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# WILMINGTON DISPATCH

LARGEST CIRCULATION IN WILMINGTON

WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA MONDAM AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 4, 1916

With Four Relief Measures

In Congress

lares That People Want Ac-

tion and Are Tired of

Inquiries.

One embargo resolution would pro-

butter, which might be held longer.

Money Sought of Congress,

For Customs House.

(By George H. Manning.)

it met at noon today.

propriated last year.

fice, \$30,000.

ALSO PRESENTED

**BIG PETITIONS ARE** 

rate on food.

favor of legislation.

traordinary events.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

WHO IS GOING TO WIN OVERLAND AUTOMOBILE?

Large List of Representative Women and Girls Determined to Win One of the Prizes Offered by The Dispatch-People of North Carolina to Decide the Winners.

THE PRIZES.

\$685 Overland Automobile. Ford Automobile. Building Lot. \$100 in Gold. \$75 Victrola. \$50 O. K. Mystic Range. \$40 Sellers Kitchen Cabinet. \$25 Wrist Watch. Two \$60 Diamond Rings.

Who will win the \$685 Overland Automobile,-purchased from the H. L. Fennell, which The Dispatch is going tion of the hour.

The way the race is starting off. there is going to be a battle royal over the winning of this beautiful car.

There isn't anyone in the territory reached by The Dispatch, but who would be more than delighted to have this automobile presented to them, and The Dispatch is going to give it away, but the question as to whom to give !;, is a question that would almost have perplexed King Solomon.

There is a large list of representative women and girls of this section of North Carolina who have signified this grand prize.

When the people of the Tar Heel State get interested in a question, as they are now interested in this big contest, nothing will swerve them, and before the contest shall have finished. fore the contest shall have finished, many people will have had a voice in proclaiming the winner.

Other questions that have come up for discussion are the winners of the Ford Automobile, the Building Lot at Carolina Beach, the \$100 in gold, the \$75 Victrola, the \$50 Mystic Range, English Government Is to Be the \$40 Sellers Kitchen Cabinet, the \$25 Wrist Watch and the two \$60 Diamond Rings, which are special

Unlike most contests, this enterprise pays for every cent invested. Votes are not purchased for so much ment rather than an expenditure, and | til Thursday. no one should consider it in the light that money paid out in the contest is wasted, as there is greater value given for the money, than any other investment which it would be possi-

The Dispatch announced that it would conduct a contest-and in truth, it is a contest. The prizes are not only one automobile, but two fivepassenger touring cars, and eight additional prizes, valued at hundreds of dollars. The plans of the contest the manner of securing votes and awarding the prizes has been made clear to all. There will be a board of business men of Wilmington, who will, count the votes at the close of the contest and award the prizes.

Candidates are not restricted as to where they may go to secure subscriptions. They are not confined to go anywhere in the world for subscriptions and votes.

There is a coupon in each issue of The Dispatch good for ten votes. Clip out every coupon that you can find. Do not hold them for a week's supply, but deposit them often. Do not hold them until the day of expiration-December 16.

in the contest, and each candidate day by the Supreme Court, who turns in on or before that day two yearly subscription payments, or one for two years (either old or new), will be given a certificate good for 50,000 extra votes. Only one of these certificates will be issued to any contestant. The money for & Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 4.—The these subscriptions will also apply on | task of securing a jury to try a \$15 club, which, if completed be- + Hyman Epstein, charged with the + didate 150,000 extra votes.

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tigate election frauds alleged to have \ work. been committed on and previous to last Election Day.

Petition Presented Asking For an Early Settlement of the Question

Washington, Dec. 4.-The Supreme Court was formally petitioned today to expedite the hearing of the Missisto give away, is the all absorbing ques- sippi, Oklahoma & Gulf Railway case. The case was chosen to determine the constitutionality of the Adamson act, passed in September, when a nation-wide railroad strike was threat

A motion, concurred in by the railroads, to set the case "for hearing upon a day as early as may suit the convenience of the court," was

resented personally in open court by the solicitor-general of the Department of Justice. Such motions are usually acted on a week after presentation. The date of December 18 was understood to be preferred by all their intentions to make a race for the counsel for presentment of argument automobile, and most of those so far and filing of briefs. It is believed enlisted say that they will give no that it is practically certain that the quarter, and the one who eventually court would assign the argument besecures it, will be the person who fore the holiday recess, December 22. speaks to the most people about their It was regarded as possible, but very campaign. The people of North Caro- unlikely, that a decision would be lina are going to decide the winner of rendered before the law became effec-

Reconstructed, Says Premier Asquith

this afternoon that King George had March 4th. approved a reconstruction of the goveach, but for every dollar received one hundred cents worth of news of the world is returned. It is an invest-

Premier Asquith stated that the reconstruction of the government involved no departure in any shape of form of the policy pursued since the beginning of the war. He did not deny that the resignation of all min isters were in his hands.

#### FEDERAL JUDGES DO NOT HAVE SUCH POWER

Washington. D. C., Dec. 4.-Federal do not possess the inherent power, exercised for a century but without specific congressional authority, to indefijudges, composed of disinterested nitely suspend the execution of sentence in criminal cases imposed in ed sentence of James J. Henshan, of Toledo, bank embezzler, was re-

#### their own locality or town, but may HIGH COURT UPHOLDS FREIGHT RATE OPDER

Washington, Dec. 4.-The Interstate Commerce Commission's order ton. A number of cases were conpermitting the railroads to give tinued. lower trans-Continental freight rates to San Francisco, Oakland, Portland, Saturday, December 19, will be ramento, Stockton, San Jose and close this afternoon at 3 o'clock and known as "Twin Sub-cription Day" Santa Clara, Cal., was sustained to his office was taken in charge by the

EPSTEIN TRIAL STARTS.

· day.

## MILLION SOUGHT FOR WATERWAYS

Bombs Placed On Shi

While In American Birt

New York, Dec. 4.—The steamships blown up in the

Russian harbor of Archangel, s everal weeks ago, with a loss of millions of dollars in munitions and other war material,

the pier of the Bush Terminal Company, in this city, it was

charged today at police headquarters by the commercial

That is What Congress Is Ask- Fitzgerald Comes Forward ed to Appropriate At Present Session

agent of the Imperial Russian embassy.

MONEY ASKED FOR THE CAPE FEAR RIVER

For Work Above and Below New York Congressman De-Wilmington \$115,00 is Sought—Other North Carolina Projects

(By George H. Manning.) Carolina coast, by the Chief of En- of cold storage food and another tion has been investigated. gineers for Rivers and Harbors whose would regulate the admission of farm Second in importance to the railestimates for the next fiscal year were products and manufactured foodstuffs way situation comes the agitation for forwarded to the House of Represent- through parcel post and reduce the a restriction of shipments of foodstuffs atives by Secretary of War Baker.

The largest item is \$1,000,000 for continuing the improvement of the in- bills," said Representative Fitzgerald, ceived by members of Congress and land watrway from Norfolk to Beau-

The other North Carolina items are: Harbor at Beaufort, maintenance, \$4,- vestigations." 500: Beaufort Inlet, maintenance, \$14, 000; Harbor at Morehead City, maintenance. \$2,000; Shallowbag Bay maintenance, \$500;; Contentnia Creek maintenance, \$1,000; Neuse and Trent rivers, maintenance, \$6,000; Northeast, Black and Cape Fear rivers maintenance, \$5,000; Pamlico and Tar rivers, \$5,000; Roanoke river, maintenance, \$5,000, and Scuppernong river, maintenance, \$3,500.

As congress has already pledged it self to these improvements the amounts asked by the Chief of En-London, Dec. 4.-Premier Asquith gineers are almost sure to be made announced in the House of Commons available before congress adjourns on

Judge Connor Non-Suited Six Cases—Sheriff Cowan Terminates His Office

Judgement of non-suit was declared in six cases that came before Judge George W. Connor, at the opening of have been carefully worked out and judges, the supreme court held today, the two weeks' term of Superior Court for the trial of civil cases, this morning. No evidence was heard in any of the cases. After court had been in session an hour and a half, beginning at 9:30 o'clock, adjournment was taktheir respective courts. The suspend- en until tomorrow morning at 9:30

The cases to be non-suited were Ed. Gause vs. Annie E. Sadgwar, et al; G. C. Johnson vs. J. Goldstein; K. C. Eidbury vs. D. L. Gore; J. K. Taylor vs. John Thomas; A. F. Moore vs C. A. Nixon; E. J. Sidbury vs. Pembroke Jones and the City of Wilming-

Sheriff S. P. Cowan opened court this morning and recessed it shortly Seattle and other ocean ports, while afterwards as one of his last official denying them to inland cities of Sac- acts. Sheriff Cowan's term came to a newly elected sheriff, George W. Jackson, who will, for his first time open court tomorrow morning at 9:30

#### \* UPHOLDS RULING OF GEORGIA COURT

Washington, Dec. 4.-The Georgia fore December 22, will give any can- & killing last spring of Leonard Ed- court's ruling upholding the constituwards, began in Wayne county tionality of an Atlanta ordinance, re-\* superior court at 10 o'clock to \* quiring the licensing of private detec- building, \$10,000. tives and sustaining the conviction of To Probe Alleged Election Frauds. A special venire of 250 has been Dan S. Lehon, of New Orleans, fice, \$10,000. Cincinnati, O., Dec. 4.-A special + summoned from which to select + Southern manager for the W. J. the Lehon appeal.

# CAREER

were destroyed by bombs placed in the cargoes of ships at lemocrats To Speed Up Legislation On Account of Uncertainty

### AILROAD PROGRAM

ood Embargo Question Also Apt to Bob Up—Other Live Matters

Ahead

Washington, Dec. 4.-Congress reassembled today with three months remaining in which to complete the legislative plans of the first administration of President Wilson.

in the Sixty-Fifth congress.

the present session for river and har- today. Two propose a food embar- strike as was threatened last summer, portation of wheat. bor improvements along the North go; one would regulate transportation or in fact, a lockout, until the situa-

> to Europe, Thousands of petitions "The enactment of either of the asking for an embargo have been re-"will bring immediate relief to the at the White House. In every case it

restriction of shipments abroad. So gument for January 8. far as has been disclosed President A mass of petitions was filed in Wilson and members of the cabinet have no plans for acting on the subject, but it is known that farlous hibit the exportation of any farm for more than one year. The other

would empower the President to suspend exportation whenever prices became extortionate and the public interest required. Both bills provide! a bill for a food embargo. for the shipment of food to Ameri-,

cans abroad or to people made destihave laid all the lines for their cam- Bryant of Lake Forest, Ill. paign, and it is possible that their Interstate transportation of cold storage food, unless the date of stor- demands may be crowded into the Thomas Taggart; Bert M. Fernland, capital, and the city is said to be reage is distinctly marked, would be prohibited together with arbitrary an important budget of legislation. caused by the death of Senator Bur- On the Somme front activity seemprohibition of interstate transporta- Prohibitionists, no less ardent than leigh; William F. Kirby, Democrat, of ed to be confined to minor attacks. tion of any products in cold storage the suffragists, in their demand for a Arkansas, was elected to fill the un. The French reported that two Gerfor more than ten months, except begin their fight arrew.

The first day of the session never | While the organization fight in the whole the night passed quietly. Secretary Redfield today sent a report on food prices to the White House and it is understood it shows a wide difference between the prices paid the producer and those paid by the consumer. The report for the present will be held confidential, to-

That Amount, Included in Washington, Dec. 4.—Secretary of on the benches. Members of the dip- the leadership free to enter the con- hence. On December 19 the issue the Treasurer McAdoo calls on con-lomatic corps hear him from their test. It is generally conceded that will be voted on at the regular elecgress to appropriate \$250,000 for pub- places in the reserved galleries and while the important appropriation tion in Boston. lic building improvement in North Car- members of the cabinet have especial- bills for the fiscal year will occupy Billy Sunday, "Ma" Sunday and olina during the fiscal year beginning ly reserved seats on the floor. The most of the time between onw and every member of the evangelist's July 1, 1917, in his estimates sent to President's message is about 2,000 adjournment, much general legisla- staff is doing his or her part to the House of Representatives when words long; is purely a discussion of tion on the administration program swing Boston into the no-license coldomestic issues, the "state of the would be urged. Committees in umn. According to the no-license and The largest item is \$135,000 for com- union" and gives first prominence to charge of conservation legislation, the prohibition workers, the liquor peopleting the construction of the Cus-, the railway situation.

Wilmington, for which \$85,000 was ap- of man's monopoly of membership in eign selling agencies, the immigration working to the same end in other the House of Representatives. In bill and a corrupt practice measure to cities of the Commonwealth. That The other North Carolina items the next congress the clerks and the limit national campaign expenditures they will work harder than usual is pages and the Speaker will be calling are certain to be active from the be- certain. Burlington-Completing post offi e, "The Lady from Montana."

place on the floor.

Congress has already authorized In the Senate there were three down their gavels. session of the Federal grand jury \* a jury. It was expected the en- Burns Detective Agency, of violations and the session was mark. \* encountered and that Villa and \* Convened in this city today to inves- tire day will be devoted to this while aiding the Leo M. be made available without delay to fice. James E. Watson, of Indiana, ed by more than the usual flood of \* his bandits left no indications as \* Frank defense, was today affirmed by prevent tying up work under the ap-Republican, takes the unexpired term bills and resolutions, many of which \* to their whereabouts. the Supreme Court, which dismissed propriations will be made before con- of the late Senator Shively, Democrat, are expected to die in committee \* who was temporarily succeeded by with Congress on March 4.

# TO BE COMPLETED WILL SPEED UP THE

Clark and Kitchin Tell President They Will Push Action

Washington, Dec. 4.-When Congress re-convened today President With prospect of a much reduced Wilson had the assurance of Speaker majority in the new House, or pos- Clark and Representative Kitchin, sibly a line up so close that Demo- Democratic leader, that they would Rumanians in spite of the reported cratic control will be in doubt, admin- try and hasten the enactment of the spaces of the Russo-Rumanian armiistration leaders have laid their plans railroad legislation desired by the ad- ies now southwest of Bucharest, in to work at high speed in the hope of ministration. Similar co-operation on holding back, temporarily at least, enacting the most important part of the railroad acts will be sought by Field Marshal von their program before it is endangered the President this week from the Sen- forces. Bucharest and the armies de-

Foremost is completion of Presi- appeared to favor some kind of em- west, but also from those along the dent Wilson's railroad legislation pro- bargo on food exports, or other ac- line of the Archu and from General gram left unfinished at the last sestion to reduce the soaring food von Falkenhayn's armies, pressing sion with the passage of the Adamson prices. Representative Fitzgerald, southward. Washington, Dec. 4.-Four bills, de- law. The remainder of the program, Democrat, of New York, has an-Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.-Con-signed to cut the high cost of food, which the President will press, in-nounced his intention to re-introduce gress was asked today to appropiate a were introduced by Representative cludes supplementary legislation to today his bill authorizing the Presilittle over two million dollars during Fitzgerald, of New York, in congress prevent such a nation-wide railway dent to place an embargo on the ex-

## GRANT'S REQUEST TO

Washington, Ddc. 4.-Request of W the British claimants of the German thrust prize ship, Appam, now at Newports. The News, Va., to expedite the hearing successful. of the case testing the vessel's owner- capturing a heighth north of Gru country. The people want action; is argued that the increased cost of ship, was granted today by the Su and driving the Bulgarians in the they are heartily tired of talk and in- living in the United States demands a preme Court and the case set for ar- rection of Stavina, four miles north-

Florida Land Cases to Trial.

product or manufactured foodstuff members of congress intend to push pany, the officials of which are The British cabinet problem apthe subject and it may develop a charged with using the mails to de-pears in process of solution, with the fight. Chairman Fitzgerald of the ap- fraud in the sale of thousands of belief prevailing that a coalition govpropriation committee already has an acres of Florida land, is to be taken ernment, under Premier Asquith, has nounced his intention of introducing up for trial in the Federal court here been saved by deciding to reconstruct this week. The defendants in the it, and an agreement regarding the Woman suffragists, renewing their case are William A. Otis and William war council, the vital point in issue, fight for passage of the Susan B. An. F. Greenwood, of Colorado, Percy shortly will be announced. tute by war, pestilence or other ex- thony amendment to the constitution | Hagerman of Chicago, and Harold J. | The situation in Athens has quieted

> short time congress has to deal with of Maine, was selected to the vacancy suming its normal aspect. federal amendment, are expected to expired term of the late Senator man raids were made on small out-Clarke.

> sees much business done. Re-elected House does not come until the asmembers get congratulations; defeat- sembling of the next congress, the today reported artillery actions last ed ones receive condolence; majority Senate probably will see some polit- night on the Franco-Belgian front. and minority leaders receive ovations ical generalship in the selection of a The situation was declared to be unas they walk down the aisles. Galler- successor to Senator Clarke as pres- changed. ies are crowded with wives and the ident pro tempore. Senators who friends of members who join in the have their eyes on the majority floor demonstrations of hand clapping and leadership, made vacant by the de- LIQUOR MENFEAR cheering as their favorites take their feat of Senator Kern, are loath to take seats; except in the Senate where a the office pro tempore. Strangely dignified calm prevails. A few form- enough the disposition seems to be to alities mixed with a few informalities avoid an office instead of seeking it, always compose the first day's session because senators realize that the man and then the House as well as the Sen- who becomes president pro tempore come of the municipal elections about ate adjourns until tomorrow to hear is out of the race for the floor leader- to take place in Boston and other President Wilson deliver his annual ship. There have been some indica- Massachusetts cities is awaited with tions that the situation might be solv-, more than ordinary interest, because In accordance with the custom he ed by giving the office of president pro of the effect that the Billy Sunday sets at the beginning of his term, tempore to Senator O'Gorman, who re- campaign now being conducted in President Wilson will read his ad- tires with the end of the congress. this city may have on the vote on dress from the clerks desk in the Hall This, it is pointed out, would be a the liquor issue. Seventeen municiof the House while Senators and Rep- compliment to the retiring senator, palities are to vote on license tomorresentatives are assembled before him and would leave all the candidates for row and an equal number one week

ginning. Miss Jeanette Rankin, republican, Congress assembled promptly at \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* Chapel Hill-Purchase of site and first woman elected to congress, is noon today for the short session, commencement construction post of expected to be in her seat then. She which will mark the close of Presi- \* does not sit in the present session- dent Wilson's first term, with a \* Charlotte-Completion of post office although many uninformed expected crowded program of legislation, fore- \* to see her today-but comes in with most in which are the President's \* Washington, Dec. 4 .- Official \* office the new congress. When she does ar- plans for railroad legislation. Sena- \* reports to the State Department \* rive the House will be confronted with tors and Representatives settled \* announce the re-occupation of \* of revising its own rules to give her a down to work as Speaker Clark and \* Chihuahua City by Carranza \* Vice-President Marshall

Situation for Rumanians Yet

#### **RESISTING POWER** HAS BEEN REINFORCED

Critical Despite the Russian Successes

Serbians Renew Their Successful Advance — British Cabinet Troubles Settled- Crisis In Greece Apparently Has Passed

The situation in Rumania does not appear markedly less critical for the fending it continue under a serious Many of the Congressmen today threat, not only from the forces south-

The force of the converging attack, thus being pressed from three sides manians, reinforced by Russian NTS REQUEST TO their success apparently depends not ADVANCE HEARING and the sales of sucharest but of

> east, according to the French ment today. Desperate battling has been in progress for some days 4.—The case of this region, which lies beyond the

down after the crisis of last week, according to advices from the Greek

posts last night, but that on the

The British war office statement

## REV. BILLY SUNDAY

Boston, Mass., Dec. 4.-The out-

Webb bill to authorize domestic cor- ple are frightened at the prospects toms House and Appraisers Stores at Today's opening marks the closing porations to maintain collective for of carrying Boston dry, as well as

> CARRANZA AGAIN HOLDS CHIHUAHUA CITY.

brought | \* forces on Sunday. The reports \* \* also say that no resistance was \*

MAKING DISPATCH MERCHANTS USE

gress adjourns in March.

Shelby-Completing post

Waynesville—Completing post