

## FRANZ JOSEF IS DEAD AND THE YOUTHFUL CHARLES FRANCIS JOSEPH SUCCEEDS HIM; HUNGARY FEARS BERLIN WILL DIRECT HIM

**Restlessness in Country—New Ruler Has No Ability as Statesman; Trained as a Warrior—Aged Emperor's Long Reign Was Unprecedented—Heart Removed But Will Be Buried With Body and Not Preserved as Have Been Those of Many Predecessors—Franz Josef Will Be 13rd of the House of Hapsburg to Occupy Niche in Royal Crypt—Body Will Lie in State Week in Hofburg Augustiner Church—Ancient Customs at Burial**

(By the United Press)

London, Nov. 22.—The eyes of the world today turned to Charles Francis Joseph, the new Emperor of Austria-Hungary. Although Vienna so far has withheld official confirmation of the death of the aged Emperor Franz Josef, his demise is confirmed in various sources. The new ruler is twenty-nine years of age, and now is supposedly commanding the Austrian armies in the Carpathians. He is known to have a good military education, to be democratically inclined, but lacking in diplomatic training. He assumes the throne at a time when the strongest of men would have a great task in maintaining the integrity of the nation.

Hungary is growing restless under the Hapsburg yoke. The death of the strong figure of the aged monarch, it is feared, may result in an increase of Prussian domination. A mere stripling, unversed in statecraft, succeeds Franz Josef. Germany probably will find him pliant to Prussian wishes.

The Vienna court is the most formal of all Europe. Many curious medieval ceremonies will attend the preparation of the body, the burial, and the interment, and the crowning of the new ruler. According to custom, the heart was removed today and placed in a separate receptacle, later to be buried with the body.

Sixty-eight years ago, when the last previous Hapsburg ruler died, his heart was placed in an urn and preserved with 55 other urns, each containing the heart of a member of the royal family. Franz Josef issued a royal decree against this ancient custom.

The body will probably lie in state a week in the Hofburg Augustiner church, four hundred years old. Interment will be in the royal crypt, for four centuries the keeper of the Hapsburg dead. Franz Josef will number the 133rd.

### Condition Not Generally Known.

London, Nov. 22.—Emperor Francis Joseph died last night at nine o'clock at Schoenbrunn Castle, according to a Reuter dispatch from Vienna, by way of Amsterdam.

The first intimation received here that Emperor Francis Joseph's health was again the subject of solicitude was contained in a dispatch dated Nov. 12, emanating from a Vienna news agency, which reported that the Emperor had been suffering for some days from a slight catarrhal affection. Subsequent reports from various sources, more or less conflicting, represented that his condition was becoming worse, but none of them indicated that his illness threatened to reach a critical state, and from Vienna came assurances that he was still able to give audiences to one or more ministers daily.

What gave some credence to the suspicion that his condition was much graver than the official bulletins indicated was the report, which still lacks confirmation, that it had been decided to associate the heir to the throne Archduke Charles Francis in the government of the country and that he was to assume the position on December 2, on the sixty-eighth anniversary of the Emperor's ascension to the throne.

So far as is known here Archduke Charles is still at the front in command of the army.

The death of Francis Joseph is a remarkable climax to the long list of tragedies in the Hapsburg family—a list unparalleled in any other reigning house in Europe. He dies in the midst of the world's greatest war, which he himself largely brought about by his determination to avenge the act of assassination of his heir, the Archduke Francis Ferdinand, as the result of an alleged Serbian conspiracy, while on a state visit to Bosnia on June 28, 1914.

Francis Joseph was 86 years old at the time of his death. He was born August 12, 1830. He was only nineteen years of age when he ascended the throne of Austria, upon the abdication of his uncle, Ferdinand I, December 2, 1848, making his

## CHAMBER COMMERCE DECIDES TIME RIPE FOR BETTER ROADS

Will Try to Launch Movement for Big Bond Issue in County

### REST ROOMS NOW CERTAIN

Businessmen Will Finance Proposition—May Have One Secretary for Chamber and Kinston Fair Association

"Good roads" was again the subject of considerable discussion at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce here Tuesday night. The Chamber has long had better roads for a hobby, and is expected to boost an immediate bond election in Lenoir county after a meeting on Friday night, at which the matter will be threshed out thoroughly. The county may be asked to expend from a quarter to a half million dollars on the improvement of every main highway in the county. The Chamber is also greatly interested in the proposed Kinston-Swanboro highway, which has every chance of becoming a reality, and the directors at this meeting were given the contents of a letter from Richards urging that the road be carried through that bustling town, which is something of a tobacco market and has long wanted closer intercourse with Kinston. Sentiment for the local bond issue is said to be favorable.

Water transportation was another matter taken up. Virgil Walker, interested in the new steamer service from Baltimore to New Bern, talked over the matter of promoting a local company with the directors. Mr. Walker is a well-known New Bernian and a transportation expert. He advocates the organization of a company to build or buy and operate boats adapted to the upper Neuse navigation, to connect Kinston with the New Bern line's terminus at New Bern. The idea was given over to the Chamber's Transportation Committee for consideration.

The directors heard Miss Adna Edwards, Lenoir county Home Demonstration Agent, outline the plans for the proposed rest rooms for county women in the downtown district of the city, and promised support. It is expected that the business members of the Chamber's auspices, will finance the project from start to finish. One banker enthusiast suggests spending "not less than \$1,000." It is likely that four rooms in the building in rear of the Hunter building at Monument corner will be taken for rooms. A kitchen will be among the conveniences. Nothing will be done in the matter by the Chamber until after next Tuesday night, when a meeting of the Kinston Fair Association will be held at which the offices of secretary of the organizations may be combined, business which if it is consummated the Chamber would prefer to have out of the way before taking further steps in the rest rooms matter.

The securing of the services of a Middle Western concern making a business of boosting chambers of commerce and boards of trade to build up the local Chamber's membership and finances was authorized. New Bern's and chambers in other neighboring cities have been given new life by this means.

### BIG DAMAGE TO CROPS IN SOUTH FROM COLD

Washington, Nov. 21.—Widespread and severe damage to crops in the We stand South was done by the record-breaking cold wave of November 10-17. The weather bureau announced today in a special bulletin. Damage to cotton was slight, but truck farms suffered heavily.

### MAMMOTH STEEL PLANT FOR MARYLAND CITY

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 21.—Charles M. Schwab, of the Bethlehem Steel Company, who was a guest of the city at a testimonial dinner tonight, announced that plans call for an expenditure of about \$50,000,000 in plant and equipment here. From 15,000 to 20,000 men ultimately will be employed.

## FITZGERALD IS TO DEMAND EMBARGO OF FOOD SUPPLIES

(By the United Press) Washington, Nov. 22.—Pre-congressional developments forecast a bitter fight in the House over the question of establishment of a foodstuffs embargo. Representative Fitzgerald announced today that he will introduce an embargo resolution following the convening.

## JONES COUNTY MAN SHOT BY SON WHEN HE THREAT'N'D WIFE

Arthur Koonce Declared He Would Take Helpmeet's Life—Edgar Koonce Fired Lead Shot Into Parent's Body

Arthur Koonce, a prominent man of the Comfort section of Jones county, was shot and badly wounded by his 20-year-old son, Edgar, Monday night. The victim has a good chance for recovery. Sheriff Hargett of Jones county, confirming the shooting, Wednesday stated that the elder Koonce was intoxicated and mistreated his wife, threatening to kill her. A shotgun was the weapon used, the lead taking effect in the lower part of Koonce's body. The family is well-to-do and stand high in the community.

Another shooting at Comfort recently was accidental. A 10-year-old negro boy was killed. A 14-year-old son of W. C. George, white, took a revolver from a mantle to examine it and the weapon was discharged in his hand. There was but one bullet in the revolver. It struck the victim in the head. A coroner's jury exonerated young George.

## COTTON

About a hundred bales of cotton were sold here Wednesday, with competition at its keenest and the staple actually bringing from a quarter to half more than it was worth in Norfolk. Prices ranged from 20.40 downward.

New York futures quotations were:

	Open	Close
January	20.73	20.48
March	20.95	20.69
May	21.17	20.88
July	21.13	20.88
October	18.85	18.73
December	20.65	20.34

### BIG SHIPMENTS MERCHANDISE.

Unusually heavy shipments of merchandise are coming into the city over the Norfolk Southern Railroad now, Agent W. J. Nicholson said Wednesday morning, although freight traffic in general is somewhat lighter than two weeks ago. Perishables and holiday goods are being handled in big quantities, indicating that Kinston will have the merriest Christmas, barring a catastrophe, in its history.

### STOCKS WITNESSES LEAVE.

The local witnesses in the case of Sam Stocks, alleged lyncher, whose case is famous in the State, left Wednesday morning for Kenansville, where the grand jury in Superior Court is investigating the case for the second time. Stocks is charged with being a member of a mob, thought to have been comprised principally by Greene county men, who last spring stormed the Lenoir county jail here, and removed Joe Black, colored, and lynched him. The case is in Duplin by a change of venue.

## BRITANNIC, FORMER WHITE STAR LINER, SUNK IN AEGEAN SEA

Fifty Men Are Lost When Great Steamship Goes Down—Was In British Army Service as a Hospital Vessel

(By the United Press) London, Nov. 22.—The hospital ship Britannic, formerly a White Star liner, one of the biggest ships afloat, has been sunk in the Aegean Sea. Fifty were lost, 28 injured and 11 hundred saved, the Admiralty today announced.

It is assumed that the Britannic, which transported Allied wounded from Salonika, was sunk directly on the route from this port.

## MAY CAPTURE JONES COUNTY MURDERER IN TIDEWATER COUNTRY

Nick Collins, the Jones county slayer who shot and killed Abram Collins, a distant cousin, a few weeks ago, is expected to fall into custody in a short time. Collins is said to have been spotted in Tidewater Carolina. A quiet search for him has been in progress ever since the shooting and his escape.

The Collinses fell out ostensibly over a boundary between their farms, but the Jones county authorities believe that the slayer, suspected of moonshining, thought Abram Collins had informed against him and that that occasioned the crime. Both were in moderate circumstances and both were regarded as somewhat eccentric, especially Nick Collins. The slain man bore the best reputation in general of the two.

## DEUTSCHLAND GETS UNDER WAY SECOND TIME, IN DAYLIGHT

New London, Conn., Nov. 21.—The German merchant submarine Deutschland with a \$2,000,000 cargo and official mail for Emperor William II, made another start for Bremen this afternoon, her dash last Friday being frustrated when she sank a conveying tug, necessitating a return to port for minor repairs.

Her skipper, Paul Koenig, instead of steaming out to sea under the cover of darkness as last week, boldly steered down the harbor in broad daylight and without convoy.

## ALABAMA ELECTOR IS UNDER GRAVE CHARGE

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 21.—Y. M. Quinn, of Franklin county, who was chosen at the general election November 7, as a Democratic elector from Alabama, was indicted today by the Franklin county grand jury on a charge of embezzling about \$45,000 from a bank at Russellville, Ala., in which he was employed. Quinn was said to have made good all but about \$14,000 of the alleged shortage.

## MONSTER MEN-OF-WAR FOR AMERICAN NAVY

Washington, Nov. 21.—Naval designers are planning battleships which have a length of 700 feet—100 feet longer than ships already provided for—and ordinance experts are working on a 16-inch 50 calibre rifle for new battleships, which will be the most powerful naval guns in the world, according to statements made today at the hearing by the House Naval sub-committee on the new naval appropriation bill.

## BRITISH FEAR THE WALLACHIAN CAMP'N

Teutons Seem to Be Making Rapid Progress in Offensive There

### LOT SUPPLIES AT STAKE

Great Quantities of Wheat May Have to Be Abandoned — Germanic Forces Attacking British in the West

(By the United Press) London, Nov. 22.—Active artillery firing from the enemy is reported by General Haig from the Ancre front, where the enemy has centered his attention upon the British right wing. North of Ancre the British chased a hostile patrol, but there was no other action of importance.

Germans Penetrate Works. Berlin, Nov. 22.—Penetration of two German detachments into British trenches and the destruction of defensive works and capture of a number of prisoners is announced officially.

Roumanians Being Worst. London, Nov. 22.—Military experts today made no attempt to disguise a feeling of gravity over the Germans' whirlwind advance into Western Roumania, indicated in the capture of Craiova. They are wondering whether the Roumanians will be able to save their vast stores of wheat supplies before retiring. Temporary local collapse of the whole Wallacha province campaign is feared.

## SLAYER OF GIRL TO DIE FOR HIS CRIME

(By the United Press) Durham, Nov. 22.—Charles Walker, a young white man, was today sentenced to the electric chair. Walker murdered Florence Sutphin of Lenoir. He was taken to the State penitentiary because of high feeling. Jealousy is said to have been the motive for the murder.

### DAMAGES FROM LOCAL FIRM.

In Superior Court at New Bern on Tuesday Elijah Hickman was awarded \$310.30 in a suit against the Rutledge Lumber Company of Kinston. Hickman was injured while loading logs on a car.

### EXPRESS OFFICE ROBBERY.

A Norfolk Southern Railroad detective passed through the city Wednesday en route to Dover to investigate a robbery in the express office there. About 100 packages of whiskey and other goods are said to have been stolen. No clue is had. The depot and express office at Dover have been robbed a number of times in recent years.

### MEETING COUNTRY CLUB.

The governing board of the Caswell Country Club will hold a important meeting in the Kinston Cotton Mills office Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All others interested in the club are invited to be present.

### MRS. FORDHAM'S WILL PROBATED.

The will of the late Mrs. Carrie M. Fordham has been probated and D. F. Wooten has qualified as executor. The estate is nominal. Mrs. Mary P. Wooten, a sister of the deceased, is the only beneficiary.

## WILSON WITH THEM, BELIEF OF RAILROAD BROTHERHOOD HEADS

Supreme Court Soon to Pass On Constitutionality of Adamson Law

### KANSAS CITY TEST CASE

Will Soon Be Concluded and Matter Sent On to Washington, Opinion of Counsel On Both Sides—Government in a Hurry

(By the United Press) Kansas City, Nov. 22.—Judge Hook holds the Adamson law unconstitutional and invalid. He refused to dismiss the application of the Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad for an injunction against enforcement of the law. The government attorneys are expected to appeal the case to the Supreme Court immediately for a final test of the act's constitutionality.

"My decision was merely to rush the case to the Supreme Court. I have given the government until 3 o'clock to perfect its appeal to the higher court," Judge Hook said.

Kansas City, Nov. 22.—That the test case to determine the constitutionality of the Adamson eight-hour law will be on its way to the Supreme Court by night was the belief today of attorneys on both sides. Judge Wallace C. Hook of the U. S. District Court, was to decide whether he considers the law constitutional or invalid. Faith in President.

Baltimore, Nov. 22.—Organized labor does not believe the President will insist on compulsory arbitration before striking legislation. The leaders believe the President is "with them."

Supreme Court to Do All It Can. Washington, Nov. 22.—If humanly possible, the Supreme Court will pass on the constitutionality of the Adamson eight-hour law before January 1. Everything will be done to expedite the test in Kansas City, due for its first hearing in a few hours. Government Counters.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 21.—Legal skirmishing in the fight of the railroads of the United States against the Adamson 8-hour law was brought to a sudden issue today by a motion filed by the government in the United States district court here, which it is expected will result in a decision on the constitutionality of the law by the Supreme Court before January 1, when the law is to go into effect.

"Prolonged, unnecessary and scattered litigation should if possible be avoided, otherwise injury may result to the public and the railroads and their employees," the government says in its motion as a reason for its action.

A. F. of L. and Brotherhoods Getting Together. Baltimore, Md., Nov. 21.—Efforts to effect an affiliation between the American Federation of Labor and the four big railway brotherhoods received a decided impetus today when the Federation convention here enthusiastically received speeches by the four representatives of the different brotherhoods and President Gompers, favoring such action.

Leaders of the two organizations tonight were preparing to inaugurate a joint fight for better working conditions, particularly for railway workers of all classes, and against all compulsory arbitration measures.

### USUAL GOOD PRICES ON TOBACCO MARKET

Ninety-five thousand pounds of tobacco was sold here Wednesday, according to warehouse estimates at 3:15 o'clock. The weed averaged well in quality, while prices were about as good as any time this season.