

## AS GOOD AS SAYING THAT WILSON IS TO RUN A SECOND TIME

Grants Permission to Use Name on Indiana Ballot—White House Mum

## PORK BARREL IS FLAYED

Wisconsin Representative Accuses Army Engineers—Practical Joker From Tarheeldom Causes Stir in Capital—Bomb Talk

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Jan. 7.—President Wilson is a candidate for re-election, politicians here today agreed when it was learned authoritatively that permission had been granted to place his name on the Indiana primary ballot. The White House is silent.

**Strong Attack On Pork Barrel.**  
Representative Frer of Wisconsin today charged on the floor of the House that "political pull" had caused army engineers to allot money to commercially unimportant projects, while giving small sums to big harbors. He made a terrific attack on the "pork barrel."

**Tarheel Causes Stir in Washington.**  
A man who said he was Dr. John M. Parker of Asheville, N. C., hissed into the ear of Secretary Lansing's messenger today "what is to prevent my dropping a bomb in this hall?" He was pursued by watchmen and newspapermen. He declared he said it as a joke and disappeared.

Frank Agostine, an aged New Bern man who attempted to suicide by severing one of the arteries in his wrists, will recover, hospital physicians say. Agostine had bled profusely before his predicament was discovered.

## GERMANY HAS TRIED TO MAKE PEACE IN TWO CASES, STATES

Count Okuma Is Authority for Declaration That Kaiser Has Sought Separate Negotiations With Japanese and Russians

(By the United Press)  
London, Jan. 7.—Count Okuma, the Japanese premier, has told interviewers that Germany has made overtures for a separate peace both to Japan and Russia, which were rejected.

officers is to undertake the campaign. Berlin, Jan. 7.—Germany will send no army to the Suez canal, it is believed. The Turkish army of one million men, commanded by German officers, to undertake the campaign.

## SURVIVORS GREEK SHIP THESSALONIKI LANDED

New York, Jan. 6.—The steamship Patria, having on board the 300 passengers of the Greek liner Thessaloniki, arrived at Quarantine at 9:00 o'clock tonight, and will dock Friday morning.

## DANIELS TAKES BAI AT "PESSIMISTIC PROPHETS"

New York, Jan. 6.—Persons who predict destruction of American industry through the "dumping" of cheap foreign-made goods after the European war were described as pessimistic prophets of evil by Secretary Daniels, in a speech here tonight at the annual banquet of the Society of Automobile Engineers.

## YEAR IN RICHMOND DISTRICT REVIEWED

Bridstreet's Gets Over the Achievements of All Lines of Business—Splendid Crops, Record-Breaking Bank Clearings, Activity in Building, Railroads Striking It Rich

(Special to The Free Press)  
Richmond, Va., Jan. 7.—Bridstreet's report yesterday for Richmond and vicinity:  
"The closing month of the year 1915 saw revived activity in practically all lines. Some industries indeed were worked far above normal, and the New Year appears to hold bright prospects for further development in practically all lines of business endeavor. However, under existing conditions the more conservative advise guarding against over-trading.

The larger part of the cotton crop has been marketed at prices far in excess of early expectations. The peanut market shows a steady advance and prices for tobacco have been good. These conditions have enabled farmers and general merchants to catch up with many of their deferred obligations and at this time collections average better than they have for the past three years. Jobbing and wholesale business shared months of the year. Wholesale dry goods, notions, and shoes are very active. The same is true of groceries and provisions. A constantly advancing market favored the wholesale drug and chemical trade. The lumber market, which dragged during the most of the year, now shows more activity. Real estate sales also show improvement and prospects are favorable for the usual spring activities.

"Building operations during the last five months of the year showed an increase over the same period of 1914, and total figures for 1915 almost equal those for the year previous. Local permits for December, 1915, amounted to \$285,187, showing an increase of \$72,685 over December, 1914. The total amount of work authorized for the year 1915 amounted to \$3,244,752. The year saw rapid rehabilitation and development of plants for the manufacture of munitions of war, and those together with other industrial activity were: \$69,381,620, an increase of \$5,645,230 over November and an increase of \$28,193,767 over the same month of last year. Local clearings for the year 1915 were \$537,261,585, the largest in the history of the city, and an increase of \$115,710,670 over 1914. The Federal Reserve Bank at Richmond now has resources in excess of \$25,000,000, and was the first institution in this new system to declare a dividend to its shareholders. Local banks distributed over \$500,000 in dividends on January first. Deposits in banks show a steady increase and legitimate business demands are readily supplied.

Railroad reports throughout this district show a steady increase in receipts and the volume of traffic is generally measured only by the equipment; this is particularly applicable to freight traffic. Failures in this vicinity showed a slight increase in 1915 over 1914, however. More than 70 per cent. of these fell in the first half of the year. Retail trade has been satisfactory and showed marked improvement the last four months of the year."

**WILKES-BARRE CAR CO. SUES STRIKERS FOR LARGE AMOUNT**  
(By the United Press)  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Jan. 7.—After weeks of wrangling over wages and working conditions with its 330 motormen and conductors, during which local transportation has been paralyzed and riot and bloodshed have become common, the Wilkes-Barre Railway Co. has sued the strikers individually and collectively for \$200,000 damages for "violation of their contract and unlawful picketing."

A large percentage of the traction stock is owned by F. M. Kirby, whose string of stores is amalgamated with the Woolworth string; and Abraham Neabitt, said to be the richest man in Wyoming Valley. The strike began October 14, 1915. The strike is effecting a retail buying population of 484,815, a whole-

## KIRCHWEY FOLLOWS OSBORNE'S EXAMPLE AT MAN'S EXECUTION

He Remained Away From Death Room in Sing Sing When Girls' Slayer Was Executed—Deputy Warden Cried Over Duty

(By the United Press)  
Ossining, N. Y., Jan. 7.—A sensational chase of an escaped prisoner over the roofs of Sing Sing today delayed the execution of Antonio Ponton, a young Porto Rican. The affair gave the officials the most harrowing time that has marked the killing of a man here in months. Deputy Warden Miller broke down and wept, following the execution, over "the killing of a fellow man."  
Warden George Kirchwey followed Osborne's example and remained away as a protest. Ponton stabbed Bessie Kromer of Schenectady. The escaped prisoner was recaptured.

## ARRIVES WITH SAVED FROM THESSALONIKI

(By the United Press)  
New York, Jan. 7.—One hundred and seventy-seven passengers of the Thessaloniki were brought to port on the steamship Patria. Cutters have been sent out to seek the hull, and either tow it in or sink it.

## CASE OF NEW HAVEN MEN TO JURY TODAY

(By the United Press)  
New York, Jan. 7.—Federal Judge Hunt this morning began the charge to the jury in the trial of the eleven New Haven directors charged with conspiracy to monopolize New England transportation.  
The case is expected to go to the jury this afternoon.

## ALLIES EXPECTING FIGHT AT SALONIKI IN VERY FEW DAYS

Anglo-French Are Waiting Confidently Behind 37-Mile Line of Fortifications—200,000 of Austro-German-Bulgars Ready

(By the United Press)  
Saloniki, Jan. 7.—Two hundred thousand Bulgarians, Austrians and Germans are massed on the Greek border, preparing to assault Saloniki. The attack is expected quickly. There great confidence in the Anglo-French military officials. The Allies are behind a 37-mile circle of fortifications waiting.

## CHINA GOING IN FOR COTTON BUSINESS

Washington, Jan. 6.—Chinese cotton manufacturers, with government aid, have made far-reaching plans to wrest from the Japanese their heavy trade in cotton goods and yarns in China, the largest market for cotton goods in the world, long has been supplied chiefly by Japan and India. The Chinese government has just subscribed 40 per cent. of the capital to be invested in two cotton mills, at Shanghai and Tien-Tain.

sale buying population of 851,639 and a total population of 1,750,000. The 330 men are losing \$5,000 a week in wages and the company \$3,000 a day in fares. Twenty thousand United Mine workers and 30,000 textile cars. Three hundred special mounted police and two troops of state police have been unable to preserve order.

## POSITION BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS NOT ENVIABLE ONE NOW

Under Fire for Conscription and Failure of Dardanelles Campaign  
MINISTRY GETS SUPPORT  
Of Many Prominent Men of Country—Some Would Welcome General Election—Three Ministers Resigned

(By the United Press)  
London, Jan. 7.—The government's position is most critical, under fire, as it is by hostile Unionists opposed to conscription, and for the Dardanelles failure. Gen. Ian Hamilton has ascribed the defeat at Gallipoli as due to the failure to send reinforcements.

Powerful men of all parties are coming to the rescue of the ministry, however, fearing the effect of an election. Some supporters say they would welcome a general election, though they believe the people as a whole endorse conscription. The vote of 403 to 105 given the bill at its first reading is a source of gratification. The railway employees' heads hint there will be a great strike should conscription finally pass.

London, January 7.—Arthur Henderson, George H. Roberts and William Braze resigned from the Ministry following the adoption of the conscription bill in the House of Commons last night. The bill passed the first reading by a vote of 403 to 105. Henderson was president of the Board of Education and leader of the Labor party in the House; Braze was Parliamentary under Secretary for Home Affairs and Roberts was Lord Commissioner of the Treasury. All three are labor men.

## BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

## SUBMARINE FIRED 100 SHOTS

Marseilles, Jan. 7.—The French steamer Meinan raced into port today after eluding a submarine which fired a hundred shots at her.

## ENTIRE CHINESE PROVINCE IN REVOLT

Peking, Jan. 7.—The entire province of Yunnan is in revolt. Government troops are being sent to the scene. Fifty thousand rebels are waiting for them.

## BRITISH SUBMARINE SUNK

London, Jan. 7.—A British submarine has been sunk off the Island of Texel, the Admiralty today announced. The crew was rescued by the Dutch cruiser Noord Brabant.

## STORM THRESHING THE ATLANTIC FLEET AT SEA

Norfolk, Jan. 7.—The battleships of the Atlantic fleet maneuvering at sea are being lashed by a 70-mile gale. The Louisiana and Delaware left today to proceed with the fleet to Cuban waters. The destroyers Fanning, Jarvis and Jenkins were held back by the storm.

## FIELD WORKER EVANS HERE FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETINGS AFTERNOON AND NIGHT

(Daily Free Press, January 7)  
Mr. Charles F. Evans of Lexington, Ky., field worker of the All Southern Extension Committee of Christian Endeavor, arrived in the city Thursday afternoon and conducted a conference with the church people of the city at the Barnes class room of the Christian church this afternoon. The junior and intermediate workers' plans were given special attention.  
Tonight in the Christian church Mr. Evans will address the young people of the city on the work of the young people in the churches, and his address will be followed with a conference of workers. Special music will be furnished by the choir and a social period will follow the program of the evening.

## LOOKS LIKE ALLEN STANDS BEST SHOW SUCCEEDING LAMAR

North Carolina Justice's Record Sought By President—Is Much Younger Than Davis—Distinguished Career of the Man

(Daily Free Press, January 7)  
The Free Press was authoritatively told this morning that the President has called for the record of Supreme Court Justice W. R. Allen, who was Thursday endorsed by Senators Simmons and Overman for the place on the United States Supreme Court bench made vacant by the recent death of Justice Lamar of Georgia. Mr. Wilson has asked for a complete history of the North Carolina jurist's career. Messrs. Overman and Simmons are now getting the data to submit to the President. A telegram received at Goldsboro called for information.

Justice Allen today is regarded as the favored man for the place. Solicitor General Davis, who, being from West Virginia, is in the same district—the Fourth—with Justice Allen, was the best bet until today. He is, however, more than 60 years of age. Justice Allen is 55.

Justice William R. Allen was born in Duplin county, and has resided close to Kinston all his life. His private residence now is in Goldsboro. He is the younger brother of Judge Oliver H. Allen of the Superior Court, a resident of Kinston, and the uncle of Representative Matt. Allen of Goldsboro. He was a judge of the Superior Court, by appointment of Governor Carr, before he was 30 years of age. He served until the fusion period, when he was defeated by Judge Wm. S. O'B. Robinson. With the return of Democratic rule Judge Allen ran against and defeated Robinson. He later ran for a Supreme Court justiceship and won it. He was twice a member of the Legislature, and twice chairman of judiciary committees in the General Assembly.

## INTERNAL REVENUE STAMPS WORTH ONE MILLION ARE GONE

Also \$5,000 in Cash, Taken From Safe Blown By Yeggmen in St. Paul Office—Robbers Got Plunder of Much Value

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 7.—The theft of a million dollars' worth of internal revenue stamps and \$5,000 in cash from the vaults of the internal revenue office here was discovered today. The vault had been wrecked by an explosion. Officials say the stamps are negotiable, and are worth easily half a million dollars to the robbers.

## SEVERED ARTERY WHILE SPLITTING FIREWOOD

New Bern, Jan. 7.—Mrs. R. C. Wayne of 159 Broad street severed an artery in her wrist while splitting wood with a hatchet. The blade of the hatchet struck her full on the wrist. Physicians, hastily summoned, stopped the flow of blood.

## LAYING IT ALL ON THE ADMINISTRATION

Washington Observer Talks of the President's "Tepid Declarations," and Redfield's Ignorance Of Dye-stuffs Question—The Defeating of Payne Was "Monumental Mistake," Declares

"Contrast the tepid declarations of the American President with the frank and practical talk of David Lloyd-George, the British Minister of Munitions," says the Observer of Washington, in a discussion of "Preparedness, explosives, dyes and Congressional opportunity" just issued in bulletin form.

"The second voice to that of the President in a governmental discussion of business matters should be that of the Secretary of Commerce. The report of that official seriously proposes as a safeguard of American chemical plants a remedy so ridiculously futile that business men are laughing at it as the production of an amateur. Secretary Redfield placed upon a miscellaneous collection of consuls and other government employes the duty of determining whether the products of the great German plants were competing unfairly with similar products in the United States, and of excluding them from this country if, in their distinguished judgment, they were. In other words, the Administration officially and formally has declined to come to the aid of the American manufacturer and has preferred to stand with the German exporter."

The Observer dwells upon the "enactment of adequate protective duties" as "the only means that will enable American chemical plants to live," and says that such a "monumental mistake" as the defeat of Sen. E. Payne's efforts for adequate protection will not be made again. "In fact, already Representative Ebeneser J. Hill of Connecticut has introduced a bill which is understood to offer adequate protection to the chemical industry."

## A NEW DORMITORY AT THE CASWELL SCHOOL

Being Furnished—Will Accommodate From 80 to 100 Children—Increase Enrollment at the Institution Beginning About Jan. 15.

(Daily Free Press, January 7)  
The new dormitory at the Caswell Training School, for which the last Legislature appropriated \$14,000, has just been completed, and is now being furnished. It is located in the rear of the girls' dormitory, and is similar in architecture, dimensions and the materials of which it is constructed to the two "regular" dormitories. The building will be occupied principally by girls of the lowest grade of intelligence. It is not a part of the original architectural plan, which intends the handsome buildings to be in a semi-circle, with the central building as the keystone.

Two new matrons will be added to the staff of five already at the institution, these to be stationed in the new building. The dormitory will accommodate between 80 and 100 children, which will increase the capacity of the school to 200 or more. There are now about 120 enrolled. About January 15 the first applicants will be accepted. They will be taken by ones and twos and "broken in" to the life at the school in that number, so that it will be some weeks before the capacity of the new building will be attained.

## PREACHER HAD A FINE SHOT, BUT DEER ESCAPED

New Bern, Jan. 7.—Rev. R. W. Thiot, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist church, became excited when a deer tried to play tag with him in the lower part of the county. The chance that Mr. Thiot, who had gone a-gunning, was looking for had arrived. The animal walked directly in front of the preacher at short range and seemed to inquire what he was going to do about it. Rev. Mr. Thiot blazed away twice. He is not certain a shot struck the animal.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 7.—The Baptist church's Education Board met here to plan a mid-western Baptist university on the old Des Moines college site.

## AFFIDAVITS SCORE OF SURVIVORS SAY PERSIA NOT WARNED

Grant's Testimony Taken By Consul, With That of Twenty Foreigners

## AMERICA'S HANDS TIED

Cannot Act Until Further Information Is Had—Austria May Conceal What She Knows—No One Saw Submarine

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Jan. 7.—American Consul Garrels at Alexandria, today cabled the State Department that he has affidavits from Charles Grant, American, and twenty other survivors of the Persia, saying the vessel was sunk without warning, and that no submarine was seen.

The officers and crew left for England before an opportunity was had to secure their affidavits. This and other information of the sinking was placed before the cabinet at a meeting at noon and was discussed at a meeting of the House and Senate Foreign Relations Committees.

All officials today declared the United States' hands are tied until further evidence is produced.

Ambassador Penfield cabled this morning that Austria had notified him that no report of the sinking had been received. It is believed here that Austria will withhold nothing so far secured on the cause of the sinking.

**Lusitania Case About Ended.**  
Washington, Jan. 7.—The Lusitania case may be settled any hour. It is merely a question of phrasing, it is learned. Ambassador Von Bernstorff and Secretary Lansing are to confer this afternoon. Settlement of this question would leave no subject for controversy between the United States and Germany.

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE M. E. CHURCH COMING

Will Meet in Queen Street Church Here January 19-23—To Be 175 in Attendance, Including a Number Noted Women

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the North Carolina conference of the Methodist church will be held in Queen Street church here beginning January 19 and ending on the 23rd. The convention will be an important affair, since there are 200 separate societies in the conference, which embraces not quite one-half of the State, with 6,000 members. The societies raised between \$30,000 and \$40,000 last year.

There will be around 175 delegates attending the several sessions a day, it is expected. Two returned missionaries will be among those present, together with many well-known women of the State. Mrs. R. B. John, wife of a minister formerly stationed here, is president of the Conference Society. She is very well-known in Kinston. Rev. N. H. D. Wilson of Goldsboro, missionary secretary of the conference, will preach on the 23rd, Sunday, at morning. Mrs. Steele of Nashville, Tenn., one of the general officers for mission work of the denomination, will speak to the convention on Sunday night.

Salem, Conn., Jan. 7.—Charles, Henry and Elmer Harris celebrated their birthdays here today. They're brothers, though not triplets and all left-handed. They were born in 1866, 1872, and 1874, respectively, on January 7th.