

## WITH ITS CAPITAL IN HANDS OF ENEMIES ROUMANIA IS IN DESPERATE PLIGHT; ALL THE COUNTRY DOTTED WITH DEAD BODIES

Germanic Control Nearly Complete; Governor-General Appointed and Teuton System Will Try to Bring Order Out of Supreme Chaos—"Misery of Inhabitants Terrible"—Garrison Saved When Bucharest Fell—Rear Guard Fought Heroically to Allow Main Body to Escape—Invaders Advanced Swiftly With Their Magnificent Machine—Government's Policy Responsible for Much Suffering.

Paris, Dec. 7.—The Roumanians evacuated Bucharest yesterday in good order, saving their army, it is authoritatively stated today. The Roumanian rear guard was forced strenuously to cover the retreat.

### Roumania a Sad Land. (By Carl W. Ackerman)

With the German Army at General Von Falkenhayn's Headquarters in Roumania, Dec. 4.—Every hundred yards, there is something dead or dying in Roumania. The country is mad with terror.

Anarchy and chaos reign everywhere. The misery of its inhabitants is terrible. Most of it is due to the Roumanian Government itself, which ordered all civilians to leave their homes as German armies advanced, with almost incredible swiftness.

It is to bring order out of chaos that General Von Tulff, military administrator of Poland before Warsaw fell, will be named German Governor-General of Roumania. He is en route here with two generals and his entire staff.

It may be noted that Ackerman's story was filed Monday before the fall of Bucharest. Ackerman is one of the best-informed and most independent of war correspondents.

### Russians on Hand.

Petrograd, Dec. 7.—The Russians covered the left flank of the Roumanians in their retreat from Bucharest. The war office today announced the evacuation of the Roumanian Capital as occurring at midday yesterday.

### Further German Gains.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—The occupation of Campina, Sinaca in addition to the Roumanian Capital, Bucharest, is announced as a further advance made by the German troops in today's official statement.

## FEDERAL FARM LOAN BANKS TO DECLARE A BIG BOND ISSUE

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Dec. 7.—The Federal Loan banks will declare a \$100,000,000 issue, the United Press today learned. It will be made shortly after the new banks open their doors for business, probably during February. It will be in denominations of from \$25 to \$1,000 with four and five per cent. interest.

## INITIAL INSTITUTE FOR NEWSPAPER MEN OF NORTH CAROLINA

(Special to The Free Press)  
Chapel Hill, Dec. 7.—Newspaper men from all over the State gathered here today for the first institute for journalists ever held in North Carolina. The University is the scene of the mobilization of the scribbler army. The first session was held this afternoon. The final session will be on Saturday.

Don Seitz, business manager of the New York World; Walter Williams, Dean of the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri; Talcott Williams, Director of Columbia University's School of Journalism, and ex-President Taft will be among those to address the institute. Mr. Taft will be heard tonight.

A complete afternoon newspaper will be printed in connection with the institute on Thursday and Friday afternoons. A telegraph service will be had; a linotype will be used and newspapermen and printers from neighboring cities will "get out the rag."

## WILLIAM I. HOLT DIES IN BURLINGTON

Burlington, Dec. 6.—William I. Holt, son of the late James H. Holt, Burlington, and a prominent cotton manufacturer, passed away at 2:15 tonight after a lingering illness of several months. Mr. Holt was 48 years old. He is survived by five brothers.

## TAFT SPEAKS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Former President Discusses Edward Livingston and His Relations With Scenarios of Early Part of 19th Century

Raleigh, Dec. 6.—The State Literary and Historical Society this afternoon elected as officers for the next year the following: President, Major H. A. London; vice-president, Mrs. Marshall Williams; T. M. Pittman and Mrs. W. N. Reynolds; secretary-treasurer, R. D. W. Connor.

## BOYCOTT EGGS, BUTTER WILMINGTON WOMEN

Wilmington, Dec. 6.—The Wilmington Housewives' League at an enthusiastic meeting declared in favor of a boycott on eggs, butter and cheese. Similar action is expected to be taken tomorrow by Sorosis, another women's organization.

## PIONEER SPIRIT IS NOT DEAD IN THIS COUNTRY, SAYS LANE

Entries of Public Land Are Increasing — Irrigation Must Be Resorted to to Supply Growing Demand for Farming Space

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Dec. 7.—Secretary Lane, in his annual report issued today, directs attention to the fact that the pioneer spirit has not died out in the people of this country. While the volume of public land is decreasing until now it is almost down to two hundred and fifty million acres in the United States, much of which is in the arid region, the entries of public land are increasing. This year nearly twenty million acres of Uncle Sam's domain were taken up as against seventeen million each for the preceding two years, sixteen million for 1913 and fifteen million for 1912. At this rate it will be but a very few years before all of the public land of the United States will have gone into private hands. Probably in less than ten years there will be no public land of consequence that will be available for the homesteader. There will still remain, however, many million acres of land which can be brought into rich production by the application of water.

The agricultural possibilities of Alaska are still a matter of conjecture, although it is known that in the Tanana Valley and in other portions the harder cereals and vegetables will grow. With the completion of the railroad which is now being constructed from Seward to Fairbanks there promises to be a considerable movement within Alaska to make that country an asset which the Government should further by undertaking a broad plan of promotion.

One feature of the work among the Indians during the past year has been the effort to discover the Indians who were competent through a system of competency commissions composed of men of long experience among the Indians. A commission consists of three men, who go through a celebration from house to house, making personal studies of the character of the Indians and reporting upon their progress.

To the Bureau of Mines is given credit for developing methods for treating low grade complex gold, lead, silver, and zinc ores that promise to rejuvenate mining in certain parts of the country and render valuable millions of tons of ore that cannot now be treated profitably. This Bureau has since its organization trained forty-one thousand miners in mine rescue work.

Two new national parks were added to the already under this Department, one consisting of three tracts in Hawaii notable for their volcanoes and the other the Lassen Volcanic National Park in Northern California.

## DUPLIN COUNTY MEN WANT FENCE AROUND CO'TY, NONE WITHIN

Warsaw, Dec. 6.—Several "free rangers" at Kenansville had mandamus proceedings instituted to compel the County Commissioners to build a fence around the county at once. The summons was served on all the commissioners and the return is before Judge Devin at Kinston on December 20.

The complaint sets forth that it has been seven months since the Supreme Court sustained the law as valid, and that the commissioners had failed to borrow the money with which to build the fence, the estimated cost of building it being \$80,000.

## GOV'M'T OWNERSHIP WOULD BRING ABOUT CORRUPTION, SAYS

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Dec. 7.—Classing some railroads of the past with "highway robbers," William J. Bryan today declared that Federal control of railroads would bring into national politics a "corruptive force greater than we have ever known."

## CLARK THINKS REP. KITCHIN MAY SOME TIME BE PRESIDENT

Thursday's Raleigh News and Observer stated that Chief Justice Clark is boosting Congressman Kitchin, Majority Leader and Representative from this district, for the Presidency, saying:

"Chief Justice Clark said yesterday to a friend: 'Claude Kitchin is timber of presidential size. With favorable circumstances he may 'get there.' When the munition makers and steel trusts threw us into a preparedness panic for the profits that are in it, the Floor Leader kept his head. Now there has already come in a billion dollar bill which is one thousand million and many billions more are coming up hereafter in succession. The reaction must come when the masses find that they must dig and delve to create more millionaires and multimillionaires by this excessive expenditure. They will then remember him.'

## MINCHER WRONG BUT WHIPPING RIGHT, IS OPINION OF COURT

That E. W. Mincher went too far, when, employed as a guard of convicts, he chastised a white prisoner for insubordination, but that whipping to discipline convicts is necessary, is held in the recent decision of the Supreme Court on the appeal of Mincher from a sentence in Superior Court here. Mincher is to serve a year in jail unless the Governor grants a pardon or commutation at a hearing in a few days. The man is now under reprimand.

The opinion in full, written by Judge G. H. Brown, has been received by Clerk of Superior Court J. T. Heath. Mincher was authorized to whip prisoners. The County Commissioners in resolutions upheld the punishment. Mincher was stated to have exceeded moderation, and it was held that not sufficient advertisement of the Commissioners' regulations had been made in the convict camp in his trial before Judge Bond here. The Supreme Court upheld the lower court.

## DEATH OF FRANK STRICKLIN

Warsaw, Dec. 6.—Frank Stricklin, after an illness of more than a year, died at his home here on the sixty-fourth anniversary of his birth.

He is survived by his widow; a brother, a sister, and the following children: Mrs. Leslie Carlton of Marine; Mrs. Collie Sheffield, of Mount Olive; Mrs. Ed Smith of near Warsaw; and Mrs. John Hill, Miss Mattie Lee Stricklin and Mr. Floyd Stricklin of Warsaw.

## ETIQUETTE MAY BE CAUSE LIVELY TIME AT WILSON DINNER

President Invited Men to Whom He Was Under Obligations and, Through Courtesy, Wives — Suffrage!

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Dec. 7.—The President's dinner tonight to Democratic Chairman McCormick may develop fireworks. The reason is that Mrs. J. A. Hopkins, president of the New Jersey branch of the Congressional Union, who campaigned against Mr. Wilson is among the invited guests. Her husband, a prominent New Jersey Progressive, was on the committee who assisted in Wilson's election; hence he is invited. All wives of male guests are also invited.

## GIVE LITTLE WAIF HOME WITH KINSMAN CLOSE BY THE CITY

To either take little Carrie May Orlesby as a gift or purchase a part interest in her seems to be the desire whom the police here have received of a Smithfield, Va., woman from a letter. A few days ago a policeman took the pretty 10-year-old girl from her mendicant mother, after it was learned that the child had been sleeping on open platforms and in leaves on open platforms and in leaves on the Neuse river bank and going hungry a part of the time. Chief of Police Skinner had a clothier "doll up" Carrie May and took her into his own home. A number of persons in Norfolk and Portsmouth, Va., and North Carolina towns have written the police to be allowed to take Carrie May. The Smithfield lady promised her all that her means would permit, and suggested that could she not have the child she be permitted to "contribute something to her support." But Chief Skinner has turned Carrie May over to a half brother at Falling Creek. The man is a prosperous young planter and well able to care for the little one, they say. The would-be foster parents will probably be informed of the disposition of the pretty child and thanked for their interest.

## HENRY'S OF STUFF HEROES HAVE IN 'EM

An odd turnout arriving here at 3:30 p. m. Thursday from Jones county was a buggy containing three negroes, one of whom, Henry Wilson, sat in the bottom with a bullet in him which, he said, had entered one side of him in the abdominal region and was lodging in the other side of his body. It was set bothering him much.

Wilson said George Wright, white, shot him, for "no cause at all." Wilson is in knee trousers but a man in size. His two adult companions claimed not to know of any reason whatever for Henry being shot, but one smiled significantly. The victim unchalantly stated that he had been shot since 11 a. m. He looked a little sour over the thing. The trio didn't know where to seek a doctor, and seemed to be in no great hurry, but confessed they didn't know just how Henry managed to maintain his apparent health in the fix he was in.

## FINAL REPORT SHOWS UP DEMOCRATIC DEFICIT

Washington, Dec. 7.—The final report of the Treasurer of the Democratic National Committee shows his receipts to have been \$1,806,343.10, expenditures, \$1,854,539.74.

## GERMANY HOLDS THE ARABIA WAS TROOP TRANSPORT IN NOTE

Up to American Government to Prove She Was Merchantman

## WILLING TO PAY, BUT

Contents That Should Be Justification for Idemnity—Most Important of Submarine Issues, Officials Say

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Dec. 7.—The Administration considers the German Arabia note weak.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Germany has set up the contention that the steamer Arabia is a troop transport. It is admitted that she sunk it under that impression in her answer to American inquiries, made public today by the State Department.

At the same time Germany agreed to promptly draw the appropriate consequences if the United States showed the vessel to be an ordinary passenger liner rather than a transport.

Secretary Lansing refused to comment on the note. The contents were forecasted and the main facts therein chronicled several days ago when it became known that the note had arrived. The State Department has said privately all along that the Arabia is the main case upon which future German-American relations will probably depend.

It is pointed out that Germany emphasizes that her commanders were still under orders to follow international law as demanded by the United States in its Sussex note.

## BAPTISTS AGREE TO TELL WILSON ABOUT FUNSTON

State Convention to Send a Committee to Washington—Don't Like the Alleged Curtailment Activities of Preachers on the Border

(By the United Press)  
Elizabeth City, Dec. 7.—Durham was selected by the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, in session here for the meeting place next year. Elizabeth City, Dec. 6.—The Baptist State Convention in session today appointed a committee to bear in person to President Wilson the protest against what is designated by the convention as the effort of General Funston to curtail the religious freedom of Baptist ministers in preaching the gospel, as they believe it, to the United States troops along the border.

The resolutions providing for the committee recite that the convention speaks for the 287,000 Baptists of North Carolina. They were enthusiastically adopted. John A. Oates, of Fayetteville, president of the convention, is named chairman of the committee which will call on No. President.

A great forward movement was launched for the increased circulation of the Biblical Recorder, the denominational organ.

President William Louis Potest spoke of the progress and needs of Wake Forest College, as did also President Chas. E. Brewer, of the interests of Meredith College and Dr. B. W. Spilman those of Chowan College. All these institutions have outgrown their present quarters and stand in great need of increased equipment and endowment.

Dr. R. T. Vann, who has been re-elected corresponding secretary of the Board of Education, made an eloquent appeal for the denominational high schools in the State, most of which are in dire need of financial help.

## NORTH CAROLINA METHODIST MAY APPROVE UNITY

Conference in Session at Durham Likely to Follow Example Set by Virginia and Western North Carolina Bodies—Changes in Presiding Elders

(By the United Press)  
Durham, Dec. 7.—R. L. Flowers, Secretary of Trinity College, was today named by the State Methodist Conference to succeed the late James Southgate as a member of Methodist Education Board of the State.

The Sunday School Board of the North Carolina Methodist Conference met last night in Memorial church, with W.B. Cooper, of Wilmington, presiding.

J. M. Way, a Sunday school organizer of the South, and M. W. Bradham, retiring field secretary of the North Carolina Sunday school forces, made brief speeches.

Mr. Way favored the adoption of the Bible in the public schools of North Carolina and thought the people were derelict of a duty in failing to adopt such a measure.

Whether the conference will or will not vote for unification of the Methodist church in America, according to the tentative plan submitted to the church at the last general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Oklahoma City, is the question of paramount interest before the conference. Both the Western North Carolina and Virginia conferences recently voted in favor of unification and it is expected that this conference will take similar action.

The report of virtually every department will show progress in the work of the conference during the year, it was said. The North Carolina Conference embraces all counties in the State east of the Yadkin river and skirting the edges of Randolph, Guilford and Rockingham counties. L. E. Thompson, of the Wilmington

## BULLETINS

(By the United Press)  
METHODIST WANT DRY DISTRICT.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Senator Overman today presented to the Senate a petition for a dry District of Columbia from the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, now in session at Gastonia, N. C. It was referred to the Judiciary committee.

## ARMY AERIAL BASE.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The War list an aerial base and proving grounds on the lower Chesapeake Department will shortly establish the House naval committee today was informed. The site will be across Norfolk channel just North of the Jamestown Exposition grounds.

## HOUSE COMMONS DOESN'T MENTION PREMIER.

London, Dec. 7.—The House of Commons met and adjourned today without any announcement concerning the new ministry, to be headed by David Lloyd-George. Adjournment was until Tuesday.

## NEGRO HURT WHEN CAR COLLIDES WITH BICYCLE

When Mitchell Ister, colored, about 22 years of age, riding a bicycle, collided with an automobile near the intersection of Queen and North streets Thursday, he found himself a passenger in the car. The impact hurled him through the windshield. About 25 stitches had to be taken in several cuts on his face.

## ELECTION OFFICERS.

The Knights of Pythias will hold their semi-annual election of officers at 7:30 Thursday evening. A full attendance is desired.