Today's News Today" THE DAILY FREE PRESS The Weather Cloudy and Colder VOL. XVIII. -No. 148 SECOND EDITION PRICE TWO CENTS FIVE CENTS ON TRAINS KINSTON, N. C., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1916 FOUR PAGES TODAY BRITISH DO NOT DENOUNCE PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL MILITARY TRAINING FOREIGN TRADE TO VILLA IS ATTACKING **REAL CHRISTMAS** FOR THE SUFFERERS **DINNERS SENT TO** PEACE SUGGESTIONS SO BITTERLY, NOTE U. S. EMBASSIES FOR ALL NOW RESTS TOTAL NEAR EIGHT TORREON, REPORTED STRICKEN EUROPE HAVING BEEN KEPT SECRET A WHOLE DAY

First Impression of Public Would Have Been Cause for Big Howl-King Dismisses Parliament With Declaration That Violated Right Must Be Vindicated and Peace Firmly Established-No Flat Rejection Expected; Fact That Allies Did Not Close Door to German Proposals Leads to Belief That Wilson's Views Will Get Consideration In Entente Capitals

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22 .- Secretary of State Lansing's two statements of yesterday in interpretation of President Wilson's peace note were today forwarded to American diplomats abroad.

Germany to Act Quickly.

The Hauge, Dec. 22.-Germany will disclose her chief peace terms immediately, if the forthcoming Allied reply leaves the door open, say German dispatches.

Congress Keeps Hands Off.

Washington, Dec. 22 .- Congress will give the President free and untrammelled rein in his attempt to find a common ground upon which the European belligerents may meet to formulate plans for a lasting peace. Both houses even refused today to endorse the President's action in dispatching his historic note to Europe's warriors, leaving everything up to him.

British Note Was Held In "Scak."

(By Edward L. Keen)

London, Dec. 22-The government's wisdom in allowing Wilson's note to "soak" for 24 hours is apparent. This action saved a torrent of violent denunciation of America today, although the British are practically unanimous in deploring the President's stand, there was not such sweepingly violent denunciation as there would have been if the first impression had been allowed full play.

King Makes Strong Speech.

London, Dec. 22,-Dismissing Parliament today until February 7, King George added weight to his words to the Allies on stern reflection of Germanmade peace offers with the statement that "vigorous prosecution of the war must be our single endeavor until we have vindicated the right so ruthlessly violated by our enemies and established the security of Europe on a firm foundation."

The following appeal is made in chalf of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America: To the Citizens of the United States: "While we are reioicing at this "hristmus season and making gifts, housands of innocent sufferers from the great war, especially women and children, are without food or clothrg. Reports come from all the na-

oy real furkey, cranherry sauce, oystions of Europe of hundreds of thouters, pumpkin pie, etc., on December 25 all direct from America. Someands of children on the verge of here on the Atlantic today, or perstarvation, but the stolles from Belits on the North Sea by now, are gium, East Prussia, Poland, Serbia, in sheet hoves closed with the form-Armenia, Albania, and other natride wal of the American eagle, en tions are pitcous beyond comprehenthere to Uncle Sam's diplomatic and

ton-ular folks in the Central Empire "The President of the United d qualler Allied states. states, in his Thanksgiving procla-A Christmas dinner for the e "or-

ration, strongly expressed the hope "nt we, the citizens of the United States, would generously remember prether with the volicus con-ular 'rese saffering ones. Will you not, you are buying Christmas gifts for Sermany numbers more than 159 our own children, contribute somepositive. American official dependbing toward the starving children of ents in Austria and Hungary are ther lands?

equal in number to those in Germany "The contributions may be made to and in Bulgaria and Turkey they by of the accredited relief organimount to 75, making 375 in all. zations.

(Signed) "WILLIAM H. TAFT. "ALTON B. PARKER, "DAVID II. GREER, "FREDERICK LYNCH, "SAMUEL T. DUTTON.

"IRVING FISHER, "LUTHER B. WILSON, "CORNELIUS WOELFKIN, "HAMILTON HOLT."

sested to Washington that the "catering" could better be done from and violent ejection of air through America direct. A month ago ordera f. 5m Rerlin, Vienna, Budapest, Sofia the nose and mouth by some convuland other points began to sound like tive force with an audible sound. A neeze is now known to be all this and more. It is frequently a rain shower of they drops of mouth and nose secretions. It is a spray that forces these secretions for a distance of several feet in a closed The ship captain who has them in

ON 2 CONGRESSMEN BILLIONS, THOUGHT ON AMERICAN By WILBUR S. FORREST, (United Press Staff Correspondent) London, Dec. 1. (By Mail)-Not-

withstanding war food scarcity, food

tickets, meatless days and fatless

weeks, there will be real American

Christmas dinners in Germany, Aus-

Thanks to Uncle Sam, his diplom-

is and employes generally in the

warring "foodless" nations will en-

ians" in one small job. Ambassa-

r Genurd and his staff, in Berlin,

presentatives scattered throughout

Before the high price of food be

ame a factor in England, Ambassa-

for Page used to act as wholesale

crocer for his compatriots in the

Central Empires. The food was pur-

chased in England and shipped via

Holland. Finally British prices be-

ame too much for Jeffersonian sim-

nicity and Ambassador Page sug-

eats for all.

Christmas feasts,

(By the United Press) Washington, Dec. 22 .- Whether

the House military committee will tria, Bulgaria and Turkey this year. recommend universal military training depends upon two men, according to a poll by the United Press. Nichells of South Carolina and Hull of Tenne see, both believed to be dissatisfied with the national guard system, hold the balance of power.

CURRIED NUTTORIA ONE OF NEW DISHES OF BRITISH COMMONS

(By the United Press)

London, Dec. 21.-Filet of mock sole, curried nuttoria, nut cutlets, ine chicken and mock stewed steak tre some of the meatless delicacies of the new vegetarian war menus in he House of Commons today.

The Commons, where the country has been informed of the serious character of the food situation, is etting the country a fine example. This means that some of the 375 have For the first time in British history, families and the American State Demembers of Commons are eating all partment must provide Christmas the things that look like meat but an't" and none, so far, has com-American emissies in London and dained that he is being bally nour-Petrograd, where food is not so very shed From forty to sixty cents is scarce, will have to provide their own he price of an official meatless meal.

THEY OUGHT TO SERVE **MICROSCOPES WITH THE** ICE IN JAPAN HOTELS

By CLARENCE AGMAN, (Editor of the Eastern Underwriter) (Written for the United Press) New York, Dec. 21 .- "Kori-Kori" means ice, and that's all the Japane and American traveling in the Orient need know. The rest will take the of itself because English is the unusersial language there, and any Oriental Jusiness man or hotel clerk who has not a smattering of our own

connot be without. These orders longue can have no dealings with the American tourist. On a hot day, which is every day,

(By the United Press)

Washington, Dec. 22 .- Prospects are that the United States' foreign trade for the year will total \$7,800,000,000, it is announced by the Department of Commerce. Foreign trade in the past eleven months was \$7,148,-000,000.

FARMERS CONTROLLING DAKOTA LEGISLATURE

(By the United Press)

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 22.-Legislatures of Minnesota, North Dakota and Seath Dakota will convene January

Woman suffrage, statutory prohiition and regulation of mining com panies will be before the Minnesota Legislature. It is believed that

state-wide prohibition and suffrage will be placed on the ballots of the next state election, as a result of legislative action this session. About two-thirds of Minnesota was made ity by local option laws enacted at the list legislative session.

In North Dakota, sweeping reforms are looked for from the "farmers" legislature convening January 2. Four years ago, a farmer's co-operatve marketing organization, for nonspeculative selling of their grain, was organized. As an outgrowth of this organization the Farmers' Non Partisan League, object strictly poli

tical, was organized. Twice in general elections the Non Partisan League candidates. These men are instructed to fight for state whed elevators, and are understood to advocate public ownership of pubic utilities. Adversaries of the Nonartisan League have referred to its ims as socialistic.

In South Dakota, enactment of laws to enforce state-wide prohibi ion, passed by the voters at the last general election, is slated.

CONGRESS QUITS WORK

Significant Statement Intimates That 16,000 Troops Ordered Home From the Border Won't Get Away For Some Days Yet

(By the United Press)

Dallas, Dec. 22 .- None of sixteen housand national guardsmen orderad home will be able to leave the borler before the middle of next week, according to railroad officials. Fighting at Torreon.

El Paso, Dec. 22 .- Villa attacked at Torreon at 4 o'clock this morning. The battle for possession of the city was raging at daybreak, Mexican government officials were informed by telegraph.

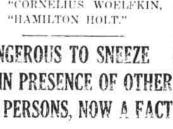
NATION WOULD HAVE **BIGGER PLANT THAN** KRUPPS' IN STRESS

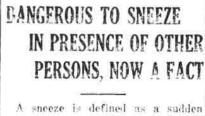
(By the United Press)

New York, Dec. 22.-In the event the United States is ever involved in war, the Bethlehem Steel plant, biger than Germany's Krupp works, will be turned over o the government, Charles I. Schwab, president of the ompany, today declared. With a capacity of a million ounds of heavy ammuni-ion a month, Schwab said he plant is 50 per cent. "ore efficient than the Krupps'.

THIS NEW YEAR'S DAY FOR TEWA INDIANS

(Pv the United Press) Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 21 .- This ty be just December 21 to some olks, but it's New Year's day to the ewa Indians. There are only about 1200 of the lewas in five villages: San Juan, Santa Clara, San Ildefanso, Nambe and Tesuoue. They hold ancient beiefs deduced by themselves from hings as they are. The Tewas' six cardinal directions re north, south, east, west, above and below. Each direction is color-I and has an animal to signify it. North is green and personified by a inn





A sneeze is defined as a sudden

Christmas. There were appealing references to real turkey, sage and syster dressing, candles and other requisites which a thristmas dinner reached America in plenty of time.

Entente Diplomats Talk.

Washington, Dec. 22.--For the reason that Great Britain a in her Allies did not flatly reject the near proposals from the Teutonic powers, they will not flatly turn down President Wilson's peace suggestions, in the opinion of some Entente diplomats here at two of the most important Allied embassies. Two reasons were today given the United Press representative for showing official "regret" at the President's peace suggestions. By flatly refusing his request for specific peace terms, it would make it appear that the Allies are responsible for continuing the war. Such a "turndown" would weaken what sympathy now exists in the United States for the Entente cause. These Allied diplomats, however. admitted "chagrin" over the President's suggestion that specification of war objectives is necessary.

Note Reaches Berlin.

Washington, Dec. 22 .- American Charge Grew at Berlin today notified the State Department that he had received President Wilson's peace note for transmission to the German foreign office.

drugs.

tused to

arrests are expected.

HARIHUANA BEING USED

BY TROOPS ON BORDER

El Paso, Dec. 19 .- Following dis-

have introduced harihuana into mili-

toms officials are on the alert to

Only a few cases of its use have

been found among the soldiers, most-

ly among soldiers addicted to other

Secret service men have members

TRAIN WRECKED AND SIXTEEN ARE INJURED

(By the United Press)

Pendleton, S. C., Dec. 22 .- Sixteen were injuced, some perhaps fatally, when a Blue Ridge train was wrecked near here today. One car was turned drug. over. There were 37 passengers on board the train.

FIREMEN FALL FROM LADDER; ONE KILLED

(By the United Press)

Richmond, Va., Dec. 22 .- Fire Captain William C. Matt is dead and Firemen Abram Poda and J. L. Buck seriously injured as the result of falling from a ladder today at a hundred thousand dollar fire. ,ec 14. c.

with the re-ult that the part les fout around for hours without examing diluted or losing their vit-

"have aheart." Sneezes used to be considered un-

voidable and nerfectly excusable, in fact, they were rather enjoyed by the one who speezed. Now they are considerel indegent, dangerous and very inexcusable, particularly if not

dity.

incezed into a handkerchief. They -ed to be considered signs of taking El Paso, Dec. 22 .- Duting a ses-Id: now they are signs of giving ion of the school for officers in the olds to others. As a matter of fact, Thirty-second Michigan regiment the the sneeze has been tabased by all officer in charge asked for sugges forms of common decency and is no tions for the improvement of the Ininner allowed in healthful society. elligence department.

To sneeze in a person's face or even "Why couldn't we cross-breed car within his presence without covering tier pigeons with paprets and tell t with a handkerchief is now considtem the mess age instead of tying it med more of a crime than an accio them," asked one of the pupils. dent. The reason is this: grippe Another suggested the government neumonia, colds, tuberculosis and aight train award fishes to torpelo many other diseases are known to be nemy submarines and woodpeckers transmitted by nose and mouth secreo puncture enemy aeroplanes. lons and the succese is one of their

had means of spread. When spray-**GOING ON IN OTHER** I out into the air, especially if in a osed unventilated room or hall, bey fleat around for hours and are eathed in by some innocent visitor - umate person, later perhaps to be

perzed out again. overy today that Mexican laborer TEN THOUSAND U.S. tia camps along the border, cus-SCIENTISTS MEET check smuggling in of the dangerous **NEW YORK MONDAY**

(By the United Press)

New York, Dec. 22 .- The science of been commissioned a chaplain in the of a band believed to be engaged in everything, from sawing wood to stel- Navy.

smuggling and traffic in harihuana lar statesmanship, will be rounded up A six-year-old son of John James and opium under surveillance, and and gone over in detail by ten thousand of the world's leading scientists The drug is peculiar to Mexico, and who will arrive here Monday for the stove to see it blaze up.

is taken in the form of a cigarette. 69th meeting of the American Asso-Many wild geese are being mark-It is composed of the crushed leaves ciation for the Advancement of Scieted at Washington.

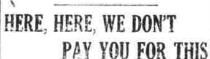
of a weed. Hallucinations of great ence which convenes Tuesday. Presphysical strength and valor are in- ident Charles R. Van Hise, president made along the Carolina coast.

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duced. At the same time the user of the University of Wisconsin, will The New Bern Chamber of Comimagines he is a giant while other preside. Twenty- seven different sometce will have its annual banquet persons and objects are dwarfed. cieties will participate. in January.

the looked for the Japanese shortharge on the way to Europe has and sign, translated: "Drinks sold een requested to ask any submarine here." Appearing over the door of commander he happens to meet to warly one-third of the stores in any

tatm.



(By the United Press)

men going from civil life into the

military service to help officer the

new regiments formed during the

Rev. B. F. Huske, rector of an

At our cry of "Kori-Kori," the lady in the kimona dived into a strong box and emerged with a piece of ice, slightly larger than the loaf of anitary sugar found here on restaurant tables, carefully unwrapped and washed it, and then put the ice under

a shaving machine. It was quite a commony, and curious children gathered to witness the performance. All railroad tickets are printed one ide Japanese and the other in Eng-

mineral water, "Tan-San"; beer, a

noor variety, and what would cor-

espond to American pop, all luke-

lish. Signs in Japanese and English announce the name of the station. and there is even a sign board reading: "The principal points of interest here are-."

It is said that the lack of linguis-**TOWNS AND COUNTIES** tic facility of the avorage Englishman is the reason he refuses to learn the **OF EAST'N CAROLINA** ongues of other people, and hence

all nations have to learn his. On our Louis Arthur of Greenville will reway to Yokahoma there were twenceive a commission in the Army. He ty-six nationalities on the ship, each is expected to go to the cavalry person practicing English on the othbranch. He is one of many young er. It was the only way they could

> converse in common. At Kobe a fat, uncomfortable Russian, was trying his best to explain to a Japanese secret service man just why he left the

army. The conversation had our own Episcopal church in New Bern, has language sounding like Sam Bernard

> high cost of living. There is quite a bit of faking about

death when he threw gasoline into a Everybody in hotels and shops says

an explanation from six persons at pects you to walk."

our table as to how they wanted their But we didn't; we rode the twelve eggs he listened gravely to each; miles in chairs,

FOR OVER CHRISTMAS

(By the United Press)

Washington, Dec. 22 .-- Congress little town this sign can be seen two will quit work today and go home for blocks away. Drinks on sale include hristmas.

> In anticipation of the adjournment many solons departed several days igo. But the big crowd leaves today. The President was not much in faor of the idea, nor was Speaker Clark, because there is so much legislation for the thoroughly democratic present congress to finish before it dies March 4 and is replaced by

one not quite so democratic. However, President Wilson did not disapprove" of this adjournment acording to Democratic Leader Kithin. To make up the time thus lost oth houses will convene between ten ind eleven o'clock for the remainder of the session. Kitchin said all appropriation bills would be passed, and there will be no special sessions.

then said blandly: "Never mind," and brought them in soft boiled all around.

Reaching Yoshida at four, one afternuon, it being necessary to travel on to Lake Shoji immediately in order to catch a steamer train, we told the proprietor of the inn that we wanted two carriages.

"Yes," he answered. An hour passed and two coolies showed ut with our baggage on their shoulders.

"Are the carriages coming?" we asked, as it had begun to rain, and and Weber and Fields discussing the we thought of Lake Shoji twelve miles away.

"Yes," he answered. After anothof Staton's Mill was burned to Japanese proficiency in English. er half hour's wait the host started bowing us out. Just then a young he understands, but frequently his Japanese, home from Dartmouth Colsole acquaintance with the language lege, appeared. We explained our is "Yes" and "No." We did run predicament. After a short talk al outline similar bills introduced in Large catches of mullet are being across a waiter who knew two more with the hotel proprietor he said: words: "Never mind." Given quite "He hasn't any carriages, he ex-

The Tewas believe the Sky is the lusband of the Earth. They believe he Sun is a man who walks across he sky behind a yellow shield in ummer, clad in white doeskins ornanented with beads. In the winter he green. Their year begins today al their New Year's Day is founded pon the belief that the sun stands till in the sky to mark a new twelve month

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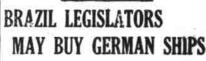
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(By the United Press) BRITISH RETAKE TOWN.

London, Dec. 22 .- After two years' occupation by the enemy, the British have retaken El Arish, says the War Office.



Rio de Janeiro, Nov. 28-(By Mail) -A bill proposing the purchase of the German ships interned in Brazilian harbors was presented in the lower house of congress and will come up for discussion within a few weeks. This bill is said to follow in generthe legislative bodies of both Argentina and Chile with the exception of that part referring to stocks of Brazilian coffee held by Germany, being used to pay for the ships.