

CRISIS APPROACHING, ATHENS IS CENTER OF WORLD INTEREST

King Restless; Roumania Watching Greece; Kaiser in Balkans

ALLIES GET TOGETHER

On Policies to Be Pursued In Near East—New Developments Soon to Take Place—Report of Montenegrin Activities Doubted

(By the United Press)

Rome, Jan. 20.—The Montenegrin minister today officially informed the foreign office that King Nicholas has refused all the Austrian peace terms, and that fighting is to be resumed on all the fronts.

All Eyes on Greece.

London, Jan. 20.—The Allies have reached a definite agreement as to future policies in the Balkans, it was stated today following the departure of the French Premier and military officers.

Athens is the center of world interest today. It is reported that King Constantine is growing restless, Roumania is watching Athens closely. Doubt is expressed over the accuracy of the report that Montenegro is breaking off the peace negotiations with Austria.

Russians in Armenia Advancing.

Petrograd, Jan. 20.—Grand Duke Nicholas is pressing forward in the campaign against Erzurum, the principal city of Turkish Armenia, and now within two days' march of the objective.

Spain Being Watched.

London, Jan. 20.—Every move of the Spanish Government is being watched. It is believed to be the plan of Alfonso to invade Portugal in case he thinks England has its hands full with Germany.

EXPLOSION TODAY

AT HOPEWELL MILLS

Second In Two Days at DuPont Company's Plant—Damage \$100,000—Acid in Tank Blew Up—Cause Is Stated to Be Unknown, But Management Believes Stuff Was Tamped With.

(By the United Press)

Hopewell, Va., Jan. 20.—Explosion of an acid tank today damaged the DuPont plant to the extent of \$100,000. The cause is unknown. It is regarded as suspicious, following so closely upon yesterday's explosion and fire here.

SOME BLAME E-4 CASE

MAY REST WITH DEPT

New York, Jan. 19.—Danger from hydrogen gas on the submarine E-2, was recognized by the commander shortly after the Edison batteries were installed last September, and a request for a hydrogen detector was not filled by the Navy Department.

SAYS SOUTHERNERS FAVOR JUDGE TAFT

South Carolina Man Tells President Former Executive's Appointment to Supreme Court Bench Would Be Received With Pleasure in Democratic Territory—Georgians Are Boosting King

(By the United Press)

Washington, Jan. 20.—J. C. Milford, a Democrat, of Honepath, S. C., today told the President that many of the Southern States favor the appointment of Taft to the Supreme Court.

AUTOIST INJURED; MACHINE WRECKED

Wilmington, Jan. 19.—H. A. Webber, manager of the Elks' Club, is in a hospital here as the result of an auto smash this afternoon when his machine skidded and was wrecked on the Castle Haynes road near this city.

SIX IN FAMILY ILL WITH PNEUMONIA, 1 SUCCUMBS

Wilmington, Jan. 19.—The severity of a pneumonia epidemic in certain sections of Columbus county is indicated in the sad plight of the family of Mr. L. A. Byrd, Sr., of Byrdville, whose funeral was held Wednesday afternoon.

POVERTY IS PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF IMMORALITY

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 19.—Poverty is the principal cause of immorality, a minimum wage for girls and women should be eight dollars a week, and unregulated conditions of domestic employment render the home, in many cases, a breeding place of commercialized vice.

C. H. FOY BURIED TODAY MAPLEWOOD CEMETERY

The funeral of the late Charles H. Foy, who died in Jones county Tuesday night, was held here at 10:30 o'clock this morning from the residence in the northern part of the city.

The pallbearers were Masons, of which the deceased was a member. A number of relatives and friends from a distance attended the funeral, and a great many Kinston people attested their respect for Mr. Foy.

COTTON MARKET TAKES TUMBLE TWENTY POINTS

Sales on the cotton exchange today amounted to about 40 bales by 3 o'clock. Prices ranged from 10 1/2 to 11-4. The New York futures market was off 20 points from Wednesday, quotations being:

Table with columns for month (January, March, May, July, October) and prices (Open, 2:40).

WILSON'S ITINERARY COMPLETED BY TONIGHT

(By the United Press) Washington, Jan. 20.—The itinerary of the President's trip in the interest of preparedness may be completed tonight. He is to start on the tour this month.

'COME AND GET ME,' IS MESSAGE VILLA SENDS TO CARRANZA

Bandit Chief Never Will Be Taken Alive, Is Belief Foes

RENDEZVOUS A SAFE ONE

Secret Hiding Place Well-Chosen, It Is Supposed—Execution of More Captured Villistas Was to Take Place Today

(By the United Press)

El Paso, Jan. 20.—From Francisco Villa's stronghold in the Sierra Madre Mountains, there today came defiance of Carranza's order proclaiming the bandits life. "Come and get me," was the text of the message Villa sent out.

The leaders of the man-hunt expect Villa to fight desperately, and there is hardly any hope that they will take him alive. His secret hiding place in the mountains from which he makes raids for food and loot is unapproachable to all save trusted followers at present.

The execution of a number of captured Villista bandits was scheduled to occur in Chihuahua today.

May Have Followed Mexicans Across Line.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Gen. Funston's report on a clash at Boyle's Wells Tuesday, was received today. It said that it is estimated that six bandits robbed a house at Conavull's mine.

AS MANY PLANS FOR PREPAREDNESS NOW AS PEAS IN A POD

Whatever Gets Through Congress Will Be Patchwork—Different Ideas of Garrison, Hay, Chamberlain and Army Men

(By the United Press)

Washington, Jan. 20.—Any preparedness plan passing both Houses will likely be a patchwork of compromises, it is indicated. Many different plans are being advanced.

Garrison is for the Continental army, army officers are insisting upon a large standing force and reserve, House Chairman Hay is advocating the upbuilding of the National Guard.

WAS GOING MAD, HE COMMITTED SUICIDE

Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 19.—J. O. Welday, State chairman of the Socialist party, and former department head of the Oklahoma City high school was found dead in his room in a local hotel today with a bullet hole in his head.

NEGRO'S STORY OF THE MOHR SHOOTING

Driver of Doctor's Car Testifies that Alleged Conspirators Lost Nerve and Did Not Make Up Their Minds to Put Him Out of Way Until Three Nights Later—Contradictory Statements

(By the United Press)

Providence, R. I., Jan. 20.—A. G. Heilis, negro driver of Dr. Mohr's car, detailed his story of the shooting of the doctor on the stand today. He said he and his alleged accomplices were to have killed Dr. Mohr on a Saturday night, but lost their nerve.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE BALANCE \$114.24

Amount Today Turned Over to the Treasurer, Mr. L. J. Mewborne, of the United Charities for Use As Needed Among the City's Poor.

The central committee of the Community Christmas Tree held its final meeting today at the First National Bank and turned over the residue from the offerings to United Charities.

The financial committee's report showed that \$259.35 was subscribed and the bag committee turned in \$3 for sale of candy left over after the bags were all filled; the total receipts were therefore \$262.35.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS OF NEIGHBORING TOWNS

Miss Annlise Carroll, aged fifty-seven, died at her home in Winterville. She was a member of the Missionary Baptist church.

A night school at New Bern being conducted under the auspices of the Woman's Club is a big success so far.

New Bern had four false alarms of fire Wednesday.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

Halifax, Jan. 20.—The British steamer Pollentia is leaking and in distress 70 miles off Cape Race. The Italian liner Guisepppe Verdi is going to her assistance.

DERELICT VESSEL PICKED UP

Washington, Jan. 20.—The coast guard cutter Onandaga is towing the derelict schooner Anna into Newport News. She was found off the Virginia capes.

FILIBUSTER AGAINST THE KEATING BILL

Washington, Jan. 19.—Filibustering tactics resorted to by Southern congressmen prevented the Keating child labor bill from being taken up in the House today.

REPUBLICANS WILL FIGHT PAN-AMERICAN UNION, IS BELIEF

Sherman Asks Wilson If Any Agreement Between Nations Now Exists

THE U. S.-ENGLISH TILT

Expected Soon—Both Preparing Notes—Success of Actual Blockade Depends Upon Ability of England to Hold Narrow Strait

(By the United Press)

Washington, Jan. 20.—The question by Senator Sherman to the President if the United States has any agreement with the Pan-American countries is among the newest developments.

Hostile Minority. Republican hostility to the plan for a Pan-American union for defense is pressing. Pro-Intervention men are awaiting for another atrocity to force troops into Mexico.

England and U. S. Preparing Notes. The diplomatic battle lines are drawn today between England and the United States over the proposed actual blockade of Germany.

SEIZED 125 PINTS OF LIQUOR IN VIRGINIA. Norlina, Jan. 18.—Deputy Collector Lipsey made a seizure of 125 pints of liquor just across the line in Virginia, near Paschall station.

LEE AND JACKSON'S MEM'RY HONORED IN FITTING EXERCISES

Pastors Smith, Hanrahan and Howard Participate in Annual Service Held Under Direction of the Daughters Confederacy

The annual celebration in honor of Generals Robert Edward Lee and Thomas J. (Stonewall) Jackson was held in the Gordon Street Christian church Wednesday night.

NAVY BETTER THAN IT EVER WAS, SAY REPORT

Washington, Jan. 19.—Stripped of its military secrets, the annual report of Admiral Fletcher, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, was made public today by the Senate.

First Baptist, the Christian, Presbyterian and others, which had adjourned their regular mid-week services in favor of the memorial services.

ARE KINSTON ADULTS MENTALLY DEFICIENT?

Who Knows?—Lunatics Can Describe Little Dogs With Brown Hair, Short Legs and Long Tails, But Cleveland (Ohio) Normals Cannot—Hasn't Been Tried Out Fairly In This City

"Although most of the city officials and six of seven school board members failed to pass the Binet normal mentality test now officially used on all Cleveland school children," says a report to The Free Press from Cleveland, O.

After the address of Mrs. Lee, to which no response had been intended. After the address of Mrs. Lee, to which no response had been intended and none was had, the congregation "mixed up" in an informal manner for the "getting acquainted."

POWERFUL WIRELESS SYSTEM FOR COLONIES

Washington, Jan. 19.—One of the final steps toward linking the United States and its foreign possessions together by a great chain of wireless stations was taken today when Secretary Daniels of the Navy, approved a contract with the Federal Telegraph Company of San Francisco.

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MISSIONARY SOC'TY GETS DOWN TO WORK IN ANNUAL MEETING

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BUSINESS FIRST TODAY

Methodists' Conference Addressed by President—Roll Call—Communion—Secretaries Report—A Missionary to Speak

The opening session was short. Devotional exercises were held, conducted by Pastor H. A. Humble of Queen Street church.

At 9 o'clock this morning the executive committee of the society met in the Queen Street church to prepare a program for the week. Printed programs had not been prepared in advance.

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