

UNDER KAISER'S EYE GERMANS ASSAIL THE HEIGHTS OF WARSAW

Light Field Guns Pour A
Withering Fire Into At-
tackers' Front

THE CZAR LOOKING ON

Rulers of Two Mighty Em-
pires Watch Strenuous
Efforts of Their Armies
for Capture and Defense
of Polish City

(By the United Press)
Petrograd, Feb. 8.—Under the di-
rect eye of the Kaiser, German regi-
ments are vigorously assaulting new
Russian positions near Kamion, on
the left bank of the Bzura. The Ger-
mans are desperately attempting to
capture the heights in front of War-
saw. They are facing a galling fire
from the Russian light artillery. It
is reported that Czar Nicholas is
watching the battle in the Bilomow
region. The Russians have resumed
the offensive in that region, where by
terrific infantry charges they made
gains.

Minor Developments in the West.
Paris, Feb. 8.—French artillery is
successful from the Aisne to Cham-
pagne district. The French dynamited
a German trench in the region of
Cuinchy, southeast of Carancy. A
German assault along the Bagatelle-
Fountain-Madame line was repulsed
by the French, who inflicted severe
damage upon the enemy.

British Destroyers Shell
Turkish Towns.
London, Feb. 8.—British destroy-
ers today hurled shells into Turkish
land defenses near the Dardanelles,
according to dispatches from Athens.
A Turkish fort opened fire upon the
destroyers, which promptly replied.
Heavy explosions were heard in the
direction of the fort, suggesting that
shells exploded in magazines.

Germans Take Trenches.
Berlin, Feb. 8.—The fighting in the
Labasse canal continues violent. The
Germans have captured a part of a
trench recently captured by the Brit-
ish. In the Argonne region a part of
the French fortified positions also
have been captured. Local encoun-
ters only mark the fighting in the
eastern theater.

POULTRY BUSINESS IN SOUTH IS PROFITABLE

Morristown District Shipped More
Than Fifty Million Eggs In One
Year—In Great Demand

Morristown, Tenn., Feb. 8.—The
opportunities for building up the
poultry industry throughout the
South are well illustrated in what
has been accomplished in the terri-
tory surrounding Morristown, Tenn.,
from which 1,350 miles of eggs were
shipped during 1914.

The records of Southern Railway
Company show a total of 325 solid
cars shipped during the year. These
contained a total of 130,000 cases or
46,800,000 eggs. Adding the ship-
ments made in mixed cars and by ex-
press and parcel post, it is estimated
that the total production from the
Morristown district exceeded 50,000-
000 eggs, worth, at the average re-
tail price, more than \$1,250,000.

If laid end to end in a straight line
these eggs would cover a distance of
1,350 miles, or the distance from Mor-
ristown to the Panama canal.
175 cars of live poultry, 53 cars of
dressed fowls and a large number of
small lots sent by freight and express
were shipped during the year, the to-
tal of solid cars of poultry and eggs
being 553.

Washington, Feb. 8.—"The Single
Tax and Sanitation"—the effect of
single tax measures upon sanitation
of tenements—will be discussed to-
night by Surgeon General Gorgas be-
fore the Capital Single Tax League.

REVENUE BILL TO BE TAKEN UP BY HOUSE WEDNESDAY AT NOON

Consideration by Sections
Lower Branch in Commit-
tee of the Whole—Import-
ant Bills in Both Houses
of the Legislature Today

(By W. J. Martin.)
Raleigh, Feb. 8.—The revenue bill
introduced in the case today from
the Finance committee and made a
special order for Wednesday at noon,
when the House, in committee of the
whole will take up its consideration
by sections.

Representative Foster introduced a
bill to abolish capital punishment.

The House received with favorable
report from the committee the fore-
stry association bill for the preven-
tion of forest fires and to secure fed-
eral co-operation.

The House defeated the Brocket bill
to raise the age of consent on the part
of girls from 14 to 16.

A bill introduced in the Senate to
discharge the legislative commission
to investigate the proposed sale of
the State's stock in the Atlantic and
North Carolina Railroad. Her offer
of purchase has been withdrawn.

The Snow bill to prohibit the bring-
ing of prisoners to court with clipped
heads or prison uniforms was discus-
ed.

ENGLISH DEAD IN THE WAR TO DATE 104,000

(By the United Press.)
London, Feb. 8.—In the House of
Commons this afternoon Premier As-
quith announced the total British
casualties in the war up to February 4,
to have been 104,000.

21 FATALITIES FROM EXPLOSION IN MINE.

Fayetteville, W. Va., Feb. 7.—The
death today of a negro increased the
number of victims of yesterday's ex-
plosion in the arlisle mine of the New
River Coal Company to 21. One hun-
dred and eighty men were entombed
and of the 160 who escaped the neg-
ro was the only one hurt seriously.
W. L. Thomas, chief clerk of the
State Department of mines, who in-
spected the workings today, said the
explosion resulted from the ignition
of gas from an open lamp.

BALTIMOREAN MURDERED IN FLORIDA FOR HIS JEWELRY

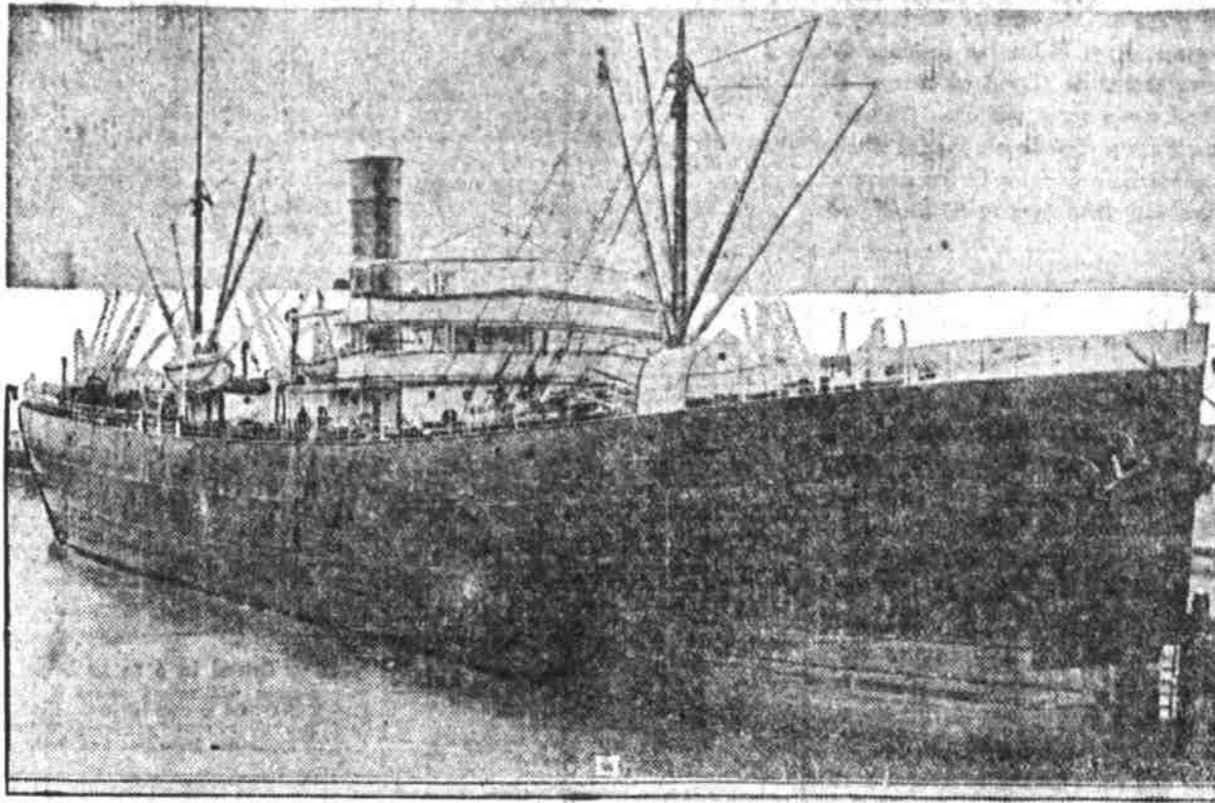
Welaka, Fla., Feb. 7.—The body of
Alonzo G. Gardner of Baltimore, was
found today in a dense palmetto thick-
et along the banks of Raft Creek,
near Georgetown, Fla. Death had
been caused by a shot in the back of
the head. He and his brother, Hor-
ace B. Gardner of Springfield, Mass.,
have been missing for three weeks.
No trace has been found to the lat-
ter, but the authorities believe he is
also dead. It is thought that both
men were killed for the purpose of
robbery. The pockets of the brother
found today had been turned wrong
side out. Both are known to have
worn valuable jewelry.

FORESTER SCHEUCY, WITH GERMANS, WASN'T KILLED

Asheville, Feb. 7.—The Asheville
friends of Dr. Charles A. Schenck,
founder of the Biltmore Forest school,
will be pleased to learn that the re-
port which recently was received here
to the effect that he had met death in
the European war was erroneous. Dr.
Schenck has written to Kingsland
Van Winkle, of this city, stating that
while he was severely wounded, he is
recovering and hopes to join his bat-
talion at an early date.

"If you want to become acquainted
with the Russian ally of Great Brit-
tain, just do what I did and cross the
frontier between Germany and Rus-
sia a dozen times, you will change
your mind about Russia, and most
certainly also about England, he
wrote."

STEAMSHIP DACIA, BEST-CASE VESSEL



Sailed Today from Norfolk in the face of England's Threat to Make Her a war prize. She will follow the regular ocean route across the Atlantic with her cargo of cotton.

RAILROADS AGREE TO RESTORE THROUGH CONNECTIONS NORTH

Norfolk Southern's Morn-
ing Train Will Make Close
Connection at Goldsboro
With A. C. L. for Points
North—Effective on 15th

The Norfolk Southern and Atlan-
tic Coast Line forenoon connection of
passenger trains at Goldsboro is to
be re-established. Even though it
was a few days ago intimated that
the A. C. L. General offices were dis-
inclined to meet the Norfolk South-
ern half way for the restoration, a
statement issued Saturday by the su-
perintendent of transportation of the
bigger system, gave positive assur-
ance that after February 15, which is
next Monday, the people living along
the Norfolk Southern's Beaufort dis-
trict will be given the privilege of
the northern connection again.

There had been a considerable howl
raised all along the Beaufort line, but
this was eclipsed by the protest made
by that very talkative and rightfully
interested fraternity, the drummers.
The "angels of commerce" took their
kicks right on to the heads of the
systems, and into their association
rooms. Added to the general hub-
bub was the complaint made by the
Kinston Chamber of Commerce, and
The Free Press, which first called at-
tention to the inconvenience of the
new schedule. The trade bodies along
the Beaufort-Goldsboro line generally
were slow about saying anything
against the slight, but the local
Chamber soon had the officials of the
A. C. L. and the N. S. wise to the fact
that the treatment being had by the
people east of Goldsboro was objec-
tionable to them. The Norfolk South-
ern, be it said to its credit, stuck a
feather in its cap when it very gra-
ciously admitted its willingness to
move its schedule up half of the time
needed if the A. C. L. would move its
back the other half.

There will be but five minutes in
which to change cars at Goldsboro af-
ter it is restored, but the Norfolk
Southern, it is certain will endeavor
to operate its trains on time to the
end that the connection may be ef-
fectual. Their westbound train will
reach Goldsboro at 11:10 a. m., and
the A. C. L.'s northbound train will
leave there at 11:15. The Coast Line's
northern forenoon train before the
connection was abolished was patron-
ized more than any other by Kin-
stonians traveling to the North.

GABY IN THE MOVIES

New York, Feb. 8.—Gaby Deslys
made her debut to film fans today. In
an original story of the stage, "Her
Triumph," the Parisian Dancer ap-
peared in four reels released by a pro-
ducing company today. Harry Pil-
cer, until recently Gabys' dancing
partner, appears in the film.

WOULDN'T ENGLAND RULE THE AIR IF SHE COULD, GERMAN ASKS

Zeppelin Defends Use of Di-
rigibles by Kaiser—Eng-
land, He Exclaims, Would
Do the Same if Matters
Were Reversed

By Carl H. Von Wiegand,
United Press Correspondent at the
Front.
(Copyrighted in United States and
Great Britain.)

Berlin, Feb. 1.—(By The Hague and
London)—Feb. 8.—"Does any one for
a moment believe that England, in
her determination to crush Germany
by every means in her power, even by
attempting to starve women and chil-
dren, would not use Zeppelins if she
had them?"

It was Count Ferdinand Von Zepp-
lin, creator of Germany's dreaded
fleet of aerial battleships, that spoke.
This was his answer to protests raised
by Germany's enemies against the
use of Zeppelins and the dropping of
bombs on unfortified places, killing
women and children. And his answer
was a justification of not only what
had taken place, but what will con-
tinue to take place while this world
war goes on.

LINER STRUCK ROCK AT HARBOR'S EDGE

(By the United Press)
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Feb. 8.—The
Allan Liner, Mongolian, enroute to
British ports from Philadelphia, put
into this harbor today with her for-
ward compartments filled with water.
Her bow was crushed in when the
vessel struck a rock outside the har-
bor mouth.

CHICAGO SEES FASHIONS

Chicago, Feb. 8.—New spring and
summer toggery creations were to be
donned by 300 pretty models today at
the opening of the fashion show, un-
der the auspices of the Garment
Worker's Association, at first Regi-
ment armory. The show will contin-
ue a week.

SCHOONER ON FRYING PAN SHOALS A TOTAL LOSS.

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 7.—The
American schooner William H.
Yerkes struck on Frying Pan Shoals
at an early hour this morning, and
will be a total loss. Her crew were
picked up soon after by the United
States Buoy Tender Mangrove and
brought into Southport, and were lat-
er brought to Wilmington.

The vessel carried a cargo of phos-
phate rock and was bound to Balti-
more from Port Tampa, from which
port she sailed on January 29.

SNAGS COULD VERY EASILY BE REMOVED BY PROPER EFFORT

Magistrate Peebles Thinks
County Court a Necessity
and Wants People to Se-
lect Judge—Favors Civil
Jurisdiction for Court

"I see from the papers that the Bar
Association has struck a snag or two
in the way of securing a recorder's
court for Lenoir county," said Mag-
istrate H. C. V. Peebles this morning,
in an interview to this paper. "If this
court is a necessity and will save the
county money, these 'snags' should
not stand in the way, and can easily
be removed if avarice and greed are
eliminated."

"It is claimed that if this court is
clothed with civil jurisdiction the
judge or recorder will be debarred
from practicing law," Mr. Peebles
continued. "I cannot see any valid
reason why this court should not have
civil jurisdiction. Whose interest is
most at stake, that of the citizens
of the county or one lawyer's?"

"Now, as to how the first judge
shall be named. This should be left
to a vote of the citizens. The nam-
ing of the judge should not be left to
one man nor the Bar Association, but
to the people. This is democracy.
There seems to be a prevailing spirit
that 'if I can't get my man in let's
kill the measure.'"

"Call an election," Judge Peebles
suggested, "and in that way decide
who shall be the judge. And let as
many as deserve to be candidates,
run."

ODDITIES IN THE DAY'S WAR BRIEFS

Melbourne, Feb. 8.—A rubber-sav-
ing collar has been presented to every
enlisted man in the Australian navy
by the British Rubber Growers Asso-
ciation.

Paris, Feb. 8.—A French infantry
corporal now in hospital at Tours is
suffering from 132 wounds, according
to the surgeon attending him. The
British record is held by a private
soldier at Paignton hospital, with 50
wounds.

Paris, Feb. 8.—Having tested an al-
leged bullet-proof breastplate and
finding it dangerous to the wearer,
the War Office is now prosecuting the
inventor on a charge of chicanery.

Berlin, Feb. 8.—The Scots Greys
are referred to in some of the German
newspapers as "The Scottish Regi-
ment of the Foreign Minister Grey."

FOR ARTISTS IN TRENCHES.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Washing-
ton's "Latin quarter" will hold a fan-
cy dress ball tonight, the proceeds to
be devoted to relief of families of
French artists now fighting for their
country.

BAR ASSOCIATION FAILED TO NAME ITS CHOICE FOR JUDGE

Saturday Night's Meeting
Adjourned Before Any-
thing Was Said About the
Matter of Chief Concern.
Choice Left in Statu Quo

About ten members of the Lenoir
County Bar Association met in the
office of Loftin & Dawson, attorneys,
Saturday night, to discuss again the
bill proposed to be submitted to the
Legislature for a recorder's court
for the county. It is stated that the
main business contemplated was the
recommendation of a man to hold the
office until the next general election.
Not a soul said a word about it. Such
action, of course, will be necessary
if the Legislature passes the bill.

As it now stands, unless someone
else has some suggestion to make, in
all probability the matter of naming
the first judge will be left with Rep-
resentative Wooten. He would, if the
bill is submitted without a recom-
mendation from the county, select a
candidate and send his name to the
committee along with the bill.

One member of the bar said the
members present simply "went up
the hill" to the point where the prin-
cipal business of the occasion was due
to be brought up, hesitated, flound-
ered around with a few blushes and
modesty written on every countenance
and then marched back down again.
Two avowed candidates, according to
The Free Press' information, were
present. These were Messrs. Y. T.
Ormond and James A. Powers. The
friends of neither mentioned their
names and after talking about the
proposed court until it was seen that
the delicate matter was not to be
brought up, the attorneys ceased their
deliberations and left.

Something may be done in a very
few days. But unless somebody else
ventures an acceptable suggestion the
bill is apt to go to Raleigh minus the
recommendation for the judge, in
which case it would be left up to Mr.
Wooten to choose him or fix some way
for an election or other means of se-
lecting a man.

SHERIFF'S PARTY RAID AND CAPTURE BIG STILL

60-Gallon "Outlaw" in Full Blast
Taken on the Land of John Sut-
ton in Sand Hill Township
Monday About 2 o'Clock.

Sheriff A. W. Taylor, accompanied
by Deputy Sheriff Allen and Police-
man Stroud, captured an illicit still
in full blast about 2 o'clock today on
the land of John Sutton, in Sand Hill
township about a quarter of a mile
from Joe Tillman's home. Two neg-
roes, Philip Skeene and "Namos"
Johnson, were taken into custody and
are in the county jail, charged with
"moonshining." The still was of six-
ty-gallon capacity, and the surround-
ings gave evidence that it had been in-
regular operation for some time. It
was situated in a piece of woods. The
sheriff's party destroyed fifteen mol-
asses barrels, about 300 gallons of beer
and 20 gallons of old wine, together
with several bushels of malt and meal.
Five gallons of whisky, which was
made this morning, was brought in to
be used as evidence. It is suspected
that others were implicated in the
ownership and operation of the still,
but the negroes, arrested, have stoutly
refused to divulge the fact, if they
had any confederate or if they were
employed by others.

LAMP EXPLOSION CAUSES BIG FIRE

(By the United Press)
Rome, N. Y., Feb. 8.—A \$150,000
blaze in the business section here to-
day was caused by an acetylene lamp
exploding. Several business blocks
were destroyed.

AMERICA TO PROTEST TO BOTH GERMAN AND BRITISH GOV'T'S

Flag Incidents and Estab-
lishment of Blockade
Bring Complaint

ENGLAND HAS AN EXCUSE

Says U. S. Ships Used Flags
of Other Powers In War
With Spain—The Dacia
Off for Germany—Bryan
on the Case

(By the United Press)

Washington, Feb. 8.—Two notes in
the nature of protest to Germany
and Great Britain are expected to go
forth soon against their treatment of
neutral shipping, according to offi-
cials. Refusing to forecast the course
to follow the proposed German estab-
lishment of war zones around Eng-
land, officials suggested that the white
house is entirely satisfied with Ger-
many's explanation in Saturday's
message. It is understood that the State
Department is planning to request
that Germany give absolute guaran-
tees of protection to American ships
in the war zones. The protest to Eng-
land will be against the use of the
American flag on English ships now
under way.

England Says America Let Precedent

London, Eng., Feb. 8.—England be-
lieves that her use of the U. S. flag
was justifiable and expects no protest.
London points to the use of neu-
tral flags in the American war with
Spain. The government believes such
an act by the U. S. navy was a tacit
admission of a belligerent's right.
Germany is expected to emphasize
her warning to neutral ships.

The Dacia Sails.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Secretary
Bryan today said that both the flag
incidents and the war zone order "are
under consideration."

Norfolk, Feb. 8.—Flaunting Eng-
land, the Dacia sailed for this port
today. The Stars and Stripes were
at the stem and stern. The usual
steamer path is to be followed in her
trip across the Atlantic.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 7.—The Ameri-
can steamer Dacia, recently changed
from German to American registry,
and about which international com-
plications are imminent, arrived here
today for coal before proceeding on
her voyage to Rotterdam with a car-
go of cotton.

Washington, Feb. 8.—According to
Dutch Minister Van Rappard, the
Dutch government will protest to
Great Britain the use of the Dutch
flag on British vessels.

BEGIN PROBE OF I. O. O. F. HOME MURDERS

Aged Inmates Believe Eight of Their
Number Were Buried Alive and
Not Poisoned—New York
Coroner Gets Witnesses

(By the United Press)

New York, Feb. 8.—To probe the
evidence of the poisoning of eight
aged people in an I. O. O. F. home,
the coroner summoned witnesses for
an investigation today. The inmates
suspect their former companions were
buried alive. Four people are under
arrest in connection with the murders.

DEFAULTING TREASURER REFUSED A PAROLE.

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 6.—William
F. Walker, defaulting treasurer of the
Savings Bank of New Britain, serv-
ing a sentence of one to twenty years
in State prison, has been refused a
parole. Walker embezzled \$565,000 of
the bank's funds, and about \$56,000
from the Baptist Convention of Con-
necticut, of which he was also treas-
urer.