

## PORTUGUESE MINISTRY FAILS TO ATTEND CLOSING SESSION OF PARLIAMENT AND PREMIER HAS THINGS ALL HIS OWN WAY

### Mobilization Given As Reason for Resignations, But Denied—Reported Tender of German Apology Is Disclaimed By Berlin Authorities.

## FIGHTING LINES SO CLOSE ARTILLERY CAN'T BE USED

Eye Witnesses Bring Reports That Men In Trenches Are Fighting Hand-to-Hand—More Russian Victories Are Claimed—Allies Keep Germans Busy In Flanders Battlefield—Austrians In Complete Possession of Former Servian Capital—Allies Claim Advances in Argonne

(By the United Press.)

Lisbon, Dec. 5.—The Portuguese ministry has resigned. Premier Machado, the only member to attend the closing session of Parliament, presented a note announcing the resignation of the ministry en bloc. That the resignations were caused by the mobilization was denied. Germany has tendered an explanation of the invasion of Angola, a Portuguese African possession.

Germany Will Not Bend to Portugal  
Berlin, Dec. 5.—A report that Germany has apologized to Portugal for the Angola incident is unfounded. An official statement says that "an apology is quite out of the question."

Hand-to-Hand Fighting in France  
London, Dec. 5.—Eye witnesses' reports from the front say fighting in the trenches is at extremely close quarters. The Germans use hand grenades. The artillery is unable to fire, owing to the closeness of the combatants at some points.

Russian Successes Reported  
By Petrograd.  
Paris, Dec. 5.—A Petrograd message declares that in Loloise the battles terminated in a brilliant victory for the Russians. The Russians captured many prisoners, cannon and machine guns.

Fighting in Poland at Critical Stage  
Berlin, Dec. 5.—Reports that a British aviator dropped bombs on the Krupp gun works at Essen are unfounded. It is generally believed that the fighting in Poland has reached a critical stage. Owing to the numerical superiority of the enemy it is expected the campaign will yet be of considerable duration. Confidence is maintained in Germany's ultimate success.

Hard Fighting on the Polish Front  
Petrograd, Dec. 5.—Desperate fighting is still in progress in Poland. The official statement does not mention a Russian victory at Lodz. On the left bank of the Vistula obstinate fighting is in progress and along the Głowna-Lowicz front and on the western roads towards Lodz and Piotrkow. There is also heavy fighting on the northern and southern fronts, but on both the situation is unchanged.

Allies Keep Germans Busy at All Points.  
Paris, Dec. 5.—The Allies in northern France, from Flanders to Alsace, are making sporadic thrusts at the Germans. Despite bad weather in Flanders the Allies are giving the Germans little rest that might enable them to gather strength for a final assault to reach Calais. The center of the fighting in this region is Ypres.

Austrians Penetrate Farther Into Serbia  
Vienna, Dec. 5.—Belgrade is completely in control of the Austrians. Their further advances in Serbia were unopposed. The army took three hundred prisoners. West and southwest of Arandjele plain the Servians made fierce attacks.

Turks Claim Success Against the Russians.  
Constantinople, Dec. 5.—It is officially claimed that the Turks have had success in their operations against the Russians. In the neighborhood of the river Tschorok and Adschara the Ottomans are advancing successfully northward. Another column is proceeding eastward to the neighborhood of Ardegan, from which the Russians are retreating.

Progress Made by Allies in North  
Paris, Dec. 5.—It is officially stated that the Allies have further advanced their lines in Northern France and Belgium. The western end of the battle line also has been extended in Argonne, where desperate fighting continues. There has been progress

north of Lize. Two lines of trenches have been taken and a position between Dixmude and Ypres captured. Rheims is again being bombarded.

## BULLETINS

(By the United Press.)

### BRITISH CRUISER VENUS SAFE IN PORT

London, Dec. 5.—The cruiser Venus, for which there has been some apprehension, it was said today, forced by a storm to take refuge in port.

### GERMANS TAKE 1,200 PRISONERS

Berlin, Dec. 5.—The situation in the Mazurian Lake region is favorable for the Germans, who have taken 1,200 prisoners.

### GERMAN VIEW OF SITUATION LACKS DETAIL

Berlin, Dec. 5.—Fighting is still in progress in the east. The situation in Flanders is unchanged.

### AIRMEN TEAR UP PORTION OF RAILWAY

The Hague, Dec. 5.—French aviators today dropped bombs on Freiburg, in the Province of Baden, destroyed a portion of the railway. The aviators escaped safely, despite a fusillade from German guns in the vicinity.

### AVIATORS DROP BOMBS ON GERMAN SOIL

Berlin, Dec. 5.—Aviators today dropped four bombs in the neighborhood of Freiburg.

### KILBANE TO FIGHT AS A LIGHTWEIGHT

Akron, O., Dec. 5.—Champion Johnny Kilbane, the Cleveland featherweight, will invade the lightweight ranks tonight, when he is scheduled to fight Joe Mandot of New Orleans. Articles were signed last month in Cleveland for a twelve-round bout and each man agreed to make 133 pounds ringside.

### NEW BISHOP TO PERFORM HIS FIRST PUBLIC ACT

Washington, Dec. 5.—Thomas J. Shahan, rector of the Catholic University, will perform his first public act as a bishop tomorrow when he administers the sacrament of confirmation to a class in St. Martin's church.

### TRIED TO ASSASSINATE COUNTY CONVICT GUARD

E. W. Mintchew, a guard at the county convict camp at Deep Run, 12 miles from here, and another guard named Rouse, were fired at from ambush by two unknown men shortly after dark Friday night, according to a report which reached the city today. Neither was struck. All the prisoners had been confined for the night, and the two guards, who had been relieved of duty for a few hours, were leaving the encampment when they were fired upon. It is not certain how many shots were fired, but a pistol or rifle bullet passed dangerously near to Rouse's head. They returned the fire and ran toward their assailants, who fled toward Southwest creek, escaping. The tracks of the two measured 11 and 12 inches. There is no clue to the identity of the attackers so far.

## RED CROSS WORKERS IN NIEUPORT'S RUINS



Shells from the German guns were still falling into Nieuport when this photograph was taken, showing Red Cross workers searching the ruins for any who might need their help.

## IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY AT "JEWEL" PRESENTATION

Hon. George Turner and Mrs. Ada Turner Honored by Pink Hill Mystic Circle—Prof. Kinsey Made Principal Address.

The Pink Hill ruling of the Fraternal Mystic Circle Friday night conferred handsome jewels upon Hon. George Turner and Mrs. Ada Turner, who as past worthy rulers, have been extremely efficient in the improvement of the lodge. The church in which the ceremony was conducted was packed to its full capacity. Thos. Grady, supreme deputy, of this city, presided.

Prof. Joseph Kinsey, superintendent of the county schools, delivered the presentation address, and according to several of his hearers, made the best extemporaneous speech of his career. Prof. Kinsey went to Pink Hill, he says, with inadequate ideas about what the occasion was intended to be, but a spectacle which preceded his time upon the rostrum so impressed him that he was prepared to talk with enthusiasm. The many members of the ruling present stood and took an obligation to foster and guard the infants in cradle of the members who are parents. The sight, the superintendent of schools says, was sublime. Prof. Kinsey spoke at length upon fraternal orders and the part they play in education. He stopped at one point to deprecate that Hon. George Turner, the "father of Pink Hill," be patient, as if he were to get the "something which had last come to him," he would be unappreciative of the remainder of his speech, which he determined that the honored fraternity man should hear and enjoy to the fullest.

## MR. H. C. V. PEEBLES IS AGAIN SUPT. CHARITIES

Mr. H. C. V. Peebles, who was the first superintendent of the United Charities when organized several years ago, was Friday night, again appointed to the office at a meeting of the new governing board in the directors' room of the Farmers and Merchants Bank. He was assured the support of the people, and a soliciting committee, comprised of Messrs. J. W. Goodson, D. V. Dixon, George W. Knott, J. H. Canady and W. O. Bodell, was appointed to assist him. Mr. D. F. Wooten was chosen to succeed himself as president. Other officers elected were: Mr. J. W. Goodson, vice-president; Mr. L. J. Mewborn, secretary and treasurer. The by-laws of the Charities are to be revised, it was decided, and plans devised for prosecuting the winter's work. The soliciting committee will invite individuals, fraternal orders and churches to co-operate with the Charities.

## A WAR OF GREEK CHURCH AGAINST ROMAN CATHOLIC

William Shepherd Learns Russians Will Execute Bishop of Lemberg

## PENFIELD'S AID IS ASKED

Whether American Ambassador Will Be Able to Save Aged Romanist Uncertain—Religion a Factor in War in the East

By William G. Shepherd (United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Vienna, Oct. 16: (By mail to New York)—Roman Catholic circles here have been agitated ever since the fall of Lemberg concerning the fate hanging over the head of the old bishop of Lemberg. The earliest rumors to reach the Catholic diplomatic circles here were that the bishop of Lemberg had been imprisoned by the Russians. These rumors were vague and could not be confirmed. But within the past few days an Austrian business man from Lemberg has succeeded in reaching Vienna with the positive information that the aged Catholic bishop of Lemberg is to be executed by the Russians. I happened to be at the American embassy here when two black-robed priests from the Catholic diplomatic circles here were received, their faces stamped with worry and distress. They asked Frederick Penfield, the American ambassador, who through the tangle of war represents the Russian government in Austria-Hungary, to save the life of the Lemberg churchman. Whether Mr. Penfield will succeed in his efforts is a question. I wanted to know why the Russians wanted to kill a Roman Catholic bishop and investigation in Vienna disclosed the fact that the war between Russia and Austria-Hungary is in certain sections a holy war. It is the Greek against the Roman church. I cannot find that the statements of either country divide their issues on this line, but the Russian soldier in the field fights for his true Cross, the Cross of the Greek Catholic church and the Austrian soldier fights back for the Cross of Rome. It is only on the border between the two countries that severe fighting has taken place and it is among the border people of both countries that the religious feeling is paramount to patriotic sentiments. If the Russians penetrate farther into Austria-Hungary the chances are that the religious aspect of the present conflict will disappear. The Russian charge against the priests in each town they have taken is that they are acting as spies. The border towns in Austria-Hungary contain many Slav inhabi-

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## DIET OF NIPPON WILL MEET TODAY

Tokio, Dec. 5.—The Imperial Japanese Diet will convene today, according to official announcement published recently.

## DELAY IN COMPLETION NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

High School Will Not Occupy Its New Quarters as Early as Had Been Planned—Grammar Grades Move Monday Morning.

The High School will not go into the new East Lenoir street building on Monday, as the officials of the schools had hoped, it was announced today. Various reasons will deter the removal of the classes, principally incomplete plumbing. The grammar grades now in the building at Peyton avenue and Independent street, eight in number, will with one exception, the 4A, take rooms assigned them in the new house Monday morning. There is not room for the excepted class. The High School is expected to follow within a week or two.

## BIG STEAMER GROUNDS ON HER TRIA TRIP

(By the United Press.)  
Philadelphia, Dec. 5.—The Great Northern, a three million dollar steamship, was blown ashore off Fort Mifflin today by a forty-mile wind on her trial trip. Tugs which have come to the rescue will try to get her into deep water at high tide. Philadelphia, Dec. 5.—The Great Northern was, this afternoon, rescued and proceeded on her trial trip.

## LEACH & CO. ASK FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Leach & Co., the New York purchasers of the city's \$100,000 bond issue of last June, are determined that there shall be nothing left undone in the consummation of the deal through which they are to pay the municipality par and accrued interest for the entire issue. They have now requested that a copy of the printer's affidavit that the law had been complied with as to publication of the election returns, etc., be exchanged for the original affidavit. This, as in another case recently when supplementary aldermanic action on some trifling detail was requested, is not regarded by the aldermen as piecemeal, but rather as evidence of the business thoroughness of the buyers. It is hoped now that with compliance with the last request, nothing further will hinder the completion of the transaction, and that payment for the bonds will soon be made. It is not unlikely that actual work on the paving, lighting and sewerage extensions intended will be commenced in January if the bonds money is received before the end of this year.

tants who always wildly welcome the coming of the Russian soldiers and it is these Slav town folks who are Greek Catholics and who usually accuse the Roman Catholic priests in their town of acting as spies. The Russian soldiers' and officers hear these charges eagerly and though definite information is lacking I am told that no less than fifty Romish priests have been executed as the Russians advance into Austria-Hungary.

## MEXICAN BULLETS MENACE AMERICAN LIVES, SAYS HUNT

Arizona Governor Protests to War Department Carelessness of Mexicans

## ANOTHER MAN IS KILLED

Workman on Building Killed—Germany Says She Has Right to Take Coal From American Ships After England's Example

(By the United Press.)

Washington, Dec. 5.—Governor W. H. Hunt of Arizona, protests to the War Department that firing, endangering American lives still continues across the border. Antonio Bracemore, working on the front of the federal building at Naco, was hit by a stray bullet and killed. The American lives along the border opposite to Naco, Mexico, have been seriously jeopardized by the recent assaults made on that point. Firing across the line has not been infrequent, and many Americans have been wounded and several killed.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Germany regards the seizure of coal by German warships from American neutral merchant vessels no more a violation of American neutrality than the seizure of copper aboard such vessels by Great Britain, the State Department has been informed.

## CHILE ZEALOUSLY GUARDS NEUTRALITY

(By the United Press.)  
Santiago, Chile, Dec. 5.—There is anxiety for the Chilean warship Baquedani, sent to investigate rumors of a German naval base in the Juan Fernandez Islands. The vessel should have returned November 30.

## CHILEANS CAPTURE BOATLOAD OF GERMANS

A further attempt by the Germans has been made to evade the neutrality laws. The police today captured a cutter belonging to the German transport Prinz Eitel, containing eight men and carrying provisions, food and life buoys.

## CHICAGOAN ADMITS DOUBLE CHARACTER

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 4.—Carleton Hudson, wealthy lawyer, for years a respected churchman and citizen here, and C. H. Betts, who fled from New York in 1894 when he was free on bond, charged with forgery, are the same man. Hudson, arrested yesterday at the instance of heirs of his former bondsman, admitted his identity in a statement issued tonight by his counsel, Clarence Darrow. Hudson was arraigned here today and given a week's continuance.

## COLORADO JOINED THE PROHIBITION LIST.

Denver, Col., Dec. 4.—Statewide prohibition carried in Colorado by a majority of 11,572, according to the official canvass compiled today. The vote for the measure was 129,589; against 118,017.

## MR. OVERBY SERIOUSLY HURT IN COTTON GIN

Mr. George Overby, about 50 years of age, a prominent Snow Hill man, was badly injured in a cotton gin near that town late Friday, losing one arm as a result. Mr. Overby was working around the gin when he was caught by projecting cogs and drawn into the machinery. Dr. Tom Parrott of this city that night amputated the badly mangled right arm and took more than a hundred stitches in fearful wounds on the victim's face and arm. His right eye is endangered by severe abrasions. Mr. Overby is expected to recover, and rested well during the night. He is well known here, and is a brother-in-law of Mr. P. S. B. Harper of Kinston.

## SALARY SYSTEM NETTED LENOIR LAST YEAR \$3,600

Three Offices Showed Profit of More than Thousand Dollars Each

## LOSS IN CLERK'S OFFICE

\$400 More Expended Than Fees Amounted to—The Books of All Offices In Good Shape, and Auditor's Work Approved

(By the United Press.)

The county finance committee, comprised by Chairman of the County Commissioners H. Tull, Mr. D. V. Dixon and Auditor C. Oettinger, spent two and a half or three hours Friday afternoon in going over the books of the county in the register of deeds' office. The task was completed in the comparatively short time by reason of the thoroughness with which Auditor Oettinger had executed his work and prepared the books for inspection.

The saving to the county through the salary system over the fee system was found by the committee to be thousands of dollars. Three offices showed a profit, as follows: Register of Deeds', \$1,200; Sheriff's, \$1,400; Treasurer's, \$1,400. One, the clerk of the court, presented a loss of around \$400. The total profit was \$3,600.

The expenditures by the commissioners for roads improvements and from the general funds were \$66,273, nearly \$48,000 of which was for the former. This sum was more than the tax and other receipts, but a considerable portion of it was from the roads fund created by the sale of the county's A. and N. C. Railroad bonds, and accordingly, there is no deficit.

## BIG PEARL HARBOR DRY DOCK TO BE COMPLETED

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—Secretary Daniels announced today that a supplemental contract had been signed with the San Francisco Bridge Co. calling for completion of the great naval dry dock at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, by July 1, 1918. Work on the dock was suspended nearly two years ago when the bottom heaved. The new contract calls for completion at a cost of \$1,261,350, which is \$238,650 less than the amount made available by Congress.

## RALEIGH "HIGHS" ARE EASTERN CHAMPIONS

By Defeating Washington's Team Capital City Boys Have Undisputed Title to Honors for this Half of the State.  
Goldboro, Dec. 5.—Raleigh and Washington High School football eleven played here this afternoon for the championship of the eastern half of the State. Raleigh overwhelmed Washington with a score of 73 to 6. Raleigh has defeated the Virginia champions at Richmond, and will now have to play the western Carolina champions for the championship of the two States.

## FAMOUS CAMPAIGN MULE DIES IN UNION

Monroe, Dec. 4.—"Old Dan," Squire McWhorter's famous old campaign mule is dead. This was the famous campaign horse of Squire McWhorter which was written about in the State papers years ago. For many years Squire McWhorter and "Old Dan," have campaigned the county, seeking to enter the legislative chamber, but without success. It will be remembered that Squire McWhorter was the clerk in the Legislature several years ago who refused to accept payment for his services, thereby stirring the whole State by his patriotic note.

## EXPERT TO DESCRIBE THE SOCIALISTS' PART IN WAR

Boston, Dec. 5.—The attitude of the Socialists in the present European war will be described by William English Walling tonight before the Twentieth Century Club.