

CERTAIN THAT ROBT. McNEELEY WAS LOST WHEN PERSIA SUNK, AND THAT U-BOAT SENT TORPEDO AGAINST BRITISH VESSEL

Washington Still Awaiting With Anxiety Full Details. Germany and Austria, Cringing Before American Wrath That May Burst Forth When All Facts of Latest Horror Are Known, Will Hasten to Send Disavowals Without Being Asked, Believed—Vessel Went to Bottom in Six Minutes—Slaughter of Women and Children As Complete As Could Have Been Desired by Assailants—Nationality of Submarine Not Hard to Determine

(By the United Press)
Washington, Jan. 3.—Official Washington is awaiting with anxiety and forebodings further information regarding the sinking of the Persian. The officials' worst fears were realized with confirmation of the report of the death of the American consul to Aden, Robert N. McNeely.

Upon recent news that the attack was without warning, it was believed possible that Austria or Germany would anticipate an American protest and voluntarily disavow the attack. This was predicted by Baron Zwiedinek, the Austrian charge.

In all events, further facts are needed before a protest by this government is made. It is believed there will be little difficulty in settling the nationality of the submarine. Survivors declared they saw the wake of a torpedo, and had no doubt that the attacker was a U-boat.

Officers and Passengers' Stories.
Alexandria, Jan. 3.—Surviving officers of the Persian, landed here today declared positively that the vessel was torpedoed. There was no panic on board, declared Leonard Moss, a British survivor. The loss of life was due to the fact that the Persian sank in six minutes and the fact that most of the passengers were at luncheon at the time when the ship was struck. The crew could not use the boats on the starboard side because of the list of the ship. Most of the passengers were just reaching the deck as the Persian went down, and were thrown into the water. The number missing is between 247 and 255. Only 87 women and 2 of the 30 children on board were landed.

More Ships Submerged.
London, Jan. 3.—The Glasgow steamer Glengyle has been torpedoed. She was the largest merchantman attacked since the Lusitania and Arabic. It is believed she carried no passengers. It is said one hundred of the crew were rescued. It is believed many others were lost. The Japanese steamer Kenkon Maru has also been torpedoed. The crew was saved.

C. D. McNeely Not On Board.
Raleigh, Jan. 3.—Friends of C. D. McNeely, brother to Consul Robert McNeely, deny the reports that he sailed with the latter to Aden to be the consulate secretary. C. D. McNeely is believed to be in Florida.

Grant Was Saved.
Medford, Mass., Jan. 2.—A cablegram announcing the safety of Charleston F. Grant of Boston, a passenger on the steamer Persia, sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean was received today by his mother and sister, Mrs. William Prizer of this city. The message was sent by Mr. Grant from Alexandria and consisted of the single word "saved."

Lansing Astounded at Sinking of Glengyle.
Washington, Jan. 3.—Secretary Lansing, informed today by the United Press of the Glengyle's sinking, declared he was astounded, and refused to make a comment. Secretary Tumulty phoned the United Press bulletin to President Wilson.

The Glengyle was sunk Sunday morning between Port Said and Malta. She carried some passengers, it is this afternoon developed. All were landed. Crew members are missing. Overman Interested in McNeely.
Washington, Jan. 3.—Senator Over-

man of North Carolina, who appointed McNeely, called at the State Department today seeking further information of his reported death on the Persian.
Austrian Charge Zwiedinek called upon Secretary Lansing today and discussed with him the details obtained by this government on the sinking of the Persian. He was given copies of messages from consuls. He declared following the conference that he feels American and Austrian relations will continue friendly.

NORFOLK A NIAGARA OF A KIND ERE LONG

North Carolina's Thirsty Will Flock to Virginia City to Help Liquor Dealers Get Rid of Stocks—Will Be Some New Kinds of Moonshine Still in Carolina After Nov. 1

Norfolk will be more popular than ever before as an excursion point the coming summer. Almost every local official and revenue officer in East Carolina believes that. Ten months remain in which the Virginia liquor men may dispose of their stocks, the Old Dominion going dry like North Carolina, Kansas and the other prohibition States on November 1.

Officers recall the excursions of the summer before North Carolina went dry as a State. Nearly all the towns were then under local option prohibition, and special trains carried the thirsty by big trainloads to insignificant "points of interest." Richmond, too, will be a more popular city for many Tarheels in the summer of 1916.

Revenue officers say that the going dry of Virginia will have a material effect on their work, probably. There will be more illicit stills. Small ones will be stuck up here and there and will be difficult to locate. Every preventive measure known will be utilized, but it is not likely that the "moonshiners" will be seriously interfered with until their methods have been gotten next to the "revenuers." It is the way of a man "treading a certain path," if he has ordinary patience and ordinary determination to get around all hindrances. That is the thing in the nutshell. For instance, smaller equipment, that may be put up in a kitchen or a garret, is used for making "meal wine" and other highly alcoholic beverages that have lately come into vogue. Meal wine does not have to be distilled, is not very much trouble to make, and is just as effectual as 100-proof bottled in bond whisky. The operation of the maker occasions neither smoke, a clearing in a thicket nor the boring of a well.

BOTTIE PRICE MARRIES LOVER SHE'D REJECTED

(By the Eastern Press)
New Bern, Jan. 3.—Miss Bottie Price, who attempted to kill herself and very nearly accomplished her purpose some weeks ago, is now the bride of Bruce C. Swain of Norfolk. The ceremony was performed in New Bern Saturday. When Miss Price attempted suicide in a local hotel it was said that her love for another rather than Swain, to whom she was then engaged, prompted her act. There seems to have been a reversal of her affections, however, and today she professes complete happiness.

FRANCE MAKES FREE GERMANS TAKEN OFF AMERICAN VESSELS

This Government Had Protested Seizures of Persons On Board Four Vessels In Vicinity of San Juan By Cruiser

(By the United Press)
Washington, Jan. 3.—The French embassy has advised the State Department that its government has given orders for the immediate release of the German subjects taken from four American vessels by the cruiser Descartes off San Juan, a protest had been made by the State Department.

Bryan on Pan-Americanism.
Pan-Americanism was declared by W. J. Bryan before the scientific congress today to be a proper means for lessening the cost of military preparedness against foreign invasion.

START WORK ON NEUSE RIVER BRIDGE TODAY

Work on the new steel bridge over Neuse river to replace Parrott's bridge was expected to be started today if a pile-driver and crew arrived from New Bern. Mr. M. M. Jones of Washington, who is superintending the construction, was awaiting the arrival of the machine and men this morning. A Virginia concern and Jones & Leach of Washington are to build the bridge, the latter the substructure and the Virginia company the upperwork. The structure will cost around \$10,000.

EXEMPLIFIES LOVE OF CONVICTS FOR OSBORNE

(By the United Press)
New York, Jan. 3.—"Tough Tony" Mareno, a Sing Sing honor prisoner, returned today after escaping because he did not want to get Thomas Mott Osborne, the indicted warden, "in bad."

FORD PARTY CAN CROSS TERRITORY OF KAISER

Granted Permission to Travel Overland to The Hague—Have Until 12th of This Month, Final Date Set By Pacificists, to Make Scenes In Wilhelmina's Peaceful Capital

By CHAS. P. STEWART.
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Copenhagen, Jan. 3.—Germany has granted permission for the Ford party to cross German soil to the Hague, it is announced. The conference there is expected to end on January 12. The party will then return to America.

STACY SWORN IN TO SUCCEED ROUNTREE AS JUDGE OF EIGHTH

At Wilmington on Saturday Hon. Walter Parker Stacy was sworn in as Superior Court Judge of the eighth district to succeed Judge Geo. Connor, the oath of office being administered by Magistrate John J. Furlong. There was no formal ceremony. The swearing-in was in Judge Stacy's office.
Judge Stacy is the youngest judge on the bench in the State now. He has a wide experience, and is noted for his good judgment, however. "Poise and equanimity of mind under all circumstances" are said to have been the distinguishing marks of his career as a lawyer and citizen.
Judge Rountree, who is a native of Lenoir county, and is connected with many residents of Kinston by blood ties, returned to a lucrative private practice. He is personally known to every member of the local bar and is a frequent visitor here. He is to be affiliated with lawyers of big reputations in Wilmington in his private practice.

PRESIDENT TO WARN WORLD OF AMERICAN RIGHTS GLOBE OVER

Wilson Doctrine to Refute Authority of Central Nations to Slay Them

HURRIES TO WASHINGTON

State Department and the White House Don't Try to Keep Country From Realizing Full Gravity of Situation That Carries a War Possibility

(By the United Press)
Washington, Jan. 3.—The President's next message on submarine warfare is likely to be a message addressed to the world, with the announcement of the Wilson doctrine of the rights of Americans the world over. Technically, it will probably be included in the message to Germany or Austria over the Persian incident, but will also be intended for all nations, especially Bulgaria and Turkey and the Central Powers.

Car Sent for President's Return.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The President is expected to return here immediately on a special car, which has been rushed to Hot Springs to enable him to take charge of the crisis in the foreign relations. He is to reach here early tomorrow. He is expected to immediately call a cabinet meeting. It is said at the White House and the State Department that no effort should be made to minimize the seriousness of the situation. It is indicated that a definite understanding of what the central powers intend to do about submarine warfare in future, will be demanded by this government immediately. It was the President's intention to return Wednesday.

FORD FOUND IT WAS THE BOYS WHO WERE TO BE MOST BLAMED

American Munitions Makers Exonerated by Head of the Oscar II. Pacificists—Had Intended to Come Home Sooner

New York, Jan. 2.—Henry Ford, who led the peace expedition which left here December 4, on the steamer Oscar II, for Copenhagen in the hope of bringing about a conference of neutral nations that would end the war, arrived here today on the steamship Bergensjord. He confirmed cable reports that his return had been hastened by illness, but said it made a difference of only a few days, as he intended when he left to come back this month.

Mr. Ford declared his views regarding the cause of the war have undergone a marked change. When he left, he said he was of the opinion that bankers, manufacturers of munitions and armament were responsible, but he returns with the belief that it is the people themselves, those now being slaughtered, who are responsible. The men doing the fighting have been too content to let those who rule them do their thinking, and they have not taken advantage of their divine right to say for themselves what they shall do and think, the pacifist asserted.

BUILDING SOLD.

The building on Blount street recently vacated by L. A. Cobb & Co., wholesalers, has been sold by F. F. Brooks to Mrs. Jacob F. Parrott. The consideration is said to have been \$10,000. The building is of brick. The property has a frontage of 50 feet.

JUSTICE JOSEPH R. LAMAR OF SUPREME COURT PASSES AWAY

Succumbs to Illness of Several Months—58 Years Old—Georgia Democrat Was Appointed By Taft. Held Office Five Years

(By the United Press)
Washington, Jan. 3.—Prompt action will be taken by President Wilson in nominating the successor of Supreme Court Associate Justice Joseph Aucker Lamar, who died yesterday. He will be a Democrat, it is believed—either Secretary of the Interior Lane, Frederick Lehman of St. Louis, Secretary of War Garrison, Secretary of Agriculture Houston or John W. Davis, solicitor general.

Democratic Appointee Republican President.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Joseph Rucker Lamar, associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, died at his home here tonight after an illness of several months. He was 58 years old and had been on the Supreme Court bench five years.

Associate Justice Joseph Rucker Lamar had the distinction of being one of the few members of the court appointed by a President of opposite political faith. President Taft appointed him in 1910 with only two precedents for such action, those of Justices Jackson and Lurton.

Justice Lamar was born in Ruckersville, Elbert county, Ga., October 14, 1857. He attended the University of Georgia and later Bethany College, where he was graduated in 1877. He attended the law school at Washington and Lee University, and was admitted to the bar at Augusta, Ga., in 1878. He lived at Augusta until appointed.

Funeral in Atlanta Wednesday.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The Supreme Court adjourned immediately when it met at noon, until Thursday. Several of the justices will attend the funeral of Justice Lamar Wednesday at Atlanta.

MAPLEWOOD WON'T BE EXTENDED WESTWARD

Administration Plans to Enlarge Cemetery on East and South, Mayor Says—City of the Dead to Be Third Larger, Probably—Chief Burgess Has No Idea of Cost Yet

Mayor Sutton this morning stated that reports that Maplewood cemetery was to be extended on the west were incorrect. It had been rumored that the administration intended acquiring property between the cemetery and Queen street with the idea of ultimately extending it to the main thoroughfare.

Mr. Sutton thinks, he said, that land on the east and south of Maplewood will be purchased for the necessary enlargement. The Aldermen at the regular meeting of Council tonight are expected to discuss the matter, but it is doubtful if definite action will then be taken.

Probably there will be added to the cemetery ground in area approximately one-third of the size of the cemetery as it now is. Mr. Sutton could give no estimate of the cost.

SAY JANUARY IS TO BE BAD WEATHER MONTH

Local weather prognosticators predicted that January will be a bad month, so far as weather is concerned, or Eastern Carolina. Turner's Almanac, for many, many years the "standby" probably of some of the alleged "goosebone" prognosticators, and usually fairly reliable to say the least, is said to prophesy as follows:
Wind and showers from 1 to 5; snow and cold from 4 to 8; damp bluster from 9 to 13; pleasant from 14 to 17; unsettled from 18 to 22; showery from 23 to 26; wind and rain from 27 to 31.

GREAT BUSINESS IN REALTY LAST MONTH IN LENOIR COUNTY

Almost Hundred and Forty Thousand Dollars Changed Hands In Addition to Transfers In Which Actual Figures Are Obscure

A great big business was done in real estate in Lenoir county last month. Town property to the value of \$42,775 and country property to the value of \$95,471, a total of \$138,246, the records show to have changed hands. There were 99 warranty deeds recorded. Besides the actual figures named in deeds, a number of transfers were made, the considerations of which it is impossible to get at, as in cases where "nominal" considerations of one dollar, etc., are named, and in "love and affection" papers and the like. Then, too, some transfers have not been put on the record yet. At least one big one, calling for \$16,000, is known of.

The most paid for a town lot in the month, as shown by the records, was \$12,500, and the most for a parcel of rural property \$11,447. The officials believe the realty business of December was the largest in the history of the county, but it would require untold work to go through the books to verify this.

Among the recent property transfers of more than passing interest was the sale of the Owen Smith residence and lot on Heritage street to G. F. Simmons, for \$4,000. Mr. Simmons, it is understood, will build a brick stable on the ground after removing the dwelling.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS NEIGHBORING PLACES

Mrs. Mary H. Tolson, 65, a well-known New Bern woman, is dead. She was a sister of David L. Ferguson of Pink Hill, this county, and is survived by her husband, several children and numerous other relatives.

An aged white woman giving Weldon as her home, stranded in New Bern, was taken in charge by the Salvation Army Saturday to be returned home. She stated that she had joined the American Rescue Workers at another place and was told to go to New Bern to meet an officer, who would install her as an alms-seeker. The American Rescue Workers are not operating in this section now, having gotten in ill repute in Kinston and other places.

Asa Biggs left Greenville, where he had been located as editor of the Reflector, to go to Fayetteville to take a similar position on the News, a morning paper, Sunday morning. Biggs was a sailor before becoming a member of the Fourth Estate.

BIG DRAINAGE PROJECT FOR CARTERET COUNTY

New Bern, Jan. 3.—Announcement has been made that 30,000 acres of swamp land in Carteret county owned by the Allison heirs, the State and others, jointly, is to be sold for reclamation. The State's share is valued at \$13,000. A Savannah, Ga., dredging company is expected to drain the land. The reclamation work will be the largest attempted in this State probably, save the Matamoras undertaking, now nearing completion.

CONGRESS GETS BACK TO THE GRIND TUESDAY

Washington, Jan. 2.—Congress reconvenes Tuesday to begin serious consideration of momentous legislation confronting it. Before the holiday recess little was accomplished beyond organization and extension of the emergency war revenue law.
During the preliminary two weeks there were assurances on every hand that foreign relations and preparedness would be the dominating features of the session.
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ALLEGED EMBEZZLER OF LARGE SUM FROM D'PONTS WAS TAKEN

At Croatan, Where He Had Been Hobnobbing With Celebrities—Betrayed by Woman—Said to Have Absconded With \$100,000

Detectives passed through Kinston Sunday night with Vernon W. Pugh, alleged embezzler of \$110,000 from the Dupont Powder Company, en route to Virginia. He is said to have, with the aid of two accomplices, swindled the Dupont company out of the money while in the company's employ at the Hopewell, Va., plant. One of the others accused is said to have been arrested and a "line" has been had on the other.

When Pugh left Hopewell some weeks ago with his spoils, alleged to have been secured by payroll manipulations, he came to the Croatan section of Eastern Carolina, beyond New Bern on the Norfolk Southern Railroad. There he went under the alias of "Fred M. Scott" and pretended to be a lumber man of Savannah, Ga. For some days he was a member of a hunting party at Croatan, with no less personages than Col. W. T. Dortch, United States Marshal, and Representative Matt. Allen of Goldsboro as his fellows. It is said that Pugh even slept with the Marshal.

He had money in big rolls and insisted on paying bills that the party made. He was a "good fellow" all around. It seems that he "budded in" with the sportsmen at their camp. Reynold Allen of Kinston, brother to Assemblyman Allen, was also with the party. He casually mentioned in conversation at the camp one day an incident in which a friend of his had figured at Hopewell. Pugh spoke up, remarking that he knew the person. It developed later that the friend of Allen was the attorney who had succeeded in reducing Pugh's bond before he forfeited it by skipping from Hopewell.

It was not until the party broke up and Representative Allen was back in Goldsboro that he and the other members discovered the identity of "Scott." He was telling friends about the remarkable liberality of the stranger who had made the hunters' acquaintance at Croatan. A bystander instantly produced a picture. "Is that the person?" he asked. Allen immediately recognized the likeness of "Scott." The man with the picture was one of a dozen detectives scouring the section for Pugh. Two or three were in Kinston about the same time seeking the absconder.

The man was located at Croatan and made a prisoner. He had gone to that isolated neighborhood because he knew that he was being searched for in all the towns of Virginia and the Carolinas. Mr. Allen remembered, after being made acquainted with the fellow's identity, that he seemed to know very little about lumbering. The party had immediately guessed that there was something out-of-the-ordinary about "Scott" when he was first introduced. He might be an escaped convict, or a German spy, or a secret service man of some sort, they conjectured.

When Pugh first disappeared, the detectives flocked into resorts maintained by women in a number of towns. Pugh's weakness for the opposite sex was known to them. It was a demi-monde who dropped a hint as to his whereabouts and sent the whole crew scampering to this section. "A friend of hers," she said, "was somewhere in Eastern Carolina, but she could not locate him."

It was stated that Pugh had a bad reputation before going with the Dupont Company, with whom he secured a position through false recommendations.

It became known today that neither Representative Allen nor Colonel Dortch much relished the business of informing against Pugh. They could not hold back any information which they were asked to give, since that would have been abetting the fellow in the crime, but it was with reluctance.
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