

### LONDON BOMBED BY GERMAN AIRMEN, IS BELIEF IN NEW YORK

Probable That British Censor Suppressed Part of the News

### LOCATION NOT REVEALED

Of Sunday's Raids on Kentish Coast, In Which One Person Was Killed and a Half Dozen Injured—A New Type of Aeroplane

(By the United Press)

London, Jan. 24.—The renewal of aerial attacks on London by the Germans is expected to result from the raid on the Kentish coast yesterday by giant fockars, called "Uhlans of the air." Such was predicted today by the press. One was killed and six injured in Kent. It is believed aeroplanes will supplant zeppelins until the spring, with more favorable weather. The censor today refused to disclose the exact location of the raids. One occurred at noon, so that the airmen knew exactly where they were. New machines were used, it is feared.

### New York Doubts If All News Was Told.

New York, Jan. 24.—Aeroplanes actually bombarded London, it is believed here, London being partly in Kent. It is thought the news was kept back by the censor.

### Air Raids Twice Within 20 Hours.

London, Jan. 23.—The east coast of Kent was raided early this morning by a hostile aeroplane, which dropped nine bombs. One person was killed and six were injured.

A second attack, this time by two hostile seaplanes, was made on the Kent east coast early this afternoon. No casualties have been reported. The raiders escaped.

An official account of the first raid says:

"The war office announces that, taking advantage of the bright moonlight, a hostile aeroplane visited the east coast of Kent at 1 o'clock this morning. After dropping 9 bombs in rapid succession, it made off seaward.

"No naval or military damage was done but there was some damage to private property. Incendiary bombs caused fires which were extinguished.

"The following casualties occurred: One man killed; two men, one woman and three children slightly injured."

The war office announcement concerning the second attack says:

"Following the aerial attack on the east coast of Kent early this morning, two hostile seaplanes made a second attack upon the same locality shortly after noon. After coming under a heavy fire the raiders disappeared, pursued by our naval and military machines. The enemy effected no damage and no casualties have been reported."

### Dover Raided, Says Berlin.

Berlin, Jan. 24.—German aeroplanes Sunday bombarded the station at Dover, England, and barracks and docks, it is announced.

### BULLETINS

### SHIP SINKS—CREW SAVED.

Halifax, Jan. 24.—The British munition ship Pollentia has gone to the bottom, 700 miles off Cape Race. The crew is on board other ships, which were standing by.

### Sulphur Springs, Texas, Jan. 24.—

Charged with conspiring to influence prohibition elections, officials of several Texas breweries were to be placed on trial here today. The Texas anti-trust law is the law under whose terms the brewers were indicted.

### LESS THAN ELEVEN MILLION BALES, BY JANUARY THE 16TH

Ginned From 1915 Crop—More Than 4,000,000 Less Than by the Same Date Last Year—N. C. Has Ginned 709,754 Bales

(By the United Press)

Washington, Jan. 24.—The census report shows 10,766,202 bales ginned from the 1915 growth to January 16, counting round as half bales and excluding linters, against 14,915,850 last year. Round bales included this year 106,996; sea island, 90,736 bales. South Carolina ginned 1,143,562, and North Carolina 709,754 bales.

### AUSTRIA MAY TAKE VENGEANCE ON THE MONTENEGRIN RACE

Slaughter of Civilians Is Feared When Invaders Learn That Aged King Was Not Serious About Truce

(By the United Press)

Rome, Jan. 24.—The remnant of the Montenegrin army are in grave danger of capture. The Austrians are attempting to cut off their retreat from Scutari. Montenegrin officials here today declared that King Nicholas' pretence for a truce was to give time for the retreat.

The Austrians are expected to massacre the civil population when they learn of this.

### Fighting in Bessarabia.

Petrograd, Jan. 24.—Heavy fighting has been resumed on the Bessarabia frontier.

### Big Aerial Fleet Attacks Monastir.

Saloniki, Jan. 24.—Forty-five of the French aeroplanes have bombarded the Austro-Bulgarian headquarters at Monastir, with heavy damage.

### DOUBT THAT TURKISH BOAT TORPEDOED SHIP

Reports That Submarine of Ottoman Navy Sent Persia to Bottom Receive Little Credence in Washington—At Outbreak of Hostilities Had No Craft Capable of Working Away From Base.

(By the United Press)

Washington, Jan. 24.—Reports that a Turkish submarine sank the Persia are received with doubt here. Turkey had only three submarines planned at the beginning of the war, with their cruising range so small that no open sea action by them was likely.

### Amsterdam Dispatch.

London, Jan. 23.—An Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says:

"According to a Berlin report the Turkish ministry of marine is about to publish a statement to the effect that a Turkish submarine sank the steamer Persia."

### Turkey to Be Questioned.

Washington, Jan. 24.—The United States will ask Turkey whether it has any information of the sinking of the Persia. Secretary Lansing announced today that he regarded it as unlikely that such an inquiry will develop anything.

### FIVE HUNDRED STUDENTS AT WAKE FOREST COLLEGE

Wake Forest, Jan. 23.—Five hundred students have registered at Wake Forest College, making the largest enrollment in the history of the institution.

### THIS TO BE A WEEK OF POLITICS FROM CAPITAL TO CHICAGO

President and Bryan to Start Speaking Tours—Republican Leaders to Meet—Roosevelt Being Urged to Speak Chicago

(By the United Press)

Washington, Jan. 24.—A week of politics opened today. The President, taking the stump, will speak in New York Thursday night, and will start on his western trip Friday, into anti-administration territory.

The Republican leaders are to meet in Chicago this week to make preliminary arrangements for their convention. The national Progressive-Republicans here are organizing for control of the convention, in the hope of making the platform of the candidate progressive.

Roosevelt is being urged to speak at Chicago. If he accepts, it may mean his entrance into the presidential arena.

Bryan starts his peace speaking trip this week.

### MRS. MOHR PLANNING FOR NEW TRIAL NOW

Woman Accused of Employing Negroes to Slay Husband Seems to Expect Judgment Against Her—State Expects to Wind Up By Tonight—Gertrude Stevenson and Emily Burger Witnesses.

(By the United Press)

Providence, Jan. 24.—Gertrude Stevenson was the first witness today when the Mohr hearing was resumed.

State Expects to Close Today.

Providence, Jan. 24.—The State expected to close late today in the trial of Mrs. Mohr, charged with instigating the murder of her husband, and the three negroes she is alleged to have hired to commit the crime. Gertrude Stevenson, a Boston newspaper woman, was cross examined. Emily Burger, who was in the car with the doctor when he was shot, is to be a witness for the defense. The tension is at fever heat. Mrs. Mohr is said to be planning a new trial.

### PLAN TO CREATE A TARIFF COMMISSION

Washington, Jan. 23.—Creation of a tariff commission, it was learned from official sources tonight, has been determined upon by the Wilson administration. A bill providing for such a commission will be introduced in Congress in the near future, and President Wilson may discuss the subject in a message to Congress. The duties of the proposed commission or board, under the plan understood to have been agreed upon by the administration leaders would be to collect information regarding the tariff, and to co-ordinate similar powers now believed by President Wilson to be held by existing government bodies.

### INSANE ASYLUM THE PLACE FOR MASHERS

New York, Jan. 24.—"Mashers, ogglers of women and so-called flirts must be slightly unbalanced mentally and fit subjects for the insane asylum," declared Magistrate John C. McGuire of Brooklyn today, discussing the number of such cases that are brought before him. These mashers receive no mercy from me after they have annoyed women and young girls. Any man who tries to make love to a strange woman as she passes him in the street certainly is wrong in the head. I send lots of these fellows to the Kings County Hospital for mental observation and you bet I'll see to it that all of them found guilty in my court will continue to be sent there. The public thoroughfares absolutely must be safeguarded for women and little girls."

### UNITED STATES CAN WIRE NOTHING THAT IS NOT DISCOVERED

Most Secret Code Government Uses Can Be Easily Deciphered—All European Capitals Find American Code Easy

By CARL W. ACKERMAN, (United Press Staff Representative)

Berlin, Jan. 24.—Supposed secret codes of the United States are known to practically every belligerent of Europe. Col. House has been impressed with that fact. It is impossible for any agent of the United States to cable here without the certainty that it will be known in all capitals of Europe. The green code, the most secret, is well-known. The system has not been changed often enough.

### MORE EVIDENCE OF CARRANZA'S INTENT OF KEEPING FAITH

Pro-Interventionists in U. S. Congress Show Better Spirit Toward Administration's Policy Since Punishment Murderers

(By the United Press)

Washington, Jan. 24.—The summary execution of the two murderers of Bert L. Akers, an American ranchman, is regarded by officials here as evidence of Carranza's intent to take vigorous steps to protect Americans. The punishment of the murderers has somewhat allayed the pro-intervention agitation in Congress.

### Akers' Slayings Died Cursing Americans.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 23.—Bernardo and Federico Duran, the Mexican cattle thieves, condemned to die by the Carranza authorities for the killing of Bert Akers at San Lorenzo, a few miles below the international boundary Friday, were executed at daylight in the cemetery at Juarez today. The body of Akers was interred here late today.

The Duran brothers died cursing Americans.

### NEGRESS SHOT BY MAN HAS SLIGHT CHANCE

Nellie Coker Victim—David Curtis In Jail—Woman Took Part of Wife of Assailant in Altercation—Latter Arrested—Alleged to Have Made Attempt on Life of Wife Before Shooting

David Curtis, colored, is in the county jail on a technical charge of assault with intent to kill, awaiting the outcome of injuries inflicted by him upon Nellie Coker. Curtis shot the negress Saturday night on Tower Hill road. According to the official story, Curtis was accompanied by his wife, the Coker woman and a man. He had been drinking and became enraged in an argument with his wife. Nellie Coker, related to Curtis' wife, intervened in the latter's behalf. The prisoner drew a revolver and shot the woman through the abdomen, perforating the liver. Her chance of recovery is only fair. It is said that Curtis snapped the weapon in the face of his wife three times before shooting Nellie Coker. Curtis was taken before the Recorder this morning, but sent back to the jail to await a change in the woman's condition. Judge Wooten said he had been informed that she would certainly die. A physician on Sunday night recommended that the victim's testimony be taken.

### COTTON FUTURES TAKE SLUMP TODAY

About 25 bales of cotton were sold here today by 3 o'clock, at prices ranging from 11 to 11 1/2 cents.

New York futures quotations were:  
January . . . . . 12.25 12.06  
March . . . . . 12.25 12.20  
May . . . . . 12.53 12.43  
July . . . . . 12.03 12.56  
October . . . . . 12.67 12.57

### JOYNER, POE, DARST AMONG NOTABLES AT CHARLOTTE MEETING

School and Social Welfare and "The Child and the Kingdom" the Topics at Today's Sessions Social Service Conference

(Special to The Free Press)

Charlotte, Jan. 24.—The North Carolina Conference for Social Service formally opened its fourth annual session here yesterday. The principal speakers were Dr. Walter L. Lingle of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., who discussed the teachings of Jesus as they bear upon the solution of modern social problems, and Dr. William Louis Poole, president of Wake Forest College, whose theme was Christianity and social progress.

This afternoon at 3 o'clock the first session of the day was opened. Dr. J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, presiding. Dr. Joyner made a report on the progress of moonlight schools in North Carolina. Other speakers scheduled were: Mrs. Thomas W. Lingle of Davidson, whose subject was to be moonlight schools; Thomas W. Boushall, secretary of the University Y. M. C. A., who was to discuss the permanent night school movement; Miss Mary G. Shotwell, rural school supervisor of Granville county, "The School as a Social Center"; H. W. Foght of the U. S. Bureau of Education, "The Danish Rural Schools as a Socializing Force"; Dr. Clarence Poe, "The Community Service Committee and Community Organization"; E. J. Coltrane, principal of the Farm Life School at Jamestown, N. C., "Vocational and Industrial Training"; J. A. Baldwin of Charlotte, "The Part Time School—Study, Work and Play"; with presentation of resolutions on above and related subjects and their full discussion.

Tonight "The Child and the Kingdom" will be the main topic, with addresses by President A. W. McAlister of Greensboro, Bishop T. C. Darst of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina, and others speaking. A reception will be held at 9 o'clock.

Social service exhibits are being displayed in the Carnegie library, in charge of Miss Mary B. Palmer.

### PRESIDENT ASKED TO ADDRESS LEGISLATORS

Solons of Two States Want to Hear Him Champion Cause of Preparedness—Delegations From South Carolina and Virginia Call at White House, Asking Mr. Wilson to Give Them Dates

(By the United Press)

Washington, Jan. 24.—Senator Tillman and a delegation today urged the President to speak for preparedness before the South Carolina Legislature prior to its adjournment. Senators Swanson and Martin and Representative Glass and a delegation from the Virginia Legislature urged him to do the same in Virginia.

### POLICEMAN SHOT BY BLACK, MAY SUCCUMB

Winston-Salem, Jan. 23.—Patrolman H. C. Whiteheart was shot early this afternoon by a negro whose identity has not as yet been definitely determined. The officer is in a hospital in a critical condition.

### PRESIDENT'S FIRST ATTEMPT TO SPEED THE LAWMAKERS UP

Conference With Members Both Houses Today—Wants Appropriations Rushed—Supreme Court Rules Income Tax O. K.

(By the United Press)

Washington, Jan. 24.—President Wilson today took the first step toward speeding up legislation when he asked Senator Hitchcock and Representatives Flood, Stephens, Lever and Page to confer with him today about rushing the appropriation bills. Income Tax O. K., Says Court.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The income tax is constitutional, the Supreme Court today ruled. It is not discriminatory, said the ruling.

### FIRST TERM COURT FOR YEAR CONVENED HERE THIS MORNING

Judge Oliver Allen Presiding—49 Cases Docketed—To Last Week Only—Motion Civil Docket Last Half Week Probable

Superior Court for the first term of the year was convened shortly after 10 o'clock this morning, Judge Oliver H. Allen of this district presiding. Judge Allen is conducting the spring terms in Lenoir, Onslow, Duplin and Sampson counties by an exchange with Judge W. M. Bond of Edenton.

There were 49 criminal cases on the docket. None was of special importance. There was no first degree case. It is expected that the docket—the smallest in years here—will be cleared away by the middle of the week, after which civil causes will be heard by motion. The term expires by limitation on Saturday night.

New furniture recently installed in the courtroom was used for the first time today. Within the official railing there had been installed new desks for the clerk, solicitor, sheriff, private counsel and the judge, together with new chairs for all hands entitled to sit therein. A new linoleum covered the floor. The improvement was noticeable.

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### SPLENDID GROWTH STATE UNIVERSITY

North Carolina's Principal Institution of Learning Draws 93.1-2 Per Cent. of the Enrollment From the State—Increase of 300 Students Over 1914-15 Reported by the President

(Special to The Free Press)

Chapel Hill, Jan. 24.—The report of the President of the University, just issued, shows a year of remarkable progress for the institution in all departments. The total number of students registered up to the present, including duplicates, in the regular courses, is 1,123. The total, including the summer school is 1,823. This total represents a growth over last year of 300, and a total growth in the past five years of one thousand. The patronage of the University is representative of the whole State. Ninety-three and one-half per cent. of its regular students are from North Carolina. Practically all of its summer students are North Carolina teachers. Nine-tenths of the counties are represented in the regular term, and all the counties in some of its activities. All professions and all denominations patronize it in proportion to their numbers.

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### MRS. R. B. JOHN IS AGAIN HEAD OF THE M. E. WOMANS SOC'Y

Annual Conference Mission Workers Came to Close Sunday Night

### WILMINGTON NEXT YEAR

Most of Officers Re-elected.

Closing Day Marked by Sermon by Rev. N. H. Wilson and Address by Mrs. Steele

The annual conference of the Woman's Missionary Society of the North Carolina Methodist conference, in session here since last Wednesday night, came to a close Sunday night. The meeting had been intended to close this morning, but all business was gotten out of the way on Saturday afternoon, so that today's session was unnecessary. Most of the officers and delegates, numbering well above a hundred, left for their homes this morning. A few made their departure Sunday evening. Nearly all expressed pleasure over the cordiality with which they were received and entertained in Kinston.

The election of officers occurred Saturday afternoon, the following being chosen:

President, Mrs. R. B. John, Smithfield; First Vice-President, Mrs. J. M. Rhodes, Littleton; Second Vice-President, Mrs. N. H. D. Wilson, Goldsboro; Superintendent Study and Publicity, Mrs. Harvey Boney, Rose Hill; Superintendent Social Service, Mrs. A. S. Barnes, Raleigh; Superintendent Supplies, Mrs. Ida T. Wilkins, Weldon; Superintendent Literature, Mrs. E. L. Hart, Wilmington; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon, Maxton; Recording Secretary, Miss May Edla Smith, Gatesville; Treasurer, Mrs. N. E. Edgerton, Selma; Editor Woman's Page Christian Advocate, Mrs. E. C. Duncan, Raleigh; Agent of Advocate, Mrs. R. H. Willis, Oxford; District Secretaries, Elizabeth City district, Mrs. J. M. Winslow; Fayetteville, Miss Vera Herring; New Bern, Mrs. H. J. Faison; Raleigh, Mrs. Nettie Allen, Rockingham, Miss Georgia Biggs; Washington, Mrs. W. P. Faugham; Wilmington, Mrs. W. F. Murphy. The majority of the officers, including the president, were re-elected.

The 1917 conference will be held in Grace church, Wilmington.

On Saturday night in Queen Street church, where the conference was held, the children's program was rendered, before a large and very much interested audience. The local Bright Jewels, more than half a hundred in number, went through an excellent program of recitations, songs, etc., without a hitch. The little folks had been drilled by Mrs. E. V. Webb, the Bright Jewels' president. The Kinston auxiliary was awarded the banner for the largest increase in members, the Fayetteville Jewels that for the most money raised in 1915, and the Durham society for the banner having the most infants enrolled. The banners were respectively Cuban, Chinese and Korean, those countries being important mission fields of the Methodists. All were in national colors, beautifully sewn and inscribed. The Chinese banner bore the Lord's Prayer in Chinese characters. The one awarded to the Kinston society was made by Cuban girls attending college at Littleton. Mrs. L. M. Hendren of New Bern presented the banners.

On Sunday morning Rev. N. H. D. Wilson of St. Paul's church, Goldsboro, preached to the conference and a large number of other Methodists and their friends. He is one of the best known ministers of the North Carolina conference, and the sermon he delivered on this occasion was one of the brightest. Some of his hearers stated, that he had ever preached. Excellent music was rendered during the service, which commenced.