

**CONSTANTINOPLE
MAY BE ATTACKED
BY ALLIED FLEET****Feared That Foreigners
Will Be Massacred If the
Turks' Capital Falls****ENGLAND LOOKS FOR RAID****Has Stationed Armed Avia-
tors at Strategic Points to
Ward Off Attacks—Ger-
mans Bombard British
Army Headquarters**

(By the United Press)
Rome, Jan. 11.—The bombardment of Dardanelles forts by the Allied fleet has greatly damaged the outer forts. There is fear that the fleet will force a passage and capture Constantinople, and graver fears that a general massacre of foreigners will ensue. Should the Allies capture Constantinople the Turks in the Caucasus will be reinforced. They are attempting here to reform their defeated forces and resume the offensive.

Paris, Jan. 11.—In the regions of the Alsace and around Soissons, the fighting is taking on the proportions of a general battle. The Germans are endeavoring to regain lost trenches with reinforcements and additional artillery. Soissons is being used as British headquarters, which is the reason for the German bombardment. The situation in Alsace is unchanged.

British Prepare for Air Raid
London, Jan. 11.—Ten German bi-planes have dropped bombs upon Dunkirk. Buildings were badly damaged and many persons wounded. The Germans were driven off by fort fire. England is preparing for an anticipated air raid. British aviators, armed with rapid fire guns, are on constant duty at strategic points.

General Situation in West.
Paris, Jan. 11.—Violent fighting is in progress along the entire line from Lys to Oise. In a series of combats the French took a line of trenches in the vicinity of Lys. From the sea to Lys the fighting is principally by artillery. The Germans continue sacrificing men in an effort to regain lost ground. Between the Alsine and Champagne regions artillery duels continue with advantage to the French. North of Perthes a line of German trenches has been carried by assault. Heavy snows are hindering the progress toward Vosges of the Allies. In upper Alsace the snow also is adding to the misery of the wounded. The fighting is unchecked, but neither side has the advantage.

**IMMENSE ORCHARD TO BE
STARTED AT ASHEVILLE**

Asheville, Jan. 10.—The sale yesterday of 400 acres of virgin timber lands four and one-half miles from this city presages immense lumber operations and orchard developments, the land being bought by John A. Campbell and associated with James G. Stilwell with a view to the development of an apple orchard. Two saw mills will begin operations within the next thirty days on the clearance of the tract, and as the land is cleared it will be set out in apple trees.

**SWITZERLAND PREPARES
TO PRESERVE NEUTRALITY**

Basle, Switzerland, Jan. 11.—Switzerland will take steps to preserve her neutrality. Troops have been mobilized and ordered to guard the frontier. The Swiss Red Cross will still be for wounded, regardless of nationality. The Germans have 160,000 men in adjacent territory.

**BALLOONIST FELL 2,000
FEET TO HIS DEATH.**

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 10.—George Taylor of Philadelphia, an aeronaut, fell two thousand feet and was instantly killed near here today when the parachute on his balloon failed to open while he was given an exhibition. Several thousand persons witnessed the accident.

**ENGLAND CONCEDES
PRINCIPLE OF U. S.
PROTEST IS RIGHT****Preliminary Reply to Note
Regarding Shipping In-
terference Made Public
Last Night—The Officials
Await Full Reply**

(By the United Press)
London, Jan. 11.—It is admitted at foreign office that Great Britain's answer to the American protest against the right of search opens the way for a speedy, amicable settlement.
Washington, Jan. 11.—The officials are pleased with the nature of Great Britain's answer to the American protest. They are now awaiting the detailed British note. The State Department has ordered statistics compiled regarding the volume of United States commerce with other neutral nations.

Great Britain's preliminary reply to the protest of the United States against interruption of American commerce by the British fleet was made public here and in London tonight.

The British note concurs in the view of the United States should be interfered with only when absolutely necessary, and officials here construed it as conceding that the principles expressed by the American protest were just.

The only formal comment was this statement, issued by Secretary Bryan:

"This answer, being preliminary and not being intended as a complete reply, we will postpone comment until the full answer is received."

Briefly, the reply, while conceding the principles on which the American contentions are based, points out difficulties in actual practice, refers to alleged fraudulent practices by shippers and cites statistics showing an increase, rather than a decline in certain neutral commerce, in support of Great Britain's suspicions that Germany and Austria have been indirectly obtaining contraband through neutral countries.

**THREE FOLD PROBLEM
BOTHERS BIG MINERS**
Denver, Jan. 11.—Mine taxation, inducements to prospectors and federal aid in the solution of the low grade ore problem will be considered by the convention of the Colorado Metal Mining association which began here today. Two hundred delegates from 30 counties in the state are in attendance.

**DARK BELT TOBACCO
MARKETS IN ASCENDENCY**

Winston-Salem Led State in December, Wilson of Bright Leaf Section, Close Second, and Kinston Sixth on the List.

Kinston was down to sixth place in the list of tobacco markets selling in December, according to the report just issued by the State Agricultural Department. After reaching first place in the height of the bright leaf season, during the past six or eight weeks this market has gradually dropped behind as the bright season neared the end and the later dark season approached full swing.

Winston-Salem, Wilson, Greenville, Rocky Mount, and Oxford, in order, all led Kinston in December. The Twin-City sold 6,919,490 pounds. Kinston, although December was next to the last month of the local season, still sold 2,549,630 pounds. The total sales for the month in the State were 23,352,050 pounds.

**AWOKE TO FIND BLACK
BURGLAR IN HIS ROOM.**

Asheville, Jan. 10.—Awakened by a sound in his room, Ernest L. Mace sprang from his bed last night to find a negro crouching in the corner. The intruder made his escape before aid could be summoned. This was the fifth case of the kind in the same neighborhood in two weeks. The night before Mr. Mace was awakened Charles Glass found a burglar in his house but the uninvited guest jumped from a second story window.

**CATHOLICS TO WAGE
WAR ON THE MENACE
AND OTHER ENEMIES****Knights of Columbus Start
Campaign Against Publi-
cations Which Attack
Their Faith—Policemen
Guard Murderers**

(By the United Press)
New York, Jan. 11.—The Supreme body of the Knights of Columbus has named a special commission to organize a campaign against anti-Catholic publications, particularly The Menace. A grand jury investigation of Mrs. Ida Stiffen Rogers' murder of her two babies and other relations, together with their father, Lorlys Elfin Rogers, will be had, District Attorney Martin announced today. He will ask for murder indictments against Mrs. Rogers. Two policemen are now guarding the woman in Lebanon hospital.

**PIG FEEDS ON DOLLAR
BILLS IN WAYNE**

A singular occurrence vouched for by Wayne county farmers of good reputation is reported from New Hope, in that county. Ligie Vinson, Jr., went to his marsh pasture to feed his hogs. When he called the porkers up and counted them, one was absent. A few minutes afterward the missing hog came running up with the ends of what had been a \$1 bill protruding from the corners of his mouth. The bill was covered with marsh mud.

Vinson was unable to locate the particular spot where the hog was rooting when it was called away for his breakfast.

**ENDORSE WOOTEN IN
MAKING APPOINTMENTS**

The Raleigh News and Observer, in its department headed "Under the Dome," dealing with matters of the Legislature, says of Emmett R. Wooten, the Kinstonian presiding over the House:
"Speaker Wooten is taking his time in making his committee appointments, and in this he is to be commended. It is his purpose to have every section of the State represented on the important committees, and at the same time deal justly and fairly with the members of the House. Many suggestions are being offered from the outside as to who to appoint on this and that committee. The Speaker makes a note of all these suggestions and will give careful consideration to the claims of each and every one when he comes to make up the list."

**RODIN WANTED TO
BUILD VANCE STAUER.**

Asheville, Jan. 10.—A cablegram from M. Rodin, noted French sculptor, to Mrs. Zebulon Baird Vance, yesterday, advised her that he is willing to accept the commission for the execution of the statue to Senator Vance which is to be placed in Statuary Hall in Washington. The commission in charge of the arrangements for placing the statue is now meeting at New York and it is not regarded as probable that Rodin's message will be placed before it in time for consideration with the other sculptors.

**WARSHALL P. WILDER
DIES IN ST. PAUL, MINN.**

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 10.—Marshall P. Wilder, the author and humorist, died at a hotel here early today. His death was due to heart disease complicated by a slight attack of pneumonia. He had been in poor health for two weeks.

**OUTBREAK OF SMALLPOX
REPORTED IN WILSON**

Wilson, Jan. 10.—Municipal Health Officer Hoover reports six cases of smallpox in Wilson. All are quarantined and carefully guarded. These cases are in homes of negroes, and are scattered in various localities. Strenuous efforts are being made to eliminate any spreading of the disease.

**LEACH & COMPANY'S
LAWYERS APPROVE
BOND ISSUE PAPERS****City Clerk Advised That
Payment Will Be Forth-
coming as Soon as Finish-
ing Touches Can be Put
On Deal**

The \$100,000 in city bonds will be taken by Leach & Co. This is final, it is said at City Hall, and the matter, pending for several months, will be hushed up with the payment by the New York brokers for the issue almost "immediately."

City Clerk Coleman was notified Sunday by the agents of the purchasers, the Security Trust Company of Spartanburg, S. C., that they had been advised that their attorneys will approve the purchase. "From our New York correspondents we have been informed that our attorneys will approve the Kinston bonds affidavit Bank Commerce and ourselves. Will send bond form for approval Kinston people," a telegram stated.

The form of the bonds and a resolution which the purchasers seek to have the aldermen pass, as accompanying all the previous proceedings, may reach here today. In that event the Board of Aldermen may meet tonight for the wind-up of the city's part of the business.

The signatures of the mayor and city clerk are to be forwarded immediately so that they may be lithographed on the coupons.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

**SNOWS HALT OPERATIONS
IN GALICIA**

Vienna, Jan. 11.—The Russians are not pushing the invasion of Hungary. They have failed in the bombardment of Zakliczyn. Russian attempts to cross the Nida river were unsuccessful. Snows have halted operations in Galicia.

**ALL BELLIGERENTS NEED
MORE WEAPONS**

New York, Jan. 11.—The reason the Czar called for less than the usual number for the colors on New Year's was due to the lack of equipment and ammunition. None of the warring powers are able to utilize all their men because of the lack of weapons, it is said.

**BERLIN ADMITS ALLIES' GAIN
NORTH OF SOISSONS.**

Berlin, Jan. 11.—It is admitted that the Allies have gained a foothold on the trenches north of Soissons. The Germans report successes in the vicinity of Argonne. A French assault on positions about Laboisselles was repulsed with heavy losses.

**BRITISH VESSELS ORDERED
TO REMAIN IN PORTS**

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 11.—British vessels along the Brazilian and Argentine coasts have been ordered to remain in port because of rumors that a German squadron is operating off the Brazilian coast.

**ANOTHER AEROPLANE
BOMBARDMENT.**

Paris, Jan. 11.—Aeroplanes bombarded Dunkirk this afternoon. Buildings were damaged and five civilians killed and several wounded. A German aviator attempting to drop bombs on the French positions at Amiens was pursued by a French aviator, overtaken, the machine demolished, pilot killed and the officer observer badly wounded and captured.

**GERMANS AND RUSSIANS
PREPARE FOR ANOTHER
BIG BATTLE IN POLAND**

Petrograd, Jan. 11.—Both sides in Poland are concentrating for a general clash. The Germans have been heavily reinforced. Sixteen thousand Austrian prisoners have arrived at Kiev.

**PALMIST BERNS HAS
GONE TO PARTS AS
YET UNKNOWN HERE****His Leave Taking Was Ac-
complished Either Satur-
day Night or Sunday
Morning, and Was With-
out "Much Advertising"**

"Prof." Berns, or Bernstein, the notorious palmist, who has been dying his trade in this section for several months and who has been before the courts a time or two, the latest charge being "false pretense," which case was not pressed a few weeks ago in Superior Court with the proviso that Berns leave the city, has actually gone and the building formerly occupied by him is being advertised for rent. Fortunately for the landlord, Berns had paid his rent to the thirtieth of this month and aside from curtains, which were made especially for the front windows and were the property of Mrs. Alice Hunter, the owner of the building, she has no claim on the "professor." The understanding of the solicitor when not pressing the case was that Berns would leave immediately but for a time since it has appeared that he was planning to defy the court and endeavor to remain in the district. He had just circulated throughout the city a number of cards advertising his business and advising that some time this month an increase from 50 cents to \$1.00 for readings would be made. It is reported that he had told some people in the city that it was his purpose to take a short trip to New York "on business," and would return here to engage in detective work. His departure, which is thought to have been made either Saturday night or Sunday morning, was unannounced, although it is understood that some local accounts were left unpaid.

**MAN ALLEGED CRAZY
ONLY INTOXICATED**

Officers hurried from the city Sunday night to Trent township in answer to continuous telephone calls. Lewis Lee, about 64 years of age, was alleged to be "crazy" and said to have terrified his neighborhood. He chased a number of men, women and children out of one house and was "kicking up something awful."

The officers found the old man asleep, and very drunk. He did not appear to be insane, although they surmised that he might have been affected by tremens. He was left in charge of relatives and a revolver was taken from him. He will be required to stand trial later. It is said that Lee had been forsaken by his young wife, to whom he had been married but three or four months.

**MADE COTTON FOR LESS
THAN 5 CENTS A POUND.**

Dunn, Jan. 10.—"Cotton can be produced for five cents per pound," says Frank Wood, a young resident of this city, and owner of one of the prettiest farms in eastern Carolina. And to prove the truth of his claim Mr. Wood points to the fact that he raised 134 bales of cotton upon the same number of acres just a mile or so south of town and says that after figuring interest on investment, money paid for seed, fertilizers and labor he finds that each pound of his cotton cost him a little less than five cents.

**OREGON'S GOVERNMENT
STARTS UP AGAIN TODAY**

Salem, Ore., Jan. 11.—With simple ceremonies, Dr. James Withycombe, republican, of Cornwallis, was inaugurated governor of Oregon to succeed Oswald West, Democrat, this afternoon.

The hall of representatives was the scene of the inauguration. The members of the legislature, and state supreme court, besides friends of the outgoing and incoming chief executives were in attendance.

The state legislature then convened. The first woman ever elected to the Oregon legislature, Miss Marion B. Towne, a democrat of Jackson county, was in her seat on the house side.

The legislature was decidedly republican in complexion. The house consists of 56 republicans and four democrats, the senate twenty eight republicans and two democrats.

**ESTIMABLE WOMAN
SUMMONED TO HER
FINAL REST SUNDAY****Mrs. Sophia C. West, Best
Known for Charity Work,
For Forty Years a Resi-
dent of same house, Called
from Suffering**

Mrs. Sophia C. West, one of the oldest and best known of Kinston's citizens, passed away at her home on the southeast corner of Queen and Bright streets Sunday night at 11:30 o'clock. Paralysis was the direct cause of death. The splendid old lady had been practically a confirmed invalid since August, although prior to that time she had enjoyed extraordinary good health for one of her age.

Mrs. West was best known for her charity. Her character was entirely devoid of selfishness, and she gave of what she had with good grace to every deserving person who sought alms of her. Particularly was she the beloved patroness of many an old darkey. The ex-slave blacks around town in the days when Kinston was small adored her, and the few who have survived until today are among the most sincere of those who grieve. "Aunt" Fanny, who had washed for the West family for thirty odd years, left her home at 6 o'clock this morning to get milk for her bed-ridden husband. Something told her things were not right at the house up on the corner, and "Aunt" Fanny could not return to the waiting invalid until she had confirmed her premonition.

Mrs. West had lived in the home where she died, or on the same spot, for at least forty-eight years. She had been a widow for forty-three of that time. Her husband was the late Bryant Clinton West, and she was a brother to Richard King, long dead, who was one of the most influential men in this section of the State during his lifetime. Mrs. West was born at Wyse Fork, but resided here when the battle was fought there during the War Between the States. She refuted with her family to Durham during the military activities about Kinston.

January 1 was the eighty-second natal anniversary of the estimable Mrs. West.

She is survived by the following children: Miss Tiffany West, city; Mrs. O. K. LaRoque, Sumter, S. C.; and Messrs. Horace and R. B. West of this city.

The funeral will be conducted Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock by Rev. H. A. Humble, pastor of Queen Street Methodist church.

**THAT COLLEGE MAY
OWN MORE PROPERTY****Senator Ward Enters Bill to Increase
Endowment—Receiving Power of
Wake Forest Five Times—
Dull Day With Solons.**

Raleigh, Jan. 11.—Senator Ward of the Kinston district today offered in the Senate a bill to increase the property-holding power of Wake Forest College from one to five millions of dollars. The college now has nearly a million dollars endowment, and any bequest or other gift in excess could not be accepted if extension of the limit was not made.

The Senate and House were in session less than an hour today.

**Y. M. C. A. OF CAROLINAS
TO MEET IN TWIN-CITY**

Winston-Salem, Jan. 10.—The Twin City will be host on January 29 to 31 to the Annual Interstate Y. M. C. A. Convention of North and South Carolina. There will be more than 133 delegates present and the occasion will be featured by the presence of a number of prominent men on the program and by a banquet with plates for 250 guests at the Hotel Zinnen-dorf.

**FREE CHECK COLLECTION IS
RESERVE BANKER'S PLAN**

New York, Jan. 11.—A plan for the free collection of checks will be discussed here today by the special committee of five governors of Federal Reserve Banks. James E. McDougal, governor of the Chicago reserve bank, is chairman of the committee. The report of this committee will be presented to the general body of governors at their meeting in Washington on January 22.

**ADMINISTRATION IS
PLEASED WITH GOOD
LUCK OF VILLAISTAS****Confidence in Washington
That Border Fighting
Will Be Prevented****EVE OF SUFFRAGE FIGHT****Will Be More Entertaining
Than Important—All Offi-
cials of Rank Will Vacate
Washington to Take Trip
Through the Canal**

(By United Press)
Washington, Jan. 11.—Reported successes of the Villistas at Saltillo and Victoria have pleased administration authorities, who are confident General Scott has succeeded in his mission in getting Maytorena to sign an agreement already subscribed to by Villa against further fighting at Naco, on the border.

The suffrage fight scheduled for the House tomorrow, is likely to be more spectacular and entertaining than important. The House will vote on the Mondell resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to give women the ballot.

When the President and all the officials make the voyage through the Panama canal to the San Francisco Exposition in March there will be no high officials of the government left in the United States.

**NEW BUCKEYE GOVERNOR
BELIEVES IN SIMPLICITY**

Columbus, O., Jan. 11.—Simple ceremonies marked the inauguration of Governor-elect Frank B. Willis, of Ada, O., here today. All frills were eliminated at the special request of Ohio's new chief executive. Columbus society people sought hard to retain the inaugural ball feature, but Willis took a firm stand against it as well as the custom of issuing invitations to the various ceremonies.

John Jones, farmer, from Adas county, occupied just as advantageous a position at the inauguration as the best known politician in the state. "The public elected me and the public is entitled to the best at the inauguration," was the position taken by Willis.

**DIMINUTIVE ROBBER IS
AGAIN IN THE TOILS**

"Little Johnny Brown," incorrigible, nine years old and tiny, is again in jail in default of \$100 bond. The boy was several months ago sent to a farm by the authorities to keep him out of mischief. The court decided that Johnny was too small for a prison or roads sentence. The boy returned to the city some time ago, and was arrested Sunday for entering the store of the Lenoir Drug Company. It is believed nothing was secured by him in his most recent attempt. The little black has a long list of robberies to his discredit, and the next term of Superior Court is not expected to deal as leniently with him as the former one.

**ANTI-SALOON LECTURER
DAVIS IN NEW BERN.**

New Bern, Jan. 11.—Rev. R. L. Davis, State superintendent and lecturer for the Anti-Saloon League, in Centenary Methodist church here yesterday; preached a splendid sermon. He was heard by a large audience.

**WAR HAS KILLED ART,
SAYS NOTED SCULPTOR**

(By the United Press)
Rome, Jan. 11.—August E. Rodin, the world's greatest sculptor, today declared that the "whole world is brutalized by war, and art is dead."

**INDIAN COLLECTION
TO NORMAL COLLEGE**

Greensboro, Jan. 10.—Col. Fred A. Olds, collector for the North Carolina Historical Commission, has presented the Normal College with a very valuable collection of aboriginal Indian relics. He has secured them from many different sections of the United States, often visiting the places of interest, and making a personal search for rare specimens.