

ARGUMENT TO JURY IS APPROACHING END

Third Day of the Argument Started by Mr. Frank Armfield This Morning. — Mr. John T. Dooling Followed.

THREE MORE ARE TO SPEAK Mr. Dooling Will Be Followed by Messrs. Hartzell and Cansler, and L. C. Caldwell Will Close for State.

At the convening of court at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, M. H. Caldwell, for the defense, continued his argument before the jury. He said that all the proceedings and all the evidence presented here to him seemed "much about nothing."

The statement that Afton Means was said to have made at the moving picture show, that Mrs. King was whirling the pistol around on her finger "like a fool woman," and accidentally shot herself, said Mr. Caldwell, had no bearing on the case.

Mr. Dooling, who has joined the aviation corps, left yesterday for a training camp in Kentucky. Mrs. L. S. Shirey, who has been quite sick for the past week, is improving steadily.

Prof. and Mrs. J. H. C. Fisher have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Katherine Brown, to Mr. Luther Bowman Barrie, the wedding to take place in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 8:30 Monday evening, December 24.

Miss Lucille Beatty has returned to her home in Charlotte, after spending the past week with relatives here. The Bazaar, held last Friday and Saturday under the auspices of the Civic Betterment Club, was a decided success.

Misses Stella Foll and Stella Maysenheimer are spending several days with friends in Charlotte. Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Moore and little daughter, of Belmont, spent the past week end with relatives here.

SHARP WATCH KEPT ON FOOD PRODUCTS

Because of the Temptations Thrown in the Way By War Conditions.—Adulteration of Food is a Danger.

MUCH SUGAR HAS BEEN ADULTERATED The Substances Used to Increase the Bulk of Articles Are Deleterious to Health in Many Cases.

(By International News Service.) Washington, Dec. 14.—Federal officers charged with the enforcement of the pure food laws are keeping an especially sharp watch on producers of food products because of the new temptations thrown in their way by war conditions.

Officials will be especially vigilant because there is more involved than fraud in selling a substance which is not wholly what it purports to be. The substances used to increase the bulk of articles are deleterious to health in many cases.

WHAT A GERMAN VICTORY WOULD MEAN. A Permanent Peace Must Remove the Rivalry of Power. (By The Associated Press.)

Amsterdam, Dec. 14.—German victory in the war would mean that the Germans "as the dominant race, would have to keep in subjection by force of arms the crushed and dispossessed people," asserts George Gotch, a leading Liberal member of the German Reichstag.

PLENTY OF SUGAR, SAYS CLAUS SPRECKELS. Declares That There is no Shortage Except in Spots. (By International News Service.)

Washington, Dec. 14.—Claus A. Spreckels, president of the Federal sugar refining company, testifying before the Senate Manufacturers subcommittee in the sugar investigation today, declared there is no sugar shortage "except in spots."

HEAVIEST DECEMBER SNOW STORM IN YEARS

New York and the Surrounding Territory Blanketed Under From Four to Six Inches of Snow Today.

TRAFFIC FACILITIES ARE PARALYZED The Central Railroad of New Jersey Forced to Abandon All Its Trains.—Telegraph Wires Down.

(By International News Service.) New York, Dec. 14.—Sweeping down from the northeast on the wings of a gale which reached a velocity of fifty miles an hour, the heaviest early December snowstorm in years, early today blanketed New York and the surrounding territory under from four to six inches of snow.

Outside of the Narrows the gale assumed the proportions of a hurricane. Snow and lighters were torn away from their moorings and a number of trans-Atlantic ships were unable to enter the harbor.

FURIOUS STORM IN THE NEW ENGLAND COAST. Plays Havoc With Traffic.—Trains all Running Behind. (By International News Service.)

Boston, Dec. 14.—Driven by a fifty mile gale from the east the New England coast was lashed by a snowstorm last night that played havoc with traffic. The trains on all roads entering Boston were from twenty minutes to one hour late.

CIVIL WAR ALL OVER RUSSIAN EMPIRE. Reliable Reports as to Result of Fighting Cannot Be Obtained. (By International News Service.)

Civil war has spread to practically every part of the Russian empire. Troops supporting the Bolsheviks are being engaged by Cossacks at many places. Reliable reports cannot be obtained as to the result of the fighting.

WAGONER-PATTERSON

Marriage of Two Popular Concord Young People to Take Place This Evening.

This evening at 8 o'clock Mr. Charles B. Wagoner and Miss Janice Alexander Patterson will be united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. K. Patterson, on North Union street.

GERMANY MAKES DENIAL. That a Neutral Government Has Sounded England For Peace. (By International News Service.)

Amsterdam, Dec. 14.—A flat denial of Foreign Minister Balfour's recent declaration in the House of Commons that a neutral government had sounded England for Germany upon the possibilities of peace was made in a German official statement received here today.

LOOKING FOR THE BOLD, BAD BANDITS. Five Youthful Bandits Get \$46,730 From a Chicago Bank. (By International News Service.)

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Every available detective and policeman in Chicago today is searching for the five youthful automobile bandits who robbed the LaGrange State Bank. A careful audit of the bank's cash resulted in the announcement early today that the bandits obtained \$46,730, the largest bank loot obtained in the Middle West in years.

ARMY NEGOTIATIONS AT BREST-LITOVSK. Armistice is Signed, Russian Delegates Are Empowered to Enter into Peace Negotiations. (By The Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 14.—Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, according to Reuter dispatch from Petrograd, announces that if an armistice for the eastern front is signed at Brest-Litovsk, the Russian delegates are empowered to enter into peace negotiations.

RAID ON I. W. W. HEAD-QUARTERS AT CLEVELAND

Tons of Inflammatory Posters and Dodgers Were Seized. (By International News Service.)

Cleveland, O., Dec. 14.—Tons of inflammatory posters, dodgers, post cards and other printed matter was seized by Federal authorities here today following a raid last night on I. W. W. headquarters here.

Miss Margaret Wilson is Guest of Charlotte Today. Charlotte, Dec. 13.—Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of President Woodrow Wilson, arrived in Charlotte this evening at 7:30 and will be the guest of the city during Friday and Saturday.

THE COAL SITUATION DOES NOT IMPROVE. For the information of my customers I will state that I haul out a great deal of coal for the different cotton mills of this city and when you see my wagons hauling coal it is not evidence that I have orders on my books for today.

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BOLENEVIK FORCES WERE SUCCESSFUL

In the First Clash With the Counter Revolutionists.—The Reports from Various Sources, However, Conflict

SEVERE FIGHTING IS GOING ON Intermittent Artillery Activity Continues on French Front—Not Known Where Germany Will Strike Blow.

(By The Associated Press.) The Bolshevik forces apparently have been successful in the first clash with the counter revolutionists. It is reported that they have captured the towns of Tamanovka and Kaluga.

There is a railroad town named Paluga, 100 miles southwest of Moscow, and if this is the town referred to in the unofficial report from Petrograd it appears that the counter revolutionists have approached nearer old Russian capital than previous reports have indicated.

East of the Brest river on the Northern Italian front there has been further bitter fighting. Austro-German troops, reinforced by fresh reserves, attacked the Italian position in the valleys descending toward the river from the Rella Bretta region.

German bombs have killed a number of railroad engineers in a town behind the British front. In another town a German bomb fell in a street through which American troops were marching.

The suggestion should "bring joy to the hearts of renters and lessees of homes in all parts of the country," the fuel administrator says, if made effective.

With the assistance of the Fuel Administration, I am doing everything in my power to secure for Concord sufficient fuel. Yours truly, A. A. FOUNDS.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady 3 to 5 Points Lower.—Later Sells 19 to 29 Points Lower. (By International News Service.)

New York, Dec. 14.—The cotton market opened steady and about 3 to 5 points lower. The market eventually sold off 18 to 29 points under last night's close.

Many Christmas Specials at Lip-Pard & Hartley's. See new ad.

British Lecturers to Address American Soldiers. (By International News Service.)

With the American Army in France, Dec. 13.—(By The Associated Press.) A number of American railway engineers have been killed by German aerial bombs in a town somewhere behind the British front.

Fireman and Baggage Man Were Fatally Injured. (By The Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 14.—In a collision on the Southern railroad this morning near Calhoun, S. C., between north-bound local train No. 46, and south-bound express and mail train No. 43 the fireman and baggage man of the express train were fatally injured and several passengers slightly injured.