

## TWO SPLENDID "MAXWELLS" FOR THE WORKERS

Many Prominent Citizens Are Nominating Their Friends. Nominations Coming In to the Contest Manager's Office Briskly, By Mail and By Messenger—The Free Press Is Receiving Compliments On Its Enterprise In Offering Two Maxwell Cars as Capital Prizes

You need not be afraid of having a lot of representative company, for many people of prominence have already entered the Golden Festival. It will be a dignified and entertaining campaign throughout, and will afford you excitement for the next few weeks, as well as exceptional financial returns. Only people of good character are allowed to compete, therefore, you can go ahead and send in your nomination and save votes with the positive assurance that you will be in good company, and that you will be well treated.

In tomorrow's issue of The Free Press will appear the first vote coupon of the Golden Festival. This coupon will be good for one hundred votes toward either of these Touring Cars or any other of these six prizes on the list. These coupons will be numbered from one to ten, a different number appearing each day. Tomorrow will be No. 1. If these coupons are saved and voted in series of any five consecutive numbers, from 1 to 5, 2 to 6, and so on, each set number one. If these coupons are saved and voted in series of any five consecutive numbers, from one to five, two to six, and so on, each set will count five thousand extra votes besides the regular one hundred votes which each coupon counts. These coupons will be an important factor in the winning of the prizes. Of course, it is the subscription votes that count up the fastest, but the common votes should not be overlooked in your campaign. Make coupons a secondary consideration. Everyone who gives you a subscription you should ask to save the coupons for you.

### Votes Reserved.

Another very important feature of this contest is the fact that all subscription votes may be reserved after they have once been issued. As fast as you secure the subscriptions, bring or send them to the contest manager at the Whitaker Building, and he will give you a vote coupon for them. This coupon, once it bears the contest manager's signature, is good at any time during the contest, even up to the last hour. These votes do not appear to your credit

on the published lists until you return the coupon and it is deposited in the ballot box. It will be readily seen by this system that it will be impossible for anyone, even the contest manager himself, to know how many votes any candidate has, unless the candidate himself desires to tell. You must not hold your subscription longer than forty-eight hours. This limit is placed in order to protect subscribers, so the proper credit may be made on the books of the Golden Festival.

The prizes in this great enterprise are many and of great value. There are first of all, two of the very latest model, fully equipped Touring Cars. These two cars will be awarded to the two people in the contest who secure the two highest vote totals, regardless of district limitations.

For convenience, there are two districts. The City of Kinston is district one, and all territory outside of the city is district two. Each of these two districts will receive three prizes as follows: The First Prize in District One is a Genuine Diamond Ring, perfect cut white stone, value, \$75, purchased from the Mewborn Jewelry Company of Kinston; the Second Prize is a 14-K Gold Watch, Elgin movements, purchased from the Mewborn Jewelry Company; the Third Prize is a Bank Account of \$25 at the First National Bank of Kinston. The First Prize in District Two is a Genuine Diamond Ring similar to the one offered in District One, value, \$75, purchased from the Lynch Jewelry Company; the Second Prize is a 14-K Gold Watch, similar to the watch in District One, purchased from Mewborn Jewelry Company; the Third Prize is a Bank Account of \$25 in the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Kinston. There will be awarded after the two touring cars in order of the standing in each district.

Every candidate who enters the Golden Festival and does not succeed in winning a prize will be paid ten per cent. commission on all money turned in during the contest, provided that contestant turns in \$10 worth of new subscriptions in the last week of the contest.

## BLOOD FLOWED LIKE WATER WHEN Y'DUN FIGHT WAS RENEWED

Germans Wasted 20,000 Lives Without Making Gains

### BATTALIONS WIPED OUT

Attackers Suffered Severe Losses Both at Malancourt and Douaumont, Recommencing Offensive Both Towns Simultaneously

By CARL W. ACKERMAN, (United Press Staff Correspondent) Berlin, March 31.—The iron grip of the Crown Prince's great army is closing about Verdun. Storms of artillery shells are systematically preparing the way for a great infantry advance. Every day for weeks has been utilized in completing the preparations for a decisive blow.

Four days ago the fortified villages of Malancourt and Bethincourt, ten miles northwest of Verdun, were hemmed in on three sides. Malancourt fell today. Verdun is ablaze in three places. From hills captured by the Germans I distinctly saw heavy smoke vapors over the city.

London, March 31.—The Germans lost twenty thousand men in the renewal of the Verdun struggle on both banks of the Meuse, experts today estimated. Several battalions were exterminated at Malancourt. The German losses in the renewed fighting about Douaumont also were extremely heavy.

Paris, March 31.—The war office today announced that the French had evacuated Malancourt village, but firmly hold the two highways leading to Bethincourt and Esnes. The town was evacuated after terrific German attacks.

### INFORMATION FOR VETS. TO ATTEND BIG REUNION

Chairmen of Committees Preparing for Annual Encampment of the Men Who Wore the Gray—Birmingham Has a Plenty of Hotels to Care for Crowds—Tutwiler to be Headquarters

(Special to The Free Press) Wilmington, March 31.—The following information has been received by State U. C. V. headquarters here from General W. C. Hooper, of Selma, Ala., concerning the coming general reunion at Birmingham: Chairmen of committees are: Hotel, E. L. Brown; Horses and Autos, Hubert Drenning; Commissary, J. P. Phillips; Housing, F. W. Dixon; Sponsors' entertainment, Oscar Underwood, Jr.; all of Birmingham. William C. Ratcliff is general secretary at Birmingham of the reunion committee, and all will furnish any information.

The following hotels may be communicated with: Cosmopolitan, Eckert, Empire, Granada, Capital Park Inn; Hillman; Jefferson, Morris; Fifth Avenue; Molton; Metropolitan; Southern and Tutwiler. The Tutwiler Hotel will be general headquarters for the reunion.

### BURNETT BILL PASSED IN HOUSE IN ENTIRETY

Washington, March 30.—The Burnett immigration bill, with its literacy test and Asiatic exclusion provisions unchanged, passed the House late today by a vote of 308 to 87. It now goes to the Senate, where favorable action is regarded as assured. The literacy test, about which the fight against the bill had centered, was sustained, 284 to 107. This provision has been the cause of vetoes of similar immigration bills by Presidents Cleveland, Taft and Wilson.

### ANNOUNCE DEMOCRATIC BATTLE CRY THIRTY-NINTH

Unlucky Day Selected for Banquet to the President and Chairmen of Executive Committees of the 48 States—Will Celebrate the 173rd Natal Anniversary of Thomas Jefferson.

(By the United Press) Washington, March 31.—President Wilson will utter the Democratic party's battle cry on April 13 when he speaks at a banquet celebrating the anniversary of Jefferson's birthday. The Common Council Club will be the host. Chairmen of the State Central committees will also be guests.

### TWO MEN, LOT WHISKY AND AUTOMOBILE TAKEN

Assistant Police Chief Who Swung Onto Moving Car Was Persistent Passenger—Looking for Third Person Alleged by Two In Arrest to Be Owner of Liquor—Story Seems Likely

Levy Creech and Worth Holt were arrested and an automobile claimed by Creech and about a hundred pints of whisky seized by Assistant Chief of Police Skinner after midnight this morning. The couple, car and "contents" were taken near the intersection of Queen and South streets after a game of hide and seek. Creech and Holt, the latter a boy in knee pants, are believed to have gotten wise to the fact that Skinner was after them. They drove around in a random fashion and were finally brought to a stand by the officer after he had made a detour to head them off.

Creech stated that his home is in Goldsboro, Holt that his is somewhere in South Carolina. The former said he maintained the machine as a public vehicle in Goldsboro and that a "third person" had chartered it to come to Kinston in. The authorities are not altogether skeptical over that assertion. A man who inquired at the jail this morning to know if he might see Creech and Holt may have been the alleged absent one of the trio, it is believed. He was denied permission. Creech could not say where the third person was when Holt and he were arrested, he told Skinner. Both Creech and Holt declared they did not know the man. The truthfulness of the declaration is doubted.

When Skinner shouted to the men the machine was speeded up. He caught it and hung to the side. He held a revolver in one hand and threatened to use it. The car was stopped. It contained, besides the whisky, articles of feminine apparel and a pistol.

Creech and Holt, arraigned this morning, pled not guilty. Their trial was set for 5 p. m. today.

### MOB OF NEGROES WOULD HAVE TAKEN MURDERER

Fayetteville, March 30.—A mob of negroes made an angry demonstration against Arthur Smith, negro, and confessed murderer of his wife, when Smith was brought here this afternoon from Selma, where he was captured this morning by Chief of Police Griffin of Selma. Nothing of the kind had been expected, and there is little doubt that the mob would have got the man had it possessed a leader.

### EVERY ELIGIBLE IS IN WORLEY SCHOOL

The enrollment at Worley school, in this county, is precisely the same as the census for its territory. Every child on the census list is in school there. New furniture, pictures, etc., for the school were secured last month by means of a benefit party. Worley school is in the Pink Hill group, and will participate in the group commencement in Pink Hill on next Tuesday, at which time Dr. J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will make an address and, it is indicated, a large number of Kinston people will visit the South Lenoir town. A special train will be run from this city over the Kinston-Carolina Railroad.

## HELD UP BIG SHIP SINGLE-HANDED; HE IS CALLED PIRATE

Ernest Schiller May Spend Rest Life In a U. S. Penitentiary

### PULLED OFF RARE STUNT

Kept More Than Half Hundred Officers and Seamen of British Vessel at Bay, Looted the Craft and Escaped—Arrested Later

(By the United Press) New York, March 31.—A daring plot to capture the 5,000-ton Matoppa was revealed today by Ernest Schiller. Schiller admitted others were implicated. He said four companions and himself had planned to capture the officers and crew of the Chinese vessel with a show of arms and dash for the high seas.

Washington, Mar. 31.—Ernest Schiller, the "solo pirate," is likely to spend the remainder of his days in a Federal penitentiary, and not to receive punishment by England for seizing the steamer Matoppa. Maritime law authorities today held Schiller to be subject to piracy law. The hold-up occurred on the high seas, just outside the 3-mile limit, and Schiller would not be answerable to any charge except piracy in an American court.

### Hold-Up Story Reads Like Fiction.

Lewes, Del., March 30.—How a lone German stowaway held up the captain and fifty-six members of the crew of the British steamer Matoppa, compelling them at the point of a revolver to change the course of the vessel and land him at the Delaware Breakwater after he had rifled the ship's safe and taken their valuables, was told here tonight by Capt. Berger, master of the Matoppa. The stowaway, who says his name is Ernest Schiller and that he had lived in Hoboken, N. J., for the past eight months, is now locked up in the jail here.

### RETIRED OFFICER OF EUROPEAN-ORIENTAL SHIPS DIES IN N. C.

(By the Eastern Press) Washington, N. C., March 31.—Capt. W. H. Littler, dead at his home here, was a first cousin to a famous English liner captain of the same name and initials who figured in a sensational shipwreck some years ago. Capt. Littler was an octogenarian, a graduate of Oxford, a native of England, and for many years was an officer in the P. & O. and Red Star lines. He had made scores of trips from British ports to the Orient. He located on Pamlico river about 22 years ago, and for a few years was a conductor on the old Washington & Jamesville Railroad. He was one of the best educated men in North Carolina and he spoke several languages. He was a consistent Episcopalian, and the veteran rector of St. Peter's church, Rev. N. Harding, long his friend, was selected to preach the funeral sermon. His wife, a Frenchwoman from the Antilles, survives him.

### RETIRE TODAY AFTER MILLIONS OF MILES ON THE BOUNDING BILLOWS

London, March 31.—Thomas Kinsey, dean of transatlantic purser, ended his eleven hundredth round trip across the ocean when he arrived here today and began his well earned retirement. His first crossing was from Liverpool to Philadelphia in 1853. Maritime experts estimate that in his career of 63 years on the water Kinsey has traveled four million miles.

## VILLA WOUNDED IN LEG; HOT CHASE OVER MEXICAN MOUNTAIN TRAIL; CAVALRY MAY CATCH UP WITH RUNNING OUTLAW FORCE

American Soldiers Exchange Shots With Villistas—Bandit Chief Shot As He Was Passing Through Guerrero Streets—Reports Conflict, One Saying Fugitive Has Been Greatly Reinforced, Another That Chosen Small Band Are Making Race for Life With Him—Quarry Cornered, Lively Fight Is Certain—End Soon, Funston Predicts—No Supplies Out of El Paso Yet—Juaréz Commandant Hasn't Order

(By the United Press) San Antonio, March 31.—American troops have clashed with Villistas. General Funston today received an authentic though unofficial report that Villa had been located along the railroad bending eastward from Guerrero to Chihuahua City, where American soldiers and Villistas exchanged shots. Funston said "our reports declare Villa has been greatly reinforced, but are confident we can take him."

Outlaw Wounded; Dodd Hot After Him. El Paso, March 31.—Villa is reported wounded in a leg, riding desperately toward the mountain fastnesses of Western Chihuahua, with Dodd's column hot on his heels, it was reported today to Gavira at Juarez. The bandit is stated to have gathered the best of his mounted men in a band to make a final desperate dash to cover. All with him are veterans who will fight to the last ditch. Rumors said Villa was shot in the leg while riding through Guerrero streets.

Supplies Out of El Paso Soon. Washington, March 31.—The War Department said today there had been no positive refusal by any officer in Mexico for the use of railroads. General Gavira at Juarez is merely awaiting a definite order before permitting supplies to leave El Paso. It is expected that the supplies will start in a few hours.

Conflicting Reports From Mexico. El Paso, March 31.—The reported execution of 172 Carranzistas at Guerrero by Villa is unconfirmed at Juarez today.

Reports from below the border today conflicted. Funston's official reports said Villa passed Guerrero Monday. Army officers believe Dodd's cavalry is close on the bandit's trail. Fighting is expected hourly.

## NORFOLK SOUTHERN RIGHT-OF-WAY CASE IS SETTLED OUT OF COURT; SATISFACTION FOR THE FIVE INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED

Railroad, Receiving Property Claimed to Have Been Granted It Many Years Ago, Protects Persons Who Would Have Sustained Monetary Losses—"Damages" Aggregating 4,600 Awarded—The Matter Was to Have Come Up Before Federal Judge at Wilson Today—One House Will Have to Be Removed to Another Neighborhood, Several Off Extended Right-of-Way—Amicable Adjustment of Threatening Situation

The new famous Norfolk Southern right-of-way matter, which was to have been heard before Judge Henry Connor, of the Federal Eastern District, in Wilson today, has been settled out of court, it was announced this afternoon. A separate agreement was arrived at between counsel for the railroad and each of the individuals involved, holding property claimed by the Norfolk Southern between East street and "the Junction" in East Kinston, a distance of about a block. The railroad company claimed that ground for 100 feet on either side from the center of the main line track was rightfully its property from grants made generations ago, but that forbears of the persons made defendants by a bill of equity issued in the matter had squatted upon it and been allowed to retain it, until such time as the railroad should need it. Rather than fight the case, however, chancing thereby bad feeling on the part of the individuals and causing some of them outright serious embarrassment, since the Norfolk Southern claimed to be confident of the outcome of the pro-

## ALL EUROPE KNOWS IMPORTANT SECRET CODES OF AMERICA

American Ambassadors and Minister Make Complaint to Washington—Book Was Stolen From Attache In Balkans Before War Began

By CARL W. ACKERMAN, (United Press Staff Correspondent) Berlin, March 31.—Ambassadors Gerard and Penfield and Minister Van Dyke today joined in a protest against the use of the present diplomatic code. It is learned that the American secret code was stolen from a Balkan attache before the war began. Officials believe the American diplomatic and naval codes are known to every European power.

## DANIELS SUGGESTS CONTINUOUS NAVAL BUILDING PROGRAM

Rather Than Year-to-Year Schedule—He Wants Ten Dreadnaughts and Plenty Battle Cruisers, Etc., Within Five Years, Says

(By the United Press) Washington, March 31.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels, resuming his testimony before the House naval affairs committee today urged a continuous program of building rather than a year-to-year program. He suggested a continuous policy for at least five years, to build two dreadnaughts yearly together with the proper number of battle cruisers, scout cruisers, protected cruisers, colliers, destroyers and submarines, and the assembling of an aerial corps, to make the navy really efficient. Mr. Daniels also strongly urged the defeat of any bill that might endanger the government's lands which contain oil and fuel products.