

RUSSIANS AGAIN ON OFFENSIVE NEAR TO PRUSSIAN FRONTIER

While German Operations Against Warsaw Have Been Halted Again

ST. DIE BEING BOMBARDED

Germans Shelling the Town to Indignation of French. Bloody Fighting Along Main River—Night Attacks Continue

(By the United Press)
Petrograd, Jan. 22.—Along forty miles of front at one place within ten miles of the German border, the Russians have resumed the offensive. The bloodiest engagement recently occurred during the fighting along the Muln river. The struggle was desperate, both sides suffering heavily. In an effort to halt the Russian offensive the Germans are attempting a movement toward the Russian rear from the Mlaw region. Heavy reinforcements have reached both sides. The German forward movement against Warsaw has been again halted.

Germans Shell St. Die
Paris, Jan. 22.—The Germans are bombarding St. Die. The residents are in a panic. No deaths are yet reported. The news of the bombardment has aroused the most intense indignation here.

Turks Deny Russian Claims.

Constantinople, Jan. 22.—The Russian attack along the whole Caucasian front has been "brought to a standstill," the war office asserts. The report that the Turks are making a disorganized retreat from Erzerum is officially denied.

Germans Drive French Back

Paris, Jan. 22.—It is officially admitted that the Germans have driven back the French armies near St. Mihiel and continue the offensive from Metz. The French attempt to drive a wedge into the German line extending from St. Mihiel to Metz failed. The Germans are bombarding Neuport. The French have gained around Rheims. Bitter hand-to-hand fighting is in progress at Hartmannsweiler, southwest of Mulhausen.

Desperate Night Fighting

London, Jan. 22.—A night assault by the Germans in the Visny region failed. They were driven back and lost nine hundred yards of ground. The Germans are now making violent attacks near Lens and Arras.

"Complete Defeat," Says Berlin.

Berlin, Jan. 22.—A complete defeat of the French attempting to break the German lines east of St. Mihiel is claimed by the war office. The French have abandoned the offensive in that region. Long distance artillery duelling is in progress near Arras.

EXPERT DEMONSTRATES DRAWING IN SCHOOLS

Miss Bancroft of New Jersey Is Instructing Pupils in Different Grades at City Buildings—To Speak to Teachers
The primary grades in the Kinston graded schools are very fortunate today in having Miss Lydia Bancroft of New Jersey, an expert supervisor of public school drawing and handwork, give lessons in the different grades.

SAILEY IN WASHINGTON IN RALEIGH POSTOFFICE MATTER

Washington, D. C., Jan. 21.—J. W. Sailey of Raleigh came to Washing-

DISCUSS BILL IN THE WHITE HOUSE

President Orders Speakers On Immigration Measure to Refrain From Dragging In Motives of Literacy Test Friends

(By the United Press)
Washington, Jan. 22.—The White House East Room was crowded today during the President's hearing of the immigration bill. The President ordered speakers to refrain from discussing the motives of friends of the literacy clause and ordered the argument confined to the bill's merits.

INSUBORDINATION, HOWLS FUGITIVE PRESIDENT.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 21.—General Eulalio Gutierrez, elected provisional President of Mexico by the convention at Aguas Calientes, has not abandoned his claim to that office with his departure from Mexico City. In a proclamation issued from Pachuca, and reported to the State Department today, Gutierrez, asserting that he is the legally chosen executive, charges that the convention which reassembled at Mexico City was under military coercion. He formally declares Villa, Zapata and other generals deposed from their commands. This proclamation, which is virtually the same as the manifesto Gutierrez offered to issue two weeks ago, while he still was in the capital if General Obregon and others would join him in the movement to eliminate Villa and Zapata, accuses both of the latter officers of murder, brigandage and high-handed insubordination.

BOILER EXPLOSION ON U. S. SHIP SAN DIEGO KILLS FOUR

Low Water in Tubes Caused Accident Off West Coast Mexico—Nine Badly Injured—Vessel Was Formerly the California
Washington, Jan. 22.—Four were killed and nine seriously injured by an explosion aboard the U. S. cruiser San Diego off the west coast of Mexico around La Paz at 6 o'clock last night, according to a dispatch to the Navy Department. Low water in the boiler during a speed trial caused the explosion. The San Diego, formerly the California, was en route to Acapulco.

A navy court martial investigation of the explosion has been ordered. The dead are William Elliott of Brooklyn; A. L. Hardee of Joplin, Mo.; Clifford Western of Davenport, Cal., and Oscar Wyatt of Elcentro, California, all second-class firemen. Cruiser Arrives at Guaymas.
San Diego, Cal., Jan. 22.—The cruiser San Diego arrived at Guaymas today with her dead and injured.

JEROME SAYS THAW WILL BE IN NEW YORK FRIDAY

(By the United Press)
New York, Jan. 22.—A warrant for the arrest of Harry K. Thaw on the charge of conspiracy was issued today. Governor Jerome says Thaw will be in New York Friday.

SOON THER'LL BE A HUNDRED MILLION OF US.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 21.—The population of continental United States will pass the hundred million mark within the next three months, according to two estimates made public by government bureaus today. Geographer C. D. Sloane estimated that the population would be 100,000,000 at 4 p. m., April 2. Government Actuary J. S. McCoy of the Treasury Department, calculated that it would be 100,016,000 on February 1.

ton today in behalf of the candidacy of Bart M. Gattling for postmaster at Raleigh. He held conferences with Representative Pou, Senator Simmons and Secretary Daniels. He declined to make any comment on the success of his visit.

HOUSE PASSES BILL FOR TWO JUDICIAL DISTRICTS IN STATE

Also Receives With Favorable Report Allen Bill to Dissolve Merger Comprising A. C. L., to Force Road Into State's Courts

(By W. J. Martin)
Raleigh, Jan. 22.—The House today passed by an overwhelming majority the bill to divide the State into two judicial circuits, eastern and western, with ten districts in each. The House received with favorable report from the committee the bill by Allen to repeal the Acts of 1893 and 1899, authorizing the merger of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad with other lines in forming the Atlantic Coast Line. The bill proposes forcing these lines into the State courts for the trial of damage suits instead of pleading non-residence through the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company of Virginia.

FORMER AND PRESENT LT.-GOVERNORS OF S. C. WAKE FOREST MEN

Wake Forest, Jan. 21.—President William Louis Poteat has received a letter from Hon. Charles A. Smith, for five days the Governor of South Carolina by reason of the unaccountable resignation of Mr. Bleasdale, and in this letter Governor Smith says that for once any way, Wake Forest had a Governor of the Palmetto State. Mr. Smith is a graduate of Wake Forest, and one of its most loyal and faithful alumni. He has had two sons to receive their diplomas from Wake Forest. In this letter Mr. Smith says, "Since I was so early done for, in truth, I wonder what I was begun for." It is also a matter of fact that the present Lieutenant-Governor of South Carolina is a Wake Forest man, Andrew Jackson Bethae, once president of the South Carolina Alumni Association.

GUDGER ANNOUNCES LAST GIFT AS REPRESENTATIVE.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 21.—Representative James M. Gudger, Jr., distributed his last piece of patronage today as a member of Congress from the Tenth North Carolina district, when he recommended R. C. Crooks to be postmaster at Murphy, of "Murphy to Manteo" fame.

LATIN PHRASES CAUSE PARSON EMBARRASSMENT

Just a Case Where An Attempt to Be Ultra Proper Resulted in Saying Exactly What Was Not Intended.
A local clergyman who is known to most Kinstonians as a model of thoroughness, and especially so in The Free Press shop, where he insists upon having his notices run verbatim confirmed newspaper style notwithstanding, sweated from every pore the other morning just after he had mailed a letter to a noted lady writer in New York. The author person is very, very "correct," and the preacher in his correspondence with her had always read, and re-read every epistle directed by him, and occasionally had even withheld the letters from the mail until he had slept upon the matter.

Just before writing the letter he had been deeply interested in "Quo Vadis." The book was still upon his mind when he sat down to indite the epistle. Referring to a pamphlet which she had sent him, he declared that it should always be his "Quo Vadis," which translated, means "Whither Goest Thou?" He had meant to say that the little book should be his "Vade Mecum," to be constantly with him. He mailed the letter before the mistake occurred to him. Chagrined and shamed by the awful mistake, the clergyman sat down and wrote in correction, comparing his mistake with that of an absent-minded student of his acquaintance who, after a harrowing spell of seasickness en route from New York to Norfolk, went ashore exclaiming, "Thank the good lord, vice versa," meaning terra firma.

CONTRACT FOR P. O. BUILDING GIVEN TO NEW YORK CONCERN

Westchester Engineering Co. of White Plains, Lowest Bidders, Will Do the Work for \$53,100—To Be Completed in 15 Months

As was expected here, the Westchester Engineering Company of White Plains, N. Y., was Thursday awarded the contract for the construction of the Federal building here. The Westchester Company was the lowest bidder out of eight, asking \$53,100. The work is to be completed within a year and three months. According to a report sent out from Washington, \$700 is to be expended for furniture. This, however, may not be correct, since it is not regarded as likely that a building of its dimensions can be completely furnished on such a miserly sum. Besides, \$70,000 is available for the building, the ground having already been purchased at a cost of \$25,000.

It was not expected here that the contract would be awarded before February 1 at the earliest, but it seems that recently the government has been much more prompt in matters pertaining to public buildings than in former years. Fifteen months is not regarded as an unusual time allowance, considering the thoroughness with which the supervising architect's office requires the work to be executed.

The new postoffice will be erected primarily for postoffice purposes. Since there will be no courtroom many of the superfluous offices in structures which house Federal courts will be eliminated.

RAIDING AIRSHIPS WERE ZEPPELINS

Fliers That Attacked English East Coast Towns Were Latest Type Dirigibles, Berlin Believes—Supplied for Long Trip.
Berlin, Jan. 22.—Berlin accepts the view that zeppelin airships constituted the raiding party which Tuesday night attacked the English East coast cities. The raiders were aircraft of Count Zeppelin's latest design, of exceptional speed, and carried large quantities of supplies.

BRADSTREET'S REPORT SHOWS SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 21.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say for Richmond and vicinity: "The week's trading has been devoid of special features, some lines show improvement, but as a whole the volume of trade continues below normal. Increased inquiries are noted for some grades of lumber and a number of mills have resumed operations. Tobacco is in slightly better demand and prices for the better grades show an increase over last week, the weather is now favorable for marketing and increased offerings are expected. Groceries and provisions are in good demand. Retail trade is fair, however, numerous mark-down sales are noted. Stocks are generally low because fall purchases were curtailed. Collections show slight improvement in some lines, failures and requests for extensions are, however, very numerous."

GOVERNOR JARVIS' BIRTHDAY PARTY

Girls of East Carolina Teachers Training School at Greenville Entertaining in Honor of 79th Anniversary of Mr. Jarvis.
Greenville, N. C., Jan. 21.—January 18th was the 79th birthday of our beloved Governor Thomas Jordan Jarvis. The faculty, officers and students of East Carolina Teachers' Training School gave a dinner in his honor.

At one o'clock the senior class ushered the guests into the dining hall. A few members from the junior class assisted Miss Rankin in serving the dinner.

After the first three courses, Miss Henning brought in the birthday cake, lighted by candles, which were placed so as to form the figure "79." As soon as the cake was placed before Governor Jarvis, President Wright, arose and spoke of the significance of the occasion and said "that we should be congratulated on being able to have Governor Jarvis with us on such an occasion, and he thought it very befitting for the school to pay him a tribute for the services rendered the school." He then introduced five girls, who gave a brief sketch of the last fifty years of Governor Jarvis' life, each taking up a decade. As soon as they had finished, President Wright called on Governor Jarvis. He responded readily and began by saying: "Girls, the reports of my life which you have given in my presence have set me to thinking to see what I can truthfully say promptly in my work, while in public service. The keynote to it all was 'service to fellow-man.' 'What can I do for the betterment of the State?' was a question constantly before me. 'Many times while I was Governor many prominent men came to me and

AVIATORS KILLED BY COLLISION IN MIDAIR.

Amsterdam, Jan. 22.—An Austrian aviator bearing messages from the besieged fortress of Przemyl today collided with a Russian aviator trying to intercept him. Both machines were hurled to the ground and the pilots killed.

DISPOSITION OF FINES FROM CITY CASES LIKELY SNAG

Recorder's Court Bill Will Have to Make Safe Provision for Giving the City Schools' Benefit, Thinks Solicitor Shaw

A snag has been struck in the bill for the proposed county court. Solicitor Henry E. Shaw this morning stated that under the present law fines from the Municipal Court go to the city schools, while under the proposed act they would revert to the general county fund. Of course, this will have to be remedied before the bill is forwarded to the Legislature, since the local opposition to the measure were it allowed to go up unchanged would be too pronounced to allow of its passage.

The solicitor also holds a view different from some of the other lawyers interested in the matter concerning the power to be vested in the judge of the court should it be established. To be a people's court and popular with the public, the judge should have jurisdiction over civil matters as well as criminal, he contends. Learned attorneys have advanced the suggestion that this is not permissible under the constitution, although in several places in this part of the State recorders do have the authority. There has never been a test of their authority because appeal to the Superior Court is easy from the county court, an inferior institution. However, the county court judge, if it can be so arranged, should have jurisdiction in matters similar to claims and delivery and other civil causes in which the sum involved does not run to excessive figures, in order to facilitate justice. Often these matters drag along in Superior Court until they are literally worn out, he declares.

Mr. Shaw's idea of the proposed court is that it should be similar to the old English "dustyfoot court," primarily a "people's court," and in which a man could "step in, get his affairs adjusted and go on about his business." The solicitor opposed, as did a majority of those interested in the proposition, the suggestion to have the county commissioners name the judge, because to have it popular with the public, the public must have a hand in its organization, know what the court is intended for and choose the man who is to preside over it.

GUTIERREZ DEPARTS TO JOIN CARRANZA

Convention Army About to Take Pueblo—Peace Convention Is Doing Nothing—Mexican Capital Now Faces Famine.

(By the United Press)
Washington, Jan. 22.—Gutierrez and several thousand men have left Pachuca to join the Carranza forces at Tampico. Severe fighting is in progress at Pueblo, with prospects of the capture of the town by Zapatistas. Carranza troops have already evacuated it. The peace convention is standing still. Mexico City is experiencing a famine. The supplies there are exhausted.

TAFT AND PARKER AT STATE BAR MEETING

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 22.—With an ex-president and an ex-candidate for president of the United States present, the New York State Bar Association went into session today. Former president Taft will speak tonight on "State Constitutions." Former Judge Parker will deliver the address of the President of the Association. Other speakers on the program are Judge J. O'Brien, New York; Morris R. Cohen, Professor of Philosophy at the College of the City of New York and Carlos C. Alden, Dean of the Buffalo Law School. The principal subject for discussion during the meeting is "Should the Executive and Judiciary Articles of the Constitution be Revised, and if so, How?" After the formal presentation of reports, the meeting will adjourn tomorrow night with a banquet at the Iroquois Hotel.

BUSINESS DISTRICT OF STRICKEN SALEM HAS A SECOND FIRE

Damage Placed at Quarter Million—Seven Cities Asked for Aid—People Driven to the Streets In Night Clothes
Salem, Mass., Jan. 22.—Fire in the heart of the business section of Salem today threatened to wipe out the portico not burned during the fire last summer. Many people were forced to flee to the streets lightly clad. Aid was asked of seven cities. The loss was \$250,000.

\$15,000 FOR DEATH AT RAILROAD CROSSING.

Greensboro, Jan. 21.—One of the largest verdicts ever returned against a railroad here was today given the administrators of Paul M. Hunt, who was killed at a crossing last summer when a Southern Railway train ran into an automobile. The verdict was for \$15,000.

A DIRIGIBLE AND NEW AEROPLANES FOR NAVY

(By the United Press)
Washington, Jan. 22.—The Navy Department will advertise for bids for a zeppelin style airship. A number of new type aeroplanes are also to be constructed for this country.

told me that they would dig my political grave if I put certain measures through. I told them that it had been dug many times, but I had never been put in it. In spite of these threats, I did what I thought best for my State. So I can truthfully say, that, so far as I know how I have worked for the good of my fellow-man whether wisely or not. I could not be a man and not feel the deepest gratitude for the beautiful tributes paid me today, and the love and esteem with which I hope they were given. I prize the love and esteem of these girls more than all the money of a Rockefeller." There was general applause as he concluded his remarks. President Wright then read some greetings addressed to him, but written to Governor Jarvis. Two of these were from Governor Craig and Dr. J. Y. Joyner. As the guests were leaving the table a telegram was brought in and read, being congratulations from Rev. and Mrs. M. T. Plyler.

BAY STEAMER BURNS IN THE CHESAPEAKE WITHOUT LOSS LIFE

The Maryland's Passengers Jumped Into Icy Waters and Were Rescued

PROMPT ASSISTANCE HAD

Two Liners Within Easy Reach Sent Boats to Pick Up People Floundering In Water—The Steamer Is Beached
(By the United Press)
Baltimore, Jan. 22.—Eighty-five people were rescued from the icy waters of Chesapeake Bay off Magothy river when the steamer Maryland burned this morning.

There was no loss of life due to the fact that two night liners arrived on the scene promptly. Many passengers donned life belts and jumped into the icy water. Small boats sent out by the steamers City of Norfolk and City of Baltimore rescued 85. The Maryland, burning, whistled for aid. The vessel was beached near Magothy. The City of Baltimore and City of Norfolk have such deep draught that it was necessary for them to run their life boats miles from the channel to the Maryland. The cause of the fire is unknown. The Maryland burned to the water's edge.

BUCKEYE CONVICTS HAVE HOME RULE

Columbus, O., Jan. 22.—Prisoners at the Ohio penitentiary now have "home rule" government. This innovation marks the latest move in Warden P. E. Thomas' plan to get in closer touch with the convicts.

Included in the "home rule" plan is the appointment of six representatives, one from each division of the cell blocks. Each representative is subject to "recall" by the prisoners. These representatives are known as "councilmen." Each will be allowed to visit all prisoners in his "ward" during the evenings, a freedom denied other convicts. In this way, Warden Thomas, believes, they will keep in touch with the wants of their "constituents," hear their complaints and note improvements they believe would be to the benefit of the prisoners.

BISHOP DARST WILL VISIT KINSTON THE 29TH

His First Stop Here Since His Consecration—His Visit is for Conference With Rev. John H. Griffith, Rector St. Mary's.

Bishop Thomas C. Darst of the Episcopa Diocese of East Carolina, will pay his first visit to Kinston since his consecration on Friday, January 29. He will visit New Bern that morning, and will come up either during the day or in the evening to spend the night with Rev. John H. Griffith, rector of St. Mary's church. Bishop Darst, who was consecrated early in this month to succeed the late Bishop Strange, has just sent out from the bishop's house in Wilmington a letter to the rectors and lay members of all the parishes filled with assurances of his hopes for successful work and of his confidence in his co-workers, and thanks for the honor bestowed upon him. He will visit a number of parishes in the northern convocation early in February. The bishop's visit to Kinston will be mainly for the purpose of a conference with Rev. Mr. Griffith. The Southern Churchman, in the current number announces that Rev. John H. Dickinson, very well known to Kinstonians as a capable Episcopalian clergyman, enthusiastic Python and polished gentleman, has resigned his charge in Goldsboro. He will take up work elsewhere.