luis Potosi, who informed him that Eulalio Gutierrez had sent him to inform Villareal that he had demanded from Villa that he eliminate himself from political activity, but that Villa had not complied and that Gutierrez was disposed to enroll himself and his troops once again under the banner of the First Chief and the Plan of Guadalupe."

GENERAL KELLY-KENNY, NOTED WARRIOR, DEAD

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 26, 9:30 a. m.—General Sir Thomas Kelly-Kenny, formerly adjutant general of the British forces, is dead. His home was at Doolough Lodge, in County Clare, where he lived since his retirement in 1907. General Kelly-Kenny had seen active service in many foreign fields. In 1860 he was mentioned in despatches for valorous action at the capture of the Tang-Ku and Taku forts and for that received the service medal. Again in Abyssinia in 1867-68 he was mentioned in despatches and received another medal for his services while in command of a division of the transport train. After a long tour of home duties he again saw active service in South Africa where he was lieutenant general of the staff. In 1905 General Kelly-Kenny, by appointment accompanied Prince Arthur of Connaught on a special mission to the Mikado. He visited the United States in 1909 after he had retired. General Kelly-Kenny was nearly 75 years old.

NEW BUSINESS FIRM FOR 1915

Thomas Grocery Company, New Business, Which January 1 Will Find Launched in Charlotte—Prominent Business Men Form Partnership—Location South College.

The new year will inaugurate a business change on South College street of interest not only to this city, but to communities of this section which are allied closely with Charlotte business interest. This is the organization of a new firm to be styled the Thomas Grocery Company, and to be located in the building, No. 201 South College, formerly occupied by the Kuester-Lowe Company, before it moved to its present building on Church and First streets. The members of the new firm are: W. J. Thomas, R. T. Boyd and J. Marshall Davenport all of whom have been connected with the firm of the W. I. Henderson Grocery Co., at 14 North College street. Mr. Thomas has been with the W. I. Henderson Company for 18 years, Mr. Boyd for ten years and Mr. Davenport for eight years. Prompted by a desire to establish a business of their own, after years of valuable service and rich experience under Mr. Henderson, these three men of business formed a partnership. Mr. Henderson aiding and abetting to the utmost of his ability, the result being the organization of the Thomas Grocery Company. All three men are known in business circles of this city and section as men of splendid business ability, and long established success. Mr. Thomas was connected with Mr. Henderson in the grocery business for eight years, and then for 10 years has been secretary and treasurer and traveling salesman for the W. I. Henderson Grocery Co. He will be president and treasurer of the new organization—The Thomas Grocery Company, and will also travel for the firm. Mr. Boyd, who has been with the W. I. Henderson company, as bookkeeper since its organization will be secretary of the new concern. Mr. Davenport will be city salesman. Both of these young men are experienced in the grocery business and well known to the trade. The new firm will be ready for business Jan. 1. Mr. W. I. Henderson, who has been the main stockholder in the firm of W. I. Henderson & Company, will continue to do business at the place he has been located for a great many years, 14 North College street, on the same scale as heretofore. Mr. J. H. Fidler, who was formerly connected with the firm for a long period, will come back to the firm as bookkeeper, while Mr. Herbert Irwin, who was also with the firm formerly will join it again. There will be one or two other additions to the firm. Mr. Henderson has been in the grocery business in Charlotte for 24 years and has been one of its most successful business firms in that line of endeavor. For eight years he was head of the firm of W. I. Henderson & Brothers, then for eight years the firm was W. I. Henderson alone and for the last ten years it has been W. I. Henderson & Company. With men of ability and success at the head of both old and new firms the continued success of the one and the other, is assured. To both the News extends New Year's greetings and bids them good luck in adding success and prestige to the city's business interest.

Bombardment Of Turkish Port Was Threatened By An American Cruiser

Trouble Arose When Turks Attacked the Crew of an American Merchantman on Which British and French Citizens Desired to Depart—When Commander of the Battleship Made Threat the Trouble Stopped—Fog Interferes With Operations in Flanders—In the East Germans Are Still Making Effort to Break Through to Warsaw—No Great Activity or Christmas Day.

Bombardment by an American cruiser of the Turkish port of Tripoli, Syria, was said at Athens to have been threatened because of an attack by Turks on the crew of an American merchantman on which British and French citizens desired to depart. Incomplete reports from Athens state the threat of the warship's commander quelled the attack. The cruiser Tennessee has been in the eastern Mediterranean for several months and was last reported not far from Tripoli. Italy's occupation of the Albanian port of Avlona was believed to open possibilities of complications which might make it difficult for the Rome government to maintain neutrality. Rumania's attitude, also, was more than ever a matter of doubt, on account of reports from Paris that the only obstacle which prevented her from joining with the triple entente had been removed. Bulgaria was represented as having given assurances that she would remain neutral, relieving Rumania from the fear of an attack from that quarter should she enter the war. Despatches from Chile stated that the last of what was once Germany's Pacific squadron was fighting to escape the fate which overtook her four companion cruisers when they met the British. The German cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich were cruiser Prinz Fitel Friedrich were said to have been engaged by the British cruiser Newcastle near Valparaiso. Christmas Day Was Quiet. London, Dec. 26, 11:56 a. m.—While there was no Christmas cessation of military activity, nevertheless no decisive action occurred along either of the great battle fronts. A spectacular element of the recent news was supplied by an aerial duel between a German air craft and two English biplanes over the Thames. That occurred Christmas day and was witnessed by several thousand persons. The German escaped. In the East. Petrograd reported the Russians had resumed the offensive at several points in Poland and had captured no fewer than 11,000 prisoners. To offset this, however, Berlin reports in activity along the Polish front. An Austrian army continues a courageous effort to strike down the valley of the Nida in the direction of Carnow. British observers think that movement will be too late if it is a fact that the Austro-German attack in the center has really received its reported check. Germans Move Toward Warsaw. General von Hindenburg, German commander in the east, still keeps his

EMPEROR OF RUSSIA TO BATTLE FRONT

By Associated Press. Moscow, via Petrograd, Dec. 25.—Members of the Russian imperial family who have been here for several days left today, the Emperor starting for the battle front and the Empress Alexandra leaving for Tsarskoe Selo with their son and two daughters. Today the imperial guests visited several hospitals and the Emperor inspected the military school. At the Kremlin palace the Emperor received several delegations, among them various religious associations belonging to the Orthodox faith and delegates from Jewish congregations who paid their homage and presented \$7,500 for army needs.

Daniels Asks If Turks Made Threats Of Violence Against American Sailors

Washington, Dec. 26.—Secretary Daniels today called on Captain Oman, commander of the armored cruiser North Carolina, to report whether threats of violence had been made by Turks at Tripoli against American sailors. Athens despatches published today said an American warship had threatened a bombardment as a result. The North Carolina and the Tennessee both are at Beirut today, the latter having gone to that port from Jaffa after depositing gold. Beirut is 40 miles south of Tripoli where the disorders were said to have occurred. One report was the Turkish authorities sought to prevent the departure of American, British and French consuls, and that the attack of the American crew of a commercial ship and the threatened bombardment of Tripoli by the American

CHARGE CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE ELECTION LAWS

By Associated Press. Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 26.—Arrests of three Haute of forty-six men indicted by the Federal grand jury charged with conspiracy to violate the election laws, had created a sensation today at state political circles. More arrests were expected, and it was said the number might reach more than one hundred. Federal District Attorney Daley, who supervised the investigation before the grand jury said today he would immediately take up the Indianapolis cases, where it was claimed frauds were committed at the November election. At Evansville the complaints have been filed with the district attorney charging frauds at the November election.

JUSTICE LAMAR CONSIDERS FRANK APPEAL

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 26.—Justice Lamar of the supreme court still had under consideration today the petition of Leo Frank for an appeal from the reversal of Federal Judge Newman to

Belgian Children, to Whom American Aid is Going.



These are the type of Belgian children to whom aid from the United States has been sent during the past month. The pair with their dog were driven from their home in the north of Belgium on the entry of the Germans, and, packing up the few belongings they could carry, started out on the road with their faithful dog. They had no new home in prospect, but were wholly dependent on the charity of those they found along the road. Hundreds of thousands of them moved into Holland, where they were cared for. Others went toward the north and were sent to England. There thousands of them are being cared for now.

ADMIRAL DEWEY CELEBRATES HIS BIRTHDAY

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 26.—Admiral Dewey was 77 years old today. Secretary Daniels, his aides and members of the navy general board, called on him at his home and found him in good spirits and health. "I feel very proud of the fact," said Secretary Daniels to the admiral, "that you were appointed to the naval academy by a secretary of the navy from North Carolina, Mr. Dewey." "I suppose," returned the admiral, "that's why I have been a democrat ever since." He added he was enjoying life but that Henry Gassaway Davis had told him he slept too much. "What time do you go to bed, Mr. secretary," asked the admiral. "Before I came to Washington, when I edited a morning newspaper I used to get to sleep about 3 a. m.," said Mr. Daniels. "I have reformed." "I have been retiring every night at 10 o'clock," said Admiral Dewey, "and I am up at 5 o'clock every morning, reading the newspapers before anybody else in Washington. Mr. Davis, however, who is 92 years old and says I'm a mere boy, thinks I'm missing half of life by going to bed so early." The admiral took his customary drive during the morning, then received a number of officials and friends.

RUSSIA TRADES WITH JAPAN FOR BIG GUNS

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 26.—The Japanese embassy today received official advice from Tokyo that Russia has agreed to Japan its half of the island of Sakhalin for some heavy guns. The island was officially Russian until September, 1905. The southern half was ceded to Japan by the terms of the treaty of Portsmouth. In the region of Inowolodz, on the Pilsa river and to the south of this locality, stubborn fighting continues. Along the entire course of the Nida river and to the south of the Vistula the fighting is going on under conditions favorable for the Russians.