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ALLIES' SUCCESS MAY ENABLE THEM TO FLANK GERMANS

Sweeping Invaders From Railroads in the Neighborhood of Roulers

STRAIGHT PATH TO CITY COMPLAINT IS OFFICIAL

sion, Germans and Austrians Untangle Their Lines While Worsted Russian Army Is Passive

(By the United Press.)

Paris, Dec. 8 .- Fighting is in progress along the Passchendaele road. The French operating south of there have almost reached Roulers in their flanking movement to Menin. Supported by the Allies' guns, they have practically cleared the railroads and now have a straight path before them to Roulers. Vigorous attacks by the Allies have not yet forced the Germans to abandon the offensive at all points, however. Heavy fighting is under way along the coast. The Germans are bombarding coastal positions around Dunkirk. The Allied warships have gotten into action and shelled German positions.

No Decision Yet on Eastern Front Berlin(Dec. 8 .- An official report from Vienna says fighting for a decision on the Russian front continues. The Austro-German forces have repulsed attacks southwest of Pietrow. The Russian advance along the Newa-radem line is at a standstill.

Artillery Attack Upon Cracow Forts Petrograd, Dec. 8.—Russian guns are hammering at the outer defenses of Cracow. General Diminitriff has reached the city with a force of more than two hundred thousand men. The losses of both sides in the fighting in the region of Lodz were heavy. It is estimated that the German were a hundred thousand.

German forces in the east consist of six army corps, or approximately 240,000 men, and five cavalry divisions. A part of these were taken from the western front and the others are new formations.

Germans Meet Allies With Counter Tactics.

Paris, Dec. 8 .- An official communique says the Germans are active in the region of Ypres and along the Yser. The Germans are meeting the Allies' attempt to advance their lines with a counter offensive. The fighting in Flanders is expected to assome the desperate character which marked it in the early stages. The operations in the Aisne and Champaigne regions are chiefly artillery duels. French troops have gained some ground in Argonne.

Von Hindenberg Seeks Better Formation

London, Dec. 8 .- The army of Gen. Von Hindenberg in Poland is fighting desperately to advance its southern front and straighten its line of the right wing. There is heavy fighting southwest of Piotrkow, thirty miles southeast of Lodz. The Germans occupy Illow, within forty miles of

Interest in the Situation in East. Berlin, Dec. 8 .- There is great interest in the operations of the Austro-German forces on the southern front in Poland. The Russian advance along the Nowa-Radomsk line has been completely halted, and is expected to be followed by an early advance of the German right wing, giving Von Hindenburg a solid line fromthe Vistula to a point practically a hundred miles south.

Russia Admits Taking of Lodz. London, Dec. 8 .- An official statement from Petrograd, says that the Russians' "desire to retain Lodz would prove inconvenient in many important respects." This is accepted as confirming German reports that Lodz has been captured.

Allies Make Material Advances in

France. Amsterdam, Dec. 8.—British troops have captured Paschendaeler, on the railroad, midway between Ypres and Roulers. This represents another adtance of the Allie, and opens the way for a fiank movement upon the Ger-ans along the Lys.

GERMANY ALLEGES DUM DUM BULLETS MADE IN AMERICA

Claim Nearly Sixty Millions | President Wilson Eloquent-Are Being Manufactured for the British

Fighting in East for Deci- State Department Is Told And Always Has Been for That Manufacturers In This Country Are Contracting for Ammunition In Violation of War Rules

> (By the United Press) Washington, Dec. 8 .- Statements charging that 58,000,000 rounds of "buckshot cartridges," said to be dum dum bullets, are being manufactured by two American concerns for use by British soldiers in the European war, were filed today with the State Department by the German em-

The department is expected to investigate the charges immediately.

STORM DAMAGE A MILLION SEVEN LOST THEIR LIVES

(By the United Press) New York, Dec. 8 .- The property loss was a million dollars from the worst storm that has whipped the Middle and North Atlantic seaboard in a decade. Seven persons lost their lives as a direct result.

PICK SITE FOR COSTLY STATUE TO GEN. GREENE.

Greensboro, Dec. 7 .- Mr. Albert R. Ross of New York and Mr. Miller of the War Department at Washington returned to their homes tonight after selecting the location for the equestrian statue of General Nathaniel Greene at the Guilford battleground. his generals will be by far the handsomest ever erected in this State. It will be done at a cost of \$30,000.

BIGGEST BODY OF NEGRO MASONS IN WORLD MEETS

Wilmington, Dec. 8 .- The 45th annual communication of the Grand Lodge of F. A. and A. Masons of the jurisdiction of North Carolina, the greatest negro jurisdiction in the world, will convene in Wilmington today at noon in St. Stephen's A. M. E. church. Prof. R. E. McRary of Lexington is Grand Master, and will pre-

NEW ASSISTANT TO

A. C. L. PRESIDENT. Wilmington, Dec. 7 .- Announcement was made today from the office of President John R. Kenly of the Atlantic Coast Line of the election of T. F. Darden as assistant to the president, succeeding Lyman Delano, who was recently elected third vice-president. Mr. Darden is a native of Wilmington and has considerable railroad experience.

DURHAM TO MAKE SOCKS FOR SOLDIERS.

Durham, Dec. 7 .- One of the most important signs of an increased activity of the business of this section of the country was the receipt of an order by the Durham Hosiery Mills this morning for 300,000 pairs of socks, which are to be used by the European armies.

AUCTION ART WORKS FOR BELGIAN RELIEF

(By the United Press)

Philadelphia, Dec. 8 .- Thousands of dollars is expected to be raised for the relief of families and dependants of French and Belgian artists, by the sale of art works, all donated by American painters and sculptors, which began here today. The auctionsale will continue for eight days.

Sculptures, pictures and other decorative objects, all done by persons of

AMERICA SHALL NOT BE TURNED INTO A MILITARY CAMP

ly Declared In Message to Congress Today

"COUNTRY IS PREPARED"

Safeguarding National Integrity, Says Chief Executive - Merchant Marine Included in Message

(By Staff Writer)

The leaders of Congress are determined to get through with the business during the short session in time for the regular adjournment on March 4. 1915. President Wilson had, in conference yesterday afternoon, Senator Kern and Representative Underwood. majority floor leaders, respectively, of the Senate and House. He discussed with these gentlemen his message, and it is said that they are in accord with the provisions therein. Representative Underwood stated, following his conference with Mr. Wilson, that there was nothing in the President's legislative program which he did not think could be carried out during the short session, and that he, himself, was in perfect accord with

the program. Today at noon, President Wilson delivered his message in person, as has been his custom, to a joint session of the two Houses. He commended the Sixty-third Congress for the constructive work which had been done, as he said, in "loyal response to the needs of the country." He did not review the notable record at length, taking a modest view of the work done and saying that, perhaps, he and the Congress were "too much a part of the work to play the part of historians." He referred to the conditions that now face America, and asked his hearers to "meet them without partisan feeling, like men who have forgotten everything but the common duty, the representatives of a great people whose one thought is what America owes to herself and to all mankind in such circumstances." The interruption to the means trade and the processes of production by the European war was spoken of, emphasizing the fact that "the resources of the various belligerents are being destroyed at such an unprecedented and appalling rate as to give reason for the fear that the time near when several of the countries of Europe will find it difficult to do so for their people what they have always hitherto been easily able to do, and that, consequently, they would need America's help and manifold ser-

vices as they had never needed them The President called attention to the new opportunities for trade expansion, the supplies from Europe having been cut off, and impressed upon the Congress the importance of providing ways and means for taking dvantage of the opportunities; particularly did he refer to the ways that had been opened between the United States and South American countries. "Here are markets which we must supply, and we must find the means of action. The United States, this great people for whom we speak and act, should be ready as never before, to serve itself and serve mankind; ready with its resources, its en ergies, its force of production and its means of distribution." We have the resources, but are we ready to use them, and if we can make ready what we have, have we the means at hand to distribute it? We are not fully ready; neither have we the means of distribution. We are willing, but we are not fully able," said the Chief Executive.

He spoke of the continuous debate that had been held year after year, but which had been productive of no results, with regard to the best policy to pursue to make use of the ores orests and water powers in the rich States of the West, which are still locked up. The water power in no section of the country was utilized as The water power in no it might be, he affirmed. "Because we will and we won't; because the laws we have made do not intelligently balance encouragement against restraint. We withhold by regula-

He referred to the measures which he said were finely conceived; one to unlock, with proper safeguard, the resources in the national domain, and the other to encourage the use of navigable waters which had already passed the House of Representatives, and asked that they might be given immediate consideration and action by the Senate in order that the "water power of the country might be plac-ed at the disposal of the great industries for their economical and profit-able use."

The President urged the bill which, rative objects, all done by persons of recognized merit, comprise the offerings. Those who put in bids today took little risk, as no objects will be permitted to leave the Art Club until the last day, in expectation of a higher offer.

The Fresident urged the bill which, as he said, means a larger measure of self-government to the people of the Philippines, proclaiming that this, of all times, was the opportune one for demonstrating the good faith of the American people in the principles of liberty. "Its passage would nobly crown the record of these two

FRENCH SOCIETY WOMEN AS NURSES



Parisian women, well known in society, attending wounded soldlers a the Gare du Nord as they arrive from the battlefields

NEW WORK STARTED BY SOUTHERN RAILWAY CO.

Double Tracking On Atlanta-Char- Seven of Twenty-seven Negro Schools lotte Line Will Be Resumed At Once and Employment to Large Number Given.

(Special to The Free Press)

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 7 .- The first contract for work north of Gainesville, Ga., in connection with the plan for rebuilding and double tracking the Charlotte-Atlanta line, has just been let by the Southern Railway Co.

The work to be done consists of the construction of 61-2 miles of entirely new line, lying in two stretches, four miles near Mt. Airy and 21-3 miles near White Sulphur. The construction will be very expensive, and will give employment to a large force of men, as the country through which the new line will be built is very rough and heavy grading will be necessary. Great improvement in both grades and curvature will be secured by the construction of the new line.

A Rock Hill, S. C., firm, has the contract, and will begin work immediately. In addition to providing better facilities for handling traffic in the future, the undertaking of this work will mean the immediate distribution of large sums for labor and

years of memorable labor," he said. The President compared the inadequacy of the ships sailing under the lag of the United States, and the im possibility of building a great trade without the provision for adequate transportation, to the situation which confronted the country some years ago, when the larger part of the continent was to be opened up for settle ment and industry, and needed long of railway prepared before-Then he said. "We lavishly subsidized the building of transcontinental railroads. We look back to that with regret now because subsidies led to many scandals. which we are ashamed, but we know the railroads had to be built, and it we had to do it over again we should of course, build them, but in another way." He urged the passage of the pending shipping bill, discussed at the ast session, but not passed by either House. "The Government," he said. must open its gates to the trade and open them wide. It is not a question of the Government monopolizing the field, but that the responsibility upon the Government was to see that transportation at reasonable rates was provided promptly, even where the carriage was not, at first, profitable, and that when it has become sufficiently profitable to attract and engage private capital the Government ought to withdraw."

The President spoke of the importance of rural credits, and expressed his regret that it did not seem possible to perfect a bill for passage at this session and, therefore, he did not urge the attempt. He spoke very earnestly about the obligation of this country with reference to the proposed measures for safety at sea, ways and means for which await the con-firmation of the Senate, and inasmuch as the United States had been the prime mover in this cause, he urged the Senate not to let the matter go by default, December 31st being the last day in which this Government could manifest its acceptance of the terms. Germany and Great Britain have already ratified the convention

The President urged economy in Government expenditures, but h serted that "the people of the United States are not jealous of the amount that their Government costs if they are sure they get what they need and desire for the outlay, and that the money is being spent for objects of which they approve, and is being ap-plied with good business sense and management." No fear should be en-tertained for the expenditure on legitimate enterprises and undertakings is what is to be guarded

National Defense All Right.
That part of the President's message which pertained to the interests
(Continued on Page Two)

COUNTY SUPT. ORDERS SCHOOLS SUSPENDED

Have Been Closed Because of Lack of Attendance, Thought to Be Due to Farming Conditions.

Seven of the 27 negro schools in Lenoir county have been ordered suspended by Supt. Joseph Kinsey because they failed to comply with the law which requires every school to keep an average attendance equalling or exceeding one-fifth of the school census. This action followed receipt of the weekly reports from the schools for last week. All teachers are compelled to forward the reports at the end of each week, showing the average number enrolled present, etc.

The suspended schools are at Southwest, Neuse, two in Moseley Hall township, Falling Creek and Sand Hill. At least one, the Sand Hill school has taken steps to increase the attendance to the required minimum, and it is thought the suspension of all the others will be only temporary.

The Falling Creek school showed an average daily attendance of only three during the week from November 30 to December 4.

The cause of the slack attendance in these schools is easily perceptible The colored farmers and tenants, unable to secure labor in the cotton fields, are keeping their children away from school for the picking. Superintendent Kinsey on a recent tour of the county encountered a large number of colored people who explained the labor situation to him and told him that it would be impossible to spare the children from the farms until the first of the year.

"COTTON" BALL TO SHOW **VALUE OF COTTON GOODS**

(By the United Press)

Washington, Dec. 8 .- Whole bales of cetton have been spun into dazzling ostumes which, Capital dressmakers rophesied today, would completely bewilder the more men at the "Latton Ball" tonight, in the New Willard ballroom.

Judging from the reports of these same dressmakers, the judges who will award the prizes for the costumes and groups at the masquerade, have their work cut out for them, as it will take a fine sense of discrimi nation to pick out the best.

This ball was the outgrowth of the 'Cotton Clothes for Southern Women" movement, which received such an impetus at the Cotton Styles Show at the Willard in October. It was thoroughly demonstrated there, which will be the further impressed tonight, that there is no reproach to be connected with cotton clothes, but that gown made of cotton may equal if not excel creations made of silk, satin, charmeuse or other materials.

MONDAY'S RAINFALL.

The rainfall in the 24 hours up to 6 p. m. Monday was 1.51 inches.

GEORGE OVERBY'S CONDITION SERIOUS.

It is reported from Snow Hill to-

NEW COMMITTEE TO WILL GUARD HEALTH **MAKEPLANS FOR THE LENOTR COUNTY FAIR**

merce President Canady to Meet Soon

IN FOOD SUPPLIES Named by Chamber of Com- Meat and Milk Law Becomes Operative With the Appointment

OF KINSTON **PEOPLE**

PROMINENT BUSINESS MEN DR. J. F. FOLEY CHOSEN

To Investigate Advisability of Establishing Annual Exhibition for This or Several Counties — Citizens Asked to Co-Operate

(By the United Press.)

President J. H. Canady of the Chamber of Commerce today appointed the following committee to investigate the advisability of holding a county fair here: J. F. Taylor, Dr. J. M. Parrott, P. S. B. Harper, N. J. Rouse, F. C. Dunn.

The committee will meet at the members' earliest convenience to consider the advisability of holding a Lenoir county fair, or a fair for Lenoir and adjoining counties, and ways and means. President Canady asks for a full report to be made at the January meeting of the directors.

All citizens who are interested are requested to assist the committee in any way possible.

MACK SELLS COLLINS TO THE WHITE SOX

(By the United Press.) Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 8.-Eddie Collins, the Athletics' second base man, has been sold to the Chicago White Sox, it was announced today by Connie Mack.

WOULD GIVE N. S. RIGHT-OF-WAY THROUGH FORTRESS

Washington, Dec. 7,-Perpetual rights of way to the Norfolk Southern Railroad through lands to be acquired for fortification purposes a Cape Henry, Va., in exchange for all of the company's lands lying within the area to be taken over for the fortification, would be authorized by the War Department under official estimates submitted to Congress today.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

TURKS CLAIM SUCCESS

OVER RUSSIANS Constantinople, Dec. 8.-It is officially announced that in the vicinity of Adjara, where fresh engagements have taken place, the Turks have been successful. The Russian attack on East Wanlake failed.

BRITISH STEAMER BURNED AND ONLY TWO SAVED London, Dec. 8,-The British steamer Vedra, en route from Mexico to Barrow was burned off Walney Island. Only two of her

crew of thirty-six were saved.

SWEDISH VESSEL SUNK BY MINE, CREW DROWNED Stockholm, Dec. 8 .- The Swedish steamer Nora Sverige, struck by a mine off the coast of Finland, sunk, and her crew of twenty were drowned.

MINISTER WANTS HIS

CONDUCT INVESTIGATED Washington, Dec. 8 .- Minister Sullivan of Santo Domingo, today asked the President to have an investigation made of charges that Sullivan is using his office for the profit of private firms.

JASON ARRIVES AT ITALIAN PORT.

Genoa, Dec. 8 .- The collier Jason, the Christmas Ship, today arrived here. A special train was furnished by the Italian government to carry presents to the children in cities of Austria and Germany.

Davidson, Dec. 7.-The Asheville Highs won the Western North Caroday that Mr. George Overby, a prom- lina school championship, defeating inent citizen of that town who was the heavy Huntersville High School severely hurt in a cotton gin last team here this afternoon by a score week, is in a precarious condition. of 6 to 0. Local Veterinarian, With Large Experience, Named-Enactment of Law Result of Free Press' Persistent Agitation

J. T. Foley, a local veterinarian, was Monday night chosen by City Council to be Kinston's first inspector of meat and milk. He will take office immediately. Foley's appointment is until May 9, next, the end of the fiscal year, and his salary will be \$50 a month. The inspector will be a part time man, being required to make the stated inspections of dairies, market places, groceries, etc., as well as of residential premises, and will be free when not occupied with his public duties to practice his profession. Inspector Foley is a Baltimore man who has resided here for several months now. He was a contract veterinarian with the army at Vera Cruz last spring for several months. He is known to veterinarians throughout the State as an unusually competent man, and had previous service as a public inspector at New Bern. He has been promised any assistance they may be able to render him by veterinarians of the National and State Departments of Agriculture.

The laws which Inspector Foley will work by are among the most volumonous, but withal practical, ordinances ever drafted by an aldermanic body in this State. They cover the situation thoroughly and, it is believed, satisfactorily to the market men Foley unstinted co-operation, as well as to the consumers.

The meat and milk inspection laws, which became effective on the first of the month, are among the most important matters transacted by the present city administration. Agitation for their enactment was first commenced following suggestions by The Free Press late in the spring, and consideration of the proposed ordinances by the aldermen was not allowed to be interfered with until their final passage in the Fall.

The Council Monday night granted increased equipment in the way of ladders, life-belts, etc., to the Fire Department, as encouragement to Chief Moseley in his plans to modernize the department. A letter from Gilbert White, the engineer who has charge of the contemplated municipal improvements, suggesting the construction here of a public-owned gas plant similar to one recently completed in Rocky Mount, which he supervised, was read to the aldermen, who took no action upon it. Council passed on its first reading a franchise granting railroad rights-of-way in South Kinston to the Kinston Manufacturing Company. The franchise passed first reading in November, but that action was declared null by reason of the fact that the law covering publication of the proposed franchise had not been complied with.

MAY PROHIBIT IMPORTING FOREIGN CITRUS PLANTS

(By the United Press)

Washington, Dec. 8 .- The advisability of prohibiting the importation of citrus nursery stock, buds, scions or seeds was discussed at a public hearing today held by the Department of Agriculture. The reasons advanced by the advocates of stopping the importation was that by this means the introduction into this country of what is known as citrus canker

could be prevented. This disease has already been brought into the country apparently on Japanese nursery stock and is becoming established in the Gulf Citrus region of the United States, including Florida. In Florida very vigorous efforts are being made to it out, and it is believed that the will be successful, even though the cost will undoubtedly be great.