

**THE WEATHER**  
Fair tonight. Prob-  
ably rain or snow  
Saturday.

# GREENVILLE DAILY NEWS

**5 O'clock**  
City Edition

Full Telegraphic Reports of the United Press

VOLUME I. Greenville, N. C., Friday Afternoon, December 7, 1917. State Library NUMBER 149

## GERMANY IS MOVING EASTERN ARMIES

### Navy Department Fears for Safety of Consul Watts at Halifax

## Five Thousand Dead Is Estimated Death Toll of The Halifax Explosion

(By United Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The passengers and crew of the Holland-American liner Nieuw Amsterdam are safe. This was the statement issued from the offices of the company late this afternoon.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The Holland-American line steamer Nieuw Amsterdam, with three hundred to four hundred Americans aboard, may have been in Halifax harbor at the time of the explosion yesterday.

The officials of the line here have expressed fear for the safety of the ship and passengers, as the Nieuw-Amsterdam was the first ship to leave here after the embargo had been raised.

The ship put into Halifax for an examination, and she has not been heard from since. She carried ten thousand tons of corn to Belgium for war relief, besides a large passenger list.

#### Snow and Freezing Weather Adds to Misery

(By United Press)

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 7.—A heavy snow storm and freezing cold weather have added to the sufferings of the wounded and shelterless in this blasted city today.

Fires that were believed to have been extinguished have broken out again.

There has been no reliable count of the dead. Two thousand is a low estimate by those working among the corpses who are now frozen stiff. The grotesque depicted the horrible attitude of the death and agony of the victims.

More bodies have been found in the debris. Snow is now rapidly cloaking the ghastly mounds of shattered wood and stone where the corpses can be seen under the rubbish.

A formal inquiry into the cause of the accident will be made. Witnesses believe that the steering gear of the Belgian ship broke. The drydock was wrecked, St. Joseph's church is in ruins and many large buildings were roofed.

The city was practically in darkness all last night. The schools will not be resumed for at least a month hence.

#### 5,000 Reported Dead

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Five thousand are now dead as a result of the disaster at Halifax, N. S., yesterday. This was the unconfirmed estimate of the naval commander and forwarded to the Navy Department. The explosion was seen and heard 52 miles at sea.

#### Steamers Mont Blanc and Ioma Collide

HALIFAX, Dec. 7.—The munitions ship which was in collision with the cargo boat, was the Mont Blanc, a French steamship of 2,250 tons net. The relief ship which collided with the Mont Blanc has been identified as the Ioma. Available shipping records do not mention any steam vessel known as the Ioma. Virtually all of the north end of the city was laid waste and the property damage will run far into the millions. A part of the town known as Dartmouth, across the harbor from Halifax, was also wrecked. Nearly all the buildings in the dockyard there are in ruins.

The Mont Blanc arrived at an Atlantic port on November 8. No details are available of her movements since that date. She was built in 1899 and was 320 feet long. The pilot of the Mont Blanc asserts that the collision was due to confusion of signal whistles. The crew of the steamship escaped.

(Continued on Page Eight)

#### PLEASE STOP THAT ADVERTISEMENT IN THIS DAILY NEWS

"Please stop that want advertisement in the Daily News, for I never was so tired in all of my life answering the telephone. Do not allow it to run another issue for I could have rented my house many times over."  
This is what happened to Mr. James Brown, who placed a small want ad in this paper three times announcing a six-room house for rent.  
Pointer: Suppose others try the advertising columns of this paper and watch results.

### UNDER ARMISTICE GERMANY IS NOW MOVING TROOPS

(By United Press)

PETROGRAD, Dec. 7.—Germany is permitted, under the Russo-German armistice plan to transfer all her troops that she desires from the Russian front for use against the allies.  
Nothing in the agreement carries the stipulations pledged by Trotsky.

### Ass't Secretary Treasury Named

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—President Wilson sent the following nominations to the Senate this afternoon: Howard W. Coffin of Michigan, chairman of the Aircraft Board; Richard Howe of New York, member of the Aircraft Board; Russell C. Leffingwell of New York, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; William M. Ingram of Portland, Me., surveyor of Customs for District No. 1.

### Several Injured in 80,000 Fire

(By United Press)

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7.—The Thos. Potter Sons Company oil-cloth works were destroyed by fire here today. The loss will aggregate at least eighty thousand dollars. Several firemen were injured due to a falling wall.  
Six hundred employees, most of them girls, were brought safely to the street. There were many sensational rescues.

### Would Purge the Country of Spies

(By United Press)

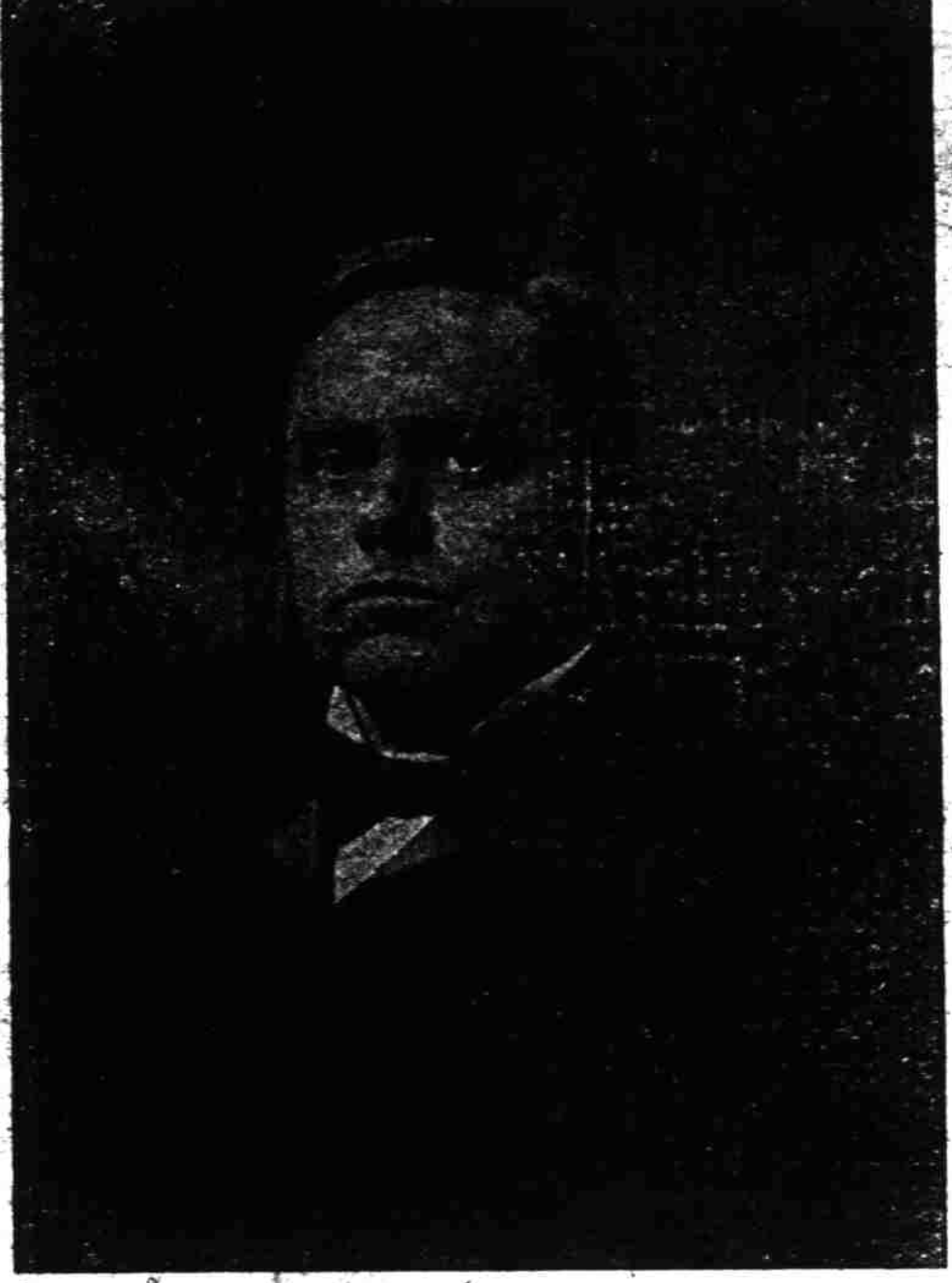
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—To purge the country of spies and traitors, Attorney General Gregory recommends laws to hobble the entrance and exit of all aliens. He asks that a law be passed that the violation of any alien enemy regulations be punished by a sentence to prison with hard labor.

### General Revision of Freight Rates

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—General revision of freight rates by the Southern carriers is proposed in an application filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission. Food stuffs, iron and steel products, petroleum and other commodities and other commodities are included. General increases are planned as well as a number decreased.

#### PRESIDING OFFICER



Bishop Warren A. Candler, D. D., LL. D., of Atlanta, Ga., who is holding the Eighty-First Session of the North Carolina Conference in Greenville this week at Jarvis Memorial M. E. Church.

### GOLDSBORO IS SELECTED FOR NEXT ANNUAL M. E. CONFERENCE

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM  
Bishop Warren A. Candler will be the speaker at Jarvis Memorial Church this evening. The topic for this evening will be "Christian Education." The services will begin promptly at 8 o'clock. There will be special music by the church choir and also the Conference Quartet.  
Bishop Candler is one of the Church's strongest men and should be heard this evening by a packed house.  
Revs. M. Bradshaw and J. M. Daniel and S. B. Underwood were appointed the Devotional Committee.  
Leave of absence was granted to Revs. F. M. Shamburger, C. J. Harrell and F. S. Love.  
Question 12 was called, "What local preachers are elected Deacons?" and J. R. Edwards, Martin Chambers, J.

The third day of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, in session here, was opened by singing the old hymn, "Come Ye that Love the Lord" which Bishop Candler himself raised. He then read the 17th chapter of Matthew. Rev. L. E. Thompson led the prayer. In the Bishop's remarks he spoke of the danger of being over anxious for our own rights. "If we always get what we think our rights are, we are apt to suffer upon the rights of others. The Master surrendered all His rights—even the right to live, and admonished the preachers to have higher ideals than their rights. The salvation of men is of more importance than the rights of any man."

By order of yesterday's session, ten o'clock was the hour for the selection of a place of meeting next year. At that time Rev. D. Wilcox gave the conference a very cordial invitation to meet in St. Paul's Church, Goldsboro. Rev. J. T. Stanford put Benson in nomination. Goldsboro was selected.  
The following resolution was passed: "In keeping with the action of the Western North Carolina Conference in providing for a summer school for young preachers, we, of the North Carolina Conference, would hereby endorse the general plan of such a school, and also appoint a board of managers to act in this joint enterprise with a like board from the Western North Carolina Conference."  
1. The Board of Education and the Board of Missions shall share equally one-half of the expenses of the school, the other half to be borne by the Western North Carolina Conference. The amount not to exceed \$400.  
2. Let the Board of Education name

two, the Board of Missions two, and the Presiding Elders two of their number, to constitute the Board of Managers.  
3. The board of managers jointly with the board from the Western North Carolina Conference, subject to the approval of the college authorities, shall have full power to organize and conduct this school at Trinity College.  
4. That it may be possible for every undergraduate to attend the two boards named in paragraph 1, shall provide a fund not to exceed \$400 to pay the travelling expenses of the undergraduates who shall be urged and expected to attend.  
Revs. J. M. Daniel, who has faithfully served Jarvis Memorial Church for the past four years.

CONFERENCE HOST  
E. Hurley, W. C. Alexander and B. C. Reavis were elected.  
The question, "What Travelling Preachers are Elected Elders?" was called. H. B. Porter, E. C. Durham, W. A. Cade, W. F. Traywick, Daniel, J. H. Miller, J. A. Morris, and M. McDonald were elected. (Continued on Page Eight)

### BY UNANIMOUS VOTE U. S. SENATE VOTES TO MAKE WAR ON AUSTRIA

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—By a unanimous vote—Senator LaFollette being absent—the United States Senate this afternoon, passed a resolution declaring war against Austria Hungary.

The resolution now goes to the House of Representatives, where a vote will, in all probability, be taken by night.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Senator Stone reported the Senate resolution declaring war on Austria-Hungary, which was approved on yesterday by the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate.

The Senator gave notice that upon the conclusion of the Senate's regular routine business, that he would move for its immediate consideration.

### GERMANY ANXIOUS TO FIND OUT WHAT BYNG HAS UP HIS SLEEVE

BY WILLIAM P. SIMMS, (United Press Staff Correspondent)

WITH THE BRITISH AFIELD, Dec. 7. — The British accept Germany's biggest offensive as one of supreme effort on their part to end the war shortly.

General Byng's retirement from Bourlon is now regarded as the first prime precautionary measure for the British to withstand the shock. It is believed that Germany is now preparing to throw every ounce of her strength into a supreme military attempt, with this end in view, before the arrival of the American troops.

Germany's airmen are now flying in flocks with all of their might in an effort to find out what is occurring behind the lines of General Byng.

### Rev. Dr. McMurray Charmed Hearers

Rev. W. F. McMurray, D. D., Secretary of the Church Extension Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, with headquarters at Louisville, Ky., delivered one of his witty, but eloquent addresses at the Jarvis Memorial M. E. Church last evening before the North Carolina Conference. Both the main auditorium of the church and the Sunday School annex were packed with attentive listeners, standing room being at a premium.  
Dr. McMurray has been secretary of the Church Extension Board for the past 12 years, and during his administration this department of the Church has had a wonderful growth, all of which was told last night. He stated that the Southern Church had over 17,000 church buildings and over 9,000 of them were erected through the instrumentality of his board.

All during his address, the distinguished speaker kept his large audience in the very best of humor due to his jokes and ready wit. The doctor in his travels over the Southern connection, carries in his pocket "Old Glory," and last night he exhibited it to the audience, thinking possibly there were no stars and stripes displayed in the auditorium. In this he was mistaken, however, for when he alluded to the fact that he was surprised that an up-to-date preacher like Rev. J. M. Daniel did not have on display the U. S. flag in the church, everyone present had to smile, for to the right and left of the doctor were to be seen the red, white and blue. Seeing that he made an error he replied to the information that the Jarvis Memorial Church was doubly charged, and that he had the misfortune to enter the building from the rear entrance.  
The speaker said that the meeting was a patriotic one, that if there was any organization on the face of the earth that should be patriotic it was the great Church of God. Then turning to the choir, he wished to know if they were familiar with the Star

### America Fears for Safety of Consul

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The State Department fears for the safety of the American Consul General Watts, at Halifax.

Consul Freeman at Sydney, N. S., left this morning to investigate the fate of the Americans in the vicinity of the explosion. The American Consulate at Halifax was within two and one-half blocks of the water front.

After all efforts to cable Halifax, Consul Freeman was then sent to investigate. Anxiety is heightened from the fact that Consul General Watts is always prompt in reporting such matters.

Spangled Banner, and if they were, he desired a verse or two. Both choir and audience sang the anthem with a spirit and fervor that made the very walls ring.  
The doctor spoke in detail as to the work being done in Southern Methodism by the Extension Board, stating that he brought good news as to what had been accomplished during the past year.  
Dr. McMurray's very presence attracted and charmed and added to the his mastery of language and his gift of wit, makes him a platform speaker to hold any audience.  
One of the features of the services last evening was the music rendered by the local choir and the Conference quartet.

**White's Theatre**  
TONIGHT  
"THE BATTLE OF HEARTS"  
featuring William Farnum.  
SATURDAY  
"Mystery of the Double Cross."  
featuring Mollie King, Matt & Sell; also 10 acts of variety.