

ALLIED TROOPS NOW ON BULGARIAN SOIL FOR NEW CAMPAIGN

Fortifications on Seacoast Reduced by Anglo-French Vessels

FIRST ADVANCE CHECKED

Force Met Superior Numbers of Bulgars and Had to Retire Back to Coast—Turks at Gulf of Saros Shelled by Allied Ships

(By the United Press)

Athens, Jan. 21.—The French squadron has silenced the Bulgarian forts at Portolagos, destroyed the gun emplacements and landed troops. There were few casualties. The troops moved North and met a superior Bulgarian force, after which they retired to the coast. It is believed the movement was preliminary to a landing in force. Turkish positions on the Gulf of Saros have been bombarded.

Shifting Munitions Workers Around.

London, Jan. 21.—Imperative need of more ammunition has forced the government to propose to place "stalled" union men on minor tasks with semi-installed men and women, transferring trained artisans to more important tasks. The support of labor men for the measure is being asked.

PLENTY TROUBLE FOR NEW HANOVER WOMAN

Wilmington, Jan. 20.—The distress of Mrs. Harvey Riley of Manhattan, a Wilmington suburb, over the recent death of her father in Europe and the fact of her three brothers being in the trenches in France, was increased this week by news of the tragic death of another brother, Mr. Thomas Cassinder, in Canada, who standing by the side of a well when the stone curbing crumbled, was precipitated into the well to his death.

HANGS CHILDREN AND TAKES HER OWN LIFE

Lyons, N. Y., Jan. 20.—Mrs. Edwin Payne, 36 years old, hanged her four-year-old daughter, her two-year-old son and herself with three separate pieces of clothes line attached to a hook in the ceiling of the family home in Alloway, three miles south of here, this afternoon. Mr. Payne found the bodies of his wife and children when he returned home from work tonight. He told the coroner's jury his wife had been acting strangely for several days.

TODAY'S SALES ON THE LOCAL COTTON MARKET

About 70 bales of cotton had been sold here today by 3 o'clock. The best price paid was 11 1/2 cents. New York futures quotations were: Open 2:40 January 12.10 12.15 March 12.24 12.30 May 12.49 12.54 July 12.61 12.67 October 12.68 12.65

MRS. OVERCASH DIES AS RESULT OF WOUNDS

Statesville, Jan. 20.—Mrs. Houston Overcash, the bride of five months who was secretly fired on while standing in the dining room of her father, Robert L. Wineoff, in the Amity section of this county, Sunday evening between 6 and 7 o'clock, died today from the effects of her wounds, and her husband, Houston Overcash, who has been in jail here since Monday, will be tried in Iredell Superior Court for his life.

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LIVESTOCK IN THE STATE AND VALUES

United States Bureau of Crop Estimates Gives Number Horses In N. C. at 182,000, Mules 200,000, Milk Cows 321,000, Other Cattle 387,000, Sheep 170,000 and Swine 1,600,000

(Special to The Free Press)

Washington, Jan. 20.—A summary of numbers and values of live stock on farms and ranges on January 1 for North Carolina, compiled by the Bureau of Crop Estimates, United States Department of Agriculture, is as follows:

Horses.—Number 182,000, compared a year ago and 168,000 five years ago. Value per head, \$122, compared with \$130 a year ago and \$126 five years ago.

Mules.—Number, 200,000, compared with 194,000 a year ago and 178,000 five years ago. Value per head, \$140, compared with \$151 a year ago and \$146 five years ago.

Milk Cows.—Number, 321,000, compared with 315,000 a year ago and 312,000 five years ago. Value per head, \$34.00, compared with \$36.50 a year ago and \$28 five years ago.

Other Cattle.—Number, 387,000, compared with 369,000 a year ago and 388,000 five years ago. Value per head, \$16.80, compared with \$17 a year ago and \$13.40 five years ago.

Sheep.—Number, 170,000, compared with 177,000 a year ago and 203,000 five years ago. Value per head \$3.20 compared with \$3.30 a year ago and \$2.98 five years ago.

Swine.—Number, 1,600,000, compared with 1,525,000 a year ago and 1,351,100 five years ago. Value per head, \$7.80, compared with \$8.20 a year ago and \$7.60 five years ago.

SOTHERN AND MARLOWE WILL QUIT THE STAGE

(By the United Press) New York, Jan. 21.—E. H. Sothern will quit the American stage with Julia Marlowe, his wife, and the couple will settle on an estate in England.

VETERANS TO MEET NEXT IN BIRMINGHAM

New Orleans, Jan. 20.—The twenty-sixth annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans will be held in Birmingham, Ala., on May 10, 17 and 18 next. Official announcement of the date and place of the reunion was made here today by William F. Mickle, adjutant general of the veterans' organization.

COAL MINERS MAY GET MORE PAY, IS BELIEF

(By the United Press) Indianapolis, Jan. 21.—It is believed the wages of coal miners will be raised and a strike avoided at the convention of mine workers here.

NO CHANCE FOR U. S. MONEY SUPREMACY

England Has Dumped American Securities Into This Country, Securing Funds to Bring Exchange Up to Normal, Thereby Putting Damper on Hopes of Financiers on this Side

(By the United Press)

New York, Jan. 21.—England has put a damper on America's hopes of financial supremacy, bankers admitted. She has dumped a great quantity of American securities into the United States, thereby securing funds to bring exchange up to normal.

PRESIDENT'S FIRST TRIP TO LAST WEEK

Washington, Jan. 20.—President Wilson plans to speak in Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Des Moines and Denver on the first trip he will take to lay his national defense program before the country. He expects to leave Washington January 28 and remain away one week.

VILLA NOT CAPTIVE SAY REPORTS FROM THE BORDER TODAY

General Herrera Makes Denial and Washington Has No News

NEW REVOLT IN TORREON

Carranzistas Captured and Executed by Insurrectionists—De Facto Government Sends Expedition to Quell Uprising

(By the United Press)

Washington, Jan. 21.—There are many conflicting rumors of Francisco Villa's capture. The State and War Departments and Mexican Embassy are without news. All American agents have been ordered to run down information. According to El Paso, Carranzista officers today believed Villa still at large, but his final capture inevitable.

Official Denial Bandit Chief's Capture.

El Paso, Jan. 21.—Denial of Villa's capture was made by General Herrera today and caused great disappointment. A new revolution is reported from Torreon. Carranza troops there surrendered to a superior force of rebels and were shot or strung up on telegraph poles. A big force of Carranzistas has been sent to stamp out the revolt.

Eighteen Bandits to Be Executed.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Eighteen prisoners, alleged participants in the recent massacre of Americans, will be publicly executed at Chihuahua city today, according to an El Paso dispatch to the State Department. It says the reported capture of Villa is unconfirmed.

OFFICERS MASONIC GRAND LODGE OF N. C. ARE INSTALLED

Address by Grand Master Andrews—Claud Pridgen, Former Kinstonian, is Deputy Grand Master—Bradley's 31st Term

(Special to The Free Press)

Raleigh, Jan. 21.—The officers of the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons were installed yesterday afternoon, and immediately afterwards the annual meeting here came to a close. Past Grand Master R. N. Hackett conducted the installation, with Past Grand Master B. Royster assisting. The new Grand Master, A. B. Andrews, made a short address and resolutions regretting the illness of Past Grand Master F. N. Winchester and of Grand Tyler R. H. Bradley were passed, at the final session.

The following were the officers installed: Grand Master Andrews, Deputy Grand Master Claud Pridgen of Wilmington, Grand Senior Warden G. S. Norfleet of Winston-Salem, Grand Junior Warden Henry A. Grady of Clinton, Grand Treasurer Leo D. Heart of Raleigh, Grand Secretary John C. Drowry of Raleigh, Grand Lecturer R. F. Edwards of Crumpler, Senior Grand Deacon J. S. Braswell of Whitakers, Junior Grand Deacon, J. Bailey Owen of Henderson, Grand Marshal J. H. Webb of Hillsboro, Grand Sword Bearer H. M. Potat of Wake Forest, Grand Pursivant J. LeSteward B. F. Hill of Asheville, Grand Grand Everett of Rockingham, Grand Steward O. W. Spencer of Salisbury, Grand Tyler R. H. Bradley of Raleigh, Grand Historian M. DeL. Haywood of Raleigh, Auditor T. R. Robertson of Charlotte. Deputy Grand Master Pridgen is a

FINAL REPLY FROM NEUTRAL EUROPEAN NATIONS ARE TODAY IN THE LIMELIGHT

Will Be Delivered Shortly—Now Being Prepared—Will Guarantee Safety of Neutrals in Future—End to Controversy at Last

(By the United Press)

Berlin, Jan. 21.—Germany's final reply in the Lusitania matter is being prepared at the foreign office. It is expected to be delivered shortly, to settle all submarine difficulties.

It's drafting follows several weeks of informal exchanging of views. It is understood that Germany will guarantee future safety for neutrals passenger ships.

ANOTHER CONSISTORY TO BE HELD BY THE POPE DURING MARCH

Is Believed to Be Continuation of His Peace Program—Ostensibly for Conference with Cardinals from Two Countries

(By the United Press)

Rome, Jan. 21.—Utmost importance is attached to the announcement that the Pope holds another consistory in march. It is regarded as a continuation of the Pontiff's peace program.

It ostensibly was called to confer with the Red Hat Cardinal Mr. Scapanelli of Vienna and Manager Fruhwirth of Munich.

OFFICIALS LAUGH AT STORY OF JAP TROOPS IN MEXICO

(By the United Press)

Washington, Jan. 21.—The War Department today ridiculed a report that three hundred Japanese soldiers are encamped in lower California. United States regulars encamped near the reported scene of invasion would have notified the department.

MOHR DRIVER AGAIN ON THE STAND TODAY

One of His Questioners a Lawyer from South Carolina, But Southerner Could Not Break Negro's Story—Doubt as to Its Truthfulness—Could Not Remember, Often Replied

(By the United Press)

Providence, R. I., Jan. 21.—Cross-examination of George H. Ellis, the negro driver of the Mohr car, continued today. Attorneys Lewis and Edwards, the latter from South Carolina, did not break his story but cast much doubt upon his veracity. He again contradicted himself upon smaller details and often answered that "he could not remember."

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

STEAMER TORPEDOED. London, Jan. 21.—The British steamer Sutherland has been torpedoed in the Mediterranean. The crew were saved.

MONTENEGRO PLEADS FOR AID.

Paris, Jan. 21.—King Nicholas has appealed to the Allies to immediately aid Montenegro's forces and save them from annihilation.

NEUTRAL EUROPEAN NATIONS ARE TODAY IN THE LIMELIGHT

Sweden and Spain Being Watched With Interest By Diplomats

STATEMENT BY WILLIAMS

Comptroller Before House Committee Supports Representative Howard's Demand for Probe Into Usury Alleged Practiced

(By the United Press)

Washington, Jan. 21.—Sweden and Spain today loomed large on the diplomatic horizon. The efforts of Sweden to induce the United States to join in the protest against the British blockade was widely discussed. Sweden is reluctant to strait the protest alone, as in her weakness it might cause her embarrassment.

The Entente agents here are investigating reported large purchases of arms by Spain, which it has been said, was preparatory to her entering the war against the Allies.

Williams Details Usury Charges.

Usurious practices by many National banks, especially in the south were detailed by Comptroller of the Currency Williams before the House Rules committee today in support of the demand by Representative Howard of Georgia the demand for a Congressional investigation of banks.

Attack Administration Plan.

The Administration's Merchant Marine and naval program was attacked today by former Secretary of the Navy, Mayce and others before the National Security Congress.

Investigation of Dairy Products Rates.

Washington, Jan. 21.—A Nation wide investigation of rates on milk and cream has been ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

RIGHT TIME TO GET PRESIDENT TO THIS CITY FOR A SPEECH

If He Should Travel Over A. C. L. In Preparedness Tour Might Be Induced to Come to Kinston—District's Impediment

Since it is regarded as settled that President Wilson will come South to speak for his preparedness program, persons here are wondering if he will drop off in Claude Kitchin's district to argue his point. The President's Southern itinerary has not been announced, but it is almost a certainty that he will come through North Carolina over one of the main line railroads. If it should be by way of the A. C. L. that he travels, it would not be unhandy for him to make Kinston a short visit, or Wilson or one of the other important towns in the district which furnishes the most determined obstacles to his plans—Representative Kitchin.

It is not improbable that Mr. Wilson will be invited to come here, although the Chamber of Commerce has made no move toward extending the invitation.

TUFTS NEW HEAD OF N. C. AGRICULTURAL SOCY.

(Special to The Free Press)

Raleigh, Jan. 20.—Leonard Tufts was elected President of the North Carolina Agricultural Society at a meeting of the society here yesterday. He is a prominent Pinehurst man. The society decided upon improvement of the State Fair grounds before the Fall fair.

PENUEL CONVICTED TO KEEP RACE PURE

Say Lawyers—Alleged Some Ancestors Were Colored—Girl Who Eloped With Him Probably Will Never Be Subjected to Imprisonment—Man Will Go to Supreme Court If Necessary, Says

The marriage of Claud Penuel and Cora Jones, the Jones county couple who have been in trouble here for some weeks, if it really existed, was made void when Penue, was proven to be part colored in the Recorder's Court late Thursday. a stated in The Free Press that afternoon, the couple were convicted and sentenced to 12 months each. The man would have gone to the roads and the girl, according to the sentence to jail.

Witnesses for the defense admitted that ancestors of Penuel two or three generations back were mulattos or octoroons.

The couple were technically charged with fornication and adultery. There was also a kidnapping charge pending, which grew out of the bringing to Kinston of a minor sister of the girl, which the authorities were ready to bring up. With the Court's acceptance of the testimony that the man was of mixed blood the prosecution ceased.

Penuel and Cora Jones claimed to have been married in Norfolk. Penuel is understood to have declared that he will take the case to the Superior Court.

Persons acquainted with the case believe the uperior Court will uphold the Recorder's judgment as to Penuel. Of course, no one expects the country girl, who according to sympathizers could not have expected to realize what she was doing, to have to go to jail. "Nobody on the inside ever had the slightest idea of such a thing," said a member of the bar today. She was convicted but there plenty of time for the sentence to be put aside.

The white man's unvarying resentment against miscegenation, the pride of race of the whites and the protection of the race are the points involved.

ESCAPED GERMAN SPY ASKS FOR IMMUNITY

(By the United Press)

New York, Jan. 21.—Ignatius Lincoln, confessed German spy who escaped from Secret service men recently, wrote today to newspapers and Federal authorities promising to give himself up if promised immunity.

BELIEVED GEORGIANS LYNCHED SIX BLACKS

Half Dozen Charged With Murder of Sheriff Moreland Taken From Jail at Sylvester by Mob—Fate Unknown, But There is Little Doubt That All Were Strung Up By the Angry Whites

Sylvester, Ga., Jan. 21.—The fate of six negroes taken from jail here by a mob is still in doubt this afternoon. It is believed they have been lynched. The negroes were charged with the murder of Sheriff Moreland of Lee county.

NEWELL NEW HEAD OF WESLEY FEDERATION

Fayetteville, Jan. 20.—On motion of the nominations committee, appointed at yesterday afternoon's session, W. H. Newell of Rocky Mount, superintendent of the First Division of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, was elected president of the North Carolina Wesley Bible Class Federation today.

AGED NEGRESS GUEST AT WHITE FOLKS' WEDDING

Asheville, Jan. 20.—"Aunt Fannie" Wood, 90 years of age, born a slave, and the property of Rev. J. Smith, a Presbyterian minister of South Carolina, rode to the First Presbyterian Church in an automobile yesterday and saw her old master's great granddaughter, Miss Julia Smith, married to Rev. Robert Dabney Bedinger. The aged negress was respondent in finery of a day long gone by.

EXCELLENT REPORTS FROM DISTRICTS TO MISSION CONFERENCE

New Bern District's Statement of Year's Work Was Remarkable

SPEAKER FROM BRAZIL

Returned Missionary Tells Methodist Women of the Work and Conditions There—"Uplifted Christ" Is Need of People There

The work on Thursday afternoon of Woman's Missionary Society of the North Carolina Methodist conference, now in annual session in Queen Street church here, was given over to the various committees from 2 until 4 o'clock. At 4 the conference was called to order by Mrs. R. B. John, the President. The devotional service was led by Mrs. Marvey Boney, who based her message of love on 2 Cor. 13. The reports of the districts were then taken up.

The Fayetteville district was reported by the district secretary, Miss Vera Herring of Dunn. The district showed an advance in missionary spirit and an increase of over \$200 over last year's financial report of that district. The auxiliaries in the Elizabeth City district showed a steady interest and growth in numbers and figures. Mrs. H. J. Faison of Faison, sec'y of the New Bern district, and district hostess of the conference, made a report of almost phenomenal growth. The membership has increased; the spiritual uplift is hard to measure, and the figures show more than \$1,000 increase over any previous year in the district. Miss Nettie Allen of Henderson gave some fine statistics for the Raleigh district. After the distinctive features from the different auxiliaries' reports had been called out and many interesting questions brought about by inquiries made by Mrs. Hume R. Steele, educational secretary of the Council, the session closed with a benediction by the pastor of Queen Street church, Rev. H. A. Humble. Thursday Evening Session.

The evening service opened with a beautiful anthem rendered by the excellent choir of the church. The devotional exercises were continued by Miss Florence Whitesides, deaconess at Edenton Street church, Raleigh. She read Acts 3 and admonished the conference members to give more than silver and gold to the helpless about them, to give themselves in the name of Jesus. Dr. L. S. Massey of Raleigh led in prayer. Hymn 137 was sung, and Mrs. R. B. John then introduced the speaker of the evening, Miss Elizabeth Lamb, missionary to Brazil. Miss Lamb spoke of conditions in that country and the outlook. She gave to the conference something of the history of the great South American nation, told of its wonderful resources and described the types of character to be found among its people. She discussed its educational interests and its religions. A birds-eye view of a leading Methodist school was exhibited, and what it has meant in stimulating and helping school conditions in Brazil was outlined. Miss Lamb lastly gave an insight into the type of Christian developed in the Methodist school and churches there. The present need of the country is, she declared, "The uplifted Christ." She closed with a prayer. Hymn 410 was sung and the benediction was pronounced by Mr. Humble.

Today's Morning Session.

This morning's session was started off with a devotional service by Mrs. Stover of Wilmington. Dr. L. S. Massey, editor of the Raleigh Christian Advocate, addressed the conference. He outlined a plan for increasing the circulation of the Advocate and promoting the work of the society at the same time. The measure proposed was adopted. Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon, the corresponding secretary, made her annual report. She gave the statistics of the

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