

VILLISTAS STEAL A ALLOW CANADA SHIP GERMAN CONSUL IN POTATOES IN HELP MATAMORAS, STATED LOWER COST LIVING

Teuton Vice-Consul at Chihuahua Reported to Have Been Slain

APPEAL TO WASHINGTON

Americans in El Paso Want Demand Made on Carranza as to Fate of Six Persons Who May Have Been Killed

(By the United Press)
El Paso, Dec. 5.—Telegrams from Charles Elmendorf at Chihuahua City saying "we are all well" are interpreted by officials to mean that all Americans there are safe.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The fate of the kidnapped German Consul Colima is unknown, but the American Government is doing everything possible to rescue him. Department messages today said American railroadmen in Chihuahua are safe. It is believed stories of the death of the German Vice-consul and an American at Chihuahua City were rumors.

El Paso, Dec. 5.—A petition to the State Department at Washington to make a peremptory demand upon Carranza government officials to obtain news of the fate of six Americans and other foreigners known to have been in Chihuahua City when Villa captured the city a week ago, is being prepared here by their friends.

Want to Know Fate of Americans.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The abduction of the German Consul Colima of Matamoras by bandits said to be Villistas, was reported in State Department messages. Another report said the German Vice-consul at Chihuahua City had been killed, also one American.

VENDEVILLE WOULD DO HIS LITTLE TO HELP RAISE LEATHER

It will take \$500 to carry out the Salvation Army's Christmas plans here. The members of the post anticipate no trouble in raising the money, even though the time now is short.

Capt. M. Vendeville says Santa Claus must provide a hundred pairs of shoes. Some ask to begin with, with shoes almost as valuable as eggs. Then, there are more than 40 families on the Captain's string who will not get real Christmas dinners on the 25th unless he engineers it. These are the two principal items.

The Salvation Army is advertising for aid. The customary means are being employed. Collections for the cause are expected to be ample.

OLD BLACK JOHN GOT BACK AT LAST; THEN HE WAS DISAPPOINTED

John Loftin, colored, claiming to be 80 years of age and looking every day of it, wants to go back to Oklahoma after finding that he knows nothing about Kinston after 65 years' absence. The old man says he was born here and was the property of Loftins; that he was sold on the famous slave market at New Orleans and eventually was carried to Oklahoma, where he lived until recently. He sold peanuts, he says, "serapin" and "serapin", always hoping to get back home, but always there was something in the way until a few weeks ago when his cherished desire was realized.

Goldsboro, Dec. 5.—The taking of evidence in the Speite murder case continued today. The jury was completed late yesterday.

CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS REMOVED—FIRST STEP BY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO CLIP WINGS OF FOOD PRODUCTS

(By the United Press)
Washington, Dec. 5.—First Congressional action towards relief from the high cost of living was taken today when upon motion by Representative Keating the House concurred in the Senate Amendment to his bill providing for an investigation of the cost of living among wage-earners in the district of Columbia.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The first step of the Department of agriculture toward the policy expected to reduce prices on food staples was taken today when an embargo on Canadian potatoes was ordered lifted. Shipments of potatoes, it is explained, must be certified by shippers to be as sound as is commercially profitable and contain no more than ten per cent of tubers showing traces of disease.

Heretofore, Canadian potatoes have been admitted only at designated ports of entry. Under the amended rule importers must apply to the Federal Board for permits.

TIME TO MAIL NOW—POSTOFFICE URGES FOLKS GET MOVE ON

"Mail early!"
Everybody's beginning to do it. The Postoffice Department and post-agitating it. In the local office Postmaster LaRoque has placards posted all over the building calling attention to the necessity for mailing holiday goods as soon as possible. Mark goods "Not to be opened until Christmas" and, except for very short distances, fire them into the mail before the real rush begins, is advice given. There is less likelihood of packages receiving rough handling as they will be served as well by mailing now as two weeks from now.

Postal employees say parcels being sent to men in the army at El Paso should be dispatched early next week if not sooner. If a package is mailed Monday there is small likelihood that it will reach El Paso before the week following. During the week before Christmas the El Paso office will be crowded with the Christmas mail of 50,000 soldiers in addition to the civilian population.

SUFFRAGE ARMY IS READY FOR THE BIG DRIVE ON CONGRESS

(By the United Press)
Washington, Dec. 5.—The front line of the army of woman suffrage formed here today for the "big drive" on Congress to force through the Susan B. Anthony amendment at this short session.

The initial move of the campaign depends largely upon whether the attitude of President Wilson which leaves toward state instead of federal action has at all changed. Some suffrage workers believe it has, that it may be passed on promptly to the states of ratification.

The following official statement was made today by the Union through the United Press: "The feeling is general that a demand for a federal amendment should be pressed much more insistently than heretofore in view of the previous delay of congress in dealing with the measure."

"The case for national suffrage has been unanswerably presented. The movement has been endorsed by women voters at the polls and there is only one answer the administration can give, namely the passage of a federal amendment at this session. The women are not in a mood to bask delay.

DUNN IS REELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE OIL MAGNATE, LOSES FAIR ASSOCIATION IN FIGHT FOR LIFE

Attempt to Give Up Office Was Not Tolerated By His Fellows

CLEVER SECRETARY OUT

Canada to Be Succeeded by Whole-time Man to Act Both for Chamber of Commerce and Its Lusty Offspring

M. E. C. Dunn was reelected President of the Kinston Fair Association by the Board of Directors Monday night, over his protest. In a short talk Mr. Dunn enumerated his reasons for wishing to decline. The directors refused to consider his "resignation." Every other officer with the exception of Secretary J. H. Canady, was re-elected. They are: First Vice-president, Dr. J. M. Parslow; Second Vice-president, Mr. E. V. Webb; Treasurer, Mr. W. D. Hood; Executive Committee, Mr. P. S. Harper, Chairman; Messrs. J. E. Evans, J. W. Coulson, N. J. Rouss and H. E. Mosely.

Secretary Canady, to whom the stockholders recently voted a handsome loving cup for his two years of unflinching service—a service which was responsible more than anything else for the 1915 and 1916 fairs' success—was allowed, after his sincere appeal to be relieved, to go free.

As per a plan agreed upon some weeks ago, the directors appointed a committee to co-operate with a similar committee from the Chamber of Commerce in employing a joint whole-time secretary for the two organizations. The joint committee will proceed "immediately" to secure a proper man, but procuring is a matter of no mean endeavor.

The committee to both bodies, being charge of the community publishing and a hand in all public matters, will have to do with either the Chamber or the Fair Association, as the case may be. He must, however, be a proficient "fair man."

The committee from the association, composed by Messrs. J. E. Taylor, Thomas T. W. Meadows, H. H. McCall, M. E. C. Dunn and J. H. Canady.

Pending the installation of the joint secretary the association has no secretary. Mr. Canady is already out. The President and Treasurer will have charge of affairs during the meantime.

Executive Secretary Canady wishes through the medium of The Free Press to thank those who assisted him in the past two years. He feels "very grateful" to them, he stated Tuesday morning.

WILL TRY TO GET A PARDON FOR E. W. MINCHER; REPRIEVE

Governor Craig has granted a reprieve for E. W. Mincher, the big guard of convicts of Lenoir county under sentence to one year in the county jail for whipping a prisoner, pending a hearing before the Governor for a pardon or commutation probably next week. Information to this effect reached the city Tuesday.

Mincher's sentence by Superior Court here was upheld by the Supreme Court recently.

The administration will be favorable, because the Democratic party to maintain itself must look to the rest. It cannot hold the West without the women voters; and to win their support must aid woman suffrage.

ARCHBOLD, STANDARD CANNOT LET NATION REMAIN EXPOSED TO LABOR DIFFICULTIES

President Says in Message to Congress; Wants Quick Action

GREATEST EXPENDITURES

In History Face Congress—More Than Billion and Half Dollars—Preparedness Calls for Big Share

(By the United Press)
Washington, Dec. 5.—Declaring that the country "cannot and should not consent to remain longer exposed to profound industrial disturbances," the President appeared at a joint session of Congress today and appealed for immediate action on his program of "settlement and regulation of difficulties" between railroads and trainmen.

Soon after the President started speaking a big silk banner was unfurled from the House gallery by a group of suffragists. It bore the inscription, "Mr. President, what will you do for women's suffrage?" A page tore it down and created a stir, but Mr. Wilson did not stop reading.

(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Washington, Dec. 5.—Following the accident he established when he first assumed his executive duties in the White House, President Wilson today appeared before a joint session of Congress and personally outlined his program he hopes to have enacted by that body. It was the third time he has addressed the sixty-fourth Congress.

Because the makeup of the next House may result in hard sledding for Democratic measures, the President hoped, by his appeal today, to secure this Congress of the importance of immediate action on legislative matters particularly desired.

The Executive box in the House gallery was reserved for Mrs. Wilson and other members of the President's family. Members of the cabinet, also were there.

While Congress is working on his recommendations the President will be away from Washington but little. Should it be necessary he may recommend that the customary Christmas leave be dispensed with. This suggestion has been made already by Speaker Clark and Chairman Fitzgerald in the House Appropriations Committee.

There is much to do before March 3, the date of adjournment, if the President's wishes are to be carried out in full at this time and not postponed to the sixty-fifth Congress.

More Than Billion and a Half Needed Run Congress.

Washington, Dec. 5.—It will take \$1,551,510,654.03 to run the government of the United States from June 30, 1917, to June 30, 1918.

This is the estimate of heads of the various branches of the government of the country submitted to Congress today by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo.

Of this grand total of more than a billion and a half dollars the various establishments' estimates are set forth as follows: Legislative \$7,691,626.15; Executive, \$32,979,665; Judicial, \$1,395,790; Department of Agriculture, \$23,033,997; Foreign Intelligence, \$5,700,026.60; Military establishment, \$300,694,684.52; Naval establishment, \$366,070,651.67; Indian Affairs, \$12,230,356.67; Postoffice, \$155,700,000; Panama Canal, \$25,145,922.75; Public works, \$115,118,394.00; Postal services, \$223,755,820; Miscellaneous, \$106,914,733.93; Permanent annual appropriations, \$143,961,830.02.

The total estimate for the needs of the government during the next fiscal year exceeds by \$7,197,550.96 the amount appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917.

With the exception of the postal service, thousands for defense and preparedness as shown in the report constitute the largest single item.

Among the estimates for the equipment of the National Guard are: automatic machine rifles, \$6,808,000; field artillery, \$10,000,000; ammunition for field artillery, \$10,200,000; arms, uniforms, equipment, etc., \$4,576,000; supply and exchanging infantry equipment \$800,000; and for arming, training and equipping the National Guard \$12,727,000.

For quartermaster supplies, equipment, etc. for a reserve officers' training corps, \$4,385,000 is needed. The War Department asks for \$55,699,481.21 for fortifications and other works of defense, and \$32,136,063.95 for rivers and harbors.

A contribution toward the expenses of the Pence Palace at the Hague amounting to \$1,045.25 is listed among the items needed.

BRITISH POPULACE AND COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO ACT, BUT...

The Budget is to Be Exceeded—High Cost of Living Plea

ILLUMINATE MONUMENT

To Shine Like Day at Caswell Shaft When Big Lights Are Turned On—Street Men Have Little Increase

(By the United Press)
London, Dec. 5.—On the highest authority it is known that Lloyd-George has resigned from the cabinet. He sent in his resignation as soon as he received intimation that Premier Asquith was unwilling to agree to a plan for a council of which the Premier would not be a member.

London, Dec. 5.—England's "Reconstruction" of government now in progress must be taken as an emphatic reiteration of Britain's determination to fight the war to a finish. This fact stood out today in the maze of discussion. The cabinet crisis was precipitated by a public demand for a more vigorous conduct of the war. It was concluded that out of the crash would come the organization of war council, probably of five members. Whether this will mean a change in the personnel of the cabinet or simply the designation of certain members to act in the new council is uncertain.

How much does it take for a policeman to feed his face, keep a family and get a shoe shine "occasionally"? City Council Monday night threw up the question—wished it off on Sir and Police Commissioner M. M. Happer. Now Mr. Happer is struggling with the problem. He is to tender a report at a called meeting of the Council. Just when the meeting will be called is not known; so Commissioner Happer is trying to prepare himself in order that he may not be caught napping. He has to do a lot of adding and subtracting and holding on the basis of one policeman equals so many eggs at 40 cents per dozen and the like.

Mr. Happer, frankly, doesn't know what he is going to do. He said so Tuesday morning.

Members of Council grant that the cost of living has increased. Some of them at least are willing to give the men an additional 10 per cent. But, it is learned on good authority, the budget will be exceeded. Also the police have had a raise within a year. They get their uniforms gratis. Officers in other towns have had raises occasioned by the increased cost of "everything." Lawyer J. F. Liles waxed eloquent in the policemen's cause Monday night. Look what other places have done, he argued, and none of them are in Kinston's class. Kinston patrolmen now get \$65 a month. This paragraph sums up the situation.

Employees of the Street Department have had minor increases during the past 30 days. No other department has been affected, it is said. The street workers' raises ranged from one to two and one-half cents an hour.

Following the example set by the Government in illuminating the Statue of Liberty in New York harbor, the Kinston officials will in all probability light up the Caswell monument at Monument corner. A practicality appears in the local matter, however, that did not occur in the former. The monument cuts off the fresh portions of the surrounding street space. A number of big electric lamps may be placed on its sides. The request of Dr. Ira M. Hardy to install ornamental lights on the sidewalks at the Hunter office was turned over to the Water and Light Commissioner.

Council agreed upon an ordinance to forbid the operation of electric or automatic pianos after the midnight hour in Kinston. This was aimed especially at resorts in the lower part of the city.

GREENVILLE VOTES TEN TO ONE, BUILD A COUNTY HOSPITAL

(Special to The Free Press)
Greenville, N. C., Dec. 5.—Pitt county is voting on a county hospital proposition similar to that carried in Lenoir on November 7. It is impossible to get an accurate line on the rural precincts, but Greenville is voting about 10 to one for the hospital. Indications are that the hospital will carry.

ROAD HOG' CAUSE OF SERIOUS ACCIDENT

Yuleton, Dec. 4.—T. C. Williams was shocked into unconsciousness, his left collar bone was broken and his two little girls were severely bruised when the automobile in which they were out riding struck a hog and turned over.

WEST CAROLINA MAN KILLED IN FRANCE

Winston-Salem, Dec. 4.—News was received here today of the death of E. Bolton Owens, 22 years old, and son of M. B. B. Owens who was killed in battle somewhere in France on October 24th. Young Owens, who had been away from Winston-Salem for three years was in the Canal Zone but was serving in the British Army two years ago. He was with the 10th expeditionary force in France when killed.

FIFTEEN ARRESTED FOR LYNCHING NEGRO

Albany, S. C., Dec. 4.—Fifteen white men were arrested here today following an investigation of the lynching a month ago of Arthur Crawford, a negro. The negro was alleged to have attacked a white man, and the lynching followed. Subsequently the sons of the negro were notified to leave the county. Governor Manning ordered an investigation. The arrests today resulted from the inquiry made. Preliminary hearings will probably be granted to the men tomorrow. Some are accused of murder and others of murder.

DOMINICANS FIGHT WHEN MARINES SET UP MILITARY GOV'T

Dashington, Dec. 5.—The establishment of an American military government in Santo Domingo was attended by fighting in which several marines were injured. Eleven Dominicans were killed and six wounded.

BOLDT, PROPRIETOR OF WALDORF, DEAD

(By the United Press)
New York, Dec. 5.—George Boldt, proprietor of the Waldorf-Astoria, called the greatest hotel man of his time, died early today from heart failure.

BUCHAREST DOOMED TO FALL TO ARMIES OF INVADER, SEEMS

(By the United Press)
Petrograd, Dec. 5.—Under constant attacks by superior Teutonic forces, the Roumanians are retiring around Bucharest, it is officially stated.

ADVANCE GOES ON

Berlin, Dec. 5.—Von Mackensen's armies have crossed the railroad leading from Bucharest to Targoviste and Petrosits and Eastwards. The Danube army has gained a foothold in the lower Argesul valley, it is announced.