

### RUSSIANS WAGING A FERCE OFFENSIVE AND MAKING GAINS

#### Capture Trenches From the Austro-Germans On One Line, Reported

### MILLION MEN ENGAGED

#### On the Tarnopol-Trembowla Front — Slavs Attacking the Teuton Invaders In the Styr Section, With Kovel As Immediate Objective

(By the United Press)  
London, Jan. 8.—Fierce fighting along the River Styr is reported in dispatches today. The Russians are assailing the enemy lines east of the important town of Kovel, and have taken two lines of trenches.

There is also an important engagement in progress northeast of Czernowitz along the Tarnopol-Trembowla line, where nearly a million men are engaged. The Russians generally are making advances, it is reported.

Allies Occupy Milos.  
Berlin, Jan. 8.—Anglo-French soldiers have occupied the Greek Island of Milos, according to Athens reports. It is stated that the Greek public is indignant.

### PRESIDENT SENDS LETTER OF THANKS TO WILLIAMS.

Washington, Jan. 7.—President Wilson wrote to Senator Williams of Mississippi today, thanking him for his address in the Senate yesterday supporting Mr. Wilson's foreign policy and preparedness. In the address, Senator Williams said the United States must be ready to defend itself from "bullying" following the European war.

### RUMOR OF FIGHT TO UNSEAT JUDGE GARY

(By the United Press)  
New York, Jan. 8.—A battle to unseat Judge Elbert S. Gary as head of the Steel Trust has been started, it is rumored.

### THIRD STATE ROAD INSTITUTE BE HELD AT "HILL" FEBRUARY

(Special to The Free Press)  
Raleigh, Jan. 8.—The third road institute of North Carolina will be held at the University, Chapel Hill, under the auspices of the State University, the State Highway Commission and the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey, February 7-12, 1916, inclusive. The two previous institutes have proved of great value to the engineers and superintendents attending them, and it is the purpose of the director to make this one of even more practical value.

A subject which will be given special emphasis this year is that of road maintenance, and in this connection there will be given illustrated lectures, instruction in the patrol system and actual demonstrations of the use of the road drag and other implements which have been found useful in the maintenance of public roads.

### REDFIELD TELLS OF THE NATIONAL PROSPERITY

Washington, Jan. 7.—Secretary of Commerce Redfield, in a memorandum on business conditions transmitted to President Wilson today, pictures the country as in the most prosperous state of its history. The warning is added, though, that the war's inflation of commerce will last only until the war's end, and that business foresight alone will prepare the United States for peace.

The slump that will follow the war abroad, the summary declares, must

### WAITED FOR YEGGMEN TO COME BACK; THEY DID

#### Gang Thought to Have Robbed Pennsgrove, N. J., Postoffice Four- night Ago Attempted to Rob Safe Containing Pay Money of DuPont Employees—Waiting Detectives Got Three of Them

(By the United Press)  
Pennsgrove, N. J., Jan. 8.—Two weeks ago the local postoffice was robbed. Yesterday, being the payday of the DuPont Company, detectives on the scene allowed yeggmen to break open a safe in the office and then opened a terrific gun fight. Three of the six were captured.

### MARION EXPECTS NUMBER NEW ENTERPRISES SOON.

Marion, Jan. 7.—The secretary of the board of trade reports several new industries in prospect for Marion during the coming year. A new cotton mill, ice plant, slack cooperative mill, spoke and handle factory, and a brick mill are assured if local capital can be secured to meet the demands of the investors. There is every evidence of an abundance of local capital in the near future.

### A DUPONT PLANT IN INDIANA BLOWN UP.

Terre Haute, Ind., Jan. 7.—Telephone advices from Stoy, Ill., today were that the plant of the DuPont Powder Company there had been destroyed by an explosion of nitroglycerine. Overheated boilers were said to have caused the explosion.

### STRIKERS SLAY AND BURN IN SUBURB OF YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

#### Many Wounded, Some Fatally—A Private Police Chief Reported to Have Precipitated the Trouble. Militiamen On Hand

(By the United Press)  
Youngstown, Ohio, Jan. 8.—Twenty-two hundred State troops today took charge of the steel strike situation in East Youngstown, following the riot of last night.

Strikebreakers were jeered when quitting work, and the chief of the companies' police force fired a shot and was attacked, it is reported. Saloons were fired and looted, and the ames spread to a jewelry store and other buildings.

Some Injured Fatally.  
Youngstown, O., Jan. 7.—Nine persons were shot, four probably fatally, four business buildings and two buildings of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube works were burned and a mob of 6,000 people battled with private police at the plant early this evening as the day shift at the mills in East Youngstown were a strike in progress left work.

Firemen from Youngstown arrived on the scene, but the crowd drove them away. Many shots were fired and the firemen departed amid a hail of stones.

Troops Ordered Out.  
Columbus, Jan. 7.—Two regiments of Ohio national guard—the fifth and eighth—comprising a total of approximately 1,600 men, were tonight ordered by Governor Willis to proceed at once to Youngstown for service in connection with the suppression of disorder in connection with the strike of steel workers.

### MANY PRIMARIES ARE PLEDGING TO WILSON

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Jan. 8.—The President's renomination at the St. Louis convention, long regarded as a certainty, is assured by the pledging of delegates to him by many State primaries, it is said here.

find Americans ready to take their share of the world's trade unhampered by provincial notions. False values created by unusual conditions, he fears, may halt the United States into a fancied commercial security.

### SOLEMN PLEDGES TO AMERICA FROM BOTH VIENNA AND BERLIN

#### Von Bernstorff Gives Wash- ington Government the News Today

### ONLY REPARATION LEFT IN THREE DEPARTMENTS

#### As International Question— All Incidents Closed—Let- ting the Persia's Sinking Go As Unsolved Mystery, May Be Decision

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Jan. 8.—A final settlement of all submarine controversies with the Central Powers, including the Lusitania and Persia incidents, was predicted today as the result of Von Bernstorff's note for both Germany and Austria to the United States. He has binding pledges from both nations that in future submarine operations will be conducted by international law.

The only question left open now is that of reparation.

The failure of the two countries to receive any report on the Persia sinking may leave that as a final mystery.

United States Thoroughly Satisfied By Last Note On Frye.  
Washington, Jan. 8.—The last German note in the Frye case has been given out after being withheld since November 30. It reveals a complete agreement to the American contention that passengers of vessels sunk by German warships should not be put in small boats unless the sea was calm or land near. The note also agrees to the naming of experts to arbitrate indemnity and other issues at stake.

### PACIFICISTS SAFE AND SOUND IN THE DUTCH CAPITAL NOW

#### Ford Party Arrived In The Hague Today, After Crossing Germany From Copenhagen — Germans Treated 'Em Fine

(By the United Press)  
Amsterdam, Jan. 8.—The Ford peace party arrived in Holland from Copenhagen today, by a special train through Germany.

The members declared they received the most courteous treatment in crossing Germany.

### NO SIGN OF VERDICT IN NEW HAVEN CASE

(By the United Press)  
New York, Jan. 8.—There has been no sign of a verdict from the jury considering the New Haven directors' case. The jury asked for additional exhibits today.

### CHURCHMAN ACCUSED THEFT HALF MILLION

#### Embezzled Sum From More Than a Hundred Persons. Alleged—Al- bert P. Miller of Rhode Island Ar- rested—Sensational Case—Said He Lost the Money Gambling In War Stocks

(By the United Press)  
Boston, Jan. 8.—Albert P. Miller, Jr., a Providence broker accused of embezzling a half million and losing it in war stocks, has been arrested. He was questioned today by officials. Miller is a prominent churchman. His victims number more than a hundred, many of them women and orphans. The case is most sensational.

### FROM STEEL PLANTS TO GOVMT. OFFICES IN STEADY STREAM

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Richmond, Va., Jan. 7.—Capt. W. McKee Dunn, quartermaster in the Virginia State guard, is booked to sail tomorrow on the French liner Rochambeau to join the American ambulance service at Paris.

### SENATE COMMITTEE FAV'RABLY REPORTS ANTHONY AMENDMENT

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Jan. 8.—The Senate Women's suffrage committee today favorably reported the Susan B. Anthony amendment proposing a constitutional amendment.

The committee declared male suffrage was the outgrowth of Republican institutions and there is no reason why woman should not vote as well.

### PLAN FOR SHIPPING COTTON TO GERMANY

Washington, Jan. 7.—President H. N. Pope of the Texas Farmers' union, outlined today to Congressmen from the Cotton States the Union's plans for shipments of cotton to Germany by way of Sweden. He said the cotton would be concentrated at Houston, that the first ship would sail on February 1, and that regular sailings were planned. The cotton would be shipped, Pope said in ships owned by native born American citizens and will fly the American flag. The cotton has been sold for 27 cents a pound delivered at destination, and will net the farmers about 20 1/2 cents.

The market price is about 12 cents and the British Government has been paying for cotton seized. Inasmuch as Great Britain and Germany both have put cotton on their contraband lists, this latest move may revive the contentions of the United States against their action.

### DESCARTES' CAPTAIN IS ORDERED TO USE CARE.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The State Department was advised today by Ambassador Sharp, at Paris, that the French government had ordered the captain of the cruiser Descartes to act with great care and circumspection and not to stop any more American vessels. The cruiser recently stopped three in Porto Rican waters and removed Germans who have since been released.

### DANIELS WILL HAVE TO DISCLOSE FACTS IN FLETCHER R'PORT

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### FROM BULLETINS OF STATE HEALTH BOARD

#### Shallow Well and Open Closet of the Country Home Condemned—Cancer Preventable But Cannot Be Cured Except by Removal; On Increase— Books as Spreaders of Tuberculosis

### MATTER OF CO-OPRATION

"The great need of the South today is the improvement of the rural home," says Dr. A. W. Freeman of Washington, D. C. The shallow well and the open closets are where the rural home is weakest, he says. "They should be condemned."

Cancer is increasing, says the State Board of Health. "There is but one real cure for cancer—take it out. So-called cancer cures are swindles." Consult a surgeon right off, the Board advises. The disease comes from "too much pressure or irritation on some particular spot, such as results from a cigar or pipe on the tongue, a broken jagged tooth on the tongue, a corset stay on the breast, etc.

Keep children at home when they show signs of illness, is the advice of medical experts. "By sending your own child's life in danger, you also endanger the life and health of other children."

Books are disease spreaders. However, "although a library book may be grossly infected by a tuberculous patient and while that infection may remain active for at least a few days, the infection does not survive a period of one month," which is some consolation.

### BANNERS TO BE PUT UP BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CALLING ATTENTION OF CITI- ZENS TO OCCASION—EVERY DOLLAR WILL HELP CAUSE

"This is Pay-up Week. Pay your bills and Pass Prosperity Along."

That is the slogan adopted by the Chamber of Commerce Committee for Pay-up Week, the first in Kinston, which begins Monday morning when the shops open and ends next Saturday at the close of business. The motto is being painted on at least three banners which are to be strung up across the principal streets today.

Pay-up week is expected to be a success; in fact, it can be nothing but a success, for no mark has been set and no one has been occasioned any great amount of trouble to inaugurate it. The result achieved can never be estimated. It is a matter of conscience, partly, and cooperation. Every citizen of Kinston is called upon by the Chamber of Commerce to do his best, thus proving his allegiance to the famous "Kinston spirit." Every dollar that can be spared to make good accounts helps just that much, and every responsible person in the community should try to pay up some. The purposely negligent and "can-help-it-but-don't" elements are invited to apply the oil of thought to their clogged-up consciences.

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### THE GODS MAKE MAD THOSE THEY WOULD DESTROY—RECORDER

#### Judge Wooten Replies to Aldermen's Questions of Conduct of His Court SAVOR OF CONTEMPT, SAYS

In response to a letter from City Clerk W. B. Coleman, who had been directed by City Council to inquire of Recorder T. C. Wooten, "Why State warrants are being issued" by his court "for violations of the city ordinances; at whose invitation does the solicitor appear to prosecute the violators of city ordinances who cases are not resisted; if fees not justified by the act establishing the Recorder's court are not being collected, and if it is true that in many cases as many as three warrants issued for what is generally considered one offense?" Judge Wooten Friday night mailed a lengthy answer to the Clerk in which he said: "It gives me especial delight to answer your four questions."

"The Board of Aldermen know," states Judge Wooten, "the Recorder's Court is a creature of legislative enactment and is independent of all persons and municipal control. It is above your honorable Board in origin and jurisdiction and the innumerable so forcibly suggested in your interrogations border on contempt of court."

"Your first question: It is by reason of the gross neglect, carelessness and indifference of your board" that State warrants are being issued for violations of city ordinances. "You have an imperfect and void code of ordinances, some of which are absolutely obsolete and in contravention of the criminal statutes of the State. Various sections \* \* \* do not denominate the offense or specify a penalty or a punishment. This defect runs through your entire code until you reach the end, then they conclude by saying that in all ordinances not specifying a fine or penalty the offender shall be fined not more than \$50 or imprisoned for 30 days. This defect caps the climax of defects. The Superior and Supreme Courts have declared these ordinances void every time they have come before them, basing decisions upon uncertainty of punishment." The judge states that "therefore, in this helpless condition I resorted to my limited knowledge of the law and curbed the defect in many instances by issuing State warrants." He says he went before the Board asking for remedial action. "What has been done? Nothing!"

"Those whom the Gods would destroy, they first make mad," he quotes significantly.

"My delight increases when I undertake to answer your second question." "Yes, the Solicitor has appeared in a number of these cases without fees, and I know of no case of this character in which he has collected fees." It would be a violation of the law, he states, for the Recorder to assume the role of prosecutor, address the jury and express his opinion as to the case. "Is it not best for the Recorder and fair to the defendant to call in the Solicitor and let the Recorder's mind be blank as to the facts? If I assume to judge, prosecute and act as jury the court is a veritable farce. This is why I call in the Solicitor. In the name of Heaven, if I am wrong veil it with the mantle of charity, because I believe in justice and fair dealing!"

"No, fees are collected are not being collected," says Judge Wooten. "Not one cent of fees ever passed through the Recorder's hands. Costs as fixed by law and fines as fixed by the court are collected by an officer of my own choosing, whose honesty is vouchsafed." He asks for information and evidence. "He quotes a

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### BIG LUMBER PLANT IN SOUTHWEST PART OF CITY MAY CLOSE

Rumored, Apparently On  
Good Authority, Kinston  
Manufacturing Co. Will  
Suspend Permanently —  
Deal En Route Here

Kinston stands a chance of losing one of its foremost manufacturing enterprises. Rumors were circulated Friday night to the effect that the big lumber plant known as the Kinston Manufacturing Company mill in Southwest Kinston had been closed down permanently. William Hayes, general superintendent of the Kinston-Carolina Railroad & Lumber Company, today stated that this was not correct. Mr. Hayes declined to give out anything for publication, however, and would not make a direct reply to the interrogation if there is a possibility for the mill's permanent suspension.

It is stated upon good authority that the big plant is apt to be closed down before many days, and the rumors of Friday night were not without foundation. J. T. Deal, the prominent Norfolk capitalist who has been more or less interested in the industry for some time, is now on his way to Kinston, it is believed on business connected with the mill. Mr. Deal is the promoter of the Deal railroad into Duplin county and is interested in a large way in the timber business in this section.

The loss of the mill to Kinston would be a blow that would be felt to a considerable extent. A large number of skilled men, drawing good wages, and common laborers would be driven to seek employment elsewhere. Some of the skilled mechanics, it is certain, would leave the city.

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