

## GERMANS AT THE VERY GATES BUCHAREST AND EXPECTING NO DETERMINED ATTEMPT BY ROUMANIANS TO PREVENT ITS CAPTURE

First-hand Report Places Von Mackensen Only 10 Miles From the Capital Last Friday, and Much Nearer Than Was Admitted in Official Statements—Thorough Teutons Will Take No Chances and Are Bringing Up Whole Splendid Machine to Lay Siege to City—Retreat of Roumanians So Hurried That German Advance Lost Contact With Support—Armies of Latest Ally to Enter War Now a Rabble

Copenhagen, Dec. 4.—The Germans have begun the bombardment of Bucharest at a range of 11 miles, the National Tidene today declared.

(By Carl Ackerman)

Headquarters of Marshal Von Mackensen, 50 Kilometers from Bucharest, Dec. 4.—The Germans Friday were within ten miles of Bucharest. The Roumanian retreat was so precipitate that the German advance column hotly pursuing them lost touch with the German supporting infantry. The slower moving infantry was unable to keep up with the advance column in the pursuit.

Officers declare the morale of the Roumanians completely broken. They are not expected to be able to seriously defend the capital. German officials are taking no chances, however, and are moving up huge forces and all the equipment necessary for a siege.

The above puts the Germans closer to Bucharest than was hinted in official statements. Germany Celebrates Victory.

Amsterdam, Dec. 4.—Berlin dispatches today said a battle at Argesu in Roumania had been won by the ninth German army. The Kaiser in celebration ordered the church bells rung.

Petrograd Admits 'Retirement.'

Petrograd, Dec. 4.—Retirement of the Roumanian forces South of Bucharest in the face of a reinforced attack by Teutonic forces is announced officially. The Germans took Gradichtea.

Quiet in Athens.

Athens, Dec. 4.—Eight batteries of artillery will be delivered to the Allies as soon as a protocol is formally drafted between the government and Admiral Dufournet. Those in touch with the palace today said normal relations had been reestablished between the Allied commander and the Greek government.

## THREE ROOMS CITY SCHOOLS CLOSED ON ACCOUNT OF MEASLES

One teacher in the City Schools has the measles and two others have been exposed, which caused Superintendent Curtis to suspend the classes taught by the three Monday morning. The number of cases of the disease in the city is "threatening an epidemic," according to Superintendent Curtis. He states that children of families in which there are cases or who have otherwise been exposed are being sent to school. Whenever these are detected they are sent back home. Mr. Curtis suggests stringent measures to keep the measles out of the schools as much as possible. Patrons are appealed to to keep children from being exposed and where there are cases in homes to stop those exposed from school for the present, as well as children known to have been in contact with the disease on the outside of the home.

## COUNTY OFFICIALS TAKE OATHS BEFORE CLERK OF THE COURT

The county officials elected last month were sworn in for the new fiscal term of two years by Clerk Jesse Heath Monday, the day beginning the fiscal year for the administration. Every official was re-elected save Lem Taylor, Commissioner. A. T. Dawson of Institute succeeds Mr. Taylor on the board. The Commissioners, re-organized, were to elect subordinate county officers during the day. Chairman R. F. Churchill was re-elected.

## GERM'N SUBMARINES REPORTED CRUISING IN AMERICAN SEAS

(By the United Press)  
Providence, R. I., Dec. 4.—The Journal today declared that it had authoritative information now that two large German submarines are in the West Indies and that two others left Kiel a month ago, eluded the British patrol and are now en route to the American coast.

## BORAH NOW HAS THE NATIONAL GUARD TO MAKE TROUBLE OVER

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Dec. 4.—Repeal of those sections of the army reorganization bill dealing with the national guard will be asked by Senator Borah in a bill introduced tomorrow. "The time has come," he said today "to find whether we are satisfied with the guard after the experiment on the border."

## COTTON

About 25 bales of cotton had been sold here by 3 p. m. Monday. Prices ranged from 18 1/2 to 19 1/2.

New York futures quotations were:

	Open	Close
Jan.	20.00	20.02
Mar.	20.20	20.20
May	20.37	20.45
July	20.27	20.47
Oct.	18.41	18.48
Dec.	19.98	19.85

## FITZGERALD'S FOOD EMBARGO MATTER OF INTEREST AT CAPITAL

Threat to Introduce Resolution Stirred Up Hornet's Nest—Westerners From the Farm Districts Opposed

(By the United Press)

Washington, Dec. 4.—Representative Fitzgerald and his threatened food embargo legislation was the center of interest when the 64th Congress convened for its dying session at noon today.

Fitzgerald's declaration late in November that he would introduce a resolution for a food embargo to keep products in the United States and reduce the cost of living stirred up a political hornet's nest.

Aside from the possibility of the embargo itself, Fitzgerald's action, it is taken, it may portend a fight between supporters of President Wilson, who is against an embargo, and the Tammany delegation, whose leader is Fitzgerald.

Both members and gallery in the House watched with interest for any change in the attitude of the Tammany delegation toward the Democratic machine. Any move by the Democrats would be the more significant because they hold the balance of power in the House.

Representatives from West and Middle West farm districts were apparently alert for any factional split in the threatened embargo resolution.

They are opposed to it and have indicated that if it is introduced they will combat it with a retaliatory measure calling for an embargo on manufactured articles such as constitute the bulk of the exports to Europe from the eastern manufacturing area.

Pushed galleries greeted the gravels of Speaker Clarke and Vice President Marshall as chattering members of the House, in most cases meeting for the first time since the eventful days of early September when they rushed through the Adamsan eight-hour law, turned to hear the familiar eloquence of "the in order."

This business was expected today. It centered principally on the floor of the House and Senate chambers and in the galleries—a mass of the membership made up of members of the White House family, political families and friends of the President, and the populace crowding the public galleries.

Senator Cullinger and Senator Reed, Republican and Democratic leaders respectively, were named Senate members of the joint committee to ratify President Wilson that Congress was ready to hear him.

The House named as its members Majority Leader Kitchin, Minority Leader Mann and Representatives Fitzgerald, chairman of the appropriation committee.

No time is set for the President's message to Congress. In the last few years this has been of the day following the convening—which would be tomorrow, probably at 1.

When it is, the House and Senate will arrange for a joint session in the big House chamber.

While little business is in sight for today on the floor of either houses, there will be plenty of routine business—principally the submission of the annual appropriation estimates of heads of the government departments. These budgets, totaling millions, will be the principal business during the first session. Some resolutions were introduced.

## KIRBY OF ARKANSAS 'BABY' OF THE SENATE

Washington, Dec. 4.—W. F. Kirby of Arkansas was the baby of the United States Senate when it convened for the short session today. He was introduced by Senator Robinson as the man named to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Clarke. Applause from his senatorial colleagues greeted the appearance of the legislative infant.

## VILLA HIING BACK TO MOUNTAINS WITH IN FOUR TRAINS LOOT

Evacuates Chihuahua City After Easy Pilfering of the Place

## MARSHALL TAKES HAND

Foresees Effort of Carranza to Establish Dictatorship—Wouldn't Like the Abolition of the Vice-presidency

(By the United Press)

El Paso, Dec. 4.—After systematically looting and evacuating Chihuahua City Villa is today marching Westward towards the mountains of Western Chihuahua, carrying four train loads of loot and supplies. Marshall Protests Carranza Plan.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Vice-president Marshall is about to take a hand in the Mexican situation for the first time.

"I see Carranza is trying to abolish the office of vice-president," Mr. Marshall said. "I am opposed to it. I am going to make speeches against it. Carranza keeps up this agitation."

## BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

EXPERIMENTAL DYE PLANT.  
Washington, Dec. 4.—The Controller of the Currency today authorized the expenditure of \$50,000 to erect an experimental dye plant to determine whether dyes can be made profitably in America.

ADVANCED 8-HOUR SUIT MOVED.

Washington, Dec. 4.—A motion by the government to advance the eight-hour test suit before Supreme Court will be made by Solicitor Davis today.

WITHDRAWAL BRITISH TREASURY ISSUE.

London, Dec. 4.—Withdrawal of the proposed issue of British treasury notes was announced in the House of Commons today by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on account of the American Federal Reserve Board's caution to American bankers.

MEETING FAIR DIRECTORS.

There will be a meeting of the directors of the Kinston Fair Association at 8 o'clock Monday evening, in the office of the Kinston Insurance & Realty Co.

## ERROL DIXON DIES LOOKS LIKE LLOYD-GEORGE HAD WAY IN WAR COUNCIL AFFAIR

Well-known Businessman Passes Away in Richmond—Complication of Troubles—Funeral Here Monday Afternoon

Errol P. Dixon, a member of the well-known firm of D. V. Dixon & Son and popular young man of the city, died about 9 o'clock Sunday morning, as near as relatives can learn, in a Richmond, Va., hospital, following an operation. Mr. Dixon had been in poor health for some time from a complication of appendicitis, gall stones and possibly other trouble. The remains were brought here Monday. The train which was to have brought them missing the connection at Goldsboro, a motor car was sent through the country to that city to bring them the remainder of the distance.

The funeral was held at 4 p. m. Monday, conducted by Rev. H. A. Cumble, pastor of Queen Street Methodist church, of which Mr. Dixon was a member.

Errol Dixon was born in Hooker, N. C., about 25 years ago. He came from a leading Greene county family. He came with his father, Mr. D. V. Dixon, to this city about 16 years ago. The concern of Dixon & Son has been very successful.

Mr. Dixon was a graduate of the M. M. College at Raleigh, a thorough businessman and a model Christian. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias and Knights of Harmony. He took little interest in politics or kindred matters, although he was public-spirited, a good mixer and liked by hundreds.

His wife, Mrs. Mammie Dixon; five children, Corinne, Errol, Keith, Frank and D. V.; his father; two brothers, Fred L. and William; and one sister, Mrs. Lucille Dixon, survive him.

## MESSENGER BOY SEES THINGS DIFFERENTLY

Sylvester Gray Married Widow With Lot of Kids and Now Wants Separation—Said He Had Inherited Millions and Found He Was Mistaken.

The following was contributed to Sunday's Raleigh News and Observer from its Durham bureau: "Sylvester Gray, the 29-year-old telegraph messenger boy who succumbed to an illusion two years ago that a wealthy Lynchburg widow had fallen desperately in love with him, visualized the stern realities of life

## LOOKS LIKE LLOYD-GEORGE HAD WAY IN WAR COUNCIL AFFAIR

Asquith Believed to Have Given in and Saved Cabinet Split—Said There Was No Actual Threat to Resign

(By the United Press)  
London, Dec. 4.—Premier Asquith announced in the House of Commons today that the King approved plans for a "reconstruction government."

London, Dec. 4.—It is circumstantially reported that unionist cabinet members have advised premier Asquith to resign, intimating that if not then the whole unionist representation in the cabinet would. The nature of Asquith's reply has not been revealed, but it is understood that the unionists have now decided to remain.

London, Dec. 4.—Whether the cabinet crisis has definitely passed is uncertain, but indications are that Asquith is maintaining his reputation as one of the greatest political placers. The best information is that Lloyd-George will not resign as rumored, but did he actually threaten to, but firmly express belief of the absolute necessity of a small compact council with full authority to conduct the war. Apparently Asquith acceded.

## WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST.

For South Atlantic and East Gulf States: Generally fair weather will prevail except that local rains are probable Wednesday or Thursday; temperature will remain moderate until Friday or Saturday when colder weather will overpread these districts.

and admitted the limitations of his natural vision. The admissions were set forth in a summons issued through his attorney, William L. Pascoe, in which he asked for annulment of his marriage to Mrs. Fannie Vickers. That he was incapable of controlling for want of will or understanding is the legal phraseology under which the uncontested suit goes to Superior Court.

"Sylvester's imaginary picture of the realm of riches, luxury and the favor of a comely Virginia widow had all the elements of a real romance. He held a Durham newspaperman the story and its serenity seemed uncontrived. His photograph was placed-up large on illustrated sections and descriptive material related the romantic experience. The story he related was essentially this:

"He was a messenger boy for the Durham office of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and in the delivery of messages of a day in West Durham the heiress from Lynchburg was a visitor. He presented the telegram to her address in his customary courtesy. She became infatuated with the youth and his affections were invited. He visited the comely widow and solicited proposals for matrimony. Sylvester told friends that the wedding was solemnized and a legacy of millions was his. Metropolitan newspapers printed the story.

"But Sylvester drifted from the messenger carrier service and was employed by the Liggett-Myers Tobacco Company. He awoke from wild dreamland and wedded Mrs. Fannie Vickers, a widow of Durham. She is 45 years old and the mother of some dozen children. From this matrimonial venture, Sylvester is suing separation. He has spent a term in the school for the feeble minded in Kinston. Love at first sight—telegraph boy shares affections of wealthy heiress—and then stern realities of life is a fitting suggestion for a title of this far fetched illusion."

At the Caswell Training school for the feeble-minded here, it is said no such person as Sylvester Gray has been an inmate of the institution.

## LAME DUCKS WADDLE TO WASHINGTON FOR THEIR LAST QUACKS

Nearly Hundred Members Congress Attending Final Session

## SOME ARE OLD-TIMERS

'Cyclone' Davis and 'Alfalfa' Bill Murray Among the Has-Beens—Sout Gives Place to Montana Woman

(By the United Press)

Washington, Dec. 4.—Legislative proposals intended to shatter the high cost of living marked the reopening of Congress today. Representative Fitzgerald, leader of the embargo forces, introduced four plans, two of them calling for food export embargoes; the other two for regulation of cold storage and for reduction parcel post charges on food. Meantime, Representative Farr proposed an embargo on wheat and Representative London worked on measures proposing a virtual food dictatorship with an incidental food export ban. The House convened at 12:01. The Senate three minutes later. After a seven minutes' session the Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, appointing a committee to notify the House that it was ready for business. Framed galleries watched the proceedings. Speaker Clark was cheered roundly. The chaplain prayed for peace within the nation's borders.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Seventeen members of the Senate and 70-odd "lame-duck" members of the House today began their final legislative duties. When the spotlight fades on March 4 on the Sixty-fourth Congress, they will gather up their togs and start for home and private citizenship.

These "lame-ducks" are those the populace turned thumbs down upon in the last election. Their services range anywhere from a little less than a year, in the case of Senator Tom Taggart of Indiana, to 22 years in the cases of Senator Clarence D. Clark of Wyoming and Rep. Sparkman of Florida, Clark ranking third in point of service in the Senate and Sparkman fourth in continuous service in the House.

Perhaps the most conspicuous figure in the line-up of the prospective lame-ducks is Senator John W. Kerr, longtime candidate for Vice-President and Senate Democratic floor leader and chairman of the powerful committee on privileges. He went to make way for Harry S. New, Senator-elect from Indiana with James E. Jim Watson, former whip of a recently Republican House, who brought to an untimely end the Senatorial service of "Tom" Taggart.

W. F. Kirby, of Arkansas, will succeed the late Senator Clarke, who died during the Summer. Senator Chilton of West Virginia, well-known here for his interest in blooded horses as well as for his legislative activities, will make way for Rep. Howard Sutherland, Republican, who fought his way from the House to the Senate in two sessions.

Senator Johnson of Maine, carried to the Senate on the Democratic tide of 1910, will be succeeded next Congress by Frederick Hale, son of the late Senator from Maine.

The defeat of Senator Blair Lee of Maryland sealed two political fates for the present. He was defeated in the primaries by Rep. David J. Lewis—"Father" Lewis of the parcel post. Lewis in turn was defeated by a Republican—Dr. Joseph I. France. Another of the old-timers listed (Continued on Page 3)

## THINGS THAT ARE DIFFERENT

