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## NEWS OF THE WORLD

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST AT HOME AND ABROAD

GATHERED FROM ALL SOURCES

Brief Chronicle of the Day's Events in All the Nations of the Earth to Keep Readers Abreast of the Times.

Washington, Jan. 15.—President Wilson as head of the American Red Cross late today issued an appeal to the American people for funds to assist the people of Japan, who are suffering not only from the earthquake but from failure of crops.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Bankers from Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Southern West Virginia united today in requesting the organization committee of the Federal Reserve Bankers to locate a reserve bank in Richmond, Virginia.

Leghorn, Italy, Jan. 15.—Six violent earth shocks caused a panic among inhabitants here today. People rushed in terror into the streets and gathered in groups on squares and other open places. The shocks lasted five hours. No casualties were reported.

New York, Jan. 15.—The directors of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad today ratified the agreement recently entered into by Attorney General McReynolds and Chairman Howard Elliott, for the dissolution of the New Haven system by divorce of the Boston and Maine and Boston and Albany Railroads, all its trolley lines and some steamship lines.

New York, Jan. 15.—With her bridge torn away by a giant sea and her decks deep in ice, the White Star Liner Oceanic came in today from Southampton, 26 hours late. She brought 362 passengers. It was on Tuesday during a gale of sleet, hail and snow that the big sea came aboard. It tore its way along the forward deck and mounted to and over the bridge. For two hours the rudder could not be operated from the bridge.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 15.—Prosperity in the South, as it is spelled by bumper cotton crops, grain crops, cattle production and general business conditions that as a whole excel any other section of the country, was celebrated here tonight at a banquet given by the Business Men's Club of this city. More than 400 guests, including many prominent men, were in attendance. Officials of railroads in this territory predominated among the out-of-town guests.

New York, Jan. 15.—The murder of Ivan Martyszew, whose body, crammed in a trunk, was left in the street by two push-cart men December 29, was described today by Stefania Kiviakowska, a young Polish woman, one of the six persons under arrest in connection with the crime. She said that two men now in prison killed Martyszew with a drink of poisoned beer. The murderers, she said, lured their victim to a house where she was an inmate with a promise of work. They suggested that he celebrate his good fortune by buying a drink, and when he consented set before him a glass that had been drugged. The motive was robbery, she said, but all the murderers obtained was \$2.

Wake Forest, Jan. 14.—The senior class has decided to wear caps and gowns at all public functions this spring. They will first appear in a body wearing the caps and gowns on the anniversary celebration, which comes off February 20.

Chief Marshals Middleton and Neal are negotiating with the Norfolk marine band to furnish the music for this occasion.

## LANGFORD WAS NOT A SUICIDE

Vice-President of Southern Accidentally Killed—Friends Declare Death Was Caused by Accidentally Turning on Gas Jet.

New York, Jan. 15.—Richard D. Langford, a vice president and secretary of the Southern Railway, was found dead from gas asphyxiation in his bachelor apartments in Brooklyn today. The police and the coroner decided he had committed suicide, but later developments cast doubt on this theory.

Failure to establish a motive for suicide is mainly responsible for the emphatic assertion of his friends and Miss Nellie Patterson, a Brooklyn society girl, whom he was to have married Saturday, that his death was accidental. Mr. Langford was 46 years old. The body was found in the bath room. A physician said life had been extinct for several hours. Pillow under the head, an other pillow on the sill of the bath room window and towel hanging over the door-knob are said to have suggested suicide. Gas was streaming from a jet and in the same bracket an electric lamp was burning. This has caused Mr. Langford's friends to believe the gas jet had been opened accidentally by him while switching on the electric light. They also held that Mr. Langford placed the pillow on the window sill for the cold, and that the towel was hung on the door knob as a matter of course. No note or anything was found to indicate unmistakably a suicidal purpose.

## INDUSTRIAL WAR NEARING END

White Flag Is Hoisted—Labor Men in Hall Send Message to General Botha; They Must Surrender.

Johannesburg, Jan. 15.—Although the struggle between employers and trades unionists in South Africa continued doggedly today there were indications that the strikers were losing ground.

Secretary Bain of the Trades Federation who, with 300 followers, is besieged by police in a trades hall, sent an emissary this morning to Gen. Louis Botha, prime minister of the Union of South Africa. The government regarded this as an offer to surrender and replied merely that the control officer of the region, under the provisions of martial law, had orders to arrest everyone in the hall and to use the most drastic measures necessary if, after warning had been given them, the occupants did not surrender without violence.

The situation in the Rand is reported satisfactory to the government. Although laborers of all trades in the Transvaal and Orange Free State have joined strike, workmen of Cape Colony and Natal still are at their occupations. There is evidently some lack of sympathy with the revolutionary platform of the syndicalist strikers, who correspond to the industrialists (industrial workers of the world) of the United States.

Bain and Husband surrendered unconditionally to the police today after a seven-pound field gun had been trained in the trades hall and the occupants had been given 15 minutes to capitulate. Bain and ten leaders were lodged in jail.

## Work Better Than Social Whirl.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Mrs. Richard Coke Burleson, suffragist leader and wife of Lieutenant Burleson of the third field artillery, who renounced a social leadership last fall to become a student at George Washington University to make herself of greater use to the cause of woman suffrage, declares she is much happier at study than in the whirl of capital society.

"I feel that I am doing some work worth while," said Mrs. Burleson today. "Probably later I can return to society and play."

## IN OLD NORTH STATE

NEWS FROM MURPHY TO MARTEO AND BETWEEN

TAR HEEL HAPPENINGS OF A DAY

Many North Carolina Items Condensed in Brief Paragraphs for Benefit of Busy People—Good and Bad News from all Over State.

Greensboro, Jan. 15.—The North Carolina Bottlers' Association met today with about forty bottlers of soft drinks present.

Fayetteville, Jan. 15.—A call has been issued by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company for bids on the grading work for double tracking between Selma and Parkton on the main line of that system.

Beaufort, Jan. 15.—Word has been received here of the burning to death of Mrs. Georgia Murphy, wife of Guy Murphy, at her home at Davis, a small town east of Beaufort. The woman attempted to revive a sluggish fire with gasoline.

Pinehurst, Jan. 15.—R. M. Paves of Woodland, Mass., and Harold Slater, of Foxhills, L. I., were the winners in today's semi-finals of the annual tournament of the winter golf league. They will meet tomorrow to play for the league championship.

Durham, Jan. 15.—Gaston Williams, a white man of the Edgemont section of the city, committed suicide this afternoon by hanging himself to his bedpost. Williams had been suffering from pellagra for the past 12 months and it was despondency over his failure to improve which probably caused him to decide to end his life.

Wilmington, Jan. 15.—The city council in regular session yesterday morning adopted a resolution calling an election to decide the question of a bond issue of not exceeding \$150,000 to be used in acquiring municipal docks and wharves and fixing March 5 as the date for the election. This step was taken following the presentation of a petition of several hundred citizens asking that an election be called.

Durham, Jan. 15.—Lemon Robertson, a white man in jail for retailing Clarence Woods, a negro, and Alfonso Tendall, were detected in an attempt to break jail just before closing time tonight. The men were working a hole in the wall of the second story, and had made a hole nearly large enough for a man to get through when people at the union station saw the brick falling out and notified the sheriff.

Wilmington, Jan. 15.—The suction dredge Atlantic, one of the largest in the Government service, arrived from New York yesterday and will begin work on the Cape Fear river. The dredge loads over 4,000 cubic yards, employing a twenty-inch suction pipe and draws eighteen feet of water. Some time ago the engineers rejected all bids for doing dredging work on the river because they were excessive in price. The government will do the work with government-owned vessels.

Wilmington, Jan. 15.—There now appears to be little doubt that the movement looking to the formation of a drainage district in this county for the purpose of draining a large territory lying east of Wilmington will succeed. The movement has been under way for some time and a preliminary hearing on the matter will be held in the office of the clerk of the superior court on January 21 when all interested will be given an opportunity to be heard in the matter. The proposition involves the drainage of 2,500 acres of land, part of which is now under water.

Snickers and giggles seem to have taken the place of the good old-fashioned hearty laugh.

## NOTED AFFINITY DIES IN ITALY

Carrie Rand Herron, for Whom Socialist Professor Put Aside Wife, Expires in Florence—Both Were Ostracised.

New York, Jan. 15.—The sudden death of Mrs. Carrie Rand Herron, in Florence, Italy, ended an "affinity" story which was the talk of this country more than a decade ago.

Because he put away his first wife, persuaded her to divorce him and then married in an unconventional way a young woman who had replaced her in his affections Prof. D. Herron was deposed from the college professorship and the congregational ministry, shunned by the friends, furiously attacked, kept off the lecture platform, prevented from establishing a socialist colony in Metuchen, N. J., and finally driven to seek a home for himself and his new family in Italy. There they stayed, though the hard feeling abated to such an extent that when the Herrons visited Metuchen last year they were received with open arms.

In the '90s Herron was pastor of a congregation church in Burlington, Ia. He was an eloquent socialist who had "advanced ideas" as to marriage. Prof. Herron and Miss Carrie Rand, a member of his church, found out that they were ideal companions.

In May, 1901, Mrs. Rand and Dr. Herron were married in a New York apartment house by the Rev. William T. Brown, a Socialist, and pastor of Plymouth church, at Rochester. Several radical thinkers who were loyal to Dr. Herron, among them Edward Markham and Richard L. Gallienne, were present.

Dr. Herron and Miss Rand each declared: "We intend to live together as man and wife." The Rev. Mr. Brown said just enough to make the marriage legal. He "announced" instead of "pronounced" them man and wife.

Mrs. Herron was 46 years old. She died of cancer. She leaves two sons, aged 12 and 4.

## THE INTERCOASTAL WATERWAY

Divided Into Links From Boston to Jacksonville—Congress Urged to Appropriate Money for the Work by Prominent Men

Washington, Jan. 15.—Approprations for the construction of seven links that would connect existing waterways and establish an intercoastal canal from Boston to South Atlantic coast points, were urged by numerous witnesses before the house rivers and harbors committee today.

Guy Webb, president of the board of trade of Norfolk, said Virginians anxiously hoped for a canal twelve feet deep with a bottom width of 125 feet along the entire Atlantic coast, but accepted the correction of Representative Humphreys that he meant connecting links, of which there would be seven, between Boston and Jacksonville.

Governor Miller, of Delaware, said commerce would have immense advantage through shortening of the distance between Atlantic seaboard cities, and that the canal would be of inestimable value in time of war.

General Felix Agnus, of Baltimore, told the committee that he had been assured that the initial purchase cost of the Chesapeake and Delaware canal would not exceed \$5,000,000. He said that the British never would have invaded Washington if the canal had been built at that time.

## Parliament Dissolved.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Jan. 14.—The Bulgarian parliament was dissolved today by the premier, Dr. V. Radoslavoff, because it refused to pass a provisional appropriation bill. A new chamber must be elected within two months according to the constitution.

Ever notice how little attention is paid to people who talk too much? Even when money talks a woman generally gets the last word.

## LAYMEN'S MEETING

OPENS TWO DAYS' SESSION IN QUEEN STREET M. E. CHURCH

PROMINENT SPEAKERS ATTEND

Interesting Discussion on World-Wide Movement Begun at Opening Session and Continues Throughout the Conference.

(Daily Free Press, 16th).

The united missionary campaign conference began its sessions last night in the Queen Street Methodist church in this city. The first session was marked by two excellent addresses and shorter talks of much value. Rev. Bernard P. Smith, pastor of the Christian church, as president of the conference, presided at the meeting. The opening prayer was made by Mr. J. M. Mewborn, followed by scripture reading by Rev. Mr. Smith and prayer by Rev. J. H. Griffith, rector of St. Mary's. A period of silent prayer followed with a few short audible prayers closed by Superintendent S. B. Underwood. Mr. Smith presented to the audience Rev. H. A. Humble, the pastor of the Methodist church, and then Prof. R. E. Gaines, of Richmond College. Prof. Gaines is field secretary of the laymen's missionary movement and is leader of the visiting team that is conducting the conference in this city.

Prof. Gaines stated that it was necessary to vary slightly from the printed program for the evening and have the address of President W. J. Martin during the evening instead of on Friday, as scheduled. The first speaker presented was Rev. W. B. Beauchamp, D. D., pastor of the Methodist church, of Danville, Va., "The Field White Unto Harvest." He pleaded earnestly for a broader vision that we might see the conditions around us and realize that the harvest-time is now at hand. Our prayer should be, said he, that the doors might be opened that God may enter. He made a survey of the field. The world under nineteenth century conditions has become just one big neighborhood, but the duty of the twentieth century is to make it a brotherhood." He dwelt especially on conditions prevailing in Japan; Korea and China. Christianity has lost a great opportunity in Japan. Twenty years ago or more the conquest might have been very much easier and more successful than is now the case. Japan is moving away from her old faith, but white is the question. Korea has been opened and is rapidly turning to Christ as the one who can satisfy her soul-yearning of today. China furnishes Christianity the greatest opportunity of all history, greater than that enjoyed by St. Paul when he accomplished his great work. And such being the case it is the duty of Christians to open every avenue of it to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Then God is bringing to our very doors the great migratory nations of the earth. These afford us a splendid opportunity here at home and this opportunity must be utilized before the conquest of the world can be completed.

The next speaker was President Martin, of Davidson College. He addressed the audience on the subject "Men and the Kingdom." Christ taught us to pray, said he, "Thy Kingdom Come," and it is through men that this petition must be realized. World evangelization must begin in our own hearts. We must be ready for service as well as for sacrifice. The Kingdom of God is coming upon earth. That is certain. We may retard it, but we can't prevent it. Indeed we and our forefathers, by what methods we have and are regarding, we have not been true.

## FLOOD IN POTOMAC'S VALLEY

Breaking of Mill Dam Disastrous to Property—No Lives Lost—People Warned by Telegraph and Fled to Hills.

Cumberland, Md., Jan. 15.—Huddled in rude shacks and about blazing camp fires hundreds of flood refugees tonight watched and waited in West Virginia while the northern branch of the Potomac river, swollen to an icy flood, swept through their homes in the towns that dot the valley below.

A wall of water, starting from the broken dam of the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company on Stoney Creek, moved down to the Potomac inundated the town of Schell, W. Va., where the two streams meet, and started a flood wave, laden with wreckage and ice down the Potomac valley.

Warnings of the approaching flood sent the residents of small towns along the river scurrying to safety in the hills where tonight from vantage points they peered through the darkness in an icy gale toward swollen waters below.

Telegraph and telephone communication was cut off by the flood during the day, but was re-established tonight. Rumors of several men caught in the flood waters at Shaw, West Virginia, 20 miles from Schell, which could not be confirmed, were the only reports of casualties attending the flood.

The flood wave apparently expended its energy in a mad twenty-mile dash down the valley of the Stoney Schell. This valley, however, was virtually uninhabited.

## ALL TAKEN OFF COBEQUID

Passengers and Crew Well After Long Siege in Ice and Wind.

St. John, New Brunswick, Jan. 15.—Captain Hawson and eleven men who remained on the steamer Cobequid last night when 96 passengers and members of the crew were rescued by the steamer West Port, were taken off the wreck today by the steamer Aberdeen and are on their way here. A wireless message reported Third Officer Powell was injured during the night and needed medical attention.

## All Landed Safely.

Yarmouth, Jan. 15.—Twenty-four passengers and seventy-two members of the steamer Cobequid were comfortably housed here this morning and are recovering from the effects of their long experience in the icy winds and waves. The Cobequid, impaled on Trinity rock, six miles off main land; was badly smashed and coated with ice by the terrific weather, but the captain's cabin remained intact.

Captain McKinnon of the steamer West Port, which rescued the steamer's passengers and crew, said today he found all the passengers and crew in the captain's cabin, the only dry spot on the Cobequid.

Seas were breaking over the main deck, notwithstanding the gale and a boiling sea, transfer was accomplished within two hours without accident. Nine women and children among the passengers were the first taken off.

## Trade Report.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 15.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say for Richmond and vicinity:

Travellers in most lines have resumed their duties following the holidays and a fair volume of orders are being received. Cold weather has stimulated sales of seasonable commodities, particularly wearing apparel. Stocks are generally reported low and dealers anticipate larger orders and improved business conditions as the spring season approaches. Building operations continue quiet. Retail trade is fair and collections slow.

Too often a man's importance is based on what his grandfather did.