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GERMANY'S CROWN PRINCE SAYS THIS QUARTERLY SESSION WAR IS MOST STUPID AND UNNECESSARY DISTRICT EPISCOPAL IN HISTORY; GERM ANS NOT TO BLAME CHURCH CONVENES

European Correspondent of the United Press is Told By Congregations from South-Heir to the German Throne That Germany Did Not Want to Fight

ALLIES TAKE TRENCHES ABANDONED BY GERMANS MR. HUSKE IS TO SPEAK

The Predicted Offensive of the Allies Has Not Taken New Bern Rector to Preach Definite Form, But Their Artillery Is Pouring Galling Fire Into the Germans Under Cover of New Trenches-Kaiser In Eastern Battlefield Encouraging Forces to Do Their Best-Russians Greatly Reinforced

U. S. SUPREME COURT

RESUMES WORK TODAY

If You Dispite Phone Bill Can Com-

pany Stop You From Talking

Pending Adjustment? "Grand

Washington, Nov. 30 .- Decisions

of pressing importance were expect-

ed today when the Supreme Court re-

convened after a two weeks' recess

Of the scores of cases on which

final decisons will be handed down by

the court, argument having long ago

been completed, perhaps the most im-

portant is the so called Midwest Oil

case. This involves the validity of

the withdrawal from entry by Presi-

Taft of three million acres of Call-

fornia and Wyoming oil lands from

private exploitations. The Midwest

Oil Co. attacked the withdrawal by

Taft because there was no statute

which expressly gave the right

to make such a withdrawal.

Since that time, in 1910, Congress

passed such a law, and about 4,000,000

acres of oil land, all known to exist

in the public domain, have been with-

drawn from public entry. The de-

cision of the lower courts in this case

The Maryland "Grandfather clause"

case is another that may be handed

down by the Supreme Court today or

in the near future. It is designed to

prevent negroes from voting in state

and city elections. The Oklahoma

Grandfather clause may also be pas-

Another decision, which is waited

eagerly by railroad men, is that of

the Wadley Southern Railway Co.

against the state of Georgia. This

involves the right of a state railroad

commission to fine a railroad for dis-

obeying its intrastate orders. The

case of the Sioux Remedy Co. against

F. M. Cope and D. C. Cope will de-

termine whether a state may debar

corporations which have not incorp-

orated in that state from instituting

Grain rate discriminations in favor

of Nashville by the L. & N. Railroad

were involved in the case of the gov-

ernment against that and other roads.

Whether, when a telephone sub-

scriber disputes a bill, the company

had the right to refuse service until

the bill is paid is the question put up

to the Supreme Court in another case

The authority of Congressional in-

vestigating committees to force evi-

dence from unwilling witnesses will

be decided in the case of George G.

Henry, a partner of William Salo-

men and Co., Wall street brokers, and

After handing down its decisions

today, the Supreme Court will give

its attention to eleven important cas-

es on which the court is willing to

hear brief arguments. These cases

set for today with the distinct under-

standing that not more than a half

an hour of argument is to be heard on

One of the most important of these

cases is that involving the consti-

tutionality of the "coal screen" law

of Ohio, the suit of the Rail and River

Coal Co., against the members of the

Ohio Industrial Commission, to pre-

vent their enforcement of the law.

This involves the protest of the mine

operators against the law prohibit-

amount sent up out of the mines in

mine cars, on which the pay of the

miners was based. The law also

gives the Industrial Commission the

which may be decided today.

U. S. Marshall Henkel.

sed upon today.

law suits.

was adverse to the government.

Dad's Clause, on Docket.

(By the United Press) By Carl R. Von Wiegand, At the Headquarters of the Army of the Crown Prince in France

November 30.—The Crown Prince today declared that this is "undoubtedly the most stupid, senseless and unnecessary war of modern times. The war was not wanted, but forced upon us. That we had effectually prepared to defend ourselves is now used as an argument to convince the world that we desired the conflict."

Chancellor Says Germany Is Confident Replying to a telegram from the Kaiser congratulating him upon his birthday, Imperial Chancellor Von Bethmann-Holweig said: "The Germans are with the Kaiser. We trust in our forces and are confident of final victory for our just cause."

Germans' Abandoned Trenches Used By the Allies

Paris, Nov. 30 .- The Allies have advanced south of Ypres. With the Germans gradually withdrawing, the Allies are occupying abandoned trenches south of Ypres, which has been ruined by the German bombarament. A heavy artillery fire is being directed against the Germans now under cover in new trenches. A general offensive has not yet developed.

Reinforcements for Czar's Poland Army

Petrograd, Nov. 30 .- The Russians, greatly reinforced in Poland, today confidently expected the Germans in the region of Lodz to be completely crushed soon.

Kaiser Now With Forces in East Berlin, Via The Hague, Nov. 30 .-It is officially announced that the Kaiser is in the eastern battle front. The Russian offensive has been halted. and the Germans expect to march on Warsaw in the near future.

WAR TAX MUST SUPPLY GREAT SUM EACH DAY

(By the United Press)

Washington, Nov. 30 .- All the provisions of the federal war tax are expected to net Uncle Sam two hundred and seventy-two thousand dollars a day. The law goes into effect at midnight. This, Treasury Department officials say, is what the European war is costing the United States gov-

UNCLE SAM EXAMINES PERE MARQUETTE TODAY

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 30 .- Investigation of the financial operations of the Pere Marquette railroad by the interstate commerce commission, authorized by vote of congress at the last session, was started today in the federal building here with Commissioner Hall presiding.

The purpose of the inquiry is to determine, if possible, whether the railroad and its stockholders have suffered from what has been characterized as exploitation of the system for the benefit of favored financial interests and individuals.

FIRST STEAMER BETWEEN BALTIMORE AND CAPE FEAR

Wilmington, Nov. 29.-Wilmington and Baltimore steamer service was inaugurated today by the Baltimore and Carolina Steamship Company, the steamer Henry Williams arriving late this afternoon on her first trip will be one steamer a week between Wilmington and Baltimore.

ern Half of East Carolina Is Represented

Opening Sermon-Many Clergymen from the District Already Here and Others Are Expected

The Convocation of Wilmington, comprised by the churches of the southern half of the Epiccopal Diocese of East Carolina, will sit in quar terly session in St. Mary's church here this evening, when Rev. B. F. Huske of New Bern will preach the opening sermon, and tomorrow.

Clergymen who were expected to arrive this afternoon for the convo cation were Rev. Mr. Huske; Rev. W. E. Cox of Wilmington; Rev. J. H. Dickinson of Goldsboro; Rev. J. L. Showell of Clinton; Rev. Edward Wooten of Wilmington and Rev. Thos. P. Noe of Wilmington, the archdeacon. Other clergymen and laymen will arrive tonight and tomorrow. The convocation of Wilmington embraces about half of the diocesan territory, the convocation of Edenton taking in the remainder,

BULLETINS

(By the United Press.) NOTHING INTERESTING IN WESTERN SITUATION

Paris, Nov. 30 .- Attacks upon Bagatelle, in the Argonne section, have slackened. On the Meuse Heights heavy fogs prevail The forest of Apremont is being bombarded by Germans without success. The situation in the Woevre district is unchang-

SUBMARINE FLOTILLA PREPARES TO TAKE SEA

London, Nov. 30.-It is believed that with the slackening of the fighting on land, the Germans will become active at sea. The German submarines at Zee Brugge are reported entirely ready for sea. Parts of additional vessels are said to have arrived by rail.

MORE ENGLISH TROOPS IN FRANCE

London, Nov. 30 .- A large portion of England's second army of a million men, is in France. General French declares the fighting from Armenderes to Ypres is entering the final stages.

GERMANS STILL

ON THE DEFENSIVE

Paris, Nov. 30 .- An official communique reports no changes on the battle lines in Belgium or France. The Germans everywhere remain on the defensive.

GERMANS CLAIM PROGRESS IN THE EAST

Berlin, Via Wireless to London, Nov. 30 .- An official statement by the war office tells of further progress by the Germans in the eastern campaign. They captured 4,500 prisoners and 18 cannon south of the Vistula river. The Russian attack upon the fortifications of East Darkeehmen failed. They captured six hundred men and a few officers

there.

ing the use of screens to lessen the folk and Western Railroad Co., against Sarah E. Holbrook. Mrs. Holhrook won her case in the lower court but the railroad company appealed on the ground that the judge ployers liability is that of the Nor- dren-

CANADIANS RESTING AFTER A MARCH



A company of Canadian fighters resting in a field god coeling their feet after a long, hard march. They know the art of keeping in good condition better than most of the troops sugared in the war.

MERCY FUND GROWING **COMMITTEE ENCOURAGED**

The committee of mercy to raise funds locally for Belgian relief are gratified at the contributions which are coming into the total fund, which although not numerous, have so far netted a nent sum. The total so tagard their efforts as productive of l something, and indications are that he fund will grow. In addition to contributors previously noted, the ollowing are announced today:

O. D. Jobson 8 1.00 E. V. Webb and Co. 10.00 J. B. Leonard 1.00 Vance Jackson N. J. Rouse 10.00 Robt. Rouse 1.00

The total now is around \$90,00. SOLONS HAVE POWER TO

MAKE WITNESSES TALK

(Continued from Page One.) Washington, Nov. 30.- The author ity of congressional investigating committees to force testimony from unwilling witnesses was today uphelo by the Supreme Court.

INSANE MAN KILLS THREE: WOUNDS ANOTHER

Ashboro, Nov. 29.- Lowe Daniels of Randolph county, came home Salurday night after three days' absence and shot Coor Daniels, his sister, Ethel Luther, his wife's sister, and Edgar Vanner, all through the head, killing them he tantly and shot his wife, crushing her shoulder. She is still living, but will die.

Daniels is said to be a notoriou blockader, been indicted in the Statesentence for making tomor.

When arrested he was picking banjo and singing fools he care the room with the dead people-

He was accested and placed it init in Ashboro. He laughs at the line coherently. He appeared to be solver.

STOCK EXCHANGE DULL, BUT STEADY

(By the United Press 1. New York, Nov. 20-The New York Stock Endoarge today restricted that ing to bands. 'Change opened duit but steady. Fractional losse over Saturday's closing figures were no

> SWEDEN UNLESS PRESS OF NATION IS MUZZLED

London, Nov. 40.—The Daily Mail's RABLEGAR TO DESPATCH Copenhagen correspondent says Germany has demanded that the Swedish government suppress unfriendly utterances against Germany in Swedish newspapers and has threatened reprisals in the event of non-compli-

The Daily Mail's Copenhagen correspondent in an earlier dispatch said Germany's declaration of making wood contraband of war has caused Sweden and Norway and agitation tical. for an understanding with Russia.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 27,-After spending thirty-seven hours on the bottom of Chesapeake Bay the bat- giving basketball here between At- tee began work today. on a regular schedule. The B. and C. steamers will also make Georgetown and Charleston, S. C. There

Tight to determine the percentage of in the lower court instructed the jury tleship Michigan was floated at 5 o'- lantic Christian College and the Boys'
slate, sulphur rock, or other impurity which found for Mrs. Holbrook that clock this afternoon. The task was Bridage of Wilmington, the collegisinging in the navy, "It's a Long Way dinner for 1,600 Austrians and 260

Will be consideration into the score of to Tipperary," saying that it is An interesting question in em- fact that there were dependent chil-, to the Atlantic fleet and two wars 24 to 13. The visitors were fast, but hardly within President Wilson's Russian wounded was prepared at

MEXICO HAS ANOTHER "PATRIOTIC" PRESIDENT

Gonzales Is the Latest Acquisition to the Long List of "Would-Be's" and Rebellion Continues.

(By the United Press.)

Washington, Nov. 20, Convales, s sufficient to make the committee re-technet of the newest Mexican governmost, as reported be at Huchvan, forty male murtheast of Mexico City. News is expected mamentarily of ticlating between Villastas and Gon-

Comzules Excites Villa.

El Paso, Nov. 30.-Angeles, the hief Leutement of Villa, is en route to Mexico City with a force of infantry to protect the foreign legations, it is reported by Villistas' officials at Juaren. Villa, instead of entering the capital, has decided to take the field against Gousales, who is reperiod to have remidiated both Car ranga and the Agnas Calientes con cention, and declared himself proviional president of Mexico. General lurre- looks reported a victory over the Caramanastas at Tames, nine miles rem Empiro.

(By the United Tress,) New York, Nov. 30. Several persor an toding two firenen, were badby insueed and sixty others driven into the streets up the result of a SIDDOO tenement fire today.

YOUTH RESCUES SMALL LELLOW LEGAL WATER

Elizabeth City, Nov. 20, Loshi Hosper, a young more mount eighteen vesivoid mides diring releve of life the blazed tambs yeared at afternoon, courts several times and has seven by Robinson deel. The lattle Clibb noy, who it only more that old, while playing around the dock fell over- al Assembly to authorize the purpeaced and direct for him. When he child and brought him safely achieve.

JUVENILE GUNMEN SOUGHT BY POLICE

the the United Press)

The L. N. E. No., 30. The police ticed on several standard securities. In year old Mass Pranchusky, who Cocitingen, Germany, charged with de appeared after shooting Samuel being a spy, according to information thadment and closen years.

WITH WIRELESS NOW

York, Nov. 25.-Aunouncement was made yesterday that the Lackawarma Rodroad has determined to operate all its trains between Hoboken and Buffida by wireless and tomaintain the regular telegraph system only for use in emergency between these points. The perfection of the wireless and its chenpness in operation when compared to the old tremendous revulsion of feeling in wire system made its adoption prac-

A. C. C. DEFEATS

were outclassed.

UNITED CHARITIES MAKE APPEAL FOR **POOR** OF THE CITY

Mass Meeting Held Sunday Night in the Queen Street Methodist Church

Messrs. Wooten, Ormond, Henry Hines Struck In Eye. Herndon, Brietz and Pastors Humble and Smith Spoke — Would Insure Care of the Unfortunates

Before a meeting of three or four hundred people who gathered in spite of very short notice, in Queen Street Methodist church Sunday night, the United Charities appealed for the public's interest in their work and tands for their coffers. The organeation has recently been facing the tank of supplying the needs of indigent charges with almost depleted

Tresident D. F. Wooten, Hon. Y F. Ormond, Mr. J. A. Herndon, Mr. George F. Brietz, Rev. H. A. Humble of Oreen Street church, and Pastor B. P. Smith of the Christian church, addressed the audience, which empraced representatives of nearly all the churches in the city. No request was made for funds at the meeting, but it was resolved to rejuvenate the organization and make it more ef-The commendable spirit circued, however, was evidence on the parts of several who insisted upon lending immediately after the close of the meeting.

A new governing board was appointed, composed of the following: Mr. J. W. Goodson, Mr. D. V. Dixon, Mr. J. E. Williams, Mr. E. G. Tyndall, Mr. D. F. Wooten, Mr. J. H. Canady, Mr. L. J. Mewborne, Mr. J. F. Taylor, Mr. G. W. Knott, Mr. W. Sutton and all the pastors of the city.

President Wooten will retain his office long enough to call a meeting of the new governors for the purpose of electing officers.

The governing board, immediately after they have organized, will colleet funds with which to conduct the work of the Charities this winter.

WANT STATE TO BUY MT. MITCHELL AND PRESERVE ITS TIMBER

Ashevitle, Nov. 29,-Resolutions a sing the Governor and the mem hers of the next session of the Gener-Young Hooper, he pure of warring of were adopted by the directors of the older people, can but observed to a least Board of Trade yesterday. The board to the key w. ber, swam to the resolutions regite that the vast areas no in where the little fellow disap had finished basis which are now being yer uses are threatened with destrucrun to the surface he had the Gittell tion and it is predicted that it will be a martia of rady a short time until the monutain sides are barren wastes

AMERICAN HELD AS: SPY IN GERMANY

New York, Nov. 29.-Edward Lichelt, un Amouran citizen, graduabout Columbia and formerly editor west I, year old Max Rabinowitz and of the Baptist Frammer, is held at received in this city. Mrs. Bright has appealed to the State Department at Washington,

Bright, with his family, had lived at Goottingen for nearly ten years, Mrs. Bright said. He was studying at Goettingen University. Mrs. Bright, with her two sons, came here shortly before the war began.

WAR SONG BARRED IN THE AMERICAN NAVY

(By the United Press) Washington, Nov. 30 .- Preliminary to the opening of the short session BOYS' BRIGADE of Congress Monday next, the van-Wilson, Nov. 28 .- In the Thanks- guard of the appropriation commit-

strict neutrality policy.

SATURDAY NIGHT PISTOL DUEL ON THE PUBLIC ROAD

Will Fisher, Colored, and Several Young Men of the City Are Involved

OFFICERS CHOSEN LOSS OF AN EYE SUFFERED

Others of Party Were Hit But No Serious Damage Was Done - The Negro Claims Self-Defense

In a duel with guns on a road two niles northeast of the city Saturday light, Will Fisher, colored, fired three oads of shot into a wagon filled with young white men of this city, causing the loss of an eye to Henry Hines and wounding several others.

Taft Monroe, Will Skinner, Henry Hines, Burrell Whitley, Hub. Johnson, Will Eason, Willie Strum, Bill Jones and William Holmes were in the wagon, driving behind two horses to a country fete in the vicinity of Grainger. They passed Fisher on the road. Fisher was drinking, and the authorities say there was evidence that the white men had also indulged and were yelling and shooting promiscuously. Fisher claims he was halted and spoken to in a disrespectful manner, and that the first shots came from the wagon. There is some little doubt as to whether the shots were fired at Fisher, but he regarded them as intended for him and used his gun, a two-barreled weapon, with disastrous effect. Hines lost an eye, Strum was struck on the hand, Jones in the face and Holmes received about

twenty shot on his face and forehead. In all, about ten or a dozen shots were exchanged. The duel ended when Fisher took to his heels. He was arrested at his home nearby soon af-

terward.

to Superior Court by Magistrate H. C. V. Peebles, and all the young white men fined in City Court for disorerely conduct, the scene of their mischief-making having been within the jurisdiction of the municipal au-

BIG FARM DEAL WAS **NEGOTIATED SATURDAY**

Parrott Farm Taken by Messrs. Hodges and Dawson on Lease-Sale Plan Entailing Average Price of \$80 An Acre.

The biggest farm deal, perhaps, in the history of Lenoir county, was pulled off Saturday when Messrs. P. A. Hodges and J. G. Dawson leased A. D. Parrott's Falling Creek plantation of 610 acres for ten years with an option to buy. The lease price is \$3,000 per annum, and the purchase um named is \$50,000.

The Parrott farm is situated along the Norfolk Southern Railroad, and is noted as one of the most productive in the county. Its purchase, which the deal virtually amounts to. it is said, at \$50,000, is at an average price of \$80 an acre.

BRITISH COLLIERS HELD

UP BY CANAL OFFICIALS Panama, Nov. 29 .- Some mystery surrounds the destination of the Britsh colliers Kirnwood and Roddam, held up at Colon yesterday because they were not supplied with health certificates. A hearing will be held omorrow in District court. Meantime the vessels will be permitted to pass through the canal in bond. It is said they will await orders at Balbon and it is conjectured here they will meet British warships at sea off the South American coast.

EMBASSY AT VIENNA FEEDS MANY HUNDREDS

(By the United Press.) Washington, Nov. 30 .- Under the care of Mrs. Frederick C. Penfield, the embassy in Vienna.