

### PARIS GOVERNMENT URGES ESTABLISHING BLOCKADE AT ONCE

Asks That Further Protests  
From Neutrals  
Be Not Awaited

### SWEDEN TAKING STEPS

Committee of "Defense" Is  
Appointed by Stockholm.  
Reason for Immediate  
Action by Britain's Fleet.  
Discussion in Parliament

(By the United Press)  
London, Jan. 25.—France has urged  
England to declare an immediate  
actual blockade against Germany  
without waiting for further protests  
from neutrals, it is reported on  
the eve of the matter's discussion  
in Parliament. The blockade advocates  
possess a large majority.  
Reports that the Swedish Parli-  
ament had appointed a committee of  
"defense" is one cause for a demand  
for immediate action.

### TEXAS MOB LYNCHES ALLEGED MURDERER

Mayfield, Accused of Slaying Parents  
and Brother, Claimed Alibi, and the  
Jury Failed to Agree On His  
Guilt—Was Middle-Aged—Taken  
From Jail at Boston, Texas, and  
Hanged

(By the United Press)  
Boston, Texas, Jan. 25.—A mob  
took J. Mayfield, 51, charged with  
killing his father, mother and brother  
with an axe, from the jail here,  
and hanged him. A jury had dis-  
agreed as to his guilt. He claimed  
an alibi.

### VON DER GOLTZ HAD A NARROW ESCAPE

German Field Marshal Was Passenger  
On Turkish Yacht Torpedoed  
In the Bosphorus a Month Ago,  
the News of Which Has Just Been  
Had—All Passengers Were Rescued, Reported

(By the United Press)  
Athens, Jan. 25.—The Turkish im-  
perial yacht Artogroal, with Field  
Marshal Von Der Goltz as a passen-  
ger, was torpedoed in the Bosphorus  
four weeks ago, it has just been  
learned. All the passengers were  
rescued.

**EDMONDSON DECLARES  
HE'S FRAME-UP VICTIM.**  
New Bern, Jan. 24.—F. A. Ed-  
mondson, Greenville banker accused  
of violating the Mann white slave  
act, is here seeking evidence which  
he says will prove that he is a con-  
spiracy victim. Miss Eulalia Dud-  
ley has testified that Edmondson  
criminally assaulted her on a sleep-  
ing car. The case is to come up for  
the second time in Federal court at  
Washington, N. C.

**CHARLIE STANDS ON TRENCH  
AND LETS 'EM FIRE AWAY.**  
Northern France, Jan. 24.—A  
wooden effigy of Charlie Chaplin,  
looted from the front of a picture  
show in Yorkshire, and brought to  
France is daily hoisted up over one  
of the trenches to the fury of the  
Germans, who subject Charlie to se-  
vere punishment. One bombardment  
lasted two hours and resulted in lit-  
tle material damage.

### MOHR DEFENSE WILL OCCUPY THREE WEEKS

Providence, Jan. 25.—The State's  
case in the Mohr trial was not fin-  
ished last night, but is to be today,  
with the testimony of Police Inspec-  
tor Ahearn and Capt. Monahan. The  
defense is expected to take three  
weeks.

### GRAHAM AND CRAIG ATTEND CONFERENCE

Presiding Officers at Today's Ses-  
sions of Social Service Meeting In  
Charlotte—Governor a Speaker—  
National Children's Bureau Head  
to Make Address Tonight—Inter-  
esting Topics

(Special to The Free Press)  
Charlotte, Jan. 25.—The third  
day's sessions of the North Carolina  
annual Conference on Social Service  
have for their topics current exam-  
ples of social progress in the State,  
the State, county and municipality  
and social welfare and organization  
of society and State for the welfare  
of the child.

The following addresses were on  
the program this morning: "Welfare  
Work and the Tenant Child," Miss  
Mary Livermore, Robeson county;  
"Social Work of the Sand Hill  
Board of Trade of Aberdeen," John  
R. McQueen, Pinchurst; "Guilford  
County and Her Public Moral Law,"  
Hon. A. M. Scales, Greensboro;  
"Rowan County Community  
Building," Mrs. J. P. Moore, Salis-  
bury; "Orange County Social Pro-  
gress," Prof. E. C. Branson, Chapel  
Hill; "Travelers' Aid and Its Exten-  
sion," Miss Julia Yopp, Greensboro;  
"Greensboro's Public Welfare Work  
and Plan of Organization," Dr. Mel-  
ton Clark, Greensboro; "Salem-  
burg, Sampson County as a Social Center,"  
Mrs. W. J. Jones, Salem; "Other  
Examples of Social Progress," five-  
minute talks by members of the  
conference. Dr. E. K. Graham, presi-  
dent of the University of North Car-  
olina, was in the chair.

This afternoon Governor Craig is  
presiding. He will be a speaker, to-  
gether with W. T. Bost of Raleigh,  
Hidden Ramsey of Asheville, A. W.  
McAllister of Greensboro, Hon. C.  
R. Woodruff of Philadelphia, and  
others. Tonight Miss Julia Lashorp,  
director of the National Children's  
Bureau; Dr. Howard Rondthaler of  
Winston-Salem; J. Walter Long of  
Greensboro and others will address  
the conference.

### SMALL SALES ON COTTON EXCHANGE

Fourteen bales of cotton had been  
sold here today by 3 o'clock, the  
best price paid being 11-1-2 cents.  
New York futures quotations were:  
Open Close  
January .. 12.00 12.07  
March .. 12.17 12.15  
May .. 12.41 12.39  
July .. 12.50 12.53  
October .. 12.56 12.54

### ENGLISH TO COLLECT DAMAGES FROM MEXICO

London, Jan. 8.—(By Mail)—The  
Foreign Office is accumulating com-  
plaints regarding seizure of British  
property in Mexico, it was learned  
today, pro presentation to the Car-  
ranza government. The Inter-Oceanic  
Railway of Mexico, has asked the  
government to find out when it  
can have back its lines. At the an-  
nual meeting of directors, Chairman  
Arthur Hill reported that the road  
was commandeered by the "govern-  
ment of Mexico" in 1914, and that he  
had no knowledge of its condition.  
The Guayule Rubber Company,  
whose properties were also com-  
mandeered in 1914, has lodged a pro-  
test with the Foreign Office.

### GREAT ACTIVITY IN NEW YORK PIT TODAY

Dividend of 1-1-4 Per Cent. On Steel  
Common Declared and Common  
Stock Rose to 84 7-8—To Be More.  
One Faction of Directorate Opposed  
Dividend.

(By the United Press)  
New York, Jan. 25.—Steel Com-  
mon rose to 84 7-8 today with a liv-  
ely scene of activity in the pit, fol-  
lowing the report of a dividend of  
1-1-4 per cent., to be issued late to-  
day. Morgan Frick rushed here to  
vote the dividend. It is hoped it may  
be more. One faction of the Board  
opposes any dividend.

### KITCHIN TELLS THE PRESIDENT HE DOES NOT LIKE HIS IDEA

For Tariff Commission—  
Tarheel May Support It,  
However

### ANOTHER CHANGE POLICY

Business Men Have Urged  
Appointment of Commis-  
sion to Prepare for Up-  
heaval at End of War—  
Will Be New Body

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Jan. 25.—House  
Leader Kitchin told the President to-  
day that he did not approve of the  
Administration's tariff commission  
plan. He may support it, however.

### Business Men Want Commission.

It is officially stated that the Pres-  
ident is for a tariff commission to  
investigate economic conditions with  
a view to making recommendations  
for a schedule suited to all demands  
after the war. It will be a similar  
body to the Federal Reserve Board,  
and will not displace the latter. This  
change from Mr. Wilson's attitude  
of a year ago, caused, it is said, by  
the urging by business men all over  
the country of preparation for an un-  
heaval at the end of the war. Both  
bodies would continue investigations.  
The expected bill will shortly be re-  
ported by the ways and means com-  
mittee.

### FOUR AERIAL RAIDS ON ENGLAND, ONE ON FRENCHMEN'S TOWN

New Offensive of German  
Airmen Being Conducted  
Vigorously — Dunkirk  
Bombed—One Flyer Cap-  
tured by Gunners

(By the United Press)  
London, Jan. 25.—Four German  
raids on English Channel ports with-  
in 48 hours, with the bombardment  
of numerous villages behind the French  
lines, have marked the inauguration  
of a new German air offensive.  
Dunkirk was bombed by two aero-  
planes this morning. One ma-  
chine was brought down at Nieuport.

### GROVER C. WEST OUT OF COURT IN NOTED A. WITH D. W. CASE

The locally famous West-Myers  
case was settled at LaGrange Mon-  
day, when West pled guilty before  
Recorder Joyner to assaulting S.  
Myers, his brother-in-law, with dead-  
ly weapon. West some months ago  
shot and seriously wounded Myers,  
who at one time was expected to die.  
A family dispute caused the shoot-  
ing. He finally recovered, the case  
came up in Superior Court here and  
was sent back to the LaGrange Re-  
corder. Both men are prominent.  
The Recorder suspended judgment  
upon payment of costs and fined West  
\$5 and costs for carrying the revol-  
ver, the total of fine and costs amount-  
ing to less than \$25.  
SO

Moscow, Ia., Jan. 24.—Idaho house-  
wives and Idaho farmers are gather-  
ing here today to attend the Idaho  
University's third annual class in  
household and agricultural econom-  
ics. During the week there will be  
organized the North Idaho Municipal  
League and a Good Government con-  
ference. The State chicken show be-  
gins today, too.

### REPUBLICANS WON'T MAKE ANY PROMISES FOR COL. ROOSEVELT

Name Withdrawn From  
Three Primary Ballots,  
Pointed Out—Campaign  
to Be Based on Democra-  
tic Extravagance, Etc.

(By the United Press)  
Chicago, Jan. 25.—Republican lead-  
ers are reticent in their views over  
the entrance of Roosevelt into the  
Republican presidential race. It is  
pointed out that his name was with-  
drawn from three primary ballots.  
Charles D. Hillis' speech yester-  
day indicated that the campaign  
charges against the Democrats are  
to be wanton extravagance, the for-  
eign policy, imposition of the war  
tax and alleged inefficiency.

### RULER OF ORIGINAL COMIC OPERA KINGDOM OF REAL LIFE DEAD

By WILBUR S. FORREST,  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
London, Jan. 8.—(By Mail)—The  
news that King Ross of the Cocos  
Islands has laid him down in the  
shade of the palms and died was  
cabled here today. The brief message  
rings down the curtain upon the last  
act of the first ruler of the real, origi-  
nal Comic Opera Kingdom—The  
Land of Cocos—which lies upon the  
shimmering silver lap of the South  
Seas, a diminutive emerald world in  
a setting of pink coral reefs. Andy  
Ross was a Scotch adventurer who,  
after a roving youth, discovered and  
decided to cast his lot as king with  
the motely inhabitants of the little  
story-book kingdom. From 1827 until  
his death he was the oddest king,  
with the queerest subjects and the  
most extraordinary domain in all the  
world. His was a kingdom where  
the arrival of Sinbad the Sailor, Al-  
ice in Wonderland, Gulliver and the  
Boy Who Could Not Learn to Shiver  
and Shake would not have seemed un-  
usual.

Ross was king, court, government  
and owner of this group of Indian  
Ocean isles, twenty in all, whose only  
excitement in history occurred dur-  
ing the present war—the destruction  
of the German cruiser Emden by the  
Australian battleship Sydney, off the  
Coco's coast.

King Ross was the third of his  
line. In 1823, an English adventurer  
named Alexander Hare settled in the  
islands with a number of slaves given  
him by an Indian potentate. Two  
years later Ross, a Scotchman, redis-  
covered the islands and determined  
to colonize them. He returned in  
1827 with a party of Scotch and he  
found Hare in possession. The two  
factions settled by dividing the  
islands equally. Finally, however,  
the natives swore allegiance to Ross  
and he and his descendants have ruled  
their story-book kingdom ever since.

### BULLETINS

(By the United Press.)  
FLOODS IN MIDDLE WEST.  
Peoria, Ill., Jan. 25.—Reports  
that a dozen levees have been  
swept away and many acres of  
farm lands flooded, have reached  
here.

GERMANS GAINED, THEN LOST.  
Paris, Jan. 25.—The Germans  
penetrated the advanced trench-  
es of the French near the mouth  
of the Yser, but later were driv-  
en out.

### FREIGHT IN COLLISION WITH PASSENGER TRAIN

(By the United Press)  
Middletown, N. Y., Jan. 25.—A  
dozen passengers were injured when  
a freight train crashed into the rear  
end of an Erie passenger train to-  
day.

### GERMAN REPLY LAST LUSITANIA NOTE IS NOT SATISFACTORY

Indicated that Forecasters  
Took Too Much for  
Granted

### GIVEN PRESIDENT TODAY

Diplomatic Situation More  
Complicated — Note to  
England About Finished.  
Preparing to Inquire of  
Turkey in Persia Matter

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Jan. 25.—The diplo-  
matic problems multiplied today. The  
administration practically ended the  
drafting of the new protest to Eng-  
land regarding restrictions of Amer-  
ican commerce. It will go forward  
in a few days.

The German note on the Lusitania  
was received at the State Depart-  
ment and the White House.

The administration took steps to-  
day to inquire if Turkey has any in-  
formation regarding the sinkings of  
the Persia.

### German Note Unsatisfactory.

That an unsatisfactory rather than  
a satisfactory turn was given the  
Lusitania negotiations by the last  
German note has just developed, it  
is believed. The White House an-  
nounced that the printed forecasts  
showing complete concession to the  
United States' demands were unjusti-  
fied by the facts. The President is  
to confer with Secretary Lansing  
tomorrow.

### REPORTED CERTAIN AUSTRIAN EMPEROR IS CRITICALLY ILL

No Confirmation From Aus-  
tria of Franz Josef's Ill-  
ness — French Airmen  
Used a Hundred Bombs  
In the Balkans

(By the United Press)  
London, Jan. 25.—Although there  
is no confirmation from Austrian  
sources of the serious illness of Em-  
peror Franz Josef, Paris and London  
papers declare his condition is crit-  
ical from acute bronchitis. The re-  
ports emanated from Rome.  
Berlin Report of Mesopotamia  
Situation.

Berlin, Jan. 25.—The Turkish sol-  
diers east of Kutalamera have been  
reinforced by the arrival of artillery  
and infantry, and from Bagdad are  
repulsing every attempt of the En-  
glish to advance to the relief of Gen-  
eral Townsend's besieged garrison.  
Great Air Raid.

Saloniki, Jan. 25.—More than one  
hundred bombs were dropped by the  
45 French aviators in the recent at-  
tack on Monastir and other Serbian  
cities, in the greatest air raid ever in  
the Balkans.

### BIG LEAGUERS AGREE TO PLAY BASKETBALL

(By the United Press)  
Boston, Jan. 25.—Four baseball  
professionals wintering in Boston  
have agreed to play basketball on  
the tentatively organized Boston  
Baseball Five. They are Leslie Nun-  
amaker, the big Yankee catcher; Hal  
Janvrin, Ham Connolly, who played  
third base and the outfield for the  
Washington Senators; and Rabbit  
Maranville. It is expected that there  
will be no difficulty in filling out the  
team. Coach and Manager Bob  
Fowler probably will try to get a  
game with a team similarly picked  
from the professional baseball men  
of New York City.

### EXHUME BODY MRS. HOPEWELL TODAY

Local Coroner and New Bern Physi-  
cians Go to Stonington Creek to  
Secure Viscera of Woman Alleged  
to Have Been Poisoned by Hus-  
band—Report to Be Made

The body of Mrs. Rachel Hopewell,  
for whose death her husband, W. R.  
Hopewell, is now in jail at New Bern,  
was to be exhumed near Stonington  
Creek, four or five miles from here,  
today. Drs. J. F. Patterson and Ray  
Pollock of New Bern, appointed by  
Superior Court for the purpose, ar-  
rived here at 10 o'clock and were ac-  
companied to the place where the  
corpse was interred last Summer by  
Coroner Eugene Wood. It is alleged  
that Hopewell poisoned his wife, who  
was a native of this county. The  
stomach will be sent to Raleigh for  
examination for traces of poison.  
State chemists will make a thorough  
inspection of the viscera.

Hopewell several months after the  
woman's death married a widow in  
Craven county. Her husband had  
died only a few months before and it  
was suspected in some quarters that  
he had met the same fate as Mrs.  
Hopewell is said to have, but no evi-  
dence to warrant her arrest was dis-  
covered. The examination by the  
chemists at Raleigh, should it fail to  
develop poison signs, may result in  
Hopewell's discharge, but if traces  
are found he is expected to be ar-  
raigned for first degree murder. It  
will be several days yet before a re-  
port is had.

### FAIR PROGRESS IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

Cases Against Sydes and Potter and  
Negro Defendant Settled—Recor-  
der's Judgment Sustained—Second  
Trial of Man Who Had Lots of  
Whisky Resulted in a Six Months'  
Sentence

The Superior Court now sitting  
for the one-week January mixed  
term is making fair progress. Al-  
though there will probably be some  
few hard-fought cases, the criminal  
docket should be cleared away in  
time for some little of the civil busi-  
ness awaiting attention to be tried,  
it is believed.

Cases disposed of Monday after-  
noon were: J. F. Potter, having more  
than the legal quantity of whisky in  
his possession, six months on the  
county roads. C. M. Sydes, as-  
sault, etc., \$100 and costs or six  
months on the roads. Albert Gran-  
by, aiding in abortion, not guilty.  
Sydes' case was up on appeal from  
the Kinston Recorder's Court. He  
drove an automobile into a buggy  
occupied by two negroes, injuring  
both. The higher court simply sus-  
tained the Recorder's judgment. Pot-  
ter was arrested at Falling Creek  
early one morning by the sheriff. He  
had a trunkful or more of whisky, it  
is alleged. The case was up for the  
second time, Potter having formerly  
been fined \$1 and costs. Granby was  
charged with having given a negress  
a drug for unlawful purposes. He  
was sent up to Superior Court by  
a magistrate. No case of import-  
ance is expected to come up this af-  
ternoon.

Attending the convention from  
Kinston are Messrs. W. B. Douglass,  
Orrin Weeks, H. Galt Braxton and  
Barron G. Caldwell.  
Tonight at 8 o'clock State Geolo-  
gist Joseph Hyde Pratt is to present  
an illustrated lecture on "Forest  
Conservation in North Carolina." A  
short business session will wind up  
the convention. Tomorrow morning  
the visitors will be taken on a trip  
through adjacent timber operations,  
to see how the pine is cut in this  
section and get an idea of the immense  
resources of the region's woods pro-  
ducts.

Bellevue, Pa., Jan. 24.—Pennsyl-  
vania today had its first double  
execution since the gallows gave way to  
the electric chair in 1913. George  
H. March and Rowland S. Penning-  
ton were put to death soon after day-  
break at the new penitentiary near  
here. They killed S. Lj Pingerton in  
Delaware county more than two  
years ago. Pennington blackjacked  
him and March kicked him to death  
as he lay before them begging for  
life. Pennington is said to be the  
last Quaker ever executed in Penn-  
sylvania. The men battled stubbornly  
for life, carrying their case to the  
Supreme Court and then obtaining  
four reprieves in order to apply re-  
peatedly to the Board of Pardons.

### FIRST EXECUTION OF A QUAKER TODAY

Whiteville, Jan. 23.—News reaches  
Whiteville that Bug Hill township,  
in the southern part of Columbus  
county, is after the honor of firing  
the first gun in the Democratic cam-  
paign this year, and that prepara-  
tions are well under way for an old-  
time Democratic love feast at Guide,  
or some place in the township, about  
the middle of February.

### NATION'S SHEEP AND CATTLEMEN SETTLE AN OLD FEUD TODAY

El Paso, Jan. 25.—The ancient  
feud between cattle and sheep men,  
dating back to the old days of the  
open range when the rival stockmen  
were wont to shoot on sight, was of-  
ficially declared off today. The American  
Live Stock Association and the  
National Sheep Growers' Association  
began their annual conventions here  
together. About 10,000 delegates  
are in attendance, representing every  
feeding district west of Chicago. The  
cattle men will make a fight for an  
open market and against light com-  
petition by the packers. Practically  
every State organization already is  
pledged to back this campaign. The  
entertainment program will include  
roping, branding and riding con-  
tests; afternoons at the Juarez races,  
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military drills at Fort Bliss. The  
conventions will last three days.

### STARTING CAMPAIGN EARLY AT BUG HILL

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 24.—Lor-  
in Solon, star Minnesota University  
football captain, deposed for alleged  
professionalism, is expected to enter  
Pittsburgh University.

### ANNUAL CONVENT'N OF STATE FORESTRY ASSOC'N BEING HELD

Gathering of Representa-  
tive Men of State at  
New Bern

### PROMINENT SPEAKERS

Conservation of North Car-  
olina's Timber Resour-  
ces Main Topic — Busi-  
ness Sessions Today and  
Sightseeing Wednesday

By H. Galt Braxton  
New Bern, Jan. 25.—The sixth an-  
nual convention of the North Caro-  
lina Forestry Association was form-  
ally opened at 10 o'clock this morn-  
ing in the rooms of the New Bern  
Chamber of Commerce. Representa-  
tive lumber men and many leading  
citizens in other lines are here to  
discuss the conservation of the State's  
great timber resources and hear ex-  
perts of National renown speak on  
the subject.

A number of the principal speak-  
ers on the program were not able to  
be present and sent their regrets.  
These included Governor Craig, Con-  
gressman John Small and others.  
President C. I. Millard of the Roper  
Lumber Company made a proposition  
to secure for the State as large a  
tract of land as is deemed necessary  
for practical forestry demonstration  
purposes. Mr. Millard's idea was  
regarded as perhaps the most impor-  
tant to be brought out at the morn-  
ing session. Mr. C. C. Smoot of  
North Wilkesboro made an interest-  
ing address outlining the ways in  
which lumbering and the Allied in-  
dustries take from the State's forests  
hundreds of thousands of dollars per  
annum and replace nothing. He  
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