

## LA TOURAINE BURNS AT SEA, STEAMSHIPS RUSHING TO RESCUE

Big French Liner Carries Many Passengers, Mostly Americans

### LOCALITY IS UNCERTAIN

Some Reports Say Distressed Craft Is Off Brest; Others, Ireland—Doctors and War Nurses Are On Board the Vessel

(By United Press)  
London, March 6.—A wireless dispatch today announced that French liner La Touraine, Captain Caussina, bound from New York to Havre, is burning at sea. Some accounts say the ship is off Brest, others state she is off the Irish coast. Other steamships are rushing to her aid.  
La Touraine carried many passengers, mostly Americans, including five doctors and ten nurses bound for the war zone. It is believed the rescuers will arrive in time to save all on board.

**Cause of Fire Unexplained.**  
London, March 6.—French Line officials say the cause of the La Touraine's fire is unexplained.

**4,500 Cases Cartridges On Board.**  
New York, March 6.—It is learned that the Touraine's cargo included 4,500 cases of cartridges. It is feared that if the flames reach these an explosion will ensue rendering rescue impossible.

## SUBMARINES HOUNDED THE GIANT LUSITANIA

Great Ship Arrives Safely at Liverpool—No Lights in Danger Zone Except to Enable Passengers to Find Their Beds

(By the United Press)  
Liverpool, March 6.—The Lusitania arrived today with 475 passengers. Captain Dow was informed that German submarines were seeking the ship, which traversed the danger zone without lights except for a half hour to permit the passengers to retire.

**PASSENGERS SAW SINKING OF TRAMP WITH NO FLAG.**

(By the United Press)  
New York, Mar. 6.—Passengers on the steamship Ryndham, arriving today reported seeing a big freighter blown up by a mine or submarine off Dover on February 24. She carried no flag. A warship rescued the crew.

## NORFOLK SOUTHERN MAY GET HAULING OF ROCK FOR CAPE LOOKOUT BREAKWATER

Rumors emanating from New Bern say the Norfolk Southern Railroad may handle the thousands of tons of rock that will be used in the construction of the great breakwater in the harbor. The contract for its construction was first let it was announced that the material would come from a point in Maryland by boat. The government, however, at the time discouraged the transportation of the material by boat, it is said, because the government was anxious to have a rail line constructed from the mainland to the Cape, where eventually a big coal station is to be put up and fortifications to guard the harbor and the coal works.  
It is said that estimates made prove that the rock can be handled cheaper

## DREADNAUGHTS JOIN RUSSIAN FLEET NOW ON WAY TO TURKEY

Bombardment of Fortifications Only 18 Miles From Constantinople Expected to Be Commenced Some Time During Tomorrow

(By the United Press.)  
Petrograd, March 6.—It is reported that three Russian dreadnaughts have joined the Russian black sea fleet sailing to attack the Bosphorus. It is expected that by Sunday the fleet will begin the bombardment of defenses eighteen miles from Constantinople.  
**Mine Sweepers Work Slowly.**  
Paris, March 6.—Meager news from the Dardanelles today indicated that the progress of the Allies' mine sweepers is slow. The scene of the fleet's operations is now twelve miles within the Strait, with the Turks resisting desperately. The admirals intend to bottle the Turkish squadron up, after which the Anglo-French Mediterranean and Russian Black Sea fleets will annihilate it.

## BIGGEST COLLEGE MEET AT MADISON SQUARE TODAY

(By the United Press.)  
New York, March 6.—Star athletes from all Eastern colleges and amateur clubs were to compete today in the indoor games of the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America, at Madison Square Garden.  
The meet was expected to bring together the greatest collection of college athletes ever seen at an indoor competition. Manager Berry had reports early in the week that 2,000 athletes were training for the preliminaries.  
Matt Halpin, chairman of the athletic committee of the New York Athletic Club, has been selected as pistol handler for the relay carnival. This is the first time in more than twenty years that a professional starter has not been employed.

## MAY BE BIG STRIKE ON OVER THE WATER

Censors Supposed to Be Withholding News of Difficulties That Have Kept Sailings of Vessels Held Up.

(By the United Press.)  
New York, March 6.—Confidential English advices indicate that the British censors are suppressing news of a serious labor situation. Shipping experts say eleven days' suspension of Anglo-American sailings are unquestionably due to a strike. It is also recalled that influential labor leaders were opposed to the war. It is believed these have initiated an anti-military campaign.

## NOMINATE TRUSTEES FOR INSTITUTIONS OF STATE TODAY

Leslie Well Succeeds Wooten On University Board—New Members of Board of School for the Feeble-Minded

(By W. J. Martin.)  
Raleigh, March 6.—A joint resolution today passed both Houses providing for special legislative representation at the inauguration of Dr. Graham as president of the University on April 21.

The joint committee on trustees of the University offered a recommendation that Leslie Well of Goldsboro, succeed the late Emmett R. Wooten, and Graham Woodard of Wilson succeed E. A. Woodard, resigned, as trustees of the University. These were confirmed in a joint session held at 2 o'clock.

Nominations were confirmed of trustees of the State Normal College, the State School for the Blind, the State hospital at Morganton, Raleigh and Goldsboro, the county for the Deaf and Dumb at Morganton, the School for the Feeble-Minded, or Caswell Training School, to which the name is being changed, the State Board of Geological Survey and the A. & M. College.

The nominations for trustees of the School for the Feeble-Minded follow: W. C. Newland, Caldwell county; D. F. Wooten, Lenoir; W. A. Thompson, Beaufort county; J. R. Baggett, Harnett; Mark Majette, Tyrrell, to succeed A. C. Davis; J. D. Boushall of Wake county.

Both houses are passing many local bills. Afternoon and night sessions will be held for the purpose of clearing off the principal business tonight and Monday and adjourning for the session Tuesday.

## TROOPS OF THE CZAR HAVE CROSSED LINE INTO KAISER'S LAND

Cossacks Venture Into Germany Near Friedrichshof—Main Body Within Three Miles of Border—Minor Changes In West

(By United Press)  
Petrograd, Mar. 6.—The advancing Russians are now within three miles of the German frontier. Scouting Cossacks have actually crossed near Friedrichshof.  
In Galicia the Austro-German forces following a defeat, have resumed attacking the Russians near Boberska. Changes in West of Minor Importance  
Paris, March 6.—It is officially stated that today's changes in the fighting zone are unimportant. Artillery is active. Owing to floods entrenchments is impossible in the extreme north.

## VALUABLE CATTLE ARE SHOT BY INSPECTORS

Owners Recompensed for \$42,000 Worth of Animals Destroyed by Government Agents Because of Dreaded Malady.

(By the United Press.)  
Haddonfield, N. J., March 6.—Government inspectors today shot \$42,000 worth of cattle from here, infected with the foot and mouth disease. The owners have been recompensed.

**CHIFEDS START SPRING TRAINING**  
Chicago, March 6.—The Chifeds were to leave today for Shreveport to begin spring training.

## GREENE COUNTY IS FORGING AHEAD IN ROAD CONSTRUCTION

\$110,000 Bond Issue Is Being Employed In Building of 135 Miles High Grade Sand-Clay Thoroughfare. Good Stock

Greene county is building a magnificent system of good roads. According to H. C. Scott, one of the men preparing the coming Opportunity Edition of The Free Press, it will be one of the model systems of this part of the State. Mr. Scott was taken over some miles of the improved road was Friday by J. R. Pennell and R. M. Johnson, the engineer and assistant engineer in charge of the work. The highways that have been sandclayed, he says, are admirably adapted to motoring as well as to wagon and buggy traffic.

Various townships of Greene voted a total of \$110,000 in bonds for the roads improvements. There will be 135 miles of wide, beautifully-surfaced, durable roads in the county when the work is completed. There will be seven splendid main roads running from Snow Hill to all parts of Greene county, connecting, some of them, with modern highways extending to the boundary line from other counties. One of the fine highways will ultimately connect Snow Hill with Kinston.

Greene county, with a population considerably less than 15,000, has shown more progressiveness in the way of good roads than any of the smaller counties in the East. The people are fond of their stock, Mr. Scott noted, and he "cognized" just what the people of this section have known all the time, that there isn't a road too good for a Greene county planter's thoroughbreds.

## FOURTEEN RESCUED MINERS GREETED BY FAMILIES WITH JOY

Had Been in the Chamber, Free From Gas and Fire, Four Days and Nights—Saved Now Numbers 47

(By the United Press.)  
Layland, W. Va., March 6.—After four days and nights entombed in the New River and Pocahontas Consolidated Coal Company's mine, No. 3, on Quinmonte Mountain, where an explosion trapped 182 men Tuesday, fourteen miners were rescued alive and well today. They found a chamber free of gas and flame, and awaited the searchers. Their families, which supposed the men were certainly dead, received them with hysterical joy.  
Hinton, W. Va., March 6.—More rescues from the Layland mine today brought the total of saved up to 47.

## THE ODDEST STORY IN THE DAY'S NEWS

Pittsburgh, March 6.—John Wigley, recruit fireman of Truck No. 6, has no use for bedbugs, but he dearly loves cockroaches. He considers them among man's best friends.  
When he joined the company some of the vamps decided to start a bedbug farm in his bed. John, looking like a man with a rash after a sleepless night, went to a restaurant and bought one hundred cockroaches. He turned them loose among the "b-b's." In two days he was assured peaceful sleep.  
Forty-eight of the cockroaches, he declared, he returned to the kind restaurant keeper with thanks. The other fifty-two died from overeating.

## TAXES MUST BE PAID BY APRIL FIRST OR STAND PROSECUTION

Sheriff Says State Is Badly In Need of Its Share, and He Is Anxious to Accommodate the State Treasurer Promptly

Lenoir county is up against it in the matter of tax collections. There are more than a thousand delinquents—many more than in any previous year within the past two decades. The tax collectors are raising a howl, too, and say they will get the money at any cost.

The State, Sheriff Taylor says the Treasurer, Ben Lacy tells him, is far behind in collections. Many of the counties usually prompt in turning over the State's share have failed to remit. It is to satisfy the State that the local authorities are so anxious to get the money in. On the first day of April advertisement will be made without the omission of a single favored one, and the costs will be added to each delinquent's assessment. The sheriff realizes that the people simply aren't rolling in wealth. In fact, he knows, he asserts, that "things are in a devil of a fix," the statements of the ultra-optimistic poets to the contrary. But he can't help the matter any. If he were a millionaire he would dig up the stuff right off and let the backsliders pay up when they could; but that's only supposition.

The county isn't so badly off. It can meet its bills. Lenoir county is wealthy. It's the State that causes all the trouble right now.

**ZEPPELIN STRUCK TREE**  
Berlin, March 6.—The war office today denied reports that a German Zeppelin was destroyed. It is said the ship hit a tree and was slightly damaged.

## ENLARGEMENT THIS SCHOOL DISTRICT IS BEING UNDERTAKEN

Bill Now Pending Before Legislature to Make Possible Another Election Involving Territory Around Kinston—Pay Tuition

The success of the bill to restore the Old School District No. 1, in the General Assembly, is expected to result in a special election in conjunction with the Municipal election in May and the inclusion, if the issue carries, of the territory for about a mile or so on each side of Kinston in the city school district. Chairman J. W. Goodson of the Board of Trustees has had no word today concerning the bill, but it is stated in other circles that it is certain to become an act.  
Under the present conditions the children of the territory immediately contiguous to Kinston are permitted to attend the city schools through an arrangement of the county board with the local board, the expenses being furnished the local trustees.

The enlarged district was the subject of a special election two years ago, held apart from the city election. Indifference defeated it. It required a majority of the registered voters to carry it, but the majority did not go to the polls. There was little actual opposition, and only 17 ballots were cast against it. The chances for its success now are much more favorable; in fact, friends of the bill do not entertain the slightest idea that the issue will fail at the polls.  
Some scores of children without adequate school facilities closer at hand than the city buildings will be (Continued on Page Six)

## MAY CANCEL MARCH CIVIL COURT TERM ACCOUNT LAWYERS

Death of Speaker Wooten and Necessary Absence of Rouse and Land and T. C. Wooten Greatly Reduces Triable Cases

The Lenoir County Bar Association today expects to ask Judge R. B. Peebles to cancel the March term of civil court here. At a meeting of the lawyers Friday evening they attempted to arrange a calendar for the term, scheduled to start on the 22d and continue through two weeks.

It was found that the death of Speaker Wooten and the connection of Rouse and Land and T. C. Wooten with the Carter-Abernethy investigation, as counsel for the latter, made the holding of the court impracticable. Emmett Wooten's clientage just prior to his death was large. No arrangements have yet been made to dispose of his business with the litigants and court. Messrs. Rouse and Land are employed in many causes. The deduction of those cases in which Messrs. Wooten, Rouse and Land were to appear would not leave enough, according to one member of the bar, to justify Judge Peebles' coming here and convening the term. As is generally known, the famous Carter-Abernethy matter comes up in Raleigh during the part of the month when the court here would be on.  
Lenoir county has not had a term of civil court this year. The January term was called off by Judge Peebles at the instance of the Bar Association, requesting that his fellow-lawyers be allowed to accompany Mr. Wooten to Raleigh to see him elected Speaker of the House of Representatives, and advancing other reasons.  
There are about 100 civil matters docketed now, many of these having been postponed from the January annulled court. What Judge Peebles' attitude in the matter will be, of course, is not now known.

## POSTPONED AUTO CLASSIC ON TODAY

Vanderbilt Cup Race On At the San Francisco Exposition—Seventy-Six Laps and Over 284 Miles To Be Covered Today  
(By the United Press.)  
Exposition Grounds, San Francisco, March 6.—The hundred thousand spectators who gathered about the exposition auto race tracks this morning hoped for fair skies when the starter's pistol sent off the classy field of drivers entered in the Vanderbilt Cup race.  
Originally scheduled for February 22, the race was postponed until today because the track was not in shape on the former date.  
The distance to be covered today was 294,062 miles, there being 76 laps to the race.  
If De Palma, the early favorite today, won the race, he would attain permanent possession of the trophy and the race would be removed from America's list of speed classics.

## SHERIFF TAYLOR WAS FIRED ON BY DESPERADO

Attempted Arrest of John Williams Brought Exchange of Shots From Officer and Man—Nobody Hit—Negro At Large

John Williams, colored, who is believed to be the person who on last Saturday night pointed a pistol at three white men on the Dam road south of the city and fired three shots at them when they attempted to seize him, was located by Sheriff A. W. Taylor, Deputy H. H. Allen and Sam Taylor, one of the three men who had the run-in with him on the Dam road, Thursday morning, near Elm Grove, about eight miles from here.  
Allen had taken up a position near a house, and Taylor had gone to watch another dwelling, some distance off. The sheriff found Williams working in a ditch. He told the negro to throw up his hands. Instead of complying the black started backing away, and managed to draw his revolver. He fired two shots at the sheriff, who immediately returned the fire. The officer fired four times at Williams, none taking effect. Williams found ready refuge in scrub woods and was lost to the officers by the time the other two had joined the sheriff.  
The trio remained in the vicinity all day after the duel, which was about 11 o'clock. They were informed that the outlaw had returned to the city about evening, and about 10:30 returned to town and made a thorough search of the section in which it was supposed Williams had found asylum.  
Williams is a desperate Mark. He is accused of several robberies and is said to be willing to undertake almost anything when under the influence of whiskey. He will be caught, the sheriff asserts, if every inch of the county has to be thrashed over to get him. (Continued on Page 3)

## CONFERENCE BETWEEN CHINA AND JAPAN ON

Secretary Guards Developments of the Meeting to Thresh Out Justification of Island Empire's Claim to Suzerainty in China  
(By the United Press.)  
Tokio, March 6.—A conference has been opened relative to Japan's recent demands on China, reported as constituting a claim to practical suzerainty. There is the greatest secrecy, but indications are that the outcome will be of capital importance to the Orient's future.

## SITUATION GROWING WORSE IN THE CITY OF MEXICO RAPIDLY

Rioting Momentarily Expected to Break Out In the Capital

### NO WORD FROM CARRANZA

Warned He Must Protect Foreigners—The President Won't Go to Frisco Until Fall—Page to Investigate Seizure

Washington, Mar. 6.—Government advices from Mexico city say the situation is growing hourly worse. Riots are momentarily feared. The administration is anxiously awaiting Carranza's reply to the warning that he must protect foreigners.  
**President Postpones Fair Trip.**  
Though not officially announced, it is admitted that the President has abandoned visiting the San Francisco exposition in March, owing to the European situation. He will probably go in the fall.

**America Will Protest Pacific's Detention.**

The ambassador at London has been ordered to strictly investigate the British seizure of the American steamship Pacific. It is stated that her cargo was absolutely non-contraband. America will protest strongly.

**Daniels Will Reach Panama on July 4**  
Secretary Daniels today said he will leave Washington July 1 to join the fleet and hoped to arrive at the Panama Canal on the Fourth of July. He will accompany the ships as far as Puget Sound.

**Railroads' Receipts Fall Off.**  
The Interstate Commerce Commission announced that January railroad receipts were more than twenty-two million dollars less than in the same month of the preceding year. Railroad men attributed the falling off to the general stagnation.