

APPEARS NOW KITCHIN KNEW WHAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT WHEN HE DECLARED SENTIMENT WAS AGAINST PREPAREDNESS

(By the United Press)
Washington, Jan. 5.—Unless materially modified, the preparedness program is believed to face almost certain defeat.
Kern of Indiana, the Senate leader, appeared today to be growing cool towards it. Representative Kitchen, of course, is openly opposed to it, and many other congressmen, including some formerly for it, now after protests from their home districts are turning to the opposition. Secretary Garrison's army plans are especially opposed.
More Docks Needed, Says Stanford.
Washington, Jan. 5.—The need of more and larger government docks for the construction of battleships was emphasized today by Admiral Stanford, first witness in the preparedness hearings, before the House Naval Committee.

FUNERAL LATE JUSTICE LAMAR IN AUGUSTA

(By the United Press)
Augusta, Ga., Jan. 5.—The funeral of the late Justice Joseph Rucker Lamar of the U. S. Supreme Court was held here today at 9:30 o'clock, in the First Christian church. The pastor, Dr. Howard T. Creek, conducted the services, which were very largely attended.

HICKORY COTTON MILLS SOLD UNDER HAMMER

Hickory, Jan. 4.—The property of the Brookford Mills, Inc., was sold under the hammer here by order of the court in bankruptcy proceedings and brought \$292,296, the price fixed by the court as the lowest bid that would be accepted. The property was bid in by C. W. Fillett of Charlotte, for the A. D. Julliard Company of New York.

REPORT OF SALES ON THE COTTON MARKET

Around 20 bales of cotton had been sold on the Kinston market today by 3 o'clock, buyers said. Prices ranged from 10.1-2 to 11.1-2 cents.
Today's New York futures quotations were:
Open 3:45
January 12.27 12.26
March 12.66 12.54
May 12.78 12.76
July 12.93 12.89
October 12.63 12.55

2,829, 263 ENLISTED IN THE DERBY CAMPAIGN.

London, Jan. 4.—Lord Derby's recruiting figures for the period between October 23 and December 15 show that 1,150,000 unmarried men and 1,679,263 married men presented themselves for service.
Of the grand total of 2,829,263 married and single men, 103,000 unmarried, and 112,431 married men enlisted immediately. Eight hundred and forty thousand single men and 1,344,979 married men were attested for future service.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

SIXTH SON OF KAISER TO WED.
Berlin, Jan. 5.—The marriage of Prince Joachim, sixth son of the Kaiser, has been set for the end of February.

AMERICAN SHIP WRECKED IN STRAITS OF MAGELLAN.

Santiago, Chile, Jan. 5.—The American steamer Santa Clara has been wrecked in a storm in the Magellan Straits.

BRITISH LOST NEARLY 6,000 AT LONDON.

London, Jan. 5.—British casualties at the battle of Loos alone totalled nearly 6,000. Under Secretary for War Tennant today announced in the House of Commons.

HAVE SPENT THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND

Sum Peace Envoys Have Used Up for Henry Ford So Far, According to Copenhagen Report—Permanent Peace Tribunal, Schwimmer Figuring Largely, to Be Left at The Hague

(By the United Press)
Copenhagen, Jan. 5.—The expenses of the Ford party have been \$300,000 to date, it is announced. Ford plans the leaving of a permanent tribunal for peace after the party returns, with Mme. Schwimmer's aid.

HUMPHREY SEES A GREAT PANIC AHEAD

Representative From Pacific Coast Says Present Fortunate Condition of Nation's Business Is "Blood-Soaked Prosperity"—Tariff Rates Must Be Raised, Tells House

(By the United Press)
Washington, Jan. 5.—Calling the present upward swing of business a "blood-soaked prosperity," Representative Humphrey of Washington today predicted a panic unequalled in the history of the country, unless tariff rates are raised, in a speech to the House.

McADOO ASKS UNCLE SAM TO SEEK STUFF FOR DYES IN U. S.

(By the United Press)
Washington, Jan. 5.—For investigation and experiment in the utilization, for coloring purposes, of raw materials grown or produced in the United States, Congress has been asked by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo to appropriate \$20,000. It is believed this amount expended by the Bureau of Chemistry will result in discoveries important to American dye users.

Investigations by the bureau will be continued during 1916. Among these are experiments relating to the application of chemistry to agriculture; investigations of the character of tests applied to American food products in foreign countries; investigations of present usage and best methods of preparing poultry and eggs for market; investigations of handling of fish and shell fish; development of new sources of food supply; investigations of the action of food and drug products on the human organism and the putting into effect of provisions of the pure food and drug act. The general expenses of the bureau are estimated at \$882,210 for 1917.

ASK RESTORATION OF OLD RATES ON LUMBER

North Carolina Pine Association Files Complaint With I. C. Commission—Says Competition With Tennessee Manufacturers Is Made Difficult By Increase In Rates to Pittsburgh

(By the United Press)
Washington, Jan. 5.—A complaint asking restoration of old rates on pine lumber to Pittsburgh was filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission today by the North Carolina Pine Association of Norfolk representing manufacturers in the Carolinas and Virginia. The increase makes competition with Tennessee manufacturers difficult, it is claimed.

CONGRESS ACCOMPLISHED LITTLE ON FIRST DAY.

Washington, Jan. 4.—With the Senate in session hardly ten minutes and the House only a little more than two hours Congress accomplished comparatively little in its first business day of the year today, and the expected attack of the minority on the administration's foreign policy did not develop.

STILL SOME CHANCE AMERICA WILL KEEP UP RELATIONS, SAID

Tension In Washington Not So Great—Action By the End of Week

NEWS MAY COME TONIGHT

All Hands In Government Circles Watching Vienna—Intelligence Sought From Every Consul In Eastern Territory

(By the United Press)
Washington, Jan. 5.—Before the week-end, it is believed, the officials will have enough information to act on the Persia sinking.

The tension today was slightly relaxed. For the first time some officials held out a hope that a diplomatic break might be avoided. All are watching Vienna's action.

All consuls have been asked for information. It is believed it will begin to be received here tonight.

President Confers With Lansing.

The President called Secretary Lansing into conference today. For nearly an hour they threshed out the international crisis developed by the Central Powers' sinking of the Persia. At the conference's conclusion Mr. Lansing said the United States is still awaiting the facts. He hoped that Ambassador Penfield will be able to throw light on the situation within the next 24 hours.

It was indicated today that a certain time will be given for informal inquiries to Vienna of the responsibility of the sinking, if nothing develops formal demands upon the Austrian government to tell the nationality of the submarine are planned. It is indicated that the situation as regards other negotiations with Austria is clearing. Secretary Lansing said there will probably be no further notes to Austria on the Ancona incident. The loose ends of that incident will be cleared up with the Austrian charge here. Should it be proved that an Austrian submarine sunk the Persia, the gun she is alleged to have mounted is then to be the bone of contention.

SOLDIERS HELPING BRITISH PLANTERS

(By the United Press)
London, Jan. 5.—England's ground cultivation for next spring's crops is being done by Tommies. They are being used for agricultural work at times when they are not more badly needed for military duties. The Army Council and the Board of Agriculture completed the arrangement whereby the army helped out the country's shortage of agricultural labor.

Farmers wanting Tommies for their fields first had to demonstrate that other agricultural labor was not available; then agreed to pay one dollar a day and finally to provide conveyance for the Tommy from the railway station to the farm, and back when the job was done. Furloughs of a month were granted to soldiers to do this work.

VETERAN OF THE MONITOR DIES IN PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Jan. 4.—William Durst, said to be the sole survivor of the crew of the Monitor which engaged the Confederate Ironclad Merrimac in the historic battle in Hampton Roads, died at his home here today from pneumonia. He was seventy-six years old.

PROHIBITION BILL INTRODUCED BY WEBB

(By the United Press)
Washington, Jan. 5.—The nationwide prohibition bill, practically the same as the Webb bill of the last Congress, was introduced by Representative Webb of North Carolina on Tuesday.

PARLIAMENT TAKES UP DISCUSSION OF ENFORCED SERVICE

Asquith Ready to Introduce Conscription Bill—Simon Explains / Resignation—Attacks On Issue By Opposition Members Today

(By the United Press)
London, Jan. 5.—The conscription battle, which may bring a new crisis in the domestic affairs of the United Kingdom, opened in Parliament today.

Premier Asquith is prepared to introduce the bill. Sir John A. Simons, late Secretary of State for home affairs, made a speech giving the reasons for his resignation from the cabinet. Signal attacks were made upon the measure by anti-conscriptionists.

RUSSIAN GUNS TOO MUCH FOR AUSTRIANS

(By the United Press)
London, Jan. 5.—A heavy Russian bombardment has forced the Austrians to retire across the Pruth river, north of Czernowitz, Bucharest today reported.

JOS. JOHNSON OF S. C. NEW FEDERAL JUDGE

(By the United Press)
Washington, Jan. 5.—The nomination of Joseph Johnson of Spartanburg, S. C., to be United States judge of the western South Carolina district, was sent to the Senate today.

COMMUNICATION OF TEUTONS WITH ALL FRONTS EXCELLENT

Will Be the Means of Ultimate Victory, Says One Hungarian Official—Budapest Thinks War Is Not Nearing End

(By the United Press)
Budapest, Jan. 5.—A great offensive by the Allies on all fronts is expected by the Hungarian officials in the spring. It is regarded as certain that they will meet defeat.

Count Julius Andrássy, parliamentary leader, today pointed out the ease of communication to all fronts enjoyed by the Teutons, and their ability to strengthen their weak points, as reasons for the final victory of the Central Powers.

It is believed here that the war is to last a long time yet. Officials fear the entire world is becoming hysterical.

MR. CHAS. F. EVANS, FIELD WORKER CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TO CONDUCT RALLIES HERE ON FRIDAY

Kinston pastors, leaders of organized classes and young people's societies are especially invited to hear Mr. Evans and to assist in giving his engagement here as much publicity as possible. Announcement at the various prayer services tonight is requested.

Mr. Charles F. Evans, field worker for the All Southern States Department of Christian Endeavor, will be in Kinston Friday, and will conduct two meetings with the Endeavorers and other young peoples societies of the Kinston churches. He is touring the State under the direction of the North Carolina Christian Endeavor Union.

Friday afternoon at 3:30 in the Baraca room of the Christian church, Mr. Evans will conduct a junior and intermediate conference and rally. All young people of the junior and intermediate ages are invited to be present and hear Mr. Evans and all others interested in these particular branches of the work.
Friday night at 7:30 in the main auditorium of the Christian church Mr. Evans will make an address to the young people of Kinston. Special music will be arranged and all the young people of the various churches of the city, members of the Christian Endeavor Societies, Epworth the Leagues, Baptist Young People's Unions, organized classes and others are invited and urged to be present and hear Mr. Evans. His address will be followed by a workers' conference.

INDIVIDUALS WOULD BUILD, CITY LIGHT UP, THE WHITE WAY

Estimated \$5,000 Needed—A Brilliant Illumination From Peyton Avenue to Bright Street Proposed—Investigating Sentiment

The Chamber of Commerce's White Way committee Tuesday night reported to the directors that Alderman R. R. Rouse, Water and Light Commissioner of the administration, was representing City Council in the matter of the White Way for Queen street. Mayor Sutton says Mr. Rouse has not reported, nor does he think that the Commissioner, who was instructed to get the sentiment of the business men on the street, has had the time yet to make a complete canvass. It is probable that the Chamber's committee and Mr. Rouse will agitate the idea in the coming month or two to determine what the Queen street men think of it and how the expense should be apportioned between the municipality and the individuals.

It is roughly estimated that five thousand dollars will be needed to remove the unsightly wooden poles from the thoroughfare between Peyton avenue and Bright street and install in their stead iron posts. In High Point and some other towns similar in size to Kinston the white ways have been installed at the expense of the business men and the current supplied by the municipalities. Kinston, with its new electrical equipment, can readily furnish the current for such illumination. In some other places the cost of installation has been borne altogether by individuals and they have been required to pay for the current, apportionment of the expense of the latter being made by the frontage of buildings occupied by the persons, etc. This plan has seldom worked well. It is too detailed and troublesome. The prevailing idea here seems to be that the individuals should install the fixtures and the city furnish the light.

It is expected that, should the plan be successful, eight standards to the block will be installed. Each would carry a cluster of at least four lamps of considerable candlepower. The color throughout except on corners where there are fire alarm boxes would be white. A single red lamp in a cluster adjacent to an alarm box would serve as a guide to the latter at night.

BETTER COMMERCIAL TRAINING DEMANDED.

(Special to The Free Press)
Washington, Jan. 5.—The absolute necessity for improved methods of educating men for foreign trade is strongly insisted upon by Dr. Edward Ewing Pratt in his first annual report as chief of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. There may be an exception or two, but he claims it made that most colleges and universities are doing too little to train men for this highly important work.

DOES ALLEN STAND ANY CHANCE BEING SUCCESSOR LAMAR?

Member Supreme Court of State From Goldsboro to Be Mentioned to President as Federal Supreme Court Possibility

(By the United Press)
Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—Judge W. A. Allen of the North Carolina Supreme Court will receive the unanimous backing of the Democrats of the Fourth Judicial District as Lamar's successor, it is reported at the White House. The President is expected to name Justice Lamar's successor soon, as many important cases are pending.

Favorite Davis From Same District. Lawyers and other friends in the State of Judge William R. Allen of the North Carolina Supreme Court, are interested in the effort of members of Congress from the State to have him appointed to the United States Supreme Court bench to succeed Justice Lamar, who died several days ago. Judge Allen is a brother to Judge Oliver H. Allen of the Superior Court, of this city, and Uncle to Representative Matt. Allen, one of Wayne county's members of the General Assembly. It is understood that both Senators Simmons and Overman and a number of the Tarheel Congressmen are to suggest to the President that he appoint Judge Allen to the vacancy.

Judge Allen, no doubt exists anywhere, would make a capable successor to the lamented Georgian. It is also to be pointed out to the President that the Fourth Circuit has not furnished a member of the Supreme Court in three-quarters of a century. The latter argument, however, will be superfluous, since it is understood that John W. Davis is the favorite of the President so far. Davis is from the Fourth Circuit, being a resident of West Virginia.

GRAHAM ADDRESSES THE SCIENTIFIC CONGRESS

(By the United Press)
Washington, Jan. 5.—President E. K. Graham of the University of North Carolina, addressed the Pan-American Scientific Congress here yesterday on "The Humanistic Side of University Extension Work." Mr. Graham was the guest of Secretary of the Navy Daniels at luncheon.

CAROLINIAN KILLED BY FALL IN PETERSBURG

Petersburg, Va., Jan. 4.—The dead body of W. A. Dortch was found this morning at the foot of the stairway in his lodging house over Scher Brothers' clothing store in Sycamore street, his skull having been fractured by his falling down the stairway. Dortch was about 35 years of age and a native of North Carolina.

THESSALONIKI THOUGHT TO BE ABOUT TO SINK

Passengers of Greek Liner Taken Off—Crew Believed to Be at the Mercy of Sea in Lifeboats—Scandinavian Ship Rushing to Scene to Get Them Before Approaching Storm.

(By the United Press)
New York, Jan. 5.—The Greek steamer Thessaloniki is in a sinking condition somewhere off Sandy Hook. The Patris, a sister ship, removed the passengers. It is believed the crew have taken to the boats.

The Scandinavian liner United States is racing towards the spot where the ship is believed to be, in an effort to pick up the crew before an approaching storm arrives.

WAGE INCREASES FOR A THOUSAND MILL WORKERS

Waterville, Maine, Jan. 4.—A wage increase approximating 5 per cent will go into effect at the Lockwood Cotton Mills here on January 17, according to notices posted today.

JANUARY TENTH TO SIXTEENTH 'PAY-UP' WEEK IN KINSTON

Chamber of Commerce Is Backing First Movement In the Community

KINSTON SPIRIT INVOKED

As Many Debts As Possible Should Be Paid Off and Resolves Made to Continue Getting Square, Is Idea of Plan

Next week will be "Pay-Up Week" in Kinston. The Chamber of Commerce formally endorsed the idea Tuesday night, and will conduct an advertising campaign during the remainder of this week and all of next.

Many cities and towns in the country have had "pay-up weeks" in the past year or two. In all instances the movements have been successful. The delinquent has been encouraged to make good long-standing accounts and wherever possible "clean his slate," the business man has been comforted, and trading has been stimulated.

Every person who has taken advantage of the ultra-liberal credit that local merchants are wont to extend is expected to do the best he can—meet as many of his debts as it is possible for him to do, and resolve to keep up the good work.

The newspapers will give the "Pay Up" movement all encouragement. Merchants are invited to make suggestions, and debtors as well, anonymously. Street banners will remind the public of their obligations at every turn in the business district.

It's very early in the New Year, and as good a resolve as one can make, say Chamber of Commerce directors, is to improve his credit, clear his conscience and make the men who have trusted him feel better as well as himself.

The Chamber will invoke "The Kinston Spirit," so that every citizen may feel himself a party to the movement and regard co-operation as his duty.

THE ODDEST STORY IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—An order of dismissal has been filed in the case of a cigar manufacturer of Jersey City, N. J., who through his attorney, Joseph P. Tumulty, sued the William G. McAdoo Tunnel Company for damages before Vice-Chancellor Garrison. After McAdoo became secretary of the treasury, Garrison Secretary of War and Tumulty secretary to the President the case was settled.

SECRET SERVICE MEN ARE WATCHING HUERTA

Rumored In El Paso That Illness of Former President Mexico In Trouble With San Antonio Grand Jury Is Feigned—Internal Cancer Is Cause of Sickness, Claimed—Is Better

(By the United Press)
El Paso, Jan. 5.—Huerta is improved today, and is out of immediate danger of death as the result of the cancer of the gall bladder afflicting him, it is reported. Department of Justice agents are watching his home. There have been rumors that his supposed illness is a ruse to escape the grand jury at San Antonio.

TAFT AND WICKERSHAM SAW NO HARM IN THEM

New York, Jan. 4.—"The solemn judgment" of William H. Taft, while President and of his Attorney General, George W. Wickersham, that there had been no violation of the Sherman law by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, was presented to the jury today at the trial under that law of the eleven former directors of the road, as a reason why the defendants should be declared innocent.