# PROMISES BETTER YEAR

Believes Immediate Peace Wouldn't Be Wise — Resume of Election, Markets, SPEAKER'S Finance, Railroad and Business Conditions.

New York, Jan. 1 .- The year 1917 opens with the mind of the world wholly bent upon war; now it is more and more devoted to seeking ways and means of bringing the ghastly struggle to a close. There are those well informed who believe that peace is nearer than commonly supposed. Germany is prepared to make greater concessions than expected, while others as confidently claim that Germany will at present propose no terms that the Allies are willing to accept. An inconclusive ending of the war would be disastrous to civilization, inasmuch as it would not unlikely precipitate a second war as soon as the most aggressive belligerents sufficiently recovered, hence an absolute binding, copper-fastened settlement must be at- PRACTITIONERS WILL tained, including all the gelligerents.

#### Domestic Politics.

The coming year will be free of main the promises of his first term; Glasgod Victoria Infirmary. the present Congress without multi- similar direction."

Foreign Trade Markets. for war material stimulated our ex- both of which hitherto have been so the lead. ports, the increase in legitimate ex- unfriendly. Foreign trade, as I have hearly 50 per cent, in our legitimate upon those who inflict them. Ameriing a "day off." mendous push forward, and the vital terms. question now is, will this rate of progres continue? There is no sound reason for anticipating any disastrous

groping for peace. A year ago it was Legislators, Gathered in Raleigh, Watch Three-Cornered Contest

> Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 2.—On the eve of the opening tomorrow of the biennial session of the legislature, interest of members is centered on the speakership race in the house which will be decided tonight .

There is no indication today whether Walter Murphy, of Salisbury, Henry Page, of Aberdeen, or Gallatin Roberts, of Asheville, will be chosen. Their supporters are working hard and declare each candidate will be elected.

### BE NON-EXISTENT

London, Jan. 2.—That private pracone great uncertainty, the presiden- titioners in the medical profession tial election. We now have four will be practically non-existent beyears ahead under an administration fore the end of the war and all pawhose policies are as well defined as Lents, will have to go to infirmaries it is possible to have them. President to be treated was the opinion ex-Wilson was able to carry out in the pressed at the annual meeting of the

and whether his successes are liked | The Lancet says: "There must or not it would seem the part of polit. come a day, if the war is indefinitely ical wisdom not to attempt any fur prolonged, when the necessary econother experiments until general con- my of medical men can only be obditions are less confused by the up tained by mobilization of the whole heaval abroad. This country has of the available supply, so that calls been sorely perplexed for several can be made upon individual services years by a multitude of new political when and where required. It has experiments, not a few of which will long been felt that some such step be abandoned when tried out. We might be taken and we believe that need political rest, and there are the general opinion of the medical enough grave questions ahead to fully profession, judging by the corretax all the ability and strength of spondence that comes to us, is in a

set of nostrums. The administration reaction. Readjustments and loss at gance. During the coming year it is ed and a long period must elapse, uary. estimated that the country's expenses even if negotiations are soon openwill be from \$300,000,000 to \$400,000,- ed, before a peace treaty will be 000 in excess of receipts, while the signed, and the millions of men now deficit may be enlarged by advances in the trenches return to profitable in pay of government employes, as industry. Furthermore, the energies well as by excessive appropriations of the warring nations will be fully for public buildings, rivers and har- occupied when peace comes with rebors. These outlays follow the heavy construction of cities, mills, railroads, increases for the army and navy, mines, etc., on a vast scale. There necessitated by "preparedness," and will be a big demand for labor in Euwill impress upon the country the rope, and our fear of an invasion of fact that it must face a heavy in- cheap foreign labor will prove largely crease in taxation that will prove groundless for the reason that wages more burdensome when business is there will have to be adjusted to the on the wane than now. Various pro- high cost of living, plus the huge burposals are already under considera- den of new taxation under which all tion, such as a bond issue, an in- Europe will have to struggle. The crease in the tax on liquor and to- fear of dumping of foreign goods on bacco, an increase in the inheritance American markets has also been vasttax, an extension of the income tax ly exaggerated, and there is no doubt to smaller incomes, and the raising but that the United States will be of the tariff on imports, including tea able to hold a large portion of its and coffee. There is also a strong newly gained advantages and probabmovement for a protective tariff on ly make still greater progress during chemicals, and in all probability there the next decade. Of course, there will be a strong agitation ere long will be severe international competifor general tariff revision; though ad- tion. Germany and Great Britain

Justment upwards will be less unset- will strenuously endeavor to regain! tling to business than the reverse. markets lost during the last two A factor also that should not be over- years. This means that the United looked is the Mexican problem, which States will have to sell as cheaply is far from being solved and may in- as possible, even if European goods vite an outbreak when least ex- cannot be marketed at ante-bellum prices. For a year or two at least, & this country will export large quan-Astounding progress has been tities of steel products and other \* made in our foreign trade, which dur- raw materials for reconstruction puring the fiscal year ending January poses in Europe. In all probability with exceeded that of any other the war will be followed by a period country in the world. Before the of world-wide expansion and activwar this nation ranked third among ity, which will also afford large opexporters, now it is first. Our total portunities for American manufacexports in the period mentioned turers. It is not to be supposed that were \$4,333,000,000, compared with the ablest bankers and manufac-\$2,768,000,000 the year before. More turers in the country would be mak- test and the competition for the secthan half, or \$2,646,000,000, of our ex- ing such energetic efforts for secur- ond diamond ring. There are twentyports went to the belligerent nations ing foreign markets unless there had four more working days of the conalone. Of this last total, \$407,000,000 the strongest reasons for anticipatiest for the two automobiles and the represented explosives and firearms, ing success. A moment's reflection other grand prizes. tions \$272,000,000 of brass and coptrial and financial leaders are deeply Dreaming of the prizes will deposit use of the other grand ment of 1900, the measure that was plemental returns," are here. Both per, \$79,000,000 of horses and mules, impressed with the opportunities for \$25,000,000 of boots and shoes, \$32,- export trade, and the next decade the amount of work that you do be-100,600 of woolen manufactures, \$50, promises to see great progress on the tween now and the close, especially 000,000 or automobiles and \$14,000,000 part of the United States in the forof barbed wire, besides millions in a eign field. Success is inevitable, dates who take advantage of every formation, or if he can be of any as-

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Some of Heaviest Blows In Rumania Are Struck Against Von Mackensen's Armies.

#### RUSSO-RUMANIANS' POST TO BE ATTACKED

Moldavian Forces Being Rolled Up Soon.

In some of the most important fighting theatres there is little more than spasmodic firing.

In Rumania, however, indications point to some of the heaviest blows being struck against von Mackensen's armies. The Teutons are being pressed in strong force all along the curving line north of the Moldavian front and the Danube river.

The Russian-Rumanian position at Matchin, along the Danube, was in process of being attacked slightly under pressure of the Bulgarian-Turks and German forces. The most serious situation for the Russians seems to be developing where both Petrograd and Berlin announces that progress is being made in Folk Shani, near the Southern Moldavian

On the frontier where the offensive! is no further important development. There is danger of the western Mol-

davian line being rolled up and a retraction of force result in a thrust on VILLA CAPTURES AND the Russo-Rumanian front as they turn towards the Danube. There is determined resistance, however.

On the Franco-Belgian front there is nothing of importance to mention other than that skirmishes are being made on the Lorraine border.

#### NAVAL BILL WORK STARTS TOMORROW

Washington, Jan. 2.-Work of draft ing the big naval bill will be begun emorrow. Chairman Padget is expected to call his committee then with

# HIS SON IN S. C. N. CAROLINA HOUSE

in Ola, S. C., and Shoot Langfords.

#### NO CLUE IS LEFT BY **ESCAPING BANDITS**

Were In Search of Burglars After Receiving Phone Call.

Greenville, S. C., Jan. 2.—Oscar \* \* \* Langford was shot and killed and his father, John Langford, seriously wounded near Langford station early today when they attempted to cap. Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 2.—Page ture three men who are alleged to \* and Roberts withdrew today from \* have robbed three stores at Ora. S. C. 4 the race for speaker of the 4

The wo men had gone in search of . House. Murphy will be elected . the robbers after receiving a tele- 'speaker. phone call. They met the three men Instead they answered by opening fire and escaped. No clue was left by the men in regard to their iden- running away from the speakership

According to later advices received and Gallatin Roberts in undisguised today, Oscar Langford was shot and combat, are all here making ready killed by his father when he mistook for the Tuesday night caucus which his son for one of the bandits. Pre- settles the next house president. vious to being shot, Oscar Langford Mr. Page is complacence complete. of the central powers is aiming there, shot and wounded his father, also mis- If the people elect him he will be recently denied that he would be re- sible to think this and it should be taking him for one of the robbers.

Laredo, Texas, Jan. 2.-Villa forces today captured and looted the town of La Sabinos-Hildalgo, between Laredo and Monterey, according to advices received here today. No loss of life is reported.

### ENTENTE REPLY GOES

might with advantage turn its atten- some points must be expected when a view towards completing the \$379, Lansing said today that the entente erwise the plain self-out. Such tion to checking national extrava- the war ends. But the war is not end- 000,000 program by the middle of Jan- allies' answer to the central powers things have been many times chargwould be forwarded without awaiting ed. There is no evidence of any Mr. Padgett said today that he hop- the official text to be sent which is in trick of this kind now. tI is estied to keep the total down to \$4,000,- the hands of the American Ambassa- mated that forty of the members now

Every Subscription That Can of money for new subscriptions this By Those Who Expect to of the more valuable prizes, or the Win Automobile or One of the Other Grand Prizes.

### THE PRIZES.

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

There are nine more days of the second period of The Dispatch con-

Variety of other articles intended for provided capital secures the hearty available moment, and work to the sistance to you. war purposes. Much as the demand cooperation of government and labor, limit of their energy will come out in

"Yesterday is gone, today is here, por trade was far more important remarked before, is purely a matter and tomorrow will never come." Then in value. In products having no re- of international barter, and if we why not work now-today-and sevalued at \$3,170,000,000, compared buy; remembering that all impedinents that will mean success for you

the remainder being scattered all a stage of vigorous youthfulness, night will give you 15,000 extra that the war gave our exports a tre- older nations of Europe on equal extra votes; three for a year will give 45,000 extra votes.

date who turns in the largest amount

first special prize. subscriptions, old or new, turned in body the chances favor the law lawthis period, will give 140,000 extra yer from Rowan as beneficiary of the votes, and that after this period each 'Club" will call for only 130,000 extra

Don't forget to call on all of your friends this period. Some of them who did not help you during the first period will likely do so now. If there are any that you cannot see, be sure and write to them, or call them over the 'phone.

Don't fail to get every possible subscription, and remember that each new one counts for there times as many votes as an old one, and that only new subscriptions count toward the diamond ring.

Don't forget that some woman is going to get a \$685 Overland automobile, a Ford automobile, a building lot, or one of the other valuable prizes for a few weeks' work.

CONFIDENCE.

HOW THEY STAND. Abbottsburg, N. C. Acme, N. C.

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Three Men Rob Trio of Stores While He Runs Away From Office, Murphy and Gallatin Fighting Hard.

#### MURPHY'S HOST OF FRIENDS BACK HIM

There Is Danger of Western Oscar and John Langford All Candidates Making Ready For Caucus Which Will Be Held Tonight.

#### MURPHY SPEAKER.

(By W. T. Bos.) Raleigh, Jan. 2.—Henry Page, in the hot finish, and Walter Murphy

obliged to serve and if they do not called. he will be obliged to them for not use the gavel most of the time and, called on business. LOOTS SMALL TOWN of course, they are doing the strugwhich has insisted upon his personi. today at the office of the Mexican con- charges against public bodies." fying what he is through the leader. sul general that Arrendondo would be Moore county man cannot hide the He is the chief consular representa- charges of "leakage" from the State fact that he is personally disinclined tive of Mexico to all foreign countries, Department were not of sufficient

ed here two terms ago. On paper there is no hiding the long lead of Murphy. His friends MINUS OFFICIAL TEXT have had much the most imposing showdown but nobody ever discounts Washington, Jan. 2.—Secretary the chances for the doublecross, othpresen twill not be pledged when the caucus convenes Tuesday night and Allies Industrial Makes Slight Major Murphy's opponents do not believe he will land on the first ballot. They are not saying that he will land

any time for that matter. Two years ago it appeared a more even fight than now until the afterneon before the caucus when the marshaling of all opposition forces found Wooten ahead of the field. The speeches of nomination were then prophesying this condition again this high bound. time and expect the tossing up of the sponge Tuesday afternon. The Salis-Be Secured Will Be Needed week and next, who does not win one bury lawyer isn't making this proph. copper. Marines were strong, with a Don't forget that each \$15 worth of come, if it takes this turn with any-

Besides Page's name as chairman of the finance comittee should he not be elected speaker, only R. A. Doughton's is mentioned and Mr. Doughton was head of it two year sago. The

The present general assembly has with tea and cocoa. some important work ahead. Though the least discussed of all contingen-Don't overlook the fact that if you cies, the most newsy thing to take of canvassers did not come down, Note Will Not Be Published fall short of winning one of the au- place will be the perfecting work to Messrs. Haynes and Elias, still bigger tomobiles or one of the other grand be done on the constitutional amend- folks and higher authority on "supany good. Success will depend upon ting the diamond ring, if you work bomb proof until the United States promise not to bring in scuch returns Supreme court attacked it two years if Mr. Roberts isn't elected. Don't hesitate about calling on the ago. The North Carolina device must | Captain Scott Lineberry, former su-Contest Manager, if you want any in- be doctored. There is no longer any perintendent of the Soldiers' Home, The text of the note has been com-DON'T LOSE THROUGH OVER- Democrats and in fact have several voluntarily bu is lured back four sixconvention times been on the edge of ty days. He has his card and his cangoing beyond the Democrats who didacy displayed, every legislator be-

framed the first one. lation to the war our exports were wish to sell we must stand ready to cure the advantage over your oppoias, Plato D. Ebbs and Harry Nettels. sistant sergeant-at-arms of the senate. delegation, will be the an increase of one billion dollars, or cause loss somewhere, and usually while some of the candidates are taktrade. About half of this vast in- can industry passed the infantile Don't forget that one subscription Mrs. Robert Belch . . . . . . 30,440 Ebbs was. Ebbs overturned a million and came down here by 700. George: Guatemala City, Guatemala, Jan. 2.

Mexican Ambassador Designate in Washington Advise

#### "CALLED ON BUSINESS", DECLARES LANSING attention here today.

on Commercial Relations

+ He Will Not Be Absent For More Than Three Weeks, It Is Announced.

dondo, General Carranza's ambassador information as yet as to whether there designate to the United States, said really was a leak. If so, it is stated, good-by to Secretary Lansing and will it will be traced to departmental emleave for Mexico City. Raymond D. ployees. "If such is true," said Sen-Denegri, consul general at San Fran- ator Stone, "then he is an unspeakcisco, will be in charge. Arredondo able scoundrel. However, it is impos-

Secretary Lansing stated that he "I do not know, but I do not think obliging him to do so. Murphy and did not understand Arredondo's leav- that it has occurred," he added. "I Roberts do not conceal their wish to ing, but he understood that he was am sorry that the newspapers have

Will Be Absent Three Weeks. gling. Mr. Page has a big following New York, Jan. 2.—It was said here kers who are always making such ship of the house as its speaker. The absent for not more than three weeks. for two hours it was stated that the to have the honor. This is in keeping it is stated. Commercial relations value to warrant an investigation at with his history since he first land, will be talked over with General Car- this time. ranza, it is also announced.

# HELPS WAR SHARES HEARING IS FIXED

Jump, With One to Three Points for Copper.

New York, Jan. 2.—The new year began with many substantial gains in the stock market, based largely on the course of international events. War shares and related issues were by no part neglected. Transaction stroyed and the fight of oratoricals was modern in volume, except United called off. The Murphy men are States Steel, which took an extra

Allied Industrial gained as much or more with one to three points for ecy himself but his infinitely aggres. six point gain for Atlantic, Gulf and sive workers are. Whatever the out- West Indies. Latest quotations were to railroad control and the demand at their highest.

#### Y. M. C. A. WORK IS UP TO BATTLE LINES

Christian Association has pushed its were taken to ascertain the candidates for speaker have been work right up to the battle lines. The ment of the public and make an ea thinking of other contingencies and refreshment dugout, where hot drinks nest attempt to form some steps they have plenty of time for picking are served out to the men, is now oft- be taken after the allies' peace not out their elders and deacons. It en so near the enemy that great pre- is received. seems to be settled that Alf. M. cautions have to be taken lest Scales is to head the Senate commit. should be discovered. Some of these tee corresponding to the House posi-dugouts are in the debris of recently tion, but these are the only names captured positions. One of them is so they get started. Roberts has Brummitt as righthand man and Murphy wounded were carried past to the mitt as righthand man and Murphy wounded were carried past to the can lean on Harry Grier, and Harry dressing station a short time ago the Y. M. C. A. was able to serve them

in allowed to peruse his aspirations. In the coterie of Roberts' workers And the Captain does no tappear to

### STUDY ANTIGUA RUINS.

over the globe. These figures prove quite ready and eager to meet the votes; two for a year will give 30,000 Mrs. B. L. Daniel . . . . . . 56,285 Pritchard turns the trick this year —The ruins of Antigua, the old capi. 1897, and has been a Republican nom-Mabel Henry ..... 5,090 again. When prophets declared that antedate the Egyptian era, are being eral of his faction. Until today it was Don't overlook the \$60 diamond Sallie J. Kelly ..... 40,500 Pete Murphy would slip in easily, evil studied by separate expeditions of accepted that Brownloe Jackson, of Very significant changes have ring that is to be awarded the candi- Mamie Woodcock. . . . . . . . . 16,000 prognosticators reminded them that archaeologists from Harvard Univer- Henderson county, would be the although the Buncombe county board sity and Yale.

Chairman Declares He Does Not Believe It Is Possible Officials "Played" Market.

CHARGE A LEAK"--STONE

#### LAWSON REFUSES TO **GIVE NAMES OF MEN**

Not Sufficient Evidence As Yet For Rules Committee to Call Investigation.

Washington, Jan. z.-Charges of a 'leak" of advance information on President Wilson's peace note and that somebody made profits on it in the stock market was given further

Senator Stone spoke on the subject in regard to the charges of Tom Lawson, of Boston, who conferred with Chairman Henry about the proposed investigation.

Stone rose to a question of personal Washington, Jan. 2.-Eliseo Arre- confidential information. There is no dismissed."

> taken up the charges made by Lawson. I despise these sensational fa-

After conferring with Tom Lawson

Sixty million dollars were said to have been "cleaned up" as the result of the alleged leak by Tom Lawson. Lawson did not give out the name of participated in the "deal"

# ON STRIKE ISSUE

Senate Prepares to Consider Wilson's Demand For Method to Stop Strikes.

Washington, Jan. 2.-Congress reconvened today after the holidays with a mass of work to be tackled. Notable railroad and revenue business will have to be disposed of before the end of the term, March 4.

The Senate arranged a hearing on President Wilson's sugestion relating for fashioning of a hasty method of preventing strikes. Representatives of railroads, labor leaders and the public are invited to attend the hear-

Following President Wilson's conference with Chairman Stone, of the Paris, Jan. 2.—The Young Men's Foreign Relations Committee, steps

## TO U.S. THIS WEFK

Until Latter Part of This Week—Text Complete.

Paris, Jan 2.—The Allies' reply to President Wilson's note will not be published until the end of this week.

## THE REPUBLICANS

Raleigh, Jan. 2.-John Ray McRary, be officially confirmed, however, as the caucus held this morning was a secret one.

He was a member of the fusion of House floor leader for the minority.