By the Associated Press.

Paris, Jan. 10 .- After nearly month of waiting and preparation. conversations which will lay the foundation of the actual peace conference are about to start. American delegates feel that a great deal of fore now if the delegates of the other nations had been chosen promptly.

Suggestions have been made that the French and American delegates go ahead while awaiting the arrival or the British plenipotentiaries, who holding that since there had been

to be threshed out in preliminary surrender" of the owners of harbor the United States, France and Great pay and shorter hours. Britain, there is some hope of making good progress.

The Belgians | will ar) ve next week, but of course they are in the status of minor belligerents.

The first few conferences between the Americans, French and British probably will develop just how much progress may be expected before President Wilson goes home next By the Associated Press. month. It is settled that when he goes of the situation.

TWO HUNDRED ARE

By the Associated Press.

alties in the rioting. Disorders were reported today ground. from virtually every part of the city. This home, which resisted the paint to bur him from congress as but the most serious fighting was sparks and burning embers with disloyal already has been filed by at the Vasena iron works, where with Certain-teed Asphalt Shingles, ger defeated in the November elect- lets describing the building of pit troops and strikers clashed.

COL. ROOSEVELT'S WILL

document provides that the entire ing brands throughout a whole estate, with the exception of the neighborhood. family silver and plate, shall be held. For this reason prepared roofing in trust for the widow during her life and shingles are everywhere being and gives her power to dispose of it adopted in place of other types of

The will named as trustees Lieut.

POLICE STATION IS STILL HELD BY REDS

By the Associated Press. It was given out from official sourc- cepted modern material for roofing es here this afternoon that govern- purposes. ment forces had captured police headquarters from the Spartacans. It was learned this evening thata posion of the reds.

losing hope. They failed to sum- cessions, the government gave warn- o'clock. mon a mass meeting of their fol- ing that its troops have orders to fire DO YOU REALIZE THAT YOU tered liquidation, however. March

> to shoot to kill. The streets of Berlin today were without even the usual small groups

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By the Associated Press. New York, Jan. 10.- The strike rommittee of the marine workers affiliation unanimously voted to reject the proposal of A. H. Smith, eastern regional director of railroads for a 48-hour resumption of harbor progress might have been made bel activities pending conferences be tween government boatowners and boatmen's representatives of the

By the Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 10 .- Just as word was received here of expected are expected Saturday. President tion by President Wilson by means Wilson, however, vetoed that plan, of a transatiantic cable message to attempt a settlement of the strike such a long wait, it would be best which has tied up all harbor traffic, officers of the marine harbor affilinot to begin until the British arrive. ations went into conference declar-As many of the principal questions ing that nothing but "unconditional conferences concern most intimately tugs would break the strike for more

DEMONSTRATION IN

London Jan. 10 .- A demonstration to America, one of his first acts will of the unemployed in Munich Thursbe to address congress on the status day was take nin charge by the ulparty off. He was later found dead
Pupils ten or eleven years old are
Austrian passenger tonnage and is
the fifth and sixth grades. This tra-rad cals in favor of the Berlit in the woods, with a bullet hole in in the fifth and sixth grades. This willing that the other three bid for Spar acans, who led them in an attack his head. There was no clue until school, as well as other rural German shipping. on the foreign office. The effort was the confession of Hefner. Heffner schools in county is sadly in need repulsed. Two persons were killed him and pointed it at him. He Cooper, state director medical school and six wounded.

> HIS HOME SAVED BY PREPARED ROOFING

There was just one oasis of safety in the Moose Lake and Cloquet, Minn., although sixteen homes in the imme-

The owner, Mr. Louis Larson, says ions by 3,000 votes. that he owes the preservation of his home to the Asphalt Shingles, becausa IS READ TO HIS FAMILY of the fact that practically 75 per cent of the Moose Lake houses were Oyster Bay, Jan. 9.-Col. Theodore burned after the fire had started on Roosevelt's will, made in 1912, was the roof. He is naturally rather read to members of the family at proud of his choice of a roof and is

Although the value of the former daily, which show that old-fashioned president's estate was not made wood shingles are not only non-reknown, it was understood to amount sistant in cases of general conflato not more than \$500,000. Accord- gration, but are a positive source of ing to Attorney George C. Cobbe of danger, as, in addition to taking fire New York, who read the will, the quickly, they rapidly spread burn-

pact in bulk and very durable.

ience, the government would have president of the association. been seriously handicapped in the It is hoped that every stockholder water should be supplied regularly

wonderful building record made. material and are very desirable ter. from the artistic point of view. In Berlin, Ahursday Jan. 9 .- 7 P. M. any form prepared roofing is the ac-

with relatives.

Berlin Reds Still Fighting

By the Associated Press. M.—The Spartacans apparently are In issuing its orders against pro- Walsh on Friday January 24, at 3 lowers today.

GOVERNMENT IN CONTROL

By the Associated Press.

complete control of that part of the porting the government enthusiasticity between Friederickstrasse and cally.

Brandenburg gate. It has issued an Berlin, Thursday, Jan. 9 .- 10:30 P. order prohibiting all processions.

without waiting to be fired upon and

of disputants. The correspondent is on. Please meet the sheriff at Berlin, Thursday, Jan. 9.—(5:30 P. is informed that the Berlin regiment the city manager's office in Hickory For North Carolina: Fair tonight Berlin, Thursday, Jan. 9.—(5:30 P. is informed that the Berlin togs on Saturday from 9 until 4 and pay and Saturday not quite so cold. Tem-him before the February penalty is

By the Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 10 .- A temporary naval force of 225,000 enlisted men for the year beginning next ning the work of framing the naval January 10 as a special order, appropriation bill.

This force is 25,000 less than was recommended by Secretary Daniels.

by the Associated Press. Paris, Jan. 10.—Havas Agency). -Eichorn the Spartacan police chief in Berlin, is reported to have fied from that city, according to a

Zurich dispatch to the Matin.

EARL HEFFNER CONFESSES

Charlotte, Jan. 10.-Earl Heffner, ion fitted with single desks, to having killed Mason Grier a promindividual drinking cups are used by German passenger tonnage. inent citizen of Steel Creek township, everyone. Each pupil is washing his plan will be laid before the German Mount Joy prison, where a number of Grier heard shooting in the woods tilated room. Most excellent school Monday. France is not included in on h's place and went to order the work is being done in this school. the plan as she got the bu'k of the left ear, killing him instant'y. Hef- first puts into effect all the require-

VICTOR BERGER WILL TRY

TO BE SEATED IN CONGRESS These plans are in my office. Buenos Aires, Thursday, Jan. 9,- dietrict when those towns were com- er of Milvankee, one of the five So-Reports early tonight show that pletely wiped out by fire recently- cialist leaders found guilty of conthere have been more than 200 casu- one house that is standing today, spiracy under the espionage act to construction. diate vicinity were burned to the gram, plans to fight to obtain a sea in the national assembly. Comwhich the air was filled, was roofed J. P. Cyrney Democrat, whom Ber-

NEW MACHINE OPERATOR

by will as she sees fit. In the event roof. Prepared roofings have long The stockholders of the Mutua. she leaves no will, the estate is to been known to offer effective resist- Building and Loan Association met drinking water within a few mices be divided in equal parts among the ance to fire smothering fires which last night in the new quarters on below. Nearly every school children.

The silver and fam'ly p'ate, Mr.

Cobbe said, are to be d'vided among

Tey are also the most economical Cobbe said, are to be d'vided among the most economical for roofing. the children, as is a \$60,000 trust and convenient material for roofing, forecast of the coming year's busi-satisfactory. First, because it wi fund left to Co'onel Roosevelt by his being easy to lay, low in cost, com- ness and adjourned to meet again on not need any attention after it Thursday, January 23, to complete properly and substantially built for The government recognized these the business. Owing to the extra several years; and second, it is much Col. Theorere Roosevelt, Jr., and W. facts by choosing vast quantities of duties imposed on the secretary by preferable to the ordinary cement Emilin Roosevelt, a cousin of the colonel.

All the big tending to the writing of the new
construction program.

All the big tending to the writing of the new
device a great many commercia cantonments were roofed with it. Ac- series, he had not found time to make houses are selling to schools consist cording to some authorities had it not out a complete report, or to secure been for the availability of this type the necessary number of proxies to es, tanks, etc., require in the first of roof and its economy and conven- assure a quorum. J. W. Shuford is place a large amount of water t

will be present for the adjourned every week and demands continual The red or green surfaced shingles meeting. The first series will ma and regular attention to give satis have also been found to blend per- ture in February and from then on faction. Another thing, in extremely feetly with every type of building stock will mature with every quar- cold winters, like last winter, freezing

With Mrs. McComb

Mr. Robert Reud left yesterday, Mrs. D. M. McComb on Thursday af- ty and not in thickly settled villages lice headquarters still was in posses- after spending the holidays here ternoon. Every member was pres- and towns; and by all means have it

Alice Pruitt were welcome visitors. Lieut. Jacob Doll, still in France. The club has a number of scrap books ready to send to the hospital year, and with best wishes, I am. for convalescent soldiers, and the ingn members of the c'ub will continue this work for some time to come.

The New Era club about a year ago reso ved to put the refreshments on a war time bas's, but the hostess Mrs. McComb, took advantage of Mr. Hoover's absence in Europe and serv By the Associated Press.
ed delicious hot rolls, chicken patties, New York, Jan. 10.—The cotton

INTEREST ON YOUR TAXES?

The 12 per cent interest on taxes

By the Associated Press.

that most of the schools in the county have organized a school health club and the school health officers are sending in monthly reports.

I visited before the holidays TO KILLING MASON GRIER school of about sixty pupils. All pu- GREAT BRITAIN, AMERICA AND pils are members of the Health Club, school rooms are in excellent conditwhite aged 17, of Pineville township, blackboards, floors oiled, windows and confessed late yesterday afternoon wal's in good condition, coolers and January 2. He claims self defense, teeth daily and sleeping in a well venthen drew a pistol and fired. The inspection, offers a \$5 cash prize to bullet entered Grier's head behind the the country school health club which ments of our health club. Here is a letter from Dr. Cooper in regard people of Lenoir as to whether the to the building of san'tary toilets.

Chicago, Jan. 19 .- Victor L. Berg- Shipp, our county health officer, has approved these plans and will be glad to give assistance in location and

Read "Our Health Talk," in Progressive Farmer, Dec. 28, page 7. MARY ROWE, Supervisor Rural Schools. Dr. Cooper's Letter

I am enclosing several of the leafcommittee of each school to place one ed from the district on January 12." AT PASTIME of these designs in the hands of a carpenter, he will readily under-Manager J. F. Miller, desiring to stand how to build the whole outfit. give his patrons the best service possible, has employed Mr. C. C. Mize. the rural schools of Catawba county; morrow will be Wm. S. Hart in "The you all about it when I come home. The program at the Pastime to-special control of the rural schools of Catawba county; morrow will be Wm. S. Hart in "The you all about it when I come home."

Whitener, milk; Mrs. Roy Abernetny, milk; Mrs. Geneva Lock, doughnors will be Wm. S. Hart in "The you all about it when I come home." Sagamore hill and probably will be filed with the surrogate of Nassau filed with the s counties, where properly constructed; and by proper construction, the chief things to consider is walling up the walls of the pit with boards sufficiently to prevent caving, and the proper installation of a ventilation pipe. Ordinarily terra cotta or zinc. or tin or wood is suitable for that Another thing to consider is the surface of the well or spring or where

the water drains directly into branch which is like y to be used for

keep them properly functioning. This water interferes with the proper functioning of the tank.

I think that the teachers and pupils and patrons would be satisfied The New Era Cub held its first with the pit type, this, of course, to The Devil, writing on asbestos foil, meeting since the flu epidemic with apply only to the schools in the coun-

We certainly appreciatae your in-A most interesting feature of the terest, and I want to ask you not to riceting was the reading by Mrs. hesitate in calling upon us for any Doll of several letters from her son, other assistance or advice on any of these questions.

Wishing you a most successful vbgkemrf demfw emfp

coffee (with sugar in it) and pickles. market had a steady opening today The next regular meeting will be with first prices higher and active held at the res'dence of Mrs. T. R. months higher on Liverpool and bullish spot advices brought in yesterday. The market soon weakened on scatpoints net lower on the old crop posi- The Devil wrote and vanished. The tions.

WEATHER FORECAST

added. Hickory township books perature near freezing tonight, modwil be there for you. 1 9 2t erate variable winds.

By the Associated Press. Raleigh, Jan. 10.- The senate of London, Jan. 10 .- (Repter dis- London, Thursday, Jan. 9 .- Fro the North Carolina general assembly patch to Canadian Press.) Messages ceedings against the former Gertoday passed by a viva voce vote from Paris indicate that Premier man emperor are advised in a report the amendment to the constitution of Clemenceau and Lloyd George have submitted by the sub-committee of democrats not to lose further politi-July was decided on today by the the United States. The house wil scored a great success on the free- the commission charged with inquirhouse maya; sub committee in begin- consider prohibition amendment on dom of the sens issue and that this ing into violations of the laws of to woman suffrage as inevitable

England and France.

By the Associated Press. Richmond Va., Jan. 10.—Coroner tain Fryatt. Bright planned today to examine We are very much pleased to know the stomach of the young woman found dead in the James river several days ago to see if he could find. traces of poison.

ITALY TO GET HUN TONNAGE

London, Jan. 10.—The United By the Associated Press. States Great Britain and Italy have agreed on a plan for taking over and allied armistice commission next Sinn Feiners have been imprisoned

GRADED SCHOOL ELECTION

Lenoir Topic.

In view of the fact that there a difference of opinion among the

privies. If you will have the teach-er get the chairman of the school ed from the district on January 12"

un on expert motion picture ma- in fact, I think it will give more Silent Man," an Arteraft picture. Hope to sail soon.

former pastor will accompany the team, and it is hoped that a large if you don't hear often for it is so C. E. Society, coffee, cake, milk, jam, Hickory people will be glad to see hope to see you all real soon. Mr. Courtney and her him and his They will occupy the pulpit at the 11

ABOU BEN BAD MAN

With apologies to Abou Ben Adhem!) A War-Profiteer (may his tribe decrease!) Awoke one night from a nightmare

And saw within the moonlight of his room. Making it rich and like a fire in bloom,

of peace,

The names of those paid for unrighteous toil Exceeding wealth had made Ben Bac Man bold

And wishing to know what the book did hold. The Profiteer quick to the Devil said: What writest thou?" Old Satan rais-

And politicians with the dollars lure, Then to keep the public from geting wise, They poison the people with bluffing

Forgers, robbers, thugs who murder

Who rob the grave and burn the orphan fold." 'And is mine one?" asked Abou. "Nay not so." Replied the Devil. But Bad Man spake more low, And said, "Oh, thou from storm-swept

ernment." next night from Hell He came again, and with a great awakening smell,

White me as one who cheats his gov-

Hades sent,

Paul News.

And showed the names whom hate of God had curst-And lo, the Profiteer's name was the very first! -Carl Andreas Hansen, in the St

By the Associated Press.

question will not even be considered war appointed two months ago. The and advocating government ownparent body has done a great deal ership of all monopolies W. J. Bryan The Spanish-Morocean question a of work through its sub-committees, of Florida, Asheville and Nebraska so has been settled to the satisfaction to which was assigned some partial addressed the North Carolina general cular phases of violations charged assembly today. against enemy countries. Plans for a tribunal which will try cases in litical argument for suffrage at the which violations of the laws of war are alleged to have been provided. has been the treatment of prisoners, Carolina the home of Webb-iater their employment behind the firing he admitted Joe Daniels to the hall of line, misuse of the Red Cross flag, fame-should not allow any more the execution of Miss Cavell and Cap- states to endorse national drought

Dub in Ireland Jan. 19 .- Serious disturbances have taken place at as ordinary prisoners while claiming be operated similarly, but the counbroken glasses in the prison.

raded school should be reopened Pvt. Elvin L. Bumgarner of the 323 national treaty to prevet wars. during the influenza epidemic, the infantry, 81st division, two written to board of health, in session here Mon- his mother, Mrs. R. M. Bumgarner, day, decided to order an election to and four to his wife, who resides with decide the matter. Following is her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ru-the resolution passed by the board: deli of Cherryville. The letters re-"That an election be held up stairs ceived within the past week were the in the court house on Wednesday, first since the armistice was signed.

January 8 from 1 p. m. to 8 p. m. The following is some of his writing: at which election the head member of The war is over and we are homeevery family, whether male or female, ward bound. I was in the last batwhite or colored, residing inside the tles. We were making a big drive Lenoir graded school district, cast a and were advancing when all at once canteen for week ending January 9: vote to determine whether or not the the guns ceased. We knew that peace was here and it brought much dy; Mrs. C. H. Geitner, pop-corn PASAIME SATURDAY on the Verdun front when the fight- man, cake and jam; Mrs. Harry

ay that a centennary team would be you all but could not get it through.

The last letters received from the ture; Miss Geitner fruit cake, cream ellow workers present the cause. young man before the war ended was one to his wife written November 8, bread sandwiches; Mrs. Geo. Watson, and one to his mother, November 7, doughnuts; Mrs. Geo. Ivey, doughthis date being the birthday of his mother and he remembered her cake: Mrs. H. C. Menzies butter and her cake: Miss Lucile Beach, fudge andw wery effectionately, extending to her leake; Miss Lucile Beach, fudge andw leake; Mrs. J. W. Shuford, cookies; his bessings and best wishes. The Mrs. E. W. Lentz , cookies. following is a part of the letter:
I thank God that I am enjoying good health and that my life has been

spared, for so many have lost their ives. He then stated that he had been on the go awhile but believed the war would soon end. Hoped it would for he was anxious to come back to God's country. Express to the Red Cross that I and all the rest of the Sammies over here sure By the Associated Press. do appreciate what they have done for Berlin Jan. 9. (Noon) .- It is esus and are still doing, words can not timataed that more than 200 persons express what the Y. M. C. A. and the Red Cross mean. Our prayers Monday at a noon. are for them.

(BY W. T. BOST)

Raleigh, Jan. 10.-Pleading , for immediate ratification of the prohibition amendment, urging his fellow

The peerless one made only a poclose of his address. He first took up prohibition and refused to discuss One of the most difficult problems this from any angle save that North before taking her own place on the

honor roll. Then launching into the subject of government ownership, he insisted that the telegraph lines should be given over to the postoffice department that the railroads should be taken over and operated by the gov-

Under the Bryan plan, which he says is the first offered for strengthening the states, the nation would operate trunk railway lines and the states within their own borders. The telephone and telegraph lines would

Further operations included the extensio nof the federal trade com-PRIVATE ELVIN BUMGARNER IN mission to control food prices, a state LAST DAY'S FIGHTING owned merchant marine, guarantee of bank deposits, initiative and referen-Letters have been received from dum to silence discontent and inter-

Contributions to the Red Cross Mrs. C. M. Coffee, sea foam canjoy to all of us. For if the war balls, cookies and jam; Mrs. W. R. had laster a few hours longer . Bradshaw, doughnuts and cookies; would have been a goner. We were Mrs. Edgar Lytle, cookies; Mrs. Furng stopped. I saw lots of Germans Whitener, milk; Mrs. Roy Abernethy, Here is part of another letter that G. H. Geitner and Miss May Fisher, Private Bumgarner has written to his doughnuts; Mrs. P. E. Fisher, flour Guess you all wonder why I waited Miller, oranges and cookies; Mrs. so long to write after the war was H. H. Miller, jelly; Mrs. W. L. Boatover. Well, we started on a hike right, cookies and jelly: Louis Whiteand hiked 250 kilometers (1 kilomener, coffee; Mrs. W. L. Mitchell, soup; ter is 5-8 of a mile or 1,093,633 Mrs. J. A. Martin. \$1; Mr. John yards). I wrote several times and Ballew, \$1; Domestic Science class the letters came back to me because high school, 12 jars jellies and prethey were not censored. I sure was serves Mrs. R. F. Wagner, \$1; Miss servey for I knew you all would be Beulah Huffman, cake and jam; Mrs. anxious to hear from me. I have tried Donald Applegate, jam; Mrs. J. C. Rev. W. O. Goode was advised to- several times to get a cablegram to Moser, jelly, Mrs. A. S. Townsend, bere Sanday to held services in the bere Sanday to held services in the We are stationed in a little town in southern France. Don't know when set of missions. Rev. R. M. Courtney, former pastor will accompany the former pastor will accompany the as often as I can, but do not worry as often as I can, but do not worry the southern Fred Jones, cake; Mrs. Coleman, \$2; con, regation will be out to hear them. hard to get paper and ink. But bread, eggs, cookies, pickles and

have been killed in the fighting since

Profiteer quick to the Devil said: at writest thou?" Old Satan raised his head, spake, "The names of those who spake, "The names of those who had the poor" In Argentina

By the Associated Press. Buenos Aires, Jan. 19 .- A general Argentine republic.

By the Associated Press.

day afternoon of five persons killed in bances. which runs near the cemetery.

They later burned a Catholic church and a girl's school adjoining strike was declared throughout the throwing images and pianos into the streets and leaving the 400 girls without dormitories.

The mob then halted and burned a Buenos 9ires, Jan. 10 .- Serious dis- fire department automobile carrying orders followed the funeral yester- firemen to the scene of the distur-

Tuesday's disturbances. After the The district police station at the burial of the victims, a crowd of 1,000 Vasena iron foundry was captured or more strikers, which accompanied by armed strikers, but it was assertthe bodies, burned a passenger train ed at police headquarters at midnight (Continued on page 4)