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King Restless: Roumania Watching Greece: Kaiser in Balkans

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, and6 that fighting is to be resumed on all the fronts. It is believed the military commanders refused to follow the King in surrendering and that a general refusal then followed.

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

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. The presence of the Kaiser in Bulgaria is expected to foreshow new Balkan developments.

Russians In Armenia Advancing. Petrograd, Jan. 20.-Grand Duke

Nicholas is pressing forward in the campaign against Erzrum, the principal city of Turkish Armenia, and now within two days' march of the

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. This would immediately range Spain on the side of the Central powers.

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 Tampered 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 DEP'T

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 Lieut, Chas. M. Cooke, the commander, testified when he resumed the witness stand today before the nava court of inquiry investigating the recent fatal explosion on the craft Linut, Cooke also said he recommended that each of the 400 cells in the two batteries be equipped so that the condition of each cell might be determined independently of the others but the bureau of engineering of the Navy Department would not permit pleted tonight. He is to start on Se I am going on the long, long jour- Labor Committee opposing the mea-

SAYS SOUTHERNERS FAVOR JUDGE TAFT

South Carolina Man Tells President Former Executive's Appointment to Supreme Court Beach Would Be Received With Pleasure in Denu cratic Territory-Georgians Are Boosting King

(By the United Press) Washington. Jan. 20 .- J. C. Milford, a Democrat, of Honeapath, S. C., today told the President that many of the Southern States favor the appointment of Taft to the Supreme Court. A delegation of Geor-On Policies to Be Pursued gians asked the appointment of Alexander King of Atlanta.

AUTOIST INJURED: MACHINE WRECKED

Wilmington, Jan. 19 .- H. A. Webber, manager of the Elks' Club, is in a hospital here as the result o. an auto smash this afternoon when his machine skidded and was wrecked on the Castle Haynes road near this city. Three ribs were broken and physicians are watching the case closely, fearing internal injuries.

SIX IN FAMILIEY HLL WITH PNEUMONIA, 1 SUCCUMBS

Wilmington, Jan. 19 .- The severity of a pneumonia epidemic in certain sections of Columnbus county is indicated in the sad plight of the family of Mr. L. A. Byrd, Sr., of Byrdville, whose funeral was held Wednesday afternoon. In addition to his death, which was of pneumonia, five others of the family, including the aged widow, are severely ill with the same disease.

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, according to the IIlinois Senate White Slave Investigution committee's report made public

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. Rev. H. A. Humble and Rev. E. N. Harrison, Methodist ministers, conducted the services. Interment was in Maplewood cemetery.

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. who was one of the city's long-time residents, and most prominent citi-

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 111-4. The New York futures market was off 20 points from Wednesday, quotations being:

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May	12.4
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October	12.56
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COMPLETED BY TONIGHT

(By the United Press) Washington, Jan. 20 .- The itinerthe tour this month.

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 Carranga'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. Three men from a detachment at the wells and one mining man followed them south, and were fired upon, a horse being killed. Detachments sent out found tracks leading into Mexico.

AS MANY PLANS FOR

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, Senate Chairman Chamberlain is favoring universal service, and the Pacificists are opposed to all the plans.

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 roon in a local hotel today with a bullet hole in his head. A revolver and several letters were found beside the body. His death came a few hours child labor bill from being taken up; ate biographical sketches of the First Baptist, the Christian, Presbybefore his proposed marriage to Miss in the House today. It was an South's beloved leaders, eulogizing terian and others, which had ad-Olive Todd of this city.

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 accomprices were to have killed Dr. Mohr on a Saturday night, but lost their nerve. He stopped the car on the Tuesday following, when the shooting occurred. He declared Mrs. Mohr told him to be sure to stop, so that the shooting could take place before the pending divorce suit came up. The negro contradicted himself on cross-examination.

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. This amounted to the neat sum of \$114.24, which was today handed to Mr. L. J. Mewborne, treasurer.

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. The cost of the entertainment totalled \$148.11, of which the larger part was expended by the bag committee Denmark and Sweden. for confectionery and material for

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS OF NEIGHBORING TOWNS

Miss Annlisse Carroll, aged fiftyseven, died at her home in Winterville. She was a member of the Missionary Baptist church, and was related to many leading citizens

A night school at New Bern being conducted under the auspices of the Woman's Club is a big success so far, although in operation only a few nights. Nineteen new pupils were enrolled at the last session.

Solicitor Charles Abernethy made the address at Lee-Jackson exercises in New Bern Wednesday.

New Bern had four false alarms of fire Wednesday.

The new bridge over Moccasin river at Snow Hill, is expected to be put into commission about February

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

STEAMER IN DISTRESS.

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

DERELICT VESSEL PICKED UP.

off the Virginia capes.

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

FHLIBUSTER AGAINST THE KEATING BILL

Washington, Jan. 19.-Filibusternounced subsequently that the meas-A note found in the room said: "I are would not be considered before ary of the President's trip in the in- have not slept for weeks. Madness Representative Watson of Virginia, was lurking fast around the corner. submitted a minority report from the

PAN-AMPGAN

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. Here the question is regarded as the opening gun-battle over the Administration's Pan-American negotiations. Hostile Minority.

Republican hostility to the plan for a Pan-American union for defense is presaged. 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. Notes are being framed by both the State Department and the British Foreign Office. The success of the blockade depends upon England's ability to control the six-mile channel between

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. The liquor was taken from G. A. Harris

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 auspices of the A. M. Waddell Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy. The birth anniversaries of the two great chieftains fall within two days of each other, Lee's being January 19 and Jackson's January 21. Pastor Bernard P. Smith of the Christian church presided over the exercises and made the principal remarks of the occasion. In the musical program were the

old hymns that were near and dear to the Christian men in whose honor they were sung. "How Firm a Foundation," "Nearer My God to Thee," "My Faith Looks up to Thee" were among others used. "My Father Knows" was very sweetly sung by Misses Verna Blow and Callie Davis. Mr. C. W. Howard led the opening prayer and read the Scripture lessons of the evening, the selections being taken from favorite ing tactics resorted to by Southern chapters and passages of the departcongressmen prevented the Kesting ed heroes. Mr. Smith gave separtheir splendid character traits and journed their regular mid-week ser-Christian standards.

people of the congregations of the Smith.

ARE KINSTON ADULTS MENTALLY DEFICIENT?

The Knows?-Lunatics Can Des cribe 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 offi-

cials 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., "a majority of the insane patients at Newburg State Hospital passed the test easily," Clevelanders want the test abolished. , "The test is part of a system of examination under which 1,647 school children have been declared mentally defective." A child of 12, to be normal, must, after hearing it only once, repeat: "I saw in the street a pretty little dog. He had curly brown hair, short legs and a long tail." Newspapermen in Kinston and a neighboring town, armed with the simple little sentence, ventured forth to "get a line" on the intelligence of prominent citizens of the two towns. In the neighboring town only two out of a score of wellknown men could repeat the lines on a fair test. Every school child accosted repeated them correctly. The effort to determine the mental efficiency of Kinston citizens was given up. The reporter with the strange lines in his pocket saw the following: "a man known around town, with a quart jar containing a liquid preservative and a "pretty little dog." The dog, according to an inscription on the jar, was a "genuine French poodle, worth \$125," which would be exhibited at a Queen street haberdasher's. Its pedigree was given. It wasn't a poodle, but a pretty little, healthy looking, black and white, straight-haired purp. It's career had been suddenly cut short for the pickling, the newspaper man guessed. It developed that the authorities are watching the fellow who had the dog in the jar. The reporter went into a man's office and said: "Repeat this after me, please" -quoting the lines. The other's expression of countenance could not be mistaken. He reached over for the

another one," he said to the perso at the other end. "It's not a fair test. Any idiot could rattle it off, and the more intelligent a man is the less chance he has of doing it," explained a college grad, after hearing the test recited.

telephone and called 345-J. "Here's

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. held in the Gordon Street Christian for the equipment of the big radio church Wednesday night, under the stations now under construction at San Diego, Cal., Cavite, P. I., and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

NAVY BETTER THAN IT EVER WAS, SAY REPORT

zWashington, 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. It says that on June 30 last, the fleet was better balanced, and doing better shooting than ever before in its history, but lists fifteen specific rec ommendations as to conditions which should be remedied, ranging from shortage of men and lack of swift scout cruisers and aircraft, to elimination of the compulsory feature of the navy's educational system.

vices in favor of the memorial ser-The meeting was well attended by vices. Rev. Mr. Hanrahan, paster of members of the Daughters of the the Presbyterian church, led the 150,000 men could inflict incalculable Confederacy, Veterans, and church prayer, following the remarks of Mr. damage before an army could be as-

Opening Session Wednesday Evening Was Well Attended

BUSINESS FIRST TODAY

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

The annual conference of the Woman's Missionary Society of the North Carolina Methodist Conference vas formally opened in Queen Street Methodist church Wednesday evening, with the majority of the officers and delegates present. About a dosen more arrived this morning and quite a number are expected to come this afternoon. In all, about 160 to 200 women are expected to be in attendance upon the convention during the remaining days.

The opening session was short. Devotional exercises were held, conducted by Pastor H. A. Humble of Queen Street church, and Mrs. Betty Lee, speaking for the local society, welcomed the East Carolina mission workers to Kinston, Mrs. Lee's address was not elaborate, nor was it intended to be, but it was cordial, prettily phrased and altogether pleasing to the visitors and the several hundred Kinstonians, mostly women, who sat in the auditorium with them. The music of the devotional service was especially good.

After the address of Mrs. Lee, to 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." The hostesses of most of the visitors had accompanied them to the ser vice, and these and the officers and members of the Kinston society did the introduction honors. Nearly every woman present met nearly every other woman, and the occasion was most interesting. Handsome compliments to "charming Kinston" and the hospitality of its people were

passed by the wholesale. 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

At 11 o'clock the society met for its first business session. There was a short devotional service conducted by Mrs. R. B. John, the president, after which Mrs. John made her annual report. She reviewed the past very successful year of the Society's endeavor, and encouraged the conference to work as hard during the present year. The roll of delegates was called. The communion was administered by Rev. Mr. Humble and Rev. E. N. Harrison of Caswell Street Methodist church.

This afternoon the Society is hearing reports of district secretaries.

Tonight Miss Elizabeth Lamb, missionary to Brazil, who has been ir that field about ten years, will make an address on the work there and its future.

AMERICA'S INVASION POSSIBLE, SAYS WOOD

(Washington, Jan. 19 .- Maj.Genl. Wood told the Senate Military Committee today that the coast line of the United States was open to attack by any well organized foreign army, despite its equipment of forts, mines and submarines, and that the oceans formed no serious barrier to invasion. He declared that in the country's present state of otter unprepardness for war, a trained force of