

### RHEIMS CATHEDRAL AGAIN THE TARGET FOR GERMAN SHELLS

Historic Building Suffers Severe Damage—20 Civilians Killed

### RUSSIANS FALLING BACK

Germans Having Best of It In East—Spring Campaigns Being Prepared in the West—The French Gain Slightly

(By United Press) Paris, Feb. 23.—German gunners are bombarding Rheims. The Cathedral has again suffered severe damage. Twenty civilians have been killed by German shells. Conditions in East Favorable to the Germans.

Berlin, Feb. 23.—The Russian offensive northwest of Lomza is falling back. Many cannon have been captured and more than three hundred prisoners. South of the Vistula the Russian attacks have been repulsed.

The French have renewed assaults upon the Germans around Perthes and made slight gains. The Germans have captured a French position on the heights north of Muehlback. In the Vosges region the Germans have taken Sattlekopf.

British Miners Successful. London, Feb. 23.—The Germans are increasing their activity around Ypres. The British have successfully mined a German trench to the rear of Givency. The trench was destroyed. The Germans were forced to retire to the canal bank. South of Lys artillery and rifle fire is daily increasing in volume. Gen. French has reported that both sides are tuning up preparatory to the opening of the spring campaign. Germans Expected to Assault Warsaw From North.

Petrograd, Feb. 23.—It is admitted that the Germans are desperately attempting to press toward the fortress of Novoe Georgievsk, guarding Warsaw from the north. Strong bodies of Germans are passing southeasterly along the Bohr and Narew rivers toward Przasny, where new battles are in progress.

### NOTHING IS HEARD OF MISSING MEN OF EVELYN

The Hague, via London, Feb. 22.—Inquiries of the coast guard stations in North Holland have brought the reply that nothing has been seen or heard of that part of the crew of the American steamer Evelyn who were reported to have proceeded for Holland after the steamer was blown up. A very dense fog prevailed throughout yesterday and today along the coast.

The Dutch marine department also is without information concerning the missing men of the Evelyn's crew.

### HOLLAND AROUSED OVER GERMANY'S ACTION

The Hague, Netherlands, via London, Feb. 23.—A tense undercurrent of feeling is running through all classes in Holland. This is attributed to public concern over Germany's action in not replying to the Dutch protest concerning the North Sea war zone and nervousness as to what might result from the German blockade and submarine activity, which might produce an untoward incident at any moment.

Greensboro, Feb. 22.—Raymond Fair, a young whiteman of Proximity, broke the plate glass window in the front of Bernau's jewelry store and stole about \$125 worth of jewelry. Before he had gotten ten steps away from the building he was arrested by a policeman. He had a bottle in his hand which he had used to break the window, and the jewelry was found upon him and returned to the owner.

### THREE MORE OUTLAW PIUTES SLAIN NEAR BLUFF IN FIGHTING

Nebeker's Posse Had Several Men Wounded in Engagement Which Began at Midnight—Indians Try to Escape from Canyon.

(By the United Press) Cortez, Colorado, Feb. 23.—Three more Indians have been killed and several members of the posse of U. S. Marshal Nebeker are believed to have been wounded in a desperate fight which started at midnight between the Piutes at Bluff and the whites besieging them.

Today's reports say at least three members of the posse were wounded, and possibly more. The Indians made a desperate attempt to escape from Cottonwood Canon.

### TWO KILLED, TEN HURT IN BIRMINGHAM BLAZE

Paint Store Destroyed and Adjacent Buildings Partially Burned—Explosion Injured Five Firemen. Leaped From Third Floor.

(By the United Press) Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 23.—Two were killed and ten injured today in a fire which destroyed a paint store and partially ruined adjoining buildings. An explosion occurred when firemen cut their way through a wall and five were badly burned. Five others were injured when they jumped from the third floor.

### "HIRE-A-MAN" CAMPAIGN IS ON IN PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Feb. 22.—Under direction of the Department of Public Works a "hire-a-man" campaign for the relief of the unemployed was inaugurated here today. The department expects to secure the co-operation of churches, clubs and other organizations as well as individuals, and requests that repair work and other odd jobs, "which would be done anyhow two months hence" be done at once.

### FALLS WANTS AMERICAN POWERS TO POLICE MEXICO

Washington, Dec. 22.—Intervention by the United States, Argentina, Brazil and Chile to police Mexico with a view of establishing and maintaining order was advocated in the Senate today by Senator Fall of New Mexico.

During consideration of the army appropriation bill, Mr. Fall declared the safety of the United States from attack from across the seas depended upon the restoration of order in Mexico.

### VILLA'S MEN ROUTED ENEMY WITH BIG LOSS

Carranzistas Lost Sixteen Hundred Killed and Captured, Besides Trains of Supply Wagons—Vanquished Retreating Towards Manzanillo.

(By the United Press.) Washington, Feb. 23.—The State Department confirms the report that the Carranzistas were routed by Villistas at Zayula and sixteen hundred killed and many captured. Several supply trains were seized by Villa, who is now pursuing the Carranzistas towards Manzanillo.

### CHIEF JUSTICE SPEAKS ON SUFFRAGE IN GREENSBORO

Greensboro, Feb. 22.—In the county courthouse here tonight, Chief Justice Walter Clark delivered an address on woman suffrage before the Greensboro Equal Suffrage League. Opening his remarks with these words: "Ladies and Fellow Citizens," Judge Clark said that it would not be long before it will be subject in North Carolina as well as elsewhere, to say simply "fellow citizens."

### BILL IN SENATE TO ENLARGE KINSTON'S SYSTEM OF SCHOOLS

Ward Author Also of Another to Amend the LaGrange Charter

### WOOTEN HAS GOOD DAY

"If Condition Continues the Chances for Recovery Will Greatly Multiply"—Affairs in Both Houses of the Assembly

(By W. J. Martin.) Raleigh, Feb. 23.—Senator Ward introduced a bill today to provide for the enlargement of the Kinston graded schools; also a bill to grant a new charter to LaGrange.

Dr. Royster, attending Speaker Wooten, said this afternoon that the "Speaker is having an especially good day. If he continues to hold this condition for a few hours longer his chances for recovery will greatly multiply. His temperature is 100.3-5, his pulse 112 and his respiration 24.

The Senate elected W. M. McNairy of McDowell, engrossing clerk, to succeed the lamented William Aycock.

Senator McNider introduced a bill to prevent railroads from issuing transportation to newspapers in exchange for advertising.

A bill by Gilliam would provide for expert cotton graders. Senator Weaver procured a resetting of the child labor bill for a special order for Friday. The Senate, in considering the revenue bill, adopted sections 32 to 50 without change.

In the House Representative Carr introduced a bill to prohibit girls under eighteen from working in factories at night; also a bill to require roads to furnish refrigerator cars within one day after application. The House passed the Cameron Highway Commission bill with the appropriation cut to \$10,000.

### WANT U. OF N. C. AND A. & M. TO RESUME RELATIONS.

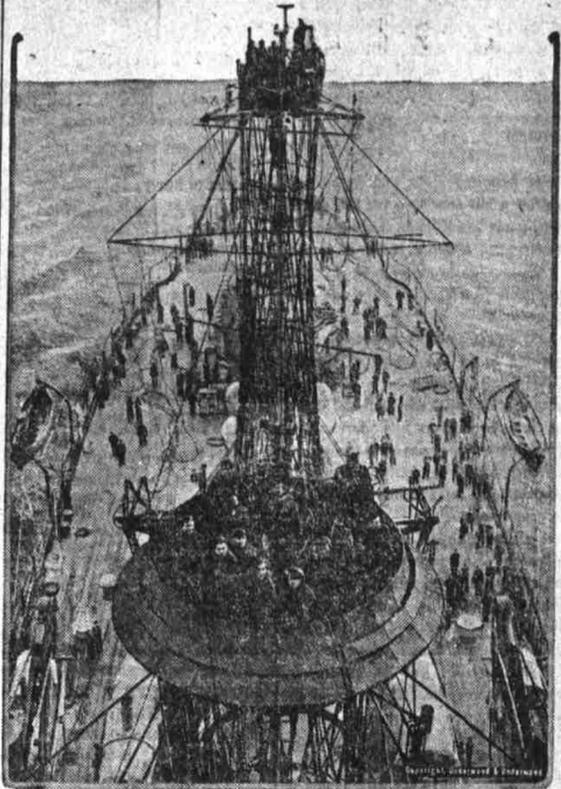
Greensboro, Feb. 22.—A meeting of the local alumni of the University of North Carolina will be held tomorrow night to discuss ways and means of getting the University to agree to play with the State A. & M. College in football. For several years the two institutions have had no athletic contests, but now A. & M. is willing to meet the University.

### MOTHER OF NINE WAS WEDDED ON DEATHBED

Salisbury, Feb. 22.—Some twenty years ago A. C. Gibbons and Miss Lucy Litaaker, a young couple, made a trip to South Carolina, and upon their return announced that they were married. Setting up housekeeping at Woodleaf, in Rowan county, they became good, substantial citizens of the community, and have become parents of nine children. Recently Mrs. Gibbons was stricken with tuberculosis, and Saturday night, apparently realizing that she was near unto death, she related to a neighbor a secret that she and Mr. Gibbons had kept through a score of years. They were never married, she said, and the man she loved heard her tell the story and admitted its truthfulness. Unwilling to go out into the Beyond without legally wedding her beloved husband she insisted upon a ceremony at once, and the husband cheerfully agreed with her. Accordingly some one was sent to Salisbury for license, although it was midnight and a preacher was secured so the ceremony could be performed before the arrival of the Silent Boatman.

Miss Mary Uzzell passed through the city Monday afternoon, en route to New Bern after spending the week end with relatives in LaGrange.

### UNCLE SAM'S FIGHTING TOPS



This remarkable photograph of the battleship New York, taken as it was passing under Manhattan bridge, shows a close view of the fighting tops on the lattice masts that are peculiar to the battleships of the American navy. Though machine guns can be mounted in the tops, their main value is for observation and gun control.

### VALUABLE JEWELRY STOLEN FROM WIFE OF N. Y. C. PRESIDENT

Mrs. A. F. Smith Robbed of Gems Worth \$50,000 at California Hotel—\$3,000 Holdup in Chicago Theater Today—No Clue

(By the United Press) Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 23.—Robbers entered the rooms of Mrs. A. F. Smith, wife of the president of the New York Central Railway, stopping at the Beverly Hills Hotel, and stole \$50,000 worth of jewelry. The thieves left no clue.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Four robbers today dynamited the safe in William A. Brady's theater, in the Loop District, and escaped, with \$3,000 in cash. The robbers tied and gagged the watchman.

### SHERIFF TAYLOR RETURNS WITH ESCAPED CONVICT

As forecasted in Monday's Free Press, Sheriff A. W. Taylor Monday night brought Matt Manning, colored, here from Craven county. Manning was one of the five negroes who escaped from county convict guards about a mile south of the city last Thursday night.

Chief of Police Lupton of New Bern went to a point about three miles from that city to aid Sheriff Taylor in the capture of Manning. The house of an old colored woman was searched, and a suspicious-looking bed attracted the officers' attention. Manning was under the mattress.

Manning was sentenced in Onslow County Superior Court for vagrancy and sent here to serve his time. He stated that Walter Harris, another of the fugitives, had been with him until a few hours before. A search for Harris was unavailing. He is believed to be on his way to Elizabeth City.

Manning told the Sheriff that in the excitement he and Harris slipped away from the guards together. They were unaware that Petty Teachey, who precipitated the delivery when he attacked a guard named Woolard, and two other men were at liberty.

### GEORGIA OFFICIALS FILE BRIEF IN THE FRANK APPEAL CASE

Habeas Corpus Suit of Alleged Murderer of Phagan Girl Will Be Tried Thursday or Friday By Supreme Court

(By the United Press) Washington, Feb. 23.—Attorney General Grice and Solicitor General Dorsey of Georgia filed the State's brief today in the Supreme Court opposing the habeas corpus suit of Leo M. Frank of Atlanta, alleged murderer of Mary Phagan.

### CAPT. JOHN HERNDON DIES IN DANVILLE

Information was received here late yesterday afternoon of the death at Danville, Va., of Capt. John A. Herndon, Sr., uncle of J. A. Herndon of Kinston. Capt. Herndon was more than eighty years of age and his death was due to that cause. He had been in declining health for some years past, having been paralyzed about five years ago, and his death was not surprising to his relatives and friends, who had long anticipated it. Captain Herndon was a veteran of the civil war having retired at its close as captain of Company D, 38th Regiment Virginia Volunteers, infantry, and having served throughout and participated in many of the famous battles. He was a preacher in the M. E. Church, South, for many years prior to his death. He was born in Pittsylvania county, Virginia, and spent all of his long life in the county of his nativity. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Rebecca Herndon, and by a daughter, Mrs. C. W. Scott of Lynchburg, Va., and a son, Mr. Albert G. Herndon of Birmingham, Ala. He was buried in Greenwood cemetery in his home city of Danville at 11 o'clock yesterday morning.

Mr. Herndon was engaged in the fight around Kinston during the Civil War, and has a number of friends and acquaintances in Kinston.

### CONDUCT OF BOTH LAWYER AND JUDGE TO BE INVESTIGATED

This Appears to Be Plan of Action if Legislature Decides to Handle Carter-Abernethy Case—Committee Hearing Thursday

It has developed that the Legislature will probably not only investigate the conduct of Judge Frank Carter in the Carter-Abernethy affair, but that of Solicitor Charles L. Abernethy as well.

In executive session at Raleigh late Monday, House Judiciary Committee No. 1 considered the contempt case, reviewing its history in all its phases. Several weeks ago Judge Carter said something in Superior Court in regard to a case which the State was willing to postpone that caused Solicitor Abernethy to take it for granted that the presiding officer meant to intimate that the prosecution was not inclined to do its duty in the matter. The State's Attorney started to "explain" and was ordered to sit down. Judge Carter demanded that he resume his seat several times and ordered him in contempt before Abernethy complied, and fined him \$50 with the provision that he be jailed if he did not pay. Abernethy publicly declared that he felt his humiliation deeply and would seek redress. The legislative investigation of the Judge's part in the affair promised to be interesting. It has been so far. The reported decision of the solons to extend their investigation to the Solicitor has been the most interesting development.

Former Governor William W. Kitchin and ex-Judge J. S. Manning argued the Judge's side before the Judiciary Committee Monday. According to the Raleigh News and Observer, Mr. Kitchin "objected to a legislative investigation of a member of the State judiciary, on whispered rumors of grossly immoral conduct." The committee adjourned at 6 o'clock to meet again Thursday. A resolution for the investigation of both Carter and Abernethy is now being prepared and is expected momentarily to be introduced in the House.

Mr. T. C. Wooten and Mr. N. J. Rouse of Kinston are among Solicitor Abernethy's counsel. Mr. Wooten this morning stated that their side of the matter will be given the committee Thursday. "If the Judiciary committee decides that the Supreme Court is capable of handling the question it is possible that the Legislature will take no action and allow Mr. Abernethy to seek redress before (Continued on Page 4)

### WILSON FOLLOWS FIRST PRESIDENT'S EXAMPLE

Taft Pays Compliment to the Chief Executive—Country Threatened With Serious Invasion of Its Rights and Faces Crisis.

Morristown, N. J., Feb. 22.—The United States is threatened with a serious invasion of its rights as a neutral by the warring nations of Europe, and in preserving its commerce with those nations, is face to face with a crisis, in the opinion of former President William H. Taft. In the solution of that crisis, should it arise, no jingo spirit must be allowed to prevail, Mr. Taft advised; neither pride nor momentary passion should influence judgment.

Mr. Taft's reference to the situation confronting the United States was made at the conclusion of an address today before the Washington Association of New Jersey.

The ex-President declared that "President Wilson has been faithfully following the example set, and the admonitions given, by our first President."

### DO GERMANS WISH TO DRAG AMERICA INTO THE BIG STRUGGLE?

"U. S. Ships Will Be Sunk Only By Design."—Lord Beresford

### RIDICULE BERLIN RUMOR

Idea That English Directed Evelyn Into Mine Field Is Absurd, Admiralty Says. No News From Survivors of the Crew

(By EDWARD L. KEEN, United Press Correspondent, (Copyright 1915 in the United States States and Great Britain.)

London, Feb. 23.—"Germany will sink no American ship unless by design. The German torpedo finding as its mark the hull of an American vessel will have been aimed and fired from Berlin. If an American merchantman is sunk it will be for the express purpose of dragging America into the war."

The speaker was England's best known and best-loved sailor, Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, in an interview with the United Press representative today.

### English Say Germans Would Dodge Responsibility.

An admiralty officer says a German report that the American vessel, Evelyn, was directed into the mine field by a British naval officer is absurd. The Germans, he says, are attempting to dodge the responsibility for the sinking of the vessel. Dispatches say nothing has been heard of the thirteen members of the Evelyn's crew, who took to a boat before the vessel sank.

### Wilson Hears Evelyn's Skipper Was Imprudent.

Washington, Feb. 23.—President Wilson has been informed that the captain of the steamer Evelyn, blown up by a mine in the North Sea, disobeyed instructions and went out of the course he was advised to take. The President is not viewing the case with any alarm.

### Norwegian Steamer Sunk

London, Feb. 23.—The Norwegian steamer Regin was sunk in the English channel today. It is believed she was torpedoed by a German submarine. The Regin was carrying coal from the Tyne to Bordeaux. She sank in less than fifteen minutes. Her crew was saved.

The Regin was sunk in the channel off Dover. Nearby ships picked up the twenty-two members of the crew, who were taken to Dover.

### LUMBERJACKS MUST BATHE NOW AND THEN.

(By the United Press.) St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 23.—Debate on a bill requiring all lumber men of Northern Minnesota to provide bath tubs in all lumber camps, for the "edification and betterment of lumberjacks and their conditions therein contingent," was made the first order of business in the Legislature at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Debate is limited to six hours, with a vote this evening. Senator Dick Jones, the youngest legislator in either House, and the man who worked as a telegraph operator and station agent for the Soo Road when he was 13 years old, is the author of the bill.

### TODAY'S ODDEST STORY.

Glenwood Springs, Colo., Feb. 23.—To doubting friends who have noticed no signs of rabies, Emil Freidhelm, a rancher, is exhibiting a sore foot and a dentist's bill to prove that he was bitten by his false tooth. Freidhelm said that after going to bed he awoke violently and his teeth flew out on the floor. He jumped up to rescue them and two molars which had broken off "snapped" him in the foot.