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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.

Dec. 26.—Raleigh today was hermometer at 7 o'clock this egistered 18 degrees above two hours later was pracstationary. A thin coating of

nty-four hours of continuous and at Burlington 16. Carolina, it is believed, effectually checked floods that Over two inches of rain this section yesterday causing rivers to rise rapidly.

in New England

Dec. 26 .- Zero or lower temailed today all over New ith the exception of the exrecorded 16 below. Therorded six below at Port and two below at Boston. Philadelphia Freezing.

Watertown, N. Y., Dec. 26 .- North-Was New York shivered today with the recorded was 22. mest weather of the winter. The and thermometer registered 24 beby zero during the night in Water-Temperatures from 30 to 40 behave been reported from several this in the Aidrondacks.

In New York City.

Daniels Asks If Turks

Made Threats Of Violence

ered today in the grip of the season's vice consul at Ensenada, Lower Calicoldest weather. Temperatures drop- fornia, states that "while there have ped to four degrees above zero and been some political disturbances of ed to its present building on Church of the coldest December the wind blustered 30 miles an hour. late, conditions in general are improv-

> Utica 25 below. 52 Degrees Below.

and sidewalks made est temperature in Vermont-fifty two or 200 Americans now are in the disdegrees below zero-was reported to trict. day in Barre. That broke all previous In that connection, however, the December records. Here it was 20 be- state department announced that it sudden cold spell after more low, at Rutland 22, at Montepelier 30 "does not advise Americans to return

In Knoxville. Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 26.—The minimum temperature in Knoxville this receipt of the following message from morning was 21 degrees. Since 7 a. General Carranza's secretary at Vera m. the mercury has been very grad- Cruz: ually rising and fair weather is on its way according to the local weather forms us that he recently had a conbureau. Higher temperature is fore-

Filladelphia, Pa., Dec. 26.—With the higher. At Springfield, Mo., it was self and his troops once again under the banner of the First Chief and the eight degrees above. Oklahoma City of clock this morning, this was experienced an unusually low temperature. December 26th in Phil- ture for that locality, the thermometer since the weather bureau be-ing records forty years ago.
Northern New York.

reaching eight above zero. In the sur-rounding territory the temperature was comparatively higher. At Fort Smith, Ark., the lowest temperature

Chicago Frost Bitten. Chicago, Dec. 26.-Fog came to the rescue of frost bitten Chicago today, but in the suburbs removed from the lake the mercury remained in the minus column. In the city the temperature rose from four degrees below zero to nine above. Twenty miles away New York Dec. 26.-New York shiv-the cold measured 16 degrees below.

NOT TO RETURN

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 of interest not only to this city, but

24, from Eagle Pass says the "situation remains unchanged at Piedras

A mail report from the American St. Albans, Vt., Dec. 26.-The low-parently has disappeared, and that 175

> to Mexico and those who do so go venport for eight years. there on their own responsibility." The Carranza agency here announced

"General Villareal at Monterey inference at Saltillo with General Alvarez, the Gutierrez governor of the Grocery Company. state of San Luis Potosi, who informed Kansas City, Dec 26.-Extreme cold him that Eulalio Gutierrez had sent last night sent the mercury below zero him to inform Villareal that he had over virtually all the northern half of demanded from Villa that he eliminate Missouri and the states north. South himself from political activity, but of Kansas City, where it was two be- that Villa had not complied and that low at dawn, the temperature was Gutierrez was disposed to enroll him-

KENNY, NOTED

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 26, 9:30 a. m.-General Sir Thomas Kelly-Kenny, formerwhere he lived since his retirement

Tennessee having gone to that port port train.

ommander of the armored cruiser rut is 40 miles south of Tripoli where again saw active service in South derson & Company. Carolina, to report whether the disorders were said to have oc- Africa where he was lieutenant general of the staff.

One report was the Turkish authorities sought to prevent the de- pointment accompanied Prince Arthur the success to be achieved, of the parture of American, British and of Connaught on a special mission to other, is assured. To both the News Athens despatches published today French consuls, and that the attack the Mikado. He visited the United extends New Year's greetings and of the American crew of a commer- States in 1909 after he had retired. bids them good luck in adding succial ship and the threatened bom- General Kelly-Kenny was nearly 75 cess and prestige to the city's busibardment of Tripoli by the American years old.

AMERICANS ADVISED NEW BUSINESS

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 to communities of this section which A message dated noon, December 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 mov-

Ogdensburg reported 32 below and ing and the district is quiet." He The members of the new firm are: adds that the bitter feeling against W. J. Thomas, R. T. Boyd and J. Mar-Americans noticeable last spring ap. shall Davenport all of whom have been connected with the firm of the W. I. Henderson Grocery Co., at 14 North 500,000,000 francs (\$100,000,000) in-

College street Mr. Thomas has been with the W. I. Hendeerson Company for 18 years, port is current that the measure was

business of their own, after years of J. Bryan, through Minister Brand under Mr. Henderson, these three was in violation of the Hague convenmen of business formed a partnership, tion. Mr. Henderson aiding and abetting to the utmost of his ability, the result have imposed a tax of 25 francs on all being the organization of the Thomas

All three men are known in business circles of this city and section as men of splendid business ability, and long Bryan reiterated today that if Brand established success.

Mr. Thomas was connected with Mr. Henderson in the grocery bustness for eight years, and then for of the new organization—The Thomas Grocery Company, and will also

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 bus-

iness Jan. 1.

Mr. W. I. Henderson, who has been By Associated Press. the main stockholder in the firm or W. I. Henderson & Company, will con- Moscow, via Petrograd, Dec. 25 .ly adjutant general of the British the same scale as heretofore. Mr. J. ing for the battle front and the Emforces, is dead. His home was at H. Fidler, who was formerly connect- press Alexandra leaving for Tsarskoe Doolough Lodge, in County Clare, ed with the firm for a long period, Selo with their son and two daughwill come back to the firm as book- ters. keeper, while Mr. Herbert Irwin, who Today the Imperial guests visited was also with the firm formerly will several hospitals and the Emperor tive service in many foreign fields. join it again. There will be one or inspected the military school. At the In 1860 he was mentioned in despatch- two other additions to the firm. Mr. Kremlin palace the Emperor receives for valorous action at the capture Henderson has been in the grovery ed several delegations, among them Against American Salors es for valorous action at the capture of the Tang-Ku and Taku forts and for that received the service medal. Again that received the service medal. Again that received the service medal. Again that the service medal. Again that the service medal in the grovery ed several delegations, among them the order of the transfer one of its most successful in the Orthodox faith and delegations who in Abyssinia in 1867-68 he was men- business firms in that line of endeav- gates from Jewish congragations who tioned in despatches and received an- er. For eight years he was head of paid their homage and presented other medal for his services while in the firm of W. I. Henderson & Broth- \$7,500 for army needs. Washington. Dec. 26 .- Secretary essee both are at Beirut today, the command of a division of the trans-er, then for eight years the firm was -W. I. Henderson alone and for the 常常物情情情情情情情情情 After a long tour of home duties he last ten years it has been W. I. Hen- %

With men of ability and success at | 3 the head of both old and new firms In 1905 General Kelly-Kenny, by ap- the continued success of the one and

Bombardment Of Turkish Port Was Threatened By An American Cruiser

AS IT APPLIES

By Associated Pres.

Paris, Dec. 26, 5:30 a. m .- "German proclamations announcing a levy of demnity at Brussels have been pasted over," says The Journal, "and the re-Mr. Boyd for ten years and Mr. Da- withdrawn by the German governor as Prompted by a desire to establish a American secretary of state, William valuable service and rich experience Whitlock, pointing out that the tax

> "It is announced that the Germans unmarried persons over 27 years of age in Brussels."

> Bryan Issues Statement. Washington, Dec. 26.-Secretary Whitlock, American minister to Belsuade the German military authorities from collecting a war levy on Brussels he had been acting entirely in a personal and unofficial capacity and without any instructions from the American government. The secretary said

tinue to do business at the place he Members of the Russian imperial famhas been located for a great many ily who have been here for several years, 14 North College street, on days left today, the Emperor start-

THE WEATHER.

Forecast For North Carolina. Partly cloudy and somewhat colder tonight. Sunday fair. Strong north winds, diminishing.

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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 Athena 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 Ger many's Pacific squadron was fighting to escape the fate which overtool 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 Val

Christmas Day Was Quiet.

there was no Christmas cessation of to be making his present movement military activity, nevertheless no de- towards Warsaw from Thorn which is cisive action occurred along either northwest of the Polish capital in the of the great battle fronts. A spectac- province of West Prussia. ular element of the recent news was supplied by an aerial duel between a German air craft and two English bi- gress from Nieuport, while Berlin bal planes over the Thames. That oc- ances that with the claim that the curred Christmas day and was wit-Germans have taken some British nessed by several thousand persons, trenches. The French, on their side 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- from Tripoli, in Syria, of the British effort to strike down the valley of the Nida in the direction of Carnow, Britwill be too late if it is a fact that the Austro-German attack in the centre has really received its reported check.

Germans Move Towards Warsaw.

Washington, Dec. 26.-Admiral

Dewey was 77 years old today. Secre-

By Associated Press.

spirits and health.

North Carolina, Mr. Dewey."

secretary," asked the admiral.

Daniels. "I have reformed."

RUSSIA TRADES

By Associated Press.

treaty of Portsmouth.

WITH JAPAN

London, Dec. 26, 11:56 a. m.-While bull dog grip on the Vistula, and seems In the West. In the west Paris reports slight pro

again claim the capture of a trench near Puisaleine, which they held in spite of several counter attacks. Americans Attacked.

From Athens comes an incomplete report of the refusal of the Turkish authorities to permit the departure activity along the Polish front. An and French consuls and a number of Austrian army continues a courageous British and French citizens on an American merchant ship under convoy is said to have resulted in an attack by a Turkish crowd on the crew of the merchantman while the sailors were embarking some Frenchmen This attack ceased, however, when the

General von Hindenburg, German warship threatened a bombardment. commander in the east, still keeps his The cruiser subsequently escorted this vessel to Dedeagatch, north of the Dardanelles in Turkey.

French Official Statement. French Statement.

Paris, Dec. 26, 2:50 p. m .- The offlcial announcement given out by the French war office this afternoon relates that fogs in the north have interfered with the operations in Flan ders. Counter attacks on the part of the Germans have been repulsed at a number of points. There was artillery fighting near the sea and at Perthes. Progress was made also in upper Alsace on Christmas day. The text of the communication follows:

Paris, Dec. 26, 2:50 p. m.-The tary Daniels, his aides and members of French war office this afternoon gave the navy general board, called on him out an official announcement as fol

at his home and found him in good lows: "There have been moderate artillery "I feel very proud of the fact," said exchanges on the front from the sea to

Secretary Daniels to the admiral, "that the Lys. On the Lys itself a heavy fog you were appointed to the naval acad-has made operations impossible. emy by a secretary of the navy from | "Between the Lys and the Oise we

have repulsed several counter attacks "I suppose," returned, the admiral, of the enemy, notably at Noulettes to that's why I have been a democrat the west of Lens, at Boisselle northever since." He added he was enjoy- east of Albert, and at Lihons, to the ing life but that Henry Gassaway west of Chaulnes where a trench cap-Davis had told him he slept too much, tured from the enemy was lost, and "What time do you go to bed, Mr. then recaptured by us after a spirited engagement.

"Between the Oise and the Aisne, "Before I came to Washington, when edited a morning newspaper I used reports from this locality declare that to get to sleep about 3 a. m.," said Mr. during the day of December 24 a very strong German attack was repulsed "I have been retiring every night at at Chivy, to the northeast of Soupir.

10 o'clock," said Admiral Dewey, "and "In the region of Perthes our artill-I am up at 5 o'clock every morning, ery silenced the batteries of the enreading the newspapers before any emy which were bombarding the body else in Washington. Mr. Davis, trenches recently occupied by our however, who is 92 years old and says troops. * Two strong German coun-I'm a mere boy, thinks I'm missing ter attacks were repulsed during the half of life by going to bed so early. night of December 24-25. The admiral took his customary

"Yesterday, December 25, a further drive during the morning, then re- counter attack of particular severity ceived a number of officials and delivered on a front of 1500 yards withimportant bodies of troops, was com-

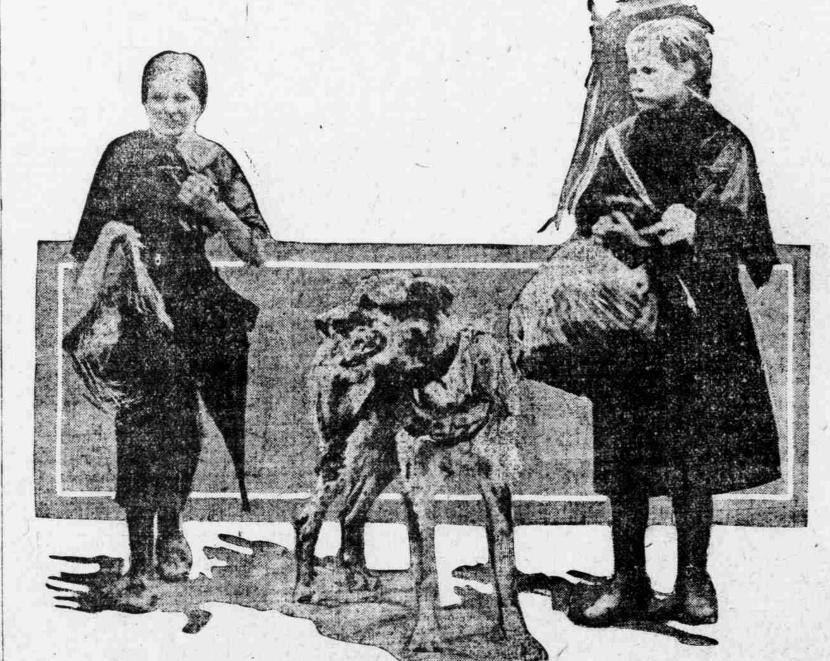
pletely checked. "In the Argonne and between the

Meuse and the Moselle there is noth-"In upper Alsace, December 25 was marked by perceptible progress in front

of Cernay. We reached the outskirts of the forest of the hills to the west of the town and here we held our positions in spite of several counter attacks. We occupy also the outskirts of Aspach, the valley and the heights which dominate Aspach on the west. "Russia: The Germans who succeeded in forcing their way across the

Bzura river to the south of Sochaczew were driven back after having suffered Washington, Dec. 26.-The Jap considerable loss. All the German at anese embassy today received official tacks on Bolimow resulted in failure. advices from Tokio that Russia has In the region of Inowlodz, on the Pi ceded to Japan its half of the island lica river and to the south of this lo of Sakhalin for some heavy guns. The cality, stubborn fighting continues. island was officially Russian until Sep- Along the entire course of the Nida tember, 1905. The southern half was river and to the south of the Vistula ceded to Japan by the terms of the the fighting is going on under conditions favorable for the Russians."

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 These changes in the ownership do past month. The pair with their dog were driven from their home in thenorth of Belgium on the entry of the Germans, and, packing up the few belongings they could carry, started out on the road with not effect the general managership of their faithful dog. They had no new home in prospect, but were wholly dependent on the charity of those Iside ration today the petition of Leo the Charlotte Observer, that officer be- they found along the road. Hundreds of thousands of them moved into Holland, where they were cared Tank for an appeal from the reling Mr. J. V. Simms, and the editorship for. Others went toward the north and were sent to England. There thousands of them are being cared

The North Carolina and the Tennman of war followed. CHARGE CONSPIR-ACY TO VIOLATE ELECTION LAWS WORD H. WOOD,

Datiels today called on Captain Oman,

TRAILS Of violence had been made

Turks at Tripoli against American

all an American warship had threat-

bombardment as a result.

By Associated Press.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 26.—Arrests Terre Haute of forty-six men indictby the Federal grand ury charged th conspiracy to violate the election we had created a sensation today state political circles. More aris were expected, and it was said number might reach more than

said today he would imediately take up the Indianapolis where it was claimed frauds faing frauds at the November elec-

JUSTIGE LAMAR CONSIDERS

Associated Press.

Washington Dec. 26.-Justice amar the supreme court still had under

release him on habeas corpus writ. The petition had been presented in Frank's behalf on Thursday by Louis Marshall, of his counsel.

from Jaffa after depositing gold. Bei-

It was not known whether Justice Lamar's decision would be forthcoming late today or Monday.

SECRETARY OF OBSERVER CO.

To succeed the late Mr. D. A. Tompkins as secretary of the Observer Company, the publisher of the Charfederal District Attorney Daley, who lotte Observer, Mr. Word H. Wood, Ondicted the investigation before the treasurer of the American Trust Com-

pany, has been elected. This action was taken by the board committed at the November elector of directors following the death of At Evansville complaints have Mr. Tompkins who had been secretary from the organization of the company when the late Mr. J. P. Caldwell was

> president. Mr. Wood was elected treasurer in 1911 when Mr. George Stephens was elected president and Mr. Tompkins was re-elected secretary, following the death of Mr. Caldwell. This organization continued until the death of Mr. Tompkins when Mr. A. S. Tompkins was elected director of the Observer Company to represent the Tompkins estate. The board of directors is

of Federal Judge Newman to held by Mr. Wade H. Harris.

composed of Mr. Stevens, Mr. Wood

and Mr. Tompkins.