Fair tonight and Friday, Tempera, ture near freezing tonight. Light

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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 Vic- North Carolina Supreme Court

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 mixel with coal. Federal and city de tectives 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.

The investigators said they had re. Special to The Dispatch. ceived information from an undisclosto prevent shipments of war munitions and when the coal is impregnated with this compound it will take fire spontaneously.

SHIPPING BILL

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

Washington, Dec. 2 .- Draft of the Administration's shipping bill., to take the place of the measure that failed + + + + + + + + + + + + of passage at the last session of Congress, was in the hands of the House + CENTRAL POWERS WARN Merchant Marine Committee today. |-It was prepared after a conference + between Secretaries McAdoo and Red- + Athens, Greece. Nov. 30 (Via + field and would have Congress ap- Paris, Dec. 2.)-Representatives * propriate \$50,000,000 for merchant + of Austria and Germany have inships to be used as naval auxiliaries. + formed the Greek government, + eral board with jurisdiction over + the demands of the quadruple endeep water traffic similar to that ex- + tente are granted the Central + ercised by the Interstate Commerce + Empire will "cease to consider + Commission over the railroads.

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DECLARED TO BE VALID

Upholds This Important Statute.

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

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 2.—The uphold source that a chemical compound ing of the North Carolina Quart law is being tested by persons seeking 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 as- Mrs. McAdoo, Mrs. Anne Howe, the dise feathers. sembly 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 agreement. A decision of 16 typewritten pages is handed down and a handto-hand reading shows that the lawyers have rea it more than they have done any other in months.

The three murderers who find no help from the court are Jim Cooper, of (Continued on Page Six.)

The bill, too, would create a Fed + according to Neon Asty, that if + ♣ Greek Macedonia as friendly ♣ * territory."

CITES DEWEY AS A PRECEDEN

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

CASE WILL GO TO

Larnest Speech in Behalf of scrap iron. His Clients and Tells What Nor Now", He Asserts.

New York, Dec. 2 .- Counsel for the four indicted officials of the Hamburg-American Line whose case goes late loday to the jury, went back, in sum-

defraud the United States? Let's see Let's go back a few years to the time when Dewey sunk the Spanish fleet and blockaded the port of Manila from May to August 1898.

plies during the blockade. How did An American firm at the British port their Serbian campaign. of Hong Kong-Jackson and Evans, I think it was-loaded coal and provisions on a British steamer and cleared THE JURY TODAY those supplies for Macao, China and for Macao these ships sailed out of Hong Kong. Their manifests made no

"What happened? This so-called scrap iron-the supplies of food and Was Done to Help Dewey's coal—was transferred to Dewey's ships at sea. The carrier-vessel then went Ships—"Not a Crime Then, at sea. The carrier iron, to Macao really loaded with scrap iron, but scrap iron from the ruins of Cavipe frontier and, at heavy cost, have

battered down by Dewey's guns. to say that sailing out of Hong Kong ing that marked the Serbian cam- open. Nice lunches served from 12; + for American warships these steam paign last month and which has now ers, their owners, agents or ships'

ming up this morning, to the days of commanders committed an offense Newey at Manila, for what he termed a against Her Majesty, the Queen of tiations at Athens, the Greek situaparallel and a vindication of the acts England. What is the difference beof his clients in sending coal and sup- tween this and that? What was a ago. It is now clear that Greece is plies to the German fleet in the South crime in August, 1914, was a crime now determined not to demoblize or Atlantic in the early days of the war. in August, 1898. The law has not withdraw her army from Saloniki. Was this wrong?" asked William changed. No, it was not a crime then; Rand, Jr., chief counsel for the defense, it is not a crime now. It is simply a ported on either the eastern or west-near the Serbian border. Germany "Was this conspiracy to deceive and question of whose ox was gored?"



son and his fiancee, Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt, watching the Army-Navy

The picture shows President Wil- President's sister; Miss Margaret Wil- worth League banquet is to be son, Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, Dr.

Cary Grayson and others. Mrs. Galt wore a becoming costume | with the Bishop and presiding elspotball game at the Polo Grounds, of black velvet and white fox furs ders as guests of honor. New York, on Saturday. The Presi- with a corsage bouquet of mauve or | Friday afternoon, at the Wilgame, among his guests, being. Mrs. of color in a drab day. The game was | banquet will be given. Rev. John + Calt, her mother, Mrs. William H. played in rain and dense tog. Her & C. Wooten is president of the Bolling; her sister, Miss Bertha Boli- small and rather high hat was of Alumni Association and Rev. J. + ing; Secretary of the Treasury and black velvet, topped with black para- . M. Daniels is manager of the

ANOTHER BIG GERMAN HOVE DEMOCRATS ARE

The Russian Campaign On Bulgaria.

MAY ATTACK THE ANGLO-FRENCH FORCES

The Teutonic Troops Are Pressing the Campaign Against Montenegro-The Unsettled, With Greece Standing Pat.

London, Dec. 2.-Military events in the Balkans are apparently in another German offensive, but whetier it will be against the Franco-British forces, who hold all that remains of Serbia, or against the Russians. some quarters as indicating the sec- belligerents. ond alternative. With Prisrend in they get them? Why it is no secret. | mally announced the completion of Christmas" had been given up.

ture of more than 60,000 Serbians by just the same." General von Koevess during the month of November alone. Moreover it seems certain that the Serbians in

ment. the Montenegrins on the Montenegrin forms that are being suggested. penetrated for some distance beyond "Has anybody ever been sent to the border. Yet this struggle is not of Ladies' Aid Society, Germania Hall almost ceased.

> Notwithstanding the entente nego-No changes of significance were re- buca, in northeastern Montenegro, requested to do so. er front during the last 24 hours.

Expected and May Be Against HENRY FORD TELLS OF HIS PLANS

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

New York, December 2, -- Henry Ford returned to New York from Detroit today and made the first an-Greek Situation Remains nouncement of definite plans for his peace expedition which sails for Europe Saturday on the Scandinavian-American liner, Oscar II.

Mr. Ford denied that he has any intention of instigating a strike among the soldiers in the trenches. During the voyage members of his party will be selected as prominent transitory stage, which may presage peace delegates to remain in Europe. He expects other neutral countries to send delegates to meet the American peace party at some place yet to be selected, probably The Hague. A general convention will then be held to who may launch an attack against decide further steps. Mr. Ford pro-Bulgaria from the east the present posed that each neutral country apsituation gives no indication. A Sa- point five members of a prominent loniki dispatch that reported the body. This volunteer court of arbiwithdrawal of Field Marshal von tration will map out a scheme for es-Mackensen's forces from the Serbian tablishment of peace with the hope of frontier to Bulgaria is interpreted in devising terms acceptable to all the

Louis P. Lochner, secretary of the "Dewey's ships needed coal and sup- Bulgarian hands both the Austro- expedition, said the idea of "getting Germans and Bulgarians have for the boys out of the trenches by

"The whole thing is trying the im-Vienna officially estimates the cap- possible," he said, "but we are trying

Civil Service Reformers Meet.

Philadelphia, December 2.-The au-Counsel For Defense Makes mention of supplies. The manifests retreating over the mountain passes nual convention of the National Civil encumbered by civilian refugess and Service Reform League opened here wintry weather were forced to leave from all parts of the country. Speakbehind a large part of their equip- ers of National prominence will be heard on the civil service system in The Germans are now engaging city, State and Nation, and on the re-

GRAND BAZAAR

jail for this? The first man has yet comparable to the sanguinary fight- corner Front and Orange streets, now noon to 2 p. m. and after 4 p. m. Public cordially invited.-Advt.

> Pressing War on Montenegro. Teutonic forces pressing their cam- made formal denial of the report of the modern religion, the insuffipaign against Montenegro have oc- + that China is considering joining + ciency to meet the supreme moments preachers Bishop Kilgo fitterrup army headquarters announced foday. * * *

CONSTANT CHURCH WORK THE THING

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 * Tr. McMurray have some plans & on foot that will be of great ben-• efit to the State, of such impor-+ tance that he would like to see + + the North Carolina Methodist + Conference give special promirence to the anniversary. Mr. r 4 Duke has recently given a prince-1 ly sum to the Methodist church, 1 * a part of which is to be used for * & church extension.

Any one who thinks that * church extension is a dry subject * + is due to change his mind after + hearing an address on the sub-+ ject by Dr. McMurray, wrapped + + about as his addresses are with + + so many anecdotes and jokes. A + & delightful evening s entertain- & ♦ ment is guaranteed with Dr. Mc. ♦ # Murray on the platform.

This afternoon at 5:30 an Ep. + given by the Wilmington lea- + + guers at the Wilmington Hotel, +

♣ This afternoon at 3 o'clock ♣ Rev. Walter Patton of Chapel . · Hill preached at Grace church.

Both Cloture Rule and President Protem of Senate Giving Much Trouble.

Washington, Dec. 2.-The contest over the adoption the rule of cloture of debate was renewed when the Serate Democrats continued their caucus teday. The way for action on the measure had been made as result of an agreement reached by special rule committee prescribing the limiting of debate to prevent a filibuster. The cloture provides means for forcing a measure to a vote whenever filibus tering tactics become apparent.

Indications were that the rule would not be approved without a vigorous fight. Several Democratic Senators had announced their intention of opposing it. A lively contest was also promised over the caucus selection omorrow of a president pro tempora of the Senate.

Senator Clarke, of Arkansas, who is candidate for re-election to that place, will have Senator Pomerene of Ohio, as an opponent?

The entrance of the latter into the race is the culmination of opposition o Senator Clarke because of his autagonism to the ship purchase bill. Administration Democrats sought, however, to allay opposition for the sake of party harmony.

Democrats of the Ways and Means Committee again worked on commit. ed of it for?" he asked. tee assignments in the hope of completing their task today. The Republicans of the House also caucused over assignments of the minority to committee places.

STATE DEPARTMENT

Washington, December 2.-The encumbered by civilian refugess and Service Reform League opened here their progress made more difficult by today, with delegates in attendance the Austro Hungarian covernment on time, hear?" through Ambassador Penfield, a formal inquiry regarding the statement recently issued at the Department of Justice considered by the Austrian embassy as being in confirmation of the charges made by Dr. Goricar, a former Austrian consul.

Declares Bishop Kilgo, Who Is Against "Isms"

And Not Spasmodic Campaigns,

SECOND DAY OF METH. CONFERENCE

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

(By Susan Iden.)

the business session this morning, tered, but the underlying skeptical Business was so largely interspersed fact is that we are dealing with a with both laughter and tears that no preverted religion. Men are conone grew tired of the session. Bishop structing religion for themselves and Kilgo lets no moment drag, his elo- adopting it to their own notion. quence and wit enlivens the sessions. Especially impressive was his advice the to the young preachers as they made ligion and the true gospel dellytheir 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 bridegroom comes. Every pagan re-

men as they gave their experience.

Bishop Kilgo directed his fire in his pening remarks this morning against campaigns and "isms" in the church. "When a man is shooting at "Isms" he is shooting at nothing; when he is working at 'isms' he is working in the wind, he has lost his grip on realities.

"I'm opposed to campaigns in God's church for anything; they don't belong there. It just means a spell, it means you are going to have a spell along about dog days. What do you mean by 'Christianizing' a man? Do you mean you are going to soak him in the gospel and take him out and dry him like a chemist does when he oxidize a metal? We don't want a campaign of evangelism but an apostolic zeal and fire, being faithful unto

"Jesus Christ is not running a Ford factory, knocking out crowns for everyone who thinks he is fit for one. But out of His life and death and the empty tomb He brings you a new life dom," said the Bishop. The failure of and makes you a new man in Him one preacher last year to turn in a and that's no 'izing' business and you can't do it with a spell or a program "You go about talking about catch-

ing a fellow around the corner, shooting him in the back when he is not looking and Christianizing him. You have got to go out and meet the bridegroom, and I wouldn't give a flip for a preacher that didn't make this the supreme motive in his life." "Don't go off now," he continued,

"and say it is a pity you have got an antiquated man in the Episcopal Col lege, and not in sympathy with mod ern movements-well, bless God I am It is not evangelizing folks or having campaigns of evangelism-but go to work to save sinners, save them out of hell, save them in heaven," thundered the Bishop and the conference said "amen!" "What are you asham-"I don't know anything worse than

a 5-cent girl and a 10-cent man trying to pull off 25-cent wedding except those who were already deacons: H. a preacher of the calico religion who B. Porter, E. C. Durham, W. A ing to do a boulevard stunt. You RECEIVES INQUIRY of the soap of three generations—lye touch with the conforme in several soap, and out of an old goard, too. Quit putting on airs. Better be sure

Opening Exercises,

Read My Title Clear to Mansions In Smith, Nathan Wright, George Perry The Sky," said Bishop Kilgo this E. D. Dodd, W. V. McRas, Chas. E. morning promptly at 9:30 o'clock, the Vale, N. B. Strickland, Marvin, W. opening hour of the conference. Dr. Hester and Marcus W. Dargan. James J. T. Gibbs offered prayer, praying Morris and Clarence R. Canipe remain that a flame of revival may be kindled in the class of third year, and T. C. in Wilmington during this conference. Ellers was located at his own re-The morning lesson, from the 25th quest. chapter of St. Matthew, was read by

the Bishop. The central thought contained in L. Edwards, R. E. Pittman, C. E Peking, China, December 2 .- the lesson and emphasized by the Vale. John E. Blalock was continued Berlin, Dec. 2. (Via London)—The + The Chinese government has + Bishop was the inadequacy of much a deacon of one year.

> in sufficiency. . Our age is not one that is fighting

religion. Religion is popular, is pat-A large crowd was in attendance at ronized and the Master is even flat-"The battle goes on between

ered to us by Christ through His apostles. The contribution of character will amount to nothing when the common joy he enjoyed with the young ligion has exhausted that idea."

tendency to secularize re-

The Bishop then launched into a condemnation of campaigns and "isms" in religion. Characters Passod.

Question 22: "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official ad ministration," was continued where it was left off Wednesday, the presiding elder of each district having passed the test of characters and reporting for their districts. The districts were taken up in turn this morning, each name being called and all passing the test of character.

In the case of one charge where the report last year showed collections paid on missions and nothing on education and church extension, the Bishop expressed his displeasure at such discrimination, neglecting church extension and education, important features at home in favor of something thousands of miles away. "That's just 'figuring' into the kingreport called forth a few plain words from Bishop Kilgo who declared that it showed a bit of that growing tendency of indifference and carelessness of the age. "You just threw away 412 members of the flock, dumped them out of the window."

The names of the superannuates were called, the characters passed and the names referred to the committee on the superannuate relation with the exception of J. Y. Olds, who will go to the active list. The name of C. W. Smith, of the Elizabeth City district, was referred to the committee for the superannuate relation. F. T. Fulcher, of the Elzabeth Cty district; C. E. Durham, Washington district, were discontinued. Floyd L Smith, Washington district, was received from another church.

The following were advanced from the class of the second year to the class of the third year and elected to deacon's orders with the exception of

has gotten a few trappings of society Cade, W. F. Frawick, Daniel Lane ogy and philosophy in the pulpit try, and James Herbert Miller. The name of E. C. Barnette, Y. M. C. A. secsmell his hands and they will smell retary in China, who has not been in

Class of Fourth Year.

of the fourth year: T. W. Lee, Julian "Sing that old hymn, 'When I Can Midgette, B. B. Slaughter, H. C

The following traveling preachers were elected to elders' orders: R. G.

In calling the classes of youn cupied the towns of Plevije and Ja- + the entente powers or has been for crisis of life. The foolish virgins them now and then to inquire if they were not charged with infidelity but enjoyed preaching, if they were happy

in the work, if they could call a peni-(Continued on Page Three.)