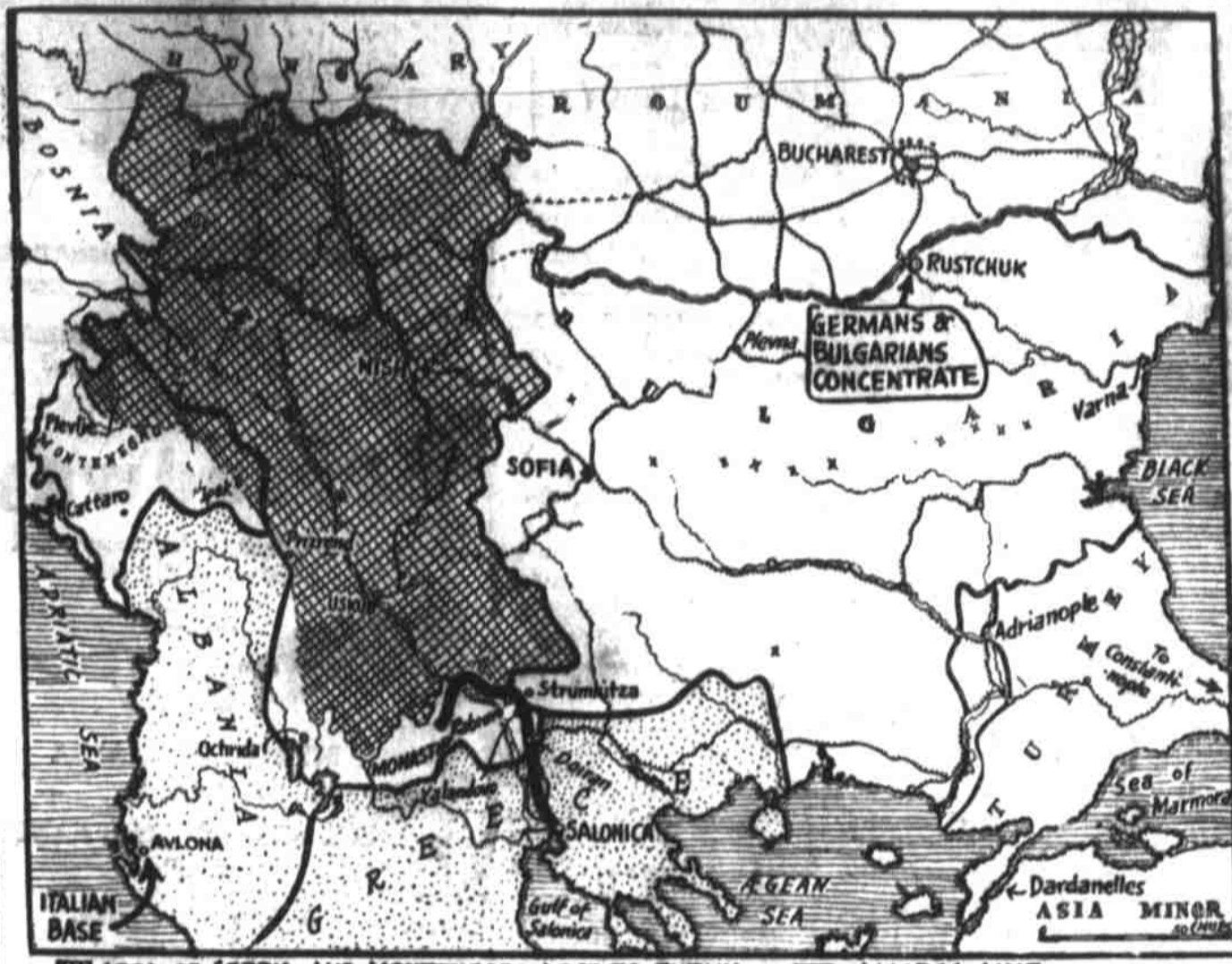


THE OPERATIONS OF THE ARMIES FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS



With the Italians entering the Balkan campaign and the Germans and Bulgarians concentrating a force on the Danube to meet a possible Russian invasion, Austria is increasing her efforts to summarily dispose of Montenegro.

COUNTY IS SPEEDING UP ON ROAD WORK

Road Force Begins Thursday to Improve Balance High Point-Greensboro Road. OTHER HIGHWAY MATTERS Will Widen Principal Roads, Providing For Sidewalks—No Protests Were Recorded.

For once in many meetings, the county commissioners in regular session yesterday failed to be flooded with long and loud protests from delegations of citizens concerning work on the county highways, which caused the much worried burden-bearers of the county affairs considerable satisfaction, as it is some indication that their efforts to give better roads to the Guilford people are meeting with at least fair degree of success.

Probably the most important decision was to at once begin work of improving the portion of the High Point-Greensboro road between the two pieces of high class work now practically complete. A force of men will be placed on the High Point-Greensboro highway tomorrow to undertake the repair work between the asphalt stretches at either end.

There is a force of convicts now at work on the Randleman road, and reports of good progress are received daily. All road work in the county, in fact, is reported to be progressing nicely; and little time is being lost during the winter to better the county's public highways. A large amount of repair work is contemplated for the spring months. There was submitted a report from election officials in Rock Creek township to the effect that the election held on December 14 to decide the question of a special school tax was carried by a majority of the registered voters.

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CALL FOR ELECTION ON QUESTION OF BONDS FOR PAVING POSTPONED

The city council at their meeting last night did not issue the official call for the bond election for street improvement on account of the fact that City Manager Lyon had not completed the list of judges and registrars. The date for the election together with the adoption of the resolution calling the election which names the judges and registrars will be done very likely at the next meeting of the council on Tuesday, January 18. The election can be set for any time 30 days thereafter.

The Weather

Cloudy tonight and Thursday; probably local rains; warmer tonight in the eastern portion; colder Thursday in west; fresh southwest to northeast winds.

WASHINGTON STILL WAITING FOR FACTS

The Administration is Marking Time in the Newest International Crisis.

ASKS FOR INFORMATION

All Government Machinery Set to Work Getting Reports on the Persia Affair.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The administration continued today to mark time in the situation arising from the sinking of the British steamer Persia while awaiting definite information concerning the attack on the vessel. Until the full facts are in hand the next move in the new crisis with the Teutonic power will not be determined upon.

Only two Americans were on board when the vessel was sunk. The American consul at Marseilles today advised the state department that he had obtained a passenger list from steamship agents there and had definitely fixed the number of Americans at two: Robert McNeely, of Monroe, N. C., and Charles H. Grant, of Boston.

Acting under instructions from the President, Secretary Lansing has ordered American consular officials to obtain affidavits from Persia survivors and to immediately cable a summary of the testimony to the state department.

A report has been sent to Ambassador Penfield at Vienna, requesting him to make an inquiry at the Austrian foreign office.

While the situation is still as tense as ever officials here are hopeful that a new way will be found for an amicable settlement of the issue.

STEAMER THESSALONIKI STILL FLOATS AND CALLS FOR HELP

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 5.—The Greek steamer Thessaloniki was still afloat early today and urgent calls are being sent out for help. A wireless received by the United States brought the information and denied the report that the crippled steamer had been entirely abandoned and that the captain and crew were received by the United States.

The 300 passengers of the Thessaloniki were taken off by the Patria, which is due here some time today.

PINE LUMBER MANUFACTURERS PROTEST AGAINST RATES

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 5.—Pine lumber manufacturers of Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina complained today to the Interstate Commerce commission that the rate on their products from Norfolk, Richmond, Roanoke and other points to Pittsburgh and other points in that territory are unjust and unreasonable compared with rates on lumber from points in Tennessee, Mississippi and other southern states.

ATLANTA VOTING ON RECALL OF MAYOR WOODWARD

(By the Associated Press.)

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 5.—Recall of Mayor James G. Woodward and five Atlanta police commissioners is before the voters of Atlanta at a special election today. Efforts are being made to cast the six officials because they reduced from the chief to the captaincy James L. Beavers, who first became known outside of Atlanta by abolishing the restricted districts.

HARRIS GIVEN A LIGHT SENTENCE ON THE ROADS

David Harris, white, who pleaded guilty yesterday morning to the larceny of a pistol, coat and some collars from Frank Pickward was given 30 days on the roads by Judge Dalton this morning. Harris asked for the mercy of the court and he got it in large abundance, for, as the judge said, "it is about the lightest sentence a man ever got for stealing."

HEAVY ADVANCE IN RATES TO MEDITERRANEAN PORTS

New York, Jan. 5.—Activities in the Mediterranean caused an advance in war risk insurance by local companies today on cargoes for Mediterranean points and ships for the far east through the Suez canal. Rate of 10 per cent is quoted on cargoes and ships to belligerent countries, as compared with 5 of 1 per cent, before the sinking of the U. S. Ancon and the Yasaka Maru.

INTEREST GROWING IN PRAYER SERVICES

The Second of the Series Was Held at Wesley Memorial Church Last Night.

AT GREEN STREET TONIGHT

Third Service at Green Street Baptist This Evening by C. P. Coble and L. A. Peeler.

The second of the union prayer services was held last evening at Wesley Memorial Methodist church, the pastor, Dr. G. T. Rowe, announcing the hymns and introducing the speakers. Representatives from most of the churches in the city were present, as well as almost all of the pastors, and the meeting was a most interesting and enjoyable one.

The subject for discussion was "The Unity of the Church Throughout the World." Rev. A. W. Claxon, the first speaker, spoke of the reasons for hope that such unity would finally prevail and indicated certain facts which at the present time shows a strong tendency in this direction. "All the churches," said he, "have the same living Christ, the Christian religion, being peculiarly the religion of a person. All who are in this living Christ are united to one another."

"Another unifying power is the fact that Christian experience is essentially the same in all who have it in a genuine way," said the speaker. "Each person enters the kingdom just as every other does, that is, by believing and choosing for himself. Still another power making for unity is the fact that all have the same Bible, the Word of God," he declared.

"Another fact that is driving the churches to the essential core of Christianity," said Dr. Claxon, "is the tendency in modern times to emphasize whatever really makes men and to ignore whatever does not. The world is looking for men that can put things over. Vital religion makes such men, and nothing else does."

Rev. A. G. Dixon, the second speaker, began his remarks by noting the logical sequence between unity in the churches and peace. "That they might be one" is the Saviour's prayer, because then "the world will believe," and when the world believe we will have peace.

"Let us try," said the speaker, "to see the world and the church from God's standpoint. How does he see things?" The church has gone right just in proportion as it has been able to overcome pride and prejudice and let God have his will through it. The subject this evening is unity among the churches and not the union of the churches into one great denomination. We believe in unity, but most of us think that group work and friendly rivalry brought about by the fact that there are denominations are wholesome.

"However," said Mr. Dixon, "many denominational walls ought to be broken down to stop a waste of men and money. People that believe alike and work alike ought to get together. While I am not a union crank, I am a union enthusiast."

The services this evening will be held at 7:30 at Green Street Baptist church. The subject will be "The Family and Training of Our Youth." Rev. C. P. Coble and Rev. L. A. Peeler will be the speakers.

JUDGE W. R. ALLEN'S NAME PRESENTED FOR OUR HIGHEST COURT

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 5.—The names of W. R. Allen, member of the North Carolina Supreme court, and Joseph W. Davis, solicitor general, of the department of justice, have been presented to President Wilson to fill the vacancy on the Supreme court of the United States, caused by the death of Associate Justice Lamar.

The President has not yet given serious consideration to the question but is expected to reach a decision as quickly as possible.

VENABLE LEADS SPECIAL ELECTION IN MISSISSIPPI

Meridian, Miss., Jan. 5.—W. W. Venable, of Meridian, seemed apparently today to have a comfortable lead over his five opponents in yesterday's special election in the fifth Mississippi district for a successor to the late Representative S. A. Witherspoon. With two counties yet to hear from and with incomplete returns in the eight other counties, he had a vote of 4,348 against 3,762 for his combined opposition.

NEARLY 300 MORE BORN THAN DIED

In High Point Township Last Year Births Number 484 and Deaths 200.

GAIN IN THE CITY WAS 201

Total Deaths in This City Was 168, and the Number of Births Was 369.

During the year 1915 there were 484 births in High Point township and 200 deaths, making the net gain of births 284. In the city there were 369 births during the year and in the township outside of the city there were 122. There were 168 deaths in High Point and 32 in the township outside of the corporate limits for the year 1915.

May led in the birth rate in the city, there being 39, and May led in the township, there being 18 registered. December was the largest death rate month both in the city and the township, six deaths being recorded outside of the city and 19 within the limits for that month.

The number of births and deaths within the city as given out by Dr. D. A. Stanton, vital statistics registrar, are: Births—January, 34; February, 38; March, 29; April, 16; May, 39; June, 30; July, 34; August, 37; September, 31; October, 36; November, 21; December, 24. Total, 369.

Deaths—January, 12; February, 10; March, 15; April, 9; May, 13; June, 15; July, 17; August, 14; September, 16; October, 18; November, 10; December, 19. Total, 168.

Township.

The number of births and deaths for the year as recorded by the vital statistician for the township outside of the city, W. G. Brown, are as follows: Births—January, 8; February, 7; March, 4; April, 11; May, 18; June, 8; July, 10; August, 10; September, 11; October 10; November 10; December, 7. Total, 115.

Deaths—January, 2; February, 2; March, 2; April, 5; May, 4; June, 1; July, 4; August, 3; September, 1; October, 2; November, 0; December, 6. Total, 32.

PAN-AMERICANISM CONTINUES PRINCIPAL OBJECT OF DISCUSSION

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 5.—The chief interest in the work of the Pan-American Scientific congress was again today centered in the section for the study of international law when the speakers discussed some plans of Pan-Americanism. An avowal of non-interference was advocated as unavoidable necessity in the creation of greater Pan-Americanism by Dr. Luis Alfredo Otero, of Colombia. Unqualified support of the Monroe doctrine was given by Dr. Manuel Cavalcanti, of Brazil, in his address on problems of international law peculiar to the Americas.

BILL INTRODUCED FOR COMPULSORY SERVICE

London, Jan. 5.—Under the terms of the compulsory military bill as introduced in the house of commons today, all males between the ages of 18 and 41 who are bachelors or widowers without children dependent upon them are liable for military service.

Ireland is excluded in the terms of the measure.

Mr. Asquith said that no case was made out for general compulsion and that the bill he was introducing could be supported by those opposing conscription.

GREECE LODGES A VIGOROUS PROTEST AGAINST ENTENTE

The Greek government has made vigorous protest to the entente against arrest of Greek subjects at Saloniki, according to Athens advices in a note demanding in energetic terms the immediate release of the arrested persons.

Berlin hears that the Greek minister at Sofia has informed Bulgaria that Greece will use all means at her disposal to support the recent protest against the arrest of the Germans and other consuls at Saloniki, Greece, desiring to maintain her good relations with the central powers.

A French official statement declares a Bulgarian detachment is pillaging villages on the Greek frontier.

PERSIA SURVIVORS REACH ALEXANDRIA; MANY IN BANDAGES

(By the Associated Press.)

London, Jan. 4.—(Delayed.)—Survivors of the British steamship Persia, which was torpedoed in the Mediterranean last Thursday, have reached Alexandria, Egypt, according to Reuter's correspondent at that place, showing traces of the shock with bruised and bandaged limbs.

The tragedy was enacted so rapidly the survivors say that they hardly realized what had happened. Every one was in good humor and five minutes later those who escaped were in boats or clinging to refuse.

Everything is being done for the comfort of the survivors. Charles Grant, of Boston, believed to be the only American now able to tell the story of the disaster, is a guest on board the United States cruiser Des Moines.

HAITIEN REBELS ATTACK AMERICAN MARINES

Port au Prince, Haiti, Jan. 5.—A revolutionary outbreak occurred at 2 o'clock a. m. The Port au Prince fort of the American marines was attacked. One of the rebels was killed by the Americans who suffered no losses.

Johnson's Name to the Senate

Washington, Jan. 5.—The President has sent to the senate the nomination of Joseph Johnson, of Spartanburg, S. C., to be United States district judge for the western district of South Carolina.

HUMANE SOCIETY WON THE VERDICT

Collins Horney Convicted in Recorder's Court on Charge of Cruelty to a Horse.

QUESTION OF TREATMENT

Mr. Horney Claimed That Beating Was the Only Way to Treat a "Balky" Horse.

The High Point Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals which was recently organized, held away in the municipal court this morning, prosecuting two cases and securing a conviction in one of them. Mrs. R. C. Soyars is the executive officer of the society and she acts for this society, which is composed of many of the leading citizens of High Point and has support of "all the right-thinking people of the city."

Before starting the cases this morning, Judge Dalton made the announcement as to Mrs. Soyars' part in the prosecution, declaring that she was acting for the Humane society. "I heard somebody yesterday ask about where 'Mrs. Soyars got on' in these cases, and I am explaining for their benefit and for the public generally," said he.

Collins Horney was fined \$5 and the costs for cruel treatment to one of his horses Monday morning by beating the animal over the head with the butt end of a whip. The trial of this case consumed considerable more than an hour's time. Horney acted as his own attorney and after the State had examined four witnesses he called nine of his own.

The case resolved itself into the treatment which should be accorded a "balking" horse. Horney contended that this particular horse was of the balky nature and that he thought he was giving it the necessary treatment. The evidence for the state consisted in the testimony from Officer Welch, L. C. Petrie, E. F. Wall and John Hayworth. After whipping the horse these witnesses said Horney hit it several blows over the head with the large end of the whip. All of these witnesses considered the treatment cruel and unmerciful.

The statement of Ed. Fields and Horace Ragan, horsemen, and called as witnesses by the defendant, that the treatment described was unnecessary and unmerciful probably had more effect than anything else on Judge Dalton's decision. "I do not know much about a balking horse," said the judge, "but I know that this was no way to treat any kind of a horse."

The other case was against "Umph" Barringer, negro, and Charles Gillen a white boy, who were driving Horney's moving van back from Greensboro last Monday, when a horse which was tied behind in some way got its left leg caught under the rope, a gash 2 1/2 inches wide and 6 inches long being cut in it. The judge took the view that while the horse suffered much pain from the occurrence, that the defendants could not be held criminally liable and were discharged.