

LINDBERGH MAKES A DEMAND ON CONGR'S STOP EUROPEAN WAR

If Belligerents Won't Listen, Then Cut Away From Them

INHUMANE AND SENSELESS

Representative's Opinion of Strife—Shouldn't Make the American People Help Pay for Foolishness of Foreigners

(Continued on Page 3) Washington, Dec. 6.—A resolution calling for an immediate conference of the Senate Committee on foreign relations and the House Committee on foreign affairs with the President, to formulate plans to bring about peace negotiations among the warring European nations, was offered in the House today by Representative Lindbergh. It also provides that if unable to obtain speedy action toward ending the war, the committee shall report back so Congress can then proceed to regulate commerce and business. The people should "not be forced to endure the existing circumstances nor be longer made to contribute to the expensive carrying on of the inhumane, senseless war now raging," Representative Lindbergh said.

SYSTEMATIC LARCENY COTTONSEED ADMITTED

The Sheriff Tuesday night arrested Haywood Moya and Moses Taylor, negroes, on a charge of stealing between \$100 and \$125 worth of cottonseed from Dave Worthington, Will Heath and Frank Pope, Vance township planters. One of the negroes confessed, implicating the other. They had made several trips to the city after purloining the seed, he said, on one occasion "borrowing" a mule without the owner's knowledge. The two stole the seed at night, he said.

BATTLE CRUISER BIDS OPENED AT WASHINGTON

(By the United Press) Washington, Dec. 6.—Bids were opened at the Navy Department today for the construction of four battle cruisers, the first vessels of this class to be built for the United States navy. They will cost \$25,000,000 apiece.

The legal maximum which the bidders must meet is \$16,500,000, exclusive of armor and guns. They will have a speed of 35 knots, a length of between 825 and 860 feet, a little under 200,000 horsepower, 33,000 tons displacement, electric propelling machinery and a main battery of 14-inch guns.

RAILROADS SEEK LAW BOOST PASSENGER RATES

(By the United Press) Lansing Mich., Dec. 6.—Michigan's legislature, heavily Republican, convenes in January to face the task of making effective the new prohibition amendment. Among other things, the 1917 lawmakers will be asked to pass a tonnage tax law, an anti-injunction act and a real estate brokers license law; to adopt the budget system of appropriating public money, and to deal with a measure put forward by Michigan railroads to increase intrastate passenger rates from two cents a mile to two and one half or three

ENGLAND TRYING TO HOG EVERYTHING IN SIGHT, KEEPS COAL

From Ships Not Engaged in Commerce Likely to Benefit Allies in War—United States Again Displeased

(By the United Press) Washington, Dec. 6.—Fresh trouble was stirred up today between the United States and England as the result of the British refusal to supply coal at her stations dotting the globe to any ships except those engaged in commerce beneficial to the Allies. The State Department intends to do all it may to alter the policy, but there is little hope for any material change for the present.

MISS EDWARDS TELLS STORY EPSTEIN CASE

Her Testimony Decidedly Favorable for Man Who Slew Her Brother—Had Not Told All She Knew at First Trial of Goldsboro Youth

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 5.—The trial of Hyman Epstein, charged with first degree murder in connection with his admitted killing of Leonard Edwards here on the night of April 26, took a decided turn in the defendant's favor today, when Miss Judith Edwards, sister of the dead man, testified that her brother was armed at the time of his encounter with Epstein. Miss Edwards said that she saw her brother and the defendant together on the sidewalk in front of her home immediately before the shot which killed Edwards was fired and that she had heard Epstein say, "Let me go." Miss Edwards' testimony today was more extensive than that given by her in the first hearing, which resulted in a mistrial. She explained that before she was torn by conflicting emotions and felt that her duty to her dead brother demanded that she keep silent as to some of the important facts. Her conscience, however, she said, had compelled her to tell all that she knew.

BEAR AND NOT BULL SANE BUSINESSMAN, SAYS FED. ATTORNEY

Boston, Mass., Dec. 5.—Hysterical, panic-stricken, "bunched buying" is responsible for much of the rise in foodstuff prices, according to Federal District Attorney Geo. W. Anderson, recently appointed to take charge of the nation-wide inquiry into the causes for the high cost of living. "The 'bear' and not the 'bull' is the sane business man of today," declared Mr. Anderson.

DEBT ON SCIENTIST CHURCH IS PAID OFF

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, is free from indebtedness. The congregation raised the final payment on the new edifice at Gordon and East streets the past Sunday. The church cost about \$6,000. The congregation is one of several of the Scientists in this part of the State owning buildings. The building was erected several years ago.

cents. Efforts of the railroads to get permission to boost passenger fares will be a renewal of the fight that went against them in the last legislature. At that time, their proposal was turned down by a bare margin of half a dozen votes. After years of agitation, adoption of the budget system in the state's finances seems assured. Gov. Elect Sleeper is pledged to the reform, and it was endorsed in the platforms of both major parties.

METHODISTS CONVENE AT DURHAM WEDNESDAY

Bishop Kilgo Presiding—Large Body Ministers and Laymen—Nearly 90,000 Members of Conference, Which Has 350 Preachers—Influential Gathering

(Special to The Free Press) Durham, Dec. 6.—The 80th annual North Carolina conference of the Methodist Episcopal church was opened in Memorial church here this morning. Bishop John C. Kilgo is presiding. There are nine districts in this conference. All are largely represented. There are nearly 350 preachers and nearly 90,000 members in the conference. Increase of lay delegates will be an issue at this convention. Several hundred ministers and laymen are here. The number may reach a thousand.

COTTON

About 50 bales of cotton were marketed here Wednesday, at prices ranging from 18 1/2 to 19.62. The market was stronger than on Tuesday. New York futures quotations were:

	Open	Close
Jan.	20.02	20.08
Mar.	20.28	20.33
May	20.53	20.53
July	20.53	20.52
Oct.	18.48	18.55
Dec.		19.90

MEASLES THREATEN CLOSE SCHOOLS OF CITY; PLEA MADE

The City Schools will have to be closed down if parents continue to send children to them from homes in which there are cases of measles, or children who have been otherwise exposed to the disease. Superintendent of Schools Curtis, using every means to check the spread of measles and keeping the work of the system from being interfered with, states that there is a possibility of suspension of the schools. Whenever detected children from infected homes are being returned. The cooperation of patrons in this matter is absolutely necessary. Mr. Curtis solicits it.

BRITT CASE TO AWAIT SUPREME COURT ACTION

Raleigh, Dec. 5.—Judge Bond closed the hearing on the petition of J. J. Britt for a restraining order against the State board of elections to stay issuance of a certificate of election to Congress from Tenth district to Zeb Weaver at 4 o'clock this afternoon and assigned, the order merely continuing the hearing to December 19 in expectation that by then the Supreme court will have passed on the appeal from Judge Adams' ruling as to the Buncombe Board returns. Counsel for Weaver argued and pleaded non-jurisdiction and right to be heard now in answer to the Britt complaint, but Judge Bond persisted in his insistence that rights of neither party could be impaired in continuing the case.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press) PREPARE FOR INAUGURATION. Washington, Dec. 6.—Robert Hayson, banker and prominent local Democrat, will be chairman of the committee to arrange for President Wilson's inauguration TO WORRY PRESIDENT, MAYBE. Washington, Dec. 6.—Denunciation and heckling of Wilson will be made by speakers of the national convention of America of the National Association to oppose suffrage, to be held here.

BLACK SEA AND NOT BUCHAREST GOAL OF ARMIES IN ROUMANIA

Germans Will Not Be Content With Capture of the Capital

NEW INVASION OF RUSSIA

Will Probably Follow Capitulation—Odessa May Be Objective of Successful Offensive in Southeastern Theatre

(By Carl W. Ackerman) With the German army at Pitesti, Roumania, Dec. 3.—Bucharest's fate is a matter of only a few days. Desperate resistance by the Roumanians can only delay the occupation of the capital. To an observer of this great German achievement in Roumania, the goal of the offensive in the movement now approaching its climax is not Bucharest alone. The Germans' object first is to destroy the Roumanian army, preparatory to a march toward Russia, with perhaps Odessa as the final goal. Just Another Chapter Same Old Story. Petrograd, Dec. 6.—Continued German attacks on Bucharest from the North, made in the direction of Tergovista, in the Poleshti region and around Dakaneshli, have been successful, it is officially announced. Because the Roumanian front was pierced in this fighting, the Roumanians were compelled to retire.

AMERICA IS GOLDEN NATION; FINANCIAL PROGRESS STRIKING

Has "Commanding Position in World," McAdoo Says in Annual Report—Farmers to Benefit by Farm Loan Act

Washington, Dec. 6.—"The financial strength of the United States—the greatest in our history—gives us a commanding position in world finance. We have been transformed from a debtor into a creditor Nation. On November 1, 1916, the stock of gold coin and bullion in the United States was estimated at \$2,700,136,976, an increase of \$714,597,804 in the past 16 months. This is the largest stock of gold ever held in the United States or in any other country of the world." Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo in his annual report gives credit to the Federal Reserve System for a large part in bringing about this state of affairs. The report deals with every phase of departmental work, including the Federal Farm Loan act, banks, the new coinage, war risk insurance, customs, internal revenue, public health service, public buildings, the Coast Guard, war relief work, etc., and in its 163 pages includes abstracts from bureaus' and divisions' reports. "The farmers of the United States have suffered more than any other class," the report says, "from lack of essential credits." The Farm Loan Act will remove handicaps; "it is impossible to estimate the beneficial effects this new system will have upon the development of the farming industry."

CHARLOTTE HIGHS DOWN WINSTON-SALEM.

Davidson, Dec. 5.—Charlotte highs defeated Winston highs 20 to 0. The game was well fought. Whalin and Crute starred for Winston and Pharr for Charlotte. Charlotte outplayed Winston throughout.

BAPTISTS IN ANNUAL CONVENTION E. CITY

About 300 at Opening Session Tuesday Night—Judge Oates Again President—Dr. Waller Preaches—Prominent Kinstonians Present.

(Special to The Free Press) Elizabeth City, N. C., Dec. 6.—The North Carolina Baptists opened their 86th annual convention in Blackwell Memorial church last night, with nearly 300 messengers present and many more expected today. Judge J. A. Oates of Fayetteville was selected President. Dr. Calvin B. Waller of Asheville preached the annual sermon. He scored the "trivial," flippant pulpit of today. Dr. B. W. Spilman, Field Secretary for Sunday school work of the Southern Baptist convention, and Rev. W. M. Craig, pastor of the First Baptist church, are among the Kinston delegation here.

FOUR MEMBERS ONE FAMILY INDICTED ON WHISKY CHARGE

Daniel Williams and his three sons, Henry, Durwood and William, were served with warrants late Tuesday and Wednesday morning charging them with retailing whisky. The men are well-known. Nearly a score of persons have been or are to be summoned for witnesses. These include regular customers of a store maintained by members of the Williams family in the Southern part of the city. The witnesses are of "all walks in life" and including "nearly everything but preachers, and not excluding an exhorter or two," according to the police. The Williamses, who are under bail, will probably be given a hearing Friday.

VALUABLE FIND OF HONEY IN DWELLING

Magnolia, Dec. 5.—Workmen that were engaged in repairing a house on a farm owned by W. D. Murray and known as the "Dr. Herring place," a few days ago got about 100 pounds of very nice honey. It is said that there has been a colony of bees in the house for twenty years.

NOT GUILTY TAKING TRANSFER MAN'S CAR

E. G. Skinner, white was discharged and Guy Freeman was taxed with the costs in a case before Magistrate H. C. V. Peebles Tuesday afternoon in which Freeman, a transfer man, accused Skinner of taking an automobile belonging to him. Skinner admitted having the machine but there was no evidence of intent of keeping it. He paid the cost for Freeman in exchange for the use he had made of the car, this act being entirely on his own initiative.

MORE THAN FIFTEEN MILLION POUNDS OF TOBACCO BEEN SOLD

Fifteen million, four hundred and forty-six thousand, nine hundred and eighty-five pounds of tobacco has been sold here this season. This is probably more than has been sold by December 6 in any previous season. The value of the crop has exceeded that of any previous season, it is believed. Secretary E. Y. Speed of the Tobacco Board of Trade announced Wednesday afternoon that the remainder of the present crop is expected to be marketed by Christmas. About 46,600 pounds were sold here Wednesday, at prices "unchanged."

SECOND INF. SERGEANT TO BE MADE OFFICER.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 6.—Sergt. Carl Batts, supply company, Second North Carolina infantry, has been recommended for appointment to a second lieutenancy. He would probably be assigned to E company, from Goldsboro. Batt's home is in Wilson.

CHECK EMBARGO MEN UNTIL WILSON GETS IN WORD TO SOLONS

No Legislation Toward Reducing Prices Until President Speaks—Procuring Information From Official Sources

(By the United Press) Washington, Dec. 6.—Action by Congress on any food price legislation will await recommendation of the President and cabinet. Such executive recommendations will be based on reports, some of which the President already has been receiving for several days, from various government departments conducting investigations. This plan, it is stated on the best authority, has the approval and will get the full support of the Democratic Congressional leaders. They believe they can take care of the food embargo agitators until a detailed plan is decided on.

ARGENTINE PRESIDENT TO BARE GREAT GRAFT

(By the United Press) Buenos Aires, Dec. 6.—The ventilation of scandal as awful or worse than the Pennsylvania state house scandal connected with the construction of the Argentine national capitol today promises to be an early incident of Hipolito Irigoyen's recently begun regime as President. Work on the capitol was started about 10 years ago. It is nearly but not quite done. The original plan was to spend 6,000,000 pesos, or \$2,640,000 United States money. In fact, \$2,490,220 pesos, or, to be exact, \$1,295,696.80 has gone into the building. It has been charged in print and practically proved that, of this sum, about 12,000,000 pesos, or \$5,280,000 was "graft." It is understood that President Irigoyen is getting ready to start civil and criminal proceedings against the person accused of sharing in the plunder.

PITT COUNTY TURNS DOWN COUNTY HOSPITAL

(Special to The Free Press) Greenville, Dec. 6.—Pitt county yesterday overwhelmingly voted down a proposition for a county hospital such as Lenoir is to have. The vote was, according to complete figures today, 2,008 against to 577 for. Greenville gave a big vote for the hospital.

WOMAN'S PARTY SPENT FAIR-SIZED FORTUNE

(By the United Press) Washington, Dec. 6.—The National Woman's Party expended \$50,036.17 during the campaign, according to a statement filed with the House. There is a thousand dollar balance. Of the amount collected \$24,284 was in sums of a hundred dollars or more.

MYSTERY IN FINDING TRUNK IN CHESAPEAKE

Baltimore, Dec. 5.—While the lighthouse keeper off Barren Island, in Chesapeake Bay, was cleaning his beacon light yesterday, he noticed an object floating in the water near the light house. Getting in his boat, he rowed to the object and found it was a trunk. Upon opening it he found it belonged to J. F. Fulcher, of Greenville, N. C., and contained a lady's black hat, a black suit of men's clothing and a lot of other pieces of wearing apparel. Just how the trunk got into the water is not known but the keeper is holding it at Honga, Md., for the owner to claim it.

LLOYD-GEORGE WILL BE NEXT CHIEF OF BRITISH MINISTRY

Bonar Law Declines to Form New Cabinet at King's Request

PREMIER ASQUITH QUILTS

Resignation Following Exciting Day Announced Tuesday Night—Little Doubt About New Prime Minister

(By the United Press) London, Dec. 6.—The King today summoned Lloyd George, whose resignation as Minister of War forced the British cabinet shakeup, to the Palace for a conference. Such a summons is looked upon here as indicating that Lloyd-George will be offered the Premiership. Lloyd-George early today conferred with Bonar Law, who refused to become Premier. London, Dec. 6.—That Andrew Bonar Law, the Unionist leader, has definitely declined the offer from the King made last night that he form a new ministry, it was authoritatively stated today. This apparent final decision of Law declining to accept the Premiership and form a new British cabinet is construed to mean that Lloyd-George will be called to perform the task. There is little doubt the latter would accept and be the next Prime Minister. King Summons Ministers. London, Dec. 6.—The King today summoned the coalition cabinet members in a council at the Palace to discuss the cabinet situation. King Calls for Bonar Law. London, Dec. 5.—Herbert H. Asquith tonight resigned the British Premiership which he had held for eight stormy years of domestic and foreign history, and the government crisis found a solution which has been considered the "least" probable of practical alternatives. The Unionist leader, Andrew Bonar Law, was summoned to the palace immediately after Mr. Asquith had departed, and the King offered him the Prime Minister's commission, which he had just accepted from Mr. Asquith's hands. No announcement regarding Mr. Bonar Law's decision has yet been made, and there are some doubts whether he will accept the heavy responsibility. If he declines, it is considered certain the honor will fall to David Lloyd-George. The continuation of the coalition cabinet, with some changes and the speeding up of the war management, will be the policy in either event. The Premier's decision to resign and advise the king to summon Bonar Law to form a cabinet was taken after a day of extraordinary political excitement and activity. There were constant comings and goings of the political leaders between Downing Street and the various government departments. Mr. Asquith met several Unionist leaders in consultation, including Early Curzon, Lord Robert Cecil and the Early of Derby.

ACCUSES WHITE MAN OF SERIOUS CRIME

Durham, Dec. 5.—A case was reported late this afternoon in which Mamie Beeker, a 14-year-old girl on North street, told of the horrible crime perpetrated by an unidentified man. He presented himself as an agent for a woman's journal and criminally assaulted the girl. She was alone at home. Her father is a painter in Petersburg, Va. Her mother is dead. The criminal has not been apprehended.