

EVERY EFFORT BENT TO STAY ADVANCE OF THE CZAR'S ARMIES

Germany About Ready to Give Up Attacks Upon Warsaw

DANGER IS THREATENED

Reinforcements Hurry to Protect East Prussia—French Gunners Endeavor to Drive Enemy From Former Allies' Trenches

(By the United Press.)
Petrograd, Feb. 9.—The collapse of the German movement upon Warsaw is believed imminent. The Russian movement in East Prussia, designed to lift the pressure from the Russian positions west of Warsaw has been completely successful. The Germans are hurrying troops to East Prussia to meet the Russian advance.

Germans Contemplate New Movement Forward

Paris, Feb. 9.—French artillery, reinforced, is endeavoring to retake advanced positions on the line from Bagatelle to the Argonne region. The Germans are concentrating their forces from Sactor to a point north and east of Soissons. It is believed another forward movement is planned by them.

Desperate Assaults by Germans Avail Nothing.

Paris, Feb. 9.—Even by a series of desperate assaults of unparalleled ferocity the Germans today were unable to make headway, and were thrown back at many places. The Germans also failed in an effort to drive a wedge into the Russian lines in the region of Borjow. Entire German divisions were shot to pieces in the attacks. One German regiment charged over a mined field and practically all were killed.

German Successes Claimed.

Berlin, Feb. 9.—A Russian attempt to break down the German defense in East Prussia has been checked. It is stated that the Germans, now on the offensive, defeated the invading forces in a series of outpost skirmishes. According to advices from Vienna, Austro-Hungarian forces operating in Bukovina were successful everywhere. The Austro-Germans drove the Russians from positions in the Carpathians, but met with heavy losses in pursuing the enemy. Five hundred prisoners and seven hundred guns and a large quantity of supplies were captured.

Terrific Artillery Engagements.

Paris, Feb. 9.—French artillery downed a German taube attempting to reconnoiter the trenches along the Oise today. The pilot and observer were killed. The French operating around Labasse have re-taken a mill which was recently captured by the Germans. The armies' activity increases about Soissons. The city is almost in ruins from being bombarded by the Germans. Buildings are afire. The Germans are now bombarding Furnes. Heavy guns in the vicinity of Ypres and at Nieuport are engaged in a furious duel.

BREAD GOES TO SIX CENTS IN NEW YORK

(By the United Press.)
New York, Feb. 9.—This is the last day of five-cent bread in New York. Tomorrow the price will advance to six cents.

AN EVERY-MEMBER MEETING.

There will be a congregational meeting of the Christian church Wednesday night. Important matters are to be discussed and therefore, the pastor is trying to have every member present. After the business session there will be a social period and light refreshments.

ZEPPELIN WANTS TO FLY ACROSS ATLANTIC

Has Long Hoped to Be First to Pilot Aircraft Across Ocean, Count Tells United Press—Would Be Crowning Achievement.

By Carl H. Wiegand, United Press Staff Correspondent, (Copyrighted in United States and Great Britain.)

Berlin, Feb. 1.—(Via The Hague and London, Feb. 9.)—"I have always hoped to be the first to pilot an airship across the Atlantic. I have believed that to do so would be the crowning effort of my career," declared Count Ferdinand Von Zeppelin tonight when he resumed his discussion of the possibilities of the giant air craft that bears his name.

BANK PRESIDENT

GUilty OF FRAUD.
Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 8.—C. R. Raine, president of the Old Mercantile Bank, pleaded guilty in Federal Court here today to indictments charging fraud and misuse of the mails. District Attorney Hubert Fisher recommended penalty at five years in Federal prison, but Judge McCall deferred sentence until Wednesday.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

GERMAN GOVERNMENT TAKES OVER WIRELESS STATIONS.

Berlin, Feb. 9.—The government has taken control of all wireless stations. Hereafter they will be used only on public business. No private messages will be sent over cables and land lines held by Germany's enemies.

KAISER STILL ON THE EASTERN FRONT.

Berlin, Feb. 9.—The Kaiser is making an inspection of the various troops in the eastern theater and is in the best of health. It is believed that as a result of the Kaiser's visit a new offensive will shortly be developed.

ELIMINATE CIVIL JURISDICTION AND GIVE PEOPLE A SAY

Attorney Cowper Thinks If Court Is Restricted to Criminal Practice and the First Recorder Chosen by People Chances Better

"Eliminate the civil jurisdiction clause and give the people the right to elect the first recorder."

G. V. Cowper, Esq., thinks that is the way to popularize the proposed county court. Mr. Cowper's opinion is shared by others of the bar, it is believed. Still a strong party of the Bar Association members are holding out for civil as well as criminal jurisdiction. It does not seem to make so very much difference to the lawyers about how the recorder or judge is selected, however, judging from their remarks.

There were no developments in the matter today, and no one was seen who would venture a prediction as to what the outcome would be or when something new would break in the situation. Prominent men who are interested in the proposed court, however, admitted that it does not seem to be as popular as it should be. Few laymen are heard to express themselves about it. Mr. Cowper's suggestion is probably the most practical for arousing public interest that has been advanced, one man said. The election of the judge to sit until the next general election by the people at large instead of by the Bar Association, would make the issue much more popular, it was stated. Attorney Cowper seems inclined to think that it doesn't make any material difference whether a lawyer or a layman well versed in the law is the recorder.

SUPT. McNAIRY'S IDEA FOR RE-NAMING SCHOOL IS FAVORED

Legislature Will Probably Adopt Suggestion "Caswell Training School"—Would Also Name Station After the First Governor

The Chamber of Commerce is anxious to have the name of the Norfolk Southern Railroad station at the North Carolina School for the Feeble-Minded, two miles west of the city, changed to "Caswell," since Dr. A. A. Kent, the western Carolina representative in the General Assembly, who was until recently a director of the institution, has informed Secretary Sutton that the Legislature will in all probability change the name of the school to "Caswell Training School" in honor of the first Governor of the State, whose remains lie but a short distance from there. Mr. Sutton took the matter up with J. P. Kelly, the agent at the present station of Caswell, five miles east of the city, and the railroad officials. He suggested that Caswell station be called "Kelly" in honor of the veteran employee.

The railroad, however, does not seem to like the idea of making the change. "I hope you will not insist upon it, as it would cause too much confusion," Superintendent of Division John C. Lewis told Mr. Sutton. "You understand that this would necessitate changes being made in railroad tariffs, which would result in a great deal of confusion," Mr. Lewis declared.

"Personally, I have no objection," Station Agent Kelly told Secretary Sutton. Mr. Kelly said there is a station on the system named Creswell, and that frequently the two stations are confused by shippers and others, stuff consigned to Creswell coming to Caswell and vice versa.

The changing of the name of the School for the Feeble-Minded from its present official designation to something else was an idea suggested by Dr. McNairy to a meeting of the directors some time ago. It is generally conceded that a milder name should be had, and a two-fold advantage may be had by calling it for the Commonwealth's first Governor, to whom no more suitable memorial could be erected than the institution, destined to become one of the most important in the State's educational system.

MORSE TO SHOW HOW HE MURDERED EIGHT

Porter Who Put Eight Aged Inmates of Odd Fellows' Home "Out of the Way" to Illustrate His Methods This Week.

(By the United Press)

New York, Feb. 9.—Frederick Morse, poisoner of eight is to re-enact every crime. The porter is to use "dummy" chloroform on detectives at the Yonkers I. O. O. F. home to convince the coroner that his story that he murdered the aged inmates to "get 'em out of the way" is true.

BOOSTING GOOD ROADS

Richmond, Va., Feb. 9.—The "good roads" movement got another boost today when the fourth annual meeting of the Virginia Road Builders Association was held here. Highway engineers of Maryland, Virginia and the government are on the program for addresses.

PA. HOUSE PASSES EQUAL SUFFRAGE RESOLUTION

(By the United Press)

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 9.—The House of Representatives today passed a resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of Pennsylvania to give the ballot to women. The bill only has to pass the Senate to insure its being submitted to the voters next November.

MASS MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY NIGHT TO TALK FAIR

Experienced Fair Promoters Will Be Present at the City Hall to Discuss Best Plans for Proposed Kinston District Fair

The mass meeting which it was decided at the last meeting of the Chamber of Commerce directorate to hold to arouse the public's interest in the proposed fair for Lenoir and the adjoining counties will be pulled off in City Hall Thursday night, it was stated by the Chamber's committee today. Prominent men who have been interested in county fairs elsewhere and have had experience in the management of such institutions, will be on hand to give their ideas about the organization of an association for starting and maintaining the fair. They will speak of the advantages that have accrued to communities in this region from fairs.

The proposed fair, it is definitely announced, will be held for Lenoir, Dhlpin, Onslow, Greene and the parts of Pitt, Craven, Jones, Wayne and Pender counties actually tributary to Kinston in a commercial way. In other words, it will be a sectional instead of a county fair, to play up the agricultural, manufacturing, horticultural, livestock and other industries of the section to the outside world, and what is still more important, encourage competition at home.

Every citizen interested is asked to attend the mass meeting. Everyone will be welcomed in the discussion. Planters are especially asked to join the business men and other Kinstonians interested in the meeting.

PROSECUTOR HELD IN CONTEMPT COURT BY JUDGE CARTER

Solicitor Abernethy Fined \$50 in Superior Court At New Bern for "Talking Back" at Judge—Jurors Assessed for Tardiness

Charles L. Abernethy, solicitor of the New Bern judicial district, was fined \$50 in the Craven county courthouse there Monday and confined, in a room in the courthouse, until he had paid the fine. Judge Frank Carter took offense at something the solicitor said and ordered him to sit down. Abernethy did not sit down as soon as the judge thought he should have, and was given in custody of the sheriff.

The case of young Jim Baugham, a wealthy Washington youth, had just come up. Baugham, a typical specimen of the class of petted sons of rich families of this day, ran his automobile, or rather, it is said, the automobile of his brother-in-law which he had found the key to and taken from the garage without the owner's consent, into a buggy in which were riding elderly James Ringgold and his aged wife. Both the old people were hurt. Baugham, it is said, tenderheartedly and without much of an idea of how much trouble he had gotten into, bestowed several hundred dollars upon the victims of the accident. That didn't save him from the courts, however. Solicitor Abernethy was telling Judge Carter that the defense had asked for a continuance. The State, he explained, was willing to grant it, and was giving the reasons therefor. His Honor said something about the case dragging, and Abernethy immediately resented what he regarded as an imputation that he was not doing his duty in the matter. "Sit down," the judge commanded. Abernethy continued to talk, and the judge ordered the sheriff to take him

SEN. WARD WANTS OTHER ALTERATIONS TO THE JUSTICE ACT

Two Bills Introduced by Him Sure of Passage—Shippers' Relief and Speedier Hearings by the Corporation Commission

(By W. J. Martin.)
Raleigh, Feb. 9.—Senator Ward of New Bern introduced today two bills for the further amending of the Justice intra-state freight rate act and giving relief to shippers from rate increases that have developed under the findings of the special rate commission. Both are sure of passage. One changes the machinery for fixing rates so that instead of rates to points at distances not ending in a cipher or 5, from five to one hundred and beyond to five hundred miles, taking the next distance period beyond, shorter distances shall be applied, as was the system before the findings of the special commission. Another section restores the 15-cent minimum package rate when handled on one line, and for joint hauls over two lines thirty cents, and over three lines forty cents.

The other bill enables the corporation commission to hear at any time complaints of raising rates by the operation of the Justice act instead of having to wait six months as the Justice act specified.

WHITE MAN ACCUSED OF MURDERING NEGRO.

Whiteville, Feb. 8.—George P. Dowless, a well known white man of Bladen county, was placed in jail here today following the verdict rendered by the coroner's jury yesterday afternoon, charging him with the killing of Joe Munn, a middle aged negro man. The verdict rendered by the jury at the inquest, according to a statement made here this morning, was that Joe Munn came to his death by a pistol in the hands of George Dowless during a drunken affray.

MASTER PAINTERS MEET

Washington, Feb. 9.—About 1,000 delegates were expected here for the twenty-third annual convention of the International Association of Master House Painters and Decorators, which opened here today. A woman's auxiliary will also hold meetings.

33 RESCUED FROM TANK SHIP WRECKED AT SEA

(By United Press)
New York, Feb. 9.—The vaptain and thirty-two members of the tank steamer Chester, wrecked in mid-ocean, were brought here today by the liner Philadelphia.

TROOPS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM ARK. COAL REGION.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Secretary Garrison today decided to withdraw the first squadron, fifth cavalry, sent into the Arkansas coal regions several months ago, to enforce federal court orders during a labor disturbance. The troops will return to Fort Sheridan, Ill., within a few days. There has been no trouble since the troops reached the scene.

into custody until he should pay a fine of \$50 for contempt.

"He wouldn't allow me a chance," Solicitor Abernethy says. "It was high-handed business."

Further than that and an admission that he would not let the matter rest where it was, Mr. Abernethy declines to talk. The solicitor is said to have tried to appeal from Judge Carter's decision immediately, but the appeal was denied. "He treated me like a common criminal in having me arrested," Abernethy is reputed to have said.

J. M. Howard and Clyde Eby, prominent New Bernians, both of whom are well known here, were also fined by Judge Carter for being late for jury duty. Each was assessed \$10.

TOM MILLER WAS BOUND OVER TO SUPERIOR COURT

Negro Preacher Charged With Immoral Conduct Must Answer to Charge in Higher Court—Disorderly Conduct Proved

"Thou art the man." State's counsel Cowper pointed an accusing finger at "Rev." Tom Miller late Monday in Municipal Court, and Miller flinched slightly. The negro leader of the "Church of the Living God" was on trial just then for a matter which it is alleged, grew out of fornication and adultery charged against him. It was the third time within half a week that Miller had been arraigned in connection with the charges of immorality, abduction, etc., which were recently brought against him by the city authorities. Attorney Cowper was accusing Miller of perjury, and Minerva Locks was at the bar with the exhorter. Miller, Mr. Cowper argued to the court, stopped preaching from the Bible and from his own private ritual and spent weeks in trying to convince his followers that the woman was possessed of a live tumor. Living proof of the priest's iniquity was what resulted, he declared. The girl, Minerva Docks, had been enticed from her home, he charged, and domiciled with a number of other women, principally forsakers of homes, who lived under a rule instituted by Miller in a house adjacent to his East Bright street abode. "Priest and prophet, aye, and physician," said the State's attorney.

Mr. Cowper frequently convulsed the big audience. Several hundred people were in the courtroom, although the crowd was not so large as at the first hearing on Friday afternoon. The black sorcerer-preacher looked very ill at ease throughout the arraignment by the lawyer.

Miller was probably finished with by City Court Monday evening. He was ordered held under total bond of \$150 for abduction and adultery, and was found guilty of disorderly conduct. The fine for the latter was omitted, the prisoner being taxed with the costs. Miller will probably be arraigned in Superior Court in May.

"BOSS" JORDAN IS TOO BUSY TO THINK OF CONGRESS NOW

Greene County Stand-Pat-ter Says Progressives Are Returning to Fold, and Candidacy to Succeed Claude Kitchin is Possible

"Oh, I'm too busy to consider the matter fully yet." W. James Jordan, the Greene county Republican boss, was asked by The Free Press this morning if he would be a candidate for Congress in 1916. There has been some little talk of such a thing coming to pass.

"But you can just say that it isn't impossible," Mr. Jordan said.

The editor of the East Carolina Republican, is said by his adherents, of whom there are some certainly, from good evidence, although prior to the 1914 election Jordan was declared by the Democratic leaders in Greene to be the only Republican in his county, to be the strongest man in the district. The last candidate, as a few people will doubtless remember, although the incident of his candidacy was very casual indeed, was "Bill" R. Dixon, as Mr. Jordan affectionately refers to him. Mr. Dixon made a really handsome run, being left behind by a little difference of 8,000 votes or so.

"I am getting the Progressives into line," said Mr. Jordan. "We will present a solid front at the next election." Some months ago the bull-headed ones—greatly in the majority then—were trying to get the Old Liners into line in the district. W. Jim Jordan evidently is sincere. But for that matter he has always been sincere, and by his fellow-partisans admitted to be the most sincere soldier of their forlorn hope in the Second district.

IT'S DANGEROUS TO MISUSE U. S. FLAG, ENGLAND TO BE TOLD

America Will "Take Action" In Lusitania Incident, Wilson Says

NOTE OF PROTEST SOON

Representations to Germany Also—Republicans Serve Notice That They Will Continue Ship Purchase Filibuster Until March 4

(By the United Press)

Washington, Feb. 9.—The United States will take action in the Lusitania case and the German blockade warning, says President Wilson. Britain will be told that it is perilous to misuse the American colors. A protest is shortly going to England, but representations to Berlin will await the report from Ambassador Gerard.

The ship purchase bill is in the balance still, as the filibuster today continued. No end of the controversy was in sight after an all-night session. Senator Jones spoke for nearly fourteen hours. The Republicans warned the measure's friends that they mean to win and will keep up the fight until March 4.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Ambassador Page today cabled the State Department that the British foreign office has confirmed published reports of the use of the American flag on the Lusitania, although it did not officially communicate the news to him.

DRY GOODS MEN FIGHT FEDERAL REGULATION

New York, Feb. 9.—Department store men must come forward and refute charges made against them by labor organizations according to F. Colburn Pinkham, secretary-treasurer of the National Retail Dry Goods association, who arrived here today preparatory to the opening of the annual convention of the association tomorrow.

"We are confronted by a situation wherein business has been placed on the defensive, while a misinformed public, and a dictating government will work irreparable loss to business unless checked," said Pinkham.

Pinkham characterized the minimum wage agitation as disastrous to business.

LINER WASN'T GOING TO DO ANY SUCH FOOL THING

New York, Feb. 8.—The unusual sight of a steamship flying the German flag passing quarantine, apparently bound to sea, coincidental with an official marine report that a British warship was off Fire Island, bound toward the entrance of the harbor, created excitement in shipping circles this afternoon until the German vessel, after passing through the Narrows, turned and anchored in Gravesend bay. The ship proved to be the Harburg, which was merely seeking an anchorage to escape wharfage charges, according to her agents.

PRESIDENT SENDS UP NAME OF B. M. GATLING

Washington, D. C., Feb. 8.—President Wilson today sent to the Senate the name of Bartholomew M. Gatling to be postmaster at Raleigh, thus ending a contest which has aroused much interest not only in North Carolina but throughout the South. The term of Postmaster Willis C. Briggs expires on the 16th instant, but it is not believed that Mr. Gatling can be confirmed, his bond made and approved and the transfer of the office made by that date. So far as known there will be no opposition to the confirmation of Mr. Gatling and his name will be reported by the committee in the natural run of events.