

CLEAR ATLANTIC OF GERMAN RAIDERS BY FIRST OF YEAR

Task Imposed Upon Admiral Frederick Sturdee's Victorious Fleet

ALLIES CONTINUE ADVANCE

Germans Reported to Be Evacuating Same Territory in West—Kaiser's Condition Considerably Improved

(By the United Press.) London, Dec. 11.—Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee's task is to completely clear the Atlantic of all German commerce raiders by the first of the year.

Kaiser Able to Receive Reports. Berlin, Dec. 11.—Kaiser Wilhelm is suffering with catarrh of the throat. The Kaiser contracted a cold visiting his troops during inclement weather, resulting in the present catarrhal infection of his throat.

Germans Quit Roulers as Allies Advance Paris, Dec. 11.—Fighting over roads, heavy with mud, and through patches of wood turned into swamps as a result of the heavy rains, the French and British are advancing their lines steadily.

General Advance of Allies in France Paris, Dec. 11.—It is officially announced that the Allied troops are advancing along the entire line of more than 250 miles, except in the region of Ypres.

SERENO PAYNE; "FATHER OF THE HOUSE," DEAD

Aged Representative from New York Passed Away With No Friends Around—Had Been in Congress Many Years.

(By the United Press) Washington, Dec. 11.—Representative Sereno E. Payne, "father" of the House, died last night in his room at a local hotel of heart failure.

Mr. Payne, who was 71 years old, lived alone and at midnight his body lay waiting for the coroner without friend or relative near.

Services to be held at 11 o'clock, Sunday in the House of Representatives in honor of Representative Sereno Payne.

SUBMARINE ATTACK UPON DOVER FOILED

(By the United Press) London, Dec. 11.—The admiral admitted that a flotilla of German submarines has attempted a raid upon Dover. Shore batteries fired upon the raiders.

GEORGIANS IN NEW YORK INTERESTED IN LEO FRANK'S CASE

Start Petition for Clemency to Be Sent to Governor of the State

SERIOUS TENEMENT FIRE

Four Persons Fatally Burned and Several Firemen Injured in Blaze and Resultant Explosion. Heroic Rescues Made

(By the United Press) New York, Dec. 11.—Georgians in New York City have planned to organize a determined fight against the hanging of Leo M. Frank. They are circulating a petition to be sent to Governor Slaton.

Four Fatally Burned in New York Fire Today. Four persons were fatally burned and several firemen painfully injured today as the result of fire and an explosion on One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street.

FARMERS' SONS DENY GIVEN COLLEGE COURSES

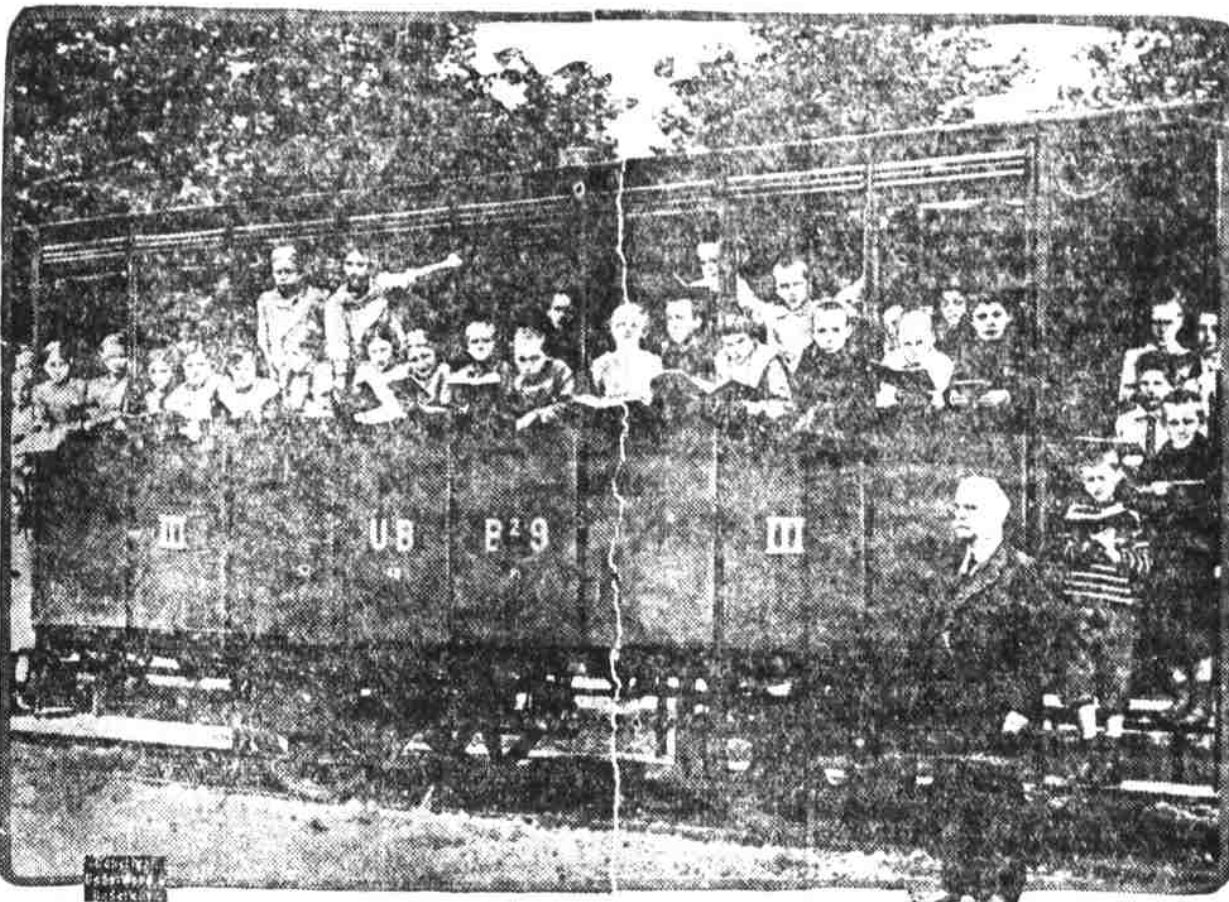
(Special to Free Press) Chapel Hill, Dec. 11.—Classified according to the professions of their fathers, the call of back-to-the-land is imperative to one-third of the students attending the University of North Carolina.

Dr. J. R. Hamilton, alumni professor of history of the State University, was on Saturday night elected honorary member of the Phi Kappa Society by William and Mary College, of Williamsburg, Va., the mother of the high scholarship organization in America.

A comparison between North Carolina and Illinois regarding the training equipment of the school teachers of the two respective States, credits North Carolina with a better showing.

OLD COUPLE HAVE DIAMOND WEDDING Balaton, Minn., Dec. 11.—John Shequan and his wife, aged 96 today celebrated the 75th anniversary of their marriage.

RAILWAY CARS FOR SCHOOLS IN GERMANY



To accommodate the wounded soldiers who are brought back from the battle lines, the schools of Germany have been converted into hospitals; and in order to provide for the children, whose studies otherwise would be interrupted, railway cars are being used as classrooms, as shown in the photograph.

ELOPING "CHIEF" WILL DON UNIFORM MONDAY

So Reports to Mayor of LaGrange, from Lumberton, Where the Honorary is Being Enjoyed at Bridegroom's Home

U. S. Paige, the LaGrange policeman who, Wednesday night created the biggest sensation in that town in years by eloping with Miss Lemoine Rouse, daughter of a prominent family, Thursday notified Mayor J. F. Peele that he would return on Monday to don his badge and buttons.

E. E. Paige, the father of the young man, came here Thursday, and was relieved when he received a telegram from their home that the son and his bride had safely escaped the irate father and two brothers of Mrs. Paige, who followed them through the country with shotguns on Wednesday night, and the minions of the law who sought to head them off.

DO BETTER OR CUT IT OUT, SAYS PRESIDENT

Wilson Tells Mexican Commander Must Stop Fighting If He Cannot Prevent His Men From Firing Across the Line.

(By the United Press.) Washington, Dec. 11.—President Wilson today firmly ordered General Maytorena to cease the fighting opposite Naco, if he cannot avoid firing over the border.

OSBORN'S FIRST DEPUTY IS DEAD.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Robert Williams of Chambersburg, Pa., first deputy commissioner of internal revenue, died at his home here today of pneumonia.

WANT MORE ROOM AT STATE HOSPITAL

Raleigh, Dec. 10.—The board of directors of the State Hospital in Raleigh have finished their work begun yesterday and recommended an increase of appropriation to extend the buildings and to provide adequate housing to the increased number of patients.

FIRE DESTROYS COAL BREAKER AND WASHERY

(By the United Press.) Pittston, Pa., Dec. 11.—Fire today destroyed the Ewing Coal breaker and washery at Port Griffith. The works were owned by the Pennsylvania Coal Company.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press.)

ARTILLERY DUEL OVER WIDE AREA

Paris, Dec. 11.—Artillery duels prevail in the region of Arras and around Junecourt. In the region of Varnes the German artillery is especially active.

GERMANS HURRY MORE MEN TO BELGIUM

Paris, Dec. 11.—The Germans, fearing their forces in Belgium are insufficient to hold the coast line, are hurrying reinforcements there.

GALICIA SCENE OF STUBBORN FIGHTING

Berlin, Dec. 11.—The fighting on both sides in Western Galicia is a stubborn struggle for the mastery of that territory.

GERMANS THREATEN TO BEAT RUSSIANS IN

London, Dec. 11.—The fighting south of Cracow is developing into one great battle of the war. The Germans are advancing on the northern front, endeavoring to approach Warsaw from the northeast and threatening the Russians with being bottled up in case of defeat.

GERMANY PLEASED WITH SITUATION IN EAST

Berlin, Dec. 11.—The eastern campaign is declared to be developing in accordance with the strategic plans of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg. His forces are advancing toward Warsaw from the North, but meeting with stubborn resistance.

MEXICO'S PRESIDENT REPORTED TO BE ILL

Washington, Dec. 11.—President Gutierrez of Mexico is ill and confined to his bed.

GERMANS INSIST THREE STURDEE'S SHIPS SUNK

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 11.—German reports insist that the British fleet which sunk Von Spee's ships, included second class cruiser squadron, attached to the home fleet, and composed of the cruisers Shannon, Achilles, Cochran and Natal.

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PECAN GROWING WILL BE PROFITABLE INDUSTRY

Farmers in Lenoir Are Buying More Trees, and Groves Already Bearing Are Proving Very Profitable—Good Markets.

Pecan raising now promises to become a very important industry in Eastern Carolina before many years. In Lenoir county alone many thousands of trees have been sold this year, and in some places the farmers are planting acres of them.

VOCATIONAL TEACHING FEATURES CONVENTION

Richmond, Va., Dec. 11.—Specialists in vocational education are in session today at the annual convention of the National Society for Promotion of Industrial Education.

MANY RECRUITS—A SIGN OF DEPRESSION?

Asheville, Dec. 10.—The local United States recruiting office, in charge of Sergeant E. W. Bonney, is one of the busiest places in the city these days, the record for the past few days being reached last night when forty men, who were accepted by the local office, had been sent to Columbus barracks, at Columbus, Ohio.

IOWANS TO FIGURE FAIR CREAM PRICES

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 11.—State Dairy Commissioners from a dozen mid-western states are here today, on call of Commissioner W. B. Barney of Iowa, to adopt a plan for grading cream, and fixing prices according to grade.

WANT TAFT'S IDEA ABOUT ISLANDS' INDEPENDENCE

(By the United Press.) Washington, Dec. 11.—Former President Taft was today requested by the Senate Philippine Committee to appear next week and testify regarding the advisability of Philippine independence.

OLD SANTA CLAUS' PLANS OF PROPOSED EARLY ARRIVAL NOW EVIDENCED IN SHOPS

Holiday Decorations in Profusion Are Putting in Appearance

"MADE IN AMERICA" TOYS

Idea That "Home" Made Variety Was Inferior to German and Belgian Make Has Been Proven a False One

Evidences of Christmas are to be seen in most all of the Queen street shops now. Seasonal decorations in interiors and windows portray the holiday spirit that is beginning to take hold of the people good and strong.

The war in Europe hasn't hurt the toy business a bit. Imported goods are a bit shy, it is true, but there are made-in-America toys a-plenty to make up for the deficit.

The jewelry, dry goods, ladies' furnishings, drug and men's haberdashery stores are all displaying lines a complete as in former seasons, and many of them have bettered their past showings.

SPECIFICATIONS AND PLANS OF POSTOFFICE

Many Blueprints and Book of Sixty Pages Govern Construction of Handsome Government Building to Be Erected Here.

Copies of the plans and specifications for the new postoffice here, bid for the construction of which will be opened in Washington on January 11 were received by Postmaster La Roque today.

SON OF EX-SENATOR

News has been received here that Venable Baggett, twelve-year-old son of ex-State Senator J. A. Baggett of Lillington, has lost an eye as the result of being struck by a piece of falling glass which was pushed from a schoolroom window by a playmate.

ANOTHER FARMER WHO DIVERSIFIES

George Duval, a planter of Oliver's Landing, Jones county, produced the past season 100 head of cattle, 200 sheep, 304 chickens and 75 bales of cotton on his medium-sized plantation and pastures, according to a friend of Duval's.

GERMAN 'BIG GUNS' FIRE INEFFECTUAL

Paris, Dec. 11.—The German artillery so far has been unable to inflict any damage upon the Allies on the Heights of the Meuse.

PLANS OF PROPOSED LENOIR CO. FAIR ARE BEING WORKED OUT

President Canady and Others Interested Think the Outlook Is Favorable

ENCOURAGE PRODUCERS

Agricultural Exhibits From Farmers of Lenoir and Adjacent Territory Would Stimulate Home Raising. Manufacturing Exhibits

President J. H. Canady of the Chamber of Commerce, is enthused over the prospects of a fair here next fall. Although the committee recently appointed by him to formulate plans for the fair has not met, the five or six representative men who comprise it are giving individual thought to the project.

Mr. Canady believes a fair here should have as its principal object the stimulating of competition among the local farmers. It should not be necessary to depend upon the aid of foreign exhibitors to make it a success, he says.

The ideal fair of Mr. Canady's hopes would be primarily an agricultural exhibition, but he would not overlook manufacturers and dealers over-looked. Accommodations for their wares should be included, he says.

It is certain now that the fair which is more than likely to be held here next year will not be for Lenoir county alone. Greene and Duplin and big sections of Pitt, Craven, Onslow, Jones and Wayne counties are logically commercially tributary to Kinston, as is Lenoir, the president of the Chamber of Commerce says.

As for racing, Greene county especially, and the majority of the counties of the section produce stock which can furnish all the thrills that the average small fair track affords, although it is not the intention of the promoters here to eliminate outsiders who desire to enter.

CAST-OFF SHOES COST MILITIAMEN OVER \$50.

Because they had been thrown into a trash pile, some pairs of government shoes valued at \$3.07 a pair, and totaling between \$50 and \$60, have been charged up to the Second Infantry band here by the quartermaster-general's department of the militia. The tedious account-keeping methods of the War Department require all cast-off property to be kept and properly condemned, valuing them at the full cost price, even if nothing but the heel-straps are left.