

SAYS ALLIES HAD TWO VESSELS DAMAGED BY FIRE TURK GUNS

British Admiralty Denies Report From Constantinople That French Cruiser Was Driven From Action With English Vessels

(By the United Press)
London, March 8.—A Constantinople message via Berlin today said the Turkish Dardanelles forts have succeeded in putting a French cruiser out of action and badly damaging a British cruiser. It is stated that several shells exploded on the Frenchman's deck, killing many, whereat the ship was steered from the firing line with her upper works blazing. The British Admiralty denied the story.

Violent German Offensive in Poland.
Petrograd, March 8.—The Germans have resumed violent aggressive tactics in southeastern Poland. A huge battle has developed along the Pilicia river.

Germans Successful in West.
Berlin, March 8.—The Germans were successful in today's fighting on the Flanders-France line. Severe fighting occurred in the Champagne region. The French are storming the German trenches unsuccessfully.

TERRE HAUTE OFFICIALS WILL GO ON TRIAL TODAY.

Indianapolis, Mar. 8.—One hundred and fifteen Terre Haute politicians were to be arraigned today for trial in the Federal court on charges of gross election frauds. Ruling of the court a few weeks ago upheld the indictments.

Of the 115 indicted, 83 have pleaded guilty and five not guilty. Mayor Don M. Roberts and Judge Eli Redman of the Vigo circuit court, and Sheriff Dennis Shea are among the most prominent who will fight the case. With them are most of the Terre Haute official family.

EMPIRE BUILDER ON TOUR.

St. Paul, Minn., Mar. 8.—James J. Hill, empire builder, today started on a trip with several live stock experts through the Northwest. Mr. Hill will bear the expense of the trip, which is for the purpose of explaining to farmers of the Northwest the advantage of live stock raising.

WHITE SOX IN ACTION.

San Diego, Cal., March 8.—The first of nine games, between the Chicago White Sox and the Vernon Coast team was played here this afternoon. The games were arranged by the athletic committee of the San Diego Exposition.

PREPARING FOR ANNUAL REUNION OF THE VETS

Railway Will Enlarge Facilities for Coming Big Event in Richmond. Expert Baggage Men and Special Officers Engaged.

(Special to Free Press.)
Richmond, Va., Mar. 8.—Anticipating that thousands of the men who wore the grey, their sons, daughters, and friends will come to Richmond to attend the annual re-union of the United Confederate Veterans, June 1-3, the Southern Railway has already begun making arrangements for enlarged facilities for this event and the perfecting of a special organization for which it will draw from all parts of the system men who have had extensive experience in handling re-union and other large crowds.

Preliminary details were worked out at a meeting attended by twenty-seven officials of the passenger and transportation departments, and it was decided to follow the methods which proved so successful in handling the large crowds which attended the reunions at Mason, Chattanooga (Continued on Page 3)

THREE YEARS FOR FORGING PASSPORTS

Carl Ruerode, One of Five Men Charged With Attempts to Get German Spies From America to England, Goes to Prison

(By the United Press)
New York, March 8.—Carl Ruerode, one of five German-Americans, accused of forging passports for the purpose of sending German spies to England, pleaded guilty today and he was sentenced to three years in the Atlanta penitentiary.

ITALIAN MURDERED MAN FOR SMALL SUM

Rocco Tassone, Executed in Pennsylvania Today, Killed Victim for \$25 at Instigation of Men Who Wished to Blackmail

(By the United Press.)
Rock View, Pa., March 8.—Rocco Tassone was today electrocuted for murdering another Italian at Lancaster for a consideration of twenty-five dollars from two countrymen, trying to blackmail the victim.

THE ODDEST STORY IN TODAY'S NEWS

(By the United Press)
Tacoma, Wash., Mar. 8.—One drink will cost Thomas Cannally, \$4,000—that is, if he takes it. Six weeks ago Cannally appealed to Justice Evans to be released, offering to deposit \$4,000 in cash, to be forfeited in case he took a drink before his term would have expired. Justice Evans agreed and placed the money on deposit in a local bank. The money was still in the bank today drawing 3 per cent., and Cannally was occupying a seat high on the "water wagon."

CO-OPERATION WON APPROPRIATION FOR TRAINING SCHOOL

Caswell Training School Was Treated Very Well In Comparison With the Other State Institutions—\$86,500 Allowed.

The Legislature made an appropriation of \$86,500 for the Caswell Training School, formerly the North Carolina School for the Feeble-Minded. The money will be used as follows: For 1915 maintenance, \$30,000; 1916 maintenance, \$40,000; girls' dormitory, \$14,000; improvements to present buildings, \$2,500.

This makes the total expended on the institution up till now \$225,434.17. It is noteworthy that while in the appropriations for other State institutions moneys in the funds of the institutions were deducted, no account was taken of that in possession of the Caswell Training School, and it may be used for such purposes as the trustees see fit.

The friends of the school do not regard the present appropriation as adequate for all purposes, but in view of all conditions, are gratified. President J. Herman Canady of the Chamber of Commerce, speaking this morning of that body's interest in and work for the appropriation, declared that the success that accrued was just one more proof of the advantages of co-operation. He says the "pull-together" spirit displayed by the people of Kinston in this instance should characterize their attitude towards the proposed sectional fair to be held for the first time here next fall. The fair, Mr. Canady intimates, will be assured or killed tomorrow. The success that the stock-canvassing committee meets with will determine the future of the enterprise. The State's appropriation for the Training School delighted Dr. C. B. McNary, the superintendent.

GOOD CO-OPERATIVE PROFIT-SHARING PLAN BEING TRIED

Employees of Caswell Cotton Mills Successfully Operate Supply Store, Enabling Them to Get First-Class Goods and Dividend

Operatives and other employees of the Caswell Cotton Mills, in West Kinston, comprise the stock company which conducts what is probably the most successful mercantile business in the city—the Kinston Co-Operative Mercantile Company, capitalized at about \$600 and not incorporated. The store is just five weeks old. At the end of the first month of business the concern paid a dividend of 16 2-15 per cent., or about 80 cents profit on every share of \$5. Skeptical operatives who had withheld their hard-earned savings from the enterprise immediately got busy when the dividend was announced.

The co-operative store was the idea of General Manager J. W. Black. Mr. Black had a building erected for it in the model mill village, which Dr. Stiles, marine hospital expert and discoverer of the hookworm, some months ago declared to be the cleanest and most sanitary mill town he had seen in the East with the possible exception of one. Therefore, the business saves the expense of rent, but in other lines it is liable to the same expense as any other similar enterprise. The stock is comprised of groceries principally, and trading is not limited; but no outside capital is wanted—that is understood. The 150 employees of the mills will take all the stock needed to keep the thing going, and many of them own one or more shares now.

A. Spencer, master mechanic in the plant, is president of the company, and N. B. Hill, overseer of spinning, is vice-president. J. T. Brown is the manager. The shop is conducted much as is any other small store, except that the business methods are probably a little better than in some. Goods are delivered, of course, and the stock is carefully chosen. The mill people patronize the enterprise unstintedly.

YOUNG MAN DIED AS HE ENTERED ROOM OF DEAD FATHER-IN-LAW

Unusual Sadness in Washington and High Point Homes Due to Dual Death of Prominent Citizens—Mr. Willis and Mr. Ferris

(Special to The Free Press.)
Washington, N. C., March 8.—While the body of E. K. Willis is lying in a coffin in the handsome home of his family at Second and Harvey streets here Sunday morning, his son-in-law, a prominent High Point lawyer, who had just come for the funeral, walked into the room where the casket was, gazed into the face of his wife's dead parent for a moment and fell over, stone dead. Heart failure probably caused Ferris' death. With him was his wife, who was before her marriage Miss Mabel Willis, is one of the most beautiful women of the State, and prominent in society. Mrs. Ferris was almost crazed by the tragedy which added to her already intense grief. The double funeral will be held this afternoon. Mr. Willis was a wealthy ship chandler and merchant. He was known throughout the eastern part of the State. He was a leader in St. Peter's Episcopal church and had been active in all phases of uplift locally.

JEW IN HOLY LAND ARE IN NO DANGER, GERMAN ASSERTION

Turkish Government Tolerant Towards All Religions, Embassy States

Obregon Overdoes Things—How Can Capital Feed Villa's Thousands?—Goethals' Resignation Ultimate Certainty

(By the United Press.)
Washington, March 8.—The German embassy today issued a statement denying that the Jews in Palestine are endangered. It admitted there had been unrest among the Jews at some places owing to over zeal of local Turkish officials, but the central government's policy is tolerant towards all religions. It has taken steps to remove anti-Jewish officials. The statement asserted that the German and American ambassadors at Constantinople are co-operating to protect the Hebrews, whose future security is assured.

Mexican Situation Continues Serious. Secretary Bryan today admitted continued seriousness of the Mexican situation. He said he had not been informed by Carranza if Obregon had been definitely recalled; but that the latter apparently exceeded Carranza's orders is taken as an indication that Carranza will have difficulty in controlling him. Advice today indicated that Villa is en route to attempt the capital's capture, but his success is uncertain. Besides, it is hard to understand how his 40,000 troops can improve the situation by entering the foodless city. Goethals Threatened by Tropical Climate. No official news has been received of Goethals' reported resignation of the Panama governorship. Friends said, however, that if he has not resigned he undoubtedly would soon because a longer residence in the tropical country would endanger his health.

W. Va.'s 2-Cent Fare Not Upheld. The Supreme Court today refused to enforce West Virginia's two-cent passenger rate law against the Norfolk and Western Railroad. It said the reduction would compel the road to carry passengers for a merely nominal charge if not actually below cost.

SHERIFF'S PARTY MADE ANOTHER TRIP FOR NEGRO

Desperate Character Who Tried to Shoot Officer Last Week Returned to His Boarding House, But Eluded Capture

John Williams, the negro outlaw who Friday engaged in a revolver duel with Sheriff Taylor near Elm Grove, Sunday morning about 3 o'clock appeared at the home of Cicero Jones, where he boarded recently, and asked for his clothes. He presumably intended leaving this part of the country. Jones informed him that the authorities are holding his clothes and bicycle, which are in the sheriff's office here. Upon receipt of news of his reappearance the sheriff, Superintendent of Roads Bryant Taylor, Deputy Hedla Allen and Policeman Richard Stroud went in an automobile to Elm Grove, but Williams had been gone several hours before they arrived. In the belief that he had headed toward Trenton, the officers drove almost as far as the Jones county seat, but without getting a glimpse of the desperado, who is accused of pointing a pistol at and firing three shots at a trio of white men on the road near the Iron bridge on the night of February 27 and robbing a boy with whom he was riding, of a dollar as well as resisting arrest and shooting at the sheriff.

LEGISLATURE WILL PROBABLY ADJOURN TOMORROW MORNING

Members Boards Education Appointed, Nearly Three Millions Appropriated for Institutions and Departments, and Other Matters

(By W. J. Martin.)
Raleigh, March 8.—The omnibus bill to appoint members of boards of education for the various counties today passed both houses. It carries the appointment of P. A. Hodges for Lenoir county.

The general appropriations bill, carrying nearly three millions for the maintenance and permanent improvement appropriations for State institutions and departments was put through immediate passage without amendment by both houses on the same course they observed the omnibus bill, appointing members of county boards of education and only introduced this morning.

The Senate refused to concur in amendments to the state-wide primary bill by the House. Conference committees were appointed. Bills passed by the Senate included: To provide \$5,000 additional for the main building at the North Carolina Home for Confederate Women at Fayetteville, so that the contract can be let March 30, for a \$16,500 building to accommodate sixty-five inmates; to provide a State forestry commission; general appropriation for the National Guard. Every indication now is for final adjournment of the Legislature Tuesday morning.

ORPHAN SINGERS OFF ON STATE TOUR.

Oxford, March 7.—The Oxford Orphanage Singing Class has started on its annual tour, visiting the various towns and cities in North Carolina, such visits being made upon invitation from and under the auspices of the Masonic Lodges and friends of the institution.

LA TOURAINE NEARS HAVRE WITH FLAMES NOW UNDER CONTROL

Big Liner in Convoy of Rotterdam Makes Slow Time in Fog In Fear of Mines and Submarines—No Danger, It Is Declared

(By the United Press.)
Paris, March 8.—The French liner La Touraine is reported today to be still burning and steaming through a fog a hundred miles west of the English channel. It is believed the fire is under control. The Holland American liner Rotterdam continues to act as her convoy. They are expected to reach Havre tonight or tomorrow. The slow speed of the vessel is due to danger of the mines and submarine attacks. The Rotterdam was only a hundred miles from La Touraine when the wireless distress call was sounded. The Touraine's passengers and crew were never endangered except from the explosion of ammunition in the cargo. Warships Escorting Steamship. London, March 8.—A wireless message from the Touraine today said the fire was nearly extinguished last midnight. Several warships have joined the Rotterdam as escorts. Truth from the mouth of an honest man and severity from a good-natured man have a double effect.—Hazlitt.

WARNS GIRLS BEWARE OF MOVIE STUDIOS

Attempts at White Slavery Made by Parties Who Pretended to Train Film Players in New York, Police Inspector Declares

(By the United Press)
New York, March 8.—Inspector Devery today issued a warning to girls visiting movie studios indiscriminately. He said he has learned that white slavery attempts had been made under the pretence of creating movie stars.

GREECE ENTHUSIASTIC OVER PROSPECTS WAR

King's Premier Will Find It Hard to Get a Neutral Cabinet in the Athenians' Kingdom Now—Marital Demonstrations.

(By the United Press.)
Athens, Greece, Mar. 8.—The Greek population today engaged in enthusiastic war demonstrations. It is very doubtful if the King's choice for premier will be able to form a cabinet on a neutral basis.

SNOW FELL HERE SUNDAY NIGHT WITH SOME SLEET

A heavy fall of snow, mixed with rain for the better part of the hour or more during which it fell, marked the weather in Kinston Sunday night. The white flakes failed to cover the ground because of the dampness resulting from an intermittent rain throughout the day. Early this morning there was sleet and hominy snow, which adhered to roofs and tree limbs for an hour or two, but went away with the coming of dawn. The temperature was rather low, but not far enough down to freeze the precipitation.

BEGIN THAW'S TRIAL FOR CONSPIRING TO ESCAPE MATTEAWAN

Defense Will Claim He Was Insane When He Killed White, But Sane When He Escaped from Asylum—Co-Defendants

(By the United Press.)
New York, March 8.—Thaw's trial has begun on the charge of conspiring to escape from Matteawan. Co-defendants are "Gentleman Roger" Thompson, "Big Dick" Butler, Thos. Flood, and Michael Eugene Duffy, accused of aiding in the escape. The empanelling of the jury has been started.

Attorney Stanchfield, for Thaw, indicated that the defense will claim that his client was insane when he killed White, but sane when he escaped from Matteawan, and therefore, that the escape was no crime.

TO PROVE RIVER NAVIGABLE.

Bismark, N. D., Mar. 8.—Plans were being made today, whereby newspaper men, who are members of the North Dakota Press Association, in their annual meeting here in June will prove that the Missouri river is navigable, by taking a trip up and down the river in a boat usually used for hauling grain from river towns.

CLEVELAND ISSUES BONDS.

Cleveland, O., March 8.—Four million dollars worth of municipal bonds for lighting waterworks and street improvements were offered for sale by the city today, boosting Cleveland's bonded indebtedness to \$54,000,000.

PIRATES OFF FOR SOUTHLAND

Pittsburgh, March 6.—The Pirates leave today for Dawson Springs, Ky., their Southern training quarters.

CENSUS TAKERS NOT DETERRED BY RAIN SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Canvass Required A Little More Time Than Estimated—Complete Compilation of Returns Being Posted Today

Baptist (regular)	573
Baptist (Free Will)	291
Baptists (Primitive)	26
Christian	695
Christian Science	53
Episcopal	526
Holiness	71
M. E., South	1,131
Presbyterian	114
Universalists	58
Total	3,448

The religious census of the city taken Sunday afternoon under the auspices of the pastors of the various churches was not completed in the two hours that had been set apart for the work, but by night the last tired worker of the hundred or more who set out to get the data had reported. The results were exceedingly gratifying. The city had been divided into districts and the census-takers, working in pairs, visited practically every white home in the city, got the names, ages, membership or inclination, etc., of every member of the family, and turned them in for tabulation to those in charge of the census. Bad weather and, of course, the absence of families from home, were deterrent to the workers.

This morning the following pastors went over the cards and canvassed them thoroughly, adding up the lists and separating the non-members and non-regulars from the members and regular church-goers: Rev. E. W. Spilman, Rev. C. W. Blanchard, First Baptist; Rev. George B. Hanshaw, Presbyterian; Rev. John H. Griffith, St. Mary's Episcopal; Pastor B. P. Smith, Gordon Street Christian; Rev. H. A. Humble, Queen Street Methodist, and Rev. E. N. Harrison, Caswell Street Methodist.

The pastors will take the cards containing the names of non-members with expressed inclinations and make these a matter of special work in the near future, to bring as many of them into the church folds as possible. The lists at noon were not complete, although but two blocks were left to be canvassed. The figures of membership and inclination as near as possible to get them at that hour were:

Do naught to others which, if done to thee, would cause thee pain; this is the sum of duty.—Mahabharata.

EDISON PLANT WAS IN DANGER AGAIN

Another Fire Today in Plant Partially Destroyed Some Weeks Ago—Inventor In Laboratory When Alarm Came In

(By the United Press.)
West Orange, N. J., March 8.—The remainder of Thomas Edison's fire-damaged plant was again threatened by flames early today. Only the firemen's desperate efforts saved invaluable records. Edison was in his laboratory when the fire started. His wife rushed to the scene and found him ankle deep in water directing the work of saving his papers.

CALL FOR NATIONAL BANK STATEMENTS

(By the United Press.)
Washington, March 8.—The Comptroller of the Currency today issued a call for statements of the condition of National Banks at the close of business on March 4.