

KAISER'S PRESENCE INSPIRES GERMANS TO FUTILE ATTACKS

Heaps of Dead Left on the Field as His Birthday Present

GERMANS CHARGED REPEATEDLY BUT IN VAIN—WAR LORD NEAR YPRES—PETROGRAD REPORTS ANOTHER CONTEMPLATED ASSAULT

(By United Press)
Paris, Jan. 27.—Heaps of dead victims of a series of reckless and bloody charges against the Allies was the Kaiser's birthday present. The Germans were inspired by the presence of the Kaiser on the battle front. Night assaults of unusual ferocity prevailed from the sea coast toward Rheims. All the German attacks were repulsed, and many were left dead on the field. In the trenches the Germans are celebrating the Kaiser's birthday with songs and services. The Kaiser is reported on the battle front near Ypres.

RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE AGAINST KOENIGSBURG AGAIN

Petrograd, Jan. 27.—The development is near a Russian offensive movement at Koenigsberg, capital of East Prussia, it is announced in an official statement. The Russian outposts are within fifty-five miles of Koenigsberg. Heavy reinforcements have reached both sides. Stubbornly fighting, the Austrians have increased their activity in the Carpathian mountains, particularly around Jas-liska and Uskok. The Russians, however, have repulsed every Austrian assault, and taken 300 prisoners.

A MATTER OF PIGS STARTED THE WAR, AUSTRIANS STATE

Washington, Jan. 27.—That "Pigs is War," is an old aphorism but that "Pigs is War," is something new. This gigantic European war, according to the different parties to it, was caused by several hundred different events. Some people say it was started when Sir Edward Goetchev, British Ambassador at Berlin, discharged his German cook; others say it was German militarism and may believe Russia started the conflict by mobilizing against Austria. And, by this time, most everyone has forgotten that the war really began when Austria refused the acknowledgement of Serbia to her ultimatum.

WILHELM ON 56TH NATAL DAY GRANTS AMNESTY TO HUNDREDS OF VIOLATORS OF MILITARY AND DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS

(By the United Press)
Berlin, Jan. 27.—In commemoration of the birthday of the Kaiser he today granted a general amnesty to hundreds of offenders against military and disciplinary rules since the outbreak of the war. Emperor William II has the distinction today, as he celebrates his 56th birthday, of being more able to wield power for good or evil than any ruler since the first Napoleon. No man in history has aroused so much discussion. He is conceded everywhere to be the central figure in the war. This man, of whom everyone is talking was born on January 27, 1859. His father was Frederick III; his mother, the Princess Victoria of Great Britain. When his father died on June 15, 1888, after a short reign, the present Emperor succeeded to the throne. He married Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, who is three months' older than he, on February 27, 1881. They have seven children, six princes and one princess. William II is a many-sided man. With a capacity for hard work and long hours combined with a mind quick to grasp essentials, he would have succeeded in almost any business or profession. As an emperor it is for the future historian to say whether he is a success or a failure. Until the war broke out, at least, he was thoroughly in love with his work.

ROCKEFELLER HAS GIVEN AWAY QUARTER OF BILLION

New York, Jan. 26.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., today told the Commission on Industrial Relations that he felt justified in placing the amount of money his father had devoted to philanthropy at a quarter of a billion dollars. Most of this, he said, went to the Rockefeller Foundation, the University of Chicago, the General Education Board and the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research. The witness possessed no data which would show "how much more the world would have benefited if this \$250,000,000 had been given to labor in increased wages."

BOSTON MINISTER TO WED NEGRESS FROM NEW BERN.

New York, Jan. 26.—A Boston, Mass., dispatch to the New York World says: "Rev. Charles Borum, a white minister, and said to be a Virginian by birth, has been granted a marriage license to wed Lizzie Lawson, a negress, said to have been born in New Bern, N. C. A white minister will officiate at the marriage."

JEROME REMOVED FROM THAW CASE

To Cut Expenses, Says Attorney General—With Jerome's Elimination Friends of Pittsburgher Believe He Will Be Freed
(By United Press)
New York, Jan. 27.—The friends of Thaw today enthusiastically predicted that as a result of the elimination from the new legal fight, Thaw would soon be freed.

GOVERNMENT FAILS TO PROVIDE FOR BLUE COTTON-TYPE OF N.C.

Local cotton buyers are much perturbed over the fact that the new government cotton classification, to become effective in a short time, make no provision for grading the blue type of staple peculiar to North and South Carolina. Although the gray cotton is cared for in detail in the regulations, the failure to include the blue is disturbing the Kinston buyers tremendously. The glaring defect makes the market for this type of the staple practically nil. Much of the blue stuff has been bought up on the local market, and already as a result of the discrepancy is off in price. Buyers are today taking the matter up with Senator Simmons and other members of Congress in Washington.

GERMAN LIGHT CRUISER TORPEDOED.

Berlin, Jan. 27.—The war office admits the German cruiser *Gazelle* has been torpedoped off the island of Rügen. It is declared the *Gazelle* will reach port. German and Austrian prisoners captured by the Russians have been sent to Siberia, many of them poorly clothed and fed.

DESPERATE ATTEMPT OF NEGRO TO BREAK JAIL

Confined in County Bastile on the Charge of Gambling, Durant Holland Makes Vicious Attack on Jailer Allen.
When Hedra V. Allen, the county jailer, entered a side door into the prison late Tuesday Durant Holland, a negro convict, swung a chair at his head with full force. The aim was bad and the chair crashed against the side of a cell, breaking into splinter-wood. Holland reached down to secure a round with which to renew the assault, but as he stooped Allen struck him with his left fist and kicked him, at the same time drawing his revolver with his right hand. Before Holland could renew the attack he was facing the muzzle of the jailer's revolver.

IRON HAND SLACKENS FOR TIME WHILE THE KAISER CELEBRATES

Manila, Jan. 27.—General Noriel, the insurgent leader, and two accomplices, convicted of slaying a political enemy at a cock fight, were hanged here today. The early hour of the execution possibly prevented disorders. It is expected, however, that a big demonstration will take place at the time of the funerals.

PROPOSE ABOLITION OF PLUCKING BOARD.

Washington, Jan. 26.—Abolition of the navy "plucking board" is one of the chief provisions of the new naval personnel bill, drafted by a committee headed by Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, and transmitted to Congress today by Secretary Daniels.

SIX-DAY RACE TO BE HELD IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—The first six-day race to be held in Chicago for twenty years, is scheduled to start tomorrow night in the international amphitheater at the stockyards, with nearly a score of well known racers entered. If the attempt to revive the marathon races is successful, a series of contests will be arranged this winter.

WHEAT REACHES NEW HIGH MARK

Chicago, Jan. 27.—Wheat reached a new high mark, \$1.47 1/2 a bushel today.

ENGLAND DENIES BIG SHIP SUNK

Lion Was Badly Damaged, But No Battle Cruiser Was Destroyed By Germans Sunday, Admiralty Emphatically States.
(By the United Press)
London, Jan. 27.—It is officially denied that a British battle cruiser was sunk in the North Sea engagement Sunday. It is admitted that the lion was badly damaged and forced to withdraw from the battle line. Survivors from the *Blucher* declare Captain Erdman went down with the ship.

JUDGE PEEBLES NOT SEVERE ON HIMSELF WHEN LATE AT COURT

Explained When a Few Minutes' Late Wednesday That He Would Not Fine Himself This Time—Cases Disposed Of
Judge R. B. Peebles sees to it that the defendants in Superior Court get a fair deal. His Honor is a judge of human nature, and takes cognizance of the flesh's faults and its aptness to err. According to those around the Courthouse, he has the knack of being "just severe enough, and not a bit too severe." Judge Peebles' health is better now than at any time recently, evidently, his spirits so indicating. He was late at the Courthouse this morning. He placed all the blame upon a porter who was to have called him earlier. "But I shan't fine myself," he declared, after apologizing to the officers of the court, the jury, witnesses and others.

DAMROSCHE AND STARS TO LEAD TARHEEL SINGERS

Raleigh, Jan. 26.—Under the auspices of the Raleigh Woman's Club, a music and grand opera festival is announced tonight for April 13. The attractions will be Damrosch's Symphony Orchestra, with four operatic stars, while a chorus from 100 of the best North Carolina voices will assist. North Carolina's first taste of grand opera is claimed in this extraordinary offering.

GOOD ROADS MEETING POSTPONED TO FEB. 23

Because of Conflicting Dates Meeting Scheduled for Chapel Hill Will Not Be Held Until Later. Soil to Be Exhibited.
(Special to The Free Press.)
Chapel Hill, Jan. 27.—Owing to certain conflicts with other conventions, it has been deemed wise to change the date of the Good Roads Institute, which is to be held at the University of North Carolina, to February 23-27. Everything looks very favorable for a splendid attendance at the Institute, and it is expected that the results of this year will surpass the splendid results obtained last year.

ELIZABETH PALMER FARED BADLY IN SMASHUP—CAMINO AT HALIFAX—WILSON NOT APT TO TAKE CANAL TRIP—MEXICAN AFFAIRS

Washington, Jan. 27.—The Belgium relief ship *Camino* arrived safely at Halifax this morning. Eighty-eight were rescued and one drowned, and a ship and cargo worth two million dollars sent to the bottom of the sea by the collision yesterday between the freighter *Washington* and the schooner *Elizabeth Palmer*. The schooner sunk early today as a result of damages received in the smashup. President Wilson's Panama canal trip seems likely to be abandoned because of landslides. There is, however, no intention of cancelling his western speaking trip in March. President Wilson today sent his good wishes to the Kaiser for his 56th birthday. The message contained "Wishes for your welfare." The Japanese embassy denied the rumor that a territorial demand had been made upon China. According to dispatches from Mexico City, Obregon and a large force of Carranza troops are approaching the capital and are expected to enter with little resistance. Carranza will be reinstated as provisional president. Charleston, W. Va., Jan. 26.—The Legislature today voted to submit to the people at the next election an amendment to the constitution providing for woman suffrage.

BIG ARMY MARCHES TO AID OF ANGELES

Ten Thousand Men Will Stop March to Tampico Long Enough to Take San Luis Potosi, Now Held By Gutierrez' Army.
(By the United Press.)
El Paso, Tex., Jan. 27.—Ten thousand troops are moving eastward from Agua Calientes to assist General Felipe Angeles' army in the siege of Tampico. The capture of San Luis Potosi from Gutierrez will be attempted en route.

HURT ALL SMALL ROADS, INSISTED—BILL TO ALLOW STATE TO BOND TREASURER—DEBATE IN SENATE OVER BRYAN COMMITTEE

Raleigh, Jan. 27.—The Page bill to repeal the long and short haul clause of the Justice intra-state freight rate act, passed the House today, 107 to 2. Representative Page told the members he had petitions signed by 15,000 citizens, insisting that this clause be repealed, as hurting all small roads. Representative Pegram introduced a bill to amend the law so that the State can provide the treasurer's official bond instead of his having to get individual bondsmen, and specifying that the treasurer have the power to use funds in hand for special purposes in such a way as to avoid the necessity for borrowing money; also that State moneys be deposited at the largest rates of interest available. The Senate spent more than an hour debating a resolution which passed, to appoint a committee to receive Secretary of State W. J. Bryan Saturday and arrange for his address before the joint session of the House and Senate at noon. A resolution by McMichael to have the address in the city auditorium was tabled.

DEPUTY AND MAN HE SOUGHT BOTH SLAIN

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 27.—Deputy Sheriff George McNeill was today killed by James Fowler, wanted on a charge of murder. Before dying McNeill killed Fowler, who barricaded himself in his home.

SAILS TO CONQUER SOUTH AMERICA FOR U. S. TRADE

New York, Jan. 27.—The commercial invasion of South America begins in real earnest today when the American built and American registered steamer *Finland* starts out on its 16,000 mile trip. The steamer will go to the West Indies and then circumnavigate the southern continent, stopping at the principal ports and coming back by way of the Panama canal. The passengers will be prominent bankers, manufacturers, merchants, exporters and importers.

ST. PAUL CATHEDRAL TO OPEN ON PALM SUNDAY

St. Paul, Jan. 27.—On Palm Sunday, the triumph in the life of Archbishop John Ireland will be celebrated. This will be the formal opening of the \$4,500,000 St. Paul cathedral. The building of the cathedral, which has occupied several years, has been the life work of the aged archbishop.

THREE BANK ROBBERS SHOT BY DETECTIVES.

Houston, Tex., Jan. 26.—Unaided, a youthful bandit today robbed the Guaranty State Bank here of \$3,000 and fifteen minutes later, with two companions, engaged several detectives in a pistol battle, which did not end until the three men had been injured, one seriously. Practically all the money was recovered. None of the men will reveal their identity.