

**THE WEATHER**  
Partly cloudy to night. Tuesday fair and slightly warmer

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## PEACE TERMS TO GO THROUGH NEUTRALS

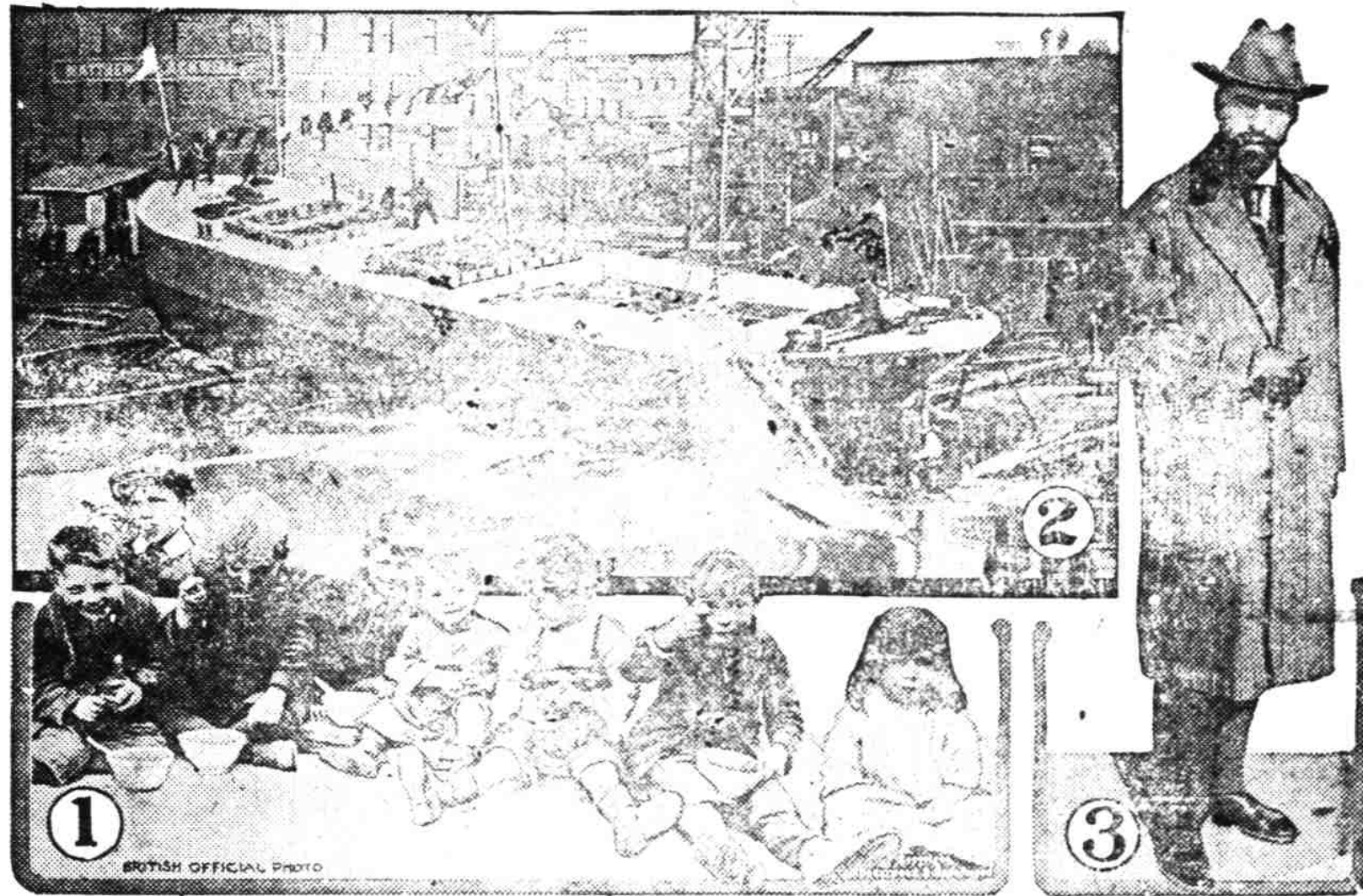
### Italy Now Checking Enemy Both By Land And Water

#### VENETIAN GULF NOW CONVERTED INTO A PERFECT ISOLATED SEA

(By United Press)  
WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN ITALY.—A waging war of Lagoons to save Venice is now checking the enemy by a perfect land and water defense, which will form one of the most interesting chapters in the history of the war. The Venetian Gulf has been converted into an isolated sea. Over this inland waterway the conflict is raging bitterly. The Italians have developed an immense fleet of floating batteries. The guns range from three-inch field pieces to fifteen-inch monsters, each camouflaged with a floating, glass-like surface. The lagoons fire a few shots, then change their positions, which makes it impossible for the enemy to locate them.

The auxiliary service of supplying this floating army was adapted to meet the lagoon warfare. The munition dumps on the boats constantly move about to prevent the enemy from spotting them. The gondolas and motor boats replace the automobile supply lorries and the motor boats replace the motor ambulances to carry off the dead and the wounded. Hydroplanes replace the ordinary fighting air craft.

The navy organization is concentrated and coordinated throughout along the whole lagoon front. Along the northern limit of the Venetian gulf, the Austrians are seeking to cross both the Sile and Piave rivers.



1—Group of English children who were made homeless by one of the German air raids over London. 2—Launching of the first concrete freighter built in Canada. 3—Augustus C. Post, the famous American aviator who has just arrived from abroad, where he organized a foreign service committee for the Aero club of America.

#### GERMANY WILL TRANSMIT PEACE TERMS THRU NEUTRAL POWERS

(By United Press)  
AMSTERDAM, Dec. 17.—Germany will shortly transmit her peace terms to the Allies through the neutral countries under a pledge of secrecy, according to word just received from Germany. The reports declare that her proffers would assert Germany's "political disinterestedness" as to Belgium, but that she would not mention Alsace-Lorraine or whether they would cover German colonies or their future disarmament and indemnities for damages in Belgium and Northern France is not known here.

#### PROHIBITION AMENDMENT DEBATE STARTED TODAY IN THE HOUSE

(By United Press)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The debate on the Prohibition amendment began in the House of Representatives shortly after eleven o'clock today. The final vote is scheduled for five o'clock this afternoon. The result is confidentially awaited by the Anti-Saloon forces. It is regarded by both sides as the preliminary to a bigger fight in the forty-eight state legislatures. The approval of thirty six states are necessary to make the nation dry. Bitterness over the organized labor opposition developed today in the opening speech for the drys by Representative Webb, who is chairman of the House Judiciary Committee and also co-author of the resolution.

#### Board Governors Elected Yesterday

At the annual meeting of the Associated Charities held at the Methodist Church Sunday afternoon, the following Board of Governors were elected for the ensuing year: H. E. Austin, S. J. Everett, D. J. Wichard, N. O. Warren, J. J. Walker, J. E. Ayscue, W. H. Moore, G. F. Hill, S. K. Phillips, Walter Patten, Mrs. Mark Quincey, Mrs. J. L. Fleming, Mrs. R. Fleming, Mrs. C. J. Forbes, Mrs. Harry Skinner. There will be a meeting of the board of governors in the office of Mr. S. B. Underwood, in the Courthouse tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of perfecting an organization and every member is urged to attend.

#### DELIGHTFUL OCCASION PULLED OFF AT THE TRAINING SCHOOL, GOVERNOR ADDRESSES CLUBS

Governor T. W. Bickett paid his first visit to Greenville last Saturday for his inauguration and that he received a warm welcome from the people of this county is needless to state. His visit here was for the purpose of addressing the boys' and girls' corn clubs of the county and it proved to be a most enjoyable and profitable occasion. There were ten members of the boys' organization and two of the girls' present. The meeting was pulled off at the East Carolina Teachers Training School and it was a conspicuous success all the way through, indeed it exceeded the expectations of the most sanguine.

#### Gov. Thos. Bickett Charms Hearers

That was a great meeting held at Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church yesterday afternoon at which time the citizenship of Greenville had the pleasure of hearing one of North Carolina's distinguished sons, Governor Thomas Walter Bickett. His Excellency was at his very best and in making this statement, it means a great deal to any audience, for as a speaker and thinker no man within the bounds of the State is his superior. The auditorium of the church was packed to its utmost to hear the governor speak to the Red Cross Society and the Associated Charities.

The prizes were Mr. J. E. Browne of Raleigh, representing the State Agricultural Department, B. Troy Ferguson, county agent and Mr. Freeman of Wilcox county. The judges had the pleasure of examining and judging nine pounds of corn. The prizes were determined by the element of quantity per acre, cost per acre and the completeness of report at the various stages of its growth and also the perfection of the product.

After carefully going over the different exhibits the prizes awarded the 4 prizes to the following young farmers: First prize, Hubert Mumford, \$10; second prize, Alfred Simmons, \$7.50; third prize, Royce Sandford, \$5.00, and fourth prize, Jasper Perkins, \$2.50. The prizes were graciously presented by President R. H. Wright of the East Carolina Teachers Training School. After the corn judging was concluded all were invited to the dining room of the Training School where a most delightful and interesting meal greeted the eyes of all and it is needless to state that full justice was done and the luncheon made to feel too full to eat more. Mr. B. Troy Ferguson, the Pitt County Farm Demonstrator, did the honors as toastmaster. In his role he was par excellence. The first speaker was Mr. S. B. Underwood, superintendent of the Pitt County Public Schools. He spoke of the corn clubs work in connection with the schools, the use of a practical education and the effect of the corn clubs on the products and how they would help the very life of the people. His address, as always, was chock full of good common sense. The next speaker was President R.

#### B. T. Ferguson Resigns Office

B. Troy Ferguson, who has been the Farm Demonstration Agent for Pitt County during the past year or more has tendered his resignation and will accept a similar position in Wilson county. Mr. Ferguson expects to assume his new position January 1. He left today for Wilson to make the arrangements for his change.

#### Naval Probe to Open Wednesday

(By United Press)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The House naval probe opens Wednesday with Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels and Admiral McGowan as the first witnesses.

The following letter has been received by the Daily News to be forwarded to reindeer land:  
Greenville, N. C., Dec. 17.  
Dear Old Santa Claus:  
I am a good boy, and please bring me a sailor suit. I am 4 years old, and get a cap with the suit. I want it blue navy blue. Please bring me a pistol that shoots caps. My pistol is not much good. It won't shoot much. Please bring me a little box of Lubin's cough drops. I would like a horn too, a cow-boy suit, bring candy, nuts, oranges, apples, tangerines and grapes.  
Your friend of mine,  
Edward Stuart Flanagan

#### BOLSHEVIKI MEET DEFEAT

PETROGRAD, Dec. 17.—The Bolsheviki regiments were defeated by the Ukrainian troops last Saturday at Odessa, according to word just received here.

#### ROBBERY BRITISH WAR MISSION OFFICE WORK OF A GERMAN SPY

(By United Press)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—That a German spy entered and robbed the British War Mission offices located in the Munsey building is the theory which is now under official investigation.

The principal article missing is the key to the Mission's private United States postoffice box. The robbery occurred on a night recently despite that British and Canadian soldiers were guarding the entrance. The detectives believe that it was an inside job. A thorough scrutiny of every employe in the place has been instituted. Watchmen accompany even the colored scrub-women and janitors on their nightly duties thru the offices, which are under heavy locks and bars. This mission office is the most important allied military and naval information bureau existing outside of England. American military secrets are constantly figuring in vital negotiations between this country and Great Britain. These have been carefully locked up in the mission's archives. Entry to the records would be a paradise to the German spies. The British officials deny that anything of value has been taken.

#### Social Leader Will Not Talk

(By United Press)  
STOCKHOLM, Dec. 17.—Philip Schneidmann, leader of the German majority of the Socialists is here conferring with the Bolsheviki minister, Orlovsky, as to peace between Germany and Russia. Schneidmann stated that "he was sorry, but could not discuss the nature of his conference with M. Orlovsky." Orlovsky is equally as reticent over the source as for his conference. It is reported that Schneidmann is clothed with full power by the German government.

#### First Suggested by Bolsheviki

(By United Press)  
BREST, Dec. 17.—The Litovsk conference of ministers representing the armies of Germany and Russia will presumably continue irrespective of the negotiations at Stockholm. It is reported that the Bolsheviki first suggested the conference with Schneidmann at the Swedish city believing that they could line up with Schneidmann's majority socialists against German imperialism. If you see her standing pensively and absent-mindedly beneath the mistletoe—just take a second thought.

#### A Proclamation by the Mayor:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
Town of Greenville  
Mayor's Office

**RED CROSS WEEK**

The American Red Cross is founded and is being operated for the purpose of relieving distress imposed by disaster wherever it may be found and to make happier, better, and more efficient, both individual and community life.

The organization is calling for ten million new members in order that it may have greater strength to meet its greater responsibilities. The Red Cross is in every battle to heal the wounded and to sustain the fallen; whenever a soldier falls the Red Cross is ready to save him.

If the people of Greenville are unable to fight they can at least sustain the fighters by giving of those blessings with which they have been so graciously endowed, and there is no cause to which their contributions should be larger, and none which will do more good than those made to the Red Cross.

Three hundred and fifty new members is Greenville's allotment. We will not do our duty unless that new membership is increased to a thousand. Failure to do your "bit" in this good cause would bring cheer to the "Hun" and shame to our fighting forces.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albion Dunn, Mayor of the Town of Greenville, in accord with the proclamation of the President of the United States, and of the Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby set apart and proclaim the week of December 17 to 25, 1917 as Red Cross week, and urge the people of Greenville to become members of the American Red Cross.

No offering that you may make and no gift that you may contribute will bear more fruit and be of more benefit than your contribution to this cause. Your contribution will be the fittest expression of the sentiment of the season. Let your good wishes and joyful tidings to the world at this time mean something.

Let all the people everywhere know and understand that the people of Greenville have an abiding faith in the Government, and a full appreciation of the responsibilities that are ours.

Done in the Town of Greenville on this the 17th day of December, 1917, as witness the hand of the Mayor and official seal of said town.

(SEAL)  
ALBION DUNN,  
Mayor of the Town of Greenville.

#### White's Theatre

TUESDAY  
"Crime and Punishment—"  
featuring Derwent Hall Caine.