

ANOTHER AMERICAN SHIP IS TAKEN BY BRITISH MAN-O-WAR ALLIES EVERYWHERE SEEM TO BE HAVING BEST OF SITUATIONS

"Genesee" Seized and Carried Into Port at St. Lucia, West Indies

THE ZEALANDIA HOLD-UP

Cruiser Iris Searched Ship Within Mexican Three-Mile Limit, Official Reports Say — Representations to London Govt.

(By the United Press)

Washington, Nov. 22.—Reports establishing the fact that the American ship Zealandia was searched by the crew of the British cruiser Iris inside the three-mile limit off Progresso, in Mexico, were received at the State Department today from American consul German and the commander of the battleship Kentucky, as well as Mexican port authorities. The reports will be made the basis for representations to England.

There will be a further investigation when the Zealandia arrives at New York.

American Ship Seized In West Indies

American Consul Livingston at Barbadoes today wired the State Department of the seizure of the American ship Genesee, at St. Lucia, British West Indies, by the British authorities. The reason is not disclosed.

Genesee's Owners Protest

New York, Nov. 22.—The American Transatlantic Company, owners of the Genesee, today filed a protest of the ship's seizure with the State Department. The ship was on the British Black list on the suspicion that she was bought with German money. A British cruiser took her to St. Lucia.

ANOTHER PAPER TURNS DOWN FORD'S PATRONAGE

Globe, Influential Sheet of London, Won't Accept Automobile Manufacturer's Advertising Because of His Opposition to the Anglo-French Loan in This Country Recently

(By the United Press.)

London, Nov. 22.—Following the example of the Northcliffe publications, and other papers, the Globe has refused Ford automobile advertisements on account of Henry Ford's attitude toward the Anglo-French loan in America. The Admiralty today denied the German claim that England is using transports as hospital ships.

VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY IN THE POLLARD CASE

A jury in criminal court at Greenville Saturday after 6 o'clock, following comparatively short deliberation, rendered a verdict of not guilty in the case of S. M. Pollard, former Farmville druggist, who was accused of the murder in the latter town of Chief of Police Smith early in 1914.

The verdict was not a surprise. Judge W. M. Bond's charge, it is said, intimated that the policeman might have overstepped his authority in trespassing on the premises of Pollard, believed by the authorities at the time to be running a gambling joint and selling whisky.

Pollard was on trial for the second time. Following conviction and a five-year sentence, he asked for a new trial and secured it.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS OF NEIGHBORING TOWNS

Ayden has reorganized its Chamber of Commerce.

Norman O. Warren has been chosen cashier of the Greenville Banking & Trust Co. to succeed C. S. Carr, resigned. Mr. Warren has been with the bank eight years.

Serbs Claim Victory That French Experts Hesitate to Credit

THE ITALIANS FIGHT HARD

Anglo-French Are Pressing Matters at Dardanelles—Central Powers Report Little Success — Serbian Rear Guard Defeated

(By the United Press)

Paris, Nov. 22.—The Serbs have crushingly defeated the Bulgarians at Leskoyac, the Serb Legation today announced. The story is deemed impossible in military circles, on account of the large force of Bulgarians opposing the Serbs. The Serbs claimed that they inflicted heavy losses upon the Bulgars and that the latter retreated in disorder.

"Tremendous Offensive" at Dardanelles

Rotterdam, Nov. 22.—The Allies have begun a tremendous offensive at the Dardanelles, said a Constantinople dispatch to the Koelnische Zeitung today.

Fierce Hand-to-Hand Fighting Around Goritz

Zurich, Nov. 22.—Fighting with bayonets and knives, the Italians and Austrians are engaged in a hand-to-hand struggle on the Doberdo Plateau, according to Swiss correspondents. The struggle today centered about the Goritz bridgehead. Italian artillery is sweeping the Austrian side of the river day and night. The Italians are charging several times a day. The losses of both sides have been enormous.

Serb Rear Guard Defeated

Berlin, Nov. 22.—Have repulsed the Serbian rear guard, in the Ibar Valley and captured 2,600 or more, is the claim of the German War Office today.

TAVENNER CHARGES WAR TRUST MEN ARE IN THE NAVY LEAGUE

Will Ask Congressional Investigation, Says Illinois Representative — League Officials Demand Specific Charges—Morgan, et al.

(By the United Press.)

Washington, Nov. 22.—Representative Tavenner of Illinois today announced that he will ask Congress to investigate a report that alleged war trust magnates are connected with the Navy League. Col. Robert M. Thompson, secretary of the league, has demanded that Tavenner make specific charges.

Mr. Tavenner declared that Morgan and others will be asked to tell how much they profited by war contracts, as the Navy League is unfriendly to government manufacture of munitions of war.

GREECE'S COURSE IS STILL DOUBTFUL

Allied Warships Searching Greek Merchantmen in Mediterranean. However, Which Leads to Belief That Coast Has Already Been Blockaded While Negotiations Are Continuing.

Paris, Nov. 22.—The outcome of the entente and Germanic powers' struggle for the control of Greece's Balkan policy is doubtful. Unofficial news that Allied warships are searching Greek merchantmen in the Mediterranean is interpreted as meaning that a literal blockade of Greek ports has been established.

DESPERATE MEN ATTEMPT TO HOLD UP CASHIER IN DOVER BANK; SCARED OFF BY PATRONS; HEAD ED TOWARD KINSTON

Two Bandits Would Have Taken Money in Keeping Official Institution Had Not Patrons Entered at the Moment—Fled In Automobile Over Central Highway, With Kinston Possible Destination—Plan to Arrest Them Here—Holdup In Broad Daylight After Noon Hour—Telephone Wire Out of Order, Railroad Office Had Only Information Available This Afternoon

A message received over the Norfolk Southern Railroad's private wire this afternoon said a bold daylight attempt was made shortly after noon today to rob the bank at Dover, nine miles east of Kinston.

Two strange men entered the bank and held up the cashier at the points of revolvers, said the report, which was said to have come from a reliable source. The public line from here to Dover was out of order and the story could not be substantiated.

The holdup would have been successful had not patrons entered the bank while it was in progress. The bandits lost their nerve with the entrance of the others and fled. They had already demanded the money in the cashier's keeping, and would probably have succeeded in getting it.

The robbers left Kinston this morning at 10:20 o'clock in the car owned by W. H. Murphy, the well-known colored grocer, and driven by Claud Nunn. Murphy maintains his car for hire, and the men, whom he describes: One being about forty-five years of age and rather small of stature, and the other about 47 years old, of large build and wearing brown clothes. The large man was the "master of ceremonies," according to both Murphy and Nunn, and handled his gun in such a way as to convince Nunn that he had better do what he was told to do. The car was hired a little after ten o'clock and the men said they wanted to go to Dover to a land sale. They agreed to pay four dollars for the trip down. They left here, according to Nunn, about 10:20 o'clock this morning and arrived in Dover a little after eleven. Just before reaching the town, they forced Nunn to drive into the woods and at the point of the gun, to take off his license number, which is N. C. 11151. After that they drove into Dover and up to the bank. A policeman was in the bank at the time and they ordered Nunn to drive out in the woods and there they stayed until about one o'clock. Then they had the car driven to the front of the bank again and the larger man of the two alighted

and went immediately into the bank and covered the cashier, while the other man sat in the car and kept the gun on Nunn. One or two patrons of the bank appeared and this seemed to frighten the man on the inside and he ran out just as the cashier was in the act of getting the cash for him. He jumped into the car and ordered Nunn to "beat it." He did and made no stop until he was about three miles from the scene of the attempted hold up, where he was halted and the men made their get-away into a thick clump of woods.

Nunn hurried on to Kinston and reported the affair. He put his license number on after arrival here. The men had planned the robbery, for they told Nunn or said said in his presence that they had already been down to Dover and gotten the lay of the land. Officers are searching for them, but nothing further had been heard at the time of going to press.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

TURKISH TRANSPORT SUNK; FIVE HUNDRED LOST.

London, Nov. 22.—A Turkish transport, carrying 500 Ottoman soldiers, has been sunk by a mine in the Sea of Marmosa, according to a Zurich central news dispatch. Nearly all were drowned.

TWO BRITISH SHIPS SUBMERGED.

London, Nov. 22.—The British steamships Merzanger, 1,900 tons, and Hallamshire, 4,420 tons, have been sunk by German submarines. The crews were saved.

Randall Long, the negro who several months ago shot Flagman Irving Shaw on the Norfolk Southern Railroad at Newport, has been arrested in Virginia. He is to be tried at Beaufort.

STATEMENT OF CONGRESSMAN KITCHIN, CONCLUDED FROM SATURDAY'S PAPER

I fear that neither the President nor the Secretary of the Navy, with their other manifold duties, have not possibly had the time to give the detailed study and thought to the subject which many of us have. I recall that the President in his letter of July 21st, to the Secretary of the Navy, (which, by the way, I had not seen until some time after my letter in September to the New York World), asked for advice of naval experts, saying: "I want their advice, a program by them formulated in the most definite terms." I cannot help believing that the military and naval experts have badly advised and misinformed both the President and the Secretary of the Navy. Naval officers or experts are not competent judges of the policy which this country should pursue. Their very training of thought and their ambition are to see only one function of the Government—that of the navy. They know what will gratify their ambition. They know what they want. From the time a man enters Annapolis, as long as he lives, his ambition is to command battleships, the magnificent floating sea palaces and battleship fleets. This consumes his thought. It is natural, therefore, and inevitable that he should consider the needs of the country in accordance with his own ambition. The naval experts know how to build or

superintend the building of ships and how to fight them when built. That is his thought, his profession, his ambition. Since the General Navy Board was established in 1903, every President and every Secretary of the Navy, except one, has recognized these propensities and limitations of the naval officers or naval experts and every President since 1903, since the Naval Board's first recommendations, and every Secretary, except one, until now, have rejected and declined to accept their recommendations, and no Congress has ever yet approved them. Mr. Roosevelt did not accept them. Only one of his secretaries, Mr. Metcalf, did. Neither did Mr. Taft, nor his Secretary of the Navy, accept their recommendations at any time during his four years' term. Both Mr. Wilson and Mr. Secretary Daniels, in 1913, declined again to accept their expert opinions in 1914, five months after the European War had begun. They both opposed their recommendations, and so did Admiral Fletcher, the highest active officer in the Navy, commander of the Atlantic fleet. But how the papers denounce me as an "idiot," as a "traitor to my country, to my party and to the Administration." If I do not swallow at one gulp the recommendations of the naval experts, because the President and his Secretary of the Navy, for the first time, accept them.

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CAPTAIN SAYS THAT GERMAN SUBMARINE SUNK LINER ANCONA

Lansing Discredits Report. Austrians Have Accepted the Responsibility

WILSON BUSY ON MESSAGE

To Submit It to Cabinet On Tuesday—Mayflower Will Not Be Used for Presidential Honeymoon—Seasickness Feared by Both

(By the United Press.)

Washington, Nov. 22.—The Census Bureau today reported 8,777,794 bales of cotton ginned from the 1915 growth to November 14, compared with 11,668,240 bales in 1914.

Ancona Captain's Report Discredited.

A German submarine sank the Ancona, and not an Austrian, according to the report of Captain Massardo of the Ancona, cabled the State Department today by Ambassador Page at Rome. Lansing discredited the statement. He said the Austrians had practically admitted the nationality of the submarine by assuming responsibility for the sinking of the Ancona. No action will be taken until receipt of the report of Ambassador Penfield at Vienna. The captain also said the Ancona was shelled after she had stopped, while lowering lifeboats.

President Finishing Message.

The President is spending the day finishing his message to Congress for submittal at the cabinet meeting tomorrow. It is expected to deal almost exclusively with preparedness. He has received a reply from Senator Gallinger, Republican leader, agreeing to a conference on the preparedness issue.

The White House today intimated that the yacht Mayflower will not be used for the presidential honeymoon. Fear of seasickness is understood to be the cause.

ATTACKS ON CANADA PLANNED BY GERM'N RESERVISTS, STATED

Cleveland, Buffalo and Detroit Alleged Bases, Says Embassy — Nothing to Base Complaint On—The Conspirators' On Trial

(By the United Press.)

Washington, Nov. 22.—Cleveland, Buffalo and Detroit today were reported to the British embassy as bases for attacks on Canada by German reservists, the embassy announced. It was stated nothing was discovered that would warrant protest to the State Department.

New York Alleged Conspirators On Trial.

New York, Nov. 22.—Karl Bueinz, former German consul-general in New York, and other officials and employees of the Hamburg-American line went on trial this morning before Federal Judge Howe on the charge of fraudulently conspiring to furnish supplies to German commerce raiders.

COTTON PRICES BETTER ON KINSTON EXCHANGE

Today's cotton sales on the local exchange were about 53 bales by 3 o'clock. Prices ranged from 10 1/2 to 11 1/2.

New York futures quotations were:
Open 2:40 p. m.
December 11.65 11.53
January 11.80 11.70
March 12.05 11.98
May 12.17 12.10
July 12.24

TWENTY-SIX OF CITY SCHOOL TEACHERS IN MOONLIGHT WORK

City Night Schools to Open Tonight—Will Be Three If Enrollment Warrants. Supt. Caldwell and School Principals to Supervise

Tonight the moonlight schools for Kinston's adult illiterates will be put in operation. Sessions will be held in Christ church, East Kinston, at a point in West Kinston, and if the enrollment warrants it, in the High School building in North Kinston. There will be three supervisors, Superintendent Barfon Caldwell and the principals of the High and Grammar schools.

There are, according to census, just 199 illiterates in Kinston. It was believed until the census was taken that there were more than this number, and it was incorrectly stated that more than 200 had enrolled for the moonlight schools. Superintendent Caldwell today stated that he has no idea just what the enrollment will be. It is hoped, however, that all of the adults in Kinston who cannot read or write will take advantage of the opportunity now presented to learn to spell and add and subtract and use the pen.

Twenty-six teachers of the city schools have volunteered for the work. This number will be a sufficiency. At the rate of only eight pupils to a teacher this faculty could care for 200 people.

The Episcopalians, who maintain Christ church, a mission, in East Kinston, have given the moonlight schools project here excellent support. They, the rector, Rev. John H. Griffith of St. Mary's parish in particular, have worked hard during the past few weeks to insure a large enrollment for the schools.

The people behind the movement hope that the moonlight schools for whites have better luck than that established for negroes in the Tower Hill road school some weeks ago. The enrollment there was only three. The school soon ceased to be. It was through no fault of the colored principal and teachers who volunteered for the work, however, according to Superintendent Caldwell. They were "right there," but the "old dogs" who at first professed interest would not be taught "new tricks."

STATE MISSIONARY BOARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH HERE

The State Missionary Board of the Christian church met today in the Gordon Street Christian church. President of the Board, W. C. Manning of Williamston and Dr. Jesse G. Caldwell, president of Atlantic Christian College, came in this morning, as did Mr. C. C. Ware, secretary. The resident members are Messrs. B. P. Smith, C. W. Howard and Paul Hodges.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE IDEA GROWS IN FAVOR—SUGGESTED PLAN AND INTEREST SHOWN

Kinston should have the community Christmas tree. Intimation in The Free Press several days ago that it was being considered was followed Sunday by the declaration by one of the best known men in Kinston that he would like to contribute, rather liberally, too, for a fund for the tree. He would not agree to his name being used just at the time. "I would not have the time to assist, except in a monetary way," but there are a plenty of people who could find the time, he said.

The proposed community tree would be a fine specimen from the local forests, a pine or some other tree, easily secured. It would be had at an insignificant price. It would be, according to the general plan, magnificently decorated. The city would furnish lights free. There might be gifts on it, for little children who might not otherwise know Santa Claus. School children would be per-

CANNON, AYDEN MAN LONG MISSING, HAS DECIDED TO RETURN

Writes From Richmond He Is On His Way Back Home

"WILL BE A MAN AGAIN"

Tells of Narrow Escape At New Bern, Debauch in Norfolk, How He "Came To" In Kentucky Town—Bad Luck Speculating

(By the Eastern Press)

Greenville, Nov. 22.—The Reflector, a local afternoon paper, today received a letter with the signature of T. E. Cannon, mailed from Richmond, Va., on Sunday. Cannon is the Ayden man who disappeared several weeks ago. His automobile was found on a bridge at New Bern, and it was at first supposed that he had been drowned. Later that theory was dispelled by a statement by a reliable man who was positive that he had seen Cannon a day or two after his abandoned machine was found, in Norfolk.

The Reflector believes there is no question about the signature being Cannon's. He said in the letter that he had been playing cotton futures in a small way and that after several "small" losses he sought relief from his financial trouble in drink. He went to New Bern, and visited James City, a negro suburb, where he filled up on common whisky which made him crazy drunk. Returning to New Bern he very nearly lost his life on the bridge. He was totally incapacitated for driving his car, and after he had nearly gone overboard he left the machine and went into town afoot. He left New Bern and went to Norfolk, there continuing his debauch. He "came to" in Lexington, Ky., he says. Remorse set in, Sunday he was in Richmond on his way home, he wrote, "to be a man again."

Cannon has a family at Ayden. His wife has been confidently expecting his return, since she was informed that he had not been drowned in the river at New Bern as was first thought.

NO PROTEST OF BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER HERE

Captain Ridley, U. S. army engineer in charge of the Wilmington office, was here today to conduct a hearing of any complaint that might be made against the new bridge to be built across Neuse river here. The stream opposite Kinston is navigable, and therefore the matter was within the War Department's province.

There developed no complaint when Captain Ridley declared the hearing opened, and the "session" was decidedly short.