

## CHEMICAL MAY CAUSE EXPLOSIONS

Detectives Investigating What is Alleged to Be a Deep Plot.

IT MAY BE MIXED WITH COAL ON SHIPS

Investigators Working On a New Clue in Regard to "Accidents" on Ships Loaded With Munitions—Rochambeau May Again be a Victim.

New York, Dec. 2.—Acting upon suspicion that fires which have started in the coal bunkers of steamships loaded with munitions of war for the allies were caused by a chemical mixed with coal. Federal and city detectives are working as coal trimmers in the bunkers of some of the steamers now loading here. One of the steamers whose coal supply is being carefully inspected in the French liner Rochambeau, which caught fire on her last east bound voyage and is loading here to sail for Bordeaux.

## SHIPPING BILL AGAIN READY

Measure That Failed at Last Congress Once More to the Front.

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## CITES DEWEY AS A PRECEDENT

In Action of American Admiral Counsel For Hamburg—American Accused Finds Vindication.

CASE WILL GO TO THE JURY TODAY

Counsel For Defense Makes Earnest Speech in Behalf of His Clients and Tells What Was Done to Help Dewey's Ships—"Not a Crime Then, Nor Now", He Asserts.

New York, Dec. 2.—Counsel for the four indicted officials of the Hamburg-American Line whose case goes late today to the jury, went back in summing up this morning, to the days of Dewey at Manila, for what he termed a parallel and a vindication of the acts of his clients in sending coal and supplies to the German fleet in the South Atlantic in the early days of the war.

## QUART LAW OF STATE DECLARED TO BE VALID

North Carolina Supreme Court Upholds This Important Statute.

## IT IS NECESSARY

Declares The Court to Enforce The Prohibition Law—Says Webb-Kenyon Act Valid—Three Death Sentences Are Affirmed.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 2.—The upholding of the North Carolina quart law and the affirmation of three death sentences gave yesterday's decisions of the Supreme Court of North Carolina state-wide interest.

The liquor act of the 1915 general assembly stands and all judges who have decided cases in the lower courts are affirmed. The solitary case that has been carried up from below was decided today after a recess of several months added to the fall sitting. The decision came no earlier than it was expected. Near the close of the spring term a special order was made of a Wake county case but the court adjourned without attempting any agreement. A decision of 16 typewritten pages is handed down and a hand-to-hand reading shows that the lawyers have read it more than they have done any other in months.

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## CENTRAL POWERS WARN GREECE

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PRESIDENT WILSON & MRS. GALT.

The picture shows President Wilson and his fiancée, Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt, watching the Army-Navy football game at the Polo Grounds, New York, on Saturday. The President entertained a large party at the game, among his guests being Mrs. Galt, her mother, Mrs. William H. Bolling; her sister, Miss Bertha Bolling; Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. McAdoo, Mrs. Anne Howe, the President's sister, Miss Margaret Wilson, Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, Dr. Cary Grayson and others.

## ANOTHER BIG GERMAN MOVE

Expected and May Be Against The Russian Campaign On Bulgaria.

MAY ATTACK THE ANGLO-FRENCH FORCES

The Teutonic Troops Are Pressing the Campaign Against Montenegro—The Greek Situation Remains Unsettled, With Greece Standing Pat.

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## HENRY FORD TELLS OF HIS PLANS

His Peace Ship Will Leave Saturday On Trip to War Torn Europe.

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## CONSTANT CHURCH WORK THE THING

TODAY'S FURTHER PROGRAM.

The anniversary of the board of church extension of the North Carolina Methodist Conference will be held at Grace Street Methodist church this evening at 7:30 o'clock, the address being delivered by Dr. McMurray, of the general board. The Bishop announced that Mr. Duke and Dr. McMurray have some plans on foot that will be of great benefit to the State, of such importance that he would like to see the North Carolina Methodist Conference give special prominence to the anniversary. Mr. Duke has recently given a princely sum to the Methodist church, a part of which is to be used for church extension.

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## And Not Spasmodic Campaigns, Declares Bishop Kilgo, Who Is Against "Isms"

## SECOND DAY OF METH. CONFERENCE

Business Meeting This Morning a Fine One—Classes Called and Pronounced Best Found By Bishop In Any of the Conferences—Splendid Address on Tonight's Program

A large crowd was in attendance at the business session this morning. Business was so largely interspersed with both laughter and tears that no one grew tired of the session. Bishop Kilgo lets no moment drag, his eloquence and wit enlivens the sessions. Especially impressive was his advice to the young preachers as they made their reports and his loving "God bless you, my dear." "Do you love to preach?" was the question he often put and his face lighted up with the common joy he enjoyed with the young men as they gave their experiences.

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